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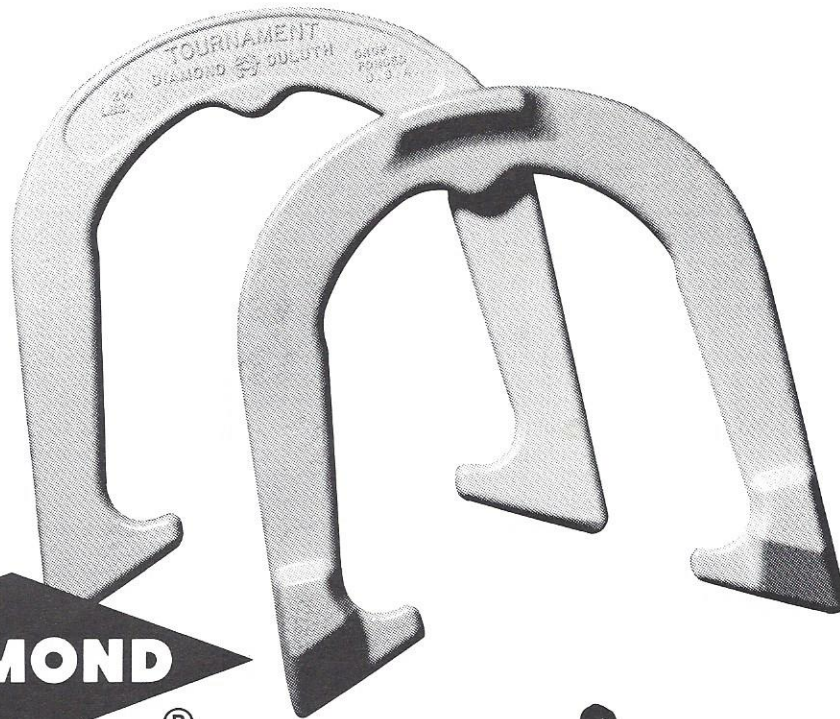
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**ON OUR COVER**

Vicki Winston

# President's Message

Recent issues affecting past, present and future World Tournaments are cause for the NHPA membership to take a very serious look at how we fund these events. The unfortunate circumstances surrounding the short fall of funds in 1990 serves to give notice of the difficulties the host and NHPA confront when trying to raise sufficient money to cover prizes, facility cost and operating expenses. These could exceed \$75,000.

In the last issue, this column spoke of the fact that we were not in a position to be "choosy" when seeking financial sponsors for our World Tournament. While some members do not like it, a tobacco company has been signed for a modest sum for this year. Unfortunately, all the joint efforts to produce a "Title Sponsor" have, as of this writing, been unsuccessful. The real truth of the matter is that major corporations who have the budgets and dollars we need, do not see our sport as large or popular enough to generate a cost effective return for their investment.

With only ten days to go before the deadline for 1993, we have yet to receive any firm bid to host the World Tournament in that year. How to raise the bid money is always the main question asked by a potential site. True, we have had discussions with various sites for the 1993 event and one, or two may yet come to bid in the next ten days. But, even then, a successful site must continue to face the difficult task of finding the money necessary to meet their commitment.

The World Tournament is our showcase event. The administrative details alone are a difficult enough task for the NHPA. We should not have to be constantly expending effort to locate and collect funds to support it. There is a way to virtually eliminate the problem and ensure the financial stability of the event. Let the NHPA fund the World Tournament!

It has been several years since the NHPA had an increase in annual dues. With full membership climbing toward a level of 14,000-15,000, a \$3.00 per year increase for adult NHPA membership, earmarked for prize money, would fund the World Tournament every year. We could start with a \$40,000 cash prize list at today's level of membership. As membership increased, so too could the prize money increase. Never again would we have to worry about the host raising prize money or whether we'll be lucky enough to find a sponsor. If a sponsor did come forth, great! That would only serve to increase the prize money. Think about the effect that would have on potential bidding sites. Many more would become interested and competition for the site would no doubt increase two or three fold. With prize money assured, the delegates would have only the pleasant task of selecting the most desirable location.

Would such a change remove all financial responsi-

bility from the host site? No, potential hosts would still be required to place before the delegates, a minimum cash bid of \$15,000 plus trophies. The cash bid of the successful site would go directly to the NHPA to pay for all the various administrative expenses incurred in running the event. These expenses have been paid in the past directly out of the NHPA general funds and have averaged \$12,000-\$15,000 per tournament.

With the NHPA soon to have 40 courts and score machines available to the host at a rental fee far below their cost to build and, a reduction of at least \$25,000 in the minimum bid amount, potential World Tournament sites would have a far more manageable and enjoyable financial goal. Communities and local business would not have to be asked for such large donations and more emphasis can be placed on the financial return the community can expect. This would increase bidding competition and allow the delegates to consider many more potential sites. Many areas may well seek to bid for the tournament at more frequent intervals.

This idea has, in my opinion, many positives and all at the cost of only \$3.00 per year, less than a penny per day per member. Sure, some will object, but the time has come for us to take the initiative and stop one of the biggest headaches we have every year. Let's take control of our most prestigious event and put the emphasis where it should be, having a good time at a financially secure tournament.

1991 is not a year for constitution changes. However, my convictions on this idea are so strong, that I intend to present it to the delegates in Biloxi as a resolution to be adopted and put into effect starting in 1992. If so approved, the additional money collected in 1992 can be used for several different things, i.e.; a contribution to the Columbus W.T., payment of extraneous expenses incurred because of the Georgia shortfall, buying NHPA owned portable courts and scoring machines and, rebuilding our general account that was severely taxed by the Georgia shortfall.

Keep in mind that between this year and next, the NHPA will need some \$30,000 to cover administrative and operational expenses of the two World Tournaments. If a \$40,000 minimum bid is received for the 1993 World Tournament, we will need a further \$15,000 to cover that event as well. Thereafter, we would be totally self-sufficient under this resolution. If no bid is received for the 1993 event, your approval of this resolution, to be made part of our Blue Book at the next printing, would make prize money available and the NHPA would only have to select a site offering the minimum \$15,000.

This resolution is simple and cost effective. I urge all fellow NHPA members to support it on the floor of the 1991 convention.

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Loucks,

I have enclosed an article, "A legal peg to stand on," which is in response to some serious concerns which seem to be surfacing and could indicate an eventual effect to the national and all pitching associations and clubs. It is with great respect that I wish to aid the efforts to help all understand that there is a business side to our sport. This includes the aspects of taxes, legal and financial questions with a line of intertwined responsibilities at all levels.

One problem has stood out. All members want to play the game but ignore the responsibility for operating a successful business until they are confronted and forced to react under the duress of crisis. This response from members that horseshoes is only for fun is a disaster looking for a place to happen. Operational responsibility for the sport when it entwines national, state and local levels is confusing at best, especially when the state and local level insist on operating independently. This operational concept leaves the national authority weak and open to many forms of nightmares such as indicated in recent issues of *Newsline*.

I feel strongly about the protection and business aspects which should be addressed by those which we elect and that essential power be given to those entrusted. Should my article be published, I hope it provokes thought and will aid in the future growth of our sport.

**Linda L. Barris, Luling Louisiana**

Dear Dave,

In reference to the article in the March / April issue of *Newsline* entitled "State of the Shoe."

Having spent more than a few hours weighing, measuring, and grinding horseshoes at the 1990 World Tournament in Georgia, it surprises me to see the ads in *Newsline* for out-of-specification shoes. We should give them a two to three month grace period to allow them to alter their processes. Then, if they don't comply to the standards, we should refuse their advertisements.

Perhaps even go as far as to refuse to sanction the horseshoe itself unless they meet the specs?

This would not only force most manufacturers to comply, but would also make things easier for future world tournaments. Presently, some of the executive committee members (and whatever help they can recruit) perform this task of weighing, measuring, and grinding at the World Tournament. I believe the executive committee members' time could be better spent socializing with the members at large.

*Thanks for listening,*

**Casey Sluys, Santa Rosa, CA**

Dear Editor,

I have this question that for the life of me I can't come up with a solid answer. The question is this. How come horseshoe pitchers are collectively such a great bunch of guys and gals and yet they tolerate that macho way of scoring in their game that literally cries out, "I got the point, I go first, Bump you!?"

Just about any sport that you can name gives an equal chance to each participant regardless of the ability of the performers. In tennis the person that serves doesn't keep serving — they exchange serves. In football the team that scores, regardless of the score of the contest, kicks off to the other team. In basketball the team that scores a basket doesn't get the ball back — the other team does. In table tennis each player serves five times and then it's the other person's turn. Can you see a picture forming here?

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I wonder just how many potential horseshoe pitchers have become discouraged from continuing in our really great game simply because we hold on to that unfair practice which again says, "I got the point, I go first!"

If you would like the game to flourish and become equal for all, then give every player the same opportunity to pitch to an uncontaminated peg!

**Don Schmidt, Plainfield, NJ**

## VIDEOTAPES AVAILABLE

In 1948 I started to take 16mm movies. Several World Championships and other Tournaments were covered. Starting in 1980, videotapes were used. I have footage of every World Tournament since 1978 except 1990.

*Legends of Horseshoes #1* was made in 1984, and

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# From The Editor

by Dave Loucks

If you're reading this, there's a good chance you are a *Newsline* subscriber. Unfortunately not many of your fellow horseshoe pitchers can say the same. *We need more subscribers!*

At the end of the year, the NHPA had 12,516 adult members. Only 22.2% of them, 2785, were subscri-

bers to *Newsline*. How do the pitchers who don't see *Newsline* keep up on the sport? The answer is that most don't but they are among the first to ask questions or yell the loudest when they stumble across something in the game they don't understand.

On an average, it takes about 70 subscribers in one state for that state to get faster bulk mail delivery. That's about the number of magazines needed to reach the minimum weight requirement for a separate individual state mailing bag. If your state has less than that, your magazine goes into a mixed state bag which can add up to two weeks delay in the time to reach you.

California leads all states in number of subscribers, but Massachusetts is on top when it comes to the important statistic, percentage of members who subscribe to *Newsline*. The numbers that follow tell some stories, none of them good. 27 states are BELOW the 22.2% average for state readership. 8 states are below, just at, or just above having only one subscriber for every ten members, less than half the national average. Canada which has only 7 NHPA members, has more *Newsline* subscribers than 30 states. And, Canadians pay almost twice the U.S. subscription price. Good job Canada!

You can help the NHPA and help reduce your average magazine cost at the same time. Show *Newsline* around and get a subscription from one or two of those fellow members who you know need to be informed. Help us *COMMUNICATE!*

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Rank	State	Subscribers	Members	%
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5.	New York	131	362	36.1

6.	Missouri	112	773	14.5
7.	Iowa	105	408	25.7
8.	Indiana	100	420	23.8
9.	Minnesota	97	518	18.7
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11.	Massachusetts	85	202	42.0
12.	Florida	78	368	21.2
13.	Washington	58	296	19.5
14.	Nebraska	58	484	11.9
15.	Kansas	57	219	26.0
16.	New Jersey	54	182	29.6
17.	Michigan	53	194	27.3
18.	Oregon	52	210	24.7
19.	Texas	47	423	11.1
20.	Colorado	46	227	20.2
21.	Canada	46	7	N/A
22.	Virginia	44	280	15.7
23.	Arizona	43	180	23.8
24.	Connecticut	35	121	28.9
25.	Oklahoma	35	142	24.6
26.	Louisiana	33	185	17.8
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37.	Hawaii	22	201	10.9
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40.	Utah	21	173	12.1
41.	Nevada	20	69	28.9
42.	Idaho	19	105	18.0
43.	Montana	19	225	8.4
44.	Arkansas	16	132	12.1
45.	Mississippi	14	120	11.6
46.	Alabama	11	42	26.1
47.	Vermont	9	90	10.0
48.	Alaska	8	77	10.3
49.	Delaware	6	1	N/A
50.	South Carolina	5	29	17.2
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# Reader Forum

Dear Dave,

After reading in the Jan./Feb. issue, the letter from Arizona about making a horseshoe with a special opening for 30' pitchers I started questioning the degree of accuracy between 30' versus 40' pitchers.

Mr. Russell mentioned that a shoe with an opening of 2-7/8" would even the score between the different pitching distances. However, after trigging out a few angles I found that a 2-7/8" opening would still be of advantage to the 30 foot pitcher.

First, we need to consider where the shoe leaves the hand. By observing pitchers I feel that 2 feet over the foul line is a good average for the point of release. This would show the shoe traveling 25 or 35 feet, respectively, for the two different pitchers. In that case, it is no longer a 25% variable in distance, but a 29% variable.

Second, we should also assume that a shoe may be 1-1/2" off center on either side of the stake and still be a ringer. This may appear to be a 1/4" per side too much!

Considering the angle on the hook of the shoe, plus the angle of the stake at 1/4" off its center (or 45 degrees) an interference of 1/4" between shoe and stake will still net a ringer most of the time.

Taking this into consideration we should figure that 40 foot pitchers can not be off line of the stake more than 0° 15' (or .2455 degrees) to either side, to get a ringer. While a 30 foot pitcher could be off line of the stake by as much as 0° 20' (or .3438 degrees) and net a ringer. This may not sound like a significant difference, however it adds up to a total difference of 28.6%.

To make the degree of accuracy equal for both 30 and 40 foot pitchers, either the 30 foot shoe would need to have a 2.64 inch opening, or the 40 foot shoe would need to have a 4.70 inch opening. I feel this is a significant difference.

This leads me to another thought. Does this mean that the 40 foot pitcher needs to be 28.6% better in accuracy than the 30 foot pitcher just to maintain the same average as the 30 foot pitcher?

In that case, would a pitcher like

Walter Ray Williams Jr. (an 80% plus pitcher) average over 105% ringers at the 30 foot distance? Of course not, since that is not possible, but he would have a lot more perfect games.

I think it warrants some thought! In closing I would just like to say keep up the good work Dave, I don't know what I would do without my *Newsline*. Thanks!

Sincerely,

**Gordy Schmidt, Eagan, MN**

Dear Dave,

Here's my two cents worth on the 40' and 30' pitching distance discussion in *Newsline* which I have been following with much interest for several months. Mr. Russell's recent letter to *Newsline* contained an interesting proposal, although not entirely original, to change the width of the shoe opening. My idea is to change the method of scoring to accomplish the same purpose. Thus I propose to score ringers from 40' four points, from 30' three points and from 20' (if anyone wants to go to that extreme) two points, this being somewhat similar to the three point shot now used in basketball. Scoring would be a bit more complicated, but either the cancellation or count all method could be used. Perhaps the 30' pitcher would still have some advantages, as Mr. Russell points out, such as: less than ideal pit conditions, wind, more iron around the stake, more points from close shoes, etc. Some have suggested the doing away with the scoring of single points as it doesn't have much to do with skill — just luck. Maybe if this idea is considered, that change could be made too, especially in the higher percentage groups.

