

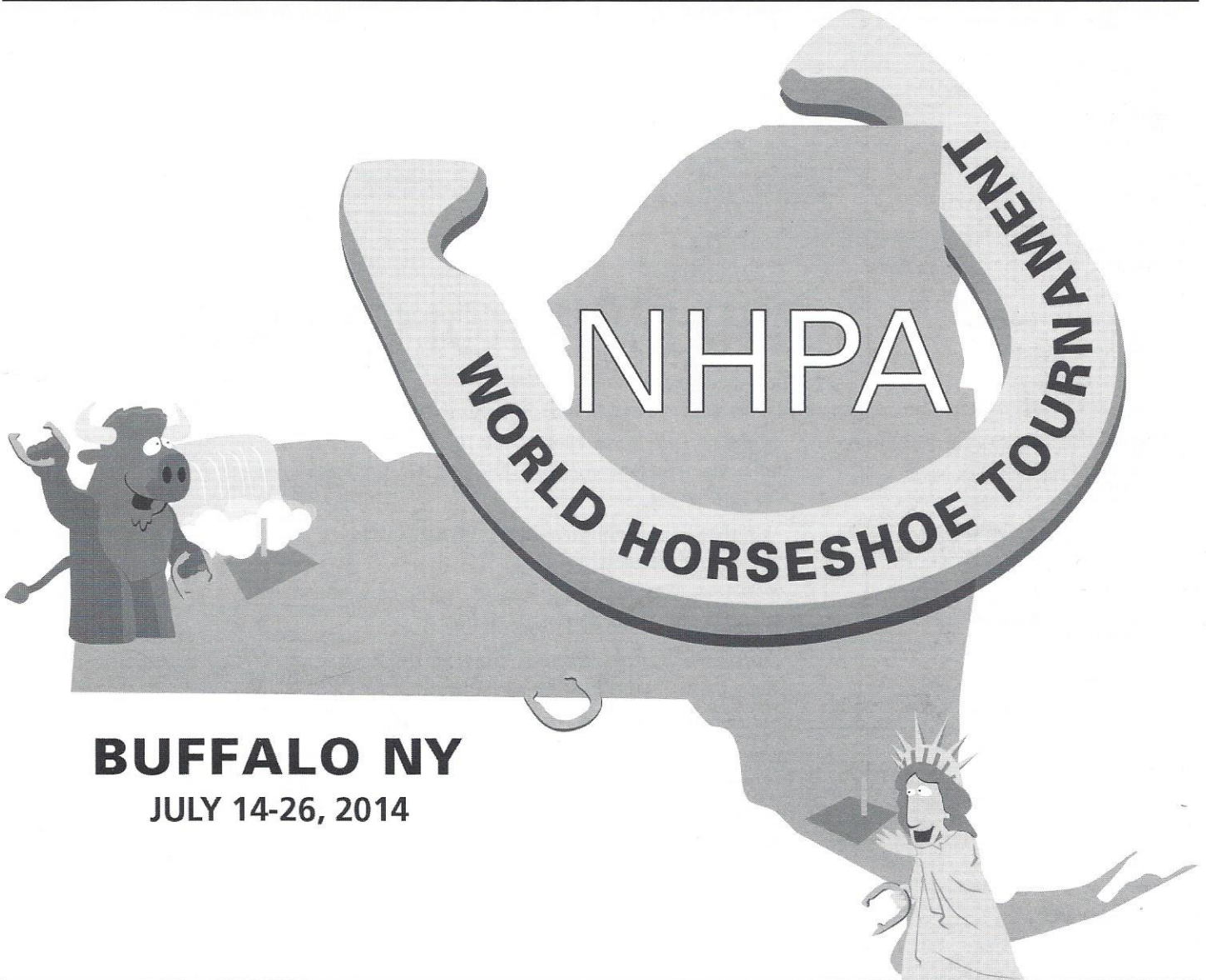


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Stu Sipma*

As we move into the New Year, spring is around the corner and leagues will be starting up in many States. We would encourage Charter Officers to continue to do their part in promoting our sport in their local communities/state. Membership numbers continue to be a concern for all of us; however, the good news is we are maintaining our numbers, so congratulations to everyone on their efforts!

David Sidles, NHPA League Director has reported we are starting to see a decrease in the number of leagues throughout the country. If you are involved in a league as an officer, thank you for being involved in this very important task for your league. It is also important in order to maintain a healthy, growing league to try and keep young people involved in league activities. Unfortunately, we are seeing league officers who have maintained these duties for many years and when they decide it is time to turn over their duties, nobody wants to take these responsibilities on and the league ends up folding. Please keep this in mind when you're preparing for your spring meeting and voting in new officers.

The NHPA Council winter meeting was held January 23–25, 2014. We had a full agenda for the three day meeting to discuss various topics. Many of these topics included some tough decisions to be made by our Council. I can assure all of you we took every topic very serious and explored every avenue before coming to a conclusion.

On the forum, I have been reading the string regarding Canadian Elders not able to participate in the Elders Division for the 2014 World Tournament in Buffalo. For those of you who do not know, Canadian Elders become eligible for their division at the age of 65. In the United States, we recognize Elders at the age of 70. Because of the age difference for Elders between Canada and US, we reviewed many options and explored all options of how to allow their Elders Division to pitch at our World Tournament. As most of you know (if you were a delegate at the 2012 Delegate Meeting at Knoxville) it was voted down unanimously to change the Elders age from 70 to 65. After many hours of discussion, the Council decided not to include the Canadian Elders Division into our current

US Elders Division. This was a very hard decision for the Council, but after reviewing the pros and cons, felt this was in the best interest of the NHPA. I will be in discussion with Jason Rideout, Horseshoe Canada's President to see if we can come up with some solution to prevent this from occurring in future NHPA World Horseshoe Tournaments.

Other topics discussed at the Winter Meeting included our 2014 goals and budget, 2014 W.T. entry form, prize fund, HOF banquet, junior party and all the comments and suggestions that were submitted to the Council from the 2013 W.T. in St. George. Other topics included the 2014 W.T. site visit which Jerry LaBrosse and myself completed in December, grievances, By-Law proposals, promotional ideas, Newsline concerns, NHPA Achievement and Stoke award candidates.

Positions which are up for re-election in 2014 include the positions of 2nd Vice President, 4th Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The deadline for submitting intentions to run for a position was February 1, 2014. No one outside of Jerry LaBrosse and Tina Hawkins announced their candidacy for the 2nd and 4th VP positions. Therefore, through the rule of acclimation, Jerry and Tina will retain their positions. Congratulations to both of you!

Dick Hansen who currently is our Secretary/Treasurer will not be renewing his term. Dick made this announcement at the 2012 Delegate Meeting. Since this time, Rob Hagman and David Sidles have announced their intentions to run for this position. I wish them both the best of luck. You will have big shoes to fill, but I am confident that either candidate will do an excellent job.

If you have any questions regarding the Winter Meeting, the 2014 World Tournament or just want to visit, don't hesitate to drop me an email or call. I always look forward to hearing from you!

Thank You.
Stu

JUNIOR PROMOTIONS *by Aleena Cook*

Horseshoes, With a Little Spunk

Washington, a diverse state from its temperatures, rainfall, seasons, and the people; one person in particular is a sixteen year old high school junior, Karla Lewis. Karla is a spirited young lady who is outgoing and fun to be around. She is your typical high school student with her favorite classes and some she doesn't like so much. In her spare time she likes to play softball, read, play games on her computer, hang out with her friends and pitch horseshoes.

Karla started pitching because she wanted to pitch for her grandpa, Bob Clark, as he is no longer able to pitch due to health concerns and age. She is very close to her grandpa and he supports her with all of her pitching. They compete in games of cribbage where Bob likes to beat her with a big smile on his face, but he will always give her advice when needed. Karla was a big supporter of her grandpa when, in 2008, he was inducted into the Washington Pitchers Hall of Fame. Her family was there to support her grandpa just like they will be there to support her. She pitches alongside her

mom and dad with her grandpa watching from the crowd. Karla loves making many friends through the game of horseshoes. She is a friend to all that she meets on the courts.

This spunky young lady made her first appearance at the 2013 World tournament this last year. She had only been to a few other tournaments before Utah, but it was an amazing experience for her. Karla stated that she had so much fun pitching against people from all over the world and other juniors close to her age. She says that one of the best parts about being a junior horseshoe pitcher is that it is so fun because she gets to meet so many new people, make new friends, and hang out with other junior pitchers.

Karla is the current 2013 Washington Junior Girls State Champion and loves every minute of it. Her goal for this upcoming year is to get better so that the next time she goes to the World tournament she can dominate her opponents. Be sure to watch out, she plans on continuing her success long after she is no longer a junior. Ladies beware!

REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT *by Bill Marvin*

As I look outside, it is snowing...AGAIN!!! Hard to imagine that in a few months the outdoor pitching season will be in full swing. Those of you fortunate enough to have indoor pits for winter competition (as we are in Central Illinois) realize that a few shoes each week helps keep the arm in shape. Bring a friend with you the next time you play, and make sure they get a sanction card. Word of mouth is the best way to get new members.

I just returned from my first NHPA Officers meeting, and am still amazed at the number of details that are handled behind the scenes by the NHPA Council. Though the most visible event is the World Tournament, there are many issues that require the attention of the Council. The agenda for the meeting covered a myriad of topics ranging from budgetary questions to proposed training for judges and scorekeepers to anything affecting the well being of the NHPA. The discussion was lively and there was a good give and take on all issues. The Council is determined to advance our sport, and meet the needs of all of our members.

A special thanks goes to Debby Michaud for sharing her wisdom

and encouragement while I “learn the ropes” of the 5th Vice President. Like any office, while it seems simple on the surface, there are tips and tricks that make the job easier to complete. I will continue to “pick her brain” in the coming days.

The World Tournament is just a few short months away. Qualifying tournaments for this year must be pitched prior to May 15th. Buffalo has a great venue and there are many sights to see in that area. Visit our web site, horseshoepitching.com, for complete information. If you enter one World, it is almost certain you will enter more. It is an event that compares to no other.

On a personal note, my wife Deanna and I were blessed with two grandsons in the last six weeks. Andrew Alan Frey was born on Thanksgiving Day, our 8lb 14oz butterball turkey. Six weeks later his cousin William Marshall Marvin came along. These two boys give us five grandchildren. Can't wait to show them how to throw a turn and a quarter!!!

Easy does it.

PUBLICITY / PROMOTION *by Tina Hawkins*

During the NHPA Executive Council's recent winter meeting, many items pulled from the world tournament comments box were addressed.

One common suggestion was to require world tournament judges to have more knowledge and training. Based on these, and other recommendations, the NHPA is implementing a “judge certification” system. This plan will consist of different levels of certification, based on the level of training, as well as the knowledge and skills exhibited through testing. This will enable members to ultimately achieve the distinction of “Master Judge.” These certifications will allow world tournament shift directors to be aware of the qualifications of each person prior to assigning them a judging position during competition.

