

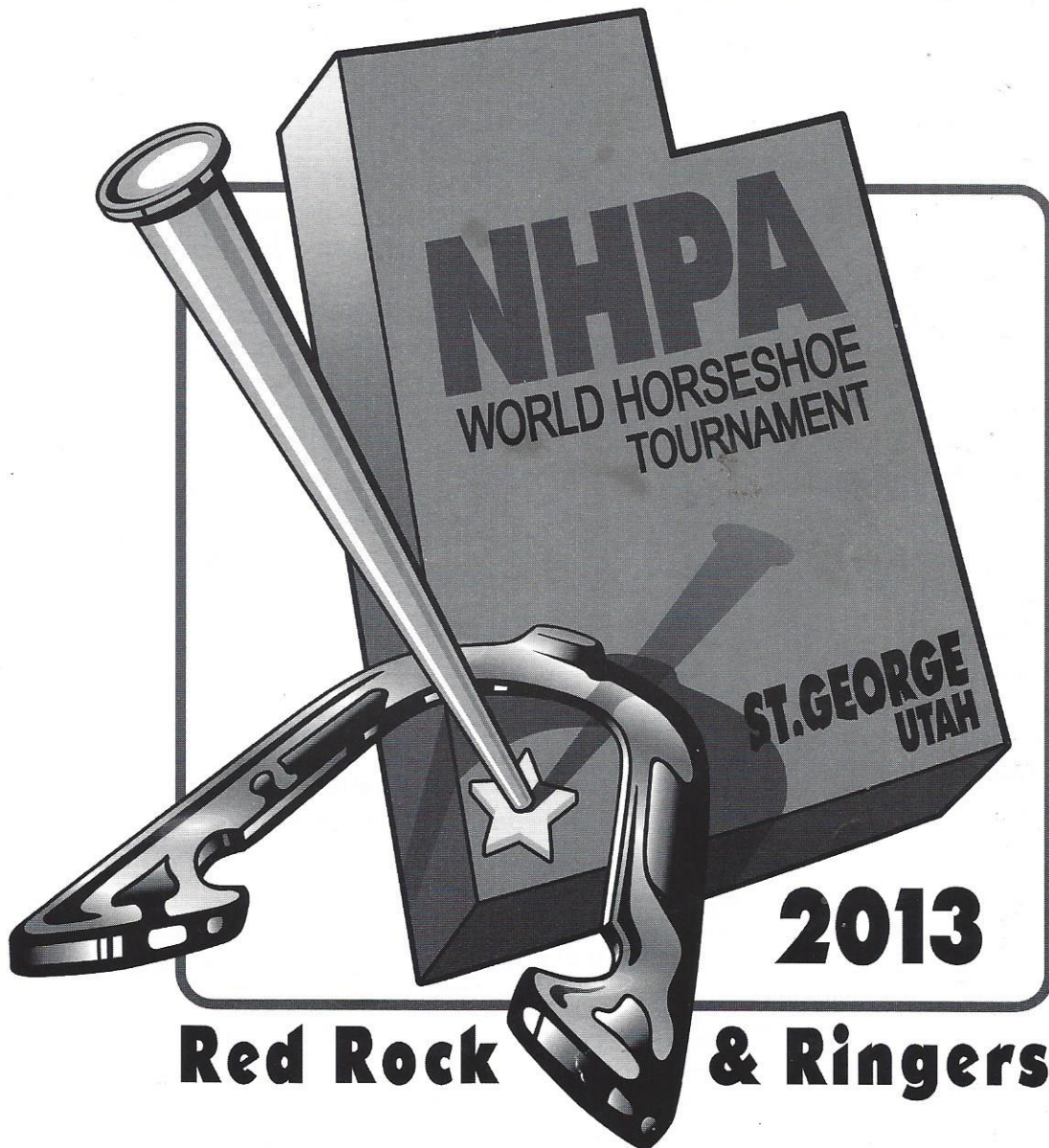


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Stu Sipma*

Happy Spring to all of you! We still have snow on the ground here, but I am already looking forward to a great year of pitching shoes along with attending the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships in St. George, UT.

As we begin our horseshoe season, I would like to once again encourage Charters to assist in growing their membership. Horseshoes is one of the best outdoor sports where the whole family can participate. Your assistance in trying to promote our sport and increase our membership will be appreciated.

I am pleased to announce a NHPA Hall of Fame Committee member change. I would like to welcome Jerry Smith to the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee. Jerry will be replacing Jack Adams. If you have attended past World Horseshoe Tournaments, most of you will recognize Jerry as working in the Stat room assisting the Statistician team. I would like to thank Jack for all of his years of service on the committee. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

After many years of serving on the NHPF Board, Barry Chapelle has decided to step down. I want to thank Barry for all of his years of service on the board. On behalf of the NHPF Board, I would like to welcome Phylis Quist who will be replacing Barry.

This year at the World Horseshoe Tournament at St. George UT, three members will be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Ron Deckard will be inducted in the Player Category and for Promoter/Organizer, Gary Roberts and Steve Summerlin. Congratulations to all three of these individuals on their well deserving recognition.

The 2013 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 22nd – August 3rd, 2013 at St. George, UT. The host site, Dixie Center is located in the center of downtown which is easily accessible and has many amenities within walking distance. The deadline for submitting your entry is May 16, 2013. For more information, visit our website at www.horseshoepitching.com. Please be sure, when

submitting your entry, you are registering in the proper division. Parents of Cadet and Junior pitchers, this is especially important so your child will not be disqualified from the competition.

I would like to thank all the Charters who provided me with their nomination letters for individuals who they feel deserve to receive an NHPA Achievement Award. The NHPA Council will be reviewing the applications and the recipient will also be receiving their award at the Hall of Fame banquet in St. George, UT.

I am pleased to announce three sites who will be bidding to host the 2015 World Tournament this year in St. George. These sites include: Charleston, WV; Topeka, KS and Wichita Falls, TX. These three sites will be hosting a booth at the 2013 World Tournament beginning Wednesday, July 24 – 27, 2013 at the Dixie Center.

Charleston, WV (July 20th – August 1st)
Samantha Carney, Sports/Special Events Manager and Jama Jarrett Charleston, WV CVB Interim President have put together a bid package to include hosting the event at the Charleston Civic Center.

Topeka, KS (July 20th – August 1st) Jeffery Alderman, Director of Sales for the Visit Topeka, Inc. along with the Kansas State Horseshoe Charter are teaming up and are proposing to host their event at the Kansas Expocentre.

Wichita Falls, TX (July 20th – August 1st) Lindsay Greer, with the Wichita Falls CVB along with the Texas State Horseshoe Charter are proposing to host their event at the Multi-Purpose Events Center (MPEC) facility.

I wish everyone a great and safe year. Happy pitching and I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Stu

JUNIOR PROMOTIONS *by Aleena Cook*

Triple Threat

The bond between brothers can be one of the strongest bonds we can ever witness. In Spokane Washington three brothers have this strong family bond, along with a strong horseshoe bond. J.T. (15), Michael (11), and Patrick (9) McCarthy are three active horseshoe pitchers, basketball players, and gymnasts. Last year at their state tournament, the boys put on a gymnastics performance for their membership. They do practice gymnastics more, but it has definitely helped make them stronger for horseshoes to throw with ease. These boys have many activities, but their love of horseshoes is in their blood. J.T., Michael and Patrick all started pitching because of Grandpa John and Grandma Jeanette. Their father, John II, also pitches and helped their grandpa build horseshoe courts in their backyard for the boys to practice. These boys may have a tight bond, but each has made their own mark.

J.T. started pitching when he was ten years old, and is the current 2012 Washington Jr. Boys State Champion. His main goal in pitching would be to improve his ringer percentage and to one day throw a game fifty percent or higher. Michael started pitching when he was nine, is waiting his time until he can take the title from his

older brother. He plans on continuing to practice to throw a forty percent game soon. Patrick started two years ago when he was seven and took second for the cadets at this last year's world tournament. His main goal is to beat out his competition and to get a fifty percent game. This last year was the first world tournament the boys and their family had been to.

When asked what they liked most about the tournament, Patrick replied right away with, "Having a lot of different kids all around." It seemed like they all enjoyed themselves at world and as J.T. put it, "Being a junior is more fun and there isn't as much pressure." "The prizes mean more too", piped in Michael. This may have been their first world tournament full of wonder and excitement; however, it didn't start out that way. Five days previous to the Knoxville World competition, Patrick got hit in the head with a gold club and was in the ICU for a time with a concussion and some bleeding in the brain. The McCarthy's traveling plans had to change due to Patrick not being able to fly, so the family had to drive instead. None of this stopped Patrick's or his brother's enthusiasm as they all left their mark at the tournament. All three boys plan on pitching and going to world tournaments for many years to come. Be sure to look for this triple threat at the world tournament in St. George, Utah.

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

This month we were blessed to receive several reports from some of our Regional Directors. You don't even know how much I appreciate what you send in! But first I have to say a big thank you to Larry Ingraham, now the former Regional Director of Arizona. We thank Larry for all of his hard work and time. A new RD has already been appointed – she is Barbara Carson, who is a very active pitcher. She and her husband Alex are great workers and will be a good combo for Arizona.

Second, we DO have one firm candidate for the office of NHPA 5th VP and one other possible candidate. Thank you for throwing your hat in the ring and here's hoping that we have some more candidates by the time of the convention. Any candidate at this point must be nominated from the floor of the NHPA Convention during the World Tournament in St. George. Again, I will help you in any way if you have questions before you venture in this uncharted territory AND after you (whoever you might be) assume the "title". It will be a rewarding and interesting experience for you, I promise!