I realize this is a radical change from traditional scoring, and will meet violent opposition from most 30 footers including my wife, who is pitching about 25% after only one year. I hope none of them would get so upset that they would quit, but some 40 footers are pretty dissatisfied now. This issue needs to be resolved. How could anyone take any satisfaction in winning with such an advantage, especially strong, healthy women or men. This must be the

ultimate in sandbagging.

I hope others will offer suggestions to improve on this idea. Here are some wild ideas to consider. Any player could throw from either distance regardless of age or sex, even throwing one shoe at one distance and the other of the pair at another distance, much like a desperation shot in basketball to win or tie a game. This could lead to some interesting strategy perhaps creating more spectator interest in an otherwise usually dull game (let's face it) from a spectator's point of view. Wouldn't the alternate pitch be more fair too?

Here's an example of different scoring situations with mixing both types in cancellation: One ringer each — 1 point for 40 footer, 3 ringers — 5 points or 2 points, four ringers — 2 points for 40 footer. Scoring wouldn't be too difficult after everyone had some practice.

Tournaments could be set up mixing both groups, but still separating players in ringer percentage groups. Of course the 30 footers would have to be reduced by multiplying by .75.

Thank you for considering this letter.

**Mariner Munk, Howell, UT**

Dear Dave,

The issue of 30 ft. and 40 ft. pitching seems to be causing the sport more harm than good. I don't think I have seen an issue of *Newsline* that hasn't contained some mention of this problem. To me, the only sensible answer is to allow mixing of both distances and if one of the players is a 30 footer, their opponent should have the option of pitching either distance.

We need to keep as many folks interested in pitching as we can and if 30 ft. pitching is one way to help, then I think it should be allowed. I am a 40 footer and I enjoy pitching with men and women of all ages no matter what the distance.

There is no perfect solution to this problem that will please everyone, but it should be resolved soon.

Best Regards,

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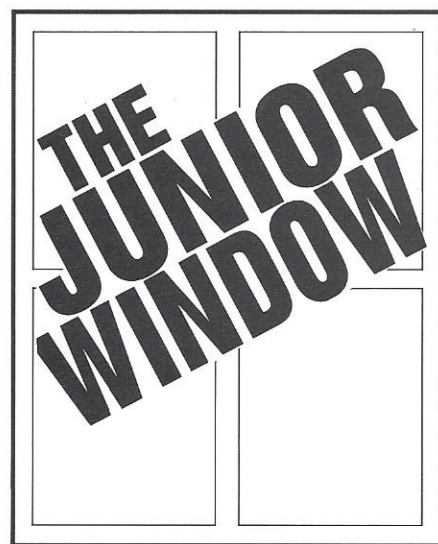
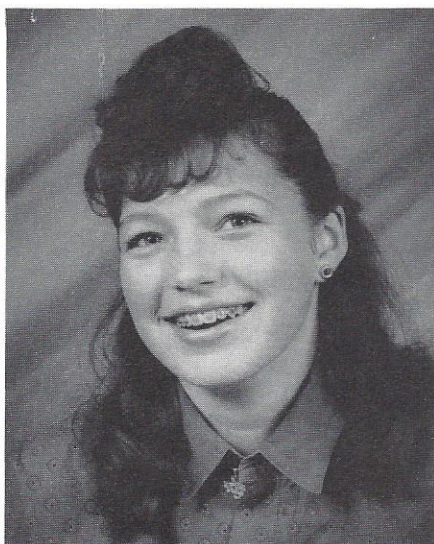
## 1990 Junior Girls World Champion

# Celeste Polak

In the last issue of *Newsline*, we had an enjoyable story by Glen Portt about Celeste Polak winning the 1990 Junior Girls' World Championship. There is more to know about this 14 year old young lady from Texas. Celeste began pitching in 1984 under the direction of her father, Johnnie. She also credits Jerry Babb, ten time Texas Women's State Champion, with influencing much of her young career. An impressive 68.1% ringer average is also matched by a school grade average of "A." Highlights of her career are attending the World Tournaments in Pleasanton, Spearfish, and most of all, Stone Mountain. She hopes to continue winning Junior Girls' World Titles and improve on her performance to win a Women's World Championship.

When asked what can be done to improve the game for Junior appeal, here is Celeste's response. "Make competition in tournaments competitive. Don't put 30% pitchers with 70% pitchers. Some adults think that it will make the 30% pitcher a better pitcher. I disagree. It only discourages the lower percent pitcher because she begins to feel like — why bother — I'll only lose again. The classes need to be either smaller or have handicap scoring. Adults need to understand that kids like to win too. They don't want to *always* win, but they don't want to always be the loser. In Texas we have lost a lot of our Juniors — one reason is that the parents lose interest — and then so do the young pitchers. Another reason is that they are only 30% or less and they are always put in a class against much higher average pitchers. This does not help either pitcher, for there is lack of competition, and the lower average pitcher will pitch his heart out, only to lose again, and eventually drop out of the sport altogether. Tournament Directors need to help keep the Junior pitchers, for we are the future."

This writer would like to add to this point that Celeste described so well. As we view involvement in our sport by newcomers, we must also have the future in mind. State and World



Championships must remain with straight away scoring. There is also incentive for young or old to work to improve and achieve the highest class possible. However the issue changes greatly when conducting local tournaments. Tournament Directors need to do what is best for all participants and in the best interest of our sport, even if that means having mixed classes, or providing handicap

scoring. Just think of the day when 30' pitchers might be the majority of our pitchers. What kind of attitude will they carry? Much depends on how our sport is conducted today. As we increase our Junior membership, this issue will be an easier situation, but in the meantime, we must consider the right of Junior pitchers to compete in a fair and reasonable setting.

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Heather Kiefat is a 9th grader at the West Fargo Middle School. Now age 15, she has been pitching four years in tournaments and the last three years in league play with other juniors and women. Heather has a high game of 46% and a league average of 17%. She has pitched in tournaments in North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and

hopes to get to Mississippi for the 1991 World Tournament.

The favorite school subjects for Heather are English and Science. In addition to horseshoe pitching, she's also involved in Volleyball, Chorus and as a Cheerleader for girls' basketball. There aren't yet any firm commitments for the future but parents Eugene and Donna Kiefat know that Heather has college plans and the NHPA scholarship will be helpful.

Reed Filley, age 15, son of Archie



**Heather Kiefat (left) and Reed Filley (right) accept their \$200 scholarships and plaques.**

and Connie Filley, is a sophomore at West Fargo High School. While his Mother says it's pretty tough to get him to clean up his room, Reed has certainly been cleaning up on the horseshoe courts. This is the second consecutive year that Reed has won the NHPA Scholarship Award. He was also the recipient of the 1990 Club Sportsmanship Award and took home a 50% patch for his club play.

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# Success Is Coming

by Bob Dunn

Junior promotion and recruiting will be successful in 1991. It is evident, because of the overwhelming and enthusiastic response by so many, many NHPA members across the country. Thirteen more Charter Junior Program Directors have been appointed. That brings the roster total to 19. It won't be too long before each and every Charter will have appointed an individual to head up Junior promotion and recruiting efforts. Many letters have been received from those who are planning to start a Junior league, and others who offer compliments, suggestions, and encouragement for this long overdue promotion project. Others have provided articles, profiles, and news items to help our "Junior Window" shine.

Any project, to be successful, requires a plan and objectives. As I view our situation, three objectives are offered:

- 1) The NHPA is actively promoting our sport for the awareness of youth across the country.
- 2) All NHPA members are inviting youngsters to join the NHPA as Junior members.
- 3) We welcome Junior members into our leagues, and where possible, establish Junior Leagues.

I am hesitant to set detailed goals, for situations vary greatly from Charter to Charter. What needs to be done and what can be done, must be left up to the discretion of Charter Junior Program Directors. As part of this project, each club is requested to appoint a club Junior Coordinator. Club officers need to follow through on this and advise the charter Director of their appointments. Clubs need to be alert of and respond to the charter Director's requests and directions, and support our need to bring more youth into our sport.

An issue that needs to be addressed is *cash prizes* for Junior pitchers. Some areas are very cautious and provide trophies only to Junior pitchers, and some areas have allowed Juniors to receive cash prizes when that is the only awards available in the tournament. The issue of amateur status has been relaxed greatly over recent years. It is generally accepted that if cash is received in a sport, amateur status is maintained for any other sports. No harm is being done if a Junior receives a cash prize, at present. My concern is for the future. What if our Junior promotion project progresses into high school competition and high school state tournaments? Wouldn't it be a shame if some of our NHPA Junior members

were declared ineligible in their own sport, due to receiving cash prizes at a sanctioned tournament? Tournament Directors would be well advised to provide trophies or other non-cash awards for Junior pitchers. A *Newsline* subscription might be a reasonable award for those who don't have one.

And finally, the National Junior Top Ten Awards have been published. The Top Ten awards are an important part of the Sanctioned League Program, along with the Scholar Pitcher recognition. It is important to note that a Junior must participate in a sanctioned league to be eligible for the awards consideration, but not necessarily a Sanctioned Junior League. It is unfortunate to note that of the 750 Junior NHPA members in 1990, less than 200 pitched in sanctioned leagues. That means over 500 junior pitchers, even though NHPA members, were not eligible for Junior Top Ten consideration or Scholar Pitcher recognition. This points out the need to work on having our Junior members pitch in sanctioned leagues. Establishing Junior Sanctioned Leagues is not always feasible, but non-sanctioned clubs with Junior pitchers surely can join the NHPA Sanctioned Club Program and benefit their Junior members as well as the adult members!

## Stone Mountain Shootout

by Glen Portt

There are many stories which have been written about shootouts in the old west...The Shootout at Vinegar Bend...at Apache Junction...at Adobe Wells, etc. This is not one. This is about the shootout at Stone Mountain, Georgia, directly under the figures of Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Jefferson Davis...men who knew what a real shootout was all about.

It was not "Fire when you see the whites of their eyes." Rather, it was more like "Fire when you're sure you can make a ringer." And make ringers they did. They had both traveled from the Buckeye state which in 1670 had been traversed by LaSalle and

had its first settlement at Marietta in 1788. There is an old story that the horseshoe champion of Marietta was Walter "Moon" Walters...his nickname coming from the fact people said he could even "hang one on the moon."

Whether Jim Walters and Doug Moon are even remotely related, (at least I don't think so), after watching them pitch, I am not sure. Either one or both, I am convinced, could ring the moon. What I saw was junior pitching *at its best*. It was a shootout which will go down in the stats as one of the best games ever pitched. Walters, who had just come off a 93.3% game, kept it going with a 91 percent...91 ringers out of 100

shoes. Moon, who had previously fired six games over 87.0%, pitched an 84% gem...84 out of 100...his only loss...but a tough one to take.

Doug Moon's final average of 85.3% is another case where a pitcher rose to the heights from a previous year, ala Sandy McLachlin. In 1989, Doug averaged 60.3%. A 25% increase in one year? Unbelievable... but true.

In baseball, football, and basketball, many young men have the "can't miss" label hung around their necks. It becomes such a burden that they do miss. So I'm not going to put that burden on their backs. I'll only say, "they have a chance to be two of the greatest."

# Junior Jottings

by Bob Dunn

■ Billie Sue Pennington (Northern California President), offered some interesting thoughts for promotion efforts, along with compliments and encouragement for our Junior pitcher promotion project. She too views, "Juniors are the future of our sport."

1) Targeting recruiting efforts to the kids that are not already involved in an organized sport. This sector of the youth probably are not involved in a sport due to the cost involved or the lack of specific athletic skills. Those potential Junior pitchers with limited talent for the more well known sports, could well be STARS in Horseshoe Pitching. We all know that horseshoes is economically available to most everyone. Flyers could be placed in schools, advertising clubs available for Juniors to join and naming contact persons for the kids to call. Flyers could be placed on library bulletin boards also.

2) The success in our program will be by building a strong chain of Junior promoters. The appropriate foundation for success has been drafted out by our NHPA Junior Promotion Director. The outline of responsibilities for Charter Junior Program Directors and each club establishing Junior Coordinators, contains the necessary elements for successful promotion. We all need to participate and follow the plan.

3) We need to expose potential new Junior members to our sport. How this is done will require the thought and ideas from everyone. Input can be provided to Bob Dunn to be presented in our "Junior Window" and made available to Junior Directors.

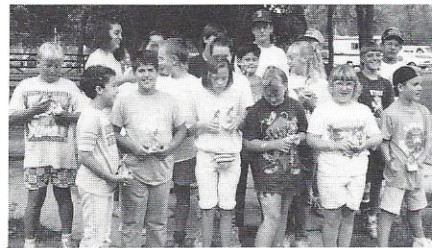
4) A group of club members can meet with school officials and coaches to establish demonstration events for students and at the event conclusion, list students interested in joining a summer program. Club members can then call the listed student's parents to invite the family to a Club Night or Open House to sign up new Junior recruits and very possibly new adult members.

## Other suggestions:

— Work through Parks and Recreation Departments, for their support and exposure through department calendars and publications.

— Local clubs hold "Junior Only" tournaments for newcomers (including coaching sessions).

— Hold doubles tournaments where partners are an adult and a Junior. This could be a special group or class in conjunction with a regular tournament, or can be an entire tournament in itself.



■ Mavis Olson (Bismarck, North Dakota), sent in a nice note about the Glenburn Junior League (#87JR11), one of two North Dakota Junior leagues. There were 29 Junior members in 1990, eight more than the original 21. In 1985, Mavis decided it was time to start a Junior League, did some planning during the winter months, and the league began in the spring of 1986. The first week of the season is used to establish pitcher averages, seven weeks of count-all (handicapped) singles follows, and the final week of competition closes with an awards picnic, (those pictured were present for the 1990 picnic). Mavis has thoroughly enjoyed working with the youth and attributes the league's success to the many members of the men's and women's leagues that help out with the Juniors. She added, "Our Juniors are the future of tomorrow." One Junior, Susan Lacher, has graduated to the women's league, and in 1990 averaged 29% with a high game of 48%. The entire club is very proud of Susan.

■ Paul Hagen (Cooperstown, North Dakota), Director of the Sheyenne Valley Junior League (#87JR9), will soon be entering the sixth year for this Junior League. The club originated in 1983 through coordination of the city park board and the efforts of Mr. Hagen and Arnold Sandberg. There are presently 13 Junior league members. Teams are set up with two members and play consists of 50 shoe games with count-all scoring.

■ Norm Gage (St. Paul, Minnesota), is founder and Director of the Bloomington Junior League. Norm, who also serves as MGSHPA Junior Program Director, is a long time member of the Bloomington Club, as well as his entire family. The BHC has always supported women and Jr. involvement, and so the Junior Sanctioned League was started in 1989. There are currently 8 members (all girls), with strong intentions for recruiting and growth this coming season.

■ Larry Farris (Whiting, Indiana), provided an update on Kristi Farris, 1983, 1984, 1985 Indiana Junior Girls State Champion. Kristi also finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the World Tournament in those same three years. The past three years have been spent at Valparaiso University, majoring in chemistry and biology. Following graduation she will start medical school in August, at Dr. Scholl's School of Pediatric Medicine in Chicago. There hasn't been any time to pitch horseshoes in recent years, although Kristi played division 1 basketball until a knee injury sidelined her for her senior year. Larry added that it is interesting to hear what other former Junior pitchers are doing, and he especially enjoyed the feature article on Alan Francis, even if we all knew of his continuing horseshoe pitching career.

