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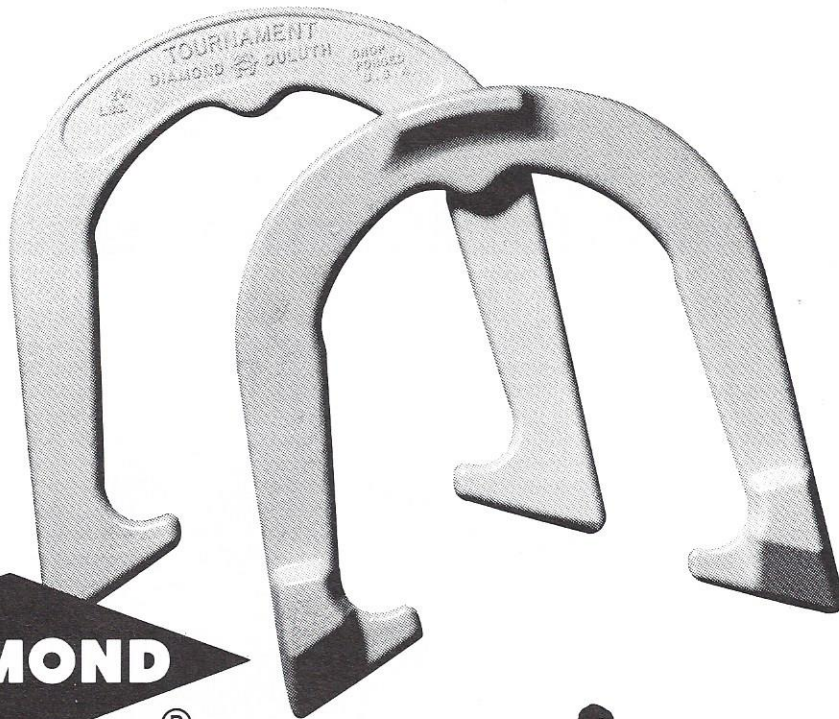
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ON OUR COVER

Kevin Cone

President's Message

The second NHPA Executive Council meeting of 1990 was held on Saturday, December 8 at the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas. All seven officers were present for this important meeting that lasted nearly 10 hours. Some of the items discussed and our action with regard to them were as follows:

PORTABLE COURTS

Three bids were reviewed and discussed in light of our desire to have NHPA owned courts that would be portable and used at World Tournament sites or other special events. Two of the designs were similar, the Eau Claire court with 3½ inch clay depth, and the Pleasanton court with 5 inch clay depth. Both courts allow a clay area of 32" x 48" as did the third design, a fiberglass box with a molded in stake holder. This unique design offered a nestable box that would save weight and space in transportation, but to our knowledge, had not been built or tested before.

The three designs had cost estimates from a low of \$72.00 a pit to a high of \$165.00 a pit, stake assembly and labor included. We decided on the Pleasanton court which uses 2 x 6 construction. Forty sets will be constructed in Mississippi. For the 1991 World Tournament, the courts will be set in-ground. Future events that may be held indoors, where the courts would rest on top of concrete or a wood floor, will find the host having to erect raised walkways between the pits. These first courts do not, at this time, include any backboards. With spectators sitting above, they are almost not needed in Mississippi, though provisions will have to be made to include some protective stop in future years.

NHPA STAT CENTER

For the second straight year, we considered offers from members to develop the program and then set up and maintain an NHPA Stat Center where all pitching percentages would be accumulated. The recent passing of the three highest percentage tournament rule prompted the renewed interest this year. After much discussion, the council once again voted to not, at this time, fund a centralized statistics bank.

While the idea appears to have merit, there are some logical arguments against it at this time. Many Charters don't have computers and keep hand written data. Charters with their own programs who get the details we want, might not wish to change to a specialized NHPA format of reporting. The NHPA is primarily interested in average verification for the World, Vegas and a couple of other special events. Would this be a cost effective function for us? Finally, should the responsibility to maintain averages lie at the top with the NHPA or start at the bottom, working through the Charters? After all, if the Charters all maintain averages based upon the highest 3, is there really a need for the NHPA to take on this added responsibility?

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Two proposals for the 1991 calendar year were received and evaluated. One was for a renewal with our current car-

rier while the second was from a new source. The new quote was actually a few thousand dollars less, but the coverage offered was limited in some areas where we now have no restrictions. This was a difficult decision. In the end, we decided to stay with our current company, Transamerica.

By the way, 3rd Vice President Bonnie Seibold, will become the new NHPA Insurance Administrator in 1991, assuming the task from Cathie Loucks, who has handled it for the past three years. All insurance issues should now be directed to Bonnie. Charters and additional insureds should not expect to see their 1991 certificates before mid-February.

STONE MOUNTAIN

We discussed the fact that no payments toward their indebtedness had yet been received from Georgia for the 1990 shortage in bid money. The NHPA has obtained an attorney to pursue this in behalf of the association. We still hope to resolve the matter amenable but have discussed a number of possible sanctions against the GHPA officials and members until the shortage is repaid or payment arrangements made.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Site of the 1992 World Tournament, we hope. Unfortunately, word has been received from the City of Columbus, Recreation and Parks Department, that they will be unable to fulfill their \$50,000 bid for the 1992 World Tournament. Since Columbus was the only bidder and the city was involved, our contact was taken to the City Offices as only certain officials are authorized to sign. We have been told that the city expects significant reductions in their 1991 operating budget which would curtail or eliminate a variety of support services required to ensure a successful event in 1992. Thus, they did not sign the contract.

Charles and Jean Myers, of the Whetstone Horseshoe Club in Columbus, met with the Council in Las Vegas, stating that the city remains enthusiastic toward our sport and feels there is a slight possibility that the financial picture may turn more positive in late 1991. In the meantime, The Whetstone Horseshoe Club, 150 strong, will meet in late December to decide if they, as a club, can assume the responsibility of hosting the 1992 World Tournament. More news next issue.

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

Plans for the 1991 World Tournament seem to be going smoothly. The NHPA has just received an \$8,000 installment payment toward the \$40,000 bid, with another payment expected by March. A sponsor contract with a tobacco company is expected to be signed with the Coliseum for 10 or 15 thousand dollars, while a local restaurant chain is talking \$5,000 more. The NHPA is still pursuing a special prize indemnity insurance policy, which, if a sponsor can be found, could add up to several hundred thousand dollars for perfect games that might be thrown at the tournament. This would certainly be an attention getter and attractive to the media as well. We still have hopes of some TV coverage.

Dave's Court Report

by Dave Loucks

■ The very popular Valley of the Sun tournament in Mesa, Arizona will be held February 11-17. This will be the 33rd year of this annual event. All pitchers will be interested to know that a format change is planned for this year that will make all groups 12 person round robins. That means everyone will pitch two days. The deadline for pre-registration is January 22. Send \$10.00 entry fee, NHPA # and % to: Esther Williams, 7570 E. Speedway #529, Tucson, AZ 85710. Phone 602-290-0352.

■ Horseshoe pitchers, in general, are a great bunch of people. Several have expressed concern that the NHPA treasury may have fallen to a very low level due to some large, unexpected expenditure in 1990. The latest contribution comes from Dennis Ohms in Utah, who has sent a \$100.00 check. Thanks Dennis, we appreciate your support.

■ In the Fall of 1990, two attorneys reviewed the NHPA Constitution and By-Laws. Both felt there were severe flaws in several areas and to be blunt, their comments were, "revise them or burn them!" Specifically, there was not enough detail as to the power and responsibilities of NHPA Officers and there was too much inferred power with the delegates. It was their legal opinion that associations our size must allow officers more latitude in dealing with issues and making decisions or changes that now appear to require delegate approval.

■ Starting this year, the use of NHPA stationery, the one listing the seven officers, will be restricted to those seven Council members and certain program directors as determined by the NHPA president. Regional Directors, Assistants and such can use NHPA memo style paper and business cards with the NHPA logo. No letterhead will be given or sold to the general membership. You are reminded that the NHPA logo is a registered trademark and cannot be copied, reproduced or otherwise used without the express written consent of the Executive Council. It is unfortunate, but this decision has been brought about by the unauthorized use of NHPA stationery and logo by individuals who wrongfully represented themselves as agents of the NHPA. Clubs and Charters should use their own stationery. It should not carry the NHPA logo, but can say, "Affiliated with the NHPA."

■ Pitchers planning to go to the 1991 World Tournament *take note!*

The mailing deadline for entries will be May 15, 1991 due to the earlier start date in Biloxi. The fee remains \$50.00 for adults, \$10.00 for Juniors. No refunds, for any reason, will be made if we are notified after June 1st. Open division classes will be smaller this year, probably in groups of twelve. There will be no section winners to advance to class finals. You will play your round robin and that alone will determine final positions in the class. It will be your responsibility to determine your final position by reviewing the posted computer printout. 1-3 hours will be allowed to notify us of any errors. After that time, the standings become FINAL. Any pitcher who wins prize money and/or a trophy, and is not around to pick it up, or doesn't make arrangements for it to be picked up, will forfeit said prize. We will no longer provide a mail service for awards left after the tournament ends.

■ During the December NHPA Executive Council meeting in Las Vegas, the officers voted against a second Charter request for the state of Wyoming. Clubs seem to be grouped in the Northern and Southern sections of the state with a lot of miles between them. While distance appeared to be one of the reasons for the initial request, many letters and phone calls from members throughout Wyoming were received asking that we not divide the state. That was our decision.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Dave,

After reading the last paragraph of your November 1990 President's Message, it caused me to reflect on an article written by yourself on page 8 of the June 1990 *Newsline*. Permit me to repeat it in part.

"On 5-12-90 Walter A. Williams Jr. set a new world record for tournament percentage, pitching in an 8 person round robin tournament. His percentages were: 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96 and 100%."

Note the games were all even percentages, and the 50 ringers in 50 shoes being the first perfect game since 1982 when Carl Steinfeldt had the last 50 shoe perfect game.

These are established records, as you stated, giving recognition to the 25 inning, 50 shoe cancellation game as an official type of game that the NHPA recognizes. And why not? If 50 shoes were adopted nationwide, it would most certainly, automatically standardize all NHPA averages whether they be 10 games or 100 games. It would simplify computing these averages. Ties could be broken, sudden death for tie breakers but not counting extra shoes pitched. The cancellation aspect must prevail as it pits two opponents against each other, bringing the spirit, excitement and competitive pressure to the game with the object of the more skillful defeating the other. Thus, to gain victory, one earns it, the good old fashioned way. We should not accept anything less.

George R. Churley
Angola, New York

Dear Dave,

I really enjoyed reading Glen Portt's article on Al Zadroga in the November issue of *Newsline*. I showed Al my World Tournament Record Books last summer at the World Tournament. Did you know that he won 414 games out of 635 played in the championship class? And had 37,658 ringers out of 49,222 shoes for a lifetime 76.5%? Did you know that in 1975 and 1978 he was the highest qualifier? Did you know that his longest winning game was against Curt Day in 1969 and his longest loss was against Harold

Anthony in 1971, both games going 144 shoes? Did you know that in the years of 1976-1978 he had games of 95.8%, 94.1% and 95%? And did you know that he did not lose consecutive games between the 16th game of 1974 and the 30th game of 1978 — 145 consecutive World Tournament games?

I have been working constantly on these books since returning from Georgia. I have an alphabetical list of all the players who pitched last with most of the records they achieved in the prelims and finals. These have been added to my growing volumes of World Tournament play and records.

If there are any players who would like copies of their stats that I have, I would be glad to send them along — no charge. Just send to Bart Sargeant, 127 Edgewood Rd., Westwood, MA 02090, 617-762-6134. I will probably bring my books to Biloxi next summer.

Bart Sargeant
Westwood, Massachusetts

Dear Dave,

I'm 64 years old and have been pitching shoes for approximately 44 years, but only in club competition for the last 8 years.