Now to the reports from various charters. This is great stuff, progress noted in so many places – I am encouraged and reassured. We have some great people in our sport.

From Iowa and Vern Kollasch we get this report:

The indoor season at Eldora is coming to a close. From November to April, a record turnout of pitchers pitched at the Putt Mossman building. (Note – Indoor courts are ALWAYS a great way to keep interest and get new members!) The indoor championships were held April 13th and 14th.

Here in Iowa the 2013 outdoor season will have new parks with new courts in Ames and Ft Dodge. (This is terrific news!) Some of the money the IHHPA received from hosting the 2010 World Tournament in Cedar Rapids is being used through-out the state to improve the horseshoe courts. So far Osceola has new stakes and clay and replaced some pitching pads on the nine courts. The city has replaced the fence. Cedar Rapids has a new box for the watering cans, shovels and paint. Ottumwa has replaced the clay. Boone has extended the walkways. The indoor courts at Eldora have all new boxes and additional clay. (Note: Iowa has benefited tremendously from the 2010 World Tournament and the money from the profits is being spent in the best possible way – by improving courts and building new ones. Congratulations to them on a job well done at the World Tournament AND on using the money from its profits to help our sport. Also, thank you to all of the pitchers who are working so hard to make these improvements in ALL of the facilities!)

From Georgia and RD Ronnie Miller:

What a great turnout we had in Perry for the first tournament of the 2013 pitching season. We had 49 pitchers on hand vying for the right to claim the first patches awarded this season. We had a new member pitch his first tournament today - TJ Nolan, Jeff Nolan's son was in Perry to join the fun. Welcome TJ! We also had several friends back out on the courts. Welcome back Gene Rowell, Robbie Bloodworth, Roger Stratton and Lee Howington - we are glad you are back. Thanks to Perry for putting on a great tournament.

FL/GA - Also, a new tournament to report – and from new courts in Florida: It wasn't exactly a grudge match — at least not yet — but a team of horseshoe pitchers from Florida bested a team from Georgia

on Friday at the inaugural "Bragger's Rights" tournament held at the county's new facility at Old Dixie Park.

The tournament was the brainchild of Palm Coast Horseshoe Pitching Club members Howard and Regina Hawes. The couple arranged the event with Ronnie Miller, president of the Cordele, GA pitching club.

Miller said he was impressed with the Flagler County (Florida) facility, which opened in July and was sanctioned for tournament play shortly thereafter. Since the courts opened, the Palm Coast club has held weekly pitching sessions and monthly tournaments, but this was the biggest event so far AND it was a definite success!

From Colorado, Bryan Wilson reports:

Colorado is off to great start this year. Currently, as of the end of February, there have been 140 membership cards issued. This is up from the same time as last year by 32%. Not sure if the WT being close to Colorado has an effect on it or not. We will be watching the numbers over the rest of the year when leagues start up.

Eagle, Co. has been doing a lot of promotion on horseshoes. They will be starting their first sanction league this year and running the First Annual Tournament. Way to go Eagle and thanks Janice and Frank Anderson for heading up a lot this. (Note: the Pueblo club is also updating its courts, information courtesy of Pete Pintor. Pete is making sure that these courts will be perfect! Thank you, Pete, and good to talk to you.)

I would also like to thank Jan Knaub for supplying us with a great indoor facility, Knaub Arena; without it a lot of pitchers would have trouble getting their four tournaments in to qualify for the World Tournament.

From Chuck Warner in Oregon:

The Oregon Horseshoe Pitchers Association has actively prepared for the 2013 pitching season and has 33 sanctioned tournaments scheduled. These include 30 open tournaments and three charter only tournaments, one of which is the North versus South tournament. Two of the Open Tournaments are money added tournaments and will be held on the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd in Grants Pass, Oregon. Additionally, in an effort to promote horseshoe pitching whether it is recreational or competitive, three

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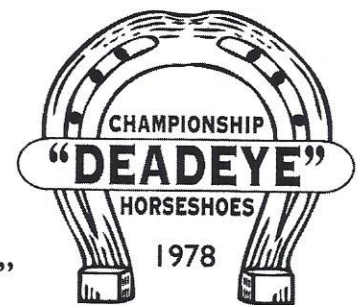
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non-sanctioned tournaments have been scheduled in which non members are encouraged to attend. All tournaments are scheduled on weekends beginning April 20th and ending September 28th.

This year's tournaments will be conducted at ten different pitching facilities - the cities of Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Grants Pass, Gresham, Hermiston, Oregon City, Phoenix (near Medford), Portland and Roseburg will all host tournaments.

From Idaho and Dave Spears:

We just got the 2012 increase/decrease % in the mail today from Dick Hansen. Idaho had the second largest increase in membership throughout the U.S. with a 36.21% increase! That is a great number and we can only hope that the numbers continue to increase for Idaho as well as the rest of the states. With the World Tournament coming to St. George, Utah this year, I am sure that the increase is probably due to that, just as it did back in 2004 when it was in Pocatello.

Coyce Allen from Texas reports:

The Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association welcomes Gun Barrel City to the THPA. With support from the City's David Morrow and

guidance of Jim Anderson (NHPA Assistant Regional Director and former RD) they completed construction of nine lighted courts last fall. They plan to add eleven more courts in the future.

THPA members Clayton Afinowicz, Bob O'Connor, Chris Callihan Sr. & Jr., Ron Murphy and Robert Page spent the day Saturday (2/16/13) signing up and setting averages for 22 new members. Their first sanctioned tournament, the Gun Barrel City Shootout, is scheduled for July 13th and their second, the Cedar Creek Lake Classic, will be held on September 28th. (*Excellent news for Texas! 22 members in one day - Wow!*)

In Amarillo, Ivy Gowdy reports they will be getting a new facility built this year. It doesn't look like much right now, but it's the beginning of the completion of our dream of having a new facility in Amarillo! The city has estimated that the first 10 courts will be completed in 5 weeks. We have some exciting new things happening with our club this year and I sure hope to see some new faces at our tournaments!

An addendum: I just want to say that this is the MOST positive two months I have read about in the over three years that I have been NHPA 5th VP. Excellent news and excellent reports! Keep up the great work, Folks.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS *by Jerry LaBrosse*

I would like to once again mention something that is very important to us all.

As you all know, our membership is aging. The Elders division is the fastest growing division in the world tournament. You also should understand that charter and national officers have a responsibility to serve our membership to the best of our abilities, and that would include saving their life if they were having a heart attack. I want to suggest that all charters talk about this at their spring meetings. Have your charter officers and all tournament directors seek out a community course on CPR and get certified....it's very easy to do, and very inexpensive. Also consider purchasing an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and have it available at your larger tournaments. It's a simple machine that could save a life.

I'm sure that there are many cases of members experiencing a heart attack at a horseshoe tournament. I have seen two Minnesota members die from heart attacks at horseshoe tournaments in Minnesota over my career. The life you save might be someone in your own family.

Email Lists

A short time ago we completed a system update of the Charter Communications email lists. I'm very happy to report that the system is working very well. I asked that I be included on all charters' email lists, so that I could see who is communicating to their members, and also to pick up good information and reminders. There are several charters who are regularly emailing their members. It's true that the charters I'm speaking of are mostly the larger and more successful charters, but smaller charters have a much greater chance to grow if they have good communication with their members.

If your charter has not yet designated a person capable of assembling and email list, I highly advise you to do so. If you need any help getting started, please contact me for help. Anybody who wishes to be on the Charter Communications network can email me a request and I will add you. Jlabro6186@aol.com

World Tournament

This year the world tournament will be set up in the beautiful Dixie Center in St George, Utah. The set up will begin on Wednesday, the 17th of July. There will be a team of local helpers to provide the manpower we need to assemble the courts, mix the clay and fill the boxes, set them into position, and assemble the fencing. If any of you would like to be a part of this process, contact me, or just show up that morning with your work clothes on. All help will be appreciated. See you there!!!

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PUBLICITY PROMOTION *by Tina Hawkins*

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One really good way to attract attention to your club is to take a float through your local Fourth of July parade. Now is the time to start planning for that. It is likely that at least one member of your group will have a trailer of some sort that can be decorated for the purpose. Then just add some signs and banners with club name and location, and, of course – PEOPLE! It really doesn't take much – just something to catch their eye and make them LOOK!! And then they'll read your signs. If you are allowed to toss candy to the crowd, attach small slips of paper with club contact information to each piece with tape. Or have people walking beside the float handing out that information to the adults in the crowd.

Why not plan a "Horseshoe Pitching is FUN!" day and distribute invitations during the parade? All the printable information is still available at www.horseshoepitching.com. You never know what results you will get from reaching out to the public if you don't give it a try!

Don't forget about the youngsters! You may still have time to get horseshoe pitching into your elementary school's end-of-year "field day" or "Olympic day," or whatever it is called in your area. The teachers and administrators are happy to have someone volunteer to present an activity to the children! Be sure to give league scholarship information to the teachers to send home with the students. Also, let them know of the scholarship opportunities through your charter and state tournaments and, of course, the World Tournament!

Do you have plans to attend the World Tournament? For a lot of people one big factor for making that trip is expense... The NHPA would like to give you the opportunity to greatly reduce that factor for the 2014 event in Buffalo, NY! Through the "World Tournament Experience" raffle, one lucky person will win tournament entry, lodging, souvenirs, and a wonderful prize package from the host city. So far, the local package has a value of over \$400!! It includes (just to name a few), a family pass to the Buffalo Zoo, Niagara Falls passes, a Buffalo gift basket, and passes to the Jell-O Museum!