Qualified score keepers were also a concern. As in the past few years, since electronic score keeping became the standard, score keeper training will be offered on site at the world tournament. There may be a form of testing and certification incorporated in this area, as well.

Many comments were collected about pitcher etiquette, knowledge of basic rules and junior and cadet players not “knowing the ropes.”

It was suggested that the NHPA teach these items to players, both adult and youth, at the world tournament.

The best way to address the topic of etiquette and basic procedure and rules is BEFORE a pitcher arrives for world class competition. Members are encouraged to recruit their friends, family, and acquaintances into the association, but the involvement should not stop at that point.

Once a new member joins the club, be it a co-worker, friend or grandchild, they should receive the guidance of existing members in the club. Local tournaments and league play are the very best class rooms for new players!

With a little help, they should know what is expected, know how to call the score, when to request a judge, and how to behave during their games.

It is possible that a “coach” of sorts will be available during junior and cadet rounds of competition.

Of course, the biggest source of comments from the 2013 World Tournament was the clay. Many were not pleased with the quality of the substance at St. George. For future events, the Executive Council will have a more watchful eye over the selection of the intended clay for each site.

Other comments from St. George included shape and quantity of shovels, type of spray paint, color of tarps, dress code, and access to the arena. The Council has reviewed each and every comment and takes every suggestion seriously. Many changes and/or additions will be implemented at future events based on your comments.

The comments/suggestions box will be available again in New York. Your thoughts are important to the success and improvement of this great event. Be sure to leave a comment if you feel the NHPA staff is doing a great job, as well! They devote countless hours, and for many all their annual vacation leave, to make your world tournament experience the very best it can be!

Also born from the winter meeting, will be a sponsorship committee. This committee will be taxed with helping to obtain a National sponsor for the world tournament and the NHPA. Members will be asked to contribute ideas for suitable companies, levels of sponsorship, as well as what benefit the sponsors should receive in return. They may also be assigned a list of prospective sponsors to make contact with.

PUBLICITY / PROMOTION *Continued*

The committee will conduct most business through email and will also meet in person at the world tournament. Committee members will be selected from the national member base. If you have interest in serving on this committee, send an email to NHPA 2nd Vice President, Tina Hawkins at tinahawk@msn.com.

Many, many other topics were discussed in the council's meeting. As always, the outcome of each agenda item is based on doing

what is felt to be the best choice for the good and well being of the NHPA and its membership. The success and growth of the association is of utmost importance and the ultimate goal of each and every member of the Executive Council.

With your continued support, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association will have a long and successful future!

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE *by David Sidles*

The holidays are over and it's time to get started on a new year of sanctioned league pitching. It's also time to look back and recognize the accomplishments of many league players. Those include the Top Ten winners, the Junior Scholarship winners, and the National League Director of the Year. For the first time in 2013, the Top Ten awards were expanded to include 40 shoe count-all leagues. This allowed over 1,000 players that were previously ineligible to compete for the three categories of National Points based awards to do so. A complete list of the winners can be found in this issue and also on the NHPA website. Ten junior division pitchers were awarded NHPA scholarships totaling over \$1,500.00. Congratulations to all the juniors that submitted applications for your academic success. And still undetermined at this time is the National Sanctioned League Director of the Year. While not a requirement, if you feel your league director is deserving of this recognition, please write up a short recommendation letter that describes their contributions to your league's success and send it to me. Also, if you would like to see your league featured in a Newsline article, write up a brief history of your league and send that to me as well.

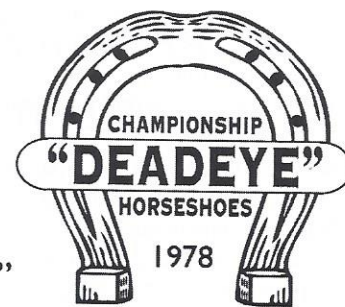
In the last issue, I briefly mentioned the Sanctioned League tournament. My goal is to make this one of the premier horseshoe pitching tournaments in the country each year. Last year saw for the first time, at least under my watch, someone came on board as the title sponsor of the event. That sponsor was WD Horseshoe Company, makers of Thoroughbred horseshoes. Their logo was included on the event banner ad, on all the score sheets, and on the large results board. My thanks go out them and I hope they continue to want to be a part of this tournament. There are also four individuals in particular that helped out to make this a successful event and they are who make this tournament run smoothly. Thanks to Bob Dunn for making and constantly updating the large tally board to track the game by game results; Bob's friend Paula Jensen for chasing down the score sheets; James Kinney Jr. for not only playing but leading the whole thing off with the singing of the National Anthem and lastly my wife Carla for just being there and keeping me on task and filling in a scorekeepers chair when needed. And of course you can never go to this beautiful facility and have a successful tournament without the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. Thanks to all of you. And lastly, I'd like to thank the good folks in Colorado for featuring this tournament along with the sponsor logo on the front page of their newsletter. I'm looking forward to another great event in 2014.

What makes a great horseshoe tournament? I would think that anyone considering entering this tournament would want to think they had a fair chance to win. For the last two years I have gone over the

results literally game by game to see what can be done to make the competition as close as possible. This tournament brings together players that range in pitching averages from less than 20% to greater than 70%. Not to say that there isn't close competition here. Look at the Championship match with one game decided by two points and another by one point. Applying a handicap formula to make every game decided by one point is impossible, although the number of tie games and one point games might surprise you. Some players thrive in this kind of competition, other do not. I put some of this analysis on the NHPA forum and believe me, it will be considered in this year's handicapping. Take a look at it.

Lastly, I'd just like to throw out a few observations about tournament prize money. Thanks to White Distributors, the 2013 league tournament was able to offer a significantly higher amount of prize money than the year before. Unfortunately, that didn't translate into more entries. In fact, it wasn't even a full tournament. Yes, the entry fee was raised a little bit. Was that the reason entries were down? Prize money always seems to be an ongoing theme at the World Tournament. But I can also remember years ago at the Iowa Games where the entry fee was double what you would have paid at almost any sanctioned tournament and the prize for winning was a small metal disk to wear around your neck. And yet the top class that day featured the six best pitchers in Iowa including the newly crowned World Champion! I guess there's a fine balance between what the motivation to attend an event is and what the possible reward might be. For now, I'm going to continue to try to load the reward side of the scale with money and see if I can find where that balance is. If it turns out that's not what the players want, we'll start playing for the fun of it and maybe little metal disks.

"Clydesdale D. F."
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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS by Jerry LaBrosse

In December Stu Sipma and I traveled to Buffalo, NY to inspect the site of the 2014 World Tournament, which will run from July 14 - 26. We spent much of Thursday the 12th at the Event Center with most of the local coordinators. We met with Jeff Rapini, Annette Mathews, and Lynne Collard of the Hamburg Fairgrounds and Event Center. Jeff is the manager, and an amazing "git er done" type of guy. He worked with us extensively on the layout of the courts and where all of the various tournament activities would take place within the complex. The main arena is just large enough to layout six banks of eight courts, for a total of 48. On one end of the arena there is a large balcony level that will be the location of the playoff courts. These playoff courts are going to be free of the general noise and distraction of the main arena floor, while still allowing plenty of spectator seating. There is no elevator to this level however, and those who cannot get up there will be provided with live video feed on the ground level. In the front lobby of the Event Center you will find the welcome and Registration tables. NHPF and NHPA Game Related Sales will also be setup near the front entrance. The stats room will be on the floor level this year, providing very easy access.

Near the ice cream shop there is an enclosed hallway that connects to the Expo Hall building. This will be the location of shoe check, photos, announcements, and awards. Also in this building will be booths for the World Tournament bidders, and many vendors. There will be a lot of activity in this building.

A short walk from this building is the Market Place building that will house the practice courts. It's air conditioned, and we will be setting up portables identical to the tournament courts. We're unsure at this time how many there will be, but we're thinking eight or ten, or maybe even twelve. There are options to set up more practice courts outside under a roof.

The beauty of this year's site is that everything will be happening on the fairgrounds property. There is another building a short distance away called the Carousel building that will be host to the convention and the HOF banquet. The State Officer's/Sanctioned League/RD meeting will take place here also. Food service manager to Russ DiPasquale assures us all that we will be very pleased with the food and the setting.

Also on the fairgrounds property is the campground. There are plenty of full hook up sites available. Reserve your spot by filling out the registration form found on the NHPA website. There's a harness racing track on the property as well.

The Hamburg Casino is attached to the Event Center. There are no card games in this casino, only machines. We tried out their nice buffet and found it to be very clean with a nice selection of different tastes.

On Friday Chuck Giglia and Lindsay Carucci, both from the Buffalo Sports Commission, took us downtown to tour some hotels and point out some of the local flavor. The downtown area was about 16 minutes away from the fairgrounds. It's a nice ride right down the shoreline of Lake Erie. Chuck was describing the local history of the steel mills and other industry as we toured the area. The Adams Mark Hotel is the largest in town, and the rates are lower than out near the fairgrounds. It is a very nice place, and it's right in the middle of downtown Buffalo. There are a million things to see and do near the hotel. It's close to the waterfront, where there is a military museum with a battleship, submarine, tanks, helicopters, all of which you can enter and explore. Check it out at www.buffalonaivalpark.org...

Many thanks go to NYHPA organizers Frank Kwiatkowski, and Charter President Lyle Dorler and his wife Diane. They were very helpful in answering our questions and concerns during this visit.

I think I can speak for both Stu and myself in saying that we inspected a very good World Tournament site and location. We believe that the tournament is going to be a bit larger this year, and will add to the whole World Tournament Experience. We strongly encourage you to consider being a part of this great event.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this, or any other topic, feel free to contact Stu or any officer.

Hope to see you in Buffalo!!

DECEMBER 2013 & JANUARY 2014 Income & Expenses Statement

Income

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Horseshoe Sanction Fees | \$400.00 |
| 2015 WT Bid Payment | \$7,000.00 |
| Charter Dues | \$27.00 |
| Membership Dues | \$12,074.00 |
| Newsline Subscriptions | \$2,048.00 |
| Sanction League Patches | \$6.00 |
| Travel Refund | \$674.40 |
| US Bank Checking Interest | \$8.64 |
| US Bank MMKT Interest | \$27.18 |

TOTAL **\$22,265.22**

Expenses

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing | \$2,799.03 |
| Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc. | \$780.00 |
| Sanctioned League Postage & Printing | \$137.32 |
| Sanctioned League Patches & Awards | \$3,529.41 |
| All Junior Scholarship Trusts | \$2,879.30 |
| World Tournament Admin. Costs. Printing, Office Supplies, Etc. | \$400.00 |
| Hall of Fame Awards Supplies & Expenses | \$2,648.29 |
| Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing | \$133.34 |
| Sanction Tournament Patches | \$340.40 |
| Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs | \$193.38 |
| Printing, paper & office supplies | \$2,539.68 |
| Postage | \$588.38 |
| Officers Telephone | \$198.91 |
| Officers Travel | \$8,424.79 |
| Sec/Treas Allowance | \$3,300.00 |
| Presidents Allowance | \$1,000.00 |
| Vice Presidents Allowance | \$5,000.00 |
| Publicity, Promotions & Ads | \$400.00 |
| Insurance | \$12,242.40 |
| Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc. | \$90.00 |
| Special Events | \$1,000.00 |
| Refunds | \$27.00 |
| NatStats | \$1,000.00 |
| Internet Access & Web Site | \$1,236.78 |

TOTAL **\$50,888.41**

From the books of
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

NHPF "IT'S YOUR BUILDING" by Casey Sluys

Some major changes have transpired in the makeup of the Board of Directors of the NHPF.