My father liked to pitch and on his 90th birthday, 7 years ago, beat me five games straight. I was throwing about 35% at the time. He did all his throwing at 40 feet. (He died in his 93rd year.)

I think what upsets me most about the 30 foot pitchers is watching the averages jump so dramatically without the effort that goes into improvement at 30 feet. I've watched ladies start pitching and in two years move to the top percentages of our club. I've also watched men at age 70, who can easily throw the 40 feet, move up 10 feet because their averages also increase so significantly.

I have a proposal that makes sense to me, perhaps it will to others. *Manufacture standard shoes for 30 foot pitching.* The weight would be the same. The outside width would be the same. The opening between the points shall not exceed 2 7/8 inches. This opening was determined by tak-

ing 3/4 of 2 1/2" (3 1/2" opening minus the 1" stake) since the 30 feet is 3/4 of 40 feet.

There would still be some advantage for the 30 foot pitcher, such as hard pits or windy conditions, but this would help equalize the present difference. This takes care of the older or weaker who can only throw the shorter distance without giving the present advantage over the 40 foot pitchers. I'm sure there would be several shoe manufacturing companies that would be willing to set up to make this particular shoe.

Sincerely yours,
Trevor Russell
Yuma, Arizona

Dear Dave,

I'm writing this to the *Newsline* to compliment you and the other officers for the contribution and direction you have given to the promotion of our pastime in the playing of horseshoes, whether league or tournament play. Thanks especially for your efforts in what I know is sometimes a thankless job. All the officers deserve a lot of credit for their contributions.

Recently I was in attendance at a bowling tournament in Taylor, Michigan where Walter Ray was competing. Many horseshoe pitchers are concerned as to how Walter does and where he places, whether on TV or not. I always check the results to see how he has done as to me, Walter is representing the NHPA even though it's bowling. The guys and gals in Michigan go out of their way to be where he is bowling in the hope that our cheering him on will help in his overall success. He's not alone out there when he has an audience of horseshoe people behind him. On behalf of those pitchers, I sincerely thank Walter for his efforts in showing the rest of us who aren't and probably never will be as good at bowling or horseshoe pitching, that one of our people is doing one great job in representing all of us.

Sincerely,
Claude Shannanhan
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

NHPA Income and Expenditures April through September, 1990

INCOME

NHPA Membership	\$55,991.00
Insurance Fees	24,896.00
Newsline Subscriptions.....	15,130.00
Newsline Paid Advertising.....	2,816.00
Sanctioned League Dues	8,635.00
Charter Dues.....	481.00
World Tournament Entry Fees	51,955.00
World Finals Fees	4,300.00
World Patch and Video Sales.....	793.00
World Bid Money, current and future	15,780.00
Horseshoe Sanctioning Fees.....	1,000.00
Misc. Sales and debts collected	368.00
Checking Account Interest.....	1,212.00

Total six months income \$183,357.00

EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production, Printing and Mailing	\$22,170.00
Newsline Editor Allowance	900.00
Sanctioned League Office, Supplies, Mailing.....	852.00
Sanctioned League Patches and Awards.....	1,468.00
Sanctioned League Junior Scholarships	400.00
Sanctioned League Director Allowance.....	900.00
Regional Directors Postage, Phone, Supplies.....	484.00
NHPA Tournament Patches	763.00
NHPA Office, Printing and Supplies	2,554.00
Equipment Rental and Repairs.....	850.00
NHPA Postage.....	4,402.00
Officers Telephone.....	2,682.00
Officers Travel	3,596.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance	6,300.00
Vice Presidents Allowance	1,400.00
Presidents Allowance	900.00
Publicity, Promotion.....	331.00
Accounting and Legal Fees	4,000.00
World Tournament Cash, Patches, Trophies	92,614.00
World Tournament Admin. and workers.....	13,668.00
W.T. Hall of Fame, Banquet and Awards.....	918.00
World Tournament refunds.....	350.00
Other Refunds	815.00
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges	1,607.00

Total six month expenditures \$164,924.00

NOTE: These figures are from the books of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer and do not include monies handled by other NHPA personnel.

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Entry fees will be refunded 100%, also a minimum extra prize fund of \$1,500.00. Classes - Men's "A" top 12. Ladies "A" top 12. All other classes will be 8 man/lady/jr. Possibility of lower classes starting Friday evening. There will be a dinner and fun evening in the club house Saturday, so bring along your talents. Tickets can be purchased Friday and up till noon on Saturday, price yet to be determined. Indicate below on entry form how many tickets required.

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approx. 15 mi. Conestoga Inn (Best Western) 1333 Weber St. E, Kitchener, Ont N2A 1C2 - 519-744-5242, 15 mi. Book now if you know you are coming, accommodations limited.

The previous two tournaments have been a great success and the organizers extend our thanks to all. Elmer would have been very pleased with the turnout and quality of competition. Once again, you are all invited to enter and make this 3rd Elmer Hohl Ringer Classic the best yet. All entrants will be notified by mail as to date and time of play. Hoping you will plan on attending the dinner and raffle draw on Saturday evening.

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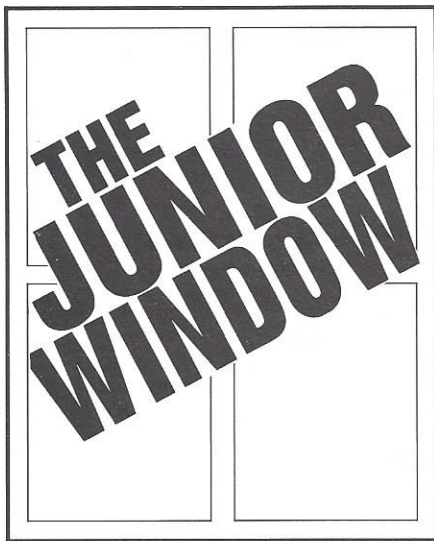
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Current Ringer % _____ Class entered _____ M _____ L _____ Jrs

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Young Horseshoe Pitchers - Years Ago

by Stewart M. Snyder

Going through the records of the Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher's Association recently in San Jose, I came across two old California newspaper clippings that are interesting in view of today's advanced handling of the game. Each article herein is a verbatim copy of the original. (Interfections made by me are designated SMS.)

LONG BEACH PRESS, 1922
Horseshoe Pitchers hear talk by Game's Inventor

Acting Mayor Dondit claims to have invented the first horseshoe game—it was 45 years ago (1877-SMS) when he

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE RULES?

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Player 'A' pitches his/her two shoes. Before pitching his/her second shoe, Player 'B' discovers that the remaining unpitched shoe belongs to Player 'A'. What shall they do?

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NHPA Seeks Charter Junior Program Directors

by Bob Dunn

Letters have been sent to each Charter President requesting that each Charter have a position of Charter Junior Program Director established to dedicate efforts to promote our sport to the youth and recruit Junior pitchers. All readers of *Newsline* are aware of this and can save Charter Presidents time and

effort of searching for a candidate, by volunteering. In some cases a Vice President with limited responsibilities could be a logical choice.

The primary task of the Charter Junior Program Directors, is to communicate with clubs and leagues to see that, on the local level, there are recruiting efforts in place and that clubs welcome youth.

JOTTINGS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The state tournament results as printed in the two previous *Newsline* issues provide useful data to review the Junior involvement on a state-by-state basis. Of the states reporting (37), there were 318 Junior Boys and Girls participating in the nation wide

competition. This is an increase of 25 over 1989 totals but is probably understated as Texas was not included in the 1990 totals. What is encouraging is that 20 Charters showed an increase in Junior participation, versus 6 that had a decrease. There were no major decreases, and a few significant increases; Minnesota from 35 to 47 and

Missouri from 4 to 28.

Over half (54%) of the reporting charters indicated an increase in Juniors over 1989 totals. That is a strong indication that there have been efforts to recruit Junior pitchers, and there is an interest by the Juniors to join the NHPA.

The disappointing figure is that 63% of the charters had less than 10 Juniors in their state tournament. Considering the population of youth across our country, and the fact that "sports" are an integral part of school systems and a routine to most youngsters, we have unmeasurable opportunities for improvement and a lot of work to accomplish.

Overview of Junior Membership by Charter

#Jr entered	0-1	2-5	6-9	10-20	over 20
# Charters	8	7	8	11	3
% Charters reporting	22%	19%	22%	29%	8%

put on the 1st horseshoe tourney back in New Jersey.

Rules provide that no player should be older than 14, that each must be barefooted, with every contestant having a proper amount of dirt on his anatomy and his trousers must have as support at least one muslin gallus (suspender-SMS).

The game is conducted on more scientific lines today, he admitted, but he expressed the belief that no one had more fun out of it than did the boys or earlier generations who pitched quoits in the shade of the barn.

PASADENA EVENING PRESS,
 August 29, 1924

Boy Beats All The Old Boys

Robert Nunn, 19 year old youth, is easily Champion at State meeting. He eliminated over 100 contestants in the 4th annual State Horseshoe Tournament held in Central Park—Robert Nunn of Oxnard, not only repeated his feat of last year and

made himself twice State Champion, but set a World record in horseshoe, throwing an average of 28 ringers to the game throughout the three-day tournament which totaled 103 contestants from a score of cities in the State who lolled in the sun at an early hour this morning, awaiting the initial throw of the equine bootery by City Mayor, C.W. Koiner at 9:00 o'clock.

Mr. Koiner gave a short history of the horseshoe, stating that the horse-slipper game started in England in the 15th century and ran such opposition to the art of Archery that the King placed a ban on all playing of the game. (No indication of number of shoes or points to a game-SMS.)

There are many stories to be told about our juniors and families. If you know any, send them to the *Newsline* editor to be included in future *Junior Window* columns.

For A Healthy Pitch

by Debby Michaud

We're always hearing, over and over again, that we should exercise! Is it so good for us? We feel good without it, right? Well, I would like to explain a little about exercise so that maybe some of you who don't like or want to exercise will start to change your minds. I know it's a hard job, but somebody's gotta do it.

There are different reasons to exercise and different types of exercise. It's surprising, but lots of the things we do every day qualify as exercise even though the articles and books we read do not mention them. Some of the reasons to exercise are obvious — we try to exercise for fitness (also called aerobic or cardiovascular fitness). We may exercise for recreation or for competition. We may exercise to escape the pressures and stresses of everyday life or we may exercise to increase or maintain our strength. The need for flexibility or the need to lose weight are other reasons to exercise and, of course, some of us have very active jobs that require much exercise. All of these reasons are excellent reasons for being active. And they are all very important and very helpful to us.

Probably the most important reason for exercising is to maintain our cardiovascular, or aerobic, fitness. That is, to keep our hearts, lungs, and circulation in good working order. If those are fit, everything else inside us is happy. Surprisingly, most of the things we do, for whatever reason, do contribute to our cardiovascular fitness. For several years, the theory that long hard workouts were the only way to achieve overall fitness was the ONLY theory. That is now being disproven. It is now thought that we can exercise at as little as 50% of our full capacity and still derive benefit. There is a formula for each of us to figure our estimated full capacity by estimating our maximum heart rate. Subtract your age from 220. That is your *estimated* maximum heart rate. Then multiply that number by 50%, then by 70%, and then by 85%. Those three numbers are your estimated heart rates at 50% of your full capacity, at 70% of your full capacity, and at 85% of your full

capacity. Any time your exercise and your heart rate is in that range, you are deriving excellent cardiovascular fitness benefits. For example, my age is 44. 44 subtracted from 220 is 176, which is my estimated maximum heart rate. 50% of 176 is 88, 70% of 176 is 123, and 85% of 176 is 150. Therefore, I should perform some type of continuous exercise, such as brisk walking, biking, or swimming for at least 20 minutes at least 3 times a week and keep my pulse (my heart rate) in the 88-150 beats per minute range. A pulse of 123 is ideal for me.

