



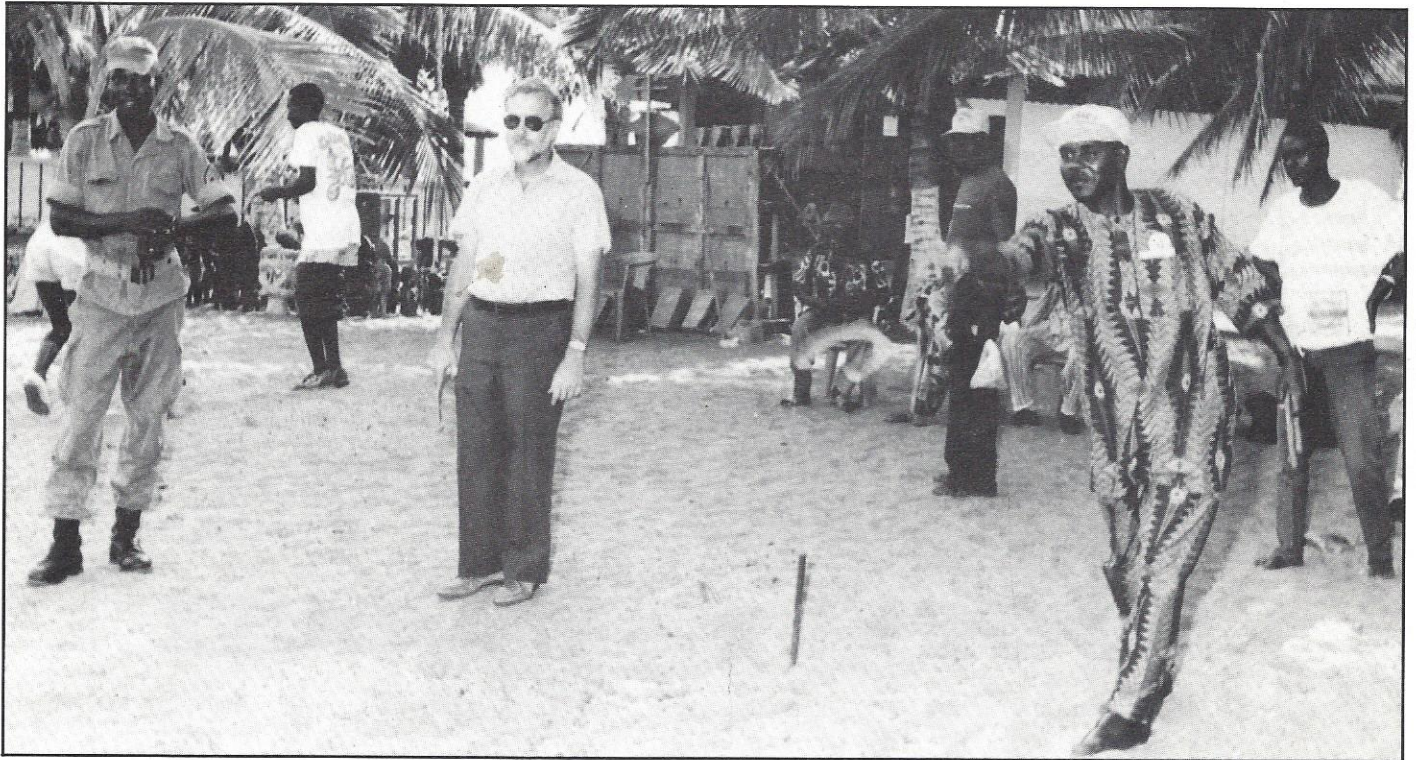
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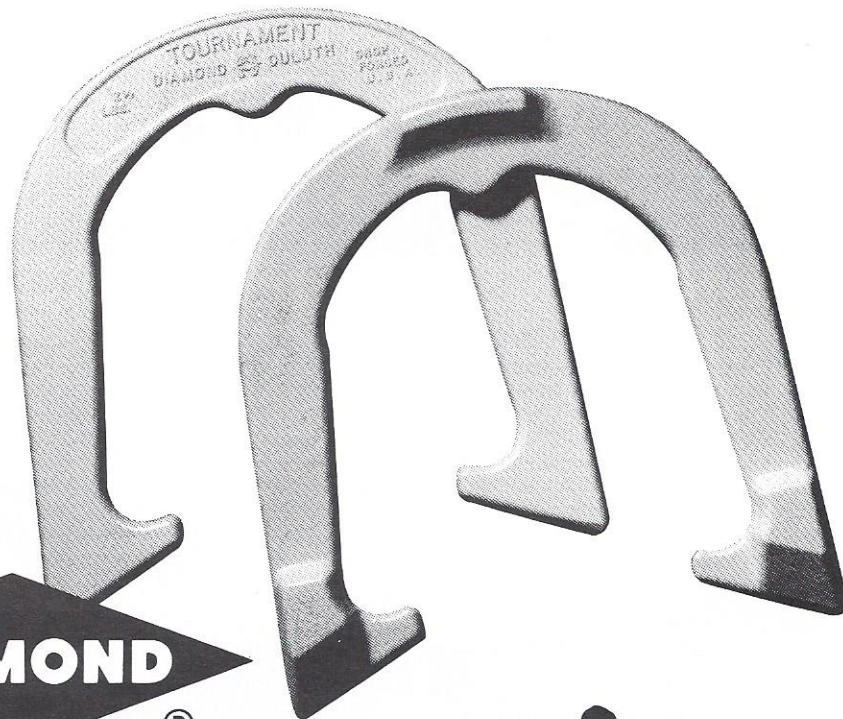
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Horseshoe Pitching in Lome, Togo, West Africa.

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# President's Message

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**M**y message in the May/June issue certainly got the attention of some of you. That article has brought more written and phone response than any other. That's good. At least some members are reading *Newsline*.

In case you weren't paying attention, my message was on the subject of adding an annual \$3.00 assessment for each adult NHPA member to fund the World Tournament so we wouldn't have to worry every year about where to find the money, begging sponsors, knocking on doors, pestering small businesses, holding raffles, pleading for donations, etc. I knew that my idea would not be popular with everyone but so far I'm pleasantly surprised by the positive response from the majority of those who have taken the time to comment. Some comments can be found in the column *Letters to the Editor*.

Few things in life are easy and making a break with tradition and/or asking horseshoe pitchers for a few more bucks has to rank on the side of "tough." For some reason there are horseshoe pitchers who feel our game is too expensive and that three or five dollars more a year will force them out. I can't buy that. Horseshoe pitching is among the least costly of all organized sport activities I can think of and I've been involved in a lot of them. This little increase I'm asking for will not make any significant difference to the discretionary income of any member but it can make a big difference in our most prestigious event, the

NHPA World Tournament.

I've heard all the arguments against and can honestly say that I considered most of them in depth before proposing the \$3.00 resolution. Sure, there are other ways of raising money but we have tried most if not all of them and we still have a problem every year. This organization does not have paid employees who can devote full time to finding money nor does our sport have enough public appeal to really interest sponsors who look to receive a return on their invested dollars. With so many demands on potential sponsors from so many different sports, charities and causes, it is no wonder that the smaller ones, like the NHPA, go begging.

As NHPA President I have many responsibilities, both to the members and the organization. Often these are in mild conflict. One cannot be accomplished or improved upon without affecting or hurting the other. Tough decisions have to be made and not everyone will be pleased. That goes with the office, along with the creed of the NHPA Constitution which is incumbent upon all members, "to foster, develop and promote the sport both as recreational pastime and as a competitive sport." The biggest promotion opportunity we have is our World Tournament and all members should be supportive of our association's premier event. If there are some who say no and wish to drop out, so be it. Their interest is obviously not in the promotion of the sport or association but only what they get out of it.

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## *Dave's Court Report*

by Dave Loucks

■ Congratulations Don Titcomb, Charles Bunner, the Mississippi HPA and Beverly Born. They will all be honored at the 1991 W.T. Awards Banquet. Don, from San Jose, CA, will receive the Arch Stokes Memorial Award for years of promoting the sport. Charles from Fairmont, WV, and the Mississippi HPA will each receive Achievement Awards for their outstanding work and contributions to the sport at the local level. Beverly will receive the Presidential Achievement Award for outstanding service and direction of the NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Program.