First of all we'd like to thank Dave Loucks for his 30 years of service to the NHPA and the NHPF. Had it not been for his tenacity and undying love for the game, your Hall of Fame would still be residing in someone's basement. The generosity of Dr. Jack Freeman assisted greatly in our endeavor to accomplish this task.

Gary Buehler was elected unanimously as treasurer of the NHPF. Gary is a member of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club in Wentzville, MO and close to the facility. That also brings to mind the other major change that affects each of you. That is the address that you mail your contributions to. This address is the actual Hall of Fame building: NHPF 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO, 63385. All brick orders should be sent here also and addressed NHPF Commemorative Brick Program. Please jot this down in your address books as this is a major change. Casey Sluys becomes NHPF President, Phyllis Quist, Secretary and Joe Faron remains VP and building superintendent.

You will read an excellent article in this issue by Jeannette Claas about our Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza. It explains in detail how the plaza is laid out and what you can do to order a brick. It is worth your time and effort to read.

Our intent is to increase awareness of our existence and to let all of you know that *this is your building*. There will be various methods used to communicate our accomplishments and increase our visibility. One is to ask each of the charters to include a link on their website that leads directly to the NHPF website. This site has been updated with the most recent information and can give each of you a good overview of what the Foundation is about. Most charters have been very cooperative with this request and we sincerely appreciate the increased visibility. Thank you to everyone involved!

We have begun to look at some percentages of people donating versus membership numbers. It seems at first glance that an average of about 80% of the NHPA membership have yet to donate something to the Foundation and their Hall of Fame. I can tell you that the most contributors to membership is the state of Virginia at a whopping 42%. There are many ways you could save a few bucks to donate; for example if you could save one day's scorekeeping money per month, i.e. seven games @ \$.50 a game equals \$3.50 for 20 scorekeeping sessions that would amount to a \$70.00 contribution. Or how about pledging \$1.00 for every tournament that you enter to donate to the Hall of Fame? We know of one individual who donated his tournament winnings each year! There must be hundreds of ways to save a few bucks. I'd love to hear from you with ideas of how to save and donate.

Most likely there will not be a running total of states contributions in each issue. We will publish that information

on an annual basis probably the first issue of the year from now on. We do intend to mention the percentages of contributors as it increases though. I will be asking from time to time for contributions to this column from the other directors on the board.

To really appreciate the great facility, you have to pay a visit to it. Make your plans now as you travel to or from the World Tournament. Spend a few hours reading the bricks, looking at the displays in the NHPA Hall of Fame and enjoy the company of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club.

Please let us know if you can assist us for a few hours at this year's World Tournament, we can certainly use the help. If there is anything else that you'd like to see in this column please let me know.

The NHPF wishes to acknowledge and thank the following for their contributions that were received during the months of December and January.

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Raymond L. Hall, NY

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Art & Jan Anderson, CA

William Backer, CA

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Charles Bunner, WV

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Tri-Valley Horseshoe Club, CA

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Donating \$500-550

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Kevin D. & Cynthia Cone IA

Bricks Purchased By

Arlington Iron Benders H.C.

Duane A. McGrath, CA (3 bricks)

Gary Roberts OH (1/3 brick)

Debby Michaud MA (1/3 brick)

Casey Sluys CA (1/3 brick)

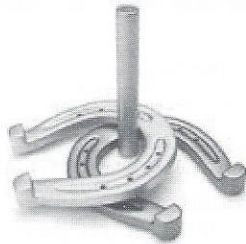
Other Income

\$40 Merchandise Sale

\$137 HOF Donation Box

\$3,000 QRHC 4th Qtr. Donation

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For more information contact tournament director:

Hal White (704) 922-2164 or Hal.White@gastongov.com

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P.O. Box 1578, Gastonia, NC 28053

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Mid-Atlantic Classic Entry Form

Name _____

Please check all that applies: Adult 40ft Adults 30ft Junior Friday Night Doubles

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

NHPA Card # _____ Top 3 Avg. Ringer% will be taken from NatStats. **T-Shirt Size** _____

Signature _____ Date _____

2013 TOP SELLING GAME RELATED SALES DISTRIBUTORS

Herb Heesch has been pitching horseshoes for about 20 years and initially got involved with the NHPA in 2000. Judie tried to pitch at home, but hurt her shoulder couldn't take it, so she just accompanied Herb to all the tournaments.

In 2001, Herb and Judie Heesch were asked by the Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association if they would be interested in selling Game Related products at the state tournaments in Florida. They met with the gentleman that was then selling for them, who was ill, and at that time they took over the task. They continued to do this until 2004, when they decided it was too labor intensive to continue loading and unloading the products at all the tournaments. They notified the state officers and asked that they try to find someone else to take over the task. In January of 2004, the state picked up all the inventory and had an impossible time trying to find someone to do the sales, so they sold what inventory they had left back to the NHPA Game Related Sales (Ken Kosky).

Ken was then the director of the Game Related Sales for NHPA and contacted Herb and Judie asking them to continue to be sales representatives for NHPA through the website they had established. At first they were reluctant, but after talking to Ken he convinced them to continue. He stated he would drop ship any orders they received and sent

to him. That was the beginning of a good relationship with the NHPA Game Related Sales and has continued to date.

They were fortunate to establish an excellent web site, "HorseshoesandRelatedItems.com", and the sales have continued to grow through the years. Herb and Judie were honored and quite surprised to know that they were the top sales representatives for the past several years and hope they will be able to continue for years to come. They do it for the love of the game and to support the NHPA.



The NHPA is most fortunate to have the Heesch's as long-time distributors and we were delighted they came to the 2013 World Tournament to work in the GRS booth and personally receive their award for the Top Distributor for Game Related Sales for 2013. Game Related Sales plans to present this award annually to the top-selling Distributor in an effort

to give recognition and appreciation for an excellent job in sales and support of the NHPA! Distributors like Herb and Judie contribute so very much in time and money to our organization! They exemplify excellent work ethics and dedication.

THANK YOU TO HERB AND JUDIE HEESCH FOR THEIR WORK IN 2013!

HORSESHOE PITCHING FACTS AND FOLKLORE

by Bob Dunn NHPA Historian

Raymond Frye

Not all nominations for the NHPA Hall of Fame are successful with the nominee being inducted. When reading through some of the past nominations that were not successful, there are some wonderful and interesting stories about great pitchers in our past. Especially when the nominee played several decades ago, but just isn't as familiar a name as are recent pitchers. Such is the case of Raymond Frye. While Frye will not be a member of our National Hall of Fame, we can at least recognize his career and incredible accomplishments here in this series. His nomination from 1995 is being reprinted as written by John Shaw and Chuck West.

"The Winchester Horseshoe Pitcher's Association and the Virginia Horseshoe Pitcher's Association wish to place in nomination Raymond L. "Deadpan" Frye for the NHPA Hall of Fame as a player and promoter.

Raymond was from Hepners, VA of Orkney Springs. He also spent a lot of his early years in Richmond, VA, where he taught, pitched and promoted the sport of horseshoe pitching. Raymond was semi-retired when he died in 1959 at age 58.

He was the first pitcher to be inducted into the Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame. He pitched 100% games. He pitched 95 ringers out of 100 shoes. He pitched in the championship class in the 1935 and 1939

HORSESHOE PITCHING FACTS AND FOLKLORE *Continued*

World Tournaments. He was the Virginia State Champion 15 times. He was the Evening Star Metropolitan (VA, MD & DC) Champion 13 times. He had a visit from world champions Ted Allen and Frank Jackson. He took the first two games out of three from both Allen and Jackson. It is said that the "scrap" between Henson and Frye, for the Star Tournament Championship, looms as one of the hottest affairs in the entire world of horseshoe pitching at that time.

Ray was a master of pitching in exhibition as well as competition. His trick accomplishments were to strike a match against the opposite peg with one ringer and put it out with a ringer on the next pitch; he would knock a paper bag off his wife's head and make a ringer; he would make ringers on a stake hidden by a blanket. These tricks were all done pitching from 40'. He would also make ringers pitching at a moving target. He and his wife loved to pitch exhibitions and would send out flyers announcing the up coming events.

Ray was so well known and liked by pitchers in this surrounding area that the Raymond L. Frye Memorial Horseshoe Open Tournament was established in 1966 by Les Singhass with the help of Carl Frye, son of Raymond, to honor this great local pitcher.

It was fitting that the first tournament was won by Danny Kuchcinski. He too was a master of horseshoes in exhibition as well as in competition.

This tournament lists such winners as Danny Kuchcinski, Jim Solomon, Oscar Engle, Al Zadroga (8 times), Elmer Hohl, Joe Schultz, Carl Steinfeldt, Art Tyson, Jim Knisley, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Alvin Perry. Some of his friends have pitched, Sam Sutton, John Fulton, Dale Carson, Clayton Henson, Robert Toney, Ralph Maddox, Tempel Jerrell and Alvin Dahlene.

This has been the largest tournament on the East Coast for many years. Many of the pitchers that have given up active pitching still come back to meet long time friends and talk about old times at the Raymond L. Frye Courts, in the Jim Barrett Park, Winchester, VA. There have been 25 tournaments in his honor and we are looking forward to many more. This tournament is held each year on the second weekend in September.

For a man who loved this sport, gave most of his life entertaining and helping others and has brought so much pleasure to others with his participation in this sport, it is with great enthusiasm, pride and love that we present to

you Raymond L. "Deadpan" Frye for your consideration as a member in the NHPA Hall of Fame.

John Shaw
President V.H.P.A.

Charles West
President W.H.P.A.

**A bit of a misstatement was made in reference to Frye's participation in the 1939 World Tournament. There was no NHPA World Tournament held in 1939. However, there was a Mid-West National Tournament held during the Iowa State Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, and during the 1930's, those tournaments were the most competitive events of the year and very properly were generally referred to as the national championships. Raymond Frye participated and indeed was in the thick of the competition at the 1939 Mid-West National Tournament. He was 11th in the preliminary round robin on a 25 - 12 record. In the finals, he placed 11th pitching 70.86% and had a record of 7 wins and 8 losses.*

In the 1935 World Tournament held in Moline, Illinois, Frye placed 2nd in the Class B event referred to as the Dispatch Tournament. 1935 was the first World Tournament to hold a class beyond the Championship Class. Frye pitched 68.3% and had a 20-3 record in his Class B performance. He missed the cut-off for the Men's Championship Class by 7 points as he pitched 72 ringers in the 100 shoe qualifying round and scored 235 points.