■ From Al Harren (Badger, Minnesota) — During our discussion at the World Tournament in Atlanta, I mentioned my two sons, Chris and Vance, were being sponsored by Gateway Foods to make the 1,500 mile trip to Georgia. You were very interested in this fact and seemed to realize the importance of informing others in our sport, that sponsorship can be obtained. I wanted the boys to have a chance to compete in the World Championships in Atlanta. Consequently, the traveling expenses were too much for my family of six living on a modest income. I thought about obtaining sponsorship from the people I'm associated with through my job of Meat Department Manager. One gentleman, in particular, who showed interest in the boys was Charlie Moe, Head of Retail Operations of Gateway Foods.

We had worked together on several occasions and during our conversations I mentioned Chris and Vance were both State Champions in horseshoes. He became interested in their achievements and would ask about them each time we would meet. Then in the fall of 1989, while having coffee together, I asked if his corporation would be interested in sponsoring the boys' trip to Atlanta for the 1990 World Tournament. He responded "You call me six weeks before you go and I'll see what I can do." Needless to say, they were sponsored by Gateway Foods and the boys proudly wore the Gateway logo on the front of their shirts. In conclusion, I would like to urge anyone who thinks they or someone in their family has a promising future in our sport, to seek sponsorship, because there are people and organizations that are willing to help.

■ Joanne Shelton (Northern Utah Charter Secretary/Treasurer), reports that June 22nd has been dedicated as "Introduce a Junior to Horseshoes" Day, as part of a regular scheduled tournament. Pitching clinics will be conducted prior to the start of competition.

■ Mo McNally (Northern California JPD), is a leader in working with Boy Scouts, teaches physical education for kindergarten through 6th grade students, and even coaches a girls' basketball team. He will now be working to introduce Horseshoe Pitching to his students and establish contacts and programs at other schools within the district.

■ From time to time mention will be made of individuals that are starting Junior leagues. The purpose for this mention is to alert members in that area to be aware and to offer help and assistance. The more support available, the better the programs will be. New Junior leagues are being started by: Stu Webb (Tiffin, Ohio), Norm Loidolt (Little Falls, Minnesota).

■ A note from Ted Van Pelt (Eastern Pennsylvania JPD), not only one of the more recent appointees, but maybe our youngest. He has been an NHPA member since 1988, competed in two World Tournaments and carries a three tournament average of 50.8%. And he said "The reason I volunteered to take the Junior Program Director position is, our organization has only one youth

as a member, and at 29 years old, I am the next youngest member. Our charter is 175 members strong and I fear that ten years down the road our charter will age away. So I would like to see more youth to take over as the elder members retire from the game. The Eastern Pennsylvania Charter has never been strong in the youth area and I hope to change this.

■ Beth Hill (Arkansas Secretary/Treasurer), while announcing the appointment of husband James as Charter Junior Program Director, provided an update on promotion progress. All charter clubs have

assigned Club Junior Coordinators to assist James in Junior recruiting. A roster will be forthcoming.

■ Welcome newly appointed Charter Junior Program Directors: **James Harris** (Alabama), **Gary Maixner** (Oklahoma), **Ray Ward** (Tennessee), **Jerry Johnson** (Colorado), **Tito Archuleta** (Northern Utah), **Alan Bridgewater** (Western Montana), **James Hill** (Arkansas), **Ted Van Pelt** (Eastern Pennsylvania), **John Boyd** (North New Mexico), **Dave Shreve** (Illinois), **Jack Moxley** (Maryland), **Al Boudreau** (New Hampshire), **Lois Webster** Kentucky).

## Are You Planning To Start A Junior League?

by Bob Dunn

A cassette recording is now available that gives some hints and suggestions on how to start a Junior league, what's involved in conducting a sanctioned league and even a little on why we should have more Junior Leagues. Norm Gage (Minnesota Junior Program Director) and I recorded a 50 minute conversation on Junior pitcher promotion and recruiting based on some of the successes and disappointments we have experienced. I would hope each charter JPD and those individuals

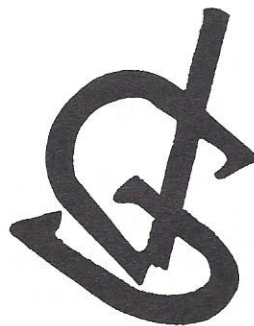
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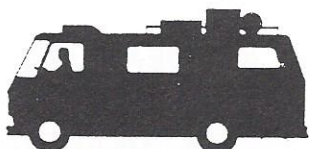
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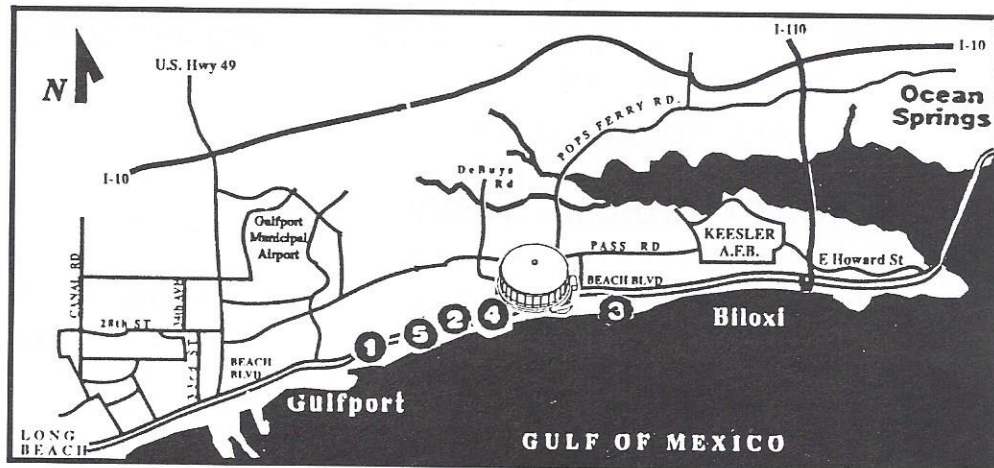
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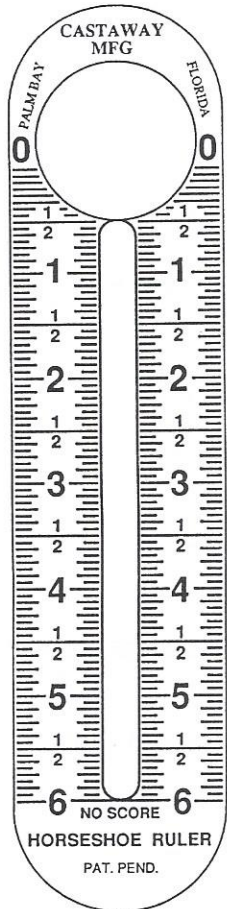
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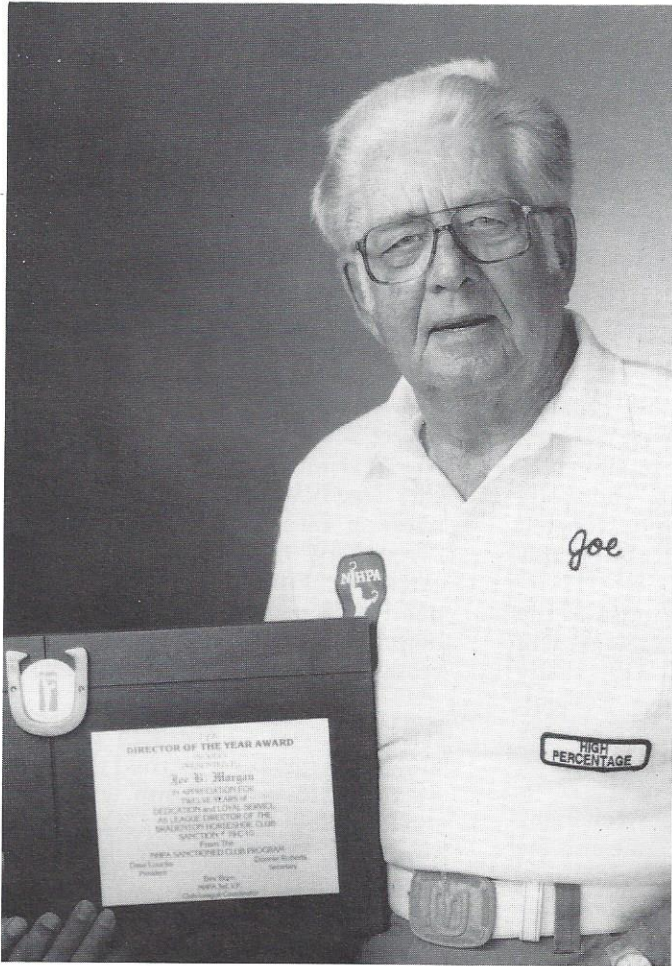
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# Director of the Year

## Joe B. Morgan



**M**y interest in horseshoes began in 1953 when we moved to Scottsburg, Ind. We lived next door to Beechwood Park where there were a couple of dirt courts. I started pitching with a neighbor who had a pair of OHIO regulation shoes. Up to this time my pitching had been limited to family picnics and an occasional game in the back yard. After seeing my neighbor's shoes I purchased a new pair of OHIO shoes at a cost of \$4.00.

Soon after, I helped form the Scottsburg Club, and we put in four new courts at Beechwood Park. Living next door, I kept them mowed. We soon started looking for a place where we could pitch year around. We found space in the old 4H Building at the Scott County Fairgrounds, and put in four courts. This was one of the first indoor courts in Indiana, I was President of the Scottsburg Club for about ten years.

In 1973 my wife and I traveled to Eureka, California, by way of South Gate, where I pitched in my first World Tournament. The following year we went to Keene N.H. and I guess you can say we were "hooked" on horseshoes because we've only missed two World Tournaments since.

In 1975 we bought a condominium in Bradenton, Florida, where many horseshoe pitchers spend the winter months. I joined the Bradenton Club and have been Vice President and League Director for the last twelve years. I enjoy the task of keeping the stats and records involved in running the league. It also gives me an excuse for hanging on to my office size desk that occupies the guest bedroom.

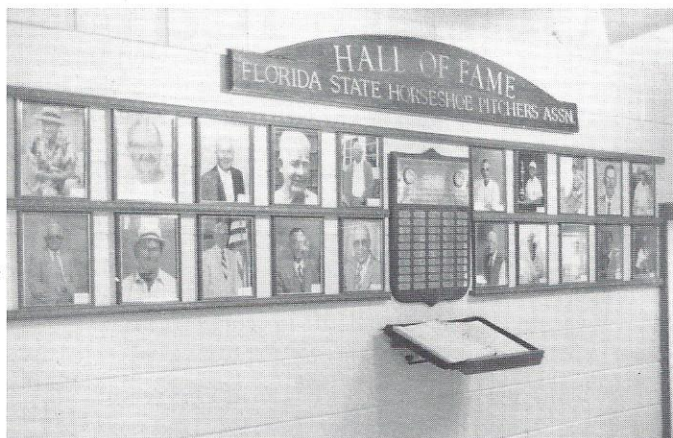
We pitch at Kiwanis Park where there are nine nice courts with concrete walkways. We presently have thirty-eight pitchers from eleven states. Thirty of the members are from 70-87 years of age. To avoid doubling up on the courts, we are running two sessions this spring, with Everett Buehner handling the Monday group. This enables all of those wishing to participate to do so, and we will finish early enough to have a Play-Off Tournament before the "Snowbirds" fly north.

Although I've never been considered a top pitcher, I've somehow managed to collect shelves of trophies and thoroughly enjoy the game. I am highly honored and pleased to receive the "Director of the Year" of the Sanctioned Club/League Program Award. Thank you.

Joe B. Morgan

# Here and There

Dave Loucks reports happenings around the NHPA



**CALIFORNIA** — The seemingly perpetual promotion of our sport by former World Champion, Don Titcomb has led to the founding of another new horseshoe club. What started as one of Don's amateur "pitch 'n win" events at the Sonora Fair has resulted in a new club in nearby Tuolumne. With volunteer help from some members of the Turlock horseshoe club, Don had over 100 fair-goers sign up for the pitch 'n win contest. During this amateur event Don made contacts, and later made two return trips to organize people and get official courts built.

On February 16, 1991, dedication ceremonies formally opened the Tuolumne club with 8 courts and 35 new paid-in-full, Northern California and NHPA members. Not one to set on his laurels, Don has made 3 recent trips to Southern California and been instrumental in getting Regional Park land and funds set aside for 8 courts and the formation of a new club in the mountain community of Lake Gregory. Congratulations and thanks to Don Titcomb, an extraordinary horseshoe pitching promoter.

**FLORIDA** — Clearwater was the site of the February 23, 1991 dedication of a permanent Hall of Fame structure for the Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. While the Hall of Fame was established in 1975, Florida, like the NHPA, did not have a home for memorabilia and records of outstanding individuals. This was rectified by the joint effort of the City of Clearwater, Clearwater Horseshoe Club and the FSHPA. Norm

Gaseau, 1st VP of the FSHPA, accepted the challenge of chairing the Hall of Fame development committee. Many members, especially from the Clearwater club, donated time and some funds to bring this project into being.

As a part of the clubhouse of the Clearwater Club, this new permanent exhibit was dedicated with many members and dignitaries present. Taking part in the ceremony was the Clearwater Mayor, City Commissioners, the Director of Parks & Recreation, thirteen of fourteen living members of the Hall of Fame and the widows of two deceased members. In all, the Hall honors twenty-six inductees, four of which are also in the NHPA Hall of Fame, Jimmy Risk and Lee Davis, both deceased, and Carl Steinfeldt and John Rademacher.

Two photos displayed here, give an idea of the exhibit which includes an 8 x 10 individually framed picture of all 26 inductees, resumes and historical facts on each plus many trophies including the five foot tall 1976 World Champion trophy won by Carl Steinfeldt. All NHPA members are extended an invitation to visit the Clearwater club and exhibit the next time they travel in the Florida area.

**NEBRASKA** — 1990 NHPA Stokes Award winner and Hall of Famer, Don Koso, was recently honored for yet another area of dedication. This time he was selected to receive the Falls City, Nebraska, 1990 Community Service Award. Don retired some years ago from the Seed and Nursery business and has been dealing in city public service ever since. As a

15 year member of the City Park Board, much of it as chairman, Don was instrumental in founding the City Tree Board which succeeded in winning Falls City's designation as "Tree City," U.S.A. Certainly his career background has been helpful but it is his never ending devotion to help his city and mankind that has brought this latest recognition to Don.

**NEW YORK** — Through Donnie Roberts, it has been learned that the Falconer Horseshoe Club will host the 67th New York State Championships in Falconer August 30 - September 1, 1991.

