

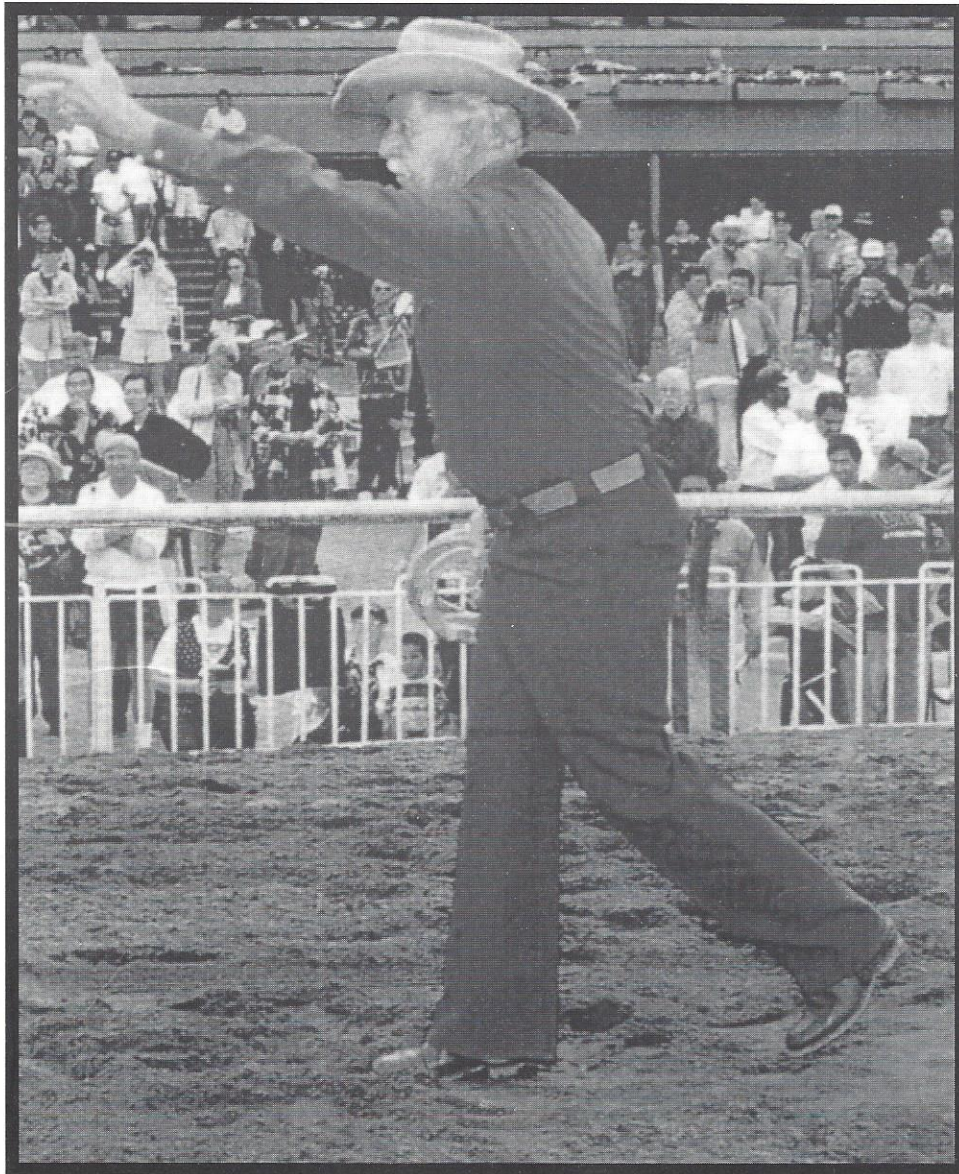


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Stu Sipma*

I hope all of you are enjoying a Happy Holiday season. It is hard to believe that 2013 is here! As we move into the new year, I am hoping all the Charters are taking an active role in soliciting new members. This is very important to sustaining our sport for all of us to enjoy. If you have any questions or need any information or handouts, please contact one of our officers, as any one of us will be happy to assist any way we can. Our membership numbers have decreased slightly. As we stand now, membership numbers for the last three years have been at 11,243 in 2010, 10,399 in 2011 and approximately 10,179 is expected for 2012; however, those numbers may go up slightly as we have some Charters who have not gotten their membership reports into Dick.

I want to formally announce that Gary and Dee Vadnais-Null have taken over as the new directors of our NHPA Game Related Sales (GRS) effective January 1, 2013. I am sure many of you were able to meet them at the GRS booth during the 2012 World Tournament in Knoxville. I want to take this opportunity to thank Larry and Elaine Langewisch for all their hard work in managing the business of GRS. Larry and Elaine took over the business in 2009 and since then, the business has been growing. I hope all of you will join me in congratulating Gary and Dee and welcoming them on board! We look forward to working with both of them as we continue to supply products to our membership.

The NHPA Council will be holding our annual winter meeting January 31 - February 2, 2013 in St. George, UT, which is the host site for the 2013 World Horseshoe Tournament. In conjunction with this meeting, Jerry LaBrosse, Paulette Hansen and Dick Hansen will also conduct their site visit with the St. George Tourism and the Dixie Center personnel. Some of the main topics on the agenda to discuss include: 2013 Financial Budget, W.T. Schedule and Championship Payouts, Membership Growth, National Sponsorship, Software update for HS Master/Scoring, and new Publicity and Promotion ideas.

Sites which have expressed an interest in bidding for the 2015 World Tournament include: Charleston, WV; Beaumont, TX; Council Bluffs, IA; Toronto, ON; Lebanon, MO; Pleasanton, CA and Detroit, MI. To date, we have not received any signed contracts; however, the parties have until March 15, 2013 to submit their bid packages to the NHPA.

Each year the NHPA recognizes members for their contributions to the NHPA, their Charter and/or local club. The Council is asking all the Charters to provide a list of individuals who you believe would be a candidate to receive an NHPA Achievement Award. These awards will be presented at the 2013 World Tournament in St. George, UT. To obtain a form, visit our website at www.horseshoepitching.com

The NHPA is also looking for your assistance in providing candidates who you believe would qualify for the NHPA Hall of Fame Award. Candidates for this prestigious award must have been an NHPA member for at least ten years and may qualify based on their distinguished outstanding performances in World Tournament Championship play or as a person who has made significant and beneficial contributions to the NHPA. Nominations for this award should be submitted to our NHPA Hall of Fame Director Vicki Winston. This form is also available on our website.


I am also very happy to report that the 2013 World Tournament in St. George, Utah will be a special one. In addition to the many attractions available there, Gary Roberts has indicated we will have the rare opportunity to host delegations from both Namibia and South Africa. Geliana Boshoff of Namibia has indicated that they may have a delegation of up to 15 people. Gerrie Jacobs, President of the International Jukskei Association, has also indicated that a delegation of up to ten people will be coming from South Africa.

Both countries will have entries in the World Tournament and desire to participate in a formal international match in both jukskei and horseshoe pitching. The presence of these countries will add a true international flavor to our tournament. The time and expense of making this trip demonstrates the commitment these countries have in promoting our respective sports. We will appreciate all efforts in making their trip a memorable one. This is exciting news and we look forward to seeing these folks in St. George!

I would like to remind everyone that elections are open for the positions of President, 1st VP, 3rd VP and 5th VP. Debby Michaud has decided not to run again for another term as the 5th VP, so there will be an opening for anyone interested. The primary responsibility of this position is to serve as the RD Director. According to our By-Laws, candidates for an NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing no later than February 1, 2013. Announcements are to be received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching Newsline Editor. I encourage anyone interested to announce their candidacy prior to the deadline.

People looking at attending the 2013 World Tournament in St. George, UT should begin making your plans and getting your reservations made. Information regarding the World Tournament can also be found on our website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for all your efforts in making horseshoes what it is today; either being involved at a State level, Local level or just a pitcher enjoying the game. Stay warm and look forward to seeing you all soon!




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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT *by Debby Michaud, NHPA 5th VP*

We hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and an excellent Christmas/Holiday season in December. By the time you read this, it will be 2013, which I CANNOT believe! And, even though it is a quiet time for horseshoes here in the northern states, there are still leagues and tournaments indoors in some places. The popularity of pitching horseshoes in the winter seems to be increasing, if anything. A strong winter program is an indicator of a strong summer program to follow.

Two things were pointed out to me recently. Both involved rules about which pitchers have questions. The first is the rule concerning broken shoes. This is explained in the RGS booklet on page 17 in Rule # 9. What it states is that, if a shoe breaks upon hitting anything in foul territory first, such as the backboard or the pitching platform, it shall be removed because it is a foul shoe. If, however, the shoe lands in fair territory and may be a point or even a ringer, it should be scored as it lies IF it is clearly in count AND if both pitchers agree that it is in count. If the pitchers cannot agree that it was a point or a ringer, it shall be removed and a new shoe should be pitched. Since the broken part of a shoe can move when broken, it may not be clear what, if any, points were earned with this shoe.

The second item brought up to me was that some pitchers use the stake to support themselves when they get down to check for points and ringers. Some even say that they feel their opponent is doing that purposefully to move the stake closer to their shoe! (Can't imagine that!) We know that, when someone leans on/moves the stake, that can change the measurement of points or ringers. So please do not lean on the stake to check your shoes, for practical AND for sportsmanlike purposes. Another reason not to lean on a stake is that there can be burrs on the end of the stake and you can get yourself a nice metal splinter, possibly in your pitching hand! (Been there, done that!)