THE TOLL OF TIME

Roy Bowers
Oregon

We have lost another good man with the death of Roy Bowers. He was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon and lived in other parts of the state for many years, holding many different jobs. He spent his last several years in the general Klamath Falls area and died there on January 16, 2013. He was 76.

Although he pitched a lot of shoes in his life, he started pitching in official tournaments around 2000. Even though he was severely bothered by arthritis in his hands and feet, he pitched the 40 foot distance until he turned 70. It was after that, as an Elder, that he moved up the success ladder. He made the Championship Elders finals at the World Tournament in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and finished as high as third. He was the Oregon Elders champ in

Tickets are available from sellers across the country, or by email through NHPA 5th Vice President, Debby Michaud, and are only \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The total value of the grand prize package is currently over \$1,400. You don't want to miss this opportunity to WIN BIG!!!

Tournament Directors, these tickets make excellent awards at your tournaments! Give them to class winners or to score keepers, or whomever you deem deserving!

Several people will be pitching at the 2013 World Tournament in St. George, Utah with less out-of-pocket expense, thanks to last year's raffle. The grand prize winner, Lynell Anfinson, is a St. George resident, but she will still be able to utilize all of her prizes! Those who won World Tournament entries were Nick Longo, CT; Tom Berg, NE; Harlen Rippetoe, CA; and Bob Hummel, OR. Maybe next year it will be YOU!! But you have to get your tickets, first!! Contact your charter officers to find out who is selling in your area.

Whether you purchase raffle tickets or not, try to make plans to attend a World Tournament. You will be glad you did!

Your pictures are being requested for a MAJOR project for the NHPA. The World Tournament equipment trailer is being updated with a professional "wrap." You have no doubt seen many such adorned vehicles on the highways and in the cities. They effectively turn a trailer such as ours into a travelling billboard! If you have interesting pictures of you or your family at horseshoe events, holding horseshoes, etc... Please send them to tinahawk@msn.com. Include the names and contact information of those pictured, so official permissions can be obtained.

Time is of the essence, as the design team is already working on the project. Hopefully, the trailer will be sporting its new look when you arrive in St. George and will advertise the NHPA all the way across the country on the way to Buffalo, New York!

Good pitching to all of you in this new season of fun, fellowship and competition – and don't forget to BRING SOMEBODY NEW!!

2007, 2009 and 2010 and had a very interesting perfect game on his record. In that game, he and his opponent had left the court and were on the sidelines when the tournament official found an addition error. Roy had only 39 points. However, Roy went out and pitched another double and his opponent missed a shoe, so the perfect game remained intact.

Roy was a fierce competitor on the courts, but at all times was a true gentleman. He always wanted to do his best, but was also rooting for his opponent to do the same. It was fun to pitch against him on the courts and to be around him anywhere.

Roy was a true family man and dearly loved by his wife, Ginny, three children and several grandchildren. They will miss him as the family patriarch. We will miss him as a friend, as well as a gentleman and fine horseshoe pitcher.

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT *by David Sidles*

It's been slow to warm up this spring in Omaha. My False Blue Indigo plant is trying to push its way out of the ground through some snow that's still here the last day of March. But we still have three more weeks of indoor pitching left in the Greater Omaha Horseshoe League. I'm sure by the last week we'll have the door open and wish we were outside.

My second year as 3rd Vice President is well under way. Winter leagues have been playing and many have submitted results already for 2013. For those that are fortunate enough to have an indoor facility to play in or live or winter in a "warm State" there really is no off season. By the time you are reading this, the first update of the 2013 Top Ten lists should be on the website.

Speaking of the Top Ten, in February I sent out an e-mail to 55 league directors that play 50 shoe count-all leagues. The purpose of the e-mail was actually two fold. First was to see if this is an effective way to communicate. Second was to see if it could be determined if any leagues were using the 50 shoe format simply to be eligible for the Top Ten awards that are based on count-all points. The results were both surprising and disappointing. The disappointing part is that 24 league directors, almost half, didn't respond at all. Of the ones that did, no conclusion could be drawn from this because there was an almost equal split between those that favored a change to 40 shoes, those that wanted to stay with 50 shoes, and those that either didn't understand what I was asking or they needed to talk to their leagues, which is good, or those that didn't care either way. Most of the reasons given in favor of a change centered on the time involved in playing 50 shoe games, like it would be nice to finish before dark or before the mosquitoes came out or as they were getting older a little shorter game would be better. But the same was said by those opposed to any change. They said 50 shoes just fit their league format well or they liked the longer games. One thought 40 shoe games would make calculating handicaps and ringer percentages harder. And one even thought we were trying to take away the awards altogether. Evidently I wasn't completely clear on what

I trying to ask and I apologize for any confusion that I may have caused. So for 2013, there are no changes to the Top Ten award criteria.

To sum this all up, it's obvious a better way needs to be used to take a survey like this. It's also obvious that there are those that simply don't like change. All I was suggesting was changing one number in the "Red Book" from a 5 to a 4. Perhaps given a little more time and with the next revision of the league guide book, this and other changes in the awards program will happen.

Also on the subject of awards, every year the National Sanctioned League Director of the Year is presented. This award is chosen by the National Director and is based on a particular Director's normal performance of duties, including proper league reporting, plus those things over and above such as promotion within the club, area, or State as well as ideas submitted to the league office and interest in the NHPA and the Sanctioned League Program. I was contacted by a league player who wanted to nominate their Director for this prestigious award. While previously not a part of this selection process, I thought it was a wonderful idea and encouraged this particular person to go ahead and submit something. I will certainly give strong consideration to this in addition to the criteria spelled out above. This is something that I would like to see formally incorporated into this process in the future. In the meantime, if you are involved in a league and would like to nominate your Director for this award, please feel free to put something together and send it to me.

And while on this subject, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the National Sanctioned League Director for 2013 is Meredith Kahrig, Director of Kahrig's Red Barn League in Woodsfield, Ohio. Congratulations, Meredith. It would be an honor to be able to present this award to you at the Hall of Fame Banquet this summer in St George. Hopefully you can attend.

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NHPF NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS *by Dave Loucks*

During the month of March the NHPF approved two grant requests. The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club in the town of Lake Orion, Michigan, and the Brick City Show-Me club in the city of Mexico, Missouri, each received checks for \$1,500. While each of these clubs are undertaking improvement projects with total costs well beyond what the NHPF can provide, we hope that our sincere but modest grants are helpful in making the goals of each club a reality.

The winter season has been brutal in many states with storms carrying over into the spring. We don't yet know the full extent of damage, but heavy snow and ice caused some damage to the roof of our Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville. The snow load was so heavy that several hundred of the snow/ice bloxs installed on the roof were ripped off and will need replacing. The bloxs were there to help prevent melting snow and ice from sliding off the roof and possibly injuring someone or damaging the rain gutters. Unfortunately, along with the outside damage, new leaks have been discovered in several interior locations.

Contributions to the NHPF and brick orders from individuals or clubs remain at an all-time low. The first quarter of 2013 ended with less than \$2,000 from the membership. Fortunately, a nice check from the NHPA of one dollar per 2012 member and the first quarter building rent from the Quail Ridge club made our last deposit look nice. But, so far this year, only 10.6% of Foundation income has come from individual contributions. If this trend continues, the IRS could question our status as a tax-exempt "Public Foundation".

Since our last brick-engraving project some six months ago, only 12 new brick orders have been received. Our engraver likes a minimum of 20 before sending a crew to our brick plaza. Purchasing an engraved brick is an easy way for you to help along with an annual contribution commitment. Some 1,160 bricks have already been sold but there are some 2,500+ still available. Many people have purchased multiple bricks and a few charters have made it a point to purchase a brick for every hall of fame member in their state. What a great way honor and remember those special people.

Contributions to the NHPF are recognized by the IRS as tax-deductible and should be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn

Valley, CA 95946. Orders for commemorative bricks should also be sent to this address. Brick order forms and details can be found on the NHPF link of the NHPA website. The NHPF gratefully acknowledges the contributions and income mentioned below that was received during the months of February and March.

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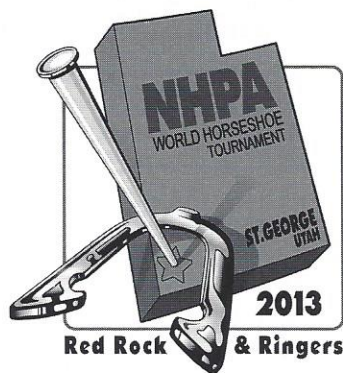
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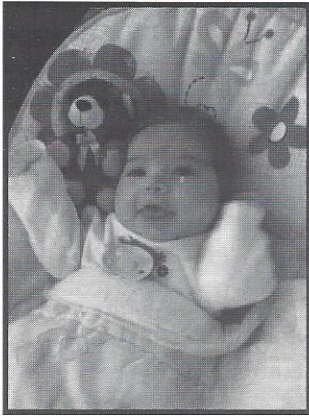
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CHARTER CHATTER *by Jane Smith*

California Southern Charter - Hal Griswold

The Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association (SCHPA) thanks Jonathan Williams for his 14 years of service as President – good job Jonathan! We welcome our new SCHPA President, Dave Smullen. Dave invites all NHPA members to visit Southern California and play in our NHPA sanctioned tournaments published on our SCHPA website (www.pictwithus.com/SOCAL/).