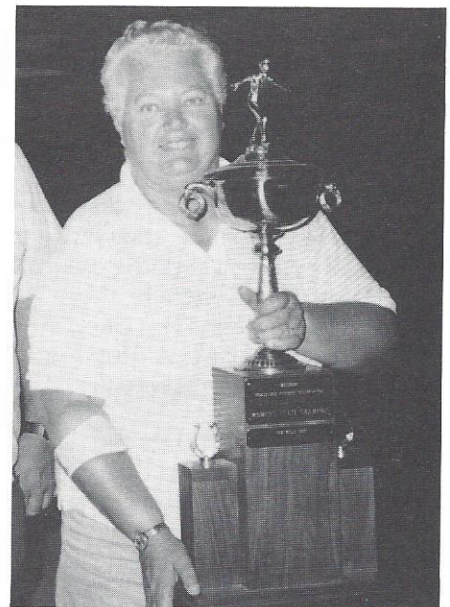
## Falconer Horseshoe Club, Inc.

The Falconer Horseshoe Club has been established for many years. It was formerly doing its pitching at the Falconer Rod & Fun Club. Twelve years ago 16 new clay courts were built in the Falconer Park, with the cooperation of the village of Falconer. Since the original courts were built, they have added lighting, fencing, rest rooms, and a kitchen facility. In addition to these improvements, the club has donated over \$2000 to the Village Park program. The club maintains the courts and the grounds. In 1979 the courts were dedicated in memory of Larry Proudman, a former pitcher and promoter of horseshoes. Larry is a member of the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. The Falconer Club currently has 140 men pitching on two evenings each week, a ladies' league with 30 pitchers, and a Junior league with 20 pitchers.

# Vicki Winston

## *A Legend In Her Time*

by Stewart M. Snyder



**V**icki (Chapelle) Winston is winner of more World Championships in horseshoe pitching than any other woman; ten in fact, over a span of 4 decades; first in 1956 at age 17, last in 1981.

Vicki's last championship win was special to her, for that was the year her father, Cletus Chapelle, was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. "I think I won that one for him," she said. "Even though that was my last World Tournament title, my horseshoe career has been far from over. It appeared at times that I was improving with age, but unfortunately it was plain to see, competitors were improving also.

To confirm the statement that her horseshoe pitching career has been far from over — *READ ON:*

From the start of her pitching days in 1953, in Oregon, she has attended 36 World Tournaments, has pitched in 35 of them, 33 times in the Women's Championship division. Travel distance has not been a barrier; she has pitched in tournaments or exhibitions, in at least 24 States and District of Columbia.

### Awards Galore

In 1970, after having won 8 World Championships, she was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame, the first woman so honored; add to this, both the Missouri and Oregon Halls of Fame, and fourteen times Missouri State Champion.

*READER* — don't relax yet; distinctive accomplishments on courts proliferate: In the 1985 World Tournament pitching against Ruth Hangen, she threw 74 ringers out of 78 shoes for 94.9%. In another game she became co-holder of the consecutive

4-dead record with Fran Carnahan; 11 in a row.

In September of the next year she pitched an 18-shoe perfect game, her first and only perfect game so far.

At the '87 World Tournament in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, she finished 3rd with 82% behind 2 outstanding Canadians. In this tournament she went 120 shoes against Diane Cantin, but couldn't break through Diane's 88% win.

Much satisfaction came from having beaten the eventual champion in the '88 world tournament. Vicki was the only one to have beaten Diane Lopez in this tournament in a game that went 104 shoes in which Vicki threw 91 ringers to Diane's 86. Vicki closed out the game with 17 consecutive doubles.

To participate in 3 Governor's Invitational Tournaments (1987-8-9) at Columbus, Ohio, during the Ohio State Fair, brought highlights in late-year competition, with full indication that she was qualified to compete in this mixed affair between 16 top male and female pitchers from USA and Canada.

Thrill of a lifetime came on April 1, 1989, when she was chosen one of the horseshoe pitching delegation invited to inaugurate the WHITE HOUSE Horseshoe Court.

Pitching horseshoes is not Vicki's only involvement with the game. Tournament directorship sometimes falls to her, and keeping stats, but a big job came in the fall of 1987; she took over the elected position of Sec./Treas. of the Missouri

Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Total membership that year was about 375, and with some hard work and eager assistance, Missouri's total membership grew to over 800 persons in 1990. Initiation of a State Newsletter by their President, Wayne Henderson, has afforded good communication and has aided statewide membership growth.

For one so talented, Vicki says, "I cannot seem to coach others; I am not even sure of what I am doing myself. It's hard to explain that God has given me a talent that seems to just be there, and there is no way to convey to others what seems to come naturally to me."

To sum up her descriptive past, and continuing horseshoe life, Vicki tells it with emotion: "Having received many accolades over the years for my horseshoe pitching achievements, I am now trying to give something back to the sport by way of hard work — and that is, to be Sec./Treas. of the largest NHPA Charter in the nation."

### Vicki Winston, Winner of 10 World Championships

YEAR	W-L	R. %	PLAYED AT
1956	9-0	52.6	Murray, UT
1958	6-0	60.9	Murray, UT
1959	4-0	52.8	Murray, UT
1961	7-0	57.1	Muncie, IN
1963	7-1	58.6	South Gate, CA
1966	8-2	72.4	Murray, UT
1967	7-0	79.7	Fargo, ND
1969	7-0	79.6	Erie, PA
1975	7-0	73.5	Lafayette, IN
1981	11-0	78.0	Genola, MN

# Choosing the Best Pitching Horseshoe

by Ed Domey

Many types of pitching horseshoes exist and having some knowledge of them will help you pick the one that is best for you. Generally shoes are broken down into the two categories, drop forged and cast. A drop forged shoe is made from bar stock that is heated and forged or pounded into the finished product. Only so many designs are practical in this manner which is the reason you do not see too many odd shaped horseshoes. It is rather difficult to move the metal from one area to another. For instance, if someone wanted a heavy heel caulk, he would have to either start with a larger diameter rod or get involved in upset forging. This process moves the metal from one area to another and produces a large amount of waste or increases the cost substantially due to the larger bar stock needed. I should also point out that the dies used in the forging process are expensive. Usually in the \$5,000 range.

The other type of pitching horseshoe that we market is the cast horseshoe. These shoes are the ones that generally are thicker because they are more porous and have more air bubbles in the casting. It could be explained by saying "the molecules are not holding hands as tightly." These shoes are poured from molten metal and can be made easily into shapes with different characteristics such as heavy heel caulks or heavy toe caulks. The dies required for this process are less expensive than a forging die. Cast shoes are by design less dense and therefore subject to more breakage than forged models. I should state that all horseshoes break at some time in their pitching life.

Another quirk exists in that forged shoes can be mass produced for the market much faster with less breakage and at a lower price than cast shoes. This gives the manufacturer a distinct advantage in mass marketing in two ways. One is the lower cost of the rod material used because of the smaller size and minimum waste. The second is he gets a small number of returns to replace due to breakage.

Now that we have covered the manufacturing process, we will go on to other things that concern horseshoes and pitchers, such as tempers,

weights and measurements. Pitching shoes are generally sold in three different tempers, Hard, Medium, and Soft. This supposedly qualifies a shoe to be designated as such. I should point out that there are no standards that exist in this area and one manufacturer's soft temper may well be another's medium or even hard. Soft shoes tend to burr more and are primarily used for tournament play. Medium or hard shoes are for practice or for someone who dislikes the filing of burrs.

Weights of horseshoes created a whole new and different market. NHPA specifications state that no one shoe can exceed 2 pounds, and 10 ounces. There is no minimum weight requirement. In the forging process, as the die wears from use, it tends to produce heavier horseshoes. This accounts for the heavies being marketed at one time and when the die is dressed or relined, we tend to receive lighter shoes. Be aware that one sixty-fourth of an inch in thickness will make a one ounce difference in a horseshoe. A coat of enamel paint or two coats of spray paint will add one ounce to the weight of the shoe. If you purchased a 2 pound 10 ounce pair of shoes, be very careful of your painting, because your shoes might be rejected at the World Tournament as too heavy. Clay stuck to a horseshoe can add up to an additional ounce of weight. Again, make sure your shoes are clean when you have them checked. Lately, manufacturers have started a new system of designating their shoe weights as Light, Medium, or Heavy. We are spared the ounce designation of the past.

The last category that we deal with is the overall outside dimensions and the shoe opening. We check these at the World Tournament and many sanctioned events. There is a shoe checker, (Standard Gauge) that Game Related Sales uses at tournaments. A shoe must fit the Standard Gauge or it is rejected. Sometimes the shoe has spread out at the opening from someone making too many ringers, (something we all would like to complain about I'm sure) and must be closed in. Horseshoes also tend to warp. Both problems can be corrected

with a vise or hammer.

The Standard Gauges are available from Game Related Sales for Clubs or Charters at a low cost. The technical measurements for the outside of the horseshoes are that they not exceed 7-1/4" in width and 7-5/8" in length and the shoe opening for a brand new shoe cannot exceed 3-1/2" at a point 3/4" from the heel points.

Guarantees vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. You would be wise to examine the guarantee as well as the horseshoe when you make your choice. Some manufacturers require that the broken shoe or shoes be returned to them directly in the original carton. Other manufacturers allow your point of purchase agent to exchange them. Some manufacturers have no guarantee at all. Keep in mind that no one shoe is perfect and makes "all ringers." However, if you pitch them all perfect, you will get perfect games. Hopefully this explanation will assist you in choosing the horseshoe that is right for you.

## HORSESHOE GUARANTEES

**AMERICAN** — Guaranteed until the raised letters cannot be read.

**D&B** No caulk — One (1) year against breakage. Return both shoes to manufacturer.

**DEADEYE** — Two (2) years from original date of purchase. Return both shoes in the original box to manufacturer. Replacement shoes guaranteed for remainder of time left on the original two year guarantee.

**DIAMOND** — Lifetime guarantee. Return to Diamond Tool & Horseshoe Company, 4702 Grand Ave., Duluth, MN 55806.

**DIXON VICTORY** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Return both shoes to manufacturer.

**GORDON** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Return both shoes to the manufacturer. Manufacturer may replace only the broken shoe.

**GREEOTT GRABBER** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Return both shoes to manufacturer.

**HENTON SUPREME & V-LOK** — Six (6) months from original date of purchase. Return both shoes in original box to manufacturer.

**HOHL** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Must return both shoes to manufacturer.

**IMPERIAL** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Guaranteed against breakage on normal usage. Return both shoes to the manufacturer along with purchase date and location.

**LATTORE** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Return both shoes to the manufacturer.

**LEE** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Return both shoes in the original box to the manufacturer.

**M&M SPECIAL** — Six (6) months from original date of purchase. Return both shoes to NHPA Game Related Sales for replacement.

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# A Legal Peg To Stand On

by Linda L. Barris

We elect on a national, state and local level, individuals who will represent each and every pitcher's interest, but do these individuals act in stead simply in order to negate our responsibility as members? No, it should be a symbiotic relationship. All individuals existing in close relationship, some for service, the others for protection.

As members it is our responsibility to serve our elected officials in whatever capacity they should require permitting there is a mutual understanding that elected representatives hold only a portion of the responsibility for all decisions, actions, and protection. To demonstrate: An elected official requests a member to write a newsletter. The member writes and distributes a newsletter that liables another member with suppositions. Later, the offended member files a civil suit which includes the names of all the officers, the names of the national, state, and local associations, the individual who wrote the article, the names of the general membership, and damages for the amount of \$2,000,000. After the initial shock, all parties will meet in the court room where the line of responsibility is spelled out. The associations are sued because they carry the insurance and are the organizations to which the offense was offered and carried out. The officers are named because it is their responsibility to protect the general members and it was under their direction that the member was allowed to write the offending article, even if they did not review the article. The general membership is sued for two reasons. First, the fines may exceed the insurance coverage. Second, the general membership was responsible for the election of the officers who allowed the offense to take place. The verdict will be up to a jury and judge.

This demonstrates how careless regard for responsibility can place anyone in jeopardy. In this little scenario, I hope to encourage all members to consider very carefully the conduct and legal ramifications of electing individuals at any level of responsibility. The legal aspects of an

organization should be addressed as closely as the rules we apply to the game of horseshoes. The courts are filled with suits of every kind and some have been filed with actual good cause but we all know that some are filed and based on the "something for nothing" syndrome.

How do you find your way through the legal maze of protection? Sometimes your own officers or members have encountered similar deficiencies in other organizations and may provide the required information. Those officers or members interested may make letters of inquiry to the local, state and NHPA offices and perhaps they could point you in the right direction. If this article raises questions you have not addressed before, and feel you should provide, then seek the expertise that is required because an ignorant effort will reap ignorant results that could end up in your backyard.

How does one approach our officers with concerns? Raising objections or questions should be done in the same manner that you would try to reason with a judge. The mutual environment of respect, clear purpose and factual evidence with all the personal and emotional aspects removed is the best situation. The chain of etiquette is to write a letter of inquiry with as much factual data of support on a local level. At this point things should happen. The inquiry received at a local level should be addressed and returned to you with the same respect and evidence of support. If the answer to your inquiry does not meet with satisfaction, your next step is another letter or appeal for clarification to the local or higher level, the National Association.

As an individual who receives a lot of questions from members on the subject of horseshoes, it is very frustrating when the objections or questions enter a gray area of inconsistent standards, responsibilities and liabilities to which all associations/clubs are irrespectively intertwined.

I am fully aware that each association/club has their own peculiarities, problems and agendas. When the membership is small, the need for

rules and legal questions are small but as that same organization grows, the foundation must be able to support the weight of the members or the results will be growing pains that will inhibit the ability to function successfully. Uniform standards should exist in the operations of state, local and national associations. This idealistic standard begins with a common idea and goal which we all know is, "to provide an environment which contains both consistent and equal rules for all pitchers." This equality demands a line of authority, discipline, dedication, and communication. Authority is the NHPA, who has experienced leaders and the responsibility to provide the solid foundation and standards to which associations/clubs must operate. If this foundation is solid, it should stand the test of its members but should the foundation be weak, it will collapse into a quagmire of confusion.

Our National officers offer our best hope to provide a consistent atmosphere of competition and operations for the future. The time has come for all associations/clubs operations to follow the same uniform path by implementing a common method of operation. If that requires sweeping National constitutional and by-law changes, a guideline handbook for associations/clubs operations, then make it so. Give support to all who endeavor for our common goal including the latitude to implement such changes in an atmosphere of constructive rather than destructive questions or objections. Place carefully the burden of responsibility as they shoulder the foundation on which we build our future in the sport of horseshoes.

## Guarantees *continued from page 20*

**OHIO** — Carries no guarantee.

**RENO** — One (1) year guarantee. Return both shoes.

**SIX HIX** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Return both shoes to manufacturer.

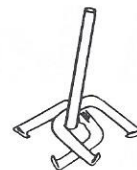
**STAR STAINLESS** — Sixty (60) days on factory defects. Two (2) year replacement for \$55.00 or repair broken shoe. Return to manufacturer.

**STEINFELDT STA-ON** — One (1) year from original date of purchase. Return both shoes in the original box to the manufacturer. Replacement shoes guaranteed for remainder of time left on the original one year guarantee.