Following are a number of newspaper clippings referenced in the nomination letter:

VIRGINIA WINS

On October 12, (1935) Raymond Frye, Orkney Springs, Va., pitched Carroll E. Jackson two games in an exhibition, with the following scores:



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HORSESHOE PITCHING FACTS

AND FOLKLORE *Continued*

| | P | R | DR | SP | Pct |
|---------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Frye | 55 | 50 | 21 | 60 | 83.3 |
| Jackson | 13 | 36 | 12 | 60 | 60.0 |

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Frye | 54 | 72 | 26 | 98 | 73.4 |
| Jackson | 47 | 70 | 25 | 98 | 69.3 |

On October 30, Frye pitched two games in an exhibition with Ted Allen, world's champion, with the following scores:

| | P | R | DR | SP | Pct |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|------|
| R.L. Frye | 51 | 16 | 24 | 84 | 76.1 |
| Ted Allen | 45 | 16 | 22 | 84 | 71.4 |

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|------|
| R.L. Frye | 51 | 18 | 32 | 106 | 77.3 |
| Ted Allen | 47 | 24 | 28 | 106 | 75.4 |

On August 16, Mr. Frye pitched a perfect 50-point game with John Woodard, as follows:

| | P | R | DR | SP | Pct |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| R.L. Frye | 51 | 24 | 12 | 24 | 100 |
| J. Woodward | 0 | 5 | 1 | 24 | 29 |

Was this actually a world's record? "On September 20th, 1934, Raymond Frye, champion of Virginia made a world's record 95 ringers out of 100 shoes pitched for a score on 290 points."

This is a curious article that states the newly designed hooked shoes were not allowed to be used in the 1933 Virginia State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. This is the only documented record known where what would be consider a championship tournament and hooked shoes were not allowed:

Shenandoah County Man Wins State Horseshoe Tournament

"Mr. Raymond L. Frye, a resident of Hepners, Shenandoah County, was awarded first prize at the State Horseshoe Tournament which was held at Staunton, Va., during the Staunton Fair, on September 6, 1933. Mr. Frye won all his games. Mr. Clayton Henson of Arlington, Va., won second place, losing two of his games. After the tournament was over Mr. Henson and Mr. Frye pitched four fifty-point games before an interested crowd, Frye winning three out of the four. Henson used Gordon Spin-on and Frye used Diamond Eagle Ringer shoes, both pairs being barred from the forenoon tournament as all contestants used plain shoes without hooks."

PRESENTING – eNEWSLINE!

During the recent NHPA Executive Council winter meeting, financial statements for Newsline Magazine were a major concern. Despite efforts to make it self-supporting, the magazine has been losing money, year after year. A decrease in subscription numbers have contributed to this problem. This also means our information isn't reaching very many of our members.

In an historic decision, the council has elected to convert Newsline Magazine to be an eNewsline – an online publication that will be available FREE to ALL members of the NHPA, as a benefit of membership.

Beginning in January 2015, eNewsline will be sent directly to your email inbox. The contents of each issue will also be available on the NHPA website and can be printed in its entirety, for those who wish to flip pages.

Of course, your email addresses will be required for you to receive the mailing, as well as important announcements that will also be a feature of this new service, which will be managed by the company, Constant Contact.

Your address will never be shared or sold to any outside entity, but if you have any concerns, you could create a separate email address specifically for this newsletter.

It is understood that some of our members do not have email or internet access. Each Charter will be encouraged to establish a system for printing and distributing the pages to these individuals.


The Council understands that change is not always readily accepted, but feels that the benefits of THIS change will far outweigh any

inconvenience or concerns. Not only will this make our news and information available to ALL members, but it should be an easy and effective recruitment tool.

This online publication will instantly increase the appeal of the NHPA in the eyes of prospective sponsors, as our potential REACH is being multiplied ten-fold.

A detailed presentation is being prepared for the annual delegate's convention in New York, describing the details of the transition, and more information will be distributed throughout the year, in order to prepare you for this new and exciting benefit of being a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association!


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THE 3RD ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INVITATIONAL MAY 3-4, 2014

By Jeanette Claas

Attention all 30 and 40 Footers!

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and excited to be hosting its 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Invitational on May 3-4, 2014 at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Wentzville, MO. The pitchers will be competing for a total purse of \$8,000. The traditional playoff game between the Champions of the 40 and 30 footers will be played for additional prize money.

40 Footers: This tournament is for the top "Sweet Sixteen" 40 footers in the Mens Division who have the highest ringer percentage and accept our invitation. The format is a round robin event consisting of 15 forty-point games. Eight games will be pitched on Saturday, and seven games will be played on Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 with some payback to all sixteen places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament and need more information contact Tournament Director Joe Faron at 314-704-7082, email address: Bugsfaron@aol.com.

30 Footers: The exciting 30 footers tournament will be held in conjunction with the 40 footers tournament. If you are among the top 50 in the Womens and the top 50 in the Elders Division, this tournament is for you! The format will be the same as the 40 footers, with a round robin format, pitching on Saturday and Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 with some payback to all sixteen places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament contact Tournament Director Bob Diekamp at 636-240-6260, email address: rdiekamp@charter.net.

If you have a high ringer percentage in the Mens, Womens and Elders Division check the NHPA NATSTATS as of January 22, 2014 to see if you qualify in the top 100 in the United States. Look for an invitation in the mail sometime during the middle

of February. Please notify the tournament director if you qualify and have not received an invitation.

While you are making plans to attend this spring tournament please support our hotel sponsor, the Holiday Inn Express in O'Fallon. The hotel is located 10-12 minutes from the horseshoe arena. If you are interested in supporting the tournament with a sponsorship, please contact Tournament Director Joe Faron at 314-704-7082 or email bugsfaron@aol.com.

Whether you plan to pitch in the tournament or to come as a spectator, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members promises you an unforgettable experience. The QRHC members are planning a home-cooked dinner at the facility on Saturday evening for a small donation for all to attend. The QRHC is looking forward in anticipation of your attendance at this exciting horseshoe event.

If you haven't visited the NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame & Museum facility, this is your opportunity to come and see what the NHPA/NHPF has provided for you. After viewing the beautifully designed Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, you will enjoy touring the indoor facility where an impressive National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum enshrines horseshoe memorabilia from the past 100 years. The 16 indoor courts are climate-controlled for your comfort. If you have not already purchased a brick for the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, this would be the perfect time to do so. Your brick would be engraved by the time you arrive for the 3rd Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament this spring. What a great way to support the NHPA Hall of Fame building project and at the same time feel a part of our great horseshoe organization.

Support the NHPF

The only horseshoe pitching related charity needs your tax-deductible donations to support many programs of the sport including the Hall of Fame and Grants to install new or upgrade existing courts.

Deadlines for Grant Applications

March 1 and September 1

Mail inquires & contributions to:

NHPF Hall OF fame
100 Bluestem Way
Wentzville, MO 63385

HALL OF FAME

By Vicki Winston

As I write this article much of the nation is gripped by winter weather with more on the way. I hope by the time you are reading this that it will be looking more like spring and pitchers who play only during the warm months will have cleaned the rust off their horseshoes in eager anticipation of the spring leagues and tournaments. I am getting tired of the cold temperatures.

Some of you saw the new Hall of Fame shirts that were unveiled for the first time at the 2013 Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet. I am pleased to announce that as of this writing a plan is being put in place where we will be able to offer a HOF shirt retroactively to past inductees who are still living. They will have to pay \$15 towards the cost of the shirt and the NHPA will pay the remainder of the cost and the shipping charge. I am working on an order form and a cover letter that I will send to all past inductees for whom I can find a mailing address. If you are one of these people and think I may not know how to get in contact with you, then please contact me and give me your address. My contact information is listed in the front of NEWSLINE.

The 2014 Hall of Fame voting process should be well underway by the time this article reaches you. I thank those who have taken the time to send nominations this past year. Unfortunately, there were a few who waited until the last minute to get your nomination sent. The deadline is always January 31st of the year in which the voting will take place and you may send nominations at anytime prior to that. I would encourage you to get nominations to me well in advance of the deadline. It makes things easier for me and for the Screening Committee.

Candidates on the ballot for 2014 are:



Player

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 Judy Curtiss
 Mike DiMartino
 Connie Filley
 Paul LaCrosse
 Monte Latino
 Loren May
 John Lindmeier
 Willard "Spud" Napier
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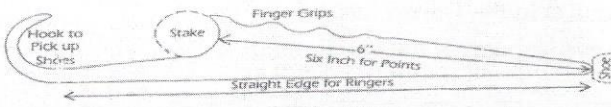
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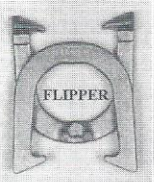
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 Dan Sanders
 Jim Shilling
 Lorraine Sternberg
 William Weis

I have made tentative plans to be at the 2014 World Tournament and am hoping to see many of my horseshoe friends. Don't forget to make plans to attend the banquet.


Horseshoe Digger




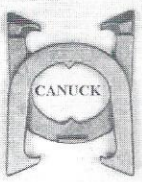



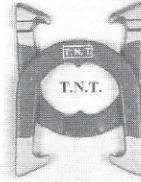


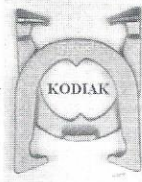



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CHARTER CHATTER by Diane Ratliff

Hello everyone! Happy almost-spring! It's been a rough winter and in some areas, our horseshoes may be getting a little rusty. (Speaking of rusty, I've been going to chase down Mr. Bob Du nn, as I happened across two pair of rusty, pitted Phoenix Specials. Thanks to my constant chatter about horseshoe pitching, a friend from my local fire company (where I volunteer as Membership Secretary), gave them to me upon her husband's passing. She said "Mr. Betsy" love to play when he was able, and when she found them in a box in the garage, she thought of me.)

The spring thaw, for those of us in the colder climates, is here or just around the corner! I know that I'm not the only one who is more than ready! Thank you, NHPA, *Newsline*, and our many awesome members, for keeping our sport alive while we've been hunkered down. It's nice to get those requests for new cards from members traveling to the warmer climates (Claudie Braswell, John Heil, Paul McGee & Donald VanDivner, I'm thinking of you!) that are able to pitch while the rest of us stay bundled up or inside. Kudos to all of you who have indoor courts available – some of us are jealous! I sure hope you are taking advantage of them!

Keep the Chatter coming. Please send info to me at Diana.ratliff@antek.com (717/309-7203) Send info for the next issue to me by March 26th. Thanks! ~Diana

Colorado –Bob Champion

Excerpt for the Award-Winning *Double Ringer*

Edgewater Team Captures 2013 NHPA League Event!

Two Edgewater League teams captured the finals of the 2013 NHPA League Player Championships on Oct. 5-6 at the Hall of Fame building in Wentzville, MO.