As you may have noticed, that is a wide range. That gives all of us a chance to help out our bodies, even if we are very low key. You may also have noticed the types of activities and the amount of time that I mentioned. It is now shown to be more important to put in that 20-40 minutes of continuous activity (aerobic exercise such as the above) three times per week than to work out like a maniac once or twice a week and then possibly feel sore or discouraged.

How will this benefit us? It is absolutely proven that exercising is the best way to take weight off efficiently and keep it off. (Be patient — it is also a slow way to lose weight). Exercise may help our cholesterol levels to fall and may elevate the "good" cholesterol. It may lower our blood pressure, control our blood sugar if we are diabetic, give us more strength and better muscle tone overall, alleviate stress, and help us sleep better. It may decrease the pain and stiffness of arthritis. We will walk with a spring in our step and have better posture. AND, we will have more endurance for our horseshoe tournaments, even for that playoff. Being in better physical shape may even help us handle our nerves better when we get to that special game against our "favorite" opponent.

Some precautions — If you are markedly overweight, have heart disease yourself, or have members of your immediate family who have had cardiac problems by the age of fifty, if you experience unusual shortness of breath or chest tightness or pressure at times, or if you haven't

exercised in 20 years or more, you should check with your physician. Exercising will still benefit you, but the physician may prescribe a more specific level of exercise for you at the beginning.

BEST exercise for almost everyone? Walk, walk, walk! It's not hard, it's inexpensive, requires almost no equipment except good shoes, and it can be done any time of the night or day. Just work up to at least 20 minutes or more each time and increase your pace gradually to get your heart rate into that range we talked about. GO FOR IT!

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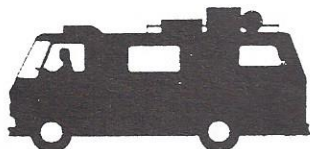
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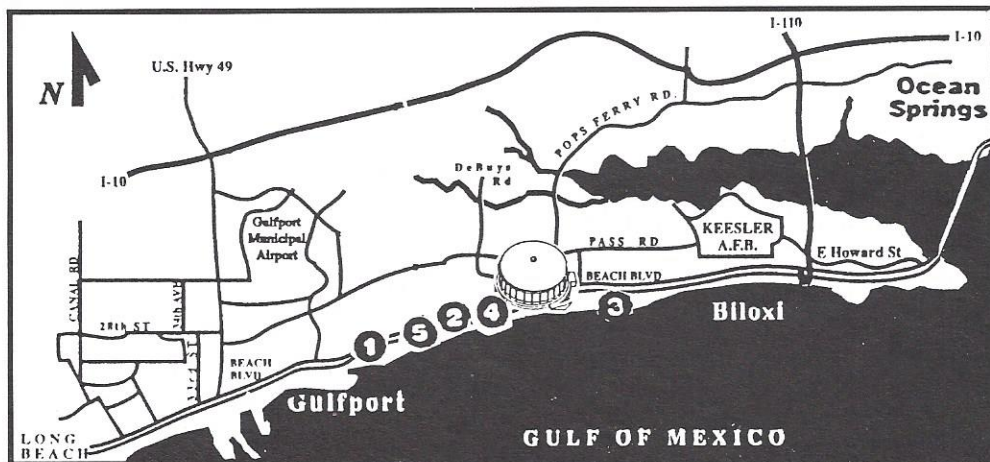
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A Day In The Country

The following article, which appeared in the October/November '90 issue is reprinted with permission of *Country*, P.O. Box 572, Milwaukee, WI 53201

PROFILE: Alta, Iowa farmer Kevin Cone took the day off from corn and soybean growing to test his mettle in Stone Mountain, Georgia at the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships. He's won state and national horseshoe championships over the years!

August 1 — Up at 6 a.m., I think I might've swallowed some butterflies with my coffee. Even though I started tossing rubber horseshoes at chair legs when I was 2 years old, I still get nervous before the start of every contest!

I arrive at the courts and take a few minutes to loosen up my arm, imagining I'm back on our farm pitching with Dad and Grandpa.

I'm a third generation horseshoe pitcher, and this sport's in my blood. I like the one-on-one competition, the history (Roman soldiers invented the game, pitching shoes of their chariot stallions) and the fact that there's no age barrier in horseshoes. This year's championships attracted pitchers aged 9 to 89!

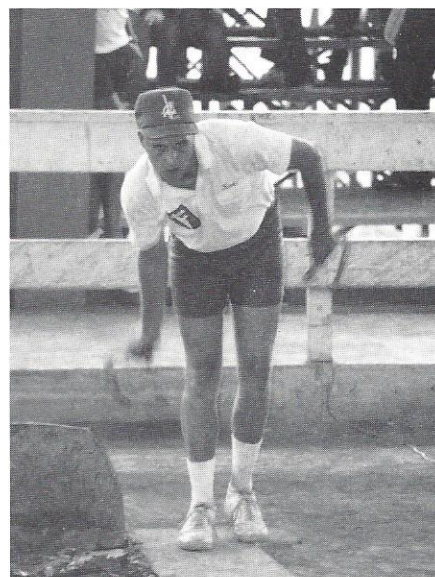
As the P.A. echoes, "Cone", I see wife Cindy and son Kylor, 3, giving me "thumbs up" from the audience — and despite a shakey first pitch that falls short, most of the shoes to follow encircle the stake with a "clang", and I finish with 80% ringers.

After 4 hours of continuous pitching, though, my arm feels like spaghetti! Over lunch, I renew acquaintances with my pitching friends from all over the U.S. — doctors, lawyers, businessmen and farmers included — some of whom attended the inauguration of President Bush's indoor/outdoor horseshoe courts.

We Cones have two regulation courts at home similar to the ones at the White House, only ours are tucked between 1,000 green acres of corn and soybeans 60 miles east of Sioux City!

Being a grain farmer and part-time auctioneer and seed company representative, I look forward to my daily hour of horseshoe pitching to unwind and just *think*. A minister friend of mine says he comes up with his best sermons while he's pitching!

Around 4:30, Cindy and I return to the courts to check the standings. All



right, I made the finals! To celebrate, we take Kylor for a train ride around Stone Mountain.

After a quick dip in the pool, Cindy and I pull up oak rockers on the deck of our rustic country inn while Kylor tosses the toy horseshoes he inherited on his birthday. He looks like a "shoe-in" for the World Championships 2002!

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Of the six hotels and motels that have been selected as "Official Hotels for the '91 World Tournament," the Holiday Inn, the Biloxi Inn, and the Howard Johnson's are all adjacent to the Coliseum. The Biloxi Beach Motor Inn is 1.5 miles, and the Broadwater Beach is 0.8 miles away. Both of these hotels will provide shuttle service to the Coliseum.

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PAUL NEUMANN

by Dave Loucks

He has a familiar name though the spelling is a bit different. We don't really know if the ladies tremble a bit in his presence as they do for his namesake, but Paul Neumann of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin has an answer for anyone who asks, "I'm in horseshoes, not salad dressing!"

Neumann is 65 years young and a native of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. He played a lot of sports as a youth with baseball being his favorite. As a pitcher for the Whitefish Bay High School, he had a no-hit game and later went on to the upper levels of a Milwaukee area industrial league and major league Triple-A sand lot. It was only five years ago that Paul took up horseshoe pitching, having been challenged by a Oconomowoc neighbor who beat the tar out of him...that first year. But, the competitive juices were alive again and Paul installed a court in his yard and it wasn't long before the neighbor was asking to be a partner rather than a competitor. So, they joined up as a team and in their first year in the Lake Country Traveling League, centered around Ashippun, they won 60 matches while losing 0.

With his interest in horseshoe pitching expanding, Paul Neumann won several local tournaments and got involved with the NHPA. A member of the Wisconsin Charter, Paul is now an authorized NHPA Game Related Sales representative and a recognizable and important addition to many of the tournaments in the area. In addition to the regular line of NHPA approved horseshoes and related items, Paul sells his own line of sweatshirts of his own design. They have some horseshoe related sayings on them and some have even been ordered from Germany where

the word somehow got out.

While President Bush pitches an occasional horseshoe, Paul likes to talk about former President Harry Truman who was also an avid horseshoe pitcher. The reason is that Paul's late father, Elmer Neumann was a dead ringer for President Truman. People who met Elmer or saw his picture often wondered if they were looking at the president from Missouri.

Neumann is a graduate of Creighton University in Omaha and later obtained a master's degree in business from Marquette University. He served as a Navy pilot during World War II flying off the decks of two aircraft carriers, the U.S.S. Saratoga and Yorktown. The war ended but Paul still served on for a few more years as a writer for the Navy Newspaper called the "Carrier."



Seems that the Navy found out that Paul had been a sports editor for his high school newspaper.

Once out of the Navy, Paul went to work as a manufacturers' representative where he sold chemicals and petroleum products around the Midwest for over 40 years. Paul is retired now and lives in Oconomowoc with his wife Margaret. They have nine children indicating that Paul didn't spend all his time on the road.

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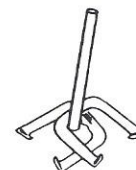
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Bob Champion's

Charter Chatter



This is the "off" season in many parts of the horseshoe pitching world. Newsletter editors, publicity chairmen and state officers are urged to send in news notes to be published in Charter Chatter.

There are many indoor facilities available, Hall of Fame inductions, and other news worthy of publication.

Send your items to Bob Champion, NHPA Publicity Director, 5505 Valmont Road, Boulder Colorado 80301.

It is gratifying to note that many newsletter editors are picking up news from the *Newsline*. Maybe in the future more pitchers will subscribe to this excellent magazine. It is important to note, however, that the contents of *Newsline* cannot be reproduced in your Charter Newsletter without the prior permission of editor Dave Loucks.

CALIFORNIA

Former World Champion Don Titcomb was the winner of Class "A" in the Annual NCHPA Class Championships. Pete Manitone topped Group B and Emmett Schroeder won Group C. Other men's winners were Larry Torres (D), Harold Camp (E), and Richard Robbins in Group F.

Walt Foreman won the Senior men's title. In the men's 30 foot class, Mate McBride won Group B, Eldon Bryhan took Group C, Ray Beardall captured Group D and Buck Gendron was the Group E winner.

Yvonne Mauzey bested Billie Sue Pennington to win the Women's Group A title, Paige Pennington captured Group B, Izetta Churchill won Group C, Lillian Lloyd took Group D, June Kincheloe won Group E and Shirley Jamieson won in F.

Jim Ornelas captured the Junior Group B. Other winners were Donnie Williams in E and Aaron Thomas in F.

The tournament was played at Yolo on October 18, 1990.

CANADA

Three of Canada's championship classes finish each year with playoffs among the three pitchers who finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 16-player round robins.

Howard Weitzel, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, has been a competitor in the Canadian tournament since 1976. He has won titles in the intermediate and senior groups, but 1990 was his big year when he won the Men's Class A division championship.

Sheila McGrath, Ontario bested Myrna Kissick two out of three to capture the women's playoff title. She has played in every championship since 1978. Kissick defeated Margaret Johns to reach the finale.

In the Class B men's group, Gordon Butts of Victoria, British Columbia was the winner besting Bob Riou in the final game. Riou had eliminated Henry Lecuyer in the first round.

Diane Cantin of Quebec was chosen as the outstanding woman horseshoe pitcher in Canada and was inducted into the Horseshoe Canada Hall of Fame for 1990.

COLORADO

A team from a two-year old club in Colorado won the State team Championship against ten competitors. The winning

team included Dan Martinez, who organized the Ault Horseshoe Club, Julie Romero, the 1990 Women's Class G Champion, and Bob Hunt, one of the most improved pitchers in the state.

Rich Pintor, the World Class A Champion in 1990, defeated Les Grosenbach in a playoff to win the Annual North Weld Open. Down from his usual near 70% figure, the Happy Mex ended up with 62.4%. Grosenbach, who changed to 30 feet this year, has been impressive, increasing his percentage by 15% by the move, and finished as the 30-foot State Champion in 1990.