I also wanted to let you all know, and some of you already know, that we will be having a more international World Tournament again this year. Pitchers plan to enter who are Jukskei players from S. Africa and Namibia. Since they are experiencing their summer right now, they are possibly practicing as we speak! This is a very expensive venture for them so we are trying to help them find more affordable housing and transportation. We also plan to host some meals, possibly a barbecue and/or a cookout, for them to help them feel welcome – we will accept all ideas and help to make their visit here as interesting, informative, and fun as possible. When we have visited them, their hospitality is extraordinary. We can only hope to be half as helpful to them as they have been to us. As some of you know, they are talented and quick learners on how to pitch well – they already have great aim and excellent eye/hand co-ordination plus they are very coachable.

While they are here, probably sometime during the first week, there will be an International Jukskei competition AND we hope to have an International Horseshoe Team competition as well – that will depend on court availability so more details later on that. We look forward to their visit!

The deadline for the Red, White, and Blue Walking Doubles at Quail Ridge on January 19th will have passed by the time you read this. We are looking forward to meeting many of you there and to seeing the updated NHPA Hall of Fame.

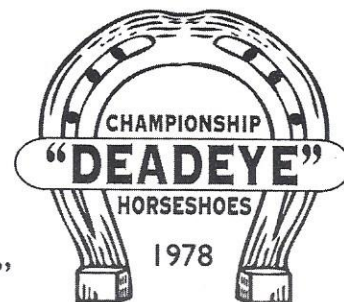
Patch orders are almost filled already, only about eight charters left to go. Excellent job this year, RD's! I appreciate the RD's who have analyzed their order and trimmed them down to become more efficient. I also DO want to remind everyone that there can only be eight State Champions per year per charter as there are only eight divisions and there can only be one State Championship per charter per year. I just can't give any one charter more than eight State Champion patches. Another reminder goes out to Tournament Directors – if you have left over patches after your tournaments are done, please send those patches back to your Regional Director as someone else may end up needing them. Thank you!

Good news to report in Florida – this notice from Regional Director Ron Deckard – an area that has been under-served for horseshoe pitching is their northeast section of the state. They now have a new club with 18 new courts up there. It is “the Flagler County Horseshoe Club and was paid for by Flagler County government. The courts were sanctioned on November 14, 2012. This is great news for the state since they didn't have any clubs or pitching facilities in that area at all. We hope to gain some new NHPA members from that”. That IS good news – I hope those 18 courts are filled within a year or two!

Just a reminder: If any of you have thought about running for NHPA office, now is the time. The position of NHPA 5th VP will be open as this will be my last term. The deadline to announce to the Newsline is February 1st, 2013. Good luck to any of you that might want to give this a try. It is rewarding and busy, not always in that order! I will help you in any way that I can, both in the decision to run and in acclimating to the position. Hope to hear from several of you as I KNOW you are out there!

Submitted by Debby Michaud, NHPA 5th VP, loonpond@verizon.net

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PUBLICITY PROMOTION by Tina Hawkins

With the coming of the New Year come new opportunities to add numbers to the membership of the NHPA!

Who is going to take advantage of these new opportunities?? YOU – the members!

YOU are the ones who can invite a new pitcher to league night. YOU are the ones with friends and acquaintances in your hometown. YOU are the ones who can show them a fun time on your local horseshoe courts!

There is always talk that “the NHPA” needs to increase membership... That is exactly true! But WHO IS the NHPA? It is YOU – each and every one of you make up the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and YOU are the ones who can make the association flourish.

Membership has to grow from the ground up. The seven members of the Executive Council cannot increase the participation in your local clubs. They can provide advice, guidance and ideas – it is up to YOU to add those new members!

Make the effort to invite somebody new to the pits this year. Show them a good time! And be sure to invite them again! Don't be content

with simply showing up to pitch, then going home. Help your club – and in turn the NHPA – expand.

Where do you start? For some of you – AT HOME! Encourage your non-pitching spouse to participate. Bring your grown son or daughter to an event. Form a team with your grandchildren for league. Remember, junior pitchers who participate in league are also eligible for NHPA scholarships!

Ask a co-worker to try league one night - or that person who always sits in the pew behind you at church. Does your barber know you pitch horseshoes? Have you ever asked him to come out for a game?

The NHPA currently has over 10,000 members, nationwide. Imagine the growth of the association if only one-fourth of these members brought just ONE new member to the fold each year. THAT is the way the NHPA will grow! YOU are the key!

Let's all make the effort to increase the membership in OUR association this year! It really isn't hard to invite someone out for an evening of fun!

Looking forward to the growth spurt in 2013!!

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2012 Income & Expenses Statement

Income

Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$400.00
Membership Dues	\$25,060.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$2,080.00
Sanction League Patches	\$6.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$17.45
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$44.36
World Tournament Raffle	\$3,790.00

TOTAL **\$31,397.81**

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$8,971.16
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc	\$881.07
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$77.59
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	\$3,019.98
Sanction League Tournament Awards & Expenses	\$2,009.35
World Tournament Bid Refund	\$10,667.00
Hall of Fame Awards, Supplies and Expenses	\$254.76
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Printing, Paper & Officer Supplies	\$1,737.00
Postage	\$355.94
Officers Telephone	\$154.57
Officers Travel	\$1,282.82
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Insurance	\$1,061.00
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$82.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$226.87

TOTAL **\$39,522.18**

From the books of
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5th – 10th - **55th Annual Valley of the Sun Tournament**
 - Deadline for entry: January 25, 2013 • Limited to 144 Pitchers - No Refunds after: January 28, 2013 - Entry Fee **\$50.00** (Scorekeeping fee included) Equal payout to all classes - **CURRENT 2013 NHPA OR HCA (CANADA CARD) REQUIRED** - NATSTATS will be the official averages used as of January 25, 2013. - **FORMAT:** Class A and B will pitch 40-point cancellation games - Remaining classes will pitch 40-shoe cancellation games - **All classes will play 2 consecutive days.** - An effort will be made to separate 30 foot and 40 foot pitchers. - All classes seeded by percentages, no handicapping in classes A or B. - Make Checks Payable to: EVHC - Send entry form to: Alex Carson, 11201 N. El Mirage Rd. #189, El Mirage, AZ 85335 - E-mail for starting times, starting January 31, 2013 to evhcalex@aol.com or call 216-262-5260 and leave a message please. - **DRESS CODE ENFORCED** - Hosted by EAST VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB - “NHPA'S OLDEST SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT”

May 4-5, 2013 - The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will be hosting **The 2nd Hall of Fame Invitational Horseshoe Tournament** to be held at the NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum in Wentzville, MO for the top sixteen 40 footers and top sixteen 30 footers (Elders & Women) who meet the requirements. Prize money \$8,000! For more info contact Tournament Director Joe Faron @ 314-704-7082 or Bob Diekamp @ 636-240-6260. More details will follow in the next issue of Newsline Magazine.

THE TOLL OF TIME

Alden Allbaugh
Kansas



Alden Allbaugh died May 29, 2012 at the age of 95.

Alden was born near Richland, 20 miles from Topeka on January 21, 1917 to Charles E and Maude Deskins Allbaugh. As a boy, he worked on the family's farm and shared his parents' love of literature, sports, music and education. After graduating in 1934 from Overbrook High School, where he participated in football, basketball, track, music and theater, he attended Emporia State Teachers College

from 1934 to 1936, then taught for three years in the two-room, eighth-grade school in Richland before returning to Emporia State, where he graduated in May 1941. At Emporia, he was active in student affairs and served as sports editor and managing editor of the college paper. He met his future wife, Ruby Howell, in a Shakespeare class at Emporia State in the summer of 1940. They married on December 21, 1941 in Kansas City.

In fall 1941, Alden taught at Lebanon (KS) High School, then was called into the army and served for the duration of World War II until discharged as First Lieutenant in March of 1946. As a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, he was called to service for 18 months during the Korean War, when he was deployed for nine months in Korea as a medical supply officer.

Alden joined the Newton High faculty in 1946, teaching social studies, and later English, journalism and dramatics. In the mid-1950s, after earning a master's degree in guidance and counseling at K.U., Alden became one of Kansas' first high school guidance counselors, helping to establish the profession as part of public school services. He returned to full-time teaching in the last five years of his career.

Outside of school, Alden enjoyed working NHS sports events, serving as scorekeeper for the basketball team, and memorably as a colorful public address announcer for the wrestling program and the high school band at football games. He enjoyed directing the Newton Recreation Commission's summer baseball and softball leagues in company with his friend W.M. Okerberg, the long-time NRC director. His encyclopedic knowledge of baseball, its rules, tactics and history, came from a life-long passion for the game, only slightly stronger than his love of basketball (especially Kansas basketball) and several other sports.

Alden's students remember his enthusiasm for literature, current events and story-telling. He greatly appreciated his students as individuals, and he enjoyed the friendship of former students who were bonded by memories of creating long-ago Newton High stage productions, newspapers and yearbooks together, and by mutual enjoyment of creating community together in Newton.

Alden was a member of Trinity Heights United Methodist Church (and formerly of Salem United Methodist Church, where he taught adult Sunday School for more than 25 years and served on the Administrative Council), and of the American Legion. Community groups called on him to serve as toastmaster for events and to write articles promoting their activities, including fund-raising efforts for the Newton schools, library and historical society. He and his wife Ruby also served in VITA, the volunteer income tax service of the IRS, for more than the years during their retirement. He was a long-time member of the Kansas Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, enjoying competitive horseshoe pitching and the many friendships he formed with pitchers and their families.

