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## 2013 Team World – Top Five



**2nd Place  
Michigan Team**



**3rd Place  
Indiana Team 1**



**1st Place  
Wisconsin Team 1**



**4th Place  
Illinois Team 1**



**5th Place  
Minnesota Team 1**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Stu Sipma*

I want to take a moment and wish everyone a happy Spring/Summer. Horseshoe season has officially started throughout the country and I want to thank everyone for their efforts in recruiting new members. Based on our preliminary numbers, it appears our membership numbers are up.

Throughout the country many of us have once again been exposed to the elements of mother-nature. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the folks affected by the recent tornados in Oklahoma City. For the horseshoe members who reside there, if there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Board Members. The NHPA/NHPF will do everything in our power to assist!

In May, I was invited to Wentzville, MO to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HOF Invitational. During my visit, I was able to conduct a couple of business meetings, the first with our new NHPA GRS Directors Gary and Dee Vadnais-Null. These folks have spent many countless hours cleaning, organizing, inventorying and establishing a new accounting system. Their efforts will provide all the Distributors with the best service possible. I am very pleased with their progress and look forward to having them in St. George.

The second meeting consisted of NHPF business with Joe Faron regarding the negative air and leaking roof inside the HOF building. Joe had arranged meetings with roofing and heating/cooling contractors to explore all the options on how to repair and fix the two problems in hand. For the record, Joe has spent many hours addressing these two issues for the NHPF and I want to thank him for his efforts.

I also sat down with the QRHC members to discuss their concerns regarding the upkeep and maintenance pertaining to the HOF building. I felt the meeting went very well and was able to capture all their concerns for the NHPF to address. I want to thank each and every one of these volunteers for all their hard work in keeping the building looking great!

The 2013 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Dixie Center in St. George, UT. Dick Hansen (W.T. Director) has reported a total of 1,032 pitchers will be participating over the two weeks; however this is not the final count. I am very pleased with the number and look forward to another successful tournament. The city provides a wide variety of attractions and things to do, so make sure you check out their website. For everyone who makes the trip, I know you will not be disappointed and will enjoy the scenery, especially the Zion Mountains.

In conclusion, I look forward to visiting with everyone at the World Tournament and would like to hear from you on how we can make this a better sport for everyone to enjoy. I wish everyone a safe and happy trip to St. George.

I wish everyone the best of luck in their horseshoe leagues. I know I am really looking forward to getting back on the courts.

Have a safe summer and happy pitching!

Stu

# JUNIOR PROMOTIONS *by Aleena Cook*

## **She's a Class Act**

Starting off her senior year of high school with a world title under her belt, Brianna McCormick is one hardworking, smart, and talented young lady. At nine years old, Brianna fell in love with the game of horseshoes from her aunts, uncles, and cousins and it has stuck with her ever since. She has many hobbies including reading, hunting, fishing, and being with friends and family, but horseshoes is definitely at the top of her list.

As an 18 year old graduate from Bristol Vermont, Brianna had the privilege of experiencing her last days of high school a semester before some of her classmates. She accomplished this by taking extra classes her sophomore and junior years and by taking an Independent Study project of horseshoes! She received credit from her school for pitching horseshoes by writing six papers, having 40+ hours invested, and by making a scrapbook type log book of all of her patches, round robin cards, and pictures. As any new graduate, Brianna is excited to be finishing school, but even more so for the upcoming horseshoe season.

Brianna has been the New England Cadets Champ for one year, the Vermont Cadets State Champ for two years, the New England Girls Champ for the past six years, the Vermont Jr. Girls State Champ for the past seven years, and was the 2012 Jr. Girls World Champ. With as much experience as Brianna has had, she is definitely excited for world as it looks like the junior girls will be a good class again; but you never know who may step up their game. Brianna is excited to see everyone again at world and to make many new friendships with new competition.

When asked what she likes most about being a junior pitcher, she gave a reply that most juniors can agree with. "You get to meet new juniors and make new friends. It's fun to play against adults and beat them. I had to gain respect from a lot of the adult pitchers over the years and prove that I am as serious about this sport as they are." Brianna has definitely proven herself and plans on continuing to pitch for as long as she can. Be sure to watch for Brianna at many tournaments as she plans on defending her World title, New England title, trying to average at least 60 percent in as many tournaments as she can, and finishing her Junior career as strong as possible.

# REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT *by Debby Michaud, NHPA 5<sup>th</sup> VP*

First, our hearts and thoughts go out to all of the people across the country who have endured some real tough circumstances – the Boston Marathon bombings, the tornadoes in Oklahoma and all of the mid-West. Horseshoes has made friends for all of us in all parts of the country and every time some difficulty hits an area of the country, we hope and pray for the safety of all of our horseshoe friends and their families in that area. We are with you! Stay Strong, Stay Safe!

As the summer season of horseshoe pitching moves into high gear, many of us are also into our busiest time of year. The planning for the tournaments is done – now the summer pitching starts. Most Regional Directors, before and after pitching themselves, keep an eye out for court conditions as they hope for happy and satisfied horseshoe pitchers. It is hard for an RD to just attend a tournament without taking a measure of the facility. Sorry! We just get into that habit! Thanks to all of the clubs who are continually upgrading and improving their facilities. Keep up the good work!

Little things crop up and pitchers have questions. Those questions often come to a Regional Director or to one of the NHPA officers. A recent question had to do with a tournament that was rained out after three games were completed in a six-person round robin schedule. The rule states that this IS a completed tournament as more than half of the games were completed. What happened was that one of the pitchers in the class was undefeated and two of the pitchers in that class had one loss. However, the ringer % for the undefeated player was lower than the ringer % for the two pitchers who had one loss. The tournament director determined that the undefeated player came in third and that the other two pitchers, each with one loss, finished in first and second place. This decision “flummoxed” me and I want to hear from others on what they think. One of the reasons given for this decision was that the undefeated player was behind by one point in the incomplete fourth game – this game was called a “loss” even though it was incomplete and that “loss” put him in a tie with the other two pitchers. His lower ringer %, they reasoned, put him in third place. I don’t agree that the incomplete game was a game but, I would like to hear from others. It is sometimes hard for a tournament director to make decisions on the spot, but I do think this particular decision was incorrect. It is always good to share notes and learn from each other, though.

We have had no further possible candidates for the position of NHPA 5<sup>th</sup> VP, but the two candidates that we do have are both excellent people who work hard and love horseshoes. It is good to know that there are folks out there who have the NHPA’s best interest at heart. I will not announce the names of the two people who are interested in case we have other potential candidates, to avoid giving anyone an advantage.

Preparations are also moving into high gear for this year’s World Tournament in St. George, Utah. We have over 1,000 entries and the schedule is being published TODAY – as I write this. Time to get excited! We have several entrants from S. Africa and Namibia in addition to one entry from Norway and, of course, several from Canada. Definitely check out the NHPA website for more information on what to see and do in and around St. George while you are there. And look forward to the Jukskei competitions while you are there. They will be held the first week and announcements will be posted.

News from Steve Summerlin, RD in Michigan:

I am very pleased to inform you that we have been able to add a new club to our pitching facilities this year. The name of this facility is the Hillsdale Fairgrounds Horseshoe Club and it has six sand courts. The stakes are removable as this is in a multi-use building at the Hillsdale Fairgrounds. It is a lighted area and the ceiling height is 14 ft. Snow fence will be used during horseshoe events, also because it is a multi-use building. During the Hillsdale Fair, the FFA kids show their cattle in the same area. They will hold their first tournament on July 20, 2013.

Great news, Steve. Every area in the country could use this kind of boost!

Back to a more serious note, an issue that has been brought to my attention is the matter of drinking alcohol on or near the courts and the behavior changes that occur with it. (This is probably an on-going issue in many charters.) If the drinking is in excess and especially if it is being done by league or state officers, it becomes an even greater concern. When people in charge are setting a negative example, it becomes harder for the rest of the pitchers to overcome that visual and auditory impression. Newer pitchers especially may assume that drinking is an accepted practice in our sport if they see the “officials” doing it. What to do? Someone in the league is often “appointed”, either by default or by actual discussion, to talk to the person who is setting the bad example. Bringing up the RGS ruling on unsportsmanlike behavior and appealing to the person’s common sense may work OR it may bring on a defensive attitude – this whole topic has to be approached carefully and is best attempted by a trusted friend of the person. Every case is so individual that no one approach will work 100% of the time. I write this hoping to reach people who may recognize this behavior in themselves or in their friends and who might make the choice to modify their drinking behavior on their own. It is a BIG concern of mine and not something I really understand. Horseshoe pitching is such a great competitive sport – drinking alcohol while pitching horseshoes during any level of competition would be like drinking alcohol while trying to thread a needle or while competing in a putting contest in golf – something that people who sew or successful golfers would recognize as counter-productive.

I want to wish everyone the BEST for this pitching season, at your local and regional courts AND at the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships in St. George, Utah. Stay focused, enjoy your games, and make many new friends!

“Clydesdale D. F.”

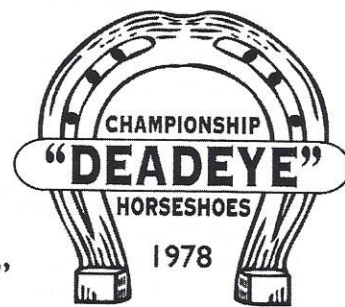
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# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS by Jerry LaBrosse

## World Tournament

Many of you are preparing for an adventure to St George for the 2013 World Tournament. I certainly hope you are excited as I am. The Dixie Center is a wonderful facility to set up this tournament. It's modern and clean and there's plenty of free parking!! The lobby and vendor area is spacious and pleasant.

The official start to the set up will be 7:00 am on Wednesday the 17th. In the afternoon of Tuesday the 16th we will be unloading some stuff out of the trailer and setting it in position for Wednesday morning. Anybody who wants to be a part of this setup is welcome, and we appreciate the help.

We are looking into a new fresh look this year, so be prepared for a bigger "wow factor" when you walk in.

I plan on posting some setup photos on the internet, so watch the website beginning Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

There will be players coming from South Africa and Namibia this year. We will be conducting international Jukskie competitions outside the arena, so watch for the scheduled times on that.