■ Walter Ray Williams Jr. is not only the highest seeded pitcher at the 1991 W.T. with 90.4%, but he has just set some bowling records as well. In Beaumont, TX on May 29, 1991, in a PBA Doubles Event, Walter broke a ten year old PBA scoring record in the qualifying rounds. Bowling in 6 game blocks, Walter had games of 248, 279, 300, 255, 268 and 265 for a 1615 total which broke the record of 1613 set in 1981 by Tommy Baker. Later in the day, Walter came back with another 6 games of 226, 227, 258, 254, 226 and 246. This 1437 total along with the morning round of 1615 set a new 12 game block record of 3052. A twelve game 254.33 average. Wow!

■ Lois Webster of Stamping Ground, KY has had two recent perfect games. The first came on 3/16/91 and was 24 shoes against Dale Henry during play at the Joelton Open on the new Jack Freeman Courts. The second per-

fecto was really impressive. It set a new World Record for women. On 5/5/92 against Vi Rust, Lois pitched 32 consecutive ringers in shutting out Vi. This record game took place during the Jack Workman Memorial Tournament in Edinburgh. Like the first, this game was also pitched on an indoor court.

■ 1020 entries were received for the World Tournament in Biloxi, MS. As usual, Open Men led the list with 640. Senior men had 73, Intermediate Men 33, Elder Men 40, 25, Elder Men 30, 27 and Junior Boys had 37. In the female categories, Open Women had 147, Senior Women 16 and Junior Girls 22. Some drop outs are expected but we do have a list of late entries that will take some of the dropout spots. Ohio led the list of pitchers with 84 entries from that state.

■ The NHPA will be introducing a Gift Certificate program in Biloxi. More details on this in a later issue.

■ The NHPA affinity Visa card program through MNBA is a little slower than I'd like to see. Only about 1% of the membership have taken advantage of this free card which nets the NHPA a small return on each transaction. You can apply by calling 1-800-847-7378, ext. 5000. Say NHPA!

■ I have appointed Richard Hansen, President of the Wisconsin HPA, to the 15 member NHPA Rules Committee. Dick fills the vacancy left by the unexpected death of Herman Wieser of Florida.

# Horseshoes Get A Pitch in West Africa

Through "Horseshoe Diplomacy" the American game of horseshoes is thriving and expanding in the West African nation of Togo. The game was first introduced into Togo in 1980 through the joint efforts of former U.S. Ambassador to Niger, Robert J. Ryan, Sr., the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of the United States, the St. Pierre Manufacturing Company of Worcester, Mass. the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Lome, Togo.

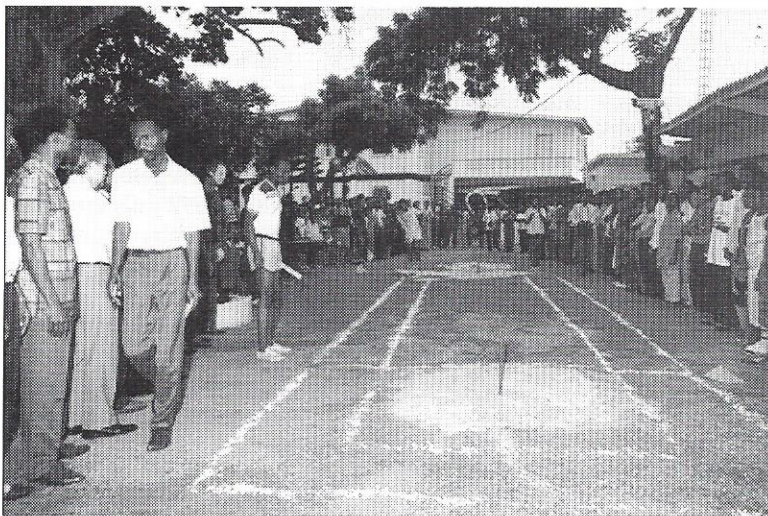
In 1980 15 sets of horseshoes were donated to get the game started and a few more replacement sets were added in the 1980s to replace broken equipment and to accommodate the increasing number of players joining the Togo Horseshoe Federation.

The government of Togo gave official recognition, sanction and some financial assistance to the Togo Horseshoe Federation in the mid- 1980s. These activities which include annual individual and team competition have been regularly covered by the Togo press, radio and television. This has served to spark interest in other parts of the country.

As a result of this expanding interest the Togo authorities requested additional assistance from United States resources in January 1990. In their request they indicated that they only had enough equipment to accommodate the existing members of the Togo Horseshoe Federation. Applications for membership, even in the capital city of Lome, could not be accepted because of the limited supply of horseshoe equipment, much of which was about to wear out and break. In this request the Togo authorities stated that they wished now to introduce the game to sections of the country outside of the capital city, Lome. They said, too, that they hope to introduce the game to neighboring countries with the idea of starting a West African horseshoe competition.

Ambassador Ryan, who now resides in Daytona Beach, Florida and Mr. Bernard Herfurth, President of the New England Horseshoe Pitchers Association, who lives in Easthampton, Mass, were the prime movers in getting the 1980 project organized and implemented. They were asked to organize the 1990 Togo Horseshoe Project. Ms. Nanette St. Pierre, Vice President of the St. Pierre Manufacturing Company of Worcester, Mass. and Mr. Dave Loucks of Grass Valley, CA, President of the United States National Horseshoe Pitchers Association were approached and they readily agreed between them to donate fifty sets of horseshoes to Togo. The United States government participation was carried out by Mr. William Peters, Director of Sports America, United States Information Agency and the U.S. Ambassador to Togo, Rush W. Taylor.

The equipment was shipped, four sets to a package over a period of several weeks from the factory of the St. Pierre Company to Sports America and thence to Lome, Togo. When half of the shipment was on hand in July, Amba-



sador Taylor organized an official turnover ceremony to take place on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy.

The July 1990 ceremony was attended by representatives of the Government of Togo, the members of the Togo Horseshoe Federation, members of other Togo sports associations, staff of the U.S. Embassy and the general public. A special horseshoe pit was constructed on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy and several demonstrations and exhibition matches, including one in which Ambassador Taylor took part, were a part of the program. The event was televised and reported in the Togo Press and on The Togo radio. These reports included comments about the interest which President George Bush has in the game, including the introduction of U.S.S.R. President Mikhail Gorbachev to the game by President Bush in Washington earlier this year.

Ambassador Taylor, in letters which he sent to the several participants in the project, said "the ceremony was great fun and will spark new interest in the game." The President of the Togo Horseshoe Federation, M. Agoudavi Andre, in his letters to these same individuals, expressed grateful appreciation of his organization and of the Government of Togo for the generous gift and for the continuing support and interest provided in the United States. Agoudavi said that with the new equipment new players and new leagues can now be formed in Lome and in other sections of Togo.

*Top: Afantsao Dimado, Vice President of the Togo Horseshoe Federation, presents new sets of St. Pierre Horseshoes to captain of one of the teams. Bottom: The sport of horseshoes thrives in Lome, Togo, thanks to former Ambassador Ryan.*

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Dave,

Thought I'd drop you a line after reading the May/June issue of *Newsline*. I'm all for your thoughts concerning a \$3.00 per year increase for all adult NHPA members to help fund the World Tournament for future years. It is one heck of a good idea. I wonder why someone had not thought of it before. There has always been a big problem and hassle when it comes to getting proper bids to host the World, even before the move to \$40,000. Your idea is just terrific and I'm telling you that as a retired member who doesn't pitch much any more due to physical problems, You have my support and I will talk it up wherever possible.

**Ernie Kim, Richmond, CA**

Dear Dave,

I am writing to you regarding the resolution in the May/June issue of *Newsline* to increase dues \$3.00. While asking for additional monies, I would like to see the year put back on the award patches for all class winners. This way, all members would get some additional benefit. The World Tournament is SPECIAL. We should make the tournament format special. I am in favor of the \$3.00 increase as I can see the future of the W.T. as we know it threatened if this doesn't pass.