The Edgewater "Red" Team (Nina Pearson, Ken Rodenburg, Thornton, Jeanette Gonzales, Brighton) defeated the Edgewater "Blue" Team 2-1 in the final match. Members of the Blue Team were Fred & Sheila Shepard from Westminster and Ed Shepard from Denver.

In the 2013 competition, 10 teams from Missouri led the total number of league teams, followed by two from Colorado and Nebraska, and one each from Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois and Kansas.

The Shepard team from Colorado was the winner of the tournament in 2010, and Sheila posted the high overall percentage of 70% in 2013.

Illinois - Dave Shreve

Winter time in Illinois can be brutal at times; however it doesn't stop the pitching. We are fortunate to have a

number of indoor courts available to pitch in and to have sanctioned tournaments. One of these is quite unique in that all scoring is done electronically. The scoring system is very much like the HS Master except the scorekeepers have a little different system. This is set up by Tony Yancek at the Dew Drop Inn tavern in Dow, IL. There are 5 courts, courts 2 and 3 have one monitor, courts 4 and 5 have one monitor and court 1 is done by Tony himself. He correlates all the info and has a scrolling result page similar to the World tournaments. All this equipment is supplied by Tony himself. The tournaments are once a month (first Saturday). Stop on by and see for yourself.

Louisiana - Ron Latiolais

Louisiana is getting ready to start our year with good news about our club from Harahan that lost their old pits and moved to a new location. They will be having some tournaments this year again. I was contacted by Monroe civic center about building 10 pits in that area so hopefully we will be able to have another club this year.

Maryland – Diana Ratliff

The MDHPA is pleased to recognize the winners of the 2013 Points Challenge. First place goes to Roy Means of Pasadena, Second place to John "Chief" Sequoyah and Third to Terry Hitzelberger, both of Baltimore. They received incentive awards of \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively for their activity in MD sanctioned tournaments throughout the year. Special mention goes to Bob Rasmussen and Jim Reabe, who trailed them only slightly.

We would also like to thank Francisco Reyes, Sr, for agreeing to serve as one of the Vice Presidents of our organization. He brings many new ideas and we are happy to be working with him.

Larry Bunn reports that Balto Metro is underway with the 5th season of their Winter Baggo League, in an effort to keep those pitching arms in motion, and it's off to a terrific start.

All three clubs within the state are working on their schedules and anxious for spring to arrive so the official pitching season can begin. We continue to work on recruitment of new members in an effort to not only keep our beloved sport alive, but to see it grow.

Efforts are still underway for our email news blasts. Unfortunately, we have encountered difficulties in being blocked by many of your providers and are being viewed as spam for sending to "too many recipients." Hopefully we will be able to find a way around this issue. Email is a most economical and speedy way of communication that we would like to make use of.

CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

Minnesota - Gene Gross

Most of us have likely received pitching tips from others as they observed us. Sometimes these tips work and others do not help much. This is a story about a great tip I received at our State Tournament this past September.

But the story really begins in 2006 when Sara Otto, living in a Twin Cities suburb was looking for a club to join. Sara had pitched as a junior in her hometown of Wadena, MN. Like many of us Sara got busy with her life and had no time for competitive horseshoes. But the interest was still there so while still a young woman she found me as the contact for our Bloomington Horseshoe Club. She joined our team league and ended the year with a 5.72 ringer percentage. The next year she won the league Most Improved Award with 12.57%. The following year she won this award again with a 31.65%. And in 2009 she won this award for the third year in a row with a 38.32%. How often has someone won a Most Improved Award three years in a row?

By this time Sara was pitching at World, State and local tournaments. She also was the State's newsletter editor, the Ringer Digest, and then became our NHPA Regional Director as well. She won the 2013 Regional Director of the year award (a very busy woman!). At this past World Tournament Sara qualified for the Women's Championship Class and finished 10th. When she returned she told us her claim to fame was pitching against Joan Elmore when Joan pitched a 100% game.

Now back to the tips. I was pitching my first game in an Elders Class at our State Tournament when Robin Constance, President of our Bloomington Club and State West Metro VP, spotted something. I had won that first game but was not very happy with my performance. I was rarely getting a ringer on my first shoe. I bore down on the second shoe which often was my salvation. Robin observed that I was rushing my first throw. He said he had asked Sara after the World if she learned anything pitching against all the top women. She said "Yes, they all take a little more time." I took that advice and concentrated by taking 2 or 3 more seconds before throwing my pitches. It worked well. I pitched much better, often getting a ringer on my first shoe and won my class. As a postscript, Sara went on to finish second in the Women's Championship Class at our State Tournament to another young great

Minnesota pitcher, Tiffany Syring.

Missouri - Dee McIntire

Missouri is proud of its Junior and Cadet pitchers! As you can see by the National Top Ten list that is included in this issue, MO has a junior or cadet in almost every category. We have a total of 7 junior and cadet pitchers included in the List. They are, Cadets: Ryan Schepers, Cooper Phipps and Madisen Gwinn. Juniors are: Devin Wetzel, Savannah Johnson, Nathan Evers and Josie Lapierre.

Not to be outdone, we also happen to have 7 adults included in the National Top Ten. They are: Gregg Craven, Stan Griggs, Steven Johnson, Rose Diekamp, Gina Baker, James Driver and Michael Bowman.

Isn't it wonderful that we have as many Junior/Cadets in this National Top Ten as we have adults? Everyone go out and bring in those kids to the wonderful sport of Horseshoes!

New Jersey - Bill MacIntyre

Congratulations to Vince Yannetti who becomes an NHPA lifetime member this year. Vince joined the NHPA/NJSHPA back in 1964. Vince becomes NJ's second lifetime member, joining the late Bill Kolb who reached fifty years in 1988. Vince was very active in horseshoes on



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all levels - national, state and club. Vince was statistician at many World Tournaments, NJ delegate, 1975 NHPA Achievement Award winner, Regional Director, NHPA 3rd VP 1983-1989, 1985 Arch Stokes Award winner, elected to NHPA Hall of Fame in 1995. Vince served the state as President and 1st, 2nd, 3rd VP. tournament director, statistician, and historian - a position he still maintains. He was inducted into the NJSHPA Hall of Fame 1979. Vince is a charter member of the Middlesex Club; elected to the club Hall of Fame 1980. Vince hasn't been active the past few years as far as pitching goes but he does come to some tournaments to say hello, watch and converse with the players.

The NJSHPA will be celebrating eighty years of a sanctioned charter that was organized on May 27th 1934 with 26 charter members. Dues were \$1.50 a year that included a subscription to the Horseshoe World magazine. This was all possible through the efforts of W.E. Santoro-Pres., Paul Puglise 1VP, George Mac Neil- 2nd VP, Rey Santoro-Sec/Trs and executive members Ben Murphy, D.E. Brown and Frank Boyce. So far nothing has been decided as to how the present organization will celebrate the event.

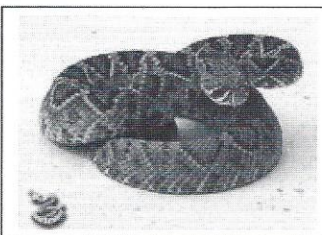
Welcome aboard to three new members to the NJ State executive council. Lou Cataldi will take over as Sec. / Trs, John Forti and Frank Doughty will be Members at Large.

North Carolina - Paul Highlander

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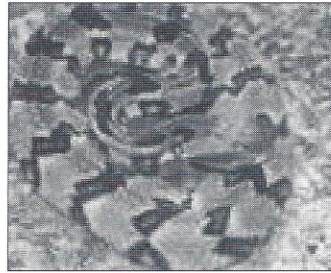
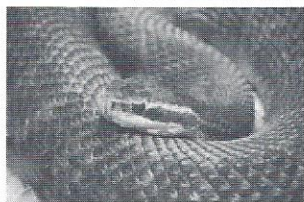


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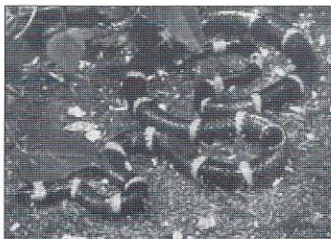


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Ohio-Brian Fisher

Winter is surely upon us now. It was -4 without the wind chill when I drove into work this morning. I get a real feel what you folks in ND, MN, and WI deal with every winter for sure. Ohio is lucky in one respect, having 8 fine indoor facilities, like MO has, to pitch in. Why don't we use the winter time to call a friend that has been away from the courts or your club for awhile, maybe just to sub once? And maybe, just maybe, this person will become active again. All you have to do is invite someone to ride along to a tournament with you. And it could be someone that has never pitched before too. Our annual snowball open is close at hand now, and I will use this weekend to call on folks as a reminder to enter. Sometimes these friendly phone calls are necessary, because it's a fact folks do forget. I'm glad I have unlimited minutes, because some become lengthy, coarse it's always the person on the other end, and not me.

The 2014 World Tournament will be here before you know it. Now is the time to prepare. Get those hotels reserved, and if you are not sure when you pitch, it's easy just reserve the room for the WHOLE two weeks, then adjust the nights when the schedule is out. They will not charge in the beginning, it's just holding the room. But you should always make sure this is clear with the desk clerk. I can already count a few people who will be entering (their first world) and I believe just talking it up

CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

to them helped with the decision. Airfare is the trickiest part of this trip. I would secure this ASAP, as airfare is really on the rise. Don't forget to check Hotwire, as it's always been good to me. And secondly, you can go directly with the carrier, Air Tran, Delta, Southwest, etc... Anything under 350 would be a good buy for sure.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our unsung heroes, Jane Smith. This column takes a lot of work, putting it all together in a good fashion. I know one thing we need a few more of you Jane, because your dedication to this GEAT sport is unmatched in my mind. Thanks for all you do! And many thanks to you Diana Ratliff for taking this over, as this is one of our most important areas, communication. We can sure learn a lot from each other, I think we are like spokes in a wagon wheel, imagine if one spoke was missing; the whole load would be in jeopardy. This is why we need each other. Many ringers to all and SAFE TRAVELING!

Oregon – Chuck Warner

Oregon is looking forward to the start of our 2014 tournament schedule the weekend of April 19th and 20th. Tournaments scheduled for that weekend are in opposite ends of the state at Hermiston and Phoenix. In all we have thirty plus tournaments scheduled between then and the end of September.

We are always interested in ways to attract new members so if anyone has some new and or unique method of attracting new folks we would appreciate your sharing it with us. One thing we are trying this year is waiving the state portion of the annual dues to any new member that has never been a member of the NHPA.

TIMES ARE CHANGING!

NHPA GAME RELATED SALES

Dee & Gary Null

As you have probably noticed already, the back cover page with the NHPA GRS ad has changed somewhat this issue. We have implemented a new policy to show our appreciation to the many Distributors and Club Distributors who purchase merchandise from NHPA GRS for resale to their customers and club members.