Also, there will not be any "official" NHPA golf outings this year,

but I will extend an open invitation to anyone who wants to get together for a round during the tournament. St George has some of the most beautiful golf courses I've seen, and I'm very much looking forward to visiting them. Contact me if you're interested.

And lastly, some advice to all tournament pitchers...1) be on time, 2) look clean and sharp, 3) be courteous to others 4) be understanding if something doesn't go exactly the way you think it should, 5) follow the rules 6) make some new friends, 7) HAVE FUN !!

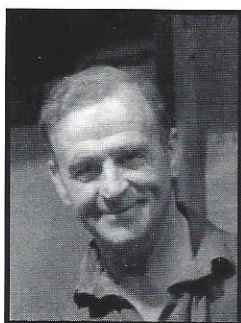
If anyone has any questions regarding the world tournament setup, or any other aspect of the event, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to help you.

## Charter Communications

As always, I invite you to be a part of the CC email network. If your charter does not forward CC emails to you from the NHPA, you can contact me with your name and email address and I will add you to the list. And also once again I want to encourage EVERY charter to seek out someone who will develop a charter-wide email list. Have them contact me for guidance and advice on how to easily and effectively do this.

SEE YOU IN ST. GEORGE!!!

## THE TOLL OF TIME



Kenny Pogue  
September 24, 1930 – May 10, 2013

Kenneth W. Pogue passed away on May 10, 2013 from complications of a severe stroke at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Festus, Missouri at the age of 82. Kenny traveled across the United States with his wife, Ann, and a pair of horseshoes for over 30 years. No matter wherever Kenny pitched, he brought an aura of excitement, lively conversation and good, friendly, but

serious competition.

Kenny was a late bloomer when he began pitching horseshoes at the age of 47. While working in St. Louis a fellow worker named Joe Douchant got him interested in horseshoes. Kenny bought his first pair of horseshoes, a pair of Gordon's that had been cracked and welded down the middle, from Joe for \$5. Kenny joined the Illinois Tri-County Horseshoe League in 1977. Just how much did Kenny love pitching shoes? He would drive 125 miles weekly from his home to Cahokia, IL to pitch in a horseshoe league.

He developed his own unique pitching style, starting off on the wrong foot, holding his shoe somewhat differently, but for Kenny it worked. He never realized his type was so wrong until he began entering tournaments and noticed how the other fellows pitched. By this time, he was already pitching 50%. "Why change now?"

Kenny would go on to win many trophies, patches and awards during his horseshoe career. He qualified and pitched in the Men's Championship Class for many years. He never captured the title, but

was runner up in 1992 with a 70.67%. Kenny was on the 1990 Team World Championship Team in Beloit, WI along with Vicki Winston, Sam Carter and Stan Griggs. It was the only time that Missouri won that event.

Kenny pitched with and won against many World Tournament Champions including Alan Francis, Walter Ray Williams, Jim Knisley and Curly Siebold, just to name a few. In 1986 Missouri's 18-year-old Alan Francis moved from the Junior Division to the Men's Division in State Tournament competition. Kenny would be his first opponent in this division. Kenny won that game. From that point on Alan never lost another game in Missouri competition and would go on to be a 17 times Men's World Champion.

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# THE TOLL OF TIME *Continued*

Mineral Hills Area Club started. He was a past member of the Greater Horseshoe Club of St. Louis. He joined the New Melle Horseshoe Club in 1994 and remained a member of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club up until the present time. When Kenny turned 80 he was made a Lifetime Member of the QRHC. A brick is being placed in his honor at the Jack Freeman Memorial Walkway in front of the NHPA Hall of Fame facility. For his talent and skill in playing the game and for the contributions Kenny made in horseshoes, he was inducted into the Missouri State Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 2007, an honor that he so well deserved.

He overcame many obstacles in his lifetime. In 1988 he fought a

////////////////////////////////////  
Dick Bauer  
Delaware

Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Joan, and to his family and friends of the Club's eldest statesman, Dick Bauer. At age 82, he passed peacefully in his sleep Sunday morning, May 5th.

This year would have been his 10th year with the First State Horseshoe Club. One of Dick's sons, Ben, as well as his grandson Ben, Jr., are past members of our Club. Within the prior two weeks, Dick had purchased a longer pick-up stick and some lighter-weight horseshoes. He had showed up for practice at the Senior Center on the Friday before his passing.

He served for years in the government of New Castle County as the Director of Planning & Zoning Dept. After retirement, Dick became a dedicated volunteer delivering "Meals On Wheels" for

battle with kidney cancer. In 1992 while attending the Las Vegas Open Tournament he collapsed on the courts suffering a heart attack and underwent open heart surgery. In 2006 Kenny was involved in a tractor accident that nearly killed him. He was like a cat with nine lives, always came bouncing back, itching for a new opponent, another challenge, another game. But a severe stroke hit him the first part of May, and it was too much for him to survive.

Kenny had a gift of gab and we enjoyed many conversations with him. Probably every horseshoe pitcher who came in contact with Kenny will always remember him. His presence on the courts will be sadly missed by all but his lively spirit remains.

many years. He always made sure his clients were OK, and helped them if they needed any small things done at their homes.

His biggest joy, however, was playing horseshoes. He won many trophies in various leagues in Delaware and Maryland and topped off his horseshoe career with the 2012 Gold Medal in the 80 to 84 age group in the Delaware Senior Olympics. He had represented Delaware in the National Senior Olympics...he was very proud... and his family and friends will remain proud of him. Our club members will remember; whether win or lose, Dick was always a gentleman.

Rest in Peace, Mr. Bauer.

Submitted by  
Mike Baker for the FSHC  
Delaware Horseshoe Pitching Association

## PUBLICITY PROMOTION *by Tina Hawkins*

The World Tournament will be upon us by the time this issue reaches your doorstep, so that will be the focus of this column.

First and foremost, safe travels are desired for all competitors. It will be a very long journey for a great number of you. For those who are driving, be sure to have your vehicle inspected before taking off on your cross-country adventure. This includes checking all vital fluids, such as oil, anti-freeze, coolant and transmission fluid; checking your tires (don't just check for AIR, you should also check for WEAR!) and making sure you have a proper spare, along with the tools required to change it; replacing windshield wipers and getting back up fluid; ensuring your battery, headlights and taillights are in good working condition; and having your hoses checked and/or replaced. The small expense of these proper maintenance items could ultimately save you hundreds of dollars if you break down and are stranded in parts unknown. (Remember, you will likely be driving through desert - proper engine cooling is ESSENTIAL!)

Also, do not take chances with your fuel tank. You may be able to travel 400 miles on a tank of gas in your home territory, but the fuel mileage will change in higher elevations and hilly conditions. Not knowing where the next fueling station is can be rather unnerving when your gage is nearing the EMPTY mark!

Be careful, be aware and BE SAFE!!

Once in the St. George area, there will be many beautiful sites and interesting activities for the enjoyment of you, your friends and your families.

Southern Utah Scenic Tours offers special day tours for NHPA participants to three national park treasures: Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park and The Grand Canyon North Rim. Tours begin at 8:00 am at the front doors of the convention center, include a gourmet box lunch picnic, and return about 6:00 pm.

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For more info visit: <http://utahscenictraveltours.com/day-tours-nhpa>

Our Utah hosts are also planning a "marketplace" at the tournament site, where NOT ONLY will you be able to shop for and purchase local wares, but you WILL ALSO have the opportunity to consign your own hand crafted items for sale. This could be a great chance to help cover your travel expenses!

Of course, there are certain stipulations... Items that cannot be sold include: wares that conflict with NHPA Game Related Sales, food that can be eaten on site (so not to conflict with the local food services area), and shirts that have the World Tournament logo.

Those who plan to take advantage of this marketplace booth are

# PUBLICITY PROMOTION *Continued*

encouraged to contact Carol Ohms by email at nhpagame@infowest.com to be sure your items are acceptable and to give her an idea of what will be available for sale. The consignment fee will be 25% of the selling price. (Keep that in mind when pricing your items!)

The Utah hosts are hoping your wares from around the country will prompt the local community to come in and shop, getting a look at the world of organized horseshoe pitching while they are there!

There will also be ample opportunity for earning some spending money in the score keeping chairs and judging stations. The NHPA is always in need and always appreciative of your assistance. You are a vital piece of the puzzle that adds up to a successful World Tournament. If you feel you are not properly trained for electronic score keeping, visit the NHPA offices for easy to understand lessons.

There will be a brand new offering this year for your entertainment. The NHPA and NHPF are offering a viewing of the recently

produced horseshoe pitching film, "PITCHING HOPE". There will also be DVD's available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, which supports the NHPA Hall of Fame facility.

The film's producer, Tony Mendoza, will be on site to introduce his film. There may also be additional cast members available for autographs and pictures. Ticket and DVD prices will be posted on site. Be sure to check the NHPF booth for information on this and all the other offerings they have for you.

The NHPA Executive Council has been working diligently throughout the year to make this World Tournament one of the BEST EVER! There may even be other surprises awaiting you in St. George!

See you there!

## NHPF NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS *by Dave Loucks*

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation was incorporated on 9/25/1996 in the State of Tennessee.

The affairs of the Foundation are managed by a Board of Directors comprised of four elected directors and the NHPA president who serves as a fifth director, ex officio. Each elected director serves a term of four years with elections staggered so that two directors are elected every other year. Officers of the Foundation are elected annually by the Board of Directors and serve one year terms. A Board member may also serve as an officer though an officer need not be a director. Only Foundation directors can vote upon any matter presented to them by officers or other directors.

As all directors and officers serve the NHPF without compensation, it is sometimes difficult to find new candidates to serve on the Board or as an officer. However, the challenge is there for those who love horseshoe pitching and want to see the history and future of the sport not only preserved but also advanced. Like any charitable organization, the NHPF cannot exist without financial support. While the Foundation succeeded in raising the funds necessary to construct the 21,000 sq.ft. Hall of Fame, Museum and indoor pitching courts in Wentzville, we still look to solicit gifts, bequests and contributions needed to maintain the facility. So, if you feel you'd like to help and perhaps serve, please let us hear from you. The next election of directors and officers will take place at the annual NHPF meeting held during the W.T. in St. George, Utah.