Does SCHPA have the youngest NHPA member? Proud Grandpa and Lifetime NHPA member, Jim Atwell, signed up his granddaughter Marilyn Atwell-Jones when she was less than a week young! New mom, Jennifer Atwell-Jones says Marilyn will be out on the courts before you know it. Marilyn will have lots of encouragement and help in her horseshoes future. In addition to grandpa

and mother, she will undoubtedly get help from her Aunt Lisa Atwell who was crowned Junior Girls Champion at the 2009 World Tournament in Springfield, IL. Marilyn Atwell-Jones joined the NHPA when she was less than a week old!

Colorado - *Double Ringer Newsletter*

The Colorado Newsletter is published six times yearly. The Editor/Publisher Bob Champion has an excellent staff that presents tournament results, upcoming events and interesting articles on the history of horseshoe pitching and pitchers. The last issue mentioned the first ever official horseshoe tournament held in Playa Del Carmen Mexico thanks to the efforts of Cowboy John and Steve Ruddock of Boulder, CO. Two articles featured two of the sport's greatest pitchers – Ted Allen and Alan Francis.

Georgia - Ronnie Miller, GHPA President/RD

The Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers Association wants to congratulate The Florida Horseshoe Pitchers Association for their win in the first annual Georgia/Florida Team Tournament held February 22nd. Georgia and Florida each had four teams of six pitchers competing. At the end of the day The Beverly Hills Club team was the winning team and claimed the Traveling Trophy for Florida. The tournament was held at the new Flagler County Horseshoe courts. Flagler has some of the nicest courts we have pitched on; anyone that has a chance should make a visit to these outstanding courts while vacationing in Florida. The Florida pitchers also made us all feel very welcome and we can't wait to go back and try to bring the Traveling Trophy

to Georgia. Thanks Florida for everything you did to make this tournament such a great success.

The Georgia Horseshoe Pitching season is now under way. We had 49 pitchers attend the season opener in Perry, GA on March 16th. It was a beautiful day with lots of sunshine and warm temperatures; a perfect day to pitch on Perry's new Kentucky Blue Clay. The winners for the day were: Championship Class- Ron Cloutier, Class A-Marshall Little, Class B-Dave McKim, Class C-Aubrey Walker, Class D-John Rackley, Class E-Jim Henderson, Class F-DJ Mullis, Class G-Mark Walton.

We also want to congratulate Marshall Little on being inducted into the GHPA Hall of Fame at the 2012 Annual Meeting. It was a well-deserved award for a great pitcher



and supporter of horseshoe pitching in Georgia. Marshall is a founding member of the Golden Isles Horseshoe Pitching Club in Brunswick and has worked tirelessly to promote horseshoe pitching through-out the State. Congratulations Marshall; you deserve this honor!

Idaho - Dave Spears, RD

Pocatello has added several more tournaments to the 2013 schedule this year in preparation for new comers so they may attend the World in St. George this year. Promotional efforts are also underway in the Treasure Valley area to alert residents around the community of organized horseshoe pitching leagues and tournaments. There has been no new news about a potential new pitching complex in Moscow as of yet.

Louisiana - Ron Latiolais, RD

We got our first tournament in with a good turnout. Hoping for a good year without any hurricanes and good pitching weather.

Minnesota - Jerry LaBrosse

The Alexandria Horseshoe Club is proud to announce that they will be the hosts of the 2013 and 2014 Minnesota

CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

State Tournament on Labor Day weekend. The beautiful Runestone Community Center will be the site of these events. The MGSHPA has a complete inventory of world class portable courts, complete with the rubber walkways. We are all looking forward to a couple of world class state tournaments in Alexandria.

The MGSHPA has lost one of its long time promoters, Jim Holland. He fought a courageous battle with cancer, pitching shoes as long as he could. He was a past charter president, as well as a host of other positions throughout the years. He will be sorely missed.

Missouri - *Shoe Biz Newsletter*

The Shoe Biz Newsletter is published three times a year again by a very talented staff and contributors of Vicki Winston, Elizabeth Furner, Jeannette Claas, Dee McIntire, Stan Griggs, President Sharon Taylor, and various tournament directors and club reporters. It is a very informative and well presented newsletter. Congratulations to M.O. Turner and Nile Abbott as the latest inductees to the MOHPA Hall of Fame.

New Jersey - **Bill MacIntyre**

The New Jersey State HPA was saddened to learn the passing of Phil Zozzaro on January 2, 2013 at the age of ninety. Phil served as State President for seven years and held other offices. Phil started the NJ Awards Banquet in 1967, a tradition that continues today. He helped in forming the NJ Hall of Fame in 1971 and was elected to the HoF in 1974. Through the years Phil was on the NHPA Publicity and Rules Committee. He was NJ Regional Director for many years. He was the 1989 NHPA Achievement Award winner. Phil judged several times at the World Tournament.

There are several changes in NJ. Recent inductee to the NJ Hall of Fame, Bruce Conord has stepped down as Regional Director, State Statistician and Member at Large on the Council. Bruce will be moving to Florida in the very near future. Thanks, Bruce, for all your work and time which was a huge service to the association.

Alex Lyszczasz, 2nd Vice President, will be taking over the Regional Director's job and Mike Massari will be doing the statistician work. Good luck to Alex and Mike on their new positions. Also, Anne Marie MacIntyre has stepped down from the running of the NJ website. She started the website in 1997. She says "I need a break". Charles "Buddy" Short, who is now officially back in NJ from Florida, has volunteered to take over the

running of the website. Buddy will also upgrade the pitching in Class A and especially the Elder's. Thanks to Anne Marie for many years of excellent work and good luck to Buddy.

The Middlesex HPC will be celebrating their 50th year of activity this year. The Middlesex Club was organized in 1963 by Hal Hanania. The club also hosted the 1971 World Tournament. Hope some out of state pitchers will come over to the special tournament that is scheduled in August.

Ohio - **Brian Fisher**

The Darke County Club's annual snowball open was held the second weekend of February and was a huge success. This tournament was very competitive as the winner of class D averaged 51%. Our loaded mixed championship class had Jim Walters, Virgil Rife, Ralph Adrian, Gary Roberts, Dave Emrick, and Roy Dugger, our winner who went 94 shoes with Virgil in a playoff. Our 52nd Annual Ringer Classic is just around the corner. It will be held the last weekend of June - so mark your calendars. The banner is up, along with the entry form, on the coming event site. Please consider entering this tournament as it has always been one of the most competitive and sought after tournaments in the country. What a great way to warm up for the world too.

The Ohio summer schedule is now posted on the Ohio site, with 22 tournaments through October. We have tournaments situated around the state where neighboring states could take advantage of. Please consider attending one of our many fine tournaments. Ohio has some of the finest indoor and outdoor courts in the country for sure. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me with questions about tournaments or travel.

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I have many cost saving solutions for this trip. I for one am really looking forward to it. I would be very selective and patient when purchasing airfare. The main thing is, be ready to buy if you see something under \$300. That's always been my bargain number. But it may cost some of you more depending on where you live. Again, feel free to call me with questions. Safe traveling and good luck pitching.

Oregon - Chuck Warner, RD

Oregon is prepared to open the 2013 summer pitching schedule April 20, 2013. We have 30 sanctioned open tournaments scheduled in ten different cities around Oregon. Two of these are money added tournaments in Grants Pass, Oregon the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd. We have no tournaments scheduled during the World tournament in Saint George, Utah as many of us are hoping to attend. We would encourage you to find a circuitous route to the world tournament and stop by Oregon to enjoy our sport with us. Should that not be practical or possible, you are welcome anytime.

Washington - Shoes News

The WSHPA newsletter has a page dedicated to contributors who have ideas, articles, pictures, comments, and input to share with the association. There are many advertisements

from different State clubs as well as information for upcoming tournaments and results of past tournaments. Rhonda Davis is their web page guru. One can see and download the WSHPA schedule, rules, bylaws and a variety of other information from <http://www.wshpa.com>

Wisconsin - Jane Smith

Beloit is gearing up for a month of indoor tournaments held at Telfar Ice Arena. This Beloit clubs hosts many tournaments throughout the year and has the largest club membership in the state.

President Glenn Bogenschneider and RD John Meyer paid a visit to the Oshkosh Vistors Bureau as a result of an invitation for the city to host a State tournament. Glenn and John met and answered questions as to responsibilities the Bureau and the WHPA would coordinate.

The *Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter* writer Jim Haupt was recently published in a new magazine, *Our Wisconsin*. He wrote and was paid for an article on Horseshoes. Congratulations Jim!

Thanks to the State Charters who have sent me issues of their horseshoe publications. Each publication has something different to offer to our membership.

HALL OF FAME *by Vicki Winston*

The Hall of Fame committee has finished voting and before I tell you who the inductees are for the class of 2013, I would like to announce that something new is being added to the items that a new inductee receives. I don't know yet if we will have them ready to unveil at the banquet in St. George, Utah, but I am hoping that we will. The NHPA Executive Council has given permission for the Hall of Fame committee to design a shirt that will be given to each new inductee. As of this writing, the committee is still working out the details and then we will need to find a supplier. We are excited about the fact that from now on the inductees will receive something in addition to a plaque and a patch. It is not known yet whether or not we will be able to make the Hall of Fame shirt retroactive.

I would like to thank Jack Adams, who lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, for all of his years of service to the NHPA as the Canadian liaison and also for the years he has spent as a member of the NHPA Hall of Fame committee. Father Time has crept up on Jack and he thought it might



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HALL OF FAME *Continued*

be best if he lets someone else take his place. Jack has been unable to attend the World Tournament for quite a few years because of health problems, but he has always been faithful to his duties as a committee member and to working for the sport of horseshoe pitching whenever possible in his home country and also in the USA. Jack, and his father, Arthur Adams, have both been inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame.