Alden Allbaugh began playing in the Kansas State Tournament in 1968. Following that first appearance, Alden began a long string of consistent performances and played in the Championship Class of the Kansas State Tournament 20 times, including 18 straight from 1975 through 1992.

Alden began this string by winning the Kansas State Men's Title in 1975, and he was always a contender with consistent performances as evidenced by his record shown below. He placed third once and was fourth six times as well. Alden participated in many local tournaments and threw a 1¼ turn that was very high compared to most players.

Serving on many committees over the years and always willing to help when needed, Alden served the Kansas State Horseshoe Pitchers Association as its Vice President in 1970 and 1971 and its President in 1972 and 1973. Alden was known as one of the true good sports in the game of horseshoe pitching.

For his service to the game as state officer and his consistent performances over the years, including the Kansas State Men's Champion in 1975 and World Senior Men's runner up in 1985, Alden was elected into the Kansas State Horseshoe Pitcher's Hall of Fame in 1981 as a player.

Alden participated in the Men's Senior Division at the World Tournament a total of five times; 1985 in West Lafayette, IN, 1986 in Ainsworth, NE, 1987 in Eau Claire, WI, 1989 in Spearfish, SD and 1992 in Columbus, OH. In three of those outings he reached the Championship bracket. In 1985 Alden and Ohio's Lawrence Miller finished the regular round robin tied with identical records of 9-2 in the 12-man class. They pitched off for the championship and Mr. Miller won. In 1987, Alden finished ninth in the Championship bracket and in 1992, he finished third.

Alden is survived by a daughter, Karen Snyder and husband Tom of Hancock, MI; a son Thomas Allbaugh and wife, Kathy of Saline, MI; four grandchildren, Daniel Snyder of Sommerville, MA; Julia Snyder of Edinburgh, Scotland; Lucy Allbaugh of Cincinnati, OH; and Grace Allbaugh of Saline, MI; one sister, Julia Brooks of Lawrence; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Ruby.

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT *by David Sidles*

My first year as an NHPA officer has come to an end and I must tell you that I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Everything from recording league stats at home to helping put on the World Tournament. It was also a great honor to be able to present a couple of awards at the Hall of Fame Banquet. But the highlight of my year, at least as far as sanctioned leagues are concerned, was the NHPA Sanctioned League National Championship Tournament in Wentzville, Missouri. I was overwhelmed by the turnout of clubs and players from ten different states. A total of 22 teams were entered in the two day event. It was a very good representation of league players nationwide with the highest entering average at close to 75 percent and the lowest at around 13 percent. A handicap system was used, and while handicapping is not popular with some players, it did result in many close games. Out of a total of 333 games played, 100 games were decided by five points or less. Sixteen games were decided by two points, 24 games decided by one point, and there were seven tie games. Rich Altis probably wishes we were playing 42 shoe games as he twice came from handicap deficits of 36 and 39 points, pitched 33 and 32 ringers respectively and lost both games by three points. In this 40 shoe count-all format, the high point game of the tournament was 110 turned in by Sheila Shepard of Denver, CO. She also had the high ringer percent game at 87.5% in that same game. Roy Evans of the Ballwin HSC and Gary Fulton of the Topeka HSC each claimed their divisions High Game over Average money. Connie Reimer and Mary Beeson each finished the tournament with ten wins and no losses for their respective teams.

The Marion, Indiana team of Sonny and Karen Franks and Jenny Morris had a strong start to the second day of competition, winning their first six games and ten out of their twelve games for a total of 30.5 wins to claim the Gold division title. In second place was the Whitley County Indiana team of Connie Reimer, Charles Pulley and Lawrence Hively with 27 wins. With two points per win on Sunday instead of one the battle was even closer in the Black

Division. The Quail Ridge Thursday team of Rose Diecamp, George Altman, and Carol Howard prevailed with 32 wins to 30 wins for Jim Brandenburg's Four Ringer Courts team from Arkansas. In the Championship match Quail Ridges' Carol Howard matched up against Marion's Sonny Franks. Carol spotted Sonny two points and trailed throughout coming up on the short end 65-51. George spotted Karen 20 points and after 20 shoes was still trailing but only by one point. Then he went on a tear hitting 15 ringers out of 20 shoes and prevailed 87-68. In the third and what would be the closest match, and also the last game to finish, Rose gave a 13 point head start to Jenny. At 20 shoes Rose had taken a one point lead. She built that to a nine point lead at 30 shoes then Jenny came back. At 38 shoes Rose only had a three point lead but then threw two ringers to Jenny's one point to secure the championship. It was the second Championship in a row for a Quail Ridge team. Carol Howard also played on last year's winning team.

I can't thank enough all the players that participated in this year's event. Traveling from as far away as Colorado, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Indiana and Nebraska just shows the dedication that many horseshoe pitchers have for this wonderful sport and this tournament. I was especially pleased to see the Central Iowa Traveling League there. In 1989 this is the league I started in and always wanted to bring a team to this tournament. I hope next year's tournament is equally well attended and I also hope to be able to offer more prize money, perhaps with a tournament sponsor.

I want to thank the Quail Ridge Club for everything they do at this wonderful facility. There is nothing more that can be said about how well they support a tournament like this. Not only is this a great museum to visit, it's a great place to play horseshoes. I hope you all get an opportunity to come here and visit if not play sometime. I want to wish all league players and Directors the best of luck with your sanctioned leagues this year and hope you give this tournament some thought next fall.

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CHARTER CHATTER

Colorado - November Double Ringer - Jane Smith

Bob Champion has celebrated his 95th birthday. After a very nice visit with him, I learned he would like to get to St. George for the World Tournament. It is closer to home. We had an interesting conversation of our first meeting at the World tournament in 1985. He and Canada's Jack Adams were very welcoming and fierce promoters of our horseshoe organization. Friendships like this are common in the horseshoe world.

From the Double Ringer Newsletter, we find that in 2012 there were 107 subscribers and 14 advertisers that have supported the Double Ringer which has been published for the past 30 years. They exchange issues with 37 other horseshoe publications across the United States. Bob gives credit to his staff- Mel Yockstock, Margaret Pineada, Cindy Champion, John Huntzinger, Allen Baptist, Lee Stevenson, Vicki Barham, and Ray Heim - that have been a great help in producing the newsletter.

Florida - Ron Deckard

The Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association is proud to announce the addition of a new horseshoe club in north east Florida with 18 sanctioned horseshoe courts, with blue clay, and covers over the pit area for shade. The Flagler County Horseshoe Pitching Club is near the Palm Coast Community in Flagler County just south of St. Augustine, with easy access from I-95. This is the only club in this part of the state so we are looking forward to the club becoming very active and holding sanctioned tournaments and league play. You can see photos of the club and get information and directions to the club by clicking on "Palm Coast" from the Florida website: <http://www.horseshoepitching.com/links/FLinf.html>

The club President, Tom Martone, and some other club members dedicated many hours convincing the Flagler County government to fund this project and build this outstanding horseshoe pitching facility. Thanks to them for all their hard work.

Georgia - Ronnie Miller

As the 2012 Pitching season winds down in Georgia, we are excited about the upcoming 2013 season as we saw an increase of about 10% in our 2012 GHPA membership over last year and can't wait to continue to grow in 2013. We also had great turnout for the 2012 World Tournament as we had 43 pitchers make the trip to Knoxville, TN. Of the 43 that went to Knoxville, we had two 1st place finishes. Troy Stapler finished in 1st Place in the Senior Men's Class B and Ronnie Miller finished in 1st Place in the Men's Class G-2. We are proud of all of our GHPA World Tournament Participants.

At the 2012 GHPA State Singles held October 13th in Perry, GA, Lee Presley won his third Men's Championship in a row with a 6 and 1 record. Suzanne Miller won her first Women's Championship with a 5 and 1 record. Billy Barnes won his fourth Elder Men's Championship in a row with a 5 and 1 record. Braeden Taylor won his third Junior Boy's Championship with a 7 and 2 record surviving a four way tie for 1st Place to come out on top.

At the GHPA State meeting Larry Myers was presented awards for winning the GHPA Player of the year and also for winning the GHPA Big Dog Award. The Player of the Year award is based on points accumulated from a pitcher's finish in GHPA sanctioned

tournaments held during the year, while the Big Dog is won by the Pitcher with the highest winning percentage from pitching in GHPA Sanctioned Tournaments as well. This is the first time a Pitcher has won both of these awards in the same year. Congratulations Larry!

Jack Lester was the first recipient of the newly created Mary Ann Gibbs Memorial Rookie of the Year award.

Maryland - Diana Ratliff

The MDHPA is pleased to announce that Jane Barthlow and Larry Bunn were entered into the Maryland Hall of Fame in 2012. Jane has been a member of the Frederick Horseshoe Pitchers Association 23 years. She is past President of the MDHPA as well as the FHPA, having served for over 10 years. Always a great ambassador of the sport, she has served well as a spokesperson for Maryland. Jane has been a world competitor and a State Class Champion. She was one of Maryland's first Women's State Doubles Champions. An excellent organizer, very kind and helpful to others, she has truly been an asset to horseshoe pitching.