Sincerely,

**Frank Kallay, Western PA**

Dear Editor,

As an active member of our Tri-County Horseshoe Club, the WVHPA and a Proponent of NHPA activities, I wish to apprise you that I am in support of an increase in dues so as to defray the expense of seeking outside help for the World Tournament. In fact, I'd like to see an even bigger increase that would also include *Newsline* for all members.

Sincerely,

**Charles M. Bunner, Fairmont, WV**

Dear Dave,

In the May/June issue of *Newsline*, the "President's Message" has many of us upset and dismayed. The proposal to raise dues \$3.00 to fund the W.T. is unfair to the majority of the NHPA members. Most of us can't

afford it. Except for saying that I am a member with an NHPA card, I receive absolutely no benefit for being a member as to being a non-member. I support as many non-sanctioned events as sanctioned and will be among the first to drop NHPA membership if the dues are raised to support the W.T.

Sincerely,

**Fred Koller Jr., Vanderbilt, PA**

Dear Dave,

Your suggested \$3.00 increase to cover costs of the World Tournament could be a positive step. I think most of the delegates will support it. But, when 1992 rolls around, will the 7000 or so members who have never been to a W.T. want to subsidize its prize money? Some are likely to say "What's in it for me?" Perhaps we should include a subscription to *Newsline*. Only 22.2% getting the magazine is intolerable. Set the dues so that all get the magazine and the W.T. is covered. Related to all this, perhaps not only adults but juniors as well should pay more. All juniors I know have more to spend than I do.

**Ed Quigley, New Jersey**

Dear Dave,

I very much like your idea of financing our own World Tournaments. I suppose, technically, someone could say it is illegal for this year — a point you have already made — but I think your proposal will fly. Hope so.

**Glen Portt, Albany, GA**

Dear Dave,

I see nothing wrong with raising the dues since they have been steady for many years. But — the intended use of the \$3.00 puts doubts in my mind about the feasibility of the usage. Not many of the membership will be able to benefit from the usage of this monies for prizes. Raise the entrance fees or conduct National ticket sales. Most of the members around here are opposed to the W.T. usage. They wouldn't mind the increase but they want something concrete in the way of a return to them.

Yours Truly,

**Jim Solomon, Uniontown, PA**

Dear Dave,

Your "President's Message" in the May/June issue of the *Newsline* is right on target. This is an event that should be totally in the hands of the NHPA, both in administration and financially.

Looking at other sports costs to their membership, a \$3.00 to \$5.00 raise in membership dues, still makes our sport the most reasonable one to participate in.

However, before jumping into just raising the dues to take care of the W.T. as you suggest, I for one, strongly urge you to consider incorporating into your proposal, that the states be sectioned off into 4 or 5 sections, and each section to have their turn in bidding for the W.T. Otherwise due to the voting power east of the Mississippi, and only a bid of \$15,000 to \$20,000 necessary, it would be another 20 years before a W.T. would be held in the western states.

Respectfully submitted,

**Barak Wright, Ukiah, CA**

*NHPA Newsline*,

After reading the "President's Message" in the May/June *Newsline*, let me pitch you a suggestion that shouldn't empty anyone's pocket, while having a little fun. Obviously we don't pitch horseshoes to help with the rent. 75% of us go home with nothing more than sunburn, broken nails, and the wrong number on a raffle ticket — so let's try this...

Let's select a month when all horseshoe clubs hold one (1) tournament where all entry fees go to the NHPA for World Tournament use. Let's make it easy on all — \$5.00 entry fee.

If this program can get approval by the 1991 convention, there will be adequate time for 1992 club schedules. Heavy promotional effort by *Newsline* and NHPA headquarters can make it work.

The President's \$3.00 per year membership increase would be easier...but it wouldn't be as much fun. This way everyone gets something for their \$\$.

**Bob Thompson, Orange, CA**

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Loucks,

I was very disturbed to read in the May/June issue of *Newsline* of the proposed change to rule 7g to prohibit the use of any form of tobacco while in the confines of the courts for all contestants, tournament officials, and scorekeepers. I have to accept no smoking in the office. I can elect not to dine at restaurants which prohibit smoking. I can elect not to participate in events confined to indoors. However, I resent infringement on my smoking rights out of doors. It is one of the few areas left for smokers where mother nature can dissipate the questionable effects of second hand smoke with no discomfort to others. I am considerate of other people. If my smoke bothers them I can abstain for those few moments while I complete a match. To discriminate against me by an arbitrary rule against smoking out of doors violates my rights as an individual. If a fellow competitor wishes me not to smoke, I will cooperate just as I would expect my competitor to cease talking, cracking gum, or moving around, or anything else which may detract from my game.

Horseshoe pitching is one of the few sports where an individual can enjoy two of his personal pleasures at the same time. Take one from me and you can take both. Vote not to eliminate the use of tobacco at horseshoe tournaments. It's just a good way to discourage promotion of our sport.

James R. McBeth, Elida, Ohio

Dear Dave,

The University of Rochester, from where I retired, has a large field house fitted with Astroturf. With my local club, we arranged to use the facility to put on a horseshoe tournament to exhibit our game. To do this it was necessary to construct portable courts and provide secure safety precautions. A group of us had experienced playing indoors and found natural clay to be unacceptable. The solution was to purchase artificial clay.

The plan was to gather a selection of players from the area with averages ranging from 20% to 80%. Based on our experience we concluded that

most players (20-35% averages) needed a box at least 30 inches wide, 36 inches long and 3 inches deep. Our club built six portable courts, using only *one* pit per court. The cost of the clay and the imagination of Dave McCann inspired the idea of using one stake per court.

The system works as follows. Each court has one stake and a pitching position. The adjacent court has the stake and pitching position at the opposite ends. The players start on the court number assigned to them by the normal Round Robin charts. They pitch to their stake, retrieve their shoes and pitch from the adjacent pitching position. The four players (in singles) alternate between courts 1 and 2. The other players circulate in the same way on their assigned courts. We ran 24 players on the six courts playing doubles.

The tournament proved significant advantages in using this court arrangement.

1. It cut the installation and maintenance costs in half.
2. We surrounded each stake, on both sides and behind with see through netting. The stake was visible from any position. During the tournament not a single shoe escaped the nets.
3. The players pitched between two protected stakes and never pitched alongside another player.
4. The clay was clean. It was a bit bouncy. Well thrown shoes however, stayed in place.
5. The tournament went faster than expected. This system forces some regimentation on the players. A pair of slow players slows down the other pair sharing the stakes. This apparent disadvantage is instead, an advantage, for it is noticed immediately. The players held up can urge them to move on. Slow players on normal 2 pit courts are not noticed.

The spectators may temporarily find it confusing to have the players circulating on two courts. Where are the scores kept? The problem here is basic to our present scoring methods. The subject needs attention but, the solutions go beyond the scope of this

letter to the Editor.

Our players have now used this method for a full winter. It is safe and practical. It is further improved when combined with Sol Berman's scheme shown on page 20 of *Horseshoes Fact and Fun*.

Try out the single stake per court on your club courts by leaving one cover on opposite ends of two adjoining courts.

Robert E. Hopkins, Rochester, NY

## WORLD TOURNAMENT TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What player pitched in 3 tournaments in 3 different decades and found Harvey Elmerson the only opponent he played all three times?
2. What father and son combination both played in Class B in 1976?
3. In 1967, Ted Allen lost a game 53-4 in 38 shoes. Who beat Ted?
4. The longest W.T. playoff game was in 1957 when Ted Allen won in 168 shoes. Who did Ted beat?
5. Who was the first New England player to pitch in a World Tournament in 1926 and what state was he from?
6. Art Tyson was shut out twice, in 1976 and 1986. Mark Seibold won 43-0 in 1986. Who beat Art 55-0 in 1976?
7. What deceased pitcher had a win-loss record of 657-123 in W.T. play?
8. What two players pitched in the championship class at age 73?
9. In 1952, games were 50 points. What pitcher lost 22 games, scoring 49 points three times and 40 or more in eleven games?
10. What master W.T. record keeper is responsible for providing the above information to *Newsline*?