As I wrote in this column for the last issue, contributions and brick orders from individuals or clubs are at an all-time low. We realize that the economy has not yet fully recovered, but there are many ways to provide financial support beyond a cash donation or brick purchase. You can convey real estate, stocks, securities, commodities and personal property either directly or through an after death bequeath. People tell us that they love visiting the Hall of Fame and pitching at the facility and are full of suggestions to improve, expand and hold more tournaments. Wonderful ideas, but without greater financial support from the members, maintaining is about the best we can do.

The Foundation will have a booth at the World Tournament in St. George. We will be selling 2014 W.T. Experience raffle tickets as well

as some NHPF memorabilia. Please stop by to purchase a brick and/or make a donation for which you can receive a gift. Contributions to the NHPF are recognized by the IRS as tax-deductible and can 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.

During the two months of April and May, the NHPF received only eight donations and orders for five bricks. The total funds received were \$1,770. I would like to mention here almost one-half of the total income for this period came from one club, the Emerald Horseshoe Pitching Association in Eugene, Oregon. Under the direction of Jerry Gorton, the club has for 15 years held an annual benefit tournament for the NHPF. This year they sent a check for \$800 that brought their total contributions to over \$8,000. Jerry sent a letter forwarded to the NHPA Council recommending that every State Charter dedicate at the very least, one tournament a year for the benefit of the NHPF. What a painless way to support the Foundation.

The NHPF gratefully acknowledges the contributions and income mentioned below that was received during the months of April and May.

### **Donating \$20-30**

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Leroy Eggert, MO



# SNOWBIRDS RETURNING HOME TO THEIR NEST

By Jeanette Claas

Snowbirds, JD and Pat Drake, were planning their trip back home to Linden, Michigan when they decided to include the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum on their journey. The Drakes had spent the bitter winter of Michigan in the warm climate of Phoenix, Arizona and now were coming back to enjoy the cool summer in their home state of Michigan where they have always lived.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members were dressed in their "finest" as they were cleaning in preparation for the West vs. East Challenge (of Missouri) that would be held the coming weekend at Quail Ridge. The Drakes spent the night in Rolla, Missouri and had only a few hours' drive to reach the NHPA facility. The QRHC members greeted them warmly as we invited them to come in and see this wonderful facility that we are so proud of.

The first thing the Drakes wanted to see was their brick that they had purchased sometime back in 2011. While visiting the Jack Freeman Brick Walkway they quickly found bricks with their friends names located in the Michigan section. Their brick reads: JD & Pat Drake, Hook A Shoe. I showed them how each state had their own section in the walkway and they were so very impressed by it. I also told them what a great way it was to honor someone when they passed away with a brick in memory of them.

After some picture taking we headed back into the building for a visit through the Hall of Fame Room and Museum. I was excited to show them the new Touchscreen TV and how easy it was to operate. They were most impressed with the amount of history that has been preserved by the museum, for all the players of the past up to the present.

It was then time for the couple to see the courts. They were "awestruck" with the courts and JD could hardly wait to try his Snyder shoes on the courts. JD has only been pitching shoes for four years. When they began spending



their winters in Phoenix some six years ago, JD's brother-in-law, Bob VanDusen, also wintering in Phoenix, kept enticing him to take up the sport of horseshoes during the three months of living there. It wasn't long before JD says, "The sport began to grow on me." He qualified at 42% and entered a tournament. Bob, who is also a NHPA member, beat him that first game, 21-0 which inspired JD to try even harder. At the RV courts, JD practices 2-3 hours a day, and now carries an average of 68%!

JD quickly became hooked on horseshoes. Before each game he plays, his wife, Pat, says, "Hook A Shoe", and thus the saying on their brick is meaningful to them. The Drakes attended their first World Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee last year. He took 5<sup>th</sup> place in Elders B2 pitching a 61% tournament average. He then entered his first State Tournament in Michigan and took first place in the Class A Mixed 30' Singles. He took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Overall Championship Elder Division with a 64.5%, and he was voted most improved Elders pitcher in Michigan for 2012. In May, the Drakes attended the World Team Event in Beloit, Wisconsin for the first time representing the State of Michigan. JD and his teammates (Larry Hinton, Terry Beagle, Paul Bachelor and manager Bob Beagle) led the tournament all weekend, but lost in the championship round and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the highest finish by a Michigan team.



JD joined the Lapeer Horseshoe Club in Lapeer, Michigan for the summer outdoor league season. During the winter time before leaving for Phoenix, he travels approximately 70 miles to the city of Jackson which has an indoor horseshoe facility. During the summer this enthusiastic couple travels to weekend tournaments across Michigan; in fact last summer this included 32 tournaments! Since joining the NHPA in 2010, their lives are filled with horseshoe activities. They love the camaraderie of meeting new friends. They say, "We are doing something different in our lives; we enjoy the competition and just knowing that you can work to get better has brought on an additional excitement to our lives."

The Drakes were anxious to see their new granddaughter, Skylar when arriving home in Michigan. They have one son, Jason and wife, Tracy, who will be looking forward to their return home. Before leaving the Drakes bought some Hall of Fame souvenirs to take home with them. They indeed left us with the memory of a wonderful horseshoe couple from Michigan which we are so glad they took up the sport of horseshoe pitching and we look forward to visiting with them at other horseshoe events.

As you travel across the country be sure and include a visit to the NHPA/NHPF facility. It is well worth your time to see what a wonderful facility it is. In the meantime keep on supporting the NHPF with your contributions and brick orders. Send to 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.

# RULES AND GUIDELINES by Dan Sanders

## Use of Hand Signals for Cancellation Scoring – Another Update

Since my earlier request for ideas and information about the use of hand signals for cancellation scoring (see the May/June Newline Magazine article), I have received several helpful responses from our members. Thanks so much for this input! As a result, we are now in the process of reviewing all of the possible options and will be making decisions about which ones may be best to recommend for use by you and your fellow Charter members. Earlier, a suggestion was made that some kind of hand-signal presentation be made to our World Tournament Delegates, at the WT Convention in St. George. And so we are planning to present these hand signals at that time and, based on input from our delegates and other WT pitchers, we'll then make final selections for these recommended hand signals. Eventually, they will be published for all to see, learn, and use during tournament play. Of course, there will never be a requirement for pitchers to use hand signals. The intent here is that these signals should be helpful to the scorekeepers, who may have trouble hearing called scores, for a variety of reasons.

## A Current Rules Question/Response

Hi Dan,

It has been (our Charter rule) that when a tournament is rained out, the entries get credit for that tourney. Due to scheduling conflicts, tourneys cannot be re-scheduled. We require 4 tournaments to pitch in our state tourney. Can this canceled tournament (rain out) also apply for the NHPA?

Response:

Thanks for your question about sanctioned tournament 'credit'. Actually, according to our NHPA Bylaws, your Charter Bylaws/Rules cannot be 'in conflict' with existing NHPA Rules (and they may not be in conflict in this case), but you haven't provided here any specific 'details' of what does 'count', in the case of your sanctioned tournament rain-outs. Certainly your Association wouldn't want a local tournament to 'count' towards qualifying for your State Tournament, but 'not count' for the 4 events required for WT competition, for example. Anyway, here

are the current NHPA requirements for submitting tournament results, for NatStats credit (also see RGS Requirement 2, Section E, page 23):

### Section E - Tournament Credit (from RGS Book)

1. For singles and doubles events, a contestant must have pitched a minimum of 100 shoes to receive NatStats credit.

There is some additional information included here that would apply for Team Tournaments and also for Elimination Tournaments. But to answer your question... "Can this canceled tournament also apply for the NHPA?", the answer would depend upon whether or not a minimum of 100 shoes had been pitched, for each of these contestants who were 'rained out'. If less than 100 shoes has been pitched, the contestants do not qualify for their stats to even be submitted for NHPA NatStats credit. In these cases, most TDs will refund the entry fee, unless otherwise specified in Charter Bylaws, or with advance notice in pre-published/posted information, or as a verbal announcement before tournament play begins. I would suggest that your Charter requirement for rain-outs/tournament credit (for pitching in your State Tournament) should be in agreement with this new NHPA 'minimum of 100 shoes pitched' Requirement.

Hope this answers your question.

Additional comments: This past year (2012), there were a number of proposed NHPA rules changes that were approved by our Charter delegate voting in Knoxville, TN. The proposed rules that 'passed' were published here in Newline Magazine following the Convention, for your information, and with the hope that all Charter officers would check to see if any of these rules changes would change or supersede any of their existing Charter Bylaws or Charter Rules. In some cases, I'm sure that some adjustments have been made, but I'd guess that some Charter Rules/Bylaws have not yet been updated, based on these recent rules changes. The general 'rule of thumb' here is that Charter Rules/Bylaws may be more restrictive than NHPA Rules/Bylaws (upon Charter-member approved voting), but cannot be less restrictive than our NHPA Rules/Bylaws. If any Charter officers or members may have specific questions about this, please contact me.

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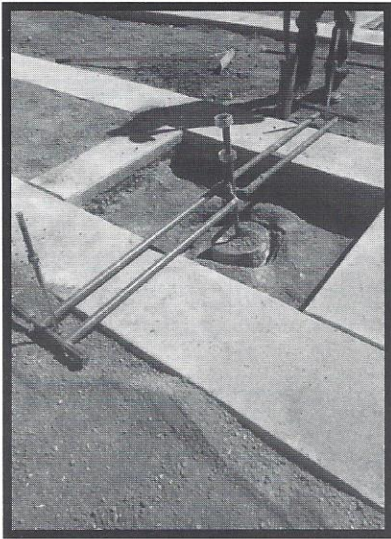
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# CHARTER CHATTER *by Jane Smith*

## Colorado - Double Ringer Newsletter

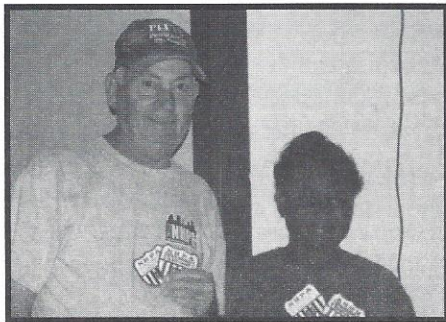


This publication is the recipient of the 1983 NHPA Achievement Award – only 30 years ago! Congratulations to Bob Champion and his dedicated staff to keep this publication alive and well distributed. This month's issue features many records and tournament results but also mentions a few "national" news worthy notes. The first, Sally Grooms is pitching in

her 25<sup>th</sup> world tournament. I have the pleasure of knowing and pitching against Sally. She is from Nebraska, but has an everlasting smile and is a sincere friend. I am looking forward to seeing her in Utah as we missed her the past two years. The second, mentioning Ed Quigley receiving steroid injections in his knee. He has served as an assistant on the NHPA WT publicity committee for 13 years working alongside Bob Champion.