Larry Bunn was introduced to the NHPA at a Fun Pitch held by the Baltimore Metro Horseshoe Club. There he joined their leagues and soon became an active Club and NHPA member. With growing interest in the BMHC, he became the League and Tournament Director. Larry is also the MDHPA Eastern Regional Vice President and Chairman of the MD Hall of Fame Committee. A student of the game since the beginning, he is also a leader and a teacher of the game, bringing prestige to the art of horseshoes. Larry is a true sportsman; he listens to others and plans to continue in this path for years to come. Larry resides in Middle River, Maryland where he enjoys fostering and sharing his love of horseshoes.

The MDHPA would also like to announce the winners of the 2012 Points Challenge. 1st place went to Roy Means, 2nd Place to Francisco Reyes, Sr, and tying for 3rd, were Bob Rasmussen and John "Chief" Sequoyah. Congrats to all and many thanks for your participation!

Baltimore Metro reports the success of what is believed to be the first ever Count-All Tournament to be held in Maryland (October 2012). Handicaps were updated after every two games and Tournament Director Larry Bunn said all went smoothly. Many thanks go to member Joe Banz for his assistance with the stats, allowing Larry to actually pitch in the tourney as well. It was said that participants had fun and found it to be challenging in a different sort of way.

Metro plans to continue its tradition of warming up those pitching arms with a Baggo league during the winter. This will be the fourth year and, although drawing only a handful of people, it helps to maintain the camaraderie during the cold, off-season.

See you in the Spring!



CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

Minnesota - Jerry LaBrosse - www.minnesotahorseshoes.com

Minnesota can be cold frozen tundra in wintertime, but that doesn't stop the hot tournament action for some enthusiastic pitchers. There is a full slate of winter tournaments planned in the beautiful Upsala Arena, located right in the middle of the state. The NHPF Benefit Tournament kicks off the 2013 winter season on January 26th. There is a tournament each month following. The Blizzard, March Madness, and then the Upsala Spring Tournament.

These winter tournaments began as a way to get Minnesota pitchers qualified for the world tournament in Hibbing back in 2001, and we kept them going ever since because of their popularity. The only other known winter pitching happens in Greenfield, MN. The Greenfield Horseshoe Club has been running for over ten years, and has three separate leagues.

Northern California - Website <http://www.nchpa.com>

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North Carolina - Website: <http://pitchwithus.com/nc-hpa>

From modest roots, with 20 local pitchers in Central North Carolina, the NC-HPA has spread out in all directions to cover the entire State from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the beaches of the Atlantic Ocean with a present membership of over 200 and growing. Only 20 years later, in 1979 and again in 1983 the NHPA held its' highest ranking tournament, the World Tournament, in Statesville.

Missouri - Show Biz Newsletter

President Sharon Taylor thanks everyone who helped make the State tournament a great success and congratulations to Hall of Fame Inductees Nile Abbott and M.O. Turner. The state also lost a great pitcher in Loree Meier. She pitched in many Missouri State tournaments, World Tournaments and was a member of the Missouri Team World Team.

Horseshoes is surely a family activity as demonstrated by the Gregg and Audra Craven family. Not only did Gregg and Audra pitch in the 2012 World tournament in Knoxville but so did all of their seven grandchildren!

We have not seen Jim Kinney at the last few world tournaments due to a new job. He still has found time to share some interesting sports heroes with us. The staff of the "Athlon" polled its readers for the greatest 30 two sport athletes of all time. The results: Number 1 Jim Thorpe - track, football; Number 4

Bo Jackson - football, baseball; Number 23 - Tony Gonzalez, football, basketball; Number 23 Walter Ray Williams - bowling, horseshoes; Number 30 Michael Jordan- basketball, baseball. Pretty impressive!

Ohio - Brian Fisher



I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Hopefully, this new year will be a prosperous one. Winter pitching is well under way in the Buckeye state, as you know our league takes place within the Darke county fairgrounds, as do many other winter leagues around the state. I've heard many say they wished they had a place to pitch inside somewhere. Almost every state has county fairs that have multiple buildings that just set empty during the winter. It's pretty easy to attend one of these board meetings and see if you could put three or four portable courts in a vacant building. What's the worst thing they can say? No, sorry. They may just say yes, as our fair board did, and many other fair boards around the state did too. The moral of this story is this, if you want to pitch bad enough you will find a way, and be inventive. Many ringers and safe traveling to everyone.

Wisconsin - Jane Smith - <http://whpa.tripod.com>

We are still looking for Publicity and Membership members as well as chair persons as one of our goals is to increase our membership. We have 27 clubs throughout the state, but very few in largely populated cities like Madison and Milwaukee. Dennis Keiser has created a DVD on the 2012 State tournament held in Eau Claire. It is very well done and is available for purchase for \$20 which covers the DVD, shipping and a donation to the Junior Scholarship fund. Thank you Dennis!

The 2013 State tournament will be an adventure as seven clubs are working together in hosting this event in Mosinee. The clubs are each taking responsibility for different tasks that need to be accomplished in sponsoring this event: booklet, concessions (food, beverages, shirts,) trophies, photography, court set up and take down, scorekeeping, judging, stats, etc.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2013 to all!

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DONALD HEATH TITCOMB MEMORIAL *by Jerry D. Smith*

Donald Heath Titcomb

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The legendary Don Titcomb peacefully passed away in a hospital near his home in Meridian, Idaho at the age of 88. Don died of complications from a respiratory problem and had been in the hospital for about two weeks. Don was born in San Jose, California on February 25, 1924, to Henry and Geneva Titcomb and had three sisters, Barbara, Lorraine and his twin, Dorothy. His parents and sisters all preceded Don in death. Don married Mary Salt (deceased) and their surviving children are: Donna Louise, Judy, William Heath, Mary Lynn and Patricia. There are twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, all of whom are surviving. Don attended San Jose State University for one year before enlisting in the US Marine Corps on December 11, 1941, just four days after Pearl Harbor. Don served for four years before returning to San Jose.

Don was believed to have started tossing horseshoes at the age of eight and pitched in his first sanctioned tournament in the summer of 1941. In those days, everyone pitched from 40 feet and had to qualify to get into weekend tournaments. Don believed that "qualifying" may have contributed to the higher quality of pitching found in the 40's and 50's, but embraced the modern concept that all pitchers get a chance to pitch in each tournament. Don pitched in the 1947 World Tournament (WT) and made the Championship group finishing 16th while pitching 70.2%. He won his first California State Tournament in 1951 shooting 75.3%. Don pitched most of the WT's through 1959 including three second place finishes in a row, losing two by playoffs to the great Ted Allen. In 1960, Don compiled a 33-2 record while shooting 84.9% to win his first World Title. That year, the top seven pitchers all topped the 80% average mark and five others pitched above 75%. Don, now in his prime, would only pitch in one more WT until 1979 because of family and work commitments. One has to wonder what might have been!! Don pitched in the WT in a record number of six different decades. Don was especially proud of the fact that he had beaten, at least once, 16 of the 17 former or future Mens World Champions that he had the privilege to play. Counting Don, there have only been 29 Mens World Champions ever.

Don ended up pitching in the WT Mens Championships 19 times, winning 470 games which is the ninth most of all-time. He is 21st on the all-time career percentage list with 77.7%, and eighth on the list of most 90% games with 31. Don once qualified with 97 out of 100 and in the middle of a 200 shoe WT qualification round, made 105 ringers out of 108 shoes. Both of these feats are considered records.

In 1988, Don decided to pitch in the, now defunct, "Intermediate" Division and won his second World title finishing with an 11 and 0 record. In 1995, Don won his third World title when he won the Senior Mens title with a 7 and 2 record. Don went on to pitch in the Elders Division in several WT's, but never achieved an Elders World title.

Don was involved with the National Horseshoe Pitching Association (NHPA) as a card holder for 65+ years and held the office of Vice President when elected in 1957. He was elected into the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1977. He received the Presidential Award in 1988, the prestigious Arch Stokes Award in 1991, and an Achievement Award in 2006. Don is one of only two or three people to have earned all four of these awards.

With all that said, Don is probably best known as the greatest promoter of the game of horseshoes ever. He lived and breathed horseshoes from the time he first pitched in a tournament until the day he passed. He introduced thousands of people to the game though his "pitch and win" program, his trick shot demonstrations, his visits to senior housing groups, his teaching high school students the game though the "life time sports" program, and his very presence at tournaments and at horseshoe courts in general. Don was instrumental in planning and creating many horseshoe clubs throughout the United States. His perseverance and passion for the game led to the building of horseshoe courts for most of these clubs. We lost a one-of-a-kind, great horseshoe pitcher, an extraordinary promoter, and most of all, a friend. RIP Lefty.

Don was cremated, per his request, and a memorial service was well attended on December 15th in Meridian, Idaho.

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NHPA RGS UPDATE – RULES QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

by Dan Sanders

RGS REVISION UPDATE – As you may remember, 2012 was the year for Proposed Rules Changes which were published earlier in this magazine and on the NHPA Website, circulated to all NHPA Charters, and voted on by your Charter Delegates at the 2012 NHPA Convention in Knoxville, TN. The Proposed Rules Changes that passed the delegate vote (and that were also published in an earlier Newsline Magazine article) have now been added/changed in the newly-revised printing of the RGS Book. Copies of the revised RGS Book (the ‘yellow book’) should now have been received by all Charter Secretaries, for distribution to Charter Clubs and to any member who would like to have their own personal copy.

RULES QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – The following are a few of the many questions that I have received and responded to during this past year. Hopefully, this dialogue will be interesting and informative to you and other pitchers, to your tournament directors and to others in your Charter.