Bob Champion's

# Charter Chatter



Outdoor horseshoe pitching season is just around the corner, especially for the cold weather states.

"Chatter" urges Charter publicity chairmen to use their newsletters and correspondence to keep your state in the Charter Chatter news. Remember, if your members and subscribers to *Newsline* wonder why they are not represented in print, only a short newsy note will solve the problem.

Send your state news to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, Colorado 80301.

## CALIFORNIA (Northern Charter)

Billie Sue Pennington, Stockton, California, has recently been elected president of the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association. She has published her last "Pitcher's Platform" newsletter and plans to devote her time to the duties of that position for the next two years.

Elected to the Northern California Hall of Fame in 1990 were Bill McNally for "player" and Bill and Marguerite Henry as "Promoters."

From March through October 1991, the NCHPA has again scheduled over 100 sanctioned tournaments. Last year, Ruth Thomas entered 40 tournaments. R.J. Thomas topped the men with 63. Junior Donny Williams pitched in 16.

In 1990 there were 102 sanctioned tournaments held with a total of 4276 participants — an average of 41.92 players per tournament.

## CANADA

The 1991 Canadian Championships will be hosted by Horseshoe Ontario, August 7, 8, 9, and 10. The two arenas will be located at the Trenton Community Gardens on Bay of Quinte. The city of Trenton lies on the southern end of the Trent Severn Canal System, and is about 100 miles East of Toronto and 200 miles west of Montreal.

Paul Carriere of Weston, Ontario, director of Horseshoe Canada's National Coaching Certification program, will be on hand in Calgary to supervise the technical coaching clinic for levels 1 and 2 at the Calgary Courts April 26, 27, and 28. It is organized by Alberta.

Yukon has joined Horseshoe Canada. Pitching is not new to the northern territories, but now they are interested in organizing the sport in the northern areas.

Memberships across Canada the last two years show a healthy increase. In 1989 they had 3,035 members in the nine affiliated provinces. In 1990 registration topped the 4,000 mark.

## COLORADO

Defending State Champion Rich Pintor added two more victories during indoor winter competition taking the President's Open with 7-0 record and 75.8 percentage, then adding the Annual Weld Food Bank benefit with a 6-1 record. The \$785 gained through entries will be used for transportation of food items to low income families and senior citizens.

The Denver Metro Club, the largest in Colorado, will pitch

this year at the new 12-court facility in Edgewater. Edgewater, Colorado Springs and Commerce City plan junior leagues this year.

The Boulder Club will hold their Spring meeting in May and possibly may organize an all-women league.

Colorado's horseshoe pitchers will compete in the fourth annual "Four Dead" bowling tournament in April. The tournament has drawn about 50 pitchers every year.

## CONNECTICUT

Southeastern Connecticut has a beautiful new horseshoe pitching arena, the Nutmeg Indoor Horseshoe Courts. Owners Dennis and Carol Hansen conduct men's doubles leagues at night on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, plus Saturday afternoon. A mixed double loop operates on Thursday night. Open pitching is available every Saturday and Sunday except for the last weekend which is reserved for tournaments. All leagues and tournaments are sanctioned.

The Nutmeg has five clay courts, a snack bar and a game related area. Dennis reports a significant increase in state membership thanks to the activity at this facility.

The Hansens have extended a warm welcome to all horseshoe pitchers and their families to stop by and pitch.

## INDIANA

The State publicity director, Dick Sheean, writes that a new tournament is on the schedule for 1991. Their corporate sponsor is a John Deere dealership — "Reynolds" located in four Indiana towns. The tournament site is Noblesville, 20 miles northeast of Indianapolis.

Sheean has \$3000 already in prize money, not counting entry money, and more is coming in daily. Dates are June 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23 during the 10-day fair at the Deer Creek Music Center.

Along with entry, pitchers receive free concerts, shows, competition, fishing, celebrities and whole family fun.

The dates do not conflict with the World Tournament or the Ohio or Indiana State Fairs.

## ILLINOIS

Cliff Baker and Tari Powell have won their share of titles in the Illinois-Indiana-Michigan Midwest National Tournaments. Baker has won all the Men's Division titles since 1986 and Tari has won five including the years 1982, 1983, 1986, 1987 and 1990.

Powell had the high tournament average in 1982, 1987 and 1990. The top for her was an 85.5 in 1990. Powell and Bonnie Seibold of Indiana have a record high 31 four deads in 1990. It was an 110 shoe game. Tari had 86.4, Bonnie 83.6

Ron Stobaugh will be the defending champion in the 70 plus division this year.

## IOWA

Bob Walters, Iowa Regional Director, writes that the Putt Mossman Indoor Arena may become a reality soon. In January members of the Hardin County Fair Board gave their approval for \$45,000 to be given toward the exhibit hall

and the Putt Mossman Indoor Arena.

Their booth and horseshoe banner at the Iowa State Fair, and their exhibit for the Hall of Fame drew lots of attention.

A ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled sometime in April. This project was a joint effort by the Eldora Horseshoe Club of central Iowa, Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Club, the City of Eldora, and many businesses in central Iowa.

When completed the facility will be a 9-court insulated building for winter-time pitching.

## LOUISIANA

The word for the state this year is RECRUIT — a word that should be used in every state in the U.S. The new NHPA format should increase the total membership, many above former figures.

The 1991 schedule has been announced and includes 14 sanctioned tournaments. Linda Barris is the LSHPA Newsletter Editor. Publication dates will be 1st of month in April, June, August, October and January.

There will be a Mail-Bag type section. Letters should be sent to the LSHPA and will be channeled to the Editor from there. If you write to LSHPA please indicate if you do not want the letter printed.

## MINNESOTA

The *Ringer Digest*, published by the MGSHPA is the official newsletter for the Gopher State. Their new printed format is excellent and should be a real asset to the state members. Dean Heng of Brooklyn Park is the Editor. Congratulations to all concerned.

Minnesota had two teams participating in the Team World Tournament in Beloit, Wisconsin in April. Team #1 was last year's team comprised of former World Champions Phyllis Negaard and Dale Lipovsky plus Bev Nathe and Dave Hughes. Team #2 boasts Jerry Stanglund, Edi Holland, Gordy Schmidt and Len Lipovsky. Willie Korpela was the standby pitcher in the event of a dropout.

Regional Director Len Lipovsky informs the newsletter readers that the best way to find out what is going on in horseshoes is to subscribe to the NHPA *Newsline* AND the Minnesota *Ringer Digest*. All Charters should ditto this statement and get both the National and State news.

The late Frank Stinson was the first Minnesota pitcher inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame.

## MISSOURI

All states should increase their membership due to the new sanctioned league program. The state's new editors remind their members to do all they can to help their state secretaries and treasurers keep track of the increased membership.

The Winston household is a busy one with Earl holding down the NHPA 1st vice president's chair and 10-time World Champion Vicki doing the secretary work for over 800 members...and treasurer's duties as well. Wayne Henderson is the president and with wife, Pam, publishes the newsletter.

The top five men for last year were Alan Francis, Blythdale; Dave Baker, Wentworth; Sam Carter, St. Clair; Stan Griggs; Kansas City and Elwyn Cooper, Kansas City. Top women were Vicki Winston, Loree Meier and Pam Henderson, Independence; Joyce Francis, and Judy Weisner, Crane.

Wesley Bowling topped the juniors and is from Galena.

Other top pitchers were Brett Francis; Jason Rains, Chaffee; Travis Estes, Scott City; and Jim Burnette, Jackson.

## NEW ENGLAND

John Kapnis of Massachusetts captured the Class A Championship in the New England Tournament. Doug Kienia of Maine was second, Kevin Hollister of Vermont was third.

In the Women's Class A division, Liz Downer of Vermont took top honors, followed by Bertha Baillargeon of Massachusetts and Debbie Alexander of New Hampshire.

Dan Reynolds won the Junior Class A title. He is from Maine. Second and third winners were Chad Heilman, Maine and Tom Laurent, New Hampshire.

278 pitchers participated, 244 men, 26 women and 8 juniors.

Kapnis topped all pitchers with an 80.1 percentage. Kienia had 77.4 and Holister netted 76.7. Downer's 78.9 topped the women followed closely by Baillargeon's 77.6. Reynold's 55.2 was 18.2% above second place Chad Heilman.

## NEW YORK

Dave Harnden of the Pioneer Horseshoe Club in Syracuse writes that his club is honored to be the host for the 1991 Senior Olympics from June 26 to July 3. The Pioneers are excited about holding such a fine event and anxiously await the beginning of a new season.

One of the highlights of the 1990 season was Margaret Wilkinson's World Senior Women's Class B Championship win. Peg is the Club treasurer.

Highlight of the Pioneer Club last year was the 4th Annual Pioneer Open. Over 100 players from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania pitched with the entry list including World Champion Carl Steinfeldt, Pennsylvania Champion Glen Burris, New Jersey Champ Bill MacIntyre and NY Champions Art Tyson, Mike DiMartino and Ruth Hangen.

"Steinie" recaptured Class A with a 6-1 record and 72.8%. Tyson finished second, and Hangen won the Women's Class A, with 7-0 and 70.4%.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Editor Paul Stewart has published his second newsletter and has sent it to all of last year's members, and of course, to the 1991 members.

Paul writes that he hears some of the "old" excuses as the new season gets underway — "I haven't had a horseshoe in my hands since last summer. I doubt if I'll win one game — my arm, back, legs and BELLY are out of shape." One of the latest ones is "Do I get any points for being overweight?" Some dudes may get enough points to go out without throwing a shoe.

He also writes that he is happy that some of the tournaments in the eastern part of the state are going to be sanctioned.

## OREGON

Our state, along with several others have a few World Tournament VCR tapes available on loan to members of the association. They include the 1987, 1989 and 1990 World Tournaments plus Carl Steinfeldt's tape on *How to Pitch More Ringers*.

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## Charter Chatter *continued...*

Oregon's membership went over the 200 mark for the first time. They had 210 adults and 12 juniors. The previous high in the last ten years was in 1983 when they had 186 adults and 8 juniors.

Lowell Davis of Creswell won the Winter Handicap tournament at Wren with a 7-1 record and 66.25 percentage in the Class A Division. The Class B winner was O.D. Loy of Corvallis.

Previously the December Tournament was won by Patty Sapp of Eugene in Class A and Vern Wanless of McMinnville in Class B.

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Plans are underway in Spearfish to bid again for the World Horseshoe Tournament. Black Hills State University has constructed a gigantic Sports Center which could hold 40 courts and they have the outdoor courts available. A record 1493 participatns pitched in the 1989 tournament at Spearfish.

Two new motels have been constructed and plans for more are in the works.

Gene and Yvonne Ficek, who coordinated the 1989 tournament, will assume the same duties if the tournament bid is successful.

Nearby Deadwood, South Dakota already has 80 gambling casinos, and plans are being formulated for another one, with Kevin Costner, the Academy Awards winner for *Dances With Wolves*, as a part owner. The movie was filmed in the Black Hills of South Dakota and in Montana.

Leigh Dunker is another veteran of horseshoe pitching. He won his first title in 1934 and the last one in 1987. He has competed in the State Tournament 53 years.

### TEXAS

The state has scheduled 31 tournaments from March through November with 18 listed as sanctioned. Shorty Fry from Austin, Texas is the 1991 president, Dwayne Polak is the secretary and Geri Macha is the treasurer.

The Polak family is really into horseshoes...lots of family competition. In the men's division we have Frank (35.6%), Dwayne (35.5%), Raymond (30.0%), Johnny (27.5%), Rudy (25.7%). The women are Diana (49.9%), Maryann (43.3%), Betty (41.8%), and Lori (27.1%).

The juniors (and the family) are headed by 1990 World Champion Celeste (62.6%) followed by Chris (40.0%), Benji (24.3%), Jaime (18.0%) and Kimberly.

We could enter an educated guess that horseshoes is the main course at all family reunions.

### UTAH

John Bracken of Santa Clara was the top winner in three of the 1990 categories. He had the high percent with 63.3, was most improved with 14.5 over previous percent, and was the leading money winner with \$442.03. Lorin Condie, A. Lee Jones and G.C. Dodds, all of St. George were second, third and fourth in averages. Condie had 56.1, Jones 49.7 and Dodds 49.4.

Dodds (13.1) and Doug Liston from St. George were second and third in the most improved category. Last year Dodds won \$268.63, George Hunt of Cedar City gained \$239.75 and Condie pocketed \$213.72. The IRS is probably looking for those money winners... Salt Lake City isn't

far from them.

Dodds, Evan Irvine of Washington, and Dale Sorensen, Cedar City were the top win pitchers with 112, 94 and 90 respectively.

Gabe Ohms had the highest junior percentage with 45.5. Ohms is from Cedar City. Jake Ashcraft, Cedar City, posted the second high percentage with 31.0, and was the most improved with 6.3.

Glen McAllister, Gunlock, is the All-time top game winner with 414. Dennis Ohms has won 401.

### WASHINGTON

Early in the year the Annual Winetrout Series began in full swing with perennial favorites Art Sperber and Peter Clark taking the honors in the first three.

Sperber copped Number one at Woodland Park with a perfect 7-0 record and 61.9%. Clark finished second, but came back to win the next two Class A titles. Peter was 6-0 with 63.75 to win at Forest Park, Everett in Number two, then parlayed a 7-1 and 66.66 to win the third tournament at Seattle.

State officers are Vey Allen, president; Ed Tveden, 1st VP; Alice Rehard, 2nd VP; Larry Howitz, 3rd VP; Margaret Byfield, treasurer; Pat Quinn, Secretary; Jim Quist, statistician; and Art Sperber, promotions.

### WEST VIRGINIA

The State's Charles Bunner should get the "News Clipping Award" for his success in getting newspaper coverage during the year. About every four months, Charles sends the NHPA Publicity Director a bundle of news clippings. Bunner tells me he knows somebody in the sports department. NHPA has been urging Charter publicity people to get to know the media writers. And by the way, he sends the clippings thru the post office facilities. He works there.

The dean of horseshoe pitching in West Virginia is Ralph Maddox. He won his first title in 1935 and has over 30 Class A trophies in his large collection. Illness kept him out of the tournament one year and the military gave him a rest from our sport several years. He did not compete in 1990, but won his last title in 1989.

Bunner is the tournament director for the 10th Annual Head-of-the-Mon-River Tournament hosted by the Tri-County Horseshoe Club of Fairmont. As part of the event men and women may pitch for their favorite charity(ies).

### WISCONSIN

Beloit will host the 1991 Team World Tournament with over 20 teams including Indiana defending Champions, the Seibold family — curly, Bonnie and Mark — with Sue Snyder, has added Karl VanSant to their team.

Gerri Meistad won the December Class A Royal Wood Tournament posting a 60.0% and finished second to Randy Rein in the January 12 even with a 60.4.

Class B winner in the two tournaments were Gene Budelier (52%) and Ken Jaeger (42.8). Class C topper were Tony Gaetz (38.4) and Bob Traber (30.8). In Class D Mike Hansen (35.2) and John Jankovich were the winners. Lyle Roberts (32.4) was the winner in the December one, with Dorthy Shelke (27.3) copping the January event.