Beginning this year we will be showcasing the top nine or ten sellers of NHPA GRS merchandise. We will run these names for the entire year FOLLOWING the sales year, giving some well-deserved free advertising to those hard-working NHPA supporting organizations. The ten organizations shown on the back of this Newsline are the

Oregon invites one and all that may be in or near our beautiful state to join us in enjoying our sport. Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding our charter activities or about our state in general.

Chuck Warner, Oregon Regional Director
541-459-1206 or ckwarner61@gmail.com

Southern Utah HPA – Dennis Ohms

Our 2014 season will start Feb 15 at the St. George courts, then about every other week until summer a tournament will be held. Our schedule can be found at utahhorseshoes.blogspot.com.

Mac Fuller was awarded the sportsmanship player for 2013 for our association. Mac has pitched for about the past 15 years. Mac is a good story teller, I am sure one of his stories is that the Boston Red Sox could not be the World Champions without Mac, as he either has his Red Sox cap, shirt, or wrist watch on while pitching horseshoes. He would pass up a game of horseshoes to see the sox play, but that is the only thing keeping him from pitching. Mac is a recruiter as his sons, wife and three of his brothers have pitched with us over the years.

The Huntsman World Senior Games for 2014 is open on their website to register for the games hosted in St. George in Oct. each year. This past year over 11,000 people entered -at50 years and older. Horseshoes is played over four days in singles and doubles.

top sellers for 2013.

We would like to thank these folks for their patience during 2013 while we made a few changes and improvements in our service to them. We have implemented a few modifications to bring our business into the 21st century and we hope to make a few more this year. We will try to communicate with everyone how the business is growing and changing in 2014.

Thank you for supporting the NHPA with your purchases from our Distributors and Club Distributors!

NATIONAL HORSESHOE HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM by Jeanette Claas

Update on the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza

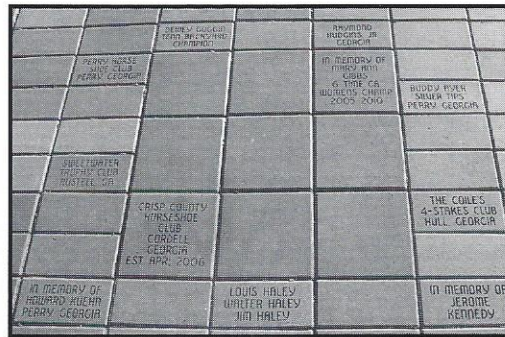
Mother Nature dumped eleven inches of snow at the NHPA Hall of Fame in January! The season of winter wonderland! It was beautiful, but caused the Parks Department to shut down until plowing was able to accommodate park visitors. Since that time the winter thaw has come and the snow melted away. Once again we can visit the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza.

The Brick Plaza is located in front of the NHPA building, surrounding the flagpole and features an arrangement of commemorative bricks, which are sold to raise funds for the project.

The impressive brick walkway has approximately 4,000 inlaid bricks. As of this date, a little over 1,200 bricks have been sold and engraved. The bricks are engraved twice a year, early in spring and in late fall, weather permitting. Brick sales during the years 2008-2010 were averaging about 120 per year. In 2011 sales dropped to 69 and then 57 in 2012 and just 41 in 2013.

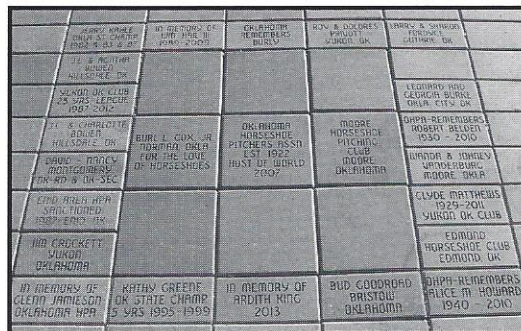
There are 38 sections in the plaza with 24 states having their own section. Each section consists of large and small bricks. Thirteen sections have two states sharing. One section is for Foreign, Corporate and State overflow.

118 small bricks and just five large. The state of California ranks third with a total of 97 sold, 40 large and 57 small bricks purchased.



Kansas, North Dakota and Oregon have each sold all of their large bricks. Looking at the brick display, it appears that there are eight states who have purchased two or less bricks in their section. Regrettably, a high percentage of NHPA Hall of Fame inductees (both living and deceased) do not have a brick in their name.

There are many reasons why people purchase bricks. Some NHPA members purchase a brick in their name to show their support to their NHPA horseshoe organization. Many bricks are purchased for a loved one that has passed away. Some bricks are purchased for an achievement someone has earned. Other bricks are purchased by Companies as a way of advertisement. Lots of horseshoe clubs have purchased bricks. Minnesota and Eastern Nebraska charters each purchase bricks for their Charter Hall of Fame members. When the Whiting Horseshoe Club in Indiana folded, the members took their funds and purchased bricks for members of that club. Gene "Burly" Burlingame of Iowa (deceased) is the most honored person in the plaza with over 15 bricks purchased in his name.



Whenever a visitor arrives at the NHPA scene in Wentzville, the first thing they are interested in seeing is the brick with their name on it, or a brick that they had purchased for a loved one. I have observed many touching moments as they find the location of their brick. They also enjoy seeing



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bricks that other horseshoe pitchers from their state had purchased.

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size 8" x 8". The small brick, cost \$100, can have up to 3 lines, each line having up to 13 characters including blanks and punctuation. The large brick, cost is \$200, can have up to six lines.

It is never too late to purchase a brick. Why not start off the 2014 New Year by purchasing a brick for any reason you want. What a great way to honor your loved ones and at the same support the NHPF with your donations.

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CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER



Rob Hagman

Greetings to all NHPA members,

I would like to announce my intention to run for the position of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. I feel uniquely qualified for a transition to this role. I am currently the Natstats Director; in this capacity I have worked closely with our past and current NHPA council. I am well acquainted with current members and have had an interest in this position for a number of years. Due to my interest, I have spent some time with

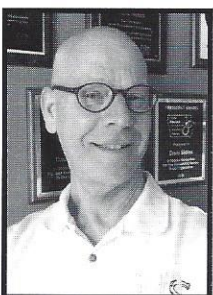
Dick, asking about different aspects of his position. I feel that this is a role I can take on with enthusiasm.

My horseshoe history: I pitched as a junior, took a break for a few years and returned to the sport in 2005. I was our Club Statistician, then State Statistician and briefly held the role of NHPA Regional Director. I have attended the World Tournament (WT) since Springfield, IL in 2009. Since becoming the Natstats Director in 2010; I help prepare and set up the WT each year. I am a charter member of the HSMaster Council and work directly with Kurt Whaley directly for WT needs. The WT is now fully computerized for scoring and results. I was involved with starting the WT raffle, and continue to support that event.

I know the position of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer is detailed and time consuming. This position is usually taken by someone who is retired or close to retirement. I am not there yet, but I am more available than some may think. I have been a stay at home dad for the past 16 months. While this is a rewarding position to have, I am looking for something more involved. I have free time once the kids are at school. I relish the idea of working with the NHPA council.

I have made efforts to prepare for the future. I have spoken to folks and spent time training for someone to step into the Natstats position, and I have a competent assistant that can oversee the computer network/scoring. I look forward to working with Dick Hanson, in New York, to learn more details of his job.

NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Candidate,
Rob Hagman



David Sidles

The last two years as NHPA 3rd Vice President has provided me with an opportunity to be involved in the sport of horseshoe pitching far beyond what I ever envisioned when I started playing in 1989. It has been a wonderful experience

for me to be in charge of the sanctioned league program. My first introduction to horseshoes was with a sanctioned league, one I played in and directed for many years. The experience of being on the operational side of two World Tournaments has also been most valuable. Now, with the position of Secretary/Treasurer coming open for election, I feel that this would be a perfect fit for me to continue serving on the NHPA Council in a new role. I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer at the election of officers during the 2014 World Tournament Convention in Buffalo, New York.

I held the position of Secretary/Treasurer/Statistician for the Iowa Charter for four years and developed a good understanding of the membership record keeping process as well as the use of HSMaster for that purpose. I have a good understanding of the relationship between membership and the NATSTATS office and feel that I could be helpful in any modernization of the whole process of record keeping. On the financial side, I served for many years managing the operations of a large family farm in Iowa as well as serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors. In that capacity, I wrote all meeting minutes and also created the annual farm report for the shareholders.


Certainly one important aspect is, I am retired and can devote the amount of time necessary to assure the office of Secretary/Treasurer runs smoothly and efficiently. But most importantly, I have the full support of my wife Carla in seeking this position. I would like to ask the NHPA membership for your support as well.

Respectfully,
David Sidles



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CANDIDATE FOR 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT



Tina Hawkins

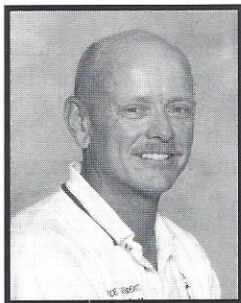
I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the position of NHPA 2nd Vice President.

Much has been accomplished by the council during my previous terms in this position and much more is yet to come! I am eager to continue in my role to contribute to the implementation and success of the very exciting future plans this group of officers has in store for our membership!

Your support - past, present and FUTURE - is always appreciated!

Thank you,
Tina Hawkins
NHPA 2nd Vice President

CANDIDATE FOR 4TH VICE-PRESIDENT



Jerry LaBrosse

I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the position of NHPA 4th Vice President. I have enjoyed serving on the NHPA executive council, and wish to continue being part of this great group of officers that are constantly seeking ways to improve our organization. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank You,
Jerry LaBrosse
NHPA 4th VP

WORLD TOURNAMENT PRIZE LIST 2014

| Championship Classes | | | | | | | | | Class Play | | | |
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| 3 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$800.00 | \$700.00 | \$350.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$150.00 | 3 | \$150.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
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| 11 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$150.00 | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | \$275.00 | \$275.00 | \$275.00 | \$100.00 | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | | | | | | | | | |
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Registration Fees:

Adults \$125.00

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**Pitching Schedules
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by June 2nd.**

ENTRY FORM

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

2014 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships

July 14th to July 26th

Buffalo, NY.

Entry Deadline May 15th 2014

All entries must be postmarked by this date.

NAME _____ 2014 NHPA Card # _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

ADDRESS _____ SS # _____
(See Note #1)

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

Telephone: Home # _____ Work # _____ Date of Birth _____

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

Do you need a schedule mailed to you, or will you print it off the NHPA web site? Check one. Web Site ___ Mail ___

Circle the division you are entering - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)

OPEN MEN 40' SENIOR MEN 40' OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN (see note #2) ELDER MEN 30' JR. BOYS JR. GIRLS CADETS 20' (see note #3)

No refunds will be made after May 23rd 2014

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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The NHPA Council reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NatStats, CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council.

MAIL THIS FORM with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
3085 76th St
Franksville WI 53126

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:
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262-835-9108 - nhpa22@yahoo.com

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 15th 2014**. Entries received with a postmark after May 15th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 15th 2014. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors and Cadets. Participants will be required to show their 2014 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch.