Question: I would like to bother you for one more question just to satisfy my curiosity. We allow some players to pitch with an underhand (palm down) reverse tumble. (I pitch with a palm up flip/tumble, others use the regular turn methods). At any rate the shoe we are questioning is not presented in a palm up manner. Is that actually a legal shoe by your rules? We are not going to change, because it is a fun league so you are not part of any argument. Just curiosity. We could not see a definitive answer in your rules.

Answer: No problem with more questions! You are correct that there is no definitive answer in our current rules. The only requirement is that the shoe be pitched ‘underhand’, as in softball. As for “palms up” or “palms down”, either is acceptable. Of course, most pitchers use “palms up”, but there are some very good ones out there who pitch with “palms down”. The best one I’ve ever seen is Brenda Tawney (currently from Ohio), whose current NatStats average is over 70%! She also won our Ohio State Women’s Championship Title last year!

Question: I have a man who is wanting to move to the 30’ line. He is under 60 years of age and has a written letter from a doctor saying that he cannot pitch from 40’ because of back problems. Is there a NHPA form that he needs to complete or is the letter from the doctor enough? I thought that there was a form. I may be wrong. If there is one, could you please send it to me?

Answer: The NHPA Medical Exemption Forms, and other information, was sent out to your Charter Secretary some years ago, but with the turn-over of Charter Officers, these forms could have become lost in the process. It would be good to first check with your current State Secretary about this. If the forms are no longer available, was a Medical Exemption Committee ever appointed by your Charter President? Again, please check on this. If the forms are needed, I can send them via US mail to your Charter President or to the Chairman of your ME Committee, but I would need a mailing address. The situation you have described

here sounds legitimate, but must still be processed. Please note also that some Charters have placed the Medical Exemption Application Form on their Charter Website, so you could check there to print off a copy. Once you have the answers to these questions, just let me know if you need any more help with this.

Question: Maybe you can help resolve a question from one of our Pitchers about this rule. We had a Tournament in which a class was handicapped and there were ties for 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. We have in our bylaws that ringer % indicates how they finish up except in case of a 1st place tie and that is resolved by a playoff. This pitcher has challenged the way we separate 2nd, 3rd and 4th place ties. He states that Rule 11 Section f, Handicapping says that this cannot be done by ringer %. My interpretation of this rule is that it only applies to 1st place ties. Am I right or wrong on my assumption? Appreciate your help on clarifying this issue.

Answer: Thanks for your e-mail and question about the breaking of ties for handicapped Class play. The pertinent sentence in Section F (Rule 11) that applies to your question is: “For the breaking of Class ties, the options in Section B (above) may apply, except that ringer percentage shall not be used.” This rule does not say, “For the breaking of ‘1st place’ Class ties...”. And so the interpretation here is that this Rule applies for any/all ties within the Class. This would include 2nd, 3rd, etc. place ties. As you may know, there are also some recently-enacted changes to the tie-breakers that should be used for handicapped Classes (and others), in the following order: 1st tie-breaker: Playoff game(s), time and court space permitting; 2nd tie-breaker: Who beat who in the round-robin play; 3rd tie-breaker: The player that is most above their entering NatStats average, or closest to it if none are above; 4th tie-breaker: Total tournament points scored, including handicap points. These recommended tie-breakers are currently a part of the HS Master program, for handicapped Classes. Overall ringer percentage should never be used as a tie-breaker in a handicapped Class tie as the wide ‘spread’ of entering averages is the reason/basis for handicapping the Class in the first place. I hope that this information is helpful.

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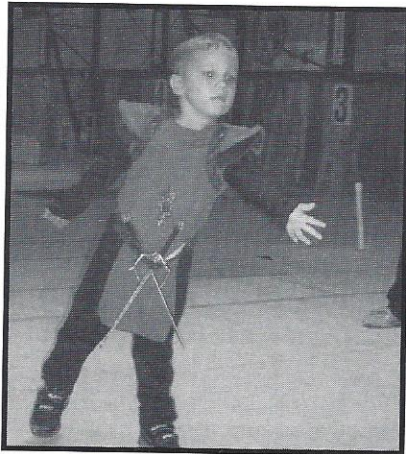
Halloween Makes Its Third Appearance at the Hall of Fame



It's Fall Ya'll! Frost was on the pumpkins and leaves of many colors at the Quail Ridge Park made for beautiful scenery on this cool autumn day. It must be Halloween; the pumpkins were smiling as the QRHC members prepared for its 3rd NHPA Halloween Bash.

The tournament was under the direction of

NHPA 2nd VP Tina Hawkins. However, due to unforeseen job responsibilities this year, Tina wasn't able to attend the tournament, so the QRHC members filled the void quickly and carried on with the plans.



Rich Altis organized the 32 entries and Gary Buehler entered them into the Electronic Scoring System. There were two entries from Indiana, seven from Illinois and the rest were filled by Missouri

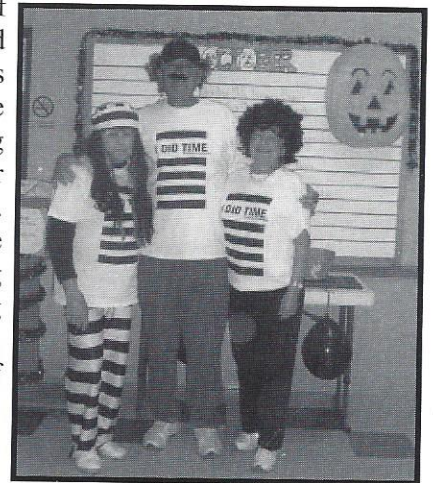
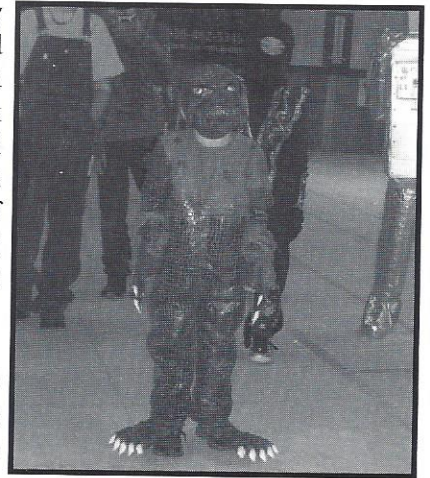
horseshoe pitchers. Competition began at 9:30am. On the south courts, the first two flights of horseshoe competition

began. There was a tie in Class D for 1st place between Larry Marcum (IN) and Mike Thomson (QR) with a 6-1 record. Marcum won the playoff game with a 21.56% tournament average and Mike Thomson claimed 2nd place with a 25.63% average. Melody Downey (QR) in Class C won 1st with a 6-1 record and a 39.64% tournament



average. A two-way tie for 2nd place existed between Gaylord Compton and Mark Wilkewitz. Gaylord won 2nd place with a tournament average of 36.07%. Melody and Gaylord both pitched high games of 57.5%.

On the north courts some really exciting competition was underway. In Class A, there were three high games of 80% recorded by Rich Altis, Jim Spidle, Sr. and Don Claas. At the end of their competition Rose Diekamp with a record of 6-1, and ringer percentage of 71.79, was the grand champion. There was a 3-way tie for 2nd place with Rich Altis having the highest ringer percentage of 65.36%. In Class B Dave Schneider was having a good day winning 1st place with a 50% average and a record of 5-2. He pitched a high game of 65%. Ernie Brakensiek took 2nd place with 49.64% and a high game of 62.57%.

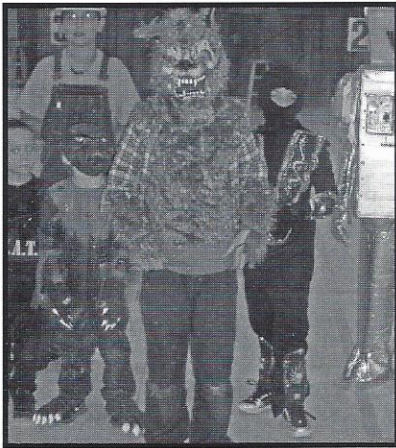


In addition to prize money of 1st Place = \$75 and 2nd Place = \$50 awarded in all four classes, a Halloween Bash tote bag was presented to each of the 32 contestants filled with knick-knacks provided by St. George, Utah who will be hosting the 2013 World Horseshoe Tournament. The 50/50 drawing was won by Don Claas. Several Halloween Bash T-Shirts and a pot of Mums were given away as attendance prizes.

Many adult pitchers were dressed in Halloween T-Shirts and others were

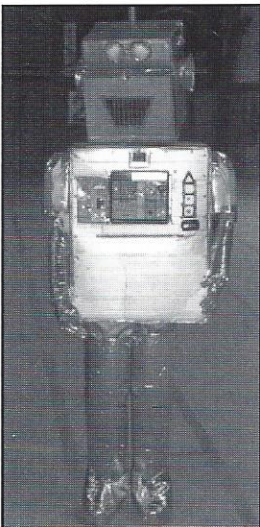


NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM *Continued*



a little more festive. It was a tie again this year as two escapees from the Missouri State Pen captured the winning best costumes prize. The winners were Gary & Rose Buehler complete with scars and plenty of tattoos to prove their authenticity.