(Answers can be found on page 29)

# THE JUNIOR WINDOW

## Sanction Those New Junior Leagues

by Bob Dunn

Junior leagues are being formed all across the country. It surely is pleasing news to hear of each and every one. A feature that will strengthen each league and the efforts of all the individuals conducting the youth programs, is to sanction the Junior leagues. It may be some additional administrative work, but statistics are kept as a routine, so the work is only to fill out the report forms. An NHPA Junior Sanctioned League certificate is applied for, directly to Bev Born, NHPA Sanctioned League Program Director, RR#2, Box 198-A, Shattuck, OK 73858. An application is required (once) and you may need to start by requesting the application form. Other requirements by league directors are to: 1) Provide a roster of league members' names, addresses, and NHPA card numbers; 2) Complete a season stat form; 3) Complete a National Top Ten entry report. All information to complete these basic forms is data routinely kept during any league season.

The benefits and value greatly outweigh the effort and time for the program reporting. It is truly satisfying to see the proud smiles of the youth as they receive their rewards of effort on the courts. The program benefits are: A) League Championship Patch, League High Average Patch, League High Game Patch,

(continued on page 11)

## A Family Affair

By Betty Lapping

Junior Program Director for Western PA

The clanging of horseshoes in the summer is a familiar sound at the Powell home in the small town of Summerville, located in northwestern Pennsylvania. Here lives a family who all pitch horseshoe.

Sandy and Fred's horseshoe pitching was basically a summertime activity that they would do with their neighbors. They were pitching for fun in their back yard, when a friend happened to stop for a visit. We thank this friend because he was a sanction horseshoe tournament pitcher who talked them into entering a tournament. They both entered their first tournament in 1985 in Shelocta, PA. It was there that Sandy won her first trophy, winning first place in Class "B" Ladies. She and Fred have been avid horseshoe tournament competitors ever since. They were happy and proud to be joined by son Fred Jr. in 1986 and son Brock in 1987. If you ask Fred Jr. and Brock, they will tell you they were most influenced by their parents, spending so much time practicing at home and entering practically every tournament all summer long.

Fred Jr. and Brock both attend Brookville Area High School in Brookville, PA. All the family pitch a flip shoe. Fred Jr. and Brock both pitch the Gordon shoe.

Fred Jr. is no longer a junior pitcher as he is 18 and a senior at Brookville High. As a junior horseshoe pitcher Fred ended his junior years with a most prestigious honor of being Pennsylvania State Junior Champion four straight years, 1986-1989. He has added these to many more horseshoe accomplishments. He is also active in



school sports. He has played baseball for two years and tennis for the past three. He still has plans to be active in horseshoe for self satisfaction and also to help his younger brother.

Brock, Fred's toughest competitor, finished in second place for Junior State Champion in 1989, and yes in 1990 he became Pennsylvania State Champion to carry on the Powell name of achievements. Like his big brother, I'm sure there are more years to follow with horseshoe awards to add to his collection, as he plans on being state champion two more times before his junior years are over. Brock is also active in school sports, he has played tennis for a year and a half, his greatest accomplishments have come in westling for the past 10 years, he has received many awards. He qualified for state finals in 1986 and again in 1989. Although wrestling has been his greatest accomplishment thus far, horseshoe isn't far behind. The Powell family is a great asset to our horseshoe sport.

Fred, the father is so very proud of his family's sports ability, not only his sons, but his wife Sandy as well. Sandy's dream at the present time, in her horseshoe career, is someday to become Pennsylvania Ladies State Champion. With her prestige, desire and determination, "I'm sure she will make it."

Fred and Sandy are both working parents with all their spare time sports related. At this home in Summerville the sound of horseshoe is a sure sign of Spring. The neighbors say it's a pleasure to watch these young men and their parents be so active together in sports.

All sports at this home are "A Family Affair."



# Junior Jottings

by Bob Dunn

■ Jerry Johnson (Colorado JPD) reports a successful Junior Only Tournament was held April 27th. Twelve Junior pitchers participated in two classes. Walter O'Dell had the high ringer average of 37.3% and a 4-1 record. Seth Lauer had 33.3% ringers. Jerry is already looking forward to 1992's event and expects entries to double. A horseshoe pitching course will be held for the school district on May 24th, and a Junior League will start on June 29th.

■ A special thank you to Dr. Sol Berman, who donated 200 copies of his book, *Horseshoe Facts, Fun and Film*. These books are being presented to junior members as they provide assistance to our promotion efforts.

■ Jason Lipes (Western Montana Association President) in a letter to the association members, made a strong pitch to recruit assistance for JPD Alan Bridewater, and support for junior member promotion and recruiting. To see charter officer efforts to support our promotion program is helpful and appreciated.

■ In the March *Double Ringer* Colorado secretary Russ Bartle provided an excellent article on Sponsor a Junior Pitcher. NHPA members can go beyond the steps of asking juniors to join our NHPA, you can sponsor a junior by paying the entry fee to a tournament or many other possible ways to get young prospects interested in our sport.

■ From the Idaho newsletter "The Idaho Falls City Parks and Recreation Department has asked us to work up a junior program. They are going to build us four courts with concrete extensions for 30' pitching."

■ Bernie Kylo (North Dakota President) will be serving as interim JPD while the search continues for a permanent director. He described an excellent incentive program. The NDHPA will pay the NHPA membership fee for juniors, of clubs conducting junior pitching leagues. They require that the club recruit at least 4 junior members.

■ My mistake: In the previous issue of *Newsline*, I, in error, referred to

Mavis Olson's Junior League of Glenburn, while her league is actually in Bismarck, North Dakota.

■ Glen Portt (Georgia) is setting up a strong promotion program. Glen will be holding pitching clinics for Albany Park & Recreation directors and the 30-40 college students hired as summer parks supervision. The park system has a summer program for youth horseshoe pitching at 19 court sites. This year with trained supervisors, trophies and awards provided and hopefully a city championship. Glen will be making periodic rounds at the various court sites to keep the program progressing. There is a goal to conduct a Junior League in 1992.

■ Russ Martin (Iowa JPD) is replacing Rick Voshell as Junior Program Director. Rick has served in that position for three years and is now taking over as editor of Iowa's newsletter.

■ A new Junior league is being formed in Ocean Springs, MS. Director is Theodore E. King. Those in the area, give Ted a helping hand.

■ Rick and Paula Farley report some highlights of Junior promotion in South Dakota. Mike Allgier (Spearfish Coordinator) has scheduled Junior Only Tournaments for June, July and August, with businesses sponsoring the events so Junior entrants have no fees. Mike and Rick went to various schools, speaking to 4th and 5th graders about the Junior horseshoe program, and have set up a summer program of 3 hour sessions every Tuesday, that the youth can come to the courts for practice and coaching. Sponsorship has also been set up for the Spearfish League, so Junior members receive a free T-shirt and NHPA dues paid for. Other areas have also established Junior Coordinators, including Steve Parker (Belle Fourche).