# Regional Director's Report

by Gary K. Minnick

The time has come again this year for the Award of the Gene and Mary Van Sant Memorial Award. This award is given for the Regional Director who has met the requirements of the Guidelines for Regional Directors and best exemplifies the NHPA growth. This year the winner is **Sue Johnson** from **Arizona**. Congratulations Sue. Keep up your good work.

It looks like we've opened a "Pandora's Box" with the court sanctioning. Let's keep measuring and re-doing horseshoe courts in our different areas until they meet the sanctioning requirements. On the Sanctioning Requirements Sheet there seems to be confusion with #3. Please change it to read: *Is there at least 10 feet between stakes from adjacent courts.* THANKS.

On your Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director lists, please add: **Bruce "Mt. Man" Webb** for Region 4 & 5 (**Southern California** and **Eastern Sierra**). His address and telephone number are: 33932 Engineers Road, Julian, CA 92035. (916) 765-1396. THANKS AGAIN.

Reference the World Tournament and Checking and Measuring Shoes. I have heard from another Regional Director expressing his help. He raised a question of whether or not he could use his Assistant Regional Directors. *Please do.* We're going to need a lot of people to get this job accomplished. Thanks to these people for their willingness. As soon as I get the pitching schedules from Donnie on the World Tournament, I can formulate a list and get it out to you.

**Sue Johnson** from **Arizona** reports that there were 175 entries for the Valley of the Sun Tournament in Mesa, AZ from Feb. 12-17, 1991. They were from 27 states and Canada. Steve Wyrill from California won the Men's Class Championship and Myrna Kissick from Canada won the Women's Class A. Bob Bates from Tucson was elected into the Arizona Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. Congratulations Bob. Quartsite, Arizona courts have been sanctioned. They are planning a two (2) day tournament (sanctioned) in Jan. 1992 with a minimum \$2,000 purse. They have 18 courts with concrete pads for

30' pitchers also. More details later. Tucson courts are in process of replacing the clay thanks to the efforts of Bob Bates. This should make the pitching 100% better. We have complied with sending the 5th VP & Chairman Regional Directors with our courts sanctioning sheets.

**Bob Walters** from **Iowa** reports that their Horseshoe Wars will be starting soon. It will be time to get back into shape. On January 30, at a meeting with the Hardin County Board of Supervisors, the Eldora Horseshoe Club, Gordon Eklund, IHHPA Secretary-Treasurer, Cliff Kinney. 7 members of the Hardin County Fair Board gave their approval for \$45,000 to be given toward the Exhibit Hall, and the Putt Mossman Indoor Arena, and gave Gary Fuller the go-ahead to get this project underway. It will, according to present plans, be a 9 court insulated building for winter-time pitching. Ground breaking will be sometime in April. This project has taken about 3 years to get going.

**Don Koso** from **Nebraska** reports that in Omaha they have 161 pitchers pitching in a league this winter indoors. They are looking at a very large building with the possibility of bidding for a future World Tournament.

**Marie Wetzel** from **Pennsylvania** reports that the Marion Center Horseshoe Club is putting in 4 more courts. If things go smoothly, they will put in a shower room for pitchers. One of their pitchers, Bob Clark lost his daughter in Saudia Arabia. She was SPC Beverly Clark. Our condolences to his family. In July they will hold a memorial tournament for all members who have passed away since their State Charter was issued.

**Dexter Stalling** from **Tennessee** reports that Joelton, Tennessee has a new indoor horseshoe facility. Thanks to Dr. Jack Freeman of Nashville for his effort in building the facility. They have 10 courts with plenty of room to expand as it is located on a 65 acre farm. It will be the site for many future winter and summer tournaments.

**Jack Adams** from **Canada** reports that HORSESHOE CANADA has appointed Paul E. Carriere as Chair-

man of all National Sports governing bodies in Canada. The three phases of a coaching program are theory, technical and practical. To be certified as a qualified coach a candidate must attend a theory course which is common for all sports.

There are three levels of theory courses leading to National and International qualifications. Each national sports governing body is responsible for conducting the technical courses pertaining to their sport. This also contains three levels of achievement and a separate course conductor manual. The technical manual and course conductor for each sport must be approved by the coaching association of Canada. The practical phase consists of candidates conducting clinics to beginners and players in all stages of their performance.

HORSESHOE CANADA has an approved coaches manual for this technical phase of the program and clinics are being scheduled for the 1991 season. A player must take the Theory Course before being eligible for the technical and practical phases.

HORSESHOE CANADA is preparing an "Officials Manual" which will include three levels of achievement to standardize officiating throughout the Country.

The 1991 CANADIAN Championships will be held in Trenton, Ontario.

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# Proposed Rule Changes — 1991

by Barry Chapelle

1. **Rule 4(e)** — the end, add the following:

*Penalty for noncompliance — forfeiture of that game.*

**Comment:** What this does is penalize a pitcher who adjusts or “fixes” the court without the consent of his/her opponent.

2. **Rule 7(b)** — rewrite to read:

*Any member of the NHPA who indulges in heckling, unfair rooting or any other form of unsportsmanlike conduct against a fellow NHPA member may be expelled from the grounds and from the NHPA. This includes inappropriate conduct in, or around, the court area.*

**Comment:** This makes an NHPA member responsible for his/her actions not only inside, but also outside, the courts.

3. **Rule 7(g)** — change to read:

*The use of alcoholic beverages and any form of tobacco while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, tournament officials and scorekeepers.*

**Comment:** This change prohibits the use of alcohol and tobacco (while inside the courts) by scorekeepers and tournament officials as well as contestants.

4. **Rule 8(b)** — change to read:

*The time allowed to pitch two shoes shall be 25 seconds. For the contestant pitching first, the time will start when he/she steps on the platform and faces the peg after both pitchers have picked up their shoes. The second pitcher shall move to his/her pitching platform immediately after the first pitcher has delivered his/her two shoes and the 25 second count shall begin as soon as the contestant has stepped onto the platform and faced the peg. Any shoe not delivered within the 25 second limit shall be declared foul. (If a shoe needs to be filed because of a burr, acknowledgement by the opponent is sufficient and no foul shall be called if the repair causes the 25 second limit to be exceeded.)*

5. **Rule 8(c)** — change the penalty to read:

*The second shoe shall be declared foul.*

**Comment:** This is better wording.

6. **Rule 9(b)** — change to read:

*Any shoe pitched while the contestant's foot is on or over the foul line shall be declared foul.*

**Comment:** It eliminates the warning and makes the judge's job easier. Also, if a contestant desperately needed a ringer, he/she could walk to the other end and drop the shoe on the peg. If no warning had been issued during the game, there is no way the shoe could be declared foul.

7. **Rule 11** — end of the first paragraph change “3-1/2 inches” to “3-5/8 inches” and add:

*No tolerance shall be given for a used shoe.*

**Comment:** The NHPA Council has allowed a 1/8th inch

tolerance in the opening on used shoes for several years. This would take care of that allowance and also tell the manufacturers to make their product in such a manner that the opening will never exceed the limit.

8. **Rule 12(c)** — reword:

Change *heel caulks* to *points*.

**Comment:** Everyone understands what points are. Not everyone understands what heel caulks are.

9. **Rule 14** — under Cancellation scoring:

Interchange (g) and (h)

**Comment:** This is very minor. It just puts things in better order.

10. **Rule 16** — Insert after the first sentence:

*If only one ringer is thrown, that contestant shall also receive a point for his/her other shoe if it is the closest shoe within six inches of the peg.*

**Comment:** This further clarifies the scoring procedures in a three-handed game.

**NOTE:** Two proposals were rejected by the rules committee. One of them was in regard to moving the foul lines to 40 and 30 feet. The other was in regard to cancelling shoes if they were within six inches and not giving the point to the closest shoe. In addition, although setting up some criteria for the physically impaired pitcher had been mentioned before, no formal suggestions or proposals were received.

This concludes the report of the NHPA Rules Committee for the 1991 convention.

Barry Chapelle, NHPA Rules Committee Chairman

## RULES CORRECTION

In the March/April issue of *Newsline*, we had a *How Well Do You Know The Rules* segment. I wrote a whole series of those in 1989 and submitted them to our editor who in turn gave them to the typesetter to be used as filler material. This particular rule was one that was changed in our 1990 NHPA convention, so as printed, the answer was incorrect. Here is a restatement of the question, followed by the correct answer.

### WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

*After pitching their shoes, 'A' and 'B' walk down to pick them up. They cannot agree on who pitched what shoes. What should they do?*

Rule 8 Section G says that if they cannot agree as to who pitched what shoes the frame shall be repitched.

**NOTE:** I hope you enjoy these little segments. Dave has asked me to write some more of them and I will try to do so. However, I will wait until after the 1991 convention so that the type of mixup that occurred here will not happen again.

# NHPA Hall of Fame Report

by Earl Winston

We have begun a promising year for our NHPA Hall of Fame. In January I received a phone call from Mr. Marion Lucas, the Director of the Iowa State Fair. At that time, Mr. Lucas stated that he would be most happy to again offer the space in the Pioneer Building to house an NHPA Hall of Fame exhibit during the 1991 Iowa State Fair. Some minor changes may occur in the display this year, but we should have an interesting exhibit. The NHPA is certainly indebted to Mr. Lucas and his staff for literally giving us this space each year.

Some new items have recently arrived by mail from Dr. Sol Berman of Florida. I intend to put some of them on display in Iowa. Doc has sent some copies of the 1948 issues of a publication called *Horseshoe News*. They were written and published by the then President of the NHPA, Mr. Harry T. "Pop" Woodfield. The 1947 World Tournament had been held in Murray, Utah and in 1948 the World Tournament was moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In looking through these publications I found a complete list of officers elected at the NHPA Convention and find that some of those names have not been included in the list of past and present officers that we publish each year in the World Tournament brochure. We are in the process of updating the brochure and I hope to get the new material to the proper person in time for inclusion in the 1991 program book. Thanks, Doc, for sending this interesting material.

Also, since the 1990 display, I have received some old horseshoes and one is so old, it still has not been properly identified. Again, I welcome anyone to send donations of items

they think would be an interesting addition to our Hall of Fame display.

There was some discussion among some co-workers in Iowa and also fellow Hall of Fame committee members that our original Hall of Fame display case should be crated and shipped to Biloxi, Mississippi. I know that many pitchers, who have begun to attend the World Tournament in recent years, have never seen this item. It last appeared at the 1981 World Tournament in Genola, Minnesota, when the NHPA and the Minnesota State Association had Hall of Fame displays in a room of the Preimesberger Arena. Due to the generosity of Mr. Jack Stevenson, of the Ted Allen Horseshoe Company, the Hall of Fame has received \$500.00 to be used where the need arises. Our original display case is in need of repair and updating. Perhaps this can be accomplished by the 1992 World Tournament in

Columbus, Ohio.

Several new names will appear on the 1991 Hall of Fame ballot and updated information has been sent to my committee members on persons already nominated. If it is possible, I will work out a voting schedule that will allow us to publish the names of any new inductees in *Newsline* prior to the World Tournament in Biloxi.

Others, as well as myself, are at work on the NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet and program. We hope to have an enjoyable evening planned for all who attend. The banquet will be held at the coliseum on the evening of Sunday, July 21. The annual NHPA Convention will be held earlier on that same day and there will be no pitching scheduled for July 21. Do plan to attend both of these functions, if possible, and meet the people who work so hard for the NHPA and for the sport of horseshoe pitching. See you in Biloxi!

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# Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

Here it is, Spring again, giving us time to think about getting our courts spruced up and concentrate on some serious pitching to get back in shape.

Organized leagues can play an important part in getting us ready for tournaments. If it weren't for participating in league twice a week, it would be hard for me to get in any practice at all. Seems it is much easier to make it to league than it is to just find or take the time to practice on my own. Not only because of not wanting to let my team mates down, but because I look forward to being with them and to pitching in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Even though we all still have the human desire to win, the stress and tensions of tournament play do not surface for me in league play. Some of my better games and averages are set in league. I truly believe that all those that do not belong to a league are missing a lot of good competition, relaxing fun, enjoyment of togetherness and good sportsmanship that really makes our sport of Horseshoes stand out among others.

If you know as few as half a dozen people, who might like to pitch regularly — man, woman, child, friends, family, or neighbors, ORGANIZE A CLUB, start a weekly league play and contact me for an NHPA Sanction — LET THE GOOD TIMES START.

Last year was the Year of the Horse. Let's make 1991 and all future years "THE YEAR OF THE HORSESHOE PITCHER." Let this be a great summer for everyone. Smile, be Friendly,

Considerate and Good Sports — ALWAYS! WIN, LOSE or DRAW — BE NICE!

## News Releases

### HOPPY'S HORSESHOE PALACE #89-C-8 PIQUA, OHIO

We had a nice winter league which ran for fifteen weeks, our 90/91 season, with all members being "full" NHPA card holders. Our format was fifty shoe countall, with handicaps.

Joe Pillion, highlighted play with a high game, scratch of 115 points, 70.0%, and having the high 500 series of 522 points. He was followed by Ken Walter's 114 pts., 68.0% and Ed Andrus's 112 pts., 64.0%. Melvin Bair took the Most Improved and tied for high game with handicap with Carl Vore at 140 points.

During our Pitch-Offs there was a five-way tie for first place in the top average Monday night class, played off on another night with the results being 1st: Carl Vore; 2nd Joe Pillion; and 3rd: Ken Walters, Melvin Bair and William Hughes, in that order. Regular Tuesday winners were Mike Epperson, Ricky Brooks and Richard Mays, with Tuesday pitch-offs going to Mike Epperson, Tom Kirk and Roger Niday. Regular Wed. went to David Kirk, Terry Under and Joe Hart with the pitch-offs going to Melvin Bair, Terry Under and Oran Thomas.

A potluck was held after the pitch-offs, with gum and candy for the

children, door prizes for the women. 18 trophies and 14 plaques were given out, with a new award for Sportsmanship being added this year. All interested pitchers and newcomers are welcome. Just contact Harry Hopkins, 513-773-8416. Winter League will begin in early Nov. 1991.

### TEXAS #85-C-77

#### ARLINGTON IRON BENDERS

The Iron Benders held their annual Christmas party, Awards Banquet and Business meeting in December. We handed out patches and trophies, exchanged gifts and elected a new slate of officers for 1991, also giving recognition to some members that finished well in the THPA State Tournament.

Champions of their classes were, A-Coke Bowder, B - Marvin Two Crow, P - Bennie Underwood, S - Randy Workman, U - Mike Stephens, V - Bill Maples, W - Jim Sanders.

We held three leagues, the winners of each are listed in their respective order of finish. Spring, George Murray, Kathy Mize, Al Heim, Summer, George Nelson, Randy Workman, Jeff Gaston. Fall, Russ Schneider, Rob Dunnam, Henry Sims. Hi Point games went to Al Heim and Marvin Two Crow with 149, Spring and Fall and George Murry and Rob Dunnam with ties of 147, Summer. Randy Workman was Rookie of the Year, Kathy Mize - Most Improved; Charles Posey - Sportsmanship; and Arch Fergerson was named Iron Bender of the Year.