The Halloween party planned for the kids by some of the Quaillettes at the QRHC was full of fun and festivity. There were 13 entries, ranging from 4-13 years of age. One was cuter than the other, using lots of imagination to design their costumes. Best costume ribbons were won by each contestant in many different categories. The best costume was

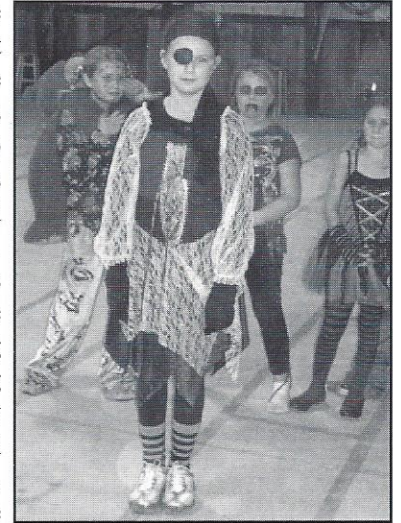


a robot complete with flashing lights that lit up the courts. Best costumes were won by: Caroline Thompson (Purple Witch) & Josh Ryan (Robot); the cutest costume was wor by Johnny Velasco (Ni ga Turtle) and Rai ie Corgan (cat); The scariest costume –



Brice Moreland (Werewolf); Most original costumes Rebekah Baltz (lady pirate) and Julia Pearson (Zombie); the funniest costume – Brittany Veach (Pajama Girl); Most colorful-Luke Jones (carpenter); the spookiest costumes - Wyatt Hill and Isaac Soto; and the most clever to Stephen Velasco (Swat Team) and Owen Fila (Swamp Monster).

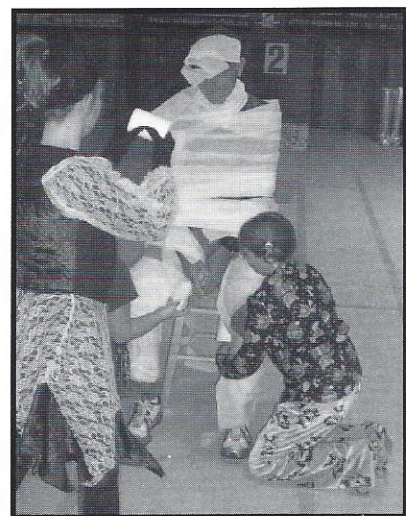
Tate was chosen by the audience to be the best wrapped up mummy! The ghost poop was flying as the kids (blind-folded) searched for goodies in the baskets filled with styrofoam pieces. Halloween beach balls were flying through the air, eyeball ping pong balls were bouncing everywhere and many other games were played by the ghouls and goblins. The feature game was the ghost piñata which the kids took turns with a bat to bring it down. A malfunction in the piñata happened this year, so the kids literally beat it to death until all the candy spilled out.



The last and most important was the horseshoe contest between the kids. Wyatt Hill, of Defiance, won 1st place with a score of 33, followed by Luke Jones, Isaac Soto and Rebekah Baltz. The children were given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. After the horseshoe pitching

contest, the Trick or Treaters were served hot dogs and other refreshments. They were each given a Halloween Bash tote bag, compliments of the NHPA, filled with lots of candy and goodies supplied by the QRHC members.

All in all it was a 'spooktacular' event. We wish to thank the NHPA for their contribution towards the tournament and to all who traveled so far for the tournament. A special thank you to the parents and grandparents who brought the "Trick or Treaters" to the horseshoe courts for a 'haunting' good time.



The Pumpkin Bean Bag toss was won by Julia Pearson of Illinois. Chosen to be "Mummies" for a 'Wrap-Up' game were Ken Tate of Illinois, Rose Diekamp and Audrey Pappas. Mr.

HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE by Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

C.C. Davis
A Star of the 1920's
By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

Our sport has seen many great pitchers along the way and among the greatest, among the elite, is five-time World Champion, C.C. Davis. He played in a time when players pitched shoes with no hooks. As the development of the pitching shoes progressed to having hooks, Davis even joined the group of shoe designers and manufacturers (1932), to place the C.C. Davis shoe on the market.

Davis was born in 1884 and began pitching horseshoes rather late in life, especially for a five-time World Champion. He was 33 years of age, when he began in 1917 as a resident of Ohio. He moved to Kansas City, Missouri around 1930.

Charles Clarence Davis was the first player to pitch a 70% World Tournament. He won the 1928 World Championship by pitching a new world record 70.2%. In fact, that was the only 70% World Tournament until 1933 when Ted Allen set a new mark of 73.6%. 1935 would be Davis' final World Tournament, but he left the game by showing that he was still a championship class player and a World Championship contender. In 1933, he tied Allen for first place with a 20-3 record but ended up as runner-up, losing in two straight play-off games. In 1935, he placed third, in an event where an unheard of eight players averaged over 70% ringers, including Davis' 73.7% performance.

Here is C.C. Davis' World Tournament career statistics:

Year	Place	Event Site	W	L	SP	R	%
1922w	WC	St. Petersburg, FL	21	0		448	
1922s	9 th	Des Moines, IA	8	7		396	
1923w	3 rd	St. Petersburg, FL	26	3	1238	685	55.3
1923s	2 nd	Cleveland, OH	13	2	888	542	61.0
1924w	WC	Lake Worth, FL	22	0	1012	586	57.9
1925w	2 nd	Lake Worth, FL	45	10	3490	2358	67.6
1927w	WC	St. Petersburg, FL	29	4	1998	1383	69.2
1927s	WC	Duluth, MN	30	3	2010	1302	64.8
1928	WC	St. Petersburg, FL	31	2	2138	1500	70.2
1929	4 th	St. Petersburg, FL	11	4	898	602	67.0
1933	2 nd	Chicago, IL	20	3	1382	973	70.4
	Playoff		0	2	148	94	63.5
1935	3 rd	Moline, IL	18	5	1197	1626	73.6
			274	45			

Incredibly, after all these years and decades, Davis's 274 World Tournament wins still ranks 25th for the Men's Division and his five title ranks 6th best.

C.C. Davis spent many years on the road performing pitching exhibitions, often averaging better than \$100 a day in donations. He was also known to be a carpenter by trade. Many of the winter World Tournaments were held in St Petersburg, Florida, where the Yankees held this spring training camps. Yes, Davis taught Babe Ruth to pitch horseshoes as well as other well-known baseball players. The profile reprinted here was written by Hall of Fame member D.D. Cottrell, for the March 1927 issue of Horseshoe World. Keep in mind that Davis won two more World Championships after this article was written. . .

The New Champion
C.C. Davis, Who He Is
And His Horseshoe Record
By D.D. Cottrell

"Who is Charlie Davis, who has just been crowned Champion Horseshoe Pitcher of the World for the third time?"

He won his first World's Championship at St. Petersburg, Fla., in the tournament held at William's Park, February 20 to 24, 1922, in which 22 players were entered. Among these were Fred Brust, of Columbus, Ohio, who won the World's Championship at St. Petersburg in 1919, also Ralph Spencer, of Picher, Okla., who has been a competitor in numerous national tournaments and stood second in this tournament, only losing one game and that to Davis.

This tournament was held before a recording of shoes pitched was thought to be necessary so no record of Davis' percentage of ringers is available, but he won all of his games.

His best game, judging from the number of ringers made, was with G.E. Snyder, Albion, N.Y. The record was:

	Pts.	R	DR
Davis	50	31	8
Snyder	16	16	2

In only one other game in this tournament did any player pitch more ringers than Davis and that was as follows:

	Pts.	R	DR
Spencer	50	33	8
Brust	49	33	6

In February 1923, Davis entered the tournament held in Waterfront Baseball Park in St. Petersburg, which was won by Harold Falor, Akron, Ohio, the 15-year-old boy wonder. Frank Lundin, New London, Iowa, who had won the World's Championship at Des Moines in August 1922 and Frank Jackson, Kellerton, Iowa, who had been World's Champion a number of times and Ralph Spencer were among the 30 contestants. This tournament was on the round robin plan under which each player played every other contestant one 50-point game. Davis stood third, winning 26 games and losing three, Lundin winning second place. Davis record was 1366 points, 685 ringers, 189 doubles, 1238 shoes pitched and a percentage of .5533. It was necessary to carry out the percentage to four decimals to decide whether Davis or Falor had the highest percentage. Falor's was .5534. This was the first national tournament held in which a record was made of the shoes pitched. The new score card arranged by D.D. Cottrell was used for the first time in such a tournament.

In February 1924, Davis won all of his 22 games with a record of 1100 points, 586 ringers, 168 double ringers, 1012 shoe pitched, .579 percentage and only 1012 points made against him by his opponents. In this tournament he stood ahead of all his competitors in all of the points of the game. Frank Jackson

HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE *Continued*

was second, Putt Mossman third and Loren May fourth.

In the 1924 summer tournament at Minneapolis, he did not defend his title, which was won by Putt Mossman.

In the 1925 tournament at Lake Worth, he won second place, Putt Mossman being crowned champion. Thirty-two players were entered and a round robin was played the first week. The second week the 12 men who stood highest in the first week each played each other one 50-point game every day for five days.

Davis stood third in the preliminaries, winning 27 games and losing four, making 1514 points, 913 ringers, 268 double ringers in 1600 shoes pitched, with a percentage of .571. In the finals, Davis stood second winning 45 games and losing 10, making 2622 points, 2241 ringers, 701 double ringers in 3486 shoes pitched, with a percentage of .643. Mossman with a percentage of .676 and only losing two games. Jackson third, Loren May fourth, Yocum fifth, Duryee sixth, Nunamaker seventh, and Spencer eighth.