■ From David Anderson (Director-Moline Club); during the winter months we put together a format with the help of the NHPA Junior Yellow Book and other's experience. For our major promotion we attended a monthly meeting of homeschool parents. There they discuss curricu-

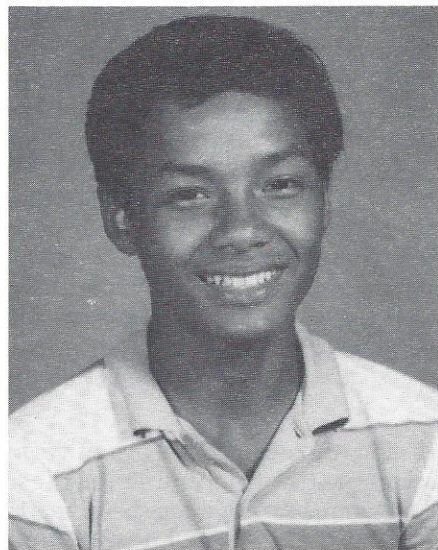
lum and progress, and plan field trips and other activities. I presented to them all the NHPA Junior Program has to offer, the support of our city and adult membership, and they loved it. Before we left, the names of 28 kids ages 8 to 17 were on our roster, and the list is growing. The only cost to them is their NHPA card. Our adult membership has elected to supply materials needed and awards. Our adult teams are getting sponsors to donate \$25 to make up the added expense. Though some are purchasing new shoes, most will be using second hand shoes donated by our veterans. "Red" Henton will be visiting soon to give an exhibition and clinic, and he will be spending time with the Juniors. We encourage those that are accepting the challenge of Junior promotion. We haven't even started league play yet and this has already been rewarding and fun. Our ages range from eight to eighty-eight as the Moline Ponyshoe Club joins the Moline Horseshoe Club on the courts for this summer. Wish them well and also — I really appreciate the volume of Junior promotion in the *Newsline* and all the efforts behind it. GOOD JOB!

■ Do you need more incentive to sanction those Junior leagues? Arrangements have just been made to provide an NHPA Logo patch to each first year Junior member of an NHPA Sanctioned Junior League. Each Junior league director only need send me a photocopy of the official NHPA league roster (that is provided to Bev Born), mark or highlight the first year members, and I will return the number of patches requested. My address is listed on page three of this issue. Be sure that the correct sanctioned league I.D. number is on the copy of the membership roster. Now you have one more good reason to sanction those Junior Leagues.

■ Welcome the new Charter Junior Program Directors: Bill Masterson (Missouri), Lorraine Sternberg (Wisconsin), Barbara Nickels (Alaska), Al Sandham (Georgia), Robert Gratton (Massachusetts), David Reynolds (New York), Bernie Kylo (North Dakota).

## Donnie Hill, Jr.

Just into his second season, Donnie Hill Jr. (nine years old), has nearly a career of achievements already. The fourth grader at Prescott Elementary (Prescott, Arkansas) has in very short order, earned eight 1st place, three 2nd place and two 3rd place trophies. This includes a 1990 State Junior Boy's Championship, on a 44.0% ringer average. Donnie, also an honor student, is joining in the NHPA Junior member promotion program by inviting more kids to pitch horseshoes. With so many honors already, what's Donnie's personal goal? You guessed it — a World Championship.



## The Contender- Vorn Ven

Vorn Ven first pitched horseshoes in 1987 at a company picnic. He won the Kansas State Junior Boy's Championship that same year, and has won that title each year since. He credits his father with getting him started and the coaching that made his young career so successful. The highlight so far is attending his first World Tournament at Stone Mountain. In Vorn's first try for a World Championship, (one of his personal goals), he placed 3rd of all boys, with a 78.6% ringer average, an 8-3 record, and a high game of 87.8% plus three other games of 80% or higher.

Vorn has also been successful in the sports of wrestling and football at Arkansas City High School, and has conducted horseshoe pitching demonstrations for Phy Ed students. His biggest goal is to be successful in life, but no doubt his mind is looking towards earning a World Championship in Mississippi.

## The Forgotten Ones

by Glen Portt

It's so easy...so very, very easy to remember the names of our great men and women pitchers — their accomplishments, and their records. The good and the bad because sometimes they had their troubles, too. Yes, we know about Hohl, Day, Isais, Allen, Steinfeldt, Williams, Knisley, Gillespie, Chappelle, Reno, Hangen, Negaard, and Powell, to name just a few.

But it's not quite so easy when we start thinking about our Juniors and their accomplishments. Yet, *the records are there* — outstandingly good ones. Looking them over, we can all be proud. From '61-'64 Ohio's Gary Roberts won 4 consecutive world championships — a record later tied by Alan Francis, but never beaten. Frank Stinson, MN, started the ball rolling for the Juniors 67 years ago with a 46.4% ringer average. For a period of 45 years, no junior was able to break through the 80% ringer barrier. Then along came Mark...Mark Seibold with an 83.7% in '69. *From then on, the juniors were never headed.*

A torrent was let loose. In '72 Walter Ray Williams, Jr. set the all-time tournament record with an 89.2% average for 7 games. Thirteen years later in '85, Alan Francis posted 88.8% for an 11 game W.T. record. From Seibold's historic breakthrough, a period of 22 years, the 80% barrier was broken 18 times with Walter Ray, Mark Tyson, and Alan Francis notching 10 of them. During this same period, the women, also pitching from 30 feet, broke through only 9 times. The records are there. *Perhaps we've never really appreciated how very good our juniors are.*

1991. The World Tournament is nearly here and our current crop of juniors are eager to "go for the records." But, as can be seen by the few stats given above, it will be no pushover, no easy task, to break any of them. Who might? The names of Jim Walters and Doug Moon come readily to our minds because we've seen their pictures and read about them. But how about the others, the forgotten ones, who *are* great pitchers. Vorn Ven, 78.6% from the Sunflower state; the Buckeye's John Walters, 76.1%; Old Dominion's

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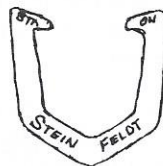
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**Sanction those Junior Leagues!**

## The Forgotten Ones...

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Lenwood Conner, Jr., 77.5%; and the Wolverine's Jeff Poutanen, 75.2%. These boys pitched games in the 80s and 90s and are capable of beating anyone. The leaders have little breathing room.

Lurking just a little further back we have the Gopher's Chris and Vance Harren; Danny Jamison from "The Tree Planter's State;" and finally, Johnny Sisson and Rusty Morgan, representing "The Empire State of the South." These boys are thinking "If Doug Moon can go from 60.3% to 85.3% in one year, so can I!"

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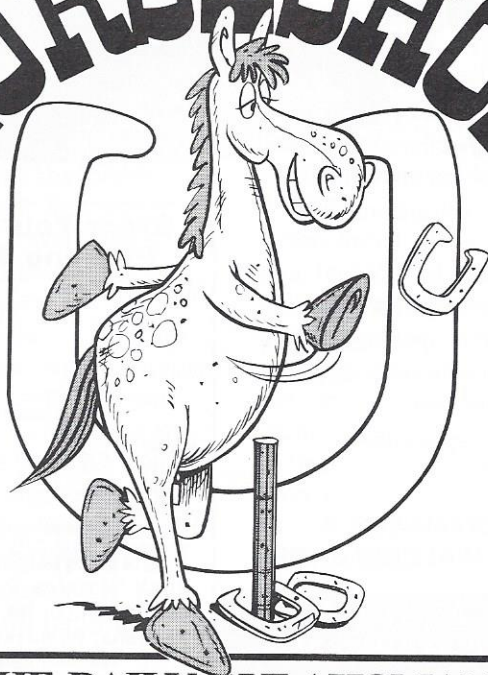
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# Lew May

## *Horseshoe pitching pro combines skill and luck*

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It's a ringer!" Those words are music to the ears of Lew May, a group leader in Receiving who also happens to be a professional horseshoe pitcher.

He became interested in the game when he was just 10 years old, watching his father pitch "shoes" in the backyard.

"In my eyes, Dad was the best horseshoe pitcher there ever was," he said. "I got my knowledge from him, my determination from my mom."

Soon, May was hooked on what he calls the most competitive sport in which he has taken part. And after pitching competitively for only four years, he has more than 25 trophies and hundreds of cash prizes to prove his success.

That's quite an honor, considering only first-, second-, and occasionally third-place winners receive trophies. In fact, May recently returned from the National Horseshoe Pitching Tournament in Las Vegas where he placed third — a feat that won him \$150 as well as a trophy.

What exactly does horseshoe competition involve? In pitching tournaments, there are six-, eight-, or 10-person classes consisting of both men and women, all rivals. To determine each person's class, his or her top three previous tournament game scores are added together to obtain a ringer percentage. The participants are then assigned a class ranging from A to as high as Z, depending on how many people have entered the tournament (A represents the highest percent, Z the lowest). Those taking part play one game against each person in their class.