IDAHO

Jesse led the Pledge of Allegiance, and with his guitar, Jesse led the singing of the National Anthem. Jesse led the prayer at the State Banquet — and when all the ringers had been counted, Jesse led the scoring, too. Jesse Morrison of Cataldo is the 1990 Idaho State Horseshoe Pitching Champion.

After losing his opening game to Gary Kollman of Nampa, the hard, fast throwing champion then won eight straight, highlighted by his fourth game, when he defeated Dean Curry of Lewiston — the Dean of Idaho pitchers who had won 13 state titles. At the conclusion of the game, Jesse let out an Indian war hoop, turned a couple of hand springs and a big flip in the air. That's enthusiasm.

His 8-1 record and 53.86 percentage topped Warren Stutzman of Rupert and Curry by two full games.

ILLINOIS

Springfield's Alan Jones sent the following note to NHPA Regional Director Art Felgenhauer: "We organized the new horseshoe club last winter and established two sanctioned leagues in 1990. One was before the World and now we have one after the World. They are both 100 percent handicapped leagues."

Of the 12 charter members in the new horseshoe club, 10 were represented at the World Tournament at Stone Mountain, Georgia. Five of the ten qualified for the finals.

Class A winners in recent tournaments are as follows: Harold Darnold, Galesburg Open; George Manker, Green County Days; Tari Powell, Sheldon Fun Days; Cliff Baker, Dwight Harvest Days Open; Don Peters, Duby Erickson Memorial Open; Cliff Baker, Illinois State Tournament (17-0, 82.0); Tari Powell (Women's Class A State, 7-0, 72.8); Fred Wicker, Shelbyville, Open; Steve Denault, Mascoutah Open; Robert Hatten, Clark City Shrine Club Open; Rudy Lipovsky, Berwyn Park District Open.

MARYLAND

The final horseshoe tournament of the season was held at the Maryvale courts in Frederick. It marked a special occasion in this 10th anniversary of the club, in that one of the founders was able to win the tournament.

Glen Keilholtz walked away with top honors, not only by winning, but by defeating two former State Champions

along the way. Glen closed with a 63% and during the tournament defeated Eric Zimmerman by pitching 27 ringers out of 44 shoes and 39 out of 60 in beating Elbert Shifflet, currently one of the top pitchers in the east.

What makes this tournament victory so unique is the fact that Glen Keilholtz is 77 years old...long live the Senior pitchers.

MICHIGAN

Dean LeClair went 10-1 with a 68.2% to win the Wolverine State Class A title. Tom Williams (8-3, 57.3) was second. Oz Williams took third with 7-4 and 65.8.

Other Class Winners were Dick Frakes (B), Doug Bailey (C), Andy Mathews (D), Jim Aleman (E), Robert Wyn (F), Dave Loop (G), Rex Wood (H), Clarence Zimmerman (I), Judy Curtiss (Ladies A), Norma Hansen, Ladies B), Jim Tripp, Junior Boys A), Al Morris (Elder Men's A), and Lee Jacobs (Elder Men's B).

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Farrand celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Part of the celebration was Merle's fourth place finish in the State Class G division.

MINNESOTA

Forty-nine juniors entered the 1990 Minnesota State Tournament. Four years ago the total figure was 13. The 49 included 29 boys and 20 girls.

Minnesota had seven juniors competing in the World Tournament at Stone Mountain, Georgia. They were Lionel McMahan, Tiffany Gage, Tim, Missa and Jeff Rosival, Chris and Vance Harren.

Joe Knollmaier was elected into the State Hall of Fame over the Labor Day holiday as promoter. Dave Hughes was elected for pitching.

Winners in the Faribault tournament were Gordon Schmidt (A), Karen Thayer (B), Del Karsjens (C), Len Murray (D), Carol Hoppe (E) and Denise Eul (F).

Winners of the Bertha Lions tournament were Mark Bauman (A), Emil Volkens (B), Del Karsjens (C), Art Favre (D), Mervin Klatt (E), Butch Booker (F), Jack Loeffen (G), Blain Formo (H), Gary Schultz (I) and Mixed-Connie Filley.

Minnesota ranked fifth in total NHPA members with 490.

MISSOURI

One of the top membership states is the "Show Me State"...they had 795 members in 1990. An awesome figure.

Added to the Missouri Hall of Fame this year were three pitchers — J.A. "Bud" Larson, who lived in Sedalia and is now deceased. The second pitcher was Charles Killgore, who was present at the ceremony and gave a short speech. The third inductee was D.E. "Red" Wommack from Springfield. Red is 90 years of age but was able to make the trip to receive his certificate.

The New Melle Community Club bid \$1,000 and three trophies in each class and was awarded the 1991 State Tournament.

Wayne Henderson was re-elected to serve two more years as the State President.

Former World Champions Alan Francis and Vicki Winston captured 1990 State title for men and women. The Seniors Champion was Steve Hrabovsky of St. Louis. Wesley Bowling of Galena was the Junior champion.

NEW ENGLAND

Carol and Dennis Hansen have reported that they have

rented a building in New London, Connecticut located on Garfield Avenue for indoor pitching. The courts are located on the second floor. It will be called the Nutmeg Indoor Horseshoe Courts and will house 10 clay courts, a snack bar area and a horseshoe supply area.

They will have five adult leagues, held Monday through Friday, which are booked up for the 1990-91 winter.

Six tournaments have been scheduled and there will be a Saturday night jackpot program offered every week for anyone. Time slots are six and eight p.m. Open house pitching on Saturday and Sundays when no tournaments are scheduled is available.

Every year indoor courts come alive. All those affiliated with them are to be congratulated for their efforts.

NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey newsletter *Jersey Jargon* each issue honors people who have been elected into the State Hall of Fame. It is a great idea, one that could be followed by other newsletters.

The honoree of a recent issue was William Kolb, inducted in 1972. He was New Jersey State Champion 14 times and still active and always a threat. At the urging of National Secretary Archie Gregson, Bill was responsible for starting up the State association in 1947 after being idle since 1942.

He was Tournament Director in 1961, 1962 and 1963. He was on the executive board several times and has served as Vice President of the NJSHPA. He won the first junior A.A.U. Championship and also won the first Senior A.A.U. Championship in 1961.

In 1988, Bill Kolb became a member for life of the NJSHPA, since he had been a member of the Association for 50 years.

NEW MEXICO

The 1990 New Mexico State Tournament was held at the Meersheidt Recreation Center in Las Cruces where the Southern Association pitchers soundly thrashed the northerners winning 10 of 11 first places.

The State has new champions in Class A (Bill Harris from Deming), Women Class A (Sue Cooper, Las Cruces), Bill Harris and his son, Billy Ray Harris, who retained the Junior Boys Class A title, are the first Father-Son duo to accomplish this double in New Mexico.

Southern Association officers elected for the coming year are Joe Truffillo of Deming, president; Frank Haught of Las Cruces, first vice president; Sue Cooper, second vice-president; Sandra Bass, treasurer and Diane Houser, secretary.

NEW YORK

Mike DiMartino of Churchville won his own horseshoe tournament in August at the Leroy American Legion grounds. Mike had a 5-1 record and 68.4%. Ruth Hangen from Getzville was second with 4-2, 68.6. Participants from 51 towns and cities competed.

Were you ever curious why Kipp Barody, the 1987 World Junior Champion, didn't return to defend his title after winning with over 80%. His mother says he lost the New York Title that year, and totally lost interest and has never thrown a shoe since. What a shame! New York pitchers should try to bring him back as an adult.

Art Tyson is listed on the New Jersey individual average
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Charter Chatter *New York continued...*

sheet — maybe he spends a lot of time in "Jersey." According to the figures, he had 72.1 in 1989 and increased to 77.1 in 1990.

OKLAHOMA

Charlie Schrum was inducted into the State Hall of Fame on October 26. Jerry Kahle, a Hall of Fame Member, presented Charlie with a wall plaque signifying his achievement. The presentation took place in the dining hall of the Salem Care Center in Salem, Missouri.

Charlie was State Champion in 1959, 1960 and 1968, and was runner-up five times. He accomplished this during the era of other Hall of Famers — Uhlig, Mogus and Kahle. He also served as State secretary, vice president and president and directed league play in Bartlesville.

Following a stroke in 1989, his right side is paralyzed and he is unable to speak, but understands everything. I'm sure he would very much like to hear from his pitching friends. The address is Salem Care Center, 100 N. Jackson Street, P.O. Box 29, Salem, MO 65560.

OREGON

Elmer Otnes, president of the Oregon Horseshoe Pitchers Association and a member of the Oregon City Horseshoe Club reports that the local club started work on the courts at Clackamette Park with 16 courts. Since then they have expanded to 20 courts.

The good news is that the club used two grants from the city's Civic Improvement Trust to complete the facility, again using volunteer help for all the labor. They worked 30 days this past summer to build a roof over the pitching area on eight of the courts and pour concrete along six of the courts.

A second grant from the trust purchased materials for lighting the shelter, and a club fund-raiser earned \$300 needed to install concrete on the last two courts.

Otnes points out that the courts are open to anyone who wants to play. They are the only courts in Oregon that are covered...rain or shine they pitch horseshoes.

TEXAS

Texas is proud to announce that Arlington's Jim Burrow has been selected as a member of the State's Hall of Fame, an award given at the State Tournament, October 20 in Tyler.

Jim started pitching horseshoes at Texas Tech back in 1965. He joined the Association in 1972 and in 1973, with Jeff Gaston, he founded the Arlington Iron Benders Club.

Jim served the THPA as assistant Regional Director under Regional Director Archie Roach. Jim also served in many offices including Tournament Director and Presidency. He won State titles in classes B through E.

The Arlington Club now sports Texas' top three pitchers — Coke Bowker, Charley Posey and Roger Vogel.

UTAH

J.J. Steffan went undefeated to win the 1990 Men's Class A title and wife, Shirley, was the Women's top class winner during competition in the Annual State Tournament. John Bracken nailed the Senior men's crown with a 7-0 and 68.0%. Jenny Ohms was the Junior Girls winner and Jeffery Coulter copped the Junior Boys' crown.

J.J. was three games in front of second place Dennis

Ohms, as the winner won all nine games and finished with 48.2%.

Other Class winners were Tito Archeleta (B), Frank Annerl (C), Jack Simmons (D), Mark Mumford (E). The women's "B" winner was Jeanne Padgett with Jaylynn Sorenson taking "C." Stacey Glendon won the Junior Boys "B" title.

Bracken was the top money winner for the year with \$421, largely due to his most improved player figure of 14.6%.

The State doubles title went to Jody Brackenbury and Jeanne Padgett.

WASHINGTON

Peter Clark, Herb Criss, Henry Knauff, and Art Sperber were 1, 2, 3, 4, during the Championship play in the 1990 State Tournament. Clark closed with a 7-1 record and 75.54 to take the title.

Michelle Ives (8-0, 67.3%) copped the Women's Championship, with Jeremy Faught (8-0, 45.24%) winning the Junior Boys' crown.

Criss won the Pacific West title at Yakima with Michelle Ives taking the women's title. Peter Ives was the junior champ. Criss also won the Bellingham and Ives repeated as the women's top player.

Art Sperber returned to the top spot to win the combined men-women Class A title in the Seattle City Open at Woodland Park. Criss won the Capital City Open at Olympia.

WISCONSIN

Archie Johnson of Brotherton took care of the wind problem at his tournament by parking a couple semi trucks on the wind side of the courts. It worked.

Ralph Maylahn shot a 70% to win the Beloit-Janesville Open and followed with a Class A title in the Fillmore U.S.A. tournament. He dropped to 62.2 in this one.

Linda Turner won the women's title in the Beloit affair and Lorraine Sternberg took top honors for the women at Fillmore.

Don Udelhofen's 68.7 elevated him to top honors in the Platteville Open and Chet Ogiba was the Class A winner in the Winnebagoland Open. Karen Hoff won the Women's Class A at Platteville and Cy Srenaski topped the field at the Winny tournament.