This year the HOF committee has elected three people to be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. There is one person elected in the Player category and two people elected in the Promoter/Organizer category. All are very deserving of this high honor and all are planning on attending the banquet for their induction ceremony. I congratulate each of them and look forward to seeing them in St. George. I will give you a condensed version of the accomplishments of each inductee. You will have to attend the banquet in St. George to hear the rest of the story.

RON DECKARD - Player

Ron Deckard is a resident of Florida and is very active in the business of his charter and his local club in Clearwater. He is a person who could have easily fit into the old Player/Organizer category, which the Hall of Fame committee no longer uses. However, we chose to honor Ron Deckard as a player because he is a four time World Champion in the Men's Senior Division - 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Being a World Champion multiple times in any division is quite an achievement. Earlier in his pitching career he twice made it into the World Tournament Men's Championship Class. He has been the Florida Men's State Champion at least 12 times. He is also a Florida State Doubles Champion at least 12 times and a Mixed Doubles Champion at least 11 times.

However, as I said earlier, Ron is involved in our sport in ways other than as a player. Since 1994 Ron has been the NHPA Regional Director for Florida and in 2008 was selected as the recipient of the Gene and Mary Van Sant Memorial Award which is presented each year by the NHPA to an outstanding Regional Director. Ron is currently serving on the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee, the NHPA Playing Rules Committee and the NHPA HSMaster Council. He continues to hold positions in both the Florida charter and his Clearwater Horseshoe Club. It is quite understandable that within the last year or two, Ron and his wife moved closer to the Clearwater HC so that he would not need to spend so much time on the road. He admits to just about living at the horseshoe courts. He is running leagues, helping with tournaments and is active in the Florida Horseshoe Hall of Fame, which I believe has a permanent location at Clearwater. The NHPA and the Florida charter are both very fortunate to have a talented pitcher who is also willing to give of his time in doing things other than pitching horseshoes.

GARY ROBERTS - Promoter/Organizer

Gary Roberts has lived all of his life in the state of Ohio and is currently a resident of Beaver, Ohio. Given the fact that Ottie Reno is his uncle and also played an important role in Gary's upbringing, there was no way that Gary would escape being introduced to the sport of horseshoe pitching at a very young age and our sport is better off for it. Gary became an above average pitcher and earned four Junior Boys World Championship titles. He has also had his share of success on the horseshoe courts as an adult, but the committee thought his work in promoting the sport surpasses his pitching accomplishments. Gary has participated in the Reno Family Horseshoe Pitching Exhibitions for 40 plus years at the Bob Evans Farm

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2013 Income & Expenses Statement

Income

2015 World Tournament bid payments	\$14,000.00
Charter Dues	\$8.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$500.00
Membership Dues	\$23,912.00
Motel 6 Payment	\$22.20
Newsline Ads	\$720.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$3,725.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$9.33
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$27.29
TOTAL	\$42,923.82

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$3,176.92
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$780.00
Sanctioned League Postage & Printing	\$44.26
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	\$945.98
Sanctioned League Office Supplies & Telephone	\$150.90
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$889.02
World Tournament Admin. Cost, Printing Supplies, Etc.	\$180.90
Regional Director Allowance	\$4,363.80
Regional Director Postage Telephone & Supplies	\$47.88
Equipment purchases, rentals & Repairs	\$193.38
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$26.26
Postage	\$352.66
Officers Telephone	\$186.68
Officers Travel	\$7,304.83
Sec/Treas Allowance	\$3,559.50
Presidents Allowance	\$1,000.00
Publicity, Promotions & Ads	\$2,000.00
Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations and Support	\$10,629.00
Insurance	\$10,649.20
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$119.00
Refunds	\$8.00
NatStats	\$1,000.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$149.31
TOTAL	\$47,757.48

From the books of
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

HALL OF FAME *Continued*

Festival. This is an annual event that thousands of people attend each year. The Reno Family has also taken their show to other locations.

Gary became interested in taking horseshoe pitching even farther away from home when he first became involved in the sport of jukskei as a member of the USA team that competed in an exhibition against a South African team at Keene, NH in 1974. This led to Gary making trips to South Africa in 1980, 1982, 1986 and 2011. During the visit in 2011, Gary and the other members of the tour group promoted horseshoe pitching in both South Africa and Namibia. In return, jukskei players have visited the USA during the World Tournament to put on exhibitions and also to compete in the World Tournament. A good relationship has been established between the two sports. Much of this activity is a result of Gary's efforts. In November 2011, Gary traveled to Antalya, Turkey to participate in the 22nd TAFISA World Congress. TAFISA (The Association for International Sport for All) is an organization that promotes traditional sports and cultural exchange through sport. Gary and Gerrie Jacobs, President of the International Jukskei Federation, presented a workshop on the cross-cultural benefits realized between the sports of jukskei and horseshoe pitching. In July 2012, Gary attended the 5th TAFISA World Games in Siauliai (pronounced Show-lay), Lithuania. These games are held every four years and feature traditional sporting contests and demonstrations, along with musical and cultural events. More than 62 countries were represented. Gary hopes to attend the next World Games in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2016. Representatives from both South Africa and Namibia will be attending the 2013 World Tournament in St. George, Utah. This would not have happened without Gary's efforts.

While Gary has been busy with his world travels, he has also been serving as the Ohio charter president and he is a member of the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee. The NHPA honored Gary with the Arch Stokes Award in 2012. Gary has truly become an international ambassador for the sport of horseshoe pitching and our sport is starting to take root in other countries throughout the world.

STEVE SUMMERLIN - Promoter/Organizer

Steve Summerlin resides in Webberville, Michigan with his wife, Paula, who just happens to be the editor of NEWSLINE magazine. They are truly dedicated in working for the sport of horseshoe pitching. In 1994 Steve was appointed as the NHPA Regional Director for Michigan, a position which he still holds. He has held several charter and local club positions. With the venturing into the computer age by the NHPA, Steve really became involved on a nationwide basis or even international basis. He began to assist several charters

with establishing their websites. He also assisted British Columbia, Canada and became their Webmaster. In 1999 he was asked by the NHPA to restructure their website and later that year he was appointed Webmaster of the NHPA website, a position he still holds. He is also the Webmaster for the NHPF. In 2000 he was the recipient of the Arch Stokes Award, the second highest honor given by the NHPA.

Since that time he has gone on to greatly improve and make additions to the NHPA website, as well as continuing to assist others when asked. Steve has spent many hours scanning all 32 years of issues of the Horseshoe Pitching News Digest (1956-1988) to a computer pdf file, which is now on the NHPA website. Anyone interested may go to the website and click on the Historical link and then click on News Digest to view every issue. Steve is currently working on putting the information from Bart Sargent's book of World Tournament stats in a form that will eventually be available on the NHPA website. Every pitcher who ever played in a World Tournament from 1910 through 2003 is listed in Bart's book, along with their record for each appearance, which includes Class, Finish, Wins, Losses, Shoes Pitched and Ringer %. It has been quite an undertaking to get this information ready for access on the website. It would be impossible to calculate how many days or years it has taken for Steve to make available everything that is accessible by going to www.horseshoepitching.com.

For many years Steve and Paula have spent more than two weeks at the World Tournament site helping in any way that they could. It has been Steve who has largely been responsible for putting the World Tournament results on the internet, so those of us at home can follow the progress of the tournament and see how our friends are doing. This has been greatly appreciated by yours truly, as I cannot spend but a few days at each World Tournament that I attend. Through the years Steve has accomplished all of this while dealing with the health issues that caused him to have to retire from his regular line of work. The NHPA has been richly blessed by what Steve has done with his spare time.

Steve has told me that he and Paula would not be able to spend the entire two weeks at the 2013 World Tournament due to her job. He will be working from home, updating the website with daily results for the first three days of the World Tournament and then they will be flying out to be in Utah for a few days. They will return home prior to the end of the WT where he will again keep us updated with final results. We are very grateful for what Steve continues to do to keep the entire world informed about the NHPA, the NHPF and the sport of horseshoe pitching.

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

by Jeanette Claas

Something new and exciting has been added to the NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame and Museum! A room for viewing horseshoe videos was included in the plans for the Hall of Fame Museum when it was built in 2007. The viewing room or the theater room has been enhanced by the addition of a state-of-the-art touchscreen TV. Now



for the first time, a visitor can enter the theater room and choose the DVD they want to view by merely touching the screen. Many horseshoe enthusiasts played a helping hand in this project which actually began many years ago.



Dr. Sol Berman, a NHPA member of some 60 years from New Jersey, began filming special horseshoe events from as far back as 1951. Because of his foresight, his collection of tapes has found its way into the NHPA HOF. After retiring from his career as a doctor, Sol moved to Florida to spend his retirement years. While there he joined the Clearwater Horseshoe Club where a room was reserved for Florida's Hall of Fame memorabilia. When Dr. Berman passed away in 2003, his family donated these tapes to the Florida Horseshoe Association.

At that time tapes were becoming obsolete. At a NHPF meeting it was decided to contact the Florida Horseshoe Association to get permission to send the tapes to Paul Stewart to be converted over to DVDs. However, prior to this meeting, Mark Siebold, who was wintering in Clearwater, had edited the tapes to decipher which tapes could be converted according to their quality. Paul made three copies of each tape, one for the Florida Hall of Fame, the NHPA Hall of Fame, and one for Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian. Upon completion of this conversion, which took many long hours to process, Paul stated, "What I got out of all the time spent doing this was a lot of knowledge, enjoyment, and satisfaction that I was helping to preserve videos of some of our greats from the past." Although the majority

of the 120 DVDs came from Dr. Berman, there were a few others who donated tapes. Vicki Winston recalls Earl sending Sol canisters of film while Sol was working on his project. The NHPA paid for all materials and the equipment used in the conversion process.