May says the more practice players get, the better they will be. That's why he and his wife Gin enter so many tournaments.

Each weekend during the summer, they travel to tournaments in different cities throughout northeast Ohio as members of the Northeast Ohio Summer Traveling League. (May is League secretary.) In the winter they travel an hour and a half to Newbury, Ohio, once a month to take part in tournaments on indoor courts.

The two have even gone head-to-head four times, competing in the same tournaments.

"My wife has beaten me three out of the four times," May said. "We used to say whichever one of us was doing the best, the other one would let win. Now, we've decided we're both too competitive to do that. We approach each other as just another competitor, and it works out great.

Every year you get a little better. The more you compete, the more relaxed you become."

This philosophy certainly holds true for May who had his best year ever in 1990. But like many other sportsmen, he doesn't rely totally on skill to win. He believes luck plays a role too.

"I'm very superstitious. My horseshoes are always cleaned and painted before every event."

In September May decided to paint his usually white horseshoes green for a change of pace. The change paid off; he tied for first place in his next tournament and then won the playoff game. Since luck was on his side, he decided to leave his shoes green and won first place again in October and November.

"Pitching is great," May said. "Anybody who pitches horseshoes should come to a tournament. You meet such nice people, and it's really a lot of fun."

May first became involved in competition after attending a tournament as a spectator. Unexpectedly, he was approached to fill in for someone who didn't show. Then he surprised everybody by winning four of the nine games — not bad for an unprepared first-timer.

Last summer, May, his wife, and some friends appeared on "PM Magazine," giving them an opportunity to promote their beloved sport. The show's producer was inspired to feature it after learning the North Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls had six new professional horseshoe courts, in addition to bowling lanes and outdoor professional volleyball courts.

A game that many of us know little about, horseshoe pitching is having its moment in the limelight these days, thanks to an avid practitioner — George Bush. In 1989 he invited the top 12 pitchers in the world to visit him in Washington. Among them was Donnie Roberts, a friend May met through the National Horseshoe Pitching Association, who was responsible for putting in the horseshoe pitching courts at the White House, Camp David, and Bush's summer home in Maine.

Horseshoe enthusiasts, who number 30,000 in the United States, have their own world tournament, held in a different state each year. This year's competition, in which May hopes to participate, will take place in Biloxi, Miss. "My goal is to be a world-class Champion by 1995," he said.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY MILLION DOLLAR PITCH

**CALIFORNIA** — Again we have to acknowledge the work of this year's Stokes Award winner, Don Titcomb. His energy to promote seems unending. He will run another 10 day pitch and win program at the Sonora Fair with the assistance of the New Tuloumne Club which Don was instrumental in starting. He will also run a similar event at the Santa Clara County Fair in San Jose for 16 days shortly after his return from the World Tournament in Biloxi.

In mid-May Don gave a demonstration and clinic in Manteca, California to help start a new club. Early in the year, Don worked with the people at Santa Anita Race Track in Southern California. He worked with them to improve their million dollar give away program on St. Patrick's Day. He had a show taped before 30,000 spectators and returned twice more to perform in front of audiences in excess of 40,000. Somehow, Don also finds the time to devote to similar events at Golden Gate Fields in Northern California.

As I write this, Don is scheduled to be in Melbourne, Florida the first week of June where, with the help of Carl Steinfeldt, he hopes to conduct similar programs. You see, Don is planning a move to Florida later in the year and the Northern California Charter has scheduled a benefit tournament for Don on July 4th in San Jose. Don Titcomb may be moving

from California but the NHPA and horseshoe pitching will still see Don Titcomb promoting in their behalf. As a life long friend and competitor, I hate to see Don leave but the game will still benefit.

**FLORIDA** — Winter Haven was the site of the annual awards banquet held on April 20th. Heavy rains delayed the 7 p.m. scheduled start until 8 p.m. The banquet is held to honor State and Class Champions as well as outstanding members. All three of last year's champions repeated, Carl Steinfeldt in the Men's, Marge Spray in the Women's and Paul Scheub in the Senior's.

Marge Spray and Florida President Richard Warren were inducted into the FSHPA Hall of Fame. Robert Niles of Lady Lake was selected as the most outstanding member in the 1990-91 season. Bob was instrumental in creating the Fruitland Park Horseshoe courts and hosting four sanctioned tournaments at the site during the season. The FSHPA gained several new members because of this effort.

**INDIANA** — In the city of Whiting exists the Whiting Horseshoe Club. A member of that club is 28 year old Dennis Reid, who lives in nearby Bridgeview, Illinois. Dennis has been a member since 1984 but it was 1985 when he last pitched in a sanctioned

tournament, that being the World Tourney in Lafayette. In April of 1986 while driving an ATV in an amateur race, Dennis had an accident and was paralyzed from the waist down. Needless to say, that accident dramatically changed the life of this young man.

One of the things that didn't change was the wedding plans Dennis had with Connie, who became his wife in August 1986. Together they have worked hard to adapt Dennis to the world of the handicapped. While he started pitching at age 15 with his dad Tom, who is also a member of the Whiting Club, Dennis did not pitch for 3 years after his accident. He continued his club membership and would come out to watch but being confined to a wheel chair, he found it difficult to get back into things.

In September of 1990, Dennis joined the Whiting singles league and pitched at 30' from his wheel chair. He averaged 20%. Determined to get better and improve his ability, Dennis purchased a battery Caratte cart which gave him more mobility and freedom to move his arms. In March of this year, Dennis pitched in his first singles tournament from his cart. He averaged 47.5% in an eight man group and won the class. The only complaint heard from fellow pitchers was that he goes too fast in his cart.

Dennis drives 25 miles to the Whiting Club every Tuesday to pitch in league play. He is determined and appreciative of his dad Tom and Art Falgenhauer for the constant encouragement to get back into the game. The Whiting Club has also done their part by building a ramp and having the city set aside a handicapped parking space in front of the club.

Dennis Reid sets an example that many fully able adults would find hard to follow. He loves competition and pitches to physically keep himself fit and mentally active. His horseshoe goal is to be "just average." To him, average is 65%. Dennis works for Chicagoland Quad City Distributors, and hopes to again compete in World Tournament play in Ohio in 1992. The Whiting Horseshoe Club is very proud to have Dennis as a member, as is the NHPA. He is an inspiration to us all.

*(Newsline would like to thank Larry Farris for the information on Dennis.)*

# For A Healthy Pitch

by Debby Michaud

It's getting more and more difficult to be a smoker. Many public places are limiting their smoking areas and all domestic flights are now "smokeless." The Marlboro Man from the fifties has battled cancer and now speaks out against smoking. The athletes and movie stars no longer advertise for cigarettes. The most dramatic change is the increased level of awareness about the dangers of smoking.

Twenty or more years ago it was considered "cool" to light up, suave to light a cigarette for a lady. There was no thought given to the possible dangers of smoking. They were suspected, but very little of the suspected danger was actually proven. The problem is, twenty or more years ago was the time many people picked up the habit, innocently thinking it was OK for them, only to find out that they were, or are, addicted. Now we know for a fact that smoking is detrimental to our lungs, circulatory system, and to our immune systems. You may say, "But I know someone who has smoked for 300 years and he's still alive and well!" There are always exceptions to every rule and those people who have had no problems are indeed blessed by good genes. They are alive and well in spite of their habits, not because of them. For most of us, continuing to smoke is like a slow game of Musical Chairs. Only one of several is still playing the game at the end.

So...some of you may have decided to quit smoking. In fact, some of you may have done it many times! I want to wish you and your family all the patience in the world, I want to wish you all the perseverance AND, I want to give you some help if I can.

It is said that whatever works, WORKS. That means that when you are READY to quit, anything you use to help you quit will probably work. So, the first step is to decide that you DO want to quit. I'm always in favor of writing down lists of positives and negatives. When you really compare a list like that for smoking, you may be surprised. (Be honest, now.) The reasons you WANT to smoke may SEEM more important than the reasons to quit.