The Pueblo Colorado Horseshoe Club has removed their old courts and are in the process of rebuilding new courts. Casey Montoya from the Pueblo Club has made a jig to set the stakes that are in a five-gallon bucket. The jig sets the angle, height and depth, and centers the stake.

The jig helped us set 12 stakes in no time at all! I also clamps to the stake and has handles on each side to it is very easy to lift and lower the bucket.



*Larry Myers / Maiyah Goolsby*

our Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers Association State Doubles. Fifty-Four pitchers showed up to battle it out for the much coveted Golden State Doubles Patches. We had four preliminary Classes to set the field for the final Championship

## Georgia - Ronnie Miller

The weather has finally started to let us get some tournaments in this Spring. We have had four rainouts so far, but yesterday was a great day for

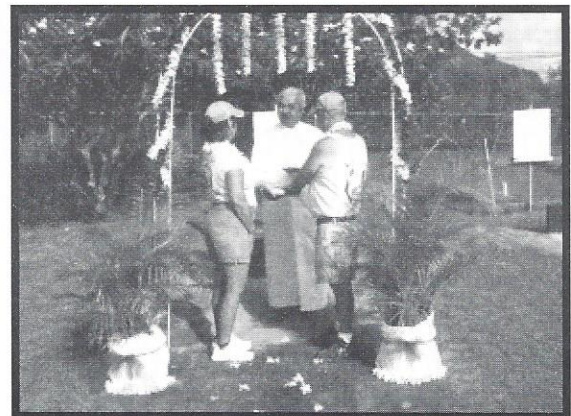
round. The class winners were. Class A- Marty Wabich/ Louie Bonner, Class B - Jimmy Colie/ Tony Bennett, Class C - Chuck Poole/ Taylor Coile, Class D - Larry Myers/ Maiyah Goolsby. In the Championship Round nearing the end of the day Larry/ Maiyah were tied with Chuck/Taylor when they met to determine the State Doubles Champion. After a hard fought battle Larry and Maiyah proved just too tough for Chuck and Taylor and took home the Title of GHPA State Doubles Champion. This was Larry's second State Doubles Title in a row. Congratulations Larry and Maiyah and all of the other finalists.

We also have 12 Pitchers attending the W.T. in St George, Utah and we want to wish them all the best and a safe return with lots of Trophies. 2013 World Tournament attendees- Larry Myers, Zane Goggin, Tom Carter, Doug DeFoe, Andrea DeFoe, Jim Haley, Ronnie Miller, Suzanne Miller, Jean Bullington, Marty Wabich, Bo Mullis, and DJ Mullis.

## Hawaii – Myrtle May L Kamoku



Hawaii did a Horseshoe Pitching is Fun Proclamation and Hilo, also called the Big Island, joined in. Both counties visited with the Mayor of Oahu and Big Island Hilo County Mayor proclaimed May is now "Horseshoe Pitching is Fun Month".



Kauai also hosted an 18<sup>th</sup> Annual card holders Doubles

# CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

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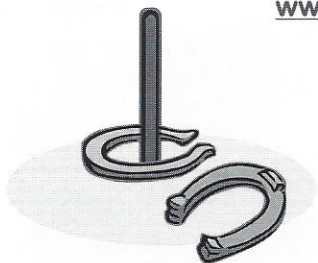
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# 2ND ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

## WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI - MAY 4-5, 2013 *by Jeanette Claas*

It's Springtime in Missouri. A great season and a great reason to celebrate 20 years of this prestigious tournament that Joe Faron started so many years ago. Mother Nature provided some rainy weather as she greeted the horseshoe pitchers traveling across the United States for another exciting weekend of championship horseshoe pitching. Rainy weather didn't dampen the spirit inside the dome as we awaited action from these talented and skillful pitchers.



After months of preparation gathering the lineup of top pitchers and sponsorships for this tournament, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club was ready for another really "Big

Shoe" event. This exciting tournament included 32 of the top men and women championship horseshoe pitchers from coast to coast. The tournament featured many World and State Champions all vying for a part of the \$8,000 prize money!

The two-day event included a 40' Men's tournament and 30' Mixed tournament combining the talents of women and men competing at thirty foot. The format for each tournament was a sixteen person round robin consisting of fifteen 40 point games; eight on Saturday concluding with seven games on Sunday. Prize money of \$4,000 was given to each division. Beside the cash money, the winner's names in each division would be placed on the stationary trophies which stay on display at the NHPA facility.

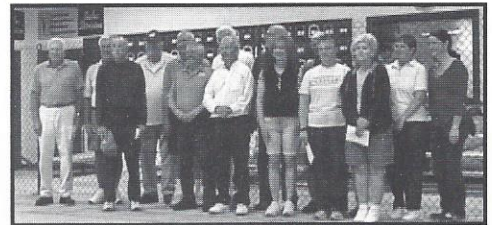
Tournament Directors for the 40' Division, Joe Faron & Gary Buehler and Tournament Directors for the 30' Division, Bob & Rose Diekamp were as anxious to get started as the players themselves. Introductions were made by Bob Diekamp on Saturday morning as each contestant was introduced on the courts. We were privileged to have Stu Sipma of Bismarck, ND, President of the NHPA and Dave Sidles of Iowa, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the NHPA, Debby Michaud 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the NHPA, Bob Dunn of Minnesota, NHPA Historian, Vicki Winston of Missouri, NHPA Hall of Fame Chairperson. Missouri's State President from Kansas City was also in attendance. Making their first appearance at Quail Ridge in this event was: Sig Armitage of MN; OraLee Jeardoe of KS; Ron Craigmile of MN; Deborah Michaud of MA; Donra McCown of MO; Doc Rice of Indiana, and Roy Buhler of UT.

After the National Anthem was sung it was now time to watch the horseshoe pitchers show their stuff. At the end of the first day of competition on Saturday, eight pitchers remained undefeated:

Alan Francis, Tom Williams, Dan Watson, Gale Greene and Ken Fraser. In the 30' division those undefeated were: Joan Elmore, Bobby Fields and Barry Chapelle. On Sunday morning a long, exciting game of 100 shoes was held on the south courts between Herschel Walters and Sig Armitage. Walters won 40-37 - Walters pitching 79% and Armitage pitching 78%. The 13<sup>th</sup> game in the 40' division was pretty much the same between Tom Williams and Dan Watson. The score was 41-35, Watson's favor with a 78% game and Williams with a 76%. In the 40' division Gale Greene threw the most shoes of 858, while Sig Armitage in the 30' division pitched 960 shoes.

A banquet was held Saturday evening for all pitchers and guests. The QRHC members supplied all the delicious homemade dishes, serving 115 dinners. Norm Pierce, Audrey Pappas and Gary Null fried the chicken on site.

Barry Chapelle, of Oregon, made his second appearance in the Hall of Fame Invitational this year, but it was more than pitching in the tournament that he was looking forward to. When his sister, Vicki Winston, came to Wentzville in January to see the new upgraded touchscreen she ran across a video that showed her father, Cletus Chapelle, being inducted into the NHPA Hall of



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Fame. She couldn't wait to inform her brother of the film. For Barry, it was quite meaningful to be able to relive it once again. Barry was in attendance at the tournament in Genola, Minnesota in 1981 and had the privilege of introducing his dad at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Both Vicki and Barry commented on what a good speech it was, and is, a wonderful remembrance of a really good man. "We are a proud horseshoe family and dad made it all possible. It was a real thrill to see that footage," Barry said. It was a wonderful horseshoe moment for him.

Back on the courts Sunday morning the horseshoe pitchers were well rested and ready to go. The contest was stopped at the end of four games, allowing the pitchers time to grab some plate lunches and many prizes donated by our sponsors were given away. At the end of the 40' competition with a record of 15 wins, no losses, Alan Francis captured the title with an 87.42% tournament average, a high game of 94.44% and low game of 80%. On the south courts in the 30' division, Joan Elmore earned the championship title with a record of 15 wins, no losses, 78.95% tournament average and a high game of 90.63% and low game of 73.68%.

This year the QRHC members scrambled for sponsorships so that we may continue with this event. We wish to thank all 28 of these companies and individuals who made this tournament possible. We hope that you will continue to help support these people by your patronage.

Checks were given to the lucky winners at the completion of the tournament on Sunday. Ending the tournament on a good note, 4<sup>th</sup> place winner, Gale Greene accepted his \$600 prize money disguising himself by wearing a mask bringing about laughter throughout the arena. The horseshoe pitchers were soon on their way home. No one went away as a loser, anyone who can pitch this well is always considered a winner. Our guests paid the QRHC members many compliments on having a great tournament and good time, and thanked them especially for the dinner that was served. We wish to thank all the NHPA/NHPF officials who brought their presence to our courts and for traveling so far. A special thank you to all the QRHC members who in some way helped in preparing and putting on such a great tournament. You can feel proud that you made this tournament one of the best in the USA!