In the spring of 2008, Paul Stewart, while visiting the HOF, purchased a 42" monitor to be placed in the theater room. A laptop computer was also purchased at that time for the HOF (main use of laptop is generation and upkeep of the Hall of Fame Inventory Database). The DVDs created by Paul were then played on the monitor through the laptop utilizing a large storage external memory. This proved to be ineffective and not very user-friendly. A DVD player was then purchased and installed in the main office. DVDs were then loaded in the office and played on the monitor in the theater room. This approach was also not very user-friendly since only one DVD could be played at a time and you had to run from office to theater room to make sure things were working.

After the passing of Earl Winston on August 8, 2011, the NHPA officers asked Vicki what the organization could do to honor Earl for all that he had done for the sport of horseshoes. Vicki asked if it would be possible to install a touch screen TV in the HOF theater room. It was just something she felt was needed to complete the theater.

NHPF Director Joe Faron received a bid from Best Buy and presented it to the NHPA Council. The Council agreed to proceed with the project. The cost was split between the NHPA and NHPF and also used memorial donations that had been given at the time of Earl's passing. The Electronic Scoring System (ESS) was installed for the NHPF courts by the QRHC members in the fall of 2011. At the same time they removed the monitor from the viewing room to the restaurant area where horseshoe pitchers could view the immediate results of tournament play. Rob Hagman, NHPA NatStats Director and Jerry LaBrosse, NHPA 4th VP of Minnesota, came to the HOF to finalize the connection of the ESS. At that time, the DVDs were given to Rob Hagman to take back to Minnesota for him to download into the new touchscreen which had been shipped to Rob's house in Minnesota. The new touchscreen came with a built in computer. In February of 2012, Rob and Jerry made a returning trip to the HOF to install the new touchscreen TV and also participated in a tournament while they were there.

The evening of May 5, 2012 was one that Vicki and her family will never forget. Upon conclusion of the first day of pitching on Saturday of the 1st Annual Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament, many gathered for the evening meal and a program that was held right on the courts. Vicki was told previously that there would be a little program honoring Earl. The reason for the occasion was that the viewing room in the Hall of Fame, that now contained the touchscreen TV, was being dedicated in Earl's memory and is now known as the Winston Theater. Vicki, along with her son Keith and wife Diana, grandkids Hailey and Mason were present, as was her son Carl and wife Amy and grandkids Shane and Lindsey. Her brother, Barry Chapelle and wife Barbara of Oregon also attended as Barry was participating in the tournament. While the tournament was in process, Vicki and her family took the opportunity to view some videos. They so much enjoyed the videos that they came back on

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM *Continued*

Winston Theatre - In memory of Earl Winston

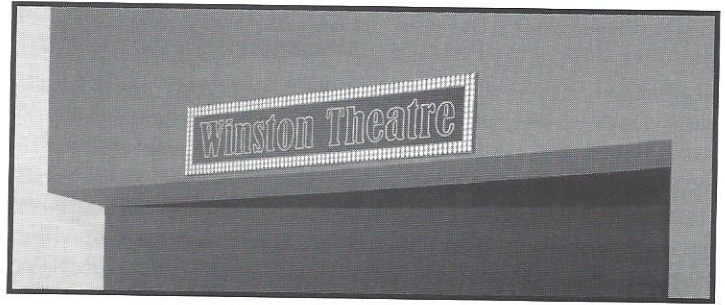
It was Earl Winston's long-time efforts collecting memorabilia that inspired the NHPA to seek a site for a National Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame and Museum. His dream finally came true with a temporary site in Joelton, TN, and then the permanent site located here in Wentzville, MO. Earl was also one of the original directors of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, which was involved in making the hall of fame possible.

Earl was an avid horseshoe pitcher most of his life, and was a state champion. He was instrumental in reorganizing the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association in 1950. While serving as president of the association for almost 30 years, he was able to get horseshoe pitching reinstated at the Missouri State Fair. He served as Superintendent of Horseshoe Pitching at the fair for over 50 years. He also became vice president of the NHPA and served in that position for 28 years. At one time he chaired the rules committee and and later became chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. Earl was elected to the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1987 and to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1988.

Earl was a people person and never knew a stranger. He loved to visit with anyone and tell stories to entertain them. He was a walking encyclopedia of horseshoe pitching history. He was a good neighbor and helped people whenever he was able. Throughout his life he strived to make a difference in the world around him. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Earl Anton Winston was born in rural Knob Noster, MO on June 4, 1927 to the late E. Wayne and Leona Wheeler Winston. On June 10, 1960 he was united in marriage to Vicki Chapelle in Portland, OR, and they began a lifetime of working together in their farming operation in rural LaMonte, MO. Earl passed away on Aug. 8, 2011.

After several months of preparation and meetings, the upgrade was completed and it was time to sit back and enjoy the videos.



The start of the New Year 2013 brought Vicki back to the Hall of Fame to see the new upgraded touchscreen in operation. As Vicki, Joe, Gary and Bob sat in the theater room viewing more videos from the past, Vicki was suddenly taken back a few years. With tears in her eyes, she realized she was watching a video from 1981 when her father, Cletus Chapelle, was being inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. She was there at the World Tournament that was held in Genola, Minnesota when he was inducted, but had never seen a video of the event. "It looks like my Dad, but it doesn't sound like my Dad," she exclaimed. While taking a lunch break, Vicki was still thinking about the video and had to go back to review it again when she confirmed, "It was indeed my Dad making his inductee speech." It was an unforgettable moment for Vicki. As soon as she returned home, she contacted Barry to tell him the news. Now, Barry can hardly wait to see the video when he arrives for the 2nd Annual Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament to be held in May 2013.

Sharon Taylor, President of the Missouri Charter, experienced the new touchscreen TV while attending the NHPA Walking Doubles Tournament at Quail Ridge. "The interactive tool has so much horseshoe information such as pitching techniques, historical footage of old tournaments between champion pitchers, plus top pitchers when they were junior champions, and much more. Please make an effort to stop by the Hall of Fame to see this wonderful theater."

It just seems like good things are always happening at the NHPA Hall of Fame facility. We invite all of you to come and visit this "palace for horseshoe pitchers" which contains so many memories of the past. We thank all of the people who made this touchscreen possible, including all the tapes for viewing, with your donations and contributions. This new addition makes it possible to see pitchers in action that up to this point in time perhaps have only been read about or pictured in still photos. Plan to spend a few hours to visit the Winston Theater. Old-timers will especially enjoy seeing friends from the past in action. It will be well worth the time.

Meanwhile, 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.

Monday to view more DVDs before heading to the airport in Kansas City. They were so appreciative that Earl had been recognized for his years of service to the NHPA and his years of pursuing his dream of a Hall of Fame that finally became a reality.

There was yet one more step to be accomplished before the touch screen setup was completely user friendly. In the summer of 2012, Bob Rogers, owner of Ginkgo Design and also designer of the Hall of Fame Room, reviewed the new system of the touchscreen TV. Joe Faron contacted Kevin Stevenson, owner of Phased Logix, for his professional advice if we could upgrade the system so it would be more user-friendly. The cost was much more than they anticipated. It was known that the NHPA and NHPF could not be asked to spend any more on the theater at the present time. After much discussion, Kevin agreed to do it for a few thousand dollars and a contract was signed by Joe Faron. Joe discussed the financial cost of the project with Vicki. After giving this some consideration, Vicki personally financed the cost for the upgrade because she felt it was absolutely necessary for the touchscreen to be easy to operate.

Between the three men working together, they devised a menu containing nine categories (listed below) which included some 120 videos. A video display instruction sheet sits on the table below the touchscreen TV.

MENU

- **Hall of Fame**
- **Horseshoe Highlights**
- **How to Pitch**
- **Invitational Tournaments**
- **Juniors**
- **Legends of Horseshoe Pitching**
- **TV Entertainment**
- **World Tournaments**
- **Miscellaneous**

HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE by Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

A.A.U. National Horseshoe Pitching Championships

Often when reading some of the old newspaper clippings or even many of the old Horseshoe World magazines, there is often reference made of an "amateur" champion. For years, there was the question what was exactly meant, as the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association is for the most part an amateur organization. Well finally it was discovered that, while most of the members of the NHPA are looked upon as amateurs in the sport, the Amateur Athletic Union players were 'more so', so winners in A.A.U. events were referred as amateur champions. Although the difference is rather narrow, the only players not allowed to enter the A.A.U. events were players who had won the National or World titles in NHPA hosted tournaments or in some cases stated as never having played in a cash tournament. In all reality, there were not any true professionals in the sport, other than Ted Allen and a handful more of players that did performance exhibitions and were paid a fee for those performances. So when reading about a national amateur champion, that is a direct reference to the winner of the A.A.U. National Horseshoe Pitching Championship.

Horseshoe pitching in the A.A.U. started in 1937. At the time, the sport was suffering through the management by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The sport was in a five-year-gap where there were no World Tournaments held. There had not been a World Tournament since 1935 and the next event would not be until 1940 in Des Moines. Yet, one of the men in charge of the NHPA was highly involved to have the A.A.U. begin to include the sport of horseshoe pitching in their annual calendar of events.