Just think about all the things you have written. Carry that list around with you. Imagine yourself without the need to carry those cigarettes and the lighter. Imagine what you can do with the extra money you will have when you no longer buy cigarettes. Actually add up what you would save in a week, or a month, and plan to do something specific with that money as a reward. Think about the possibility that you may taste some delicious foods whose tastes you haven't enjoyed for a long time. Imagine entering your house or car and not smelling stale smoke. In essence, concentrate on the positive things about non-smoking instead of the fears about not smoking that you may have. Those fears are totally normal and you WILL handle them.

Now to the actual quitting. You've probably heard all the routine things written to help people quit smoking, but here they are. Do not buy another pack of cigarettes. Get rid of all of the reminders of cigarettes in your house and car. Clean out, THROW out all the ashtrays. (Or use them to catch water under your potted plants.) Hang around non-smoking friends. Take up a hobby. Chew on straws, etc. Now for some new ideas that may be helpful to you.

1. Drink more water and/or non-caffeinated beverages to actually help flush the nicotine out of your system. Nicotine is a drug and the sooner it is gone from your body, the less actual PHYSICAL need you will have for it.

2. Along that same line, if you exercise more and actually perspire more, you will also flush the nicotine out. Showering more will remove it from your skin. Of course the exercise will also keep you busy and keep your mind off your habit. In addition, you may feel short of breath enough so that you know the smoking has already affected your lungs.

3. Drastically reduce your caffeine intake for several days. In your body the caffeine is broken down by the nicotine. If there is no more nicotine, the effect of the caffeine will be much greater than you have had in a long time. In other words, at a time when you are already climbing the walls, you will be hyperactive from caffeine

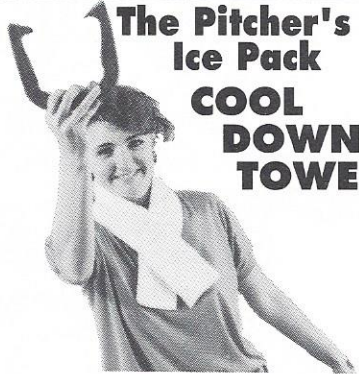
— A DOUBLE WHAMMY! Have your cup of coffee in the morning to avoid that withdrawal headache and then switch to water, juices, any-thing decaffeinated.

4. Remember to take your normal cigarette breaks, but with no cigarette. Take several deep breaths, just as you if you were taking a drag on a cigarette. Reward yourself with these successful, smoke-free breaks.


5. Do something different and relaxing, such as going to a professional massage therapist, listening to soft music such as the sounds of a beach or the songs of the whales, or taking a walk in the woods or on the beach.

I hope this helps you and I wish every one of you who tries to quit smoking all the luck in the world. Don't give up, and even if you have some setbacks, keep trying to quit. Don't feel guilty if you have a setback — remember, it is a drug and it takes time to remove its pull on you. Just quit again. It gets easier each time, I'm told. *Best Wishes!*

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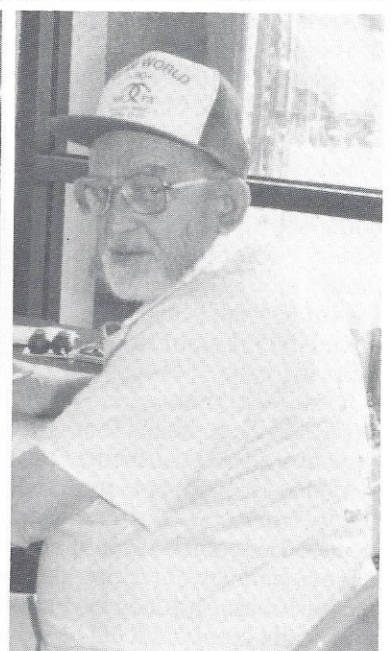
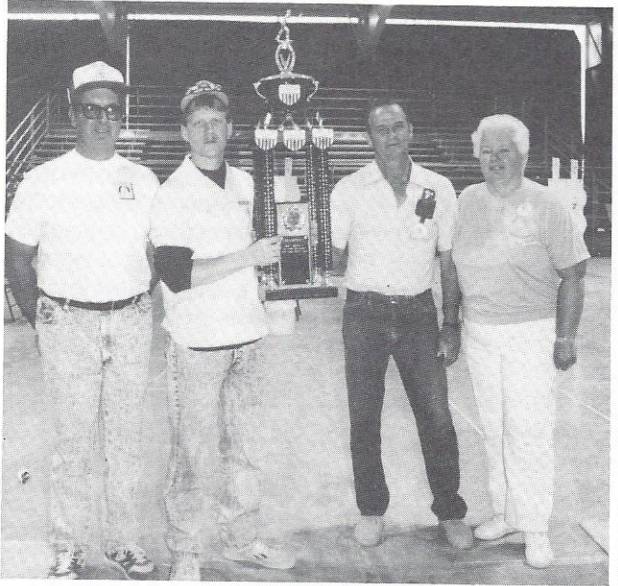
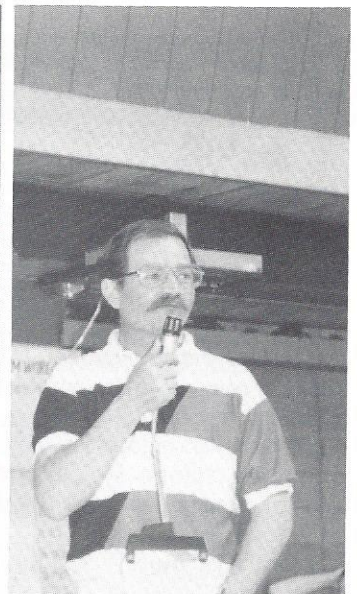
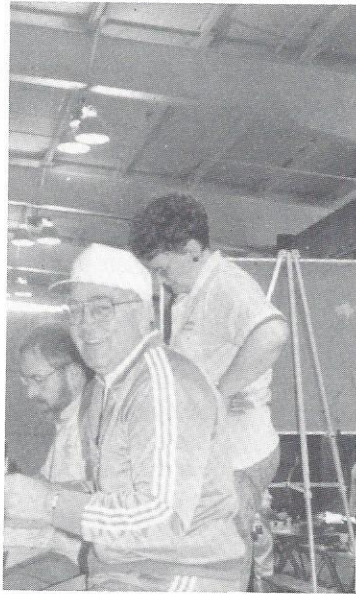


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**Team World '91**



by Jim Haupt

Wisconsin Sports Authority, a sports promotion organization, has made arrangements for an expense paid visit to Washington D.C. and an audience with the President for the four members of the Missouri team. Michael Cooper, President of Wisconsin Sports Authority, made the announcement in concluding the award ceremony.

Wisconsin Governor, Tommy G. Thompson, will accompany the Team when the date has been established.

Missouri team organizer, Charlie Killgore, found enough willing pitchers that he was able to build two teams.

Ken Pogue and Sam Carter are former state champions. Stan Griggs, although a fine aggressive pitcher, was described as merely an up and coming top class pitcher. (Mr. UP-AND-COMING had 2nd high percentage for men.) Vicki Winston, who led the team, has won the World ten times.

Together they amassed 63 wins in 76 games while pitching a touch over 70%. Each of them won near 16 games. Only five other players won 16 or more games.

Don Kangas, Wisconsin won 16. Bev Nathe, Minnesota and Charlie Meredith, Kentucky, won 17 times. Phyllis Negaard, Minnesota and Sue Snyder, Indiana, topped the list with just one loss, each winning 18 games.

In earning their trip to the White House, it took Missouri only one final match at the top of the ladder to close it out. The road to the final four began three days earlier.

The big ice-hockey arena at Beloit, Wisconsin, Telfer Park, was set up with 24 courts (4 juniors) by the industrious and enterprising Beloit Horseshoe Club. Teams from eight states/provinces began to arrive Thursday, the day before Team World '91.