Our club will now be led by President Bennie Underwood, 1st VP Marty Flinn, 2nd VP Randy Workman, Secretary Mike Stevens, Co-Treasurers Ron and Jane Thomas, Statistician Charles Posey and Dir/Historian Rob Dunnam. Jim Burrow was inducted into the THPA Hall of Fame.

Although saddened in October by the death of one of our members, Don Daniels, 1990 was an outstanding year for our club and we are looking forward to an even better one this year. Anyone interested in joining our great club may contact Arch Fergerson, 421 Saffron Circle, Mesquite, TX 75149.

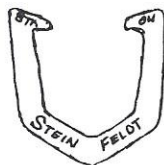
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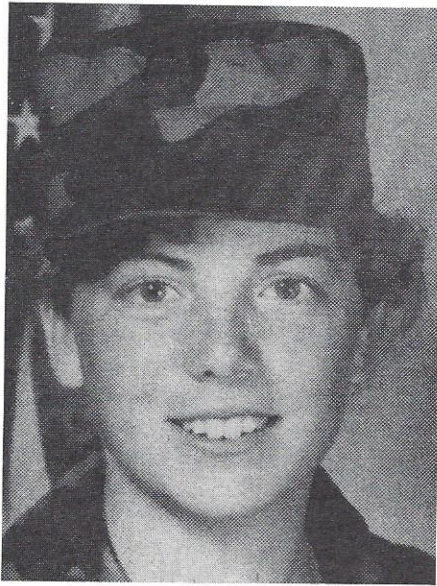
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# Editorial



## BEVERLY SUE CLARK

The Pennsylvania Association and indeed the entire country, mourned the death of Specialist E4 Beverly Sue Clark, 23, of Armagh, PA. The daughter of member Robert L. and Connie Clark, Beverly died on February 25, 1991 in Khobar, Saudi Arabia, a victim of an Iraqi Scud Missile attack.

A 1985 graduate of United Area High School, Beverly was serving in Operation Desert Storm as a member of the 14th Quartermaster Water Purification Unit, 99th Division. Before leaving to serve her country she was employed as a quality control supervisor for Season-All Industries.

The deepest sympathy of all the NHPA and fellow Americans is extended to the parents, three sisters, one brother and other family members. May we all share in the grief and ultimate sacrifice of one of our own. Beverly was put to rest in Bethel Cemetery in New Florence with full military honors.

## WILLIAM JOHNS

On December 10, 1990, death came tragically to William Johns, 70, of Columbus, Ohio. He was the victim of a break-in to his home and a senseless attack that left his body so

badly disfigured that only a closed casket service could be held. John was a gentle, well-liked NHPA and Ohio HPA member who loved the game of horseshoe. He was a member of four different horseshoe pitching leagues and attended many tournaments. He even founded a pitching league at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church where he served as chairman of the usher board. William was preceded in death by his wife Albertina and had no children. He was born in West Virginia and retired from the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Columbus. It is unfortunate that his death is indicative of the evil that is rampant in our society today. May he rest in peace and pitch only perfect games.

## ED WING

Ed Wing of Germantown, Wisconsin, age 81, passed away on January 19. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Hall of Fame in 1978 as a promoter. In 1971 with help from other pitchers, courts with lights were installed on his property which became the Goldendale Club. He was a member of the NHPA for many years and pitched in the Milwaukee County League in the forties, where he was one of the better pitchers. In 1967 he started pitching in the Lannon, Wisconsin league until 1971, when leagues were started at Goldendale.

Ed added a junior class to his tournaments starting in 1973. The last several years he was always a spectator on the bench. He was the father of Ken and Susie (Pritzlaff), grandfather of 8 children and 5 great grandchildren. Susie and her four sons Rick, Rusty, Randy and Bret all pitched horseshoes. Ed put horseshoe books in libraries, got news coverage of his tournaments on radio and local papers. It may be said that many active pitchers can trace their roots to Ed Wing. He will be missed at future Wisconsin tournaments by all of his many friends.

## by Dave Loucks

Any NHPA member not only has the right, but is encouraged to voice their opinion at the Club, State or National level, on issues that could in any way affect them or other NHPA members.

Good communication is the life blood of any membership organization. The NHPA is particularly in need of this due to our practice of allowing Charters to have differences in their individual constitution and bylaws. While I personally believe the NHPA should have one constitution adopted by all charters with separate bylaws to cover specific local issues, our past policy has been cause for many variations to be in existence.

New Charters or those writing new constitutions are urged to adopt the standard NHPA constitution and its future revisions. If Charters do otherwise, it is important that what they write and follow does not directly violate something in the NHPA constitution. In all cases, compliance with the NHPA is primary to maintain the legal and moral intent of holding an NHPA Charter.

There will always be questions of interpretation on the printed word of Charter and National Constitutions and Rules. While this can be lessened by having one uniform policy accepted by all, questions will always be a part of our game and life itself. We cannot grow within, we cannot learn, if we do not seek answers to things we do not understand. It is therefore in our best interests to express our views and ask our questions. Hopefully, questions as a thought provoking action, will be received with an open mind and result in better communication and understanding for all involved.

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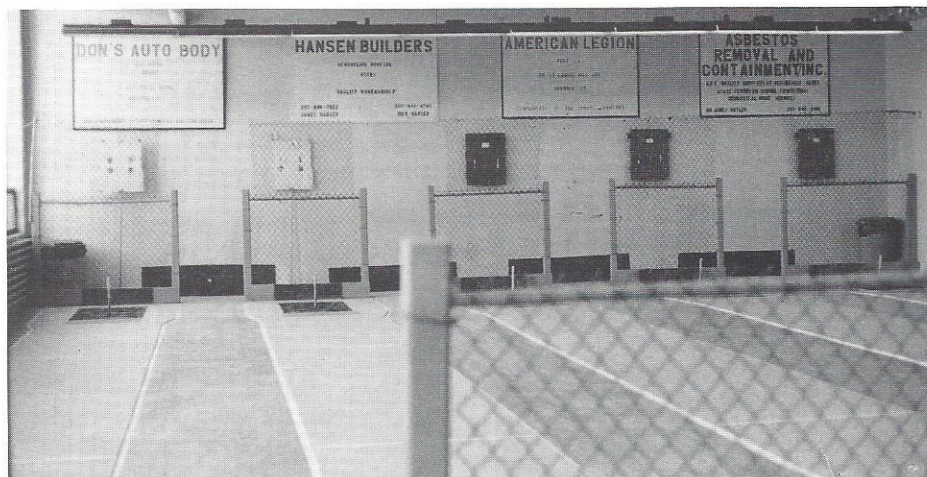
## Something Spicy in Connecticut

by Donnie Roberts

Southeastern Connecticut has a beautiful new indoor horseshoe pitching arena — the Nutmeg Indoor Horseshoe Courts. This facility was recently opened by Dennis and Carol Hansen.

They conduct men's doubles leagues at night on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday plus on Saturday afternoons. A men's and women's mixed doubles league operates on Thursday nights. Open pitching is available every Saturday and Sunday of each month except for the last weekend. That is reserved for tournaments.

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The same is true for all their tournaments. (Good job!)

The Nutmeg facility has five clay courts, a snack bar, and a game related sales area. Dwight Hansen is the NHPA Distributor of game related items for Connecticut. Dennis, an NHPA member since 1975, reports a significant increase in NHPA membership thanks to the activity at his facility. He wants to thank Dom Colandene, Jon Walton, Dee, Elaine, Ron

and Rich Hansen, Phil Anzalone, Norm Rioux and Chet Grabowski for their help in getting Nutmeg off the ground and making it a show place for everyone to enjoy while pitching horseshoe.

If you would like more information on Nutmeg, please write:  
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## Ohio State Fair Governor's Open Horseshoe Tournament

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(They will NOT be able to compete in the Championship Division though.)

If we have six or more youth, a separate division will be designated for them.

Each class will play for a total of \$390, with \$150 to first place.

The "Championship Division" will play for \$6,900, with \$1,000 to the first place winner in the men's division and \$1,000 to the first place winner in the women's division.

The top eight women and the top eight men will advance to the "Championship Division" to be held at the end of the fair. (August 17-18).

For complete information and registration forms, please contact the Ohio State Fair at:

**Horseshoe Tournament, Ohio State Fair, 632 East 11th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211-2698**

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# 300 Register in Number 9 at Las Vegas

by Donnie Roberts

The 1990 Las Vegas Open Horse-shoe Tournament was held December 9 through 14, 1990 at the Hacienda Resort Hotel and Casino. 18 portable courts with Klean Klay were used in the Matador Arena. The event was co-directed by Don Weaver and Donnie Roberts and featured an entertaining cocktail party to kick off the event and a lovely sit down banquet to bring the tournament to a close.

The entry list showed 64 from California, Utah 21, Ohio 20, Arizona and Illinois 18, and Colorado 14. Canada had 27 pitchers in the tournament. 3 came from Hawaii. 36 states and 5 Canadian Provinces were present. 297 pitchers competed in 12 classes, A through L.

All classes were either 26 person or 24 person. Each class was put in two equal sections of 12 or 13 depending on the class. The top three from each section based on wins and losses advanced to the step ladder finals. This was a mixed event, 40 shoe cancellation games and was handicapped.

Over \$18,000.00 in cash and prizes were awarded to contestants. First place in every class was \$300.00 going down to \$50.00 for twelfth in all classes. America West was the official airline for the tournament. They provided a round trip ticket anywhere in the Continental USA as a door prize at the banquet. In addition, Nevada Beverage supplied awards in the form of trophies and plaques. Diamond Horseshoes,

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Tournament officials were Gary and Joyce Kline, Gary & Wayne Minnick, Floyd & Beverly Born, Gayle-Vicki-Steve Oglesby, Lew & Gin May, Curly & Bonnie Seibold, Billie Sue Pennington, Esther Williams, Nina Rush, Charlie Anderson, and Hal Hoffman. Genevieve Lavett handled all raffles.

Plans are currently being made for the 10th Annual Las Vegas Open. Announcements will be made when all is in place. We look forward to a bigger and better tournament than ever in early 1992. Mark your calendar.



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Newsline Paid Advertising .....	5,376.00
Sanctioned League Dues .....	600.00
Transfer from Game Related Sales .....	10,000.00
Horseshoe Sanctioning Fees .....	2,000.00
1991 World Tournament Registration Fees..	1,360.00
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Georgia payment against W.T. debt.....	306.00
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<b>Total 4th Quarter Income</b>	<b>\$62,610.00</b>

### EXPENDITURES:

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Prepared by Dave Loucks

## MAY

- 4: Springfield, IL Spring Fling.....PR w/Alan Jones 217-498-9254
- 4-5: Tyler, TX kilo Bay Classic.....D. Polak 713-277-4851
- 4-5: Grottoes, VA Shenandoah Valley Open ..R. Trobaugh 703-433-7496
- 4-5: Sequim, WA Festival Open.....T. Bostwick 206-683-3093
- 4-5: Stockton, CA P&R \$\$\$ & Schultz Opens...M. Schultz 209-465-0156
- 4-5: Ukiah, CA Beach and Shelton "B" Open..Jack Fravel 707-462-3775
- 4-5: No. Canton, OH Outback Spring RingerPR w/L. May 216-966-1948
- 5: Peters Creek, AK Eagle River Warm UpAlice Madsen 907-688-3289
- 9-11: Bremen, OH Spring Open.....Jim Knisley 614-569-4737
- 11: Ocean Springs, MS Mother's Day Sat.....R. Fowler 601-875-1446
- 11: Tacoma, WA Gilbo Open.....Bob Hoerner 206-584-1233
- 11: Santa Rosa, CA Hagerman Open.....Casey Sluys 707-538-3128
- 11: Turlock, CA Nostalgia Days.....C. Casados 209-723-8465
- 11-12: Marble Falls, TX President's Tourney.....D. Polak 713-277-4851
- 12: Yolo, CA Mother's Day Open.....E. Wilson 916-756-1980
- 18: Spokane, WA Wally Rehard.....Chuck Holden 509-487-5917
- 18: Colusa, CA 40-Ft. Open.....Jim Kyker 916-934-3733
- 18: Seaside, CA Robinson Open.....G. Lavett 408-899-3246
- 18-19: Vancouver, WA Southwest Open.....C. Ferguson 206-693-3827
- 18-19: Hearne, TX Crossroads Open.....D. Polak 713-277-4851
- 18-19: St. Louisville, OH Open.....J. Mossholder 614-397-4405
- 18-19: Winchester, VA Apple Capitol OpenPR w/G. Peck 703-662-8416
- 18-19: Berkley, MI 8th Annual \$\$\$.....PR w/Frank G. 313-548-5129
- 18-19: Beloit, WI Singles Open.....PR E. Paulson 608-879-2304
- 19: Eagle River, AK AHPA Rookie.....Carol Lane 907-248-2255
- 19: Hamilton, Ont. Watt Walking Dlbs.....416-561-4344
- 19: Coshocton, OH Tri-Cty. Open.....Larry Shaw 614-622-7852
- 19: Vallejo, CA Mayor's Open.....Vern Gosney 707-554-2967
- 24-26: West Liberty, OH Mem. Day Open.....C. Jones 513-465-2215
- 25: Seattle, WA Seattle Memorial.....N. Hanson 206-365-6521
- 25: Yuba City, CA Ben Capp Mem.....O. Hubbard 916-741-3173
- 25-26: Wellesley, Ont. Hohl Ringer Classic.....519-656-2271
- 25-26: Cheyenne, WY Tri-State Open.....Don Laurin 307-634-4671
- 25-26: Platteville, WI Sp Sing.....PR w/Norm Mauthe 608-348-9697
- 26: Pleasanton, CA Lil Lloyd Open.....Bill Brown 415-462-2459
- 27: Pleasanton, CA Women Only Open.....Bill Brown 415-462-2459

## JUNE

- 1: Twin Falls, ID Open.....Henry Chapin 208-733-2156
- 1: Russell, IA Fun Days.....Harold Garner 515-535-6765
- 1: Clinton, IA Open.....John Leonard 319-243-2423
- 1: Guntersville, AL Open.....Jim Harris 205-582-6239
- 1: Hemet, CA Zollinger Open.....J. Schneider 714-995-1334
- 1: Thompson Falls, MT Mixed.....PR w/Marvin Falk 406-827-4838
- 1: Vici, OK Morris Open.....L. Johnson 405-995-4946