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NO REFUNDS AFTER May 23rd 2014.

You may enter at anytime prior to May 15th. All adult averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on May 15th. Entry fees received before April 1st will be held until that date.

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2014. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2014 or is older or physically impaired person of any age may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**, provided they meet the requirements listed above. **JUNIOR DIVISION** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2014 calendar year.

Note # 1. A Social Security number is required from all adult pitchers that move up to the Championship Classes.

Note # 2. For class play a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch with the Open Women.

Note # 3. Junior Cadets must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2014 calendar year.

You can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at www.horseshoepitching.com

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 26th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above the 1st week in June.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 20th. Please sign up for this event prior to July 10th 2014. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES By Dan Sanders

Hello All... I just returned from our NHPA Winter meeting at *The Villages*, near Orlando, FL. We had a very full agenda over these three days with very long discussions on several topics for which we had to make some very tough decisions. One of the more important items on our agenda was to review, discuss, and decide if the submitted Proposed Bylaws Changes (PBC's) would be advanced for NHPA delegate voting at the up-coming World Tournament in Buffalo, NY. I have received these proposals from our members over the past year or so, and want to thank all members who submitted them. In reading through each of these proposed changes below, please note that under Change to Read: the proposed changes or additions, etc. presented here are underlined and in *italic* type. This should make it easier for you to see and more fully understand just what the proposed change of wording is, along with the reason(s) for the proposed change, under Rationale.

PBC # 1 - ARTICLE III: Membership

Currently Reads:

SECTION 8. Any member may be suspended for:
Willfully violating any official Playing Rule, Requirement or Bylaw of the NHPA.
Fixing games, cheating, or any other conduct unbecoming a member.
Placing a bet of monetary value on a contestant, or self, when participating in a competition.
Using unsanctioned horseshoes in a tournament.
Forfeiting in a tournament for an unapproved reason.

Change to Read:

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Placing a bet of monetary value on a contestant, or self, when participating in a competition.
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Forfeiting in a tournament for an unapproved reason.

Un-sportsman-like conduct while participating in or attending a sanctioned event*

Violating agreed-to NHPA guidelines when submitting posts to the NHPA forum.

* See RGS Rule 12 and Guideline 6 for additional information.

Rationale: Section 8.f - Other than 'may be suspended for one year' (See Section 9), there is nothing in writing that Tournament Directors and Charter Officers can use or follow in dealing with members who may exhibit un-sportsman-like behavior during tournaments or league play. This additional information will provide these

guidelines. A rough draft of these suggested guidelines can be found as a flyer in your delegate packet, and upon approval of a proposed RGS Book change/addition at next year's Convention, this important information can be officially added to the RGS Guidelines section. In the meantime, this information would be made available to all Charters via Newslines Magazine, Charter Communications, and the NHPA Website.

Rationale: Section 8.g - Members must be held accountable for what they may include in written communications that can be viewed by other members and/or non-members. Repeated accusations and inflammatory personal remarks, for example, will not be tolerated. Charter Officers and NHPA Officers are asked to monitor these forums for violations of the agreed-to forum guidelines.

PBC # 2 - ARTICLE III: Membership

Currently Reads:

SECTION 9. For any of the reasons above, a member may be suspended for one year.

Change to Read:

SECTION 9. For any of the reasons above, a member may be suspended for up to one year.

Rationale: Currently, the only written bylaws consequence for a violation of the areas listed in SECTION 8 is a one-year suspension. This slight change of wording will allow Charter Officials many options for dealing with un-sportsman-like behavior situations without having to issue a full, one-year suspension from the NHPA.

PBC # 3 - ARTICLE III: Membership

Currently Reads:

SECTION 10. No member shall be suspended until given a fair hearing before the Executive Council or a Board appointed by same.

Change to Read:

SECTION 10. No member facing a Charter Suspension or full NHPA Suspension shall be suspended until offered a fair hearing before the NHPA Executive Council or a Board appointed by same.

Rationale: This proposed change will allow Charter TD's and Charter Officers to 'deal more effectively' with minor rules violations, by issuing warnings and other NHPA suggested/designated reprimands for

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES *Continued*

rules violations and for 'un-sportsman-like conduct' situations, without the requirement for an 'NHPA Executive Council or Board appointed hearing', by the NHPA. The idea here is only that this will allow/require that minor Charter issues be handled at the 'Charter level', as it should be. Again... recommended Charter Suspensions or NHPA (full) Suspensions will require input and assistance/recommendations/approval from the NHPA.

PBC # 4 - ARTICLE V: Officers

Currently Reads:

SECTION 2. Duties of officers

c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

Be custodian of all funds, property, records and other NHPA-owned assets except those of the game related sales program, which are under the direction of the National Buyer.

Keep records of all monies received and disbursed, provide a monthly written statement of same to the Executive Council and to the Horseshoe Pitching Newsline editor, for publication.

Pay all bills for routine supplies and all special purchases that have been approved by the Executive Council.

Annually, by April 15, submit required books and records of the previous April 1 to March 31 fiscal year to the NHPA auditor, for the year-end report.

Change to Read:

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NOTE: Please see a more detailed NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Job Description on the NHPA Website, or it is available upon request.

Rationale: For Section 2 -c.4 ... Our Council has discussed the possibility of changing the current fiscal year dates to coincide with the calendar year. This change should make it much easier for members to understand our annual income and expenditures, and will also make it easier for our Council to improve the way we form and maintain our budget. This proposed change of wording will allow this change to be made in the near future, after further study, rather than having to wait three more years for another proposed Bylaws change.

Rationale for NOTE: Although the current information provided in these Bylaws may give the reader some basic idea of the duties of this position, not enough detailed information is provided here for any member or candidate to fully understand the requirements of this position. This more detailed job description will be published later in Newsline Magazine, on the NHPA Website, by Charter Communications, and will also be made available to any member, upon request. This will help to ensure that future candidates for this position may be more fully qualified. Please be aware that the above NOTE: is a proposed *addition* to this Bylaw, and not a proposed change to any existing wording.

PBC # 5 - ARTICLE V: Officers

Currently Reads:

SECTION 3. Time and Expense Reimbursement

Individuals mentioned in the positions below shall receive an annual stipend to defray the expenses of using their home, utilities, and equipment; for serving certain elected and appointed NHPA positions known to require a great deal of personal time. Extraordinary expenses, as outlined in the Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs), are exempt.

The NHPA Secretary-Treasurer shall receive \$15,000 plus 50 cents per adult member as determined by year-end membership reports.

The NHPA President shall receive 30% of the Secretary-Treasurer total.

Each NHPA Vice-President shall receive 10% of the Secretary-Treasurer total.

The NatStats Director shall receive 20% of the Secretary-Treasurer total.

The Horseshoe Pitching Newsline editor shall receive 12% of the annual subscription revenue.

The NHPA President may authorize Associate Directors to assist the Vice-Presidents with specific tasks related to the functions mentioned in paragraph c., above. These

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES *Continued*

Associate Directors shall receive 2-5% of the Secretary-Treasurer total, the percentage to be approved by the Council and determined by the magnitude of the task.

Change to Read:

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Rationale: Currently, the Horseshoe Pitching Newline editor is compensated in the amount of 12% of the annual subscription revenue. Now that Horseshoe Pitching Newline will be made available to all members, on-line, and at no cost to our members (no paid subscriptions), the current method of compensation will no longer be possible after December 31st of this year. This proposed change to 10% of the Secretary-Treasurer is comparable to what our Vice Presidents are now receiving. In the future, this percentage amount can be adjusted upward or downward every three years, based on the number of hours required for this service.

PBC # 6 - ARTICLE V: Officers

Currently Reads:

SECTION 7. Candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching Newline Editor no later than February 1st.

Change to Read:

SECTION 7. Candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching Newline Editor no later than April 1st. Incumbents, however, must announce their candidacy in the same manner, by February 1st.

Rationale:

Currently, the final date for an incumbent to announce that they do not intend to run for another term (February 1st) is the same date that a new candidate(s) must announce their intention to run for that vacated position. Moving the date to April 1st will allow interested candidates additional time to learn about this opportunity, and then officially announce their candidacy for publication in a later issue of Newline Magazine.

PBC # 7 - ARTICLE V: Officers

Currently Reads:

SECTION 8. Terms of office

- All officers shall serve a two-year term.
- The President, the First, Third and Fifth Vice Presidents shall be elected in odd numbered years.
- The Second and Fourth Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.
- Newly-elected officers shall officially take office on January 1st of the year following their election.

Change to Read:

SECTION 8. Terms of office

- All officers shall serve a two-year term, *except the Secretary-Treasurer.*
- The President, *(deletion)* the Third, and Fifth Vice Presidents shall be elected in odd numbered years.
- The First*, the Second, and the Fourth Vice President *(deletion)* shall be elected in even numbered years.
- The Secretary-Treasurer position shall be appointed by the NHPA President, upon a 2/3rds approval of the Executive Council. The length of this appointment shall be four (4) years.*
- Newly-elected officers shall officially take office on January 1st of the year following their election.

Rationale: The Secretary-Treasurer position is vital to the overall success of the NHPA. In order to find the most qualified person, the NHPA Executive Council shall consider the resumes, experience, and recommendations of all prospective candidates before selecting the most qualified person for this position. Also, it seems logical that the President and 1st Vice President should not be elected during the same year. The proposed change to the voting cycle for 1st VP would require that the current 1st VP, Dan Sanders, finish his current term as a three-

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES *Continued*

year term, and he has agreed to this change.

PBC # 8 - ARTICLE V: Officers

Currently Reads:

SECTION 8. Terms of office

- a. All officers shall serve a two-year term.
- b. The President, the First, Third and Fifth Vice Presidents shall be elected in odd numbered years.
- c. The Second and Fourth Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.
- d. Newly-elected officers shall officially take office on January 1st of the year following their election.

Change to Read:

SECTION 8. Terms of office

- a. All officers shall serve a three-year term.
- b. The President, (deletion) and Fifth Vice President shall be elected starting in the year 2015.
- c. The First and Third Vice Presidents (deletion) shall be elected starting in the year 2016.
- d. The Second and Fourth Vice Presidents shall be elected starting in the year 2017. (OR... if PBC # 7 does not pass (and the Sec/Treas position remains an elected position), and this PBC # 8 does pass (for 3-year terms), the d. option below would be used. If neither of these PBC's pass, the current Bylaws will remain, as printed.)
- d. The Second Vice President, Fourth Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected starting in the year 2017.
- e. Newly-elected officers shall officially take office on January 1st of the year following their election.

Rationale: Currently, a newly-elected officer has to make up their mind about running for a second, two-year term by the end of their first year as an officer. This means that they will be serving the remaining year of their current term, and also be committing to an additional two years, if elected. One year of service is hardly enough time for any person to make this commitment. With 3-year terms, a new officer would have completed two years of service before having to make the decision about running for another term. Another important reason for this change is that currently, it is possible that four (4) members of the NHPA Council could be re-elected the same year (any odd-numbered year), and it would not be good to have a majority (4) of the NHPA Officers beginning their first term at the same time. This proposal would ensure that no more than three (3) officers could be elected during the same year, and that would be only every 3rd year, assuming the Secretary/Treasurer position does *not*

become an elected position.