In the tournament at St Petersburg in February 1926, Davis did not compete.

In the tournament at St Petersburg this year, Davis in the finals pitched the best horseshoes of which there is any record in any tournament. His record is 29 games won, 4 lost, 1610 points, 1383 ringers, 468 double ringers, 1998 shoes pitched with a percentage of .692 and only 819 points against him by his opponents. In this record he stands ahead of all competitors in all points of the game. The only competitors who had the honor of winning from him in the finals were Risk two games, Mossman and Nunamaker one game each."

Charles C. Davis was inducted to the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1968, just the second year of the Hall's existence. Davis retired and lived his last 40 years in Kansas City, Missouri. He passed away in 1972 at age 88.

HALL OF FAME *by Vicki Winston*

By the time you are reading this, the deadline for nominations will probably have passed for nominees to be included in the 2013 voting and I will be getting ready to put the Hall of Fame committee to work. Time certainly flies, because it seems like it wasn't long ago we were in the process of voting on the ballot for 2012. I thank those who have taken time to send in nominations to be included in the voting for 2013.

The NHPA World Records Statistician, Mel Yockstick, said he was asked recently how many people had already been inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame and what states had the most inductees. He went to work and made a spreadsheet. I want to thank Mel for giving me permission to share his findings with you. He has listed the name of the state, the number of inductees from that state and the most recent year the state had anyone inducted.

<u>State</u>	<u>Inductees</u>	<u>Most Recent Year</u>
Ohio	22	2011
California	19	2010
Iowa	11	1996
Minnesota	9	2012
Indiana	8	2008
Canada	8	2004
Illinois	8	1994
New York	7	2007
Florida	7	2001
Missouri	5	2011
Kansas	5	1999
Pennsylvania	4	2009
Utah	4	2005

Massachusetts	4	1990
Wisconsin	3	2007
Colorado	3	1997
Oregon	3	1993
Washington	3	1986
Tennessee	2	2009
North Carolina	2	2004
West Virginia	2	1996
New Jersey	2	1995
Arkansas	2	1992
Georgia	2	1992
Michigan	2	1984
Texas	1	2010
Nevada	1	2007
Oklahoma	1	2006
Rhode Island	1	2003
Kentucky	1	2001
Nebraska	1	1987
Maryland	1	1976
DC	1	1968

Total 155

I've been informed that work is still progressing in programming the touch screen in the Winston Theatre at the NHPA Hall of Fame so that it will be totally user friendly. Donations were received to finance the project and hopefully it will be completed shortly. Have a healthy and happy New Year and I will look forward to letting everyone know the results of the 2013 Hall of Fame voting in a future issue of this magazine.

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The NHPA Executive Council is pleased to announce that the following students have been recognized for outstanding achievement in the classroom as well as their participation in the sport of horseshoe pitching as a member an NHPA Sanctioned Junior or Adult League.

Receiving scholarships for 2012 are:

Steve Drozd	NE	Pawnee Ringers HSC	\$250.00
Jordan Johnson	ND	Red River Valley HSL	\$225.00
Christina Heinritz	WI	Heinritz Homestead HSL	\$150.00
Payge Quintana	KS	Topeka Horseshoe Assoc.	\$150.00
Kylea Roberts	MO	Liberty Junior HSL	\$125.00
Courtney Lampkin	KY	Nelson County HPA	\$125.00
Emily Lazaris	WI	Heinritz Homestead HSL	\$125.00
Gunnar David	WI	Marshfield HSC	\$125.00
Jennifer Trader	ND	Grand Forks HSL	\$100.00
Savanna Johnson	MO	Liberty HSC	\$100.00
Megan McLeod	MO	Liberty HSC	\$100.00

Receiving Honorable Mention for 2012 are:

Mia Craven	TX	Liberty Junior HSL
Michael Leger	MO	Liberty Junior HSL
Macey Chambers	SD	Pierre HSC
Ashley Craven	MO	Liberty Junior HSL
Nickel Craven	MO	Liberty Junior HSL
Toby Craven	TX	Liberty Junior HSL

Congratulations to all these Student Athletes.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS by Jerry LaBrosse

First off, I hope all of you and your families had a safe and happy holiday season. Now we look forward to a prosperous new year.

A year ago we communicated with every charter and upgraded their information. As a result of all the charters that are using our email communications system, we are reaching about half of our total membership, and that number is rising all the time. Several charters established new communication directors last year and received assistance from us. I feel that we're moving in the right direction and taking advantage of technology. I want to thank all of you charters for cooperating in what has become the largest and fastest communication system the NHPA has ever had. Our goal should be that every charter has someone responsible for communications. It's an easy and fun way to support your charter.

If your charter does not have an established "communication director", I highly urge you to talk to the officers in your charter to make this a priority. Surely someone already has a "horseshoe" list of emails to start with. We have easy and proven ways to collect the addresses of your members who wish to be on the grid.

As always, if your charter does not have an email list and you wish to be a part of our national distribution, then send me an email with your full name and charter,

and request to be placed on the list. My email address is Jlabro6186@aol.com

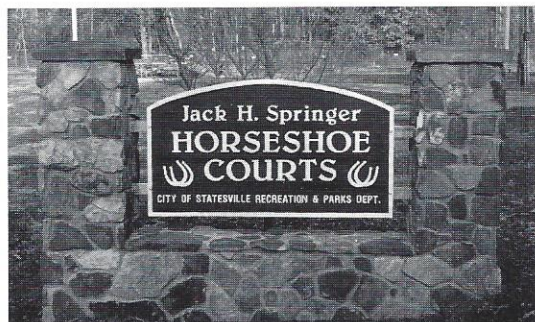
I'll be conducting another information "update" soon. There is some information that I need up-to-date and accurate for Charter Communications to be effective. The information that I will need is simple.

1. Verify president
2. Verify RD
3. Verify your CC person if you have one
4. Verify your Publicity/Promotion person if you have one.
5. If you do not have an established 3 or 4, then the list would default to the charter president to at least receive the information.

To respond to this update request will take two minutes in most cases, and would be gratefully appreciated on my end.

Wishing you Health and Happiness
Jerry

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WORLD RECORDS By Mel Yockstick – The Statman

The NHPA State Championship Tournaments are now completed for 2012. I have updated the NHPA website (Historical-State Champions) page. This page lists Men

with ten wins or more, Women with five wins or more, Elders, Boys and Girls with three wins or more.

See chart attached showing new 2012 State Champions pitchers added to the NHPA website for the first time.

2012 State Champions
 Added to the "State Champion" Website

Wins	Men must have 10 State wins	First	Last	Wins	Boy's must have 3 State wins	First	Last
10	Gary Opper Idaho	2001	2012	3	Braeden Taylor Georgia	2010	2012
10	Stan Griggs Missouri	1996	2012	3	Skylar Sanders Illinois	2010	2012
Wins	Women must have 5 State wins	First	Last	3	Tanner Pausson Louisiana	2010	2012
5	Joyce Desmond Wyoming	2009	2012	3	Dalton Rakestraw Missouri	2010	2012
Wins	Elder's must have 3 State wins	First	Last	3	Austin Garris North Carolina	2010	2012
4	Larry Purcell Iowa	2009	2012	3	Jordon Draper Vermont	2010	2012
3	Bob Vandiver Illinois	2010	2012	3	Gunner David Wisconsin	2010	2012
3	Larry Hinton Michigan	2010	2012	Wins	Girls' must have 3 State wins	First	Last
3	Vance Bodily Utah	2010	2012	3	Megan Polski Florida	2010	2012
3	Willie Booth Arkansas	2009	2012	Wins	Cadet's must have 2 State wins	First	Last
3	Tom Hall Florida	2009	2012	2	Bernardo Navarro II California	2011	2012
3	Bob Schlive Montana	2009	2012	2	Ryan Russell Kansas	2011	2012
3	Tom McQueen Nevada	2009	2012	2	Jazmin Campbell Virginal	2011	2012
3	Harold Combs New Mexico	2009	2012	2	Patrick McCarthy Washington	2011	2012
3	Harold Uncapher New York	2009	2012				
3	Niva Piva Idaho	2008	2012				
3	Ralph Adrian Ohio	2008	2012				

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: RESULTS 2012

California State Championships - Correction Bakersfield - September 1st & 2nd

Men's Championship

1.	Rick Bermingham	10-1	59.96
2.	Frank Arroyo	7-4	54.38
3.	Jeff Williams	7-4	52.12
4.	Javier Franco	7-4	51.32
5.	Dave Lane	7-4	46.66
6.	Steve Belikoff	7-4	44.38
7.	Donald George	5-6	45.48
8.	Charles Castelo	5-6	44.44
9.	Jose De Leon	4-7	43.62
10.	Robert Mullins	4-7	41.36
11.	Jason Hernandez	3-8	44.29
12.	Jim Atwell	0-11	29.22

Women's Championship

1.	Kimmy Stockli	10-1	57.24
2.	Lisa Atwell	9-2	52.75
3.	Nancy Wingate	5-5	45.16
4.	Sharon Patterson	5-5	39.11
5.	Kathy Sharp	1-9	20.85
6.	Gail Kane	1-9	13.60

Elder's Championship

1.	Charles Woolery	8-1	71.10
2.	Tom Webb	7-2	62.61
3.	Jesse Gonzales Sr.	5-3	62.91
4.	Bob Midkiff	4-4	61.15
5.	Ken Woolery	4-4	57.48
6.	Alan Trusty	4-4	56.87
7.	Art Burt	3-5	53.82
8.	Joe Sciarra	2-6	49.71
9.	Terry Farrell	0-8	47.94