### 40' Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament Results

Name	State	W/L	H/Game	Ringers	S/P	Average	Prize Money
1. Alan Francis	OH	15-0	94.44%	577	660	87.42%	\$1,000
2. Tom Williams	MI	13-2	81.58%	573	786	72.90%	\$ 800
3. Dan Watson	AL	12-3	82.14%	574	810	70.86%	\$ 600
4. Gale Greene	VT	12-3	80.26%	593	858	69.11%	\$ 400
5. Ken Fraser	NY	11-4	80.56%	495	704	70.31%	\$ 300
6. Gary Urish	IL	8-7	75.00%	477	764	62.43%	\$ 200
7. Randy Grady	MO	8-7	82.61%	468	790	59.24%	\$ 150
8. Doc Rice	IN	8-7	76.67%	420	720	58.33%	\$ 100
9. Rick Howe	MA	7-8	70.27%	467	784	59.57%	\$ 75
10. Steve Johnson	MO	6-9	68.75%	452	784	57.65%	\$ 75
11. Ray Bedard	MA	6-9	65.52%	467	816	57.23%	\$ 50
12. Roy Buhler	UT	4-11	62.00%	430	782	53.20%	\$ 50
13. M.O. Turner	MO	4-11	56.67%	296	676	43.79%	\$ 50
14. Virgle McCown	MO	3-12	64.81%	390	738	52.85%	\$ 50
15. Austin Bailey	IL	2-13	61.36%	376	712	52.81%	\$ 50
16. Mark Mauthe	WI	1-14	52.17%	259	616	42.05%	\$ 50

### 30' Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament Results

1. Joan Elmore	TN	15-0	90.63%	690	874	78.95%	\$1,000
2. Bobby Fields	TN	12-3	84.62%	679	912	74.45%	\$ 800
3. Herschel Walters	IN	11-4	90.00%	683	918	74.40%	\$ 600
4. Paul McGee	MD	10-5	82.76%	619	858	72.14%	\$ 400
5. Barry Chapelle	OR	10-5	79.41%	589	834	70.62%	\$ 300
6. Russ Phillips	WA	9-6	87.93%	626	844	74.17%	\$ 200
7. Sue Snyder	IN	9-6	82.14%	559	804	69.53%	\$ 150
8. Gregg Craven	MO	8-7	86.00%	683	956	71.44%	\$ 100
9. Sig Armitage	MN	7-8	78.00%	676	960	70.42%	\$ 75
10. Ron LeGrand	MO	6-9	76.92%	554	840	65.95%	\$ 75
11. OraLee Jeardoe	KS	6-9	72.58%	493	782	63.04%	\$ 50
12. Terry Beagle	MI	5-10	75.00%	504	786	64.12%	\$ 50
13. Ron Craigmile	MN	5-10	70.51%	515	814	63.27%	\$ 50
14. D W Story	TN	3-12	81.94%	545	846	64.42%	\$ 50
15. Debby Michaud	MA	3-12	75.71%	491	804	61.07%	\$ 50
16. Donra McCown	MO	1-14	73.21%	389	704	55.26%	\$ 50

# HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE by Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

Even though Lee Rose passed away several years ago, in this issue he will be our guest writer. Lee Rose kept a journal of his horseshoe pitching career from 1924 through 1955, writing out six journals in all. In the previous Newsline issue we read about the A.A.U. getting into the sport of horseshoe pitching, holding national championships and read about the initial nation amateur championship in 1937. The 1944 national event was held in Detroit, Michigan and that meant having the Michigan native, Lee Rose participating in the tournament and Lee wrote quite an account of the event and his winning performance. The following is a chapter out of a book in progress, "A.A.U. NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIP." Lee Jacobs, a 1984 inductee to our National Hall of Fame, was the subject of our history series article back in July-August 2010, so I may not need to remind you that Lee Jacobs was not necessarily the most modest person, but he was great for our sport, great for our organization and a championship pitcher.

*1944 - On to Detroit - Lee Rose "The Flower of Detroit" is the Winner*

*Yes, Lee Rose wrote about the 1944 championships, but not only did he write a very complete review as a participant, he won the national title. Michigan, at the time, was a very competitive area for horseshoe pitching. That is somewhat obvious as pitchers from Detroit win two consecutive national amateur titles. In fact as we read on in the next chapters, three different Michigan pitchers won three titles in a four-year period.*

*This is a most unusual chapter, not only do we have a participant's first hand account of the event, we have the champion's version of the coverage. Lee Jacobs, his actual name and as he was known in later years, was one of the sport's best historians. He never had that title officially, but he did have a knack for recording his involvement in horseshoe pitching for over a 30-year period in incredible detail and in 1940 produced one of the sport's finest history book's - The Horseshoe Compendium. Jacobs served one year as NHPA Secretary-Treasurer in 1940, and it was during that year that he produced the book, one of very few in the sport. His book has been scanned and can be found in its entirety on the NHPA website - horseshoepitching.com.*

*Lee Rose may not have been well liked by fellow players, he might have been easier to get along with on days when he was winning rather than days when he was losing as he had an extreme desire to win. He had a tremendous stem of self-confidence as he termed himself "The Flower of Detroit" a derivative of his assumed name of Rose. But he also displayed strong promotional skill and efforts and for five decades contributed to the promotion and organization of horseshoe pitching. One of the reasons that Michigan was a powerhouse in the sport at the time was due to Lee Jacob's effort to promote horseshoe pitching at all levels of the sport. Even in the 1920's he made distinctive efforts to establish teams and league competition and local league efforts and then grow that into local and state competition. Besides being a national officer, he also served 25 years as the Michigan State Association Secretary-Treasurer from 1935 to 1960. Those efforts were recognized by his*

*induction to the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1984. Of course he is also a member of the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. Lee Jacobs lived to be 92 years old, passing away in 1998.*

*Having the opportunity to have read his journals of his entire pitching career in detail and all the tournaments that he participating in; the question again comes up to what determines an amateur pitcher. By 1944, he was nearly a 20 year veteran of the sport, Michigan state champion in 1933 and again later in 1944 and 1955, twice qualified for the Men's Championship Class at World Tournaments (1927, 1928) and at the 1935 World Tournament, missed the Championship Class cut off, but qualified for Class B (known as the Dispatch Tourney) and earned \$5.00 for 11<sup>th</sup> place. That \$5.00 or any other prize money he may have won*

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### Income

2015 World Tournament Bid	\$7,000.00
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HoF Banquet Tickets	\$60.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$3,200.00
Membership Dues	\$37,453.00
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Newsline Subscriptions	\$2,374.00
Sanction League Patches	\$12.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$28.21
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World Tournament Entry Fees	<u>\$120,500.00</u>

### TOTAL

**\$179,282.93**

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Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$2,809.57
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc	\$155.12
Sanction League Office, Supplies & Telephone	\$144.65
Junior Scholarship Trust Accounts	\$200.00
World Tournament Travel Expenses	\$876.96
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doesn't make Rose a professional or non-amateur any more than any of the rest of the good pitchers of that day. There were very few trophy only tournaments and most of the events needed to have a little bit of a cash purse if they were to draw any good pitchers. But that is another story and the issue will pop up later in this chapter.

There are a couple short newspaper articles tacked in his journal, but most of this chapter is his recording. . .

## **National A.A.U. Tournament**

**Held at Northwestern Field Sept. 16-17,**

"On September 15, the evening before the big meet, I went over to Northwestern Field for some practice and there was Sgt. Breen warming up. I played him 2 practice games and really poured it on him. I hit around 90% to drop him 50-18 and overcame him in another games 50-33, which must have gone 140 shoes, with me still crowding 90%.

September 16 was the qualifying and the doubles. I warmed up a while and then qualified with a 256, 80 ringers to tie Breen's National record. Latzko hit 79 ringers and 255 points.

Koppitch and I teamed up in the doubles, and only bad luck stopped us from taking the title! We just couldn't get started against Yorkison & Fagan and lost out. (Games were 50 shoes, count-all system). After beating Breen and Manker, we lost a hard-luck game to Middletown & Sheppard. Then we went to town and knocked off 4 good teams - Lundgren & Otto, Lindquist & Grosselin, Latzko & Woodward and Kelly & Getz. We wound up tied for 1<sup>st</sup> with Latzko & Woodward. The playoff game was played under the lights and Koppitch and I were beaten.

Several of the pitchers were entertained by me at my house that evening, and most of the night.

Everything was set for the big finals on September 17. Sixteen pitchers faced the barrier in 50 shoe count-all games. The day was hot and almost no wind at all - - - just perfect for the 'tiger.'

A large crowd was on hand, even before play opened and heated speculation ran rampant as to who would win the meet. Chief choices were Latzko, Rose (or Jacobs, as he is known in A.A.U. circles) and Lundgren, Breen and Lindquist.

Rose opened with Sheppard and had no trouble in coming out ahead. The second game with Manker of Ohio was just as easy. In the third game against Yorkison, Rose hit the high game of the entire day, scoring 133 points with 43 ringers out of 50 shoes. Grosselin was easy and then Rose struck his first snag in Middleton. Rose trailed most of the way. The game was played on the first court with people running through and interfering, making it very hard to rally. Rose tied the score on the last throw by hanging a double ringer over Middleton's leaner. The game went four extra innings. Rose galloped away with 4 straight doubles and finally won. An hour of rest for lunch was called here and only Rose and Latzko were undefeated.

Come back from a light lunch, Rose had to face Arner Lindquist! Lindquist jumped right off in front and his slow way of pitching made it difficult to rally against him. Rose however, never wavered and even when things looked almost beyond recall, he kept bearing down. Then, near the end, Lindquist weakened and the Detroit ringer machine was quick to slip ahead and squeeze out a win, 103 to 101.

The 7<sup>th</sup> game, against Hirschman, was easy after 20 shoes and then came Breen. Rose tore into Breen early and ran up a lead and then sat back and defended it stoutly against the soldier's desperate rallies. Breen fell just a little short. Lindquist upset Latzko in this round and Rose stood alone at the top.

Kelly was the next victim of Rose, being powered under early by a flood of doubles. Rose was really going to town as he scented a national title in the offing. He met Getz in the 10<sup>th</sup> game and Getz jumped off to a lead at the start. Photographers were trying to snap pictures of Rose as he tried to catch up and that made things almost bad enough to cause Rose to blow up. But he didn't blow

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--- instead, he came on with a consecutive drive of doubles that soon caught Getz and snowed him under.

Lundgren fired a broadside at Latzko in this round and bounced him down. This left Rose 2 games in front and 5 to go.