Records to date find Don Kangas of West Allis with the highest percentage for the top three figures with 68.63. Maylahn is second with 66.73. In third is Brian Repinski with 66.17.

WYOMING

George Dowdy survived a three-pitcher playoff to win the Wyoming State Class A title to add his name to the list of 17 Wyoming men who have won the title. He finished 9-1 with a 49.3 percent. Youthful Rick Hytrek, Jr. was second and Harold Koch placed third.

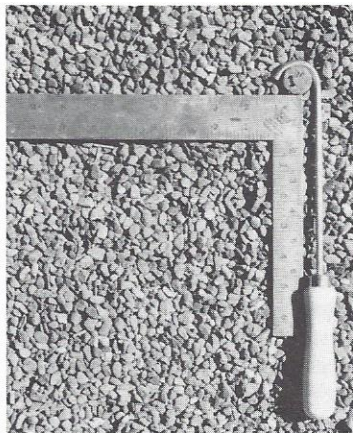
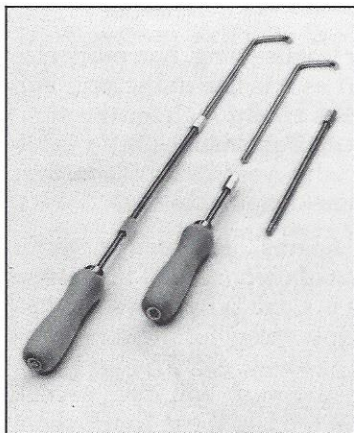
Vern German was elected to the Hall of Fame for pitching excellence and J.H. (Jake) Jacobs, the Wyoming president, received the honor for service.

Koch was the most improved, raising his percentage 6.0 from the previous year.

The dean of the Hall of Famers is Merle C. Palmer, who won 21 titles. He was elected the second year, in 1986, following the initial selection of Bud Schliske, a three-time champion in 1985.

Kathi Pyle went undefeated to win the 1990 Women's Class A Title.

Here and There *Dave Loucks reports happenings around the NHPA*



CALIFORNIA Stewart M. Snyder of Cloverdale in Northern California, has designed a new adjustable length horseshoe pickup hook with plans to market it through the NHPA in both a standard and deluxe style. This hook is precision machined of 1/4" brass rod with a wood handle. It is available with different lengths of screw-in rod that can take it from a precise six inch measuring device/hook to a two foot long pickup hook for those pitchers who don't like to bend too much. This tool is very portable, breaking down to fit into your horseshoe carrying case. As you can see from the pictures, it is a unique pickup device that surely has a market among horseshoe pitchers. Because it takes precision machining to make and the quantity produced directly affects the cost, the NHPA and Stu would like to know how the members perceive this device. Those of you who would be interested in one are asked to write to Stewart Snyder, 225 Preston Drive, Cloverdale, CA 95425. Sufficient interest will put this product into the NHPA Game Related sales items catalog.

CALIFORNIA Jim Mudra, Secretary/ Treasurer of the Orange Horseshoe Club in Southern California reports that the Orange Club held their yearly club championship on 10/27/90. Of interest in this event was the pitching of three time World Champion and 75 year young Willard (Spud) Napier. Spud, pitching a smooth 1 1/4 turn from a full 40 feet, went undefeated in six games and

averaged 81.2%. Great pitching Spud!

The Orange Club has six courts and 50 members. They unveiled a sign at Orange Park honoring all the World Champions from their club and giving special recognition to former NHPA President, Wally Shipley. A second sign is being made to honor all State Champions who have come from the Orange Club. To date, that number is 28 State Champions.

KENTUCKY Scott County Invitational Tournament. On Saturday, September 29, horseshoe pitchers representing seven states came to Georgetown, Kentucky to pitch for the biggest prize purse ever offered to pitchers in Kentucky. Representing their states were State Champions from Indiana, Sue Snyder and Karl VanSant; Ohio's Elden Sarbaugh; West Virginia's Carol Fortner; Kentucky's Charles Meredith; Pennsylvania's Fran Carnahan and Illinois' State Champion and World Tournament Champion Tari Powell. Also former State Champions from Kentucky Lois Webster, Ed Henry, and Ron Powell and Indiana's Bonnie Seibold. Rounding out the 16-man Round Robin were former Jr. World Champion Tony Hankins from Kentucky; Vi Rust from Indiana; Dale Henry from Indiana; Harold Copher from Kentucky and Dr. Jack Freeman from Tennessee.

The tournament was a 20-shoe count all, alternate pitch, 16-man round robin with one position round. The four top accumulative points played a step-ladder play off

for the Championship.

Advancing to the final four were Sue Snyder, Tari Powell, Karl VanSant and Ron Powell. Elden Sarbaugh was only 5 points behind Ron Powell in fifth place. Karl VanSant edged Ron Powell out the first game of the play-off, then proceeded to beat Tari Powell in the second game. Karl's string ended when Sue Snyder pitched a perfect game against Karl. Sue pitched the 2nd perfect game ever pitched in Kentucky. Good pitching, Sue. Congratulations and thanks to Kentucky Charter President, Gene Webster who made this sanctioned event possible.

The finish results are as follows:

Place	Player	\$\$	%	PTS.
1st	Sue Snyder	500.	84.0	
2nd	Karl VanSant	250.	73.1	
3rd	Tari Powell	125.	82.8	
4th	Ron Powell	90.	73.8	
5th	Elden Sarbaugh	85.	73.8	871
6th	Lois Webster	80.	71.9	842
7th	Fran Carnahan	75.	70.3	828
8th	Carol Fortner	70.	68.8	813
9th	Bonnie Seibold	65.	68.8	799
10th	Charles Meredith	60.	70.3	798
11th	Dr. Jack Freeman	55.	62.8	779
12th	Ed Henry	50.	59.1	739
13th	Dale Henry	45.	56.0	720
14th	Harold Copher	40.	59.3	712
15th	Vi Rust	35.	55.0	669
16th	Tony Hankins	30.	55.0	639

Regional Director's Report

by Gary K. Minnick

To all Regional Directors: At our meeting in Stone Mountain, GA, we discussed the Regional Directors doing all of the Shoe Checking and Weighing In of all horseshoes that will be pitched in Mississippi. As this was unanimously approved, it is now time to write me and let me know when you will be available. I'm aware that there will be some changes, but if I have a good list of names to choose from, I can work around your pitching schedule. It really is to our advantage to do this, because you can personally see what the NHPA officers go through with oversized and overweight shoes. It will give you a good idea of how many bad shoes are really out there being used every tournament. Maybe we also will take down the type of shoe and how much either way and give it to Ed Domey for reference.

Sue Johnson, Regional Director from **Arizona** reports that the pitchers in Arizona are lucky to be able to pitch practically all year round. They have started having more money tournaments instead of so many trophies. The pitchers seem to like it better. Also, they have raised the scorekeeping fee to \$.50 per pitcher per game. Gary Chalberg, Assistant Regional Director from Arizona reports that he was watching TV news recently and noticed the servicemen attempting to entertain themselves doing various athletic and musical functions. He thinks perhaps it is time for the NHPA to step in and help organize horseshoe pitching leagues, interservice or just for exercise. It could be an opportunity for a concentrated youthful entry into our sport. As an ex-serviceman, he knows the value of regulated activity, especially sports.

Jim Shilling, Regional Director from **Indiana** reports the passing away of Ed Howdeshell, INPHA President on October 4, 1990, who will be greatly missed. At the state meeting on October 28, Ed was elected into the Indiana Hall of Fame. This honor for Ed had been selected prior to his death, but he wasn't aware of his selection. Also, the

Classic City Horseshoe Club has moved to a brand new 6 court indoor facility near Spencerville, IN. Over 100 pitchers are pitching 4 nights a week in sanctioned league play.

Ray Matlock, Regional Director from **Maryland** and **Delaware** reports that 1990 was very good in Maryland and Delaware. Organized pitching is growing in Georgetown, Delaware. The General Motors plant in Delaware has a horseshoe pitching league program. This year marked the return of sanctioned league pitching in Frederick, MD. The East Coast Tournament of Champions was won by Steve Kuchinski of Erie, PA. He states, we should have known it was going to be a great year when the leader of the United States and the leader of the Soviet Union took time out from their talks at Camp David this spring to pitch a couple of horseshoes. Camp David is located just ten miles north of the Frederick Horseshoe Club.

Philip Zozzaro, Regional Director from **New Jersey** reports that they had 72 entries in the Singles Classes and 44 entries in the Doubles Classes at Flemington Fairgrounds from August 28 through September 3. Bill MacIntyre was the State Champion with a nice 76.8%.

Chuck Arnold, Regional Director from **Oklahoma** reports a 25% increase in membership in 1990, which includes 16 juniors and 36 women. They ran a Doubles Tournament for non-members sponsored by *The Daily Oklahoman* newspaper in conjunction with a promotion of The Festival of the Horse. The paper ran several full page color ads, providing excellent publicity for the OHPA. They had 23 doubles teams enter. Ten (10) full NHPA members were signed up as a result of the tournament and expect to sign up more. State Champions are Men, Tom Goff (65%); Women, Linda Frederick (63%); Senior Men, Ed Moody (64%); Junior Boys, Michael Davidson (40%); and Junior Girls, Pamela Morris (40%).

Clint Bryson, Regional Director from **North** and **South Dakota** reports that Rapid City is trying to get

a winter league going. Not much else to report as it is late in the year and most clubs are through for the summer. South Dakota had one new club start up this year called Bad River Horseshoe.

Jack Adams, Regional Director from **Canada** reports that horseshoe pitching in Canada has come to a halt for this year except for the snowbirds who go to Mesa, AZ. The Saskatchewan Association will have several players at the Las Vegas Tournament in December. Diane Cantin, St. Raymond, Quebec was elected to Horseshoe Canada Hall of Fame in 1990.

We also had a long discussion at our Regional Directors meeting regarding sanctioned courts. I never received a list for Donnie Roberts on the ones already sanctioned across the country. It looks like I am going to prevail on each of you to talk to your Charter Officers in each state and find out where the certificates are and send me a copy. If there are no certificates, then find out what year they were sanctioned and let me know. As of this date, only Pennsylvania has completed this requirement and I need the rest of you to do this ASAP. Thanks.

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Hall of Fame

by Earl Winston, Chairman

This has been a rewarding year for our NHPA Hall of Fame in terms of articles being donated for viewing by the general public. If anyone has items such as old or unusual horseshoes, etc., that you feel would be of interest, please feel free to send them to my address.

The year of 1990 started out much the same as the previous year in that we again lost two voting members of our committee by death. First, Will Gullickson of Minnesota and then Ted Allen of Colorado. Both were taken by heart attacks. Armed with a list of prospective members and some information that I had given him, by the end of February, President Dave Loucks had made the selection of two new committee members. The following is a list of the 15 member NHPA Hall of Fame Committee: Jack Adams, Sask., Canada; Barry Chapelle, OR; Ralph Dykes, IL; Paul Focht, OH and FL; Ruth Hangen, NY; Bernard Herfurth, MA; Art Holter, MN; Charles Killgore, MO; Gary Kline, OH; Marion Lange, IA; Dave Loucks, CA; Oattie Reno, OH; Bonnie Seibold, IN; Don Titcomb, CA; and Earl Winston, MO.

During the spring of 1990, I again contacted Marion Lucas, the Director of the Iowa State Fair. Mr. Lucas offered the NHPA the same space as we'd used in 1989, but with extra cabinets and lighting in which to set up our NHPA Hall of Fame display for viewing during the entire run of the Iowa State Fair. The space and all of the amenities are donated by the Iowa State Fair, with no charge to the NHPA, nor do we have to sign a contract. Therefore, this year we had an expanded exhibit and on the final day our guest registration book showed a 50% increase in signatures over 1989. We again had guests from two foreign countries, Japan and Sweden.