Note to delegates: The terms of current incumbent officers would be continued until their position comes up for the next scheduled election.

PBC # 9 - ARTICLE IX: Convention

Currently reads:

SECTION 3. Delegates are chosen in a manner that the Charter Officers decide. The Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, a written and signed list of delegates which also names the delegation Chairman.

Change to read:

SECTION 3. Delegates are chosen in a manner that the Charter Officers decide. The Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 12 hours prior to the start of the convention, an e-mail or a written and signed list of delegates which also names the delegation Chairman.

Rationale: Because of the need for the NHPA President to be at the World Tournament site at least 7 days prior to the Convention, it is not always possible to retrieve any late mail or phone message that arrives at his/her mailing address during this time period. This change will provide Charter delegate chairpersons more flexibility and time to make sure that their delegate lists are received so that they can officially participate at the WT Convention.

World "Warm Up" Tournament 2014

Hamburg Fairgrounds Event Center

This tournament will be held Saturday, July 12, 2014.

All sign ups will be on site starting at 8:00 a.m.

The tournament starts at 10:00 a.m.

Entry fee is \$25, **100% payback** minus scorekeeper fees.

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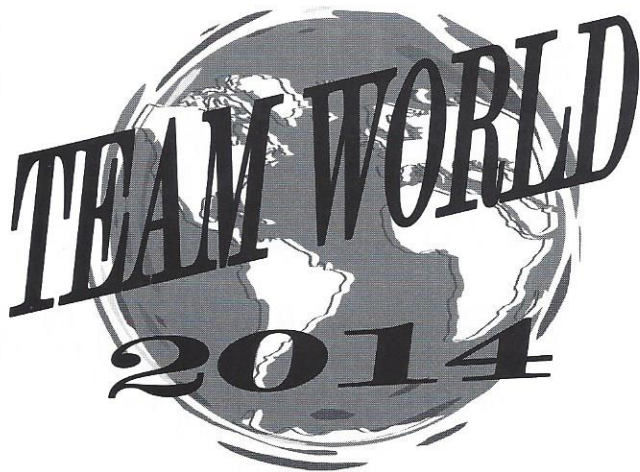
6-person classes and 40-shoe games.

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

Table listing national high points average for 50 shoe count-all only, including names like Brian Simmons, Bobby Fields, Paul McGee, etc.

National High Points Average (40 Shoe Count-all only)

Table listing national high points average for 40 shoe count-all only, including names like Bobby Fields, Gary Roberts, Larry Myers, etc.

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

Table listing national high game points for 50 shoe count-all only, including names like Brian Simmons, Bobby Fields, Steven Johnson, etc.

National High Game Points (40 Shoe Count-all only)

Table listing national high game points for 40 shoe count-all only, including names like Bobby Fields, Elmo Cox, Lawrence Hinton, etc.

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

Table listing national high game points over average for 50 shoe count-all only, including names like Jen Speakman, Jean Bullington, Maurice Drake, etc.

National High Game Points Over Average (40 Shoe Count-all only)

Table listing national high game points over average for 40 shoe count-all only, including names like Lawrence Hinton, Robert Carr, Ed Bonebright, etc.

High Ringer Percent (Average) Men 40ft

Table listing high ringer percent for average men 40ft, including names like Charlie Meredith, Brian Simmons, Ronald Walker, etc.

ADULTS

Table listing high ringer percent for average women, including names like Debra Brown, Doris Hieden, Gert Wilczek, etc.

High Ringer Percent (Average) Women

Table listing high ringer percent for average men 30ft, including names like Bobby Fields, Roy Dugger, Ralph Adrian, etc.

High Ringer Percent (Average) Men 30ft

Table listing high ringer percent for single game men 40ft, including names like Charlie Meredith, Brian Simmons, Steven Johnson, etc.

High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Men 40ft

Table listing high ringer percent for single game women, including names like Gert Wilczek, Marlene Cooper, Sheila Shepard, etc.

High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Women

Table listing high ringer percent for single game men 30ft, including names like Herschel Walters, Ralph Adrian, Bobby Fields, etc.

High Ringer Percent (Single Game) Men 30ft

Table listing high ringer percent over average for single game men 40ft, including names like Kristopher Ledoux, Jim DeNigris, Dave Rioux, etc.

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

Table listing high ringer percent over average for single game women, including names like Linda Aurell, Jen Speakman, Pat Knapp-Harwood, etc.

High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Women

Table listing high ringer percent over average for single game men 30ft, including names like Steven Johnson, etc.



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NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

Sanctioned League TOP TEN AWARDS

Final Results



ADULTS

Table listing Adult Top Ten winners with columns for Name, Gender, Club, and Points.

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

Table listing High Ringer Percent Over Average winners for Men 30ft with columns for Name, Gender, Club, and Points.

National High Game Points Over Average (40 Shoe Count-all only) Juniors

Table listing National High Game Points Over Average winners for Juniors with columns for Name, Gender, Club, and Points.

High Ringer Percent (Average) Junior Boys

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JUNIORS

Table listing Junior Top Ten winners with columns for Name, Gender, Club, and Points.

National High Points Average (40 Shoe Count-all only) Juniors

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High Ringer Percent (Average) Junior Girls

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

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Sanctioned League TOP TEN AWARDS Final Results

JUNIORS

High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Junior Boys

| | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--|----|-------|
| Ben Webb | Junior Boy's | Edmonson County Horseshoe Pitcher's Assoc. | KY | 32.35 |
| Hayden Lee | Junior Boy's | Sonoma County Horseshoe Club | CA | 30.00 |
| Nathan Evers | Junior Boy's | The Pits Horseshoe Club | MO | 28.34 |
| Mike Clark | Junior Boy's | Edmonson County Horseshoe Pitcher's Assoc. | KY | 26.49 |
| Travis Sluys | Junior Boy's | Sonoma County Horseshoe Club | CA | 24.11 |
| Gavin Plowman | Junior Boy's | Marion County Horseshoe Club | OH | 24.00 |
| Travis King | Junior Boy's | Shreveport Doubles Ringer Horseshoe League | LA | 23.61 |
| Andrew Jones | Junior Boy's | Crisp Horseshoe Club | GA | 23.46 |
| Malachi Hamrick | Junior Boy's | N.W. Arkansas Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc. | AR | 23.14 |
| Steve Drozd | Junior Boy's | Pawnee Ringers Horseshoe League | NE | 22.19 |

High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Junior Girls

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Destinnie Wilke | Junior Girl's | Sodbusters Horseshoe Club | VT | 28.75 |
| Savanna Johnson | Junior Girl's | Liberty Horseshoe Club | MO | 27.25 |
| Felicia Hull | Junior Girl's | Try County Horseshoe Club | OH | 21.83 |
| Mariah Torgerson | Junior Girl's | Isanti Horseshoe Club | MN | 20.30 |
| Macey Chambers | Junior Girl's | Pierre Horseshoe Club | SD | 20.08 |
| Brianna McCormick | Junior Girl's | Sodbusters Horseshoe Club | VT | 19.25 |
| Cassi Williams | Junior Girl's | Arkdale Horseshoe Club | WI | 15.47 |
| Kaylee Jenkins | Junior Girl's | Brooklyn Park Jr. Horseshoe League | MN | 14.23 |
| Jennifer Trader | Junior Girl's | Grand Forks Horseshoe League | ND | 14.23 |
| Heather Selleck | Junior Girl's | Sodbusters Horseshoe Club | VT | 13.60 |

JUNIORS

High Ringer Percent Over Average (Single Game) Junior Cadets

| | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Ryan Schepers | Cadets | The Pits Horseshoe Club | MO | 29.55 |
| Ryan Russell | Cadets | Topeka Horseshoe Association | KS | 28.06 |
| Nicholas Prasalowicz | Cadets | Arkdale Horseshoe Club | WI | 21.34 |
| Gabe Burgin | Cadets | Platteville Horseshoe Association | WI | 18.87 |
| Cody Sullivan | Cadets | Topeka Horseshoe Association | KS | 17.71 |
| Colton Williams | Cadets | Isanti Horseshoe Club | MN | 16.52 |
| Tyllah Montiero | Cadets | Loon Pond Horseshoe Club | MA | 16.23 |
| Cooper Phipps | Cadets | Liberty Horseshoe Club | MO | 15.78 |
| Matthew Trader | Cadets | Grand Forks Horseshoe League | ND | 15.28 |
| Zander Potts | Cadets | Kahrig's Red Barn Horseshoe League | OH | 14.09 |

LEAGUE TOTALS (with 286 leagues reported)

| <u>Shoes</u> | <u>Ringers</u> | <u>Category</u> | <u>Count Of Category</u> | <u>Avg.</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 3,635,231 | 765,175 | Men's 40ft | 2630 | 21.05% |
| 1,810,583 | 611,440 | Men's 30ft | 1298 | 33.77% |
| 1,041,516 | 245,395 | Women's | 881 | 23.56% |
| 117,976 | 21,341 | Junior Boys | 104 | 18.09% |
| 72,382 | 7,454 | Junior Girl's | 67 | 10.30% |
| 60,462 | 5,925 | Cadets | 62 | 9.80% |
| <u>Total League Shoes Pitched</u> | | | <u>Total League Ringers</u> | <u>Avg.</u> |
| 6,738,150 | | | 1,656,730 | 24.59 |

All results are based on data submitted by League Secretaries.

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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

2013 Scholarships have been awarded to the following student athletes:

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|--|----------|
| Steve Drozd | NE | Pawnee Ringers Horseshoe Club | \$250.00 |
| Savanna Johnson | MO | Liberty Horseshoe Club | \$200.00 |
| Courtney Lampkin | KY | Nelson County Horseshoe Pitching Association | \$200.00 |
| Brian Nussbaum | WY | Sweatwater County Horseshoe Club | \$150.00 |
| Megan McLeod | MO | Liberty Horseshoe Club | \$150.00 |
| Christina Heinritz | WI | Heinritz Homestead Horseshoe League | \$150.00 |
| Dalton Rakestraw | IL | Effingham Horseshoe Club | \$150.00 |
| Jennifer Trader | ND | Grand Forks Horseshow League | \$100.00 |
| Nicholas Craven | MO | Liberty Junior Horseshow League | \$100.00 |
| Gunnar David | WI | Marshfield Fleet Reserve HSL | \$100.00 |

Receiving Honorable Mention for 2013 are:

| | | |
|--------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| Gabriel Heathman | MO | Shelbina-Library Park Horseshoe Club |
| Macey Chambers | SD | Pierre Horseshoe Club |
| Emily Lazaris | WI | Heinritz Homestead Horseshoe League |
| Alisha Prasalowicz | WI | Arkdale Horseshoe Club |

Congratulations to all these Student Athletes.

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