An immense crowd surrounded the courts. Persons who hadn't been around for years were to be seen. Harold Arold, Joe Galesky, Ed Levagood and Sherer showed up. Stanley David and Johnny Schultz were there. Fitzgerald and Konz of Toledo were there. Greenfield, Goodell, Ingraham and others from Clark Park were there. Even E.L. Holmes, a schoolteacher back in Western High in 1921-25 came around to say hello.

Pekkala was easy in the 11th game and then came the Rose-Latzko clash. Latzko pitched a very good game, the game of a man who is very desperate and getting a early lead over Rose, he clung to it all the way and won out.

This enlivened the situation to a great extent as Rose now had Miller, Lundgren and Otto to play and had to win them all to keep out in front. The story of these last three games Rose played cannot adequately be put into words! With an immense following crowded around his court and following his every pitch, the "Flower of Detroit" put on a show that has few equals in history.

Rose showered on 40 out of 50 to run a hard fighting Miller to the ground, then hit 39 out of 50 to swamp Lundgren. Then back to the hazardous 1<sup>st</sup> court, he tossed a thunderous barrage of 41 out of 50 to smash down Otto and become the NATIONAL CHAMPION!!!

In all these last games, Rose was the perfect horseshoe machine and indeed all through the tournament, never once gave vent to any temperamental outburst that had distinguished him in the past.

His manner was outwardly a cool, collected, icy-cold, machine-like attitude, fortified by a never-say-die quality that kept him coming over the rough spots. Mechanically, his pitching was beautiful, a high wobbly shoe that just seemed to adore the stake.

A just reward for a great pitcher!"

(Newspaper clippings)  
**'Shoe' Title Stays Here**

"Lee Jacobs, who began pitching horseshoe 25 years ago when he was 13 years old, finally crashed the elusive national championship circle yesterday, winning the A.A.U. singles title at Northwestern Field.

A lathe operator at the Ford Motor Co., Jacobs triumphed in 14 of his 15 matches, edging out Joseph P. Latzko, Flint, by a margin of one match. The latter, who handed the new champion his lone setback, won 13 and lost two.

Third place went to Arner Lindquist, while Carl Lundgren, last year's titleholder, took fourth place from Sgt. Frank Breen, after the two had finished in a tie.

Sixteen contestants out of a field of 23 qualified for the finals. The competition was staged under the direction of George D. Chumard, Cincinnati, A.A.U. horseshoe chairman.

Championship medals were presented to the first three place winners."

## Horseshoers Called Pros


"Professionalism charges were brought against Lee Jacobs of Detroit and Joe Latzko after they placed one-two in the National AAU horseshoe pitching tournament at Northwestern Field Sunday.

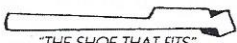
It was charged that Jacobs, who won 14 and lost 1 yesterday, had played in a tournament in Port Huron a month ago. Latzko is second with 13 and 2 was in the same meet, it is said.


Arner Lindquist of Morgantown, W.Va. and Frank Breen, of Elgin, Ill., were tied for third with 11 and 4 and will play off for the title if Jacobs and Latzko are disqualified. Jonas and Carl Lundgren, both of Detroit were next with 11 and 4.

Joe Kelly of Saginaw and Otto Woodward of Flint also are charged with playing in the pro-meet."

Similar charges may have been made in previous contests or events that followed in future years, but this is the first and only documented case that has turned up in research. Interesting that Rose thought enough of the article as to clip it out and tack it in his journal. Also interesting is the question of who brought the charge forward? Doubtful it was a player that had participated in the event as they no doubt would have brought the charge forward when Rose entered the contest. Doubtful that it was any of the leading players, as they were from out of the area and would not be aware of what tournaments Rose or any other Michigan players had participated in. Never-the-less, nothing must have come of it as Rose is still listed as the winner, and was

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allowed to participate in other later A.A.U. tournaments, as well as Latzko who not only played in other events, but won the national championship in 1946. And then consider that Carl Lundgren was the 1943 National A.A.U. Champion, that being three different Michigan players winning national titles in a four year period, just further defines Michigan at the time, as a nation power in the sport and subject to close scrutiny. That newspaper article is not accurate as far as the final standings, but that will be clarified in the official final stand report coming up next.

Following is how the tournament results appear in Lee Rose's Journal. . .

*1944 Senior A.A.U. Horseshoe Pitching Championship Tournament – Singles and Doubles, under the auspices of the City of Detroit, Department Parks and Recreation, at Northwestern Playfield, Grand River & Wreford, Detroit, Mich., Saturday and Sunday, September 16-17, 1944.*

## 1944 A.A.U. National Singles Final Standing

Place	Player	Qual	R	Pts	SP	R	%	W	L	
1.	Lee Jacobs, Detroit	256	80	1728	750	520	69	14	1	
2.	Joe Latzko, Flint	255	77	1666	750	511	68	13	2	
3.	Arner Lindquist, W.Va	245	74	1634	750	462	62	11	4	
4.	Carl Lundgren, Detroit	DC		1490	750	435	57	10	5	
5.	Frank Breen, Elgin, Ill.	237	73	1433	750	421	56	10	5	
6.	Jonas Otto, Ann Arbor	220	64	1497	750	434	58	10	5	
7.	Andrew Yorkison, Detroit	210	60	1464	750	403	54	9	6	
8.	Ed Woodward, Flint	204	58	1522	750	439	59	9	6	
9.	Joe Kelly, Detroit	219	63	1432	750	399	53	8	7	
10.	Stanley Manker, Ohio	238	72	1518	750	443	59	7	8	
11.	Charles Grosselin W.Va.	222	64	1345	750	356	48	6	9	
12.	Norris Shepard, Flint	219	63	1262	750	348	46	6	9	
13.	Alfred Pekkalo, Detroit	208	58	1300	750	344	44	3	12	
14.	B. Hirschman, Saginaw	203	53	1288	750	336	45	3	12	
15.	B. Getz, Ferndale	202	53	1291	750	341	45	2	13	
16.	Roy Middleton, Flint	206	59	931	<u>600</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>41</u>	1	14	
					11,850	6,439	54.34%			

(Note: Middleton withdrew after 13<sup>th</sup> round of play)

(Jacob's 256 qualifying score equals the National A.A.U. record. 133 high individual score for one game, set by Jacobs, 3<sup>rd</sup> round.)

Non qualifiers as follows:

Ed Wall, Detroit	250	76	(3 <sup>rd</sup> high qualifier – failed to show up in time for finals)		
Harry Henn, Cold Spring, Ky.	198	57	Frank Koppitch	187	53
Harley Rizor, Toledo, Ohio	185	49	Henry Zessin, Saginaw	182	46
Joe W. Fagan, Detroit	162	42	Lin Roberts, Detroit	102	15

## Doubles Competition – Final Standing

Place	Players	Pts	SP	R	%	W	L
1.	Ed Woodward – Joe Latzko	863	350	239	68	6	2
2.	Lee Jacobs – Frank Koppitch	788	350	230	66	6	2
3.	Frank Breen – Stan Manker	783	350	215	61	5	3
4.	Jonas Otto – Carl Lundgren	794	350	228	65	5	3
5.	Arner Lindquist – C. Grosselin	715	350	175	50	3	5
6.	Joe Fagin – Andrew Yorkison	641	350	168	48	3	5
7.	Ray Middleton – N. E. Shepard	648	350	191	55	2	6
8.	Joe Kelly – B. Getz	699	350	196	56	2	6

(Note: Finals standings in doubles listed as result of playoffs to break ties)

# SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT *by David Sidles*

As a lot of conversations begin, I'm going to reference the weather once again. Our summer league here in Omaha got off to a slow start with all the rain we've been having. But after a couple of makeup nights, we're back on schedule. As well as many other leagues around the country, as evidenced by the membership reports that have been coming in. These reports are a requirement of the Sanctioned League Program and it's important that league Directors get these turned in as soon possible after your league begins play. And you will need to submit additional reports if new players participate in your league after the start of the season.

The annual NHPA Sanctioned League Tournament will again be held this year at the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club in Wentzville, MO. The dates are October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. First place prize money has been increased to \$750.00. Last year, nine states were represented by a total of 22 teams. Remember, the field for this tournament is filled in the order entries are received. No more than two teams per club, please. Entry forms with full tournament details are available on the website.

Recently at league night I was asked by former Nebraska state champion Loren Mills if I would like to have his past copies of Newsline. I said sure, and was presented a box with copies dating back to 1989. Ironically, that was the year I joined the NHPA. Admittedly, in 1989, I knew absolutely nothing about the NHPA, or Newsline, or horseshoe pitching in general for that matter. But as I started thumbing through copies from back then, a lot of now familiar names started standing out. Names of people I had since met, players I had competed against, NHPA officers and league directors that I would meet more than 20 years later, and sadly players that are no longer with us. It all made me very aware of how influential and important many of these people were not only to me, but to the NHPA. I also never knew how really good some of these players were. I didn't subscribe to Newsline for many years. I was the prototypical league player. Come out once a week for some camaraderie, have some fun pitching horseshoes, and maybe a refreshment or two, and swat some mosquitoes. I was having a blast. Tournaments for me were a venture into the unknown. But there was a special tournament results issue that year and lo and behold, there near the bottom of the results of the Erickson Open held in the little farm town of Maxwell, Iowa, was my name, 1<sup>st</sup> place, 3-0. I'm embarrassed to say my ringer percentage for that tournament was higher than my current NATSTATS average. I'm still working on that. And as I looked over to next column, there was another familiar name at the top of the Frank Jackson Open results held

in Kellerton, Iowa a few weeks prior, Alan Francis. We are extremely fortunate, thanks to the efforts of the NHPF and Bob Dunn in particular, that an effort is underway to preserve this history. I encourage you to take a little time to look through this history. It puts things in a little better perspective. And I would especially encourage you to visit the NHPA Hall of Fame in Wentzville. Come play in one of the NHPA tournaments there and make a weekend out of it. You'll be glad you did.

One of the things I noticed in these past issues of Newsline was that it appeared clubs had submitted short articles about their history and/or their recent activities. If you are a league director and would like to have your league highlighted in an upcoming issue of Newsline, send me something and I will include it in an upcoming article. Also, I will mention again, while this not a requirement, if you would like to submit a nomination letter for your league director for the National League Director of the Year Award, feel free to do so.