After spending parts of two days setting up the exhibit and being aided by some loyal NHPA people, I returned home, leaving the exhibit in the capable hands of Woody Wilson, Marion Lange and Don and June Koso. Chet Foster was also very valuable help in getting the display arranged and making necessary contacts. I thank all

of these people for their splendid help and thank any others who may have helped in any way. It might be of interest to those of you not familiar with Iowa to know that their summers are quite warm and the Pioneer Building is not air-conditioned. These people were indeed expressing their love for our sport to work in those conditions day after day.

Ted Allen's gold plated horseshoe, some individual Hall of Fame plaques, added models of old pitching shoes and the renovated original Hall of Fame case, made by Herb Okeson, drew special attention from the visiting public. A spectator, upon seeing Mayme Francisco's plaque, remarked that they might have a lead in locating some of her relatives. So far, I have heard nothing. If anyone knows how to contact any of Mayme Francisco's family, I would like to have that information, so that they can be given her Hall of Fame plaque and be informed of the honor that has been bestowed upon her.

On the last Sunday in August, Vicki and I drove to Des Moines in blistering heat to dismantle the Hall of Fame display. We viewed the last of the Iowa State Tournament and I helped present trophies to those who were able to stay on the courts and finish their competition. Thanks to my loyal helpers, I was able to be on the road back home yet that evening.

During the World Tournament in Stone Mountain, GA, I chaired a meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee. One of the main points of discussion was that we would again follow the procedure of last year of having an added category for players and organizers up to 1941. Some people have asked how to nominate an individual and what are the requirements for a candidate. The following are the four categories eligible for consideration.

1. Player — A person who has distinguished World Tournament performances, holds World Tournament records and has otherwise brought prestige to the science of horseshoe pitching.
2. Organizer — A person that has made many and beneficial contributions to

the entire NHPA member in an administrative capacity, i.e. promoter, organizer, NHPA Executive Council Member, NHPA Regional Director or NHPA tournament director.

4. Player-Organizer — Any person that has displayed excellent credentials in both categories 1 and 2.

4. Prior to 1942 — A person who has excellent credentials in any of the above categories, but who was active only up to and including 1941.

All nominees in the first three categories must have been members of good standing in the NHPA for at least ten years. The nominees' performance shall have been on a national level and have served the entire NHPA membership and not just a small portion thereof.

A person may be nominated for the NHPA Hall of Fame by an NHPA member, a group of NHPA members or by an affiliated club or charter. Information should include the date of nomination, the person's name, address and age, the category of the nomination, and a list of data and achievements to verify and support the merit of the nomination. All information should be typed or in a form that is copy ready and should be sent to the Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, Earl Winston, RR 2, Box 178, LaMonte, MO 65337. The deadline is March 1, 1991. As of this writing I have already received one new nominee and two updates on previously nominated persons.

One of the highlights of each World Tournament is the annual NHPA Awards and Hall of Fame Banquet. This year, in Stone Mountain, GA, it was my pleasure to announce the four Hall of Fame inductees for 1990. They are Mr. L.D. Long — originator of a horseshoe pitching contest open to the world; Mayme Francisco — six time Women's World Champion during the 1920s; Merlin Potts — many times Kansas State Champion and co-holder of some world records; Deborah Michaud — two time Women's World Champion using a different turn each time. Gary Kline, the NHPA Historian, gave the induction speech for L.D. Long. It was my

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CLASS A FINALISTS in the 1990 New England Championship Tournament at Keene, N.H. were, from left front: Charles Bonani, Randolph, Mass.; eventual champion John Kapnis, Salem, Mass.; Norm Rioux, Montville, Conn.; and John Passmore, Ft. Devens, Mass. Back row, Gale Greene, Bennington, Vt.; Kevin Hollister, Bennington, Vt.; Bruce Kienia, Springdale, Maine; and Doug Kienia, North Berwick, Maine. — Photo: Tom Blake



BEST WOMEN PITCHERS IN NEW ENGLAND for the 1990 season were, from left front row: Bertha Baillargeon, Lowell, Mass.; Debbie Pickering, Keene, N.H.; Katy Dyer, Keene, N.H.; and Debra Brown, Bristol, Vt. Back row: Mary Ryan, Lowell, Mass.; Debbi Alexander, Peterborough, N.H.; Class A Champion Liz Downer, Lincoln, Vt.; and Bev Forgues, Bristol, Vt. — Photo: Tom Blake

Rules Committee Report

by Barry Chapelle, Chairman

The NHPA Rules Committee held a short, but productive meeting at the World Tournament. Some interested guests came and gave some positive ideas and suggestions and the committee discussed its general structure and methods of operation. We are appreciative of the support we have received and hope to continue in our role to make the NHPA a bigger and better organization.

Some specific topics of discussion included:

1. Better enforcement of the dress code — some always slip by. One solution we tried this year was to check the pitchers as they had their shoes checked or as they checked in at the registration table. We had fairly good success with this and hope to do even better next year by checking all participants as they register for their time of play.

2. Mark shoes that have passed inspection. We are working on that one, but nothing has been decided yet. We are pleased that the shoe checking process has been accepted so well and we hope to get a shoe checker in the hands of each charter soon.

3. Better distribution of the NHPA Rules Flyer. We are, essentially, powerless on that one. Our NHPA Secretary has made them available to all NHPA charters and RDs and it is up to these people to get them into the hands of our members.

4. Specific rule enforcement. This is the toughest issue to deal with — particularly the foul line violation. Court layout, poor visibility and poor sight lines often make it difficult to watch every court on an equal basis. Some judges are reluctant to issue warnings and call fouls because of flack they might receive from the "offended" player. Two possible areas of improvement were mentioned — we hope to do both next year. First: we want to involve more charter officials, RDs, and those who are critical of present judging procedures. Second: we will give a handout of duties and procedures for World Tournament judges to each judge next year. The committee feels it would be helpful if the foul line violation was called and enforced at the

local and state level to a greater extent than it now is. If this were done, fewer violations would occur at the World Tournament.

Question: *Should the foul line be moved even with the stakes (as was proposed a few years ago) and then allow a pitcher to stride over it as the shoe is released?*

Four other items came up under rule enforcement. We had a few complaints about violation of the 30 second rule and the use of chewing tobacco. Neither is easy to administer, but we will try to improve in those areas. Court maintenance and repair was mentioned and the rule concerning that was changed for 1991. Also, the rule concerning where a pitcher stands while the opponent is pitching was changed, which will eliminate complaints about "not having a foot on the platform."

5. Use of tobacco by scorekeepers — Right now it is legal, but there is a proposal for the 1991 convention to prohibit it.

The 1990 delegates voted to deal with rule changes on odd numbered years, so the 1991 convention will be concerned with some more possible changes. There are already seven proposals to be considered. *Any proposed changes must be in my hands by February 15, 1991.*

Again I thank you, and the Rules Committee thanks you for your support, and I also want to thank the Rules Committee for being such a responsible and concerned group of people. We are trying our best to serve you.

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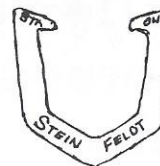
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Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

To start off this New Year, Floyd and I want to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, prosperous year and one filled with lots of good pitching and pleasant times on the courts. Want to thank all of you that helped to make 1990 an easier year for me, by being prompt with your reports and for allowing enough time for me to send your awards so they could arrive before planned presentation dates. Want to welcome the 41 new sanctions and the states of Idaho and Tennessee into our great program. Although, it saddens me that 8 of these new clubs and 34 of the older sanctions, as of this November date, have not sent in any reports or correspondence for 1990. Hopefully, by the end of December I will have received everything required from all of these delinquent ones. If not, their sanctions will be cancelled. Once your CL/LG has received an official cancellation notice from this office, your sanction will not be reinstated until 1992. Please, do not write or

call, asking to be reinstated before then. The very pleasing growth of this program is making it virtually impossible for me to find the time to remind delinquent parties that they should have sent in their complete membership reports, within a month of their leagues beginning to pitch, when they should all, by now, be aware of this being mandatory to activate their sanctions — EVERY YEAR and have them remain valid from year to year. Even new clubs should know this, if not from my correspondence, from reading the Red Book. 1990 will be the last year that I will send out notices of delinquencies, be it for membership reports or reminders that the Material Request and or Final Stat forms have not been received, which deprives members from receiving any awards they may have earned or been entitled to. NO awards for a past year will be sent after the first of January and there will be NO exceptions to this rule. All delinquent CL/LGS will be automa-

tically cancelled, as of the first of a new year. Don't mean to sound gruff, just asking that you all try to understand that I just do not have time to be doing past year's work, after a new year has begun.

1990 had a total of 229 sanctioned clubs running 352 leagues, with 4045 full NHPA members and 3150 CL/LG members, a difference of 895 and a total membership of 7195. These figures are, as of November 28th, from the 188 clubs reporting, with 41 not yet reported.

The following awards/patches have been sent out: Most Improved 356, League Champ. 763, Class Champ. 456, High Avg. 350, High Game 362, High Over Avg. 340, Sportsmanship 280, Rookie 259, Cert. of Achv. 4424 and 3522 High Game Percent.

The following clubs are to receive plaques for continuous years of sanction, if they are not delinquent, as at this time, there are four indicated with a **.

FIVE YEARS

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AVF-Downers Grove #86C144, Illinois
Classic City #86C132A, Indiana
Brooklyn Park #86C132, Minnesota
West St. Paul #86C151, Minnesota
Montgomery #86C225, Minnesota
Chadron #86C135, Nebraska
County Jolly Ringers #86L142, NE
Glenburn #86C149, North Dakota
White Hill County #86C148, PA **
Tumbleweed #86A136, Texas

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Waterloo Metro #81C28, Iowa
Dan Patch #81C70, Minnesota
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Four Corners #81C120, New Mexico
Lockport Men's #81L73, New York
Thursday Shoes #81C112, New York **
St. Louisville #81C41, Ohio
Woodward County #81A40, Oklahoma
Mt. Oliver Mustangs #81C1, PA **
Corn Palace #81C38, South Dakota

Congratulations and many thanks to all of these, as it takes a lot of work and sincere dedication to keep a club together over the years. We have some that are now nearing the 15

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CALIFORNIA

Lake Isabella HSC #88-C-21

We closed out another successful season at Lake Isabella Park with a tournament and annual dinner with members and family as guests. A pot luck was held with the club furnishing fried chicken, ham and bread and members supplying the salads and desserts. A very good crowd was in attendance.

Tournament winners were, Group 1, 1st place Jean Strauss, with a three-way tie for 2nd between Lou Mahlstedt, Lou Strauss and Frank Rodriguez. Group II, 1st place was taken by 9 year old Frank Rodriguez II. 2nd place, two-way tie between Bob Grizzle, Tony Ozanich. Group III, 1st Ricky Bravo, Jr., 2nd Dot Smith.

Winners of League awards were, League Champions, Group I, Lou Strauss, who also took High Game & High Over Avg., Group II, Camille Bruster also with High Game. Group III, Frank Rodriguez II with High Game in his group. High Over Avg. was also received by Bob Fosnaugh, High Avg. went to Lou Mahlsedt, Myron Nichols & Frank Rodriguez. Rookie of the Year, Howard Bruster, Sportsmanship were Tony Ozanich and Pauline Nichols, with Most Improved going to Tony Ozanich and Terry Tate.

During the year our members participated in many National events, including State in Bishop and World at Stone Mountain, GA, bringing home trophies from all.

Our 1991 season will open on Saturday, March 30th. Election of officers was held in October and are President, Robert Griswold; Vice President, Myron Nichols; Secretary/Treasurer, Edyth Soward; and Trustees Lou Mahlstedt, Camille Bruster, Helen Turner, Tony Ozanich, Pauline Nichols and Dorothy Smith. We are looking forward to a new year and new members are always welcome.

MASSACHUSETTS

St. Moritz Horseshoes Club #78-C-59

St. Moritz annual meeting and family cookout was held recently.