That person was Raymond B. Howard and at the time was serving as NHPA Secretary-Treasurer and editor of the organization's monthly publication, the *Horseshoe World*. The reason or purpose for his involvement is not clear nor did the newspaper articles or the *Horseshoe World* ever address it. He was immediately named Chairman of the National A.A.U. Horseshoe Pitching Committee. A big question comes to mind that if he was expending this effort for the A.A.U., why not give that effort to the NHPA and continues the World Tournaments, as we knew them? Even though there was a lull in the World Tournaments, Howard did keep the *Horseshoe World* magazine in operation. That is no doubt one of the reasons we still have the sport and the NHPA today. How the A.A.U. got involved or could even venture to hold a series of state tournaments and national contests is probably as simple as they had more members and more money.

Why should we have any interest in these A.A.U. events? In the 1930's, the A.A.U. did a lot to promote the sport and may have done much to contribute to the sport's continuing interest nationally. The A.A.U. events continued on into the late 1970's so their involvement was significant. And, it is interesting to read who just happens to come along. In

the very first event is the name Arlo Harris; in the 1940's we read the names Ralph Dykes, Bob Pence, Lee Rose, all of which went on to be officers in the NHPA and all except Harris are inducted in the NHPA Hall of Fame. And there are many other interesting players and other Hall of Fame inductees. A good question comes up, did the A.A.U. horseshoe pitching program serve as a platform or catalyst for several of these young men that later went on the serve so well in the NHPA, or might that all have happened anyway. One probably can't answer that for sure, but the A.A.U. 40 year experience cannot be ignored as a boost for many player and promoter's careers.

Here is some of the coverage for the first ever AAU National Horseshoe Pitching Championships:

1937

It All Started in Cincinnati

From the June-July 1937 *Horseshoe World* is this announcement. . .


NATIONAL A.A.U. TOURNAMENT JULY 25TH

"Arrangements were completed the past week to hold the National Senior A.A.U. Horseshoe Pitching Championships at the Parkway Arena, Central Parkway and Findlay Streets, Cincinnati, by official of the Ohio Association, A.A.U., Sunday, July 25th.

The championships will consist of women's singles and doubles and men's singles and doubles.

This is the first year that the amateur end of the sport comes under A.A.U. jurisdiction, the NHPA having relinquished control of that phase of the sport to the A.A.U. at the latter's national convention in Houston Texas, last December and Cincinnati was awarded the first annual tournament.

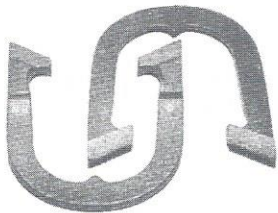
Any amateur horseshoe pitcher of the world will be eligible to compete for the National A.A.U. title. All contestants must be registered with their respective district association before their entry is accepted.



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HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE *Continued*

The national amateur tournament will follow closely the professional rules of competition for the sport, with one important exception, the final competition instead of being a round robin affair, with each final qualifier playing the other will be a strictly one defeat and out tournament, with winners advancing to the next round of play and the losers eliminated. Sixteen contestants (or teams in doubles) qualify for the final competition, on a basis of highest ringer percentage in the qualifying competition. The top-flight qualifiers will be seeded in the pairings of the final competition in order to prevent their early meeting.

Winners in each competition will be crowned national amateur champion, receive the A.A.U. gold medal and also special silver trophies. Runners-up and third place winners will be awarded the A.A.U. silver and bronze medals respectively. A special silver trophy will go to the contestant (man or woman) coming from the most distant point.

George D. Chumard, Secretary of the Ohio Association, A.A.U. 644 Main Street, Cincinnati, is chairman of the entry committee and prospective contestants are requested to write him concerning information about the tournament."

The tournament was played as scheduled, but first came this announcement article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* the day of the tournament, Sunday July 25, 1937...

Horseshoe Pitchers Will Battle Today In National Senior A.A.U. Championships

"The National Senior American Athletic Amateur Union Horseshoe Pitching Championship, awarded to the Ohio Association, A.A.U., by the Horseshoe Pitching Committee of the National body at the Houston Convention last December, will get under way at the Parkway Arena today, starting at 9 a.m., bringing together the top-ranking amateur tossers of the country. Among the entries are three state champions and a number of metropolitan champions.

Competition will be held in both the singles and doubles with winners being crowned National Amateur Champion and will be recognized as such by the A.A.U. as well as by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association. The winners will receive the National A.A.U. gold medal and silver trophies and a leg on the John A. Gordon two-year trophy will also go to the singles victor. Runners-up and third place contestants will be awarded silver and bronze A.A.U. medals.

Among outstanding contestants are John Lindmeier, Chicago metropolitan champion and 14-year-old Kenneth Hurst of Providence, Rhode Island state champion, with a ringer average of 54 per cent. Ray Griffin of Atlanta, Ga., is another state champion entered, with a 60 per cent ringer average. The Horseshoe Club of Greater Cincinnati will be well represented in the list of entries, headed by Alan Boles, 1936 champion of the city; Norman Henderson, Joe Clore, Ed Hull, Fred Wall and others.

The tournament will follow closely the professional rules, with one important exception, the final competition will be a one

defeat and out affair, rather than a round robin. Contestants qualify for the final competition by pitching 100 shoes and count-all scoring.

R.B. Howard, London, Ohio, newspaper publisher and Chairman of the National Committee, also a member of the Executive Committee of the National Editorial Association and Secretary-Treasurer of National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, will be in the city to toss the first shoe, officially starting the tournament.

Officials of the meet are: Tournament Referee; L.M. Moyer; Assistant, Roy Cahill; Announcer, Norman Henderson; Scorers, Gertrude Clore, E.A. Whitaker, N. Mathis, George Wiethoff, Harry Sokup, Ed Kinkel and R. Mertz.

Members of the Horseshoe Club of Cincinnati, in charge are: Ed Hull, President and Norman Henderson, Secretary, will begin preparations this morning of laying out horseshoe courts at the Parkway Arena on Central Parkway, for the National event scheduled for tomorrow. Eight courts will be laid out, which would allow for completion of the preliminary qualifying competition, around mid-afternoon, with finals starting immediately after. Blue Clay from the Columbia Ave viaduct excavation will be used in the pits."

The *Enquirer* provided the finals in its Monday July 26th edition.

ILLINOIS MAN HORSESHOE CHAMPION Lindmeier Defeats Indianan 55-37, 51-18 Doubles Are On Tonight

"John Lindmeier of Oak Park, Illinois, won the first annual national amateur horseshoe pitching championship, under A.A.U. jurisdiction, at the Parkway Arena yesterday. He defeated Walter W. Lane of Anderson, Ind., in the finals 55-37 and 51-18. Rain marred the event, holding up play for several hours and the semi-finals and final tilts were played in rain.

Lindmeier's ringer average for the final two games was 67.5 per cent. Third place in the tournament was won by Arlo Harris of Indianapolis.

Rain forced postponement of the double championships until 6 o'clock tonight, when eight teams will fight it out for the national doubles title at the Parkway Arena.

Alan Boles of Cincinnati was the highest scorer of the 16 final qualifiers, with a total of 236 out of a possible 300. Winning his first match in the finals, he was eliminated by Charles Hill of Hamilton, Ohio.

Lindmeier received the John A. Gordon two year gold trophy and the National A.A.U. gold medal and also the Ohio horseshoe trophy.

Doubles pairing for tonight: A. Harris - O. Harris, Indianapolis, vs. Kirkpatrick - Harlow, Cincinnati; Lackey - Hill, Hamilton vs. Trinkle - Lane, Anderson, Ind.; Johnson

HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE *Continued*

– Johnson, Indianapolis vs. Clore – Weil, Cincinnati; Henn – Grant, Cincinnati vs. Boles – Henderson, Cincinnati.”
The Doubles finals were reported the next day, July 27, 1937.
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Hoosier Pair Best in Doubles Event Of Horseshoe Meet

Hubert Trinkle, Anderson, Indiana, state horseshoe pitching champion and his partner, Walter W. Lane also of Anderson, won the National A.A.U. doubles horseshoe pitching championship at the Parkway Arena last night in a postponement from Sunday on account of rain. They defeated Alan Boles and Norman Henderson. Boles was high qualifier in Sunday's singles. Third place went to Arlo Harris and his brother, Orville, of Indianapolis.

Trinkle and Lane received the Ohio Horseshoe Company trophy and the A.A.U. gold medal. Boles and Henderson were awarded silver A.A.U. medals and the Harris brothers bronze medals.

The champions had a tough time beating the Harris boys in the semi-finals, but found the Cincinnatians an easy match.”

The August – September, 1937 issue of the *Horseshoe World* had a short summary of the event but a very comprehensive review of the stats. . .

Tournament Director – George D. Chumard

This event was referred to as the Senior event. In today's terminology we want to view that as an older set of players, maybe even 60 or older. But back in that day, Senior merely meant 'not Juniors'. And we haven't seen what the age guidelines are exactly.

There certainly were some familiar names that appeared at this event. And why not start with the winner - John Lindmeier. Being declared an amateur horseshoe pitcher is difficult if you have been a four time state champion in a very competitive state as Illinois. His career included eight times qualifying for the World Tournament Men's Championship Class with top ten finishes five times and a career ringers average of 73.63%. His Illinois state championships were in 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1955. He first qualified at the World Tournament in 1946, nine years after this 1937 A.A.U. event, which he entered at the age of just 19 years old. So he certainly was an amateur at the time.