I am looking forward to this year's World Tournament in St. George. I hope to be able to talk with many of you that attend. Don't hesitate to just walk up and introduce yourself. I will try to do the same. This is an important year for the NHPA and you, as a NHPA member or a convention delegate, are a big part of its future.

## **2013 World "Warm Up" Tournament**

Dixie Center (World Tournament courts)

Saturday, July 20, 2013 - 10:00 AM

NHPA Sanctioned Event #: 09-13-019

Tournament Director: Rob Hagman

Entry fee: \$25

100% payback less scorekeeping expenses

Sign up on site, registration 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Limited to the first 96 entries.

Effort will be made to split the 30/40 pitching distances.

Some classes may be mixed pitching distances.

Current Natstats will be used for seeding.

6-person classes, NO handicap, 40 shoe games.

Electronic scorekeeping will be used.

Scorekeeping class will be held during registration.

Scorekeepers will be paid \$10 per shift by us.

# SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT *Continued*

## 2012 Top Ten Final Results

### National High Points Average (50 Shoe Count-all only)

Bobby Fields	30	Crossville Horseshoe Club	TN	126.39
Paul E McGee	30	Frederick HPA	MD	120.61
Brian Simmons	M	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	119.93
Gregg Craven	30	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	119.05
Stan Griggs	M	Heart of America HSC	MO	117.55
Debra Brown	W	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	117.51
Allen Withrow	M	Mountaineer HSC	WV	116.93
Jerry Wykle	M	Mountaineer HSC	WV	115.00
Robert Zumbahlen	30	Clearwater Horseshoe Club	FL	114.80
Rose Diekamp	W	Quail Ridge HSC	MO	114.51

### National High Game Points (50 Shoe Count-all only)

Gregg Craven	30	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	139
Bobby Fields	30	Crossville Horseshoe Club	TN	137
Brian Simmons	M	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	136
Bob Vandivier	30	Danville Horseshoe Club	IL	136
Stan Griggs	M	Heart of America HSC	MO	135
Robert Zumbahlen	30	Clearwater Horseshoe Club	FL	135
Roy Dugger	30	Franklin Horseshoe League	OH	135
Michael Bowman	M	Lions Park HSC	MO	134
Dan Sanders	30	Crisp Horseshoe Club	GA	133
Norm Green	30	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	132

### National High Game Points Over Average (50 Shoe Count-all only)

Jason Maes	M	Sweetwater County HSC	WY	41.20
Doug Tarnick	M	Pawnee Ringers HSC	NE	40.52
Randall Hanson	M	Minot HPL	ND	39.83
Dennis David	M	Kilkenny Horseshoe Club	MN	38.54
Beverly Anderson	W	Western Colorado HPC	CO	37.97
Regina Bonner	W	4-Stakes Horseshoe Club	GA	37.94
Thomas Carter	30	Crisp Horseshoe Club	GA	37.34
Robert Paradise	30	Bradenton Horseshoe Club	FL	37.23
Jody Howman	W	TRY County HPA	OH	37.00
Jeff Gomez	M	Sweetwater County HSC	WY	36.37

### High Ringer Percent (Average) Men 40ft

Charlie Meredith	M	Edmonson Co. HPA	KY	81.65
Stan Griggs	M	Heart of America HSC	MO	73.10
Brian Simmons	M	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	71.00
Allen Withrow	M	Mountaineer Horseshoe Club	WV	69.86
Jerry Wykle	M	Mountaineer Horseshoe Club	WV	68.66
Austin Bailey	M	Springfield Area HSC	IL	67.70
Doc Rice	M	Whitley County HSC	IN	67.00
Channing Herrell	M	Frederick HPA	MD	66.50
Michael Bowman	M	Lions Park Horseshoe Club	MO	65.62
Dale Lipovsky	M	Bloomington Horseshoe Club	MN	65.33

### High Ringer Percent (Average) Women

Gert Wilcziek	W	Eau Clair Horseshoe Club	WI	77.23
Rivers Prewette	W	Blue Barn Horseshoe League	NC	76.27
Debra Brown	W	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	73.24
Tamara Burke	W	Winchester Horseshoe Club	VA	72.09
Doris Hieden	W	South Central HSC	TX	71.90
Rose Diekamp	W	Quail Ridge HSC	MO	68.59
Sheila Shepard	W	Edgewater HSC	CO	66.45
Marlene Cooper	W	Fulton County HSC	OH	59.94
Tiffany Syring	W	Close Doesn't Count HSL	WI	59.87
Jennifer Speakman	W	Boulder Horseshoe Club	CO	57.86

### High Ringer Percent (Average) Men 30ft

Bobby Fields	30	Crossville Horseshoe Club	TN	79.71
Paul E McGee	30	Frederick HPA	MD	77.00
Gregg Craven	30	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	74.18
Bob Hudnall	30	Edmonson County HPA	KY	72.50
Larry Purcell	30	Cedar Rapids HSC	IA	71.53
Herschel Walters	30	Plymouth Horseshoe Club	IN	70.67
Elmo Cox	30	Crossville Horseshoe Club	TN	70.13
Robert Zumbahlen	30	Clearwater Horseshoe Club	FL	69.30
Martin Papesh	30	Wolf River Ringers HSC	WI	67.83
Dave Emrick	30	Toni Kucharski Memorial HSC	OH	67.77

### High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Men 40ft

Charlie Meredith	M	Edmonson County HPA	KY	96.00
Stan Griggs	M	Heart of America HSC	MO	88.00
Randy Rein	M	Little Bull Falls (Mosinee) HSC	WI	86.67
Brian Simmons	M	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	86.00
Mark Smith	M	Greenfield Horseshoe Club	MN	86.00
Michael Bowman	M	Lions Park Horseshoe Club	MO	86.00

Gary Roberts	M	Ross County HSL	OH	82.50
Allen Withrow	M	Mountaineer Horseshoe Club	WV	82.00
Steve Strausbaugh	M	New Cumberland HSC	PA	80.00
Channing Herrell	M	Frederick HPA	MD	80.00
Dustin Dahl	M	Coulee Region HSC	MN	80.00
Steven Johnson	M	Capital City Horseshoe Club	MO	80.00
Bill Navratil	M	Central CT Horseshoe Club	CT	80.00
Paul Weston	M	New Haven Horseshoe Club	CT	80.00
Jerry Wykle	M	Mountaineer Horseshoe Club	WV	80.00
Mike Mileski	M	New London County HSL	CT	80.00

### High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Women

Rivers Prewette	W	Blue Barn Horseshoe League	NC	93.33
Gert Wilcziek	W	Eau Clair Horseshoe Club	WI	90.00
Tamara Burke	W	Winchester Horseshoe Club	WV	84.00
Rose Diekamp	W	Quail Ridge HSC	MO	84.00
Doris Hieden	W	South Central HSC	TX	82.00
Debra Brown	W	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	82.00
Sheila Shepard	W	Edgewater HSC	CO	82.00
Tiffany Syring	W	Forest Lake Horseshoe Club	MN	82.00
Connie Reimer	W	Whitley County HSC	IN	80.00
Marlene Cooper	W	Fulton County HSC	OH	78.00
Aleena Cook	W	Marshfield Fleet Reserve HSL	WI	78.00
Tonja Pettit	W	Hardin County HSC	OH	78.00

### High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Men 30ft

Bobby Fields	30	Crossville Horseshoe Club	TN	95.00
Elmo Cox	30	Crossville Horseshoe Club	TN	95.00
Larry Purcell	30	Cedar Rapids HSC	IA	90.00
Gregg Craven	30	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	90.00
Herschel Walters	30	Plymouth Horseshoe Club	IN	88.90
Bob Vandivier	30	Danville Horseshoe Club	IL	88.00
Roy Dugger	30	Franklin Horseshoe League	OH	86.00
Tom Reynolds	30	Marion County HSC	OH	86.00
Cliff Presler	30	Brooklyn Park HSC	MN	85.00
Doug Farnsworth	30	Crossville Horseshoe Club	TN	85.00
Alfred Henness	30	Ross County HSL	OH	85.00
Robert Zumbahlen	30	Clearwater Horseshoe Club	FL	85.00

### High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Men 40ft

Mike Mileski	M	New London County HSL	CT	42.98
John O'Brien	M	Greater Danbury HSC	CT	39.00
Don Jacques	M	Central CT Horseshoe Club	CT	36.95
Norm Saucier	M	Central CT Horseshoe Club	CT	36.70
James Valliere	M	New London County HSL	CT	35.98
Nick Nichols	M	Gate City Clangers HSC	NH	35.64
Mark Rivera	M	New Haven Horseshoe Club	CT	35.45
Stan McGrath	M	Central CT Horseshoe Club	CT	34.72
Dave Lick	M	Central CT Horseshoe Club	CT	34.45
Reese Williams	M	Franklin Horseshoe League	OH	34.37

### High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Women

Heather Drozd	W	Pawnee Ringers HSC	NE	43.16
Theresa Kraus	W	Moose Lodge #2239 HSC	LA	33.25
Debby Smith	W	Central CT Horseshoe Club	CT	32.80
Carolyn Butler	W	Central CT Horseshoe Club	CT	32.35
Nelda Addison	W	Moose Lodge #2239 HSC	LA	31.56
Aleena Cook	W	Marshfield Fleet Reserve HSL	WI	31.12
Cheryl Potter	W	Whitley County HSC	IN	31.12
Belinda McClain	W	Shreveport Double-Ringer HPL	LA	30.00
Sheila Brody	W	Cedar Rapids HSC	IA	29.25
Ellen Hartley	W	Moose Lodge #2239 HSC	LA	28.96

### High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Men 30ft

John Setzer	30	Quail Ridge HSC	MO	46.10
Al Garey	30	Troy Horseshoe Club	OH	43.89
Tom Routh	30	Topeka Horseshoe Assoc.	KS	36.41
Ed Mell	30	Deansville Horseshoe Club	WI	35.71
Dillard Sturgill	30	Whitley County HSC	IN	35.05
Earl Paulson	30	Beloit Horseshoe Club	WI	34.50
Bud Nelson	30	Forest Lake Monday PM	MN	34.03
Johnny Kieran	30	Harahan HPA	LA	33.55
Gene Pettit	30	Marion County HSC	OH	33.30
Roger Totten	30	Crossville Horseshoe Club	TN	33.27