Horseshoes and cribbage tournaments, election of next year's officers, and a feast of food was featured.

The annual Charley Jokinen Memorial Award went to Mario Campanelli. In club tournaments, the Class A winner was Charlie Bonani. The Class B winner was Nancy Cannon, Class C winner was Jim DiGiacomo, and Class D winner Frank Brady.

Elected officers for next year are George Davenport, president; John Dee, vice president; Bart Sargeant, secretary-treasurer.

The officers would like to thank all members and their families for making this year's cookout a successful, enjoyable event.

November 3 is the annual Leaf Party. The rain date is November 4.

Horseshoes for 1991 resumes next May. New members are welcome. Contact Bart Sragent, 127 Edgewood Road, Westwood, MA 02090 617-762-6134.

OHIO

Toledo Area HSC #84-C-114

The Toledo Area Horseshoe club completed its seventh season as a sanctioned club. Having leagues on Tuesday night and Thursday morning. With the winners of awards as follows. Floyd Plumb, received League Champ., High Avg. on Tuesday and High Game and High Avg. on Thursday, Tuesday High Over Avg. and High Game went to Gene Rice. Chet Banazak took Thursday's High Over Avg. with League Champ. going to Bert Szombati. The Most Improved awards went to Dorthory Slocum and Mike Nadolny with Mary Jane Skiba being our Rookie of the Year.

If you would like to join us in the spring for some good fun, pitching and fellowship, contact Robert Wells, P.O. Box 205, Temperance, MI 48182 313-847-6911.

VERMONT

Middlebury #83-C-84

The Sodbusters Horseshoe Club ran three leagues again this year. We played 50 shoes with 90% handicap.

We had lots of rain and the Tuesday night league ran out of Tuesdays and had to cancel the last three games. Our Tuesday night singles had twenty players and seven subs. Liz Downer took first place with 39 wins and 3 losses. She had a high game of 88% and a high average of 64%. Deb Brown came in second with 33 wins and 9 losses, with an average of 62% and a high game of 78%. Third place went to Lorenzo Gagnon with 32 wins and 10 losses, an average of 34% and high game of 58%. Fourth place went to Andre Bergeron, Sr. with 27½ wins and 14½ losses, an average of 34% and high game of 56%. The Sportsmanship Award went to Shirley Coffey. Rookie of the year was our junior player Robert Bergeron. Ken Downer had a high over average of 25%, and Liz Downer was the most improved by 14%.

In our doubles league on Thursday we had sixteen players and seven subs. From our eight teams, first place went to John Coffey and Lorenzo Gagnon with 34½ wins and 10½ losses. Second went to Jane Aubin and Albert LaRose with 29½ wins and 15½ losses. Sportsmanship award went to Jane Aubin. High Game went to Lorenzo Gagnon 61%, Stan Bigelow was Most Improved and Rookie of the Year went to Richard Staples.

In our Singles League on Thursday we had 12 players and 5 subs. First place went to Alan Curler with 35½ wins and 8½ losses. Second place went to Connie Selleck with 32½ wins and 11½ losses. Third place went to Glen Norris with 29½ wins and 14½ losses. Rookie of the Year was Frank Kurek, with most improved going to Alan Curler. High Game went to Deb Brown and High over Avg. went to Connie Selleck.

Our end of the year banquet was held at the Dog Team Tavern in Middlebury. We handed out our awards after a delicious dinner. We also handed out Most Improved awards for 1989. They went to Connie Selleck who improved by 5.9% and our oldest member Harold Wrisley who improved by 2.2%. Hope everyone is back for 1991.

Are You A Potential NHPA Officer?

Four NHPA offices will be up for election at the 1991 convention in Biloxi, Mississippi. They are President, and the 1st, 3rd and 5th Vice President positions.

All NHPA officers have more than just a title. Each has specific job responsibilities. Any member thinking about running for an office should be aware of these responsibilities as each position requires a certain degree of leadership and a commitment of time to the NHPA and the fulfillment of those responsibilities. The incumbents and any members who want to run for their office have until the March/April issue of *Newsline* to so announce their intentions. According to our constitution, a minimum of 3 months notice must be published. The deadline to make that issue is February 1, 1990. So, if you want to run for office, your announcement should be sent direct to *Newsline*, 13656 Thoroughbred Loop, Grass Valley, California 95949, by that deadline.

Briefly, the job descriptions of each office are as follows:

President: The chief executive officer of the NHPA who must take over-all responsibility for administering all NHPA activities from a non-partisan position. Prepares agenda and presides over all meetings, appoints all committee members, initiates policy, mediates disputes, directs other NHPA officers and provides the foundation of leadership required for the growth and harmony of the association and its business.

First Vice President: First backup to the President ready to assume those responsibilities in event president is

absent or otherwise unable to carry out his duties. The 1st VP is also Chairman of the NHPA Hall of Fame and presides over the annual meeting of the committee. This position must accept and distribute nominations for the Hall of Fame, tabulate the voting, make arrangements for the awards, coordinate and direct the NHPA Awards banquet and dinner, maintain records on Hall of Fame members and memorabilia as well as direct the efforts to obtain a permanent site for an NHPA Hall of Fame.

Third Vice President: Probably the third most time demanding job in the NHPA after the President and Secretary/Treasurer. The 3rd VP is the Director of the NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Program and must maintain complete records on all clubs, their officers, members and finances within the program. Must estimate and order all awards for the program and after receiving year end reports, see that each club is sent their awards.

Fifth Vice President: Chairman of all NHPA Regional Directors and assistants. Communicates with Charter officers for recommendations and qualifications before appointing all RD's and ARD's. Monitors RD work performance, obtains reports from them, writes and amends RD guidelines, oversees NHPA sanctioned court requirements, sanctioned tournament requests, estimates, orders and distributes all tournament patches.

Note: All NHPA officers are obligated to write regular or near regular contributions on their activity for publication in *Newsline*.

Hall of Fame

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privilege to have the opportunity to inform the audience of some of the pitching accomplishments of Mayme Francisco. Merlin Potts was inducted by his good friend and fellow pitcher, Alden Allbaugh and fellow pitcher, Deborah Michaud was inducted by her friend and oft-times opponent, Vicki Winston.

I cannot close without saying how well the Awards Banquet went at Stone Mountain and how many people expressed to me their pleasure at witnessing a most memorable occasion. This was due to the fine help of those who assisted me on the platform. The speakers', the presenters' and the recipients' remarks were well made and pleasing. I could not have done it without you. Thank you.

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year mark, this is really GREAT!, the end of 1992 will be this prestigious time for the 9 remaining out of the 13 original Charter Clubs of 1978. Sure hope they all make it, as one of them is not up-to-date for 1990. Of course if the four ** on page 22 do not report, they will forfeit their plaques and all seniority in the program.

In closing, I hope that all Directors are encouraging all members to purchase their 1991 NHPA/State/Charter membership cards early and as they sign up to pitch this year, that you write down their card numbers and all other needed information, at that time. This will make your reports much easier to do. Membership reports, received, that do not have all current NHPA numbers, will be returned and that club's sanction, for the year, will not be valid until it is completed and returned to this office — and this must be done as early as possible. *Let's all work and pitch together for a bigger, better association!*

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The Toll of Time

JOHNNIE MULLICAN

Every now and then a very special person comes along who has a tremendous affect on the lives of many people. Johnnie Mullican was this type of person. Johnnie did not start pitching horseshoes until he was in his late sixties, but because of his love for the sport, he became very active in our association. Johnnie pitched in most of our local and state tournaments as well as our neighboring states and world tournaments.

In 1982 Johnnie pitched in his first State Tournament in the Class C of the open division at 40 feet and fin-

ished with 39.1%. In 1984 Johnnie moved up to 30 feet and because of his dedication soon made a champion of himself. He pitched in the open division of the State Tournament and finished second with 64.4%. In the World he was runner-up in the 70+, 30 foot division for the World Championship with 65.5%. In 1985 he was 59.8% in the State and was third in the World Tournament with 65.4%.

Then came his big year, 1986. He went 8-0, 68.5% to win the State Championship and then won the World Championship at Ainsworth, Nebraska for seventy plus men at 30

feet with five wins and no losses and a 74.2% ringer percentage. Johnnie is the only Alabama Pitcher to ever win one of the Major Division World Championships. In September 1989, Johnnie reached the plateau that is the goal of every Alabama Horseshoe Pitcher when he joined five other outstanding individuals and was inducted into the Alabama Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame.

Alabama Horseshoe Pitchers were saddened by the loss of our dear friend on November 3, 1990. The heartfelt sympathy of the AHPA is extended to his wife and family.

Tournament Travel Calendar

The following is a chronological list of weekend or major events scheduled during the next two months. It is to assist those of you who travel out of area. Newline will update this list each publication with known and reported NHPA-sanctioned events, subject to space limitations. Complete state schedules should be obtained from the individual charter.

Prepared by Dave Loucks

JANUARY

- 5: Brooksville, FL. Windy OpenPR w/E.P. Kirk 904-799-7116
- 5-6: Adamsville, OH. Indoor Rnd Robin .PR w/E. Sarbaugh 614-796-6009
- 10: Lady Lake, FL. Orange Blossom IIPR w/Tom Fenton 904-753-0637
- 11-13: Newbury, OH. Indoor Rnd RobinPR w/D. Zielenski 216-467-4584
- 12: Cocoa, FL. Brevard City OpenPR w/J. Michalek 407-632-2527
- 12: Bradenton, FL. Ken Drury Mem. Open .PR w/P. O'Toole 813-755-9359
- 18-19: Bradenton, FL. Manatee Open ...PR w/Gene Wyant 813-746-2087
- 18-20: Mesa, AZ. Valley of Sun Warmup PR w/E. Williams 602-749-8965
- 19: Beverly Hills, FL. Sparky Hall Open ...PR w/R. Cullum 904-637-3283
- 23: Clearwater, FL. Stegman OpenPR w/Ed Senger 813-726-6616
- 25: Winterhaven, FL. Whitmer OpenPR w/Joe West 813-422-2053
- 26: Apopka, FL. Yogi Bear OpenPR w/Norm Davey 407-886-8168

FEBRUARY

- 2: Tucson, AZ. Pima City ClassicPR w/E. Williams 602-290-0352
- 2: Sarasota, FL. OpenPR w/Paul Scheub 813-966-5462
- 2: Lady Lake, FL. Orange Blossom IVPR w/Tom Fenton 904-753-0637
- 2-3: Hamilton, Canada Winter Open SinglesPR w/416-561-4344
- 2-3: Kenton, OH. Hardin City OpenDoug Crawford, Bellecenter, OH
- 2-3: Adamsville, OH. Indoor Round Robin PR w/E. Sarbaugh 614-796-6009
- 8-10: Newbury, OH. Indoor Round Robin ...PR w/J. Manns 216-354-4425
- 9: Bradenton, FL. Bradenton GTB Open .PR w/P. O'Toole 813-755-9359
- 9: Orlando, FL. OpenPR w/O. Millenbine 407-293-5918
- 9-10: Greenville, OH. Snowball/FairgroundsF. Worner 513-548-1412
- 11-17: Mesa, AZ. Valley of the SunPR w/E. Williams 602-290-0352
- 14: Sebring, FL. Fourman Mem. OpenPR w/Dale Miller 813-382-4289
- 15-16: Sun Coast OpenPR w/Gene Wyant 813-746-2087
- 16: Fruitland Park, FL. OpenPR w/Harry Clement 407-892-2749

- 16: Lake Worth, FL. L.W. OpenPR w/Herm Wieser 407-582-2938
- 22: Winter Haven, FL. Hoban OpenPR w/Joe West 813-422-2053
- 23: Clearwater, FL. Hall of Fame OpenPR w/Ed Senger 813-726-6616
- 23: Apopka, FL. Roberts OpenPR w/Norm Davey 407-886-8168
- 23: Tucson, AZ. Old Pueblo SpecialPR w/E. Williams 602-290-0352
- 24-25: West Union, OH. Adams City ClubWalt Gray 513-544-3776