Arlo Harris finished third in the singles and was part of the third place team in the doubles. He went on to have a great career as a pitcher and a promoter. He was elected president of the NHPA in 1948 and just may go down in history as one of the most controversial president ever. The problem wasn't that he was radical; in fact he was just a few decades ahead of his time. Harris was a great promoter of league play

FIRST SENIOR A.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE AWARDED

Qualifying Competition

	Score	SP	R	DR	%
Alan Boles, Cincinnati, Ohio	236	100	72	25	72
Arlo Harris, Indianapolis, Ind.	231	100	71	25	71
Hubert Trinkle, Anderson, Ind.	222	100	69	24	69
Ken Hurst, Providence, R.I.	219	100	67	25	67
Ray Griffin, Atlanta, Ga.	217	100	67	20	67
John Lindmeier, Oak Park, Ill.	214	100	59	17	59
Orville Harris, Indianapolis, Ind.	213	100	63	21	63
G. Johnson Sr. Indianapolis, Ind.	212	100	63	20	63
Arnold Maki, Hibbing, Minn.	206	100	58	16	58
Norman Henderson, Cincinnati	206	100	61	15	61
Charles Hill, Hamilton, Ohio	204	100	61	18	61
Ralph Lackey, W. Middletown, O.	203	100	61	17	61
Walter Lane Sr., Anderson, Ind.	201	100	59	15	59
Edward Hull, Cincinnati, Ohio	196	100	58	16	58
Ray Wright, Covington, Ky.	195	100	56	15	56
Myron M. Ferguson, Columbus, O.	190	100	57	16	57
Harry Henn, Cold Springs, Ky.	189	100	55	16	55
Joseph M. Clore, Cincinnati, Ohio	189	100	52	12	52
C. Fred Weil Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio	189	100	51	12	51
Guy Morgan, Middletown, Ohio	182	100	50	15	50
Marion, Morris, Pendleton, Ind.	181	100	51	13	51
Louis Grant, St. Bernard, Ohio	179	100	52	16	52
Walter Lindmeier, Chicago, Ill.	179	100	51	11	51
Fred W. Kugler, Hamilton, Ohio	177	100	50	10	50
Russell Spaulding, Cincinnati, Ohio	154	100	39	5	39

Singles

Score	SP	R	DR	%
236	100	72	25	72
231	100	71	25	71
222	100	69	24	69
219	100	67	25	67
217	100	67	20	67
214	100	59	17	59
213	100	63	21	63
212	100	63	20	63
206	100	58	16	58
206	100	61	15	61
204	100	61	18	61
203	100	61	17	61
201	100	59	15	59
196	100	58	16	58
195	100	56	15	56
190	100	57	16	57
189	100	55	16	55
189	100	52	12	52
189	100	51	12	51
182	100	50	15	50
181	100	51	13	51
179	100	52	16	52
179	100	51	11	51
177	100	50	10	50
154	100	39	5	39

Final Competition

Games	SP	R	DR	%
2	130	71	21	55
5	288	167	47	56
2	124	79	20	64
1	68	39	12	57
1	78	45	11	59
7	408	265	95	65
1	79	39	8	50
2	128	78	24	61
1	64	30	7	31
1	56	28	6	50
4	252	134	39	53
2	112	58	15	58
6	412	236	70	57
1	42	16	2	37
1	48	23	7	49
1	74	38	9	52

Doubles

	Games	SP	R	DR	%
Walter W. Lane – Hubert Trinkle	5	324	205	63	63
Norman Henderson – Alan Boles	5	288	168	57	58
Orville Harris – Arlo Harris	3	212	121	30	52
Joe M. Clore – C. Fred Weil Jr.	2	118	59	28	30
Harry J. Henn – Louis Grant	1	50	24	7	48
J. R. Kirkpatrick – Clark Harlow	1	60	25	5	42
Ralph Lackey – Arthur Morgan	1	52	23	5	44
Highest number of consecutive doubles – Hubert Trinkle	6				

HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE *Continued*

and the count-all scoring system. His one-year term ended in turmoil and controversy, yet in just 25 years time, Donnie Roberts wrote the guidelines of the NHPA Sanctioned League Program as he rode in the back seat of a car driving to a weekend tournament. We all know today the success of that program and that is the very thing that Harris was promoting. Arlo Harris was a good pitcher and three times was the Indiana state champion (1937, 1948, 1949). He founded the AHPA in 1950, an organization that was based on league play and exclusively used the count-all scoring system. That organization still exists in Indiana and parts of Ohio. Harris designed the Harris Professional Pitching Shoe that was manufactured by Giant Grip of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Shoe collectors prize those shoes. Arlo Harris was 26 years old at this event.

The next name that should ring a bell is Ralph Lackey. He was a bit older, but still only 32 years old and a few years away from hitting his career highlights. Lackey was Ohio State Champion in 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1952. He never qualified at a World Tournament.

Harry Henn was nearly the senior of the Senior Division at age 42 in 1937. He was the Kentucky State Champion in 1934 and 1935. 1949 was the only year that he qualified for the World Tournament in three attempts. He placed 32nd that year. For several years his home club hosted an annual Harry Henn Memorial Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Arnold Maki was a Minnesota State Champion but he never realized it while he was alive. Maki won the White Bear Open in 1930, which had been a large event and included all the top players of the time. From 1928-1935, there were a number of years when no state tournament was held, so in 1988 the MGSHPA Executive Board was petitioned to sanction the 1930 event as a state tournament to give Arnold Maki a state championship. He had passed away long before the point in time when the tournament was sanctioned as a state championship event.

SOME RULES AND GUIDELINE UPDATES *by Dan Sanders*

Revised RGS Book Now Available

Just a reminder that there is a new revision to the RGS Book, aka the 'yellow book'. All changes are based on the voting results of our NHPA Charter Delegates during the World Tournament Convention in Knoxville, TN. These proposed changes were submitted by NHPA members and were published in Newsline Magazine prior to the WT Convention. This new 2013 revision is now available from your Charter Secretary or from any of your Charter Tournament Directors who may have requested a supply. Please ask for your free copy and read through it. It is important that all of us are aware of the Playing Rules for horseshoe pitching.

Junior Cadet Age Change and Reminders

You may remember that at last year's Convention in Knoxville, the age for Junior Cadet pitchers was changed from 9 to 12 years of age. This means that any Junior pitcher who is 12 years old or younger for this entire calendar year, may now pitch as a Junior Cadet and observe the 20-foot foul line. The 'problem' here is that those Junior Cadets who had already moved back to the 30' foul line, and who may now choose to move up to the 20' foul line, will have to re-qualify at this new, shorter distance as per our Rules for changing pitching distances. Also, to be eligible to enter the World Tournament, they must have completed at least one sanctioned event, at this new distance, before the WT entry deadline. Please see Rule 11, Section D.1 (RGS page 19) for additional information about re-qualifying, or on the NHPA Website

at <http://www.horseshoepitching.com/>. Please note that this re-qualifier is *not* considered to be a sanctioned event.

Use of Hand Signals for Cancellation Scoring – An Update

In the last issue of Newsline I included some information about the need for developing a recommended set of hand signals, to be used along with calling the score for cancellation tournament play. This may be especially important during conditions that may make it difficult for the scorekeepers to hear the scores being called. These conditions would include some inside arenas or other facilities where the acoustics is poor, high winds or other noise factors for outside pitching, plus the fact that some of us don't hear as well as we used to!

The main purpose of this idea is to help insure that the scorekeepers will have no doubt about what score was called, and that fewer scoring errors will be made. And just as there are recommended calls that all players should learn and use, it is equally important that pitchers who *do* use hand signals are all using the same/recommended hand signals, so that there will be some consistency among pitchers, from club to club and from Charter to Charter.

I have had several questions about what the calls are that we need hand signals for. There are 10 possible calls for cancellation play, and the ones that the NHPA recommends

SOME RULES AND **GUIDELINE UPDATES** *Continued*

can be found in the RGS Book under Guidelines, or on the NHPA Website at www.horseshoepitching.com. I am also including these 10 calls here, for your convenience (see below).

GUIDELINE 2 – CALLING THE SCORE (See RGS Book, pages 29, 30)

When calling the score, ringers (if made) shall be reported first, and then points (see Playing RULE 6, Section B, 1-b).

Section A – Recommended Calls

Here are the **recommended** calls (10 of them) for points allowed, in the following situations:

- No ringers with the closest shoe in count – call “one point”.
- No ringers with the two (2) closest shoes in count – call “two points”.
- One (1) ringer with either no shoe in count or the other contestant having the closest shoe in count – call “one ringer, three points”.
- One (1) ringer with the closest shoe in count – call “one ringer, four points”.
- Two (2) cancelled ringers with the closest shoe in count – call “two dead, one point”.
- Two (2) cancelled ringers with one (1) un-cancelled ringer – call “two dead, three points”.
- Two (2) un-cancelled ringers – call “two ringers, six points”.

Note: No points shall be awarded in the following situations:

- All four (4) shoes out of count – call “no score”.
- Two (2) cancelled ringers with no other shoes in count – call “two dead, no score”.
- Four (4) cancelled ringers – call “four dead”.

So far, I have received a few suggestions and one set of hand signal drawings, but I would really like to have some more input from you and from other members across our many Charters! Do you, or others you know, use hand signals for any of these 10 possible calls? If so, will you please let me know what they are by describing them to me in words, and maybe also including a drawing or a sketch? We'd really just like to know what is currently being used before making any official recommendations.

As you know, the use of hand signals will never become a requirement, *but if it was a*

requirement, what hand signal would you use for each of the above calls? Please think about this and take a moment to let me know (see contact information on page 3) what you are using or would recommend. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!

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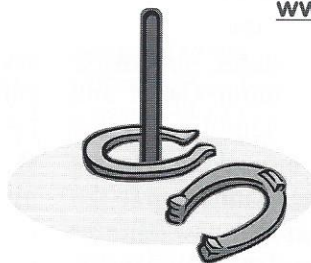
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