Junior Boy's Championship

1.	Travis Sluys	6-0	39.20
2.	Jacob Parker	3-3	28.87
3.	Hayden Lee	3-3	27.46
4.	Kaleb Arrieta	0-6	17.85

Junior Girl's Championship

1.	Destiny Rodriguez	4-0	6.25
2.	Sarah Sanchez	2-2	1.87
3.	Alex Gubba	0-4	1.87

Cadet Championship

1.	Bernardo Navarro Iii	3-0	26.31
2.	Kevin Kyle	0-3	13.15

Men's Classes

B	Anthony Duran	7-1	47.75
C	Jorge Cordero	7-1	37.81
D	Timothy Saunders	8-1	30.83
E	Tony Morales Jr	8-2	38.50
F	Tom Sharp	7-2	28.88
G	Matt Smith	8-1	28.33

H	Mike Oberlander	8-1	25.00
I	Doug Braun	8-0	29.06
J	Steve Oglesby	7-1	19.06
K	Josh Offill	8-1	18.61

Women's Classes

B	Dee Rice	8-2	26.75
C	Diane Williams	6-1	15.71

Elder's Classes

B	Bill Davis	7-0	56.78
C	Wayne George	6-1	38.33
D	Sac Windriver	6-1	22.14

Junior Boy's Class

D	Tyler Fagan	4-0	26.25
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Iowa State Championships

Men's Championship

1.	Vern Kollasch	11/0	61.20
2.	Joseph Smith	9/2	54.41
3.	Bert Logsdon	8/3	56.92
4.	Ron Rowley	7/4	49.13
5.	Jason Clark	7/4	48.70
6.	Dave Mittlestadt	5/6	43.09
7.	Dennis L. Hopkins	4/7	41.09
8.	Doug P. Anderson	4/7	40.04
9.	Ronnie Burgess	4/7	38.43
10.	Larry Bolt	3/8	35.77
11.	Carl Kaiser	2/9	38.58
12.	John Peterson	2/9	38.46

Women's Championship

1.	Cathy Carter	5/0	54.50
2.	Kristy Klejch	3/2	44.44
3.	Shirley Sprague	3/2	42.79
4.	Sheila Brody	3/2	41.67
5.	Deb Davis	1/4	29.36
6.	Sheryl Mason	0/5	18.45

Elder Men's Championship

1.	Larry Purcell	5/0	66.79
2.	Richard Shepardson	3/2	57.79
3.	LeRoy J. Law	3/2	57.21
4.	Bill Sprague	3/2	51.76
5.	C. Leo Buell	1/4	48.35
6.	Marv Engstler	0/5	56.31

Junior's Championship

1.	Austin Witt	6/0	37.08
2.	Derek Bloodgood	4/2	18.33
3.	Hunter Clark	1/5	6.25
4.	Kyle Hines	1/5	5.83

Men's Classes

A	Paul Beaman	4/1	44.50
B	Tim Pew	4/1	33.00
C	Steve Hatch	5/0	27.00
D	Steve Hyler	5/0	26.00
E	Toby Hoyer	5/0	20.00
F	Kevin Turbett	3/0	8.67

Women's Class

A	Vickie Elliott	4/1	19.50
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Elder Men's Class

A	Bob Rounds	3/1	34.38
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Junior's Class

A	Dakota Havemann	4/0	8.75
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New York State Championships September 2, 2012

Men's Championship

	W/L	%	
1.	Ken Fraser	7/0	68.87
2.	David Conrad	5/2	64.53
3.	Richard Whitney	5/2	52.34
4.	Jerry Bernard	4/3	59.01
5.	Paul Black	2/5	51.14
6.	Art Tyson	2/5	48.08
7.	Tom Bernard	2/5	45.00
8.	Alan Overbaugh	1/6	48.24

Women's Championship

1.	Julie Bernard	7/1	63.89
2.	Karen Graham	6/2	60.67
3.	Ellen Perry	5/2	63.57
4.	Carolyn Slaughter	5/2	58.87
5.	Laurie Day	3/4	35.71
6.	Penny Harageones	2/5	28.42
7.	Diane Dorler	1/6	32.07
8.	Shirley Frost	0/7	15.73

Elder's Championship

1.	Harold Uncapher	6/0	58.96
2.	Zeke Montroy	4/2	51.79
3.	Bill Franklin	3/3	56.25
4.	Dick Pike	3/3	48.36
5.	Mark Riley	3/3	48.24
6.	Lee Coon	2/4	47.22
7.	Al Buckland	0/6	25.94

Jr Boy's Championship

1.	Gavin Barreau	4/0	11.24
2.	Mason Schwab	0/4	3.10

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Hilton Garden Inn

Rate:\$99 Phone:435-634-4100
Adjacent to Tournament

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

Rate:\$79 Phone:435-673-8066
Across the street from Tournament

Host Hotels

St. George Inn & Suites

Rate:\$59 Phone:435-673-6661

Holiday Inn Express

Rate:\$75 Phone:435-986-1313

Lexington Hotel

Rate:\$75 Phone:435-628-4235

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Hampton Inn

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Courtyard by Marriott

Rate:\$99 Phone:435-986-0555

Town Place Suites by Marriott

Rate:\$99 Phone:435-986-9955

Wingate Hotel

Rate:\$99 Phone:435-673-9608

RV Parks

Temple View RV - Headquarter RV Park

Rate:\$39/day, \$273/week Phone:673-8400 1 mile from Tournament

St. George RV - 435-879-2854

Zion West RV - 435-879-2854

Willowind RV - 435-835-4154

Zion River Resort - 1-800-838-8594

Campgrounds

13 Campgrounds nearby!



Getting here is easy!

Driving: St. George is right on Interstate 15 - a major 75-80 mph highway that connects directly to San Diego & Los Angeles to the southwest, straight to Canada on the north, and east all the way to Baltimore on Interstate 70.

Flying: Fly direct to a brilliant new airport with connections from Salt Lake City on Delta, and Los Angeles on United.

Book your flight at www.flySGU.com (Airport Code: SGU)

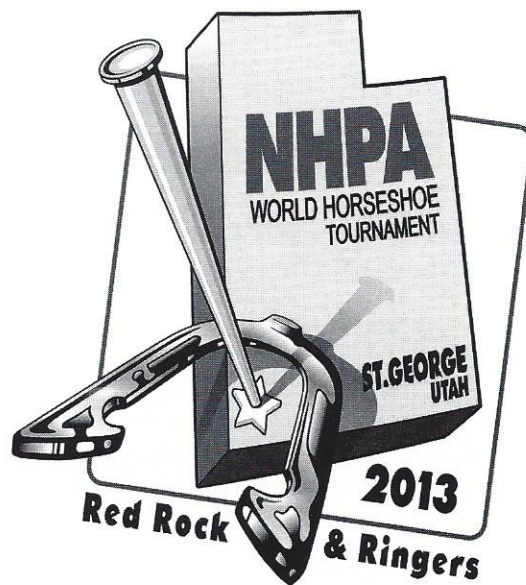


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We're gearing up for one of the most rewarding World Tournaments you'll ever experience.

St. George is nestled in the spectacular landscapes of the southwest desert - just a 90-minute drive from the bright lights of Las Vegas, Nevada - but the atmosphere here is worlds apart.

The peacefully designed community features more than 50 miles of paved walking trails, 12 challenging golf courses, and a wide variety of modern hotels, restaurants, RV parks, shopping centers, museums, art galleries and destination spas.

"The people here are insanely nice!"

The tournament takes place in the Dixie Convention Center - an ideal venue that matches the beauty of the natural surroundings. Our welcoming culture, accommodating attitude and onsite FREE PARKING provide just the touch for a satisfying and successful event.

As a host destination, St. George will reward you in ways you can't even comprehend until you get here and immerse yourself in the surroundings.

For travel info, accommodations, activities and tournament info visit:
www.AtoZion.com/horseshoe

Nearby Attractions

Zion National Park

There is almost nothing to compare it with. The colors will astound you. The perspective will humble you. The immensity will leave you in awe. Just 40 minutes from St. George.
www.atozion.com

Bryce Canyon

Years of erosion have carved a fairylond out of the rust colored sandstone at Bryce Canyon National Park. The castles, towers, fins and strange formations are a beautiful 3-hour drive from St. George.
www.brycecanyoncountry.com

Grand Canyon

There is no preparation for the visual impact of the Grand Canyon North Rim. The breathtaking vistas and serenity of the Kaibab Pine Forest are certainly worth the 3-hour drive from St. George.
www.nps.gov/grca

Las Vegas NV.

The bright lights and entertainment options of Vegas are just 90-minutes from the World Tournament. Casino action is also available in Mesquite, NV - just 40-minutes from St. George.
www.lasvegas.com

Snow Canyon State Park

Just 10 minutes from St. George, the unique geologic features of Snow Canyon are a thrill for young and old. The park is a tapestry of volcanic cones, sand dunes, deep red cliffs and twisted layers of rock.
www.stateparks.utah.gov

Tuacahn Theater

Don't miss the Broadway caliber shows at Tuacahn - a 2000 seat outdoor theater surrounded by 800-foot sandstone cliffs. Featuring: Mary Poppins, Starlight Express, Thoroughly Modern Mille, & Disney's Mulan
www.tuacahn.org

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