### National High Points Average - Juniors

Dalton Rakestraw	B	Mountain View HPC	MO	122.44
Steve Drozd	B	Pawnee Ringers HSC	NE	85.21
Nathan Evers	B	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	83.98
Brianna McCormick	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	77.63
Gunnar David	B	Marshfield Fleet Reserve HSL	WI	74.85
Andrew Jones	B	Crisp Horseshoe Club	GA	73.68

# SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT *Continued*

Devin	Wetzel	B	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	73.10
Chase	Smith	B	NW Arkansas HPA	AR	59.53
Destinnie	Wilke	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	58.37
Heather	Selleck	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	55.32

## National High Point Game - Juniors

Dalton	Rakestraw	B	Mountain View HPC	MO	125
Nathan	Evers	B	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	113
Steve	Drozd	B	Pawnee Ringers HSC	NE	109
Andrew	Jones	B	Crisp Horseshoe Club	GA	101
Devin	Wetzel	B	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	100
Brianna	McCormick	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	98
Jennifer	Trader	G	Grand Forks HSL	ND	94
Gunnar	David	B	Marshfield Fleet Reserve HSL	WI	90
Chase	Smith	B	NW Arkansas HPA	AR	87
Jonathan	Payne	B	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club	VA	87

## National High Points Over Average - Juniors

Jennifer	Trader	G	Grand Forks Horseshoe League	ND	42.56
Andrew	Jones	B	Crisp Horseshoe Club	GA	37.58
Jonathan	Payne	B	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club	VA	34.50
Alex	Fauteux	B	Tri-Town Horseshoe League	MA	31.53
Amanda	Huggins	G	Fort Collins Horseshoe Club	CO	30.56
Brady	Johnson	B	Red River Valley HSL	ND	29.67
Savanna	Johnson	G	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	29.07
Nathan	Evers	B	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	29.02
Chase	Smith	B	NW Arkansas HPA	AR	27.47
Devin	Wetzel	B	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	26.90

## High Ringer Percent (Average) Junior Boys

Dalton	Rakestraw	B	Mountain View HPC	MO	74.00
Steve	Drozd	B	Pawnee Ringers HSC	NE	50.18
Alex	Humes	B	Nelson County HPA	KY	49.30
Nathan	Evers	B	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	45.96
Josie	Lapierre	B	Doling Park Horseshoe Club	MO	44.25
Mike	Clark	B	Edmonson Co. HPA	KY	43.88
Gunnar	David	B	Marshfield Fleet Reserve HSL	WI	42.66
Chris	Callihan Jr	B	North Texas Ringers HSC	TX	40.55
Ben	Webb	B	Edmonson Co. HPA	KY	40.22
Andrew	Jones	B	Crisp Horseshoe Club	GA	39.71

## High Ringer Percent (Average) Junior Girls

Brianna	McCormick	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	40.13
Macey	Chambers	G	Pierre Horseshoe Club	SD	31.89
Courtney	Lampkin	G	Nelson County HPA	KY	28.71
Jennifer	Trader	G	Grand Forks HSL	ND	26.44
Destinnie	Wilke	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	25.85
Savanna	Johnson	G	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	23.60
Hannah	Ellis	G	Moose Lodge #2239 HSC	LA	22.40
Chessa	Baumgardner	G	Minot Horseshoe League	ND	20.77
Heather	Selleck	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	19.92
Payge	Quintana	G	Topeka Horseshoe assoc	KS	18.95

## High Ringer Percent (Average) Junior Cadets

Ryan	Schepers	9	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	13.58
Colton	Williams	9	Isanti Horseshoe Club	MN	9.33
Ryan	Russell	9	Topeka Horseshoe Assoc.	KS	9.16
Cooper	Phipps	9	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	7.50
Alexander	Bravard	9	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	7.38
Luke A.	Roberts	9	Liberty Junior HSL	MO	5.29
Savanna	Creighton	9	Wright Horseshoe Club	MN	5.25
Nicholas	Prasalowicz	9	Arkdale Horseshoe League	WI	4.66
Audrey	Caravello	9	Liberty Junior HSL	KS	2.94
Brandon	Benzing	9	Eagle River Horseshoe Club	WI	2.72

## High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Junior Boys

Dalton	Rakestraw	B	Mountain View HPC	MO	80.00
Ben	Webb	B	Edmonson Co. HPA	KY	70.00
Nathan	Evers	B	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	70.00
Alex	Humes	B	Nelson County HPA	KY	70.00
Steve	Drozd	B	Pawnee Ringers HSC	NE	68.00
Mike	Clark	B	Edmonson Co. HPA	KY	66.00
Andrew	Jones	B	Crisp Horseshoe Club	GA	64.00
Devin	Wetzel	B	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	58.00
Travis	Sluys	B	Sonoma County Horseshoe Club	CA	58.00
Chris	Callihan Jr	B	North Texas Ringers HSC	TX	57.50
Josie	Lapierre	B	Doling Park Horseshoe Club	MO	57.50

## High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Junior Girls

Brianna	McCormick	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	54.00
Jennifer	Trader	G	Grand Forks HSL	ND	48.00
Hannah	Ellis	G	Moose Lodge #2239 HSC	LA	46.66

Destinnie	Wilke	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	46.00
Macey	Chambers	G	Pierre Horseshoe Club	SD	46.00
Savanna	Johnson	G	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	44.00
Courtney	Lampkin	G	Nelson County HPA	KY	38.00
Brianna	Sheehy	G	North Mankato Tuesday	MN	36.00
Payge	Quintana	G	Topeka Horseshoe Assoc.	KS	35.00
Heather	Selleck	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	32.00
Felicia	Hull	G	Tri-County	OH	32.00

## High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Junior Cadets

Ryan	Schepers	9	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	32.00
Ryan	Russell	9	Topeka Horseshoe Assoc.	KS	27.50
Colton	Williams	9	Isanti Horseshoe Club	MN	22.50
Cooper	Phipps	9	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	20.00
Savanna	Creighton	9	Wright Horseshoe Club	MN	20.00
Nicholas	Prasalowicz	9	Arkdale Horseshoe League	WI	17.00
Alexander	Bravard	9	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	16.00
Luke A.	Roberts	9	Liberty Junior HSL	MO	14.71
Brandon	Benzing	9	Eagle River Horseshoe Club	WI	10.00
Ian	Gunter	9	Independence HSC	MO	8.00

## High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Junior Boys

Andrew	Jones	B	Crisp Horseshoe Club	GA	29.93
Ben	Webb	B	Edmonson Co. HPA	KY	29.78
Jonathan	Payne	B	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club	VA	28.20
Jacob	Seppelt	B	Fridley Horseshoe Club	MN	27.41
Alex	Fauteux	B	Tri-Town Horseshoe League	MA	24.23
Dalton	Singletary	B	Moose Lodge #2239 HSC	LA	24.11
Nathan	Evers	B	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	24.04
Mike	Clark	B	Edmonson Co. HPA	KY	22.45
Alex	Humes	B	Nelson County HPA	KY	20.70
Gavin	Plowman	B	Marion County HSC	OH	19.34

## High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Junior Girls

Hannah	Ellis	G	Moose Lodge #2239 HSC	LA	24.26
Brianna	Sheehy	G	North Mankato Horseshoe Club	MN	24.00
Savanna	Johnson	G	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	22.63
Cassi	Williams	G	Arkdale Horseshoe League	WI	21.93
Jennifer	Trader	G	Grand Forks HSL	ND	21.56
Destinnie	Wilke	G	Sodbusters Horseshoe Club	VT	20.15
Amanda	Huggins	G	Fort Collins Horseshoe Club	CO	17.84
Felicia	Hull	G	TRY County HPA	OH	17.56
Payge	Quintana	G	Topeka Horseshoe Assoc.	KS	16.05
Jana	Robertson	G	Hamilton Horseshoe Club	MA	15.32

## High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Junior Cadets

Ryan	Schepers	9	"The Pits" Horseshoe League	MO	18.42
Ryan	Russell	9	Topeka Horseshoe Assoc.	KS	18.34
Savanna	Creighton	9	Wright Horseshoe Club	MN	14.75
Cooper	Phipps	9	Liberty Junior HSL	MO	13.49
Colton	Williams	9	Isanti Horseshoe Club	MN	13.17
Nicholas	Prasalowicz	9	Arkdale Horseshoe League	WI	12.34
Luke A.	Roberts	9	Liberty Junior HSL	MO	9.42
Alexander	Bravard	9	Liberty Horseshoe Club	MO	8.62
Brandon	Benzing	9	Eagle River Horseshoe Club	WI	7.28
Ian	Gunter	9	Independence HSC	MO	6.50

## LEAGUE TOTALS

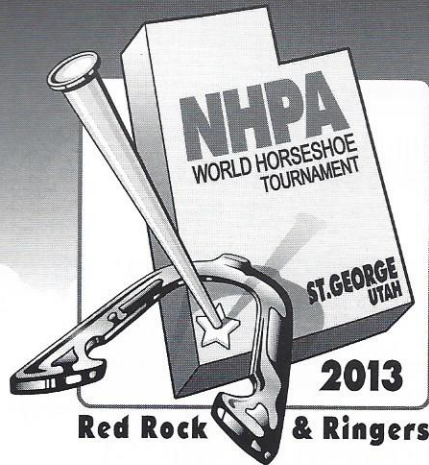
Shoes	Ringers	Category	CountOfCategory	Avg.
3,959,154	851,870	M	2859	21.52%
1,769,034	614,147	30	1229	34.72%
1,122,905	272,402	W	944	24.26%
151,342	22,383	B	152	14.79%
86,676	8,259	G	94	9.53%
21,372	1,508	9	21	7.06%

Total League Shoes Pitched

7,113,333

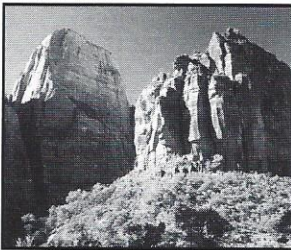
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