- 1: Seaside, CA O.H. Hansen Open.....G. Lavett 408-899-3246
- 1: Hot Springs, AR Open.....Beth Hill 501-583-6641
- 1-2: Ocean Springs, MS June Open.....Robbie Fowler 601-875-1446
- 1-2: Holstein, IA Open.....PR w/Lloyd Glawe 712-368-4300
- 1-2: Lebanon, OR Strawberry Fair.....C. Shoberg 503-258-6884
- 1-2: Loveland, CO Loveland Open.....Tom Lehner 303-633-7311
- 1-2: Xenia, OH Waggoner-Wolfe Mem.....Tom B. 513-675-2813
- 1-2: Portsmouth, VA Martin Open.....G. Wall 804-733-5099
- 1-2: Brothertown, WI Town Open.....PR w/R. Maylahn 414-968-2970
- 1-2: Keene, NH Keene Warm-up.....Al Boudreau 603-899-5500
- 1-2: Casper, WY Casper Open.....Pat Bacus 307-234-3677
- 1-2: New Castle, PA Dave Baker Open.....PR w/R. Kwiat 412-652-6183
- 2: Redding, CA Shasta Open.....Bob Proctor 916-241-3890
- 2: Jerome, ID Open.....Henry Reid 208-324-3201
- 2: Missoula, MT Mixed.....PR w/D. Peppenger 406-543-4567
- 7-9: Kenton, OH Hardin City, Open.....D. Crawford 513-464-5993
- 8: Huntsville, AL Mullican Memorial.....Carl Baker 205-881-5059
- 8: Yukon, OK Fitzmorris.....C. Arnold 405-324-7161
- 8: White Pine, TN Tenn. Open.....D. Stallings 615-947-7865
- 8: Powell, WY Open.....J.H. Jacobs 307-754-3047
- 8: Cornish, ME Ossipee Valley.....Dave Wilson 603-367-8207
- 8: Arlington, TX Arlington Classic.....D. Polak 713-277-4851
- 8: Helena, MT Mixed.....PR w/Jason Lipas 406-227-6834
- 8-9: Shelocta, PA Keystone Open.....PR w/E. Weston 412-354-2344
- 8-9: Nevada City, CA Gold Country Open.....C. Loucks 916-477-7060
- 8-9: Crozet, VA Ed Hunt Singles.....C. Collier 804-973-0654
- 8-9: Eau Claire, WI Open.....PR w/Curt Bestul 715-832-3603
- 8-9: Lancaster, OH Silver Dollar Classic.....John Brown 614-653-8407
- 8-9: San Jose, CA Guy & Foreman Opens.....Noel Guy 408-378-3101
- 8-9: San Luis Obispo, CA Gonzales Open..J. Schneider 714-995-1334
- 8-9: Portland, OR Rose Open.....B. Martell 503-235-3487
- 8-9: Dallas, PA Area Open.....PR w/Alvin Long 717-256-7345
- 8-9: Albuquerque, NM Spittoon.....Betty Romero 505-836-6007
- 8-9: Ault, CO Ault Open.....Dan Martinez 303-834-1205
- 8-9: No. Canton, OH NoEast District.....Gin May 216-966-1948
- 9: Eldora, IA Greenbelt Festival.....Morris Lepley 515-486-2321
- 9: New Haven, CT Connecticut Open..PR w/Ed Mancini 203-378-5877
- 9: Lenox, IA Open.....Bob Brown 515-333-2838
- 9: Cody, WY Cody Open.....Jim Dozier 307-587-6977
- 9: Bishop, CA Open Mixed.....Vicky O. 619-873-6666
- 9: Gonzales, LA Jambalaya Open.....C. Bradley 504-393-0012
- 9: Deer Lodge, MT Mixed.....PR w/Dale Witzel 406-846-2850
- 14-15: Troy, OH Bucky Walters Open.....PR w/K. Walters 513-339-1759
- 15: Augusta, ME Bryce York Mem.....Carl York 207-778-6293
- 15: Dierks, AR SWAHPA Open.....Beth Hill 501-583-6641
- 15: Scottsboro, AL Jim Courts Open.....J. Harris 205-582-6239
- 15: Caryville, TN Frank Jones.....D. Stallings 615-947-7865
- 15: Myrtle Creek, OR Evergreen Open.....Barney Root 503-863-4311
- 15: Lewistown, ID Open.....Dean Currie 208-743-2963
- 15: Kellerton, IA Frank Jackson Open.....B. Jackson 515-783-2430
- 15: Lewistown, MT Mixed.....PR w/C. Warner 406-538-5500
- 15-16: Dublin, VA Spring Open.....B. Leighton 703-639-5215
- 15-16: Muskego, WI Open.....PW w/Tom Steinke 414-542-0252
- 15-16: Greenville, CA Indian Valley.....R. McCutcheon 916-284-7579
- 15-16: Middlebury, VT Fathers Day.....M. Selleck 802-388-3277

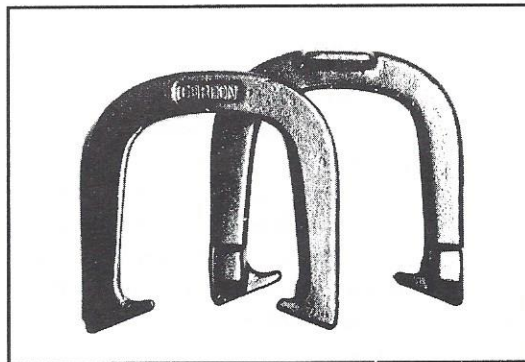
15-16: **Hebron, OH** Open.....Phil Hummel 614-763-3873  
 15-16: **Fort Collins, CO** Open .....Norm Neuman 303-226-3227  
 15-16: **Camp Hill, PA** Spring Open .....PR w/Tom Decker 717-761-2516  
 15-16: **Confluence, PA** Eastern Warmup .....PR w/Dan D. 814-395-3119  
 15-16: **Brookville, PA** I.M. Open.....PR w/J. Trayer 814-856-2306  
 15-16: **Hamilton, ON. CAN.** Summer Open .....416-561-4344  
 15-16: **Salisbury, MD** Windsor Mem.....Bill Dotson 301-835-8152  
 15-16: **Douglas, WY** Jackalope Open .....D. Perkins 307-358-6152  
 16: **Des Moines, IA** M. Lange Open.....Chet Foster 515-964-0159  
 16: **Orange, CA** S. Napier Open.....J. Schneider 714-995-1334  
 16: **Santa Rosa, CA** R & P Open.....Casey Sluys 707-538-3128  
 16: **Roseburg, OR** Douglas Cty. Open.....A. Gillaspie 503-445-2338  
 21-23: **Goldendale, WI** Open PR w/R. Pritzlaff 414-628-1484  
 21-23: **Marysville, OH** Glassburn-Hill Open.....Tony Coe 513-644-9676  
 22: **Victorville, CA** Open \$\$\$.....J. Schneider 714-995-1334  
 22: **Shelby, MT** Mixed.....PR w/Harvey Moore 406-434-5760  
 22-23: **Harahan, LA** Open No Mix .....C. Bradley 504-393-0012  
 22-23: **Hermiston, OR** Oregon \$\$\$ Open .....PR w/R. Rebman  
 503-567-8560  
 22-23: **No. Canton, OH** Outback Open Pro Am ....Gin May 216-966-1948  
 22-23: **Erie, PA** Eastern Nationals .....PR w/C. Butcher 814-864-5061  
 22-23: **Hanson, MA** Mass Open.....Ron Grattan 617-293-2356  
 22-23: **Denver, CO** Open .....Greg Husky 303-825-8629  
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 22-23: **Buffalo, WY** Open.....Ed Archer 307-684-9630  
 22-23: **Fortuna, CA** Opens each day.....B. Larson 707-725-4851  
 23: **Iowa City, IA** Open .....PR w/Leo Buell 319-338-8256  
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 29-30: **Rogue River, OR** Coors \$\$\$OpenPR w/H. Hoffman 503-846-6582  
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 29-30: **Chillicothe, OH** Ross Cty. Open.....L. Miller 614-774-2923  
 29-30: **Ocean Springs, MS** Annual July 4th.....R. Fowler 601-875-1446  
 29-30: **Alta, IA** Englemann Classic.....PR w/K. Cone 712-284-2726  
 29-30: **Mountain Home, ID** Open.....Jan Crandall 208-587-4387  
 29-30: **Strasburg, CO** High Plains Open...K. Thompson 303-622-4451  
 29-30: **Brooklyn Park, MN** Junior's Only..PR w/B. Dunn 612-535-3884  
 30: **Great Falls, MT** Mixed .....PR w/M. Sandefur 406-452-1837

**JULY**

4: **Cedar Rapids, IA** The 4th.....Ron Burgess 319-390-3979  
 4-7: **Greenville, OH** Ringer Classic .....PR w/F. Worner 513-548-1412  
 6: **Ozark, AR** Open .....Beth Hill 501-583-6641  
 6: **Springfield, IL** Erickson Open .....PR w/Alan Jones 217-498-9254  
 6: **Tuscombua, AL** Open .....Ed Dixon 205-386-7264  
 6: **Norwood, TN** Davenport.....D. Stallings 615-947-7865  
 6-7: **Hearne, TX** Crossroads Classic .....D. Polak 713-277-4851  
 6-7: **Winfield, B.C.** West Canada ClassicPR w/D. Wilton 604-766-2985  
 6-7: **No. Canton, OH** Outback Open.....Gin May 216-966-1948  
 6-7: **Bend, OR** Juniper Open .....C. Dearborn 503-433-9535

6-7: **Idaho Falls, ID** Open .....Lyle Anderson 208-529-0190  
 6-7: **Dormont, PA** Mixed Open .....PR w/Ron Weiss 412-884-7092  
 6-7: **Rawlins, WY** Cowboy Open .....Ken Raymond 307-324-6828  
 6-7: **Edgewater, CO** Open .....Dave O'Dell 303-238-2966  
 7: **Bishop, CA** Open Mixed.....Vicky O. 619-873-6666  
 7: **New Haven, CT** Sartram Open .....PR w/Ed Mancini 203-378-5877  
 7: **Des Moines, IA** Holiday Classic.....R. Voshell 515-223-3707  
 12-14: **Hilliard, OH** Open .....Jack Baldwin 614-876-4240  
 13: **Hot Springs, AR** Open .....Beth Hill 501-583-6641  
 13: **Huntsville, AL** Bobby Holland Open .....Carl Baker 205-881-5059  
 13: **White Pine, TN** Ward Open .....D. Stallings 615-947-7865  
 13: **Laurel, MT** 40' Only.....PR w/A. Mosness 406-322-4760  
 13-14: **Columbus, OH** Whetstone Open .....D. Sanders 614-761-3357  
 13-14: **Wauseon, OH** Mid Summer .....R. Lyon 419-822-5087  
 13-14: **Keene, NH** Keene Open.....Al Boudreau 603-899-5500  
 13-14: **Newberg, OR** Open.....D. Sturdevant 503-538-3574  
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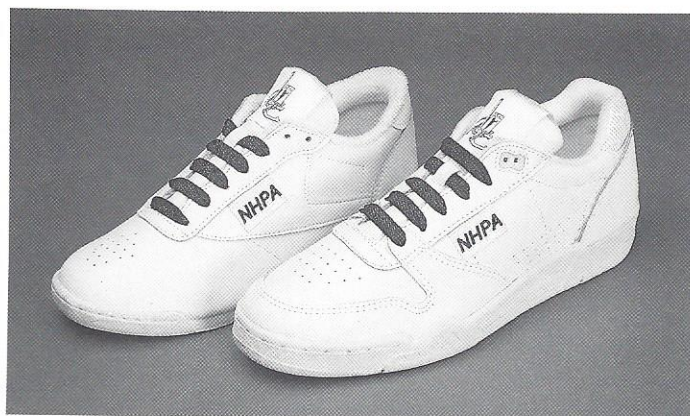


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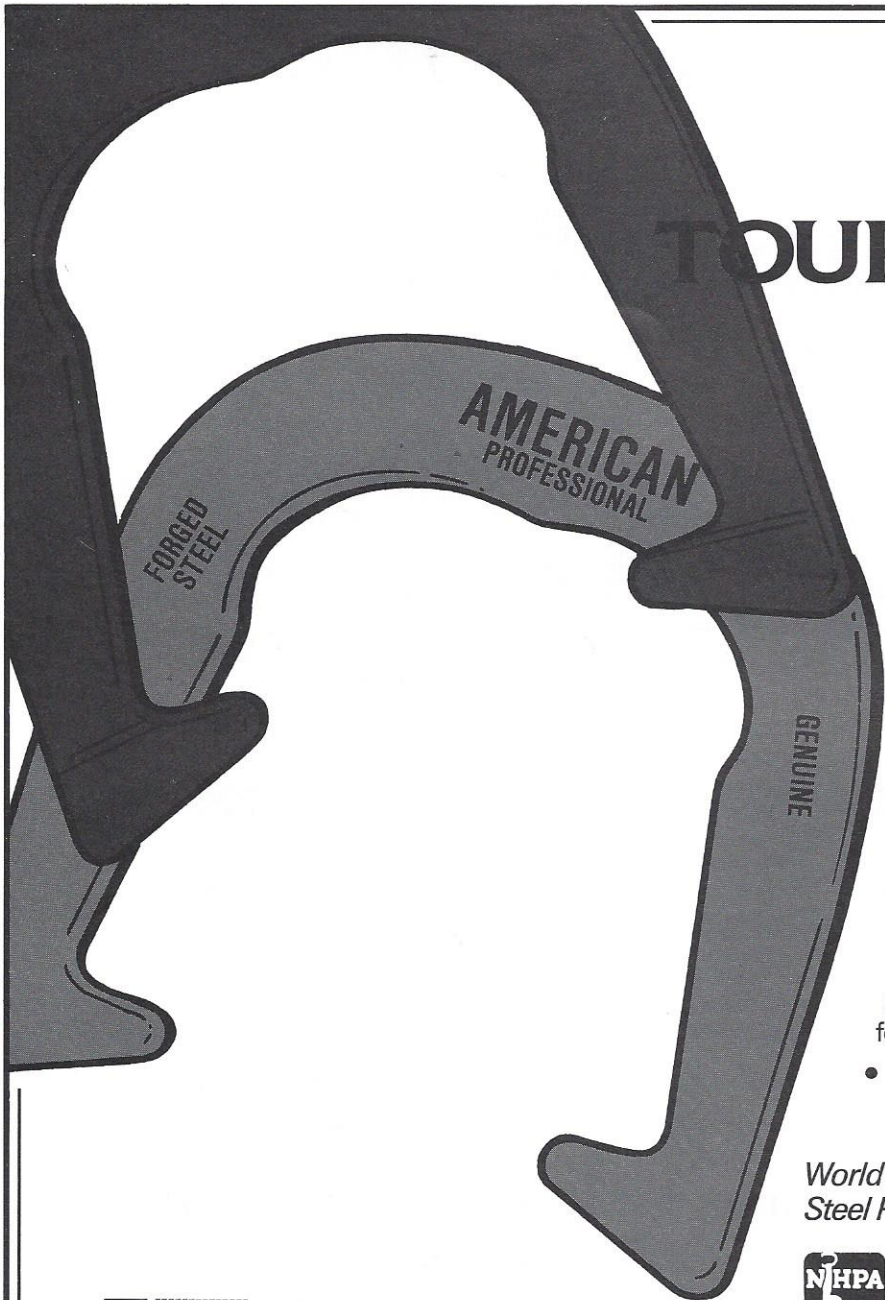
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