MARCH

- 2: St. Cloud, FL. Sun Bank OpenPR w/H. Clement 407-892-2749
- 2: Bradenton, FL. Lentz Mem. OpenPR w/P. O'Toole 813-755-9359
- 2-3: Valdez, AK. Winter CarnivalPR w/Connie Lee 907-835-5319
- 2-3: Hamilton, Ontario Weaver Ringer Classic416-561-4344
- 7: Lady Lake, FL. Orange Blossom V. PR w/Tom Fenton 904-753-0637
- 8-17: Newbury, OH. All Clubs 9th Annual PR w/W. Pierce 216-635-0196
- 9: Tucson, AZ. Tucson OpenPR w/E. Williams 602-290-0352
- 9: Brooksville, FL. OpenPR w/E.P. Kirk 904-799-7116
- 9: Naples, FL. Collier OpenPR w/R. Warren 813-261-5197
- 14: Sebring, FL. Lee Palmer OpenPR w/Dale Miller 813-382-4289
- 16: Clearwater, FL. St. Patrick's Day Open PR w/E. Senger 813-726-6616
- 16: Apopka, FL. OpenPR w/N. Davey 407-886-8168
- 16-17: San Antonio, TX. Shamrock Classic Dwayne Polak 713-277-4851
- 22: Winter Haven, FL. Wagner OpenPR w/Joe West 813-422-2053
- 22-23: Bradenton, FL. Pelkey OpenPR w/G. Wyant 813-746-2087
- 23: Cocoa, FL. OpenPR w/J. Mickalek 407-632-2527
- 23: Tucson, AZ. State Warm UpPR w/E. Williams 602-290-0352
- 23-24: Bastrop, TX. Lost Pines SpringDwayne Polak 713-277-4851
- 23-24: Adamsville, OH. Indoor Round RobinPR w/E. Sarbaugh 614-796-6009
- 30: Bradenton, FL. O'Toole OpenPR w/P. O'Toole 813-755-9359
- 30-31: Marble Falls, TX. Bluebonnet Classic Dwayne Polak 713-277-4851

SPECIAL NOTE: NHPA members planning to vacation in another state should contact their own State Regional Director and inform him/her as to what state they plan to vacation in. Through the R.D., they should be able to get the name, address and telephone number of the R.D. in the state in which they will visit. All NHPA Regional Directors have details on any sanctioned tournament in their state. If you don't know the number of your R.D., contact your State Secretary for a referral.

Tournament Results

Ron Cook	3-5	47.0
Fred Wood	3-5	42.5
Hazel Tileston	3-5	40.7
Bob Wight	2-6	29.5
Jim Cook	2-6	29.2

GROUP A-3 Hdcp

Lee Engers	7-1	41.5
Fierro Fermin	6-2	33.5
Roger Bouscal	5-3	29.7
Manuel Cadena	5-3	25.5
Foa Remillong	3-5	26.7
Jean Robinson	3-5	24.5
Tom Nakamoto	3-5	23.2
Eugene Acuna, guest	3-5	15.2
Wally Stevens	1-7	16.7

GROUP A-4 Hdcp

David Emert	8-0	25.5
Jim Linton	7-1	24.0
Rob Willingham	5-3	8.5
Oliver Smith	4-4	9.5
Renee Cook	3-5	13.0
Keith Remillong	3-5	8.2
Joshua Acuna, guest	3-5	7.2
George Brotherton	2-6	10.5
Dana Cook	1-7	1.0

Bill & Marguerite Henry Open, Turlock

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GROUP A-1	W-L	%
Carol Casados	5-1	63.9
Don Titcomb	4-2	66.7
Billie Sue Pennington	3-2	59.6
Walter Ray (left handed)	3-2	55.2

Paige Pennington	1-4	49.6
Boyd Walker	0-5	47.6

GROUP A-2

Izetta Churchill	7-0	56.0
Andy Anderson	6-1	54.2
Mel Roberts	5-2	49.6
Jay Richmond	3-4	48.2
Holland Payne	2-5	46.7
Lee Tyrrell	2-5	45.7
Joe Sadowski	2-5	40.7
Fred Wood	1-6	43.2

GROUP A-3

Josephine Charley	5-1	49.5
Lillian Lloyd	3-3	38.7
Dick King	3-3	38.3
Les White	3-3	38.3
Jim Garrett	3-3	37.0
Earl Kynard	3-3	37.0
Ken Brown	1-5	27.5

GROUP A-4

Marlin Goodyear	5-1	43.3
Tony Moreno	4-2	33.3
Bob Lloyd	3-3	30.4
Ken Weir	3-3	30.4
Roger Bouscal	3-3	26.6
John Ortega	2-4	32.0
Al Alviso	1-5	27.9

GROUP A-5

RJ Thomas	7-0	26.0
Larry Thorsen	6-1	22.8
Hugh Gilland	5-2	27.1
Lee Henninger	3-4	30.3
Ruth Thomas	3-4	26.4
Derald Rasmussen	2-5	17.8
Bert Charley	1-6	17.8
Joe Ferrau	1-6	17.5

GROUP A-6

Richard Robbins	5-1	21.2
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George Brotherton	4-2	20.0
Glenn Jamieson	3-3	16.2
Shirley Jamieson	3-3	10.4
Vince Eisma	2-4	16.2
Jim Churchill	2-4	11.6
Dorothy Rasmussen	2-4	4.1

Open WJ% Mix, Stockton

GROUP A-1 Hdcp	W-L	%
Marshall Johnson	7-2	60.7
Walter Ray Williams Jr	5-3	88.9
Walt Robinson	5-3	62.4
Don Titcomb	4-3	70.2
Gail Sluys	4-3	60.2
Jeff Williams, AZ	3-4	61.4
Vince Mauricio	1-6	55.4
Paige Pennington	1-6	54.2

GROUP A-2

Auggie Fragale, NV	6-0	55.3
Lee Tyrrell	5-1	54.3
Noel Guy	3-3	49.6
Emmett Schroeder	3-3	48.3
Verdan Zelmar	2-4	49.0
Doyle Palmer, NCV	2-4	44.0
Rick Bermingham	0-6	33.0

GROUP A-3

John Barney, Sr, NV	6-1	40.8
Don Purdum	5-2	39.3
Newton Graves	4-2	35.2
Josephine Charley	3-3	41.0
Jerry Smith	3-3	33.2
Les White	1-5	31.6

GROUP A-4

Bill Virgen	5-1	31.6
RJ Thomas	4-2	32.0
Charles McDonald	4-2	31.6
Charles DeRose	3-3	30.3
Glenn Kelly	3-3	22.3
Casey Sluys	2-4	26.6
Larry Thorsen	0-6	13.6

GROUP A-5

Bert Charley	4-2	17.6
Roger Grey	3-3	28.6
Jean Robinson	3-3	26.0
Hugh Gilland	3-3	25.3
Derald Rasmussen	3-3	24.3
Hank Bouscal	3-3	19.3
Terri Brady	2-4	23.0

GROUP A-6 Hdcp

George Brotherton	6-0	17.0
Woody Grey	5-1	19.3
Dick Thomas	4-2	17.3
Chet Carter	3-3	19.0
Dorothy Rasmussen	2-4	5.3
Earl Stixrud	1-5	12.6
Michael Alsup, guest	0-6	0

Open WJ% Mix, Reedley

GROUP A-1 Hdcp	W-L	%
Jim Ornelas	4-2	59.1
Chuck Seal	3-3	57.9
Earl Rapp	3-3	54.5
Gerald Foss	2-4	45.0

Group A-2 Hdcp

Jean Ornelas	4-1	34.0
Ken Mohn	3-2	34.8
Marvin Wallingford	3-2	28.4
Phil Staton, guest	2-3	29.6
Steve Ornelas	2-3	14.4
Charles Rapp	1-4	19.2

GROUP A-1 Hdcp

Earl Rapp	6-1	53.7
Chuck Seal	5-2	50.8
Gerald Foss	5-2	44.2
Lawrence Garman, CA	4-3	40.0
Ken Mohn	3-4	30.8
Elmer Hahto, guest	2-5	29.7
Marvin Wallingford	2-5	28.5
Glen Ballentine	1-6	23.1

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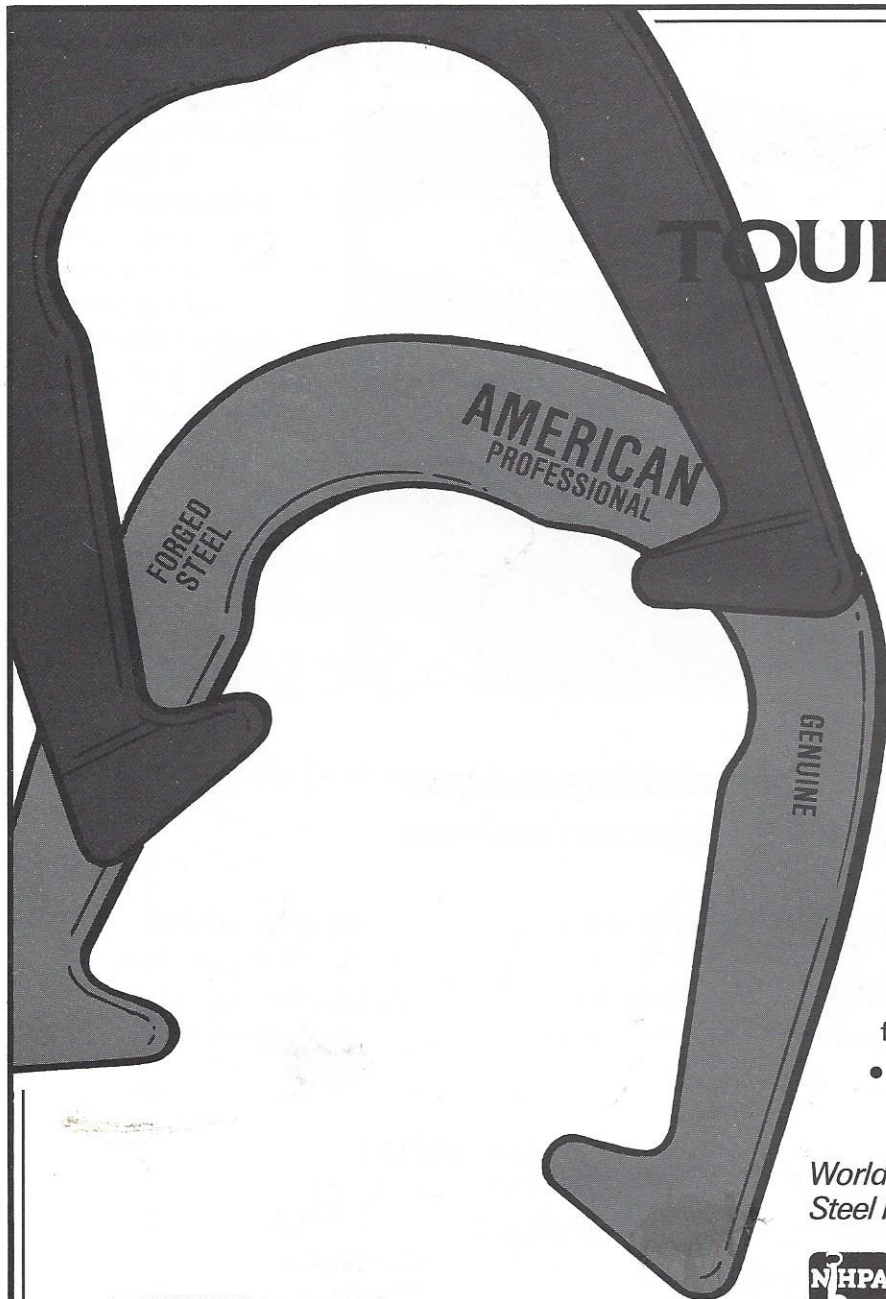
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