Noon Friday, April 26th, when the matches were to begin, two teams were missing, probably due to misinformation on start time. The #2 team of Wisconsin and California, sensing the dilemma, graciously volunteered to switch. Numbers changed, scorekeepers in place and only a little late, the tournament began.

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four. Each were designated as a color group. Five sets of colored score sheets, corresponding to court color, were being turned in after each match. Officials had no trouble matching teams, players and courts. It was the single most important improvement instituted this year.

Nineteen of twenty scheduled teams (and a pacer) pitched two and a half days in relaxed style. The competition was keen as always. Game wins were significant. But the extra half day made the time spent more enjoyable — no more than five games running and only nine games on Saturday.

Team World included a Junior Exhibition Class also playing on Saturday. Six players formed three teams matched high-low and combined their count-all scores. Ronnie Meredith (69.5%) and Brad Lokken (7.0%) placed third. Mark Mauthe (67.0%) and Heather Sternberg (19.0%) were runner-ups. Jason Goldsmith (48.5%) and Heidi Sternberg (41.0%) put it together for the win and a pair of classy trophies. Meredith came along with the Kentucky team and the others were all Wisconsin juniors.

Sunday morning possible ladder teams became more apparent. The first session decided the top three ladder seeds. The last pre-lim session had a bunch of teams looking for that last spot, #7, which would extend their competition.

Three teams, Missouri #1, Minnesota #1 and Indiana had a lock on the three protected spots on the ladder. The #4 position would be determined by an elimination pitch-off of the next four teams. When the smoke cleared, California had been able to hang on to #7. Wisconsin #1 was knocked down to #6. Illinois #1 and Kentucky took over #5 and #4 respectively.

There was a short break to figure percentages. The final games had to be paired head to head — in percentage order.

When the prelude to the ladder began, spectators cheered the first introductions of the tournament. It was an electric moment. Normally stoic, the pitchers themselves seemed eager.

The four team elimination reversed the positions of Illinois and California.

Wisconsin remained the same and Kentucky held on to the #4 spot to start the ladder.

Indiana, defending champs, tied with Kentucky in the initial match 2-2. Point totals favored Kentucky by 17. Minnesota then suffered the same fate. This time it was Kentucky by 8 points. Some thought Kentucky would go all the way. The "Show-Me" people weren't thinking that way. Missouri left no doubt winning the title match three games to one.

Earl Paulson, secretary of the Beloit Horseshoe Club spoke for many, "This (tournament) is our "Field of Dreams" only it is not a fantasy. It's a reality..." He is right on. It is real.

On the Team World Committee, Chairman Tom Roanhouse, Suzie Pritzlaff, Jim Haupt, John and Sandy Secord, Howie Voiles, Norm Beckius, Earl Paulson and Statistician, Ralph Dykes.

Eight corporate sponsors added depth to the prize money — \$4200.

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Seventh place paid \$100; sixth \$200; fifth \$300; fourth \$400; third \$500; second \$900; and the winners received \$1800.

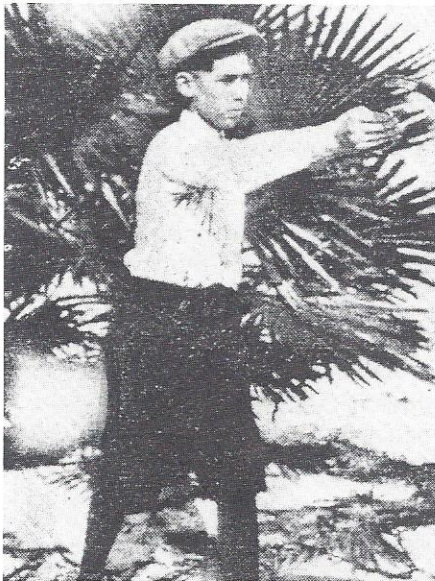
*(The above is a reprint as it appeared in the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter.)*

# NHPA Hall of Fame Report

by Earl Winston

The NHPA Hall of Fame was organized in 1965 in Murray, Utah and in 1966 seven charter members were officially inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Since that time there has been some kind of induction ceremony held each year during the course of the World Tournament. Sometimes as few as two people, sometimes as many as five people have been honored for their special contributions to the sport.

This year the committee voted in a record number of six persons to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Most are persons who are being honored posthumously for accomplishments in the early years of our sport. Only two of our inductees are of a more modern era and one is a name that will be very familiar to all readers of *Newsline*. Both of these gentlemen are still living, but only one will be able to attend the ceremony in Biloxi. It gives me great pleasure to introduce the six newest members of the NHPA Hall of Fame.



**HAROLD FALOR** — Akron, Ohio

Harold was a 15 year old school boy when he entered his first World Tournament in February 1923 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Pitching against such greats as Frank Jackson, C.C. Davis and Frank Lundin (all now Hall of Famers) Harold never lost a game and became the youngest Men's World Champion. To make this accomplishment even more remarkable is the fact that stakes

were only 10" tall and horseshoes had no hooks. Although Harold's winning ringer percentage was 55%, he did pitch one game of 75% during the tournament.

Harold's parents wanted him to pursue an education, so he never entered another World Tournament until 1928. However, he will always be remembered for what he accomplished on his very first try.

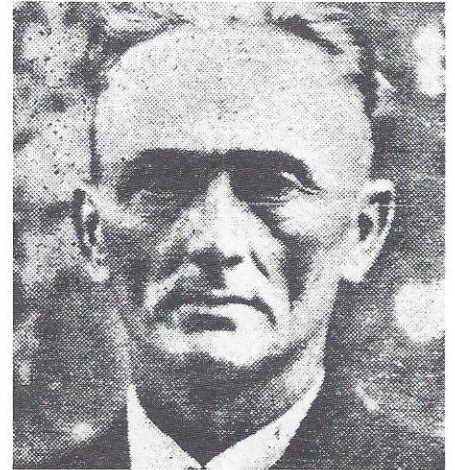


**MRS. GEORGE BROUILLETTE** - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mrs. Brouillette entered ten consecutive World Tournaments in the middle and late 1920s. I might point out that there were several years during this period when there was a summer and a winter World Tournament held each year. This lady was able to win two consecutive World Championships, plus finishing second in another, during the time when Mayme Francisco and Mrs. C.A. Lanham were in their prime and were garnering eleven titles between the two of them. Keep in mind the shortness of the stakes and horseshoes without hooks, yet these ladies were averaging above 60% at times. Old photos also show them wearing long skirts as pitching attire. Mrs. Brouillette was certainly one of the "Big 3" of her day.

**L.E. TANNER** - Anchor, Illinois

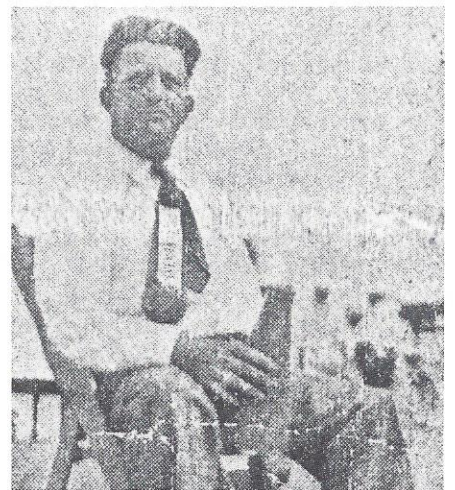
Mr. Tanner was a farmer from central Illinois who was elected vice president of the NHPA in 1933. The last World Tournament had been held in Florida in 1929. Mr. Tanner helped promote a 1933 World Tournament in Chicago in conjunction with an exposition called "A Century



of Progress."

At the next NHPA convention, Mr. Tanner was elected president and was instrumental in seeing that the NHPA Constitution and By-Laws were properly enforced. He seemed to be a stickler for following the rules and made all others do the same.

The 1935 World Tournament was held in the city of Moline, Illinois. Before his death Ted Allen shared with me several times how hard the depression years were on fund raising for a World Tournament and how Mr. Tanner had made up the lack of funds out of his personal account. Mr. Tanner was certainly an avid horseshoe promoter and leader of his time.



**JACK CLAVES** - St. Louis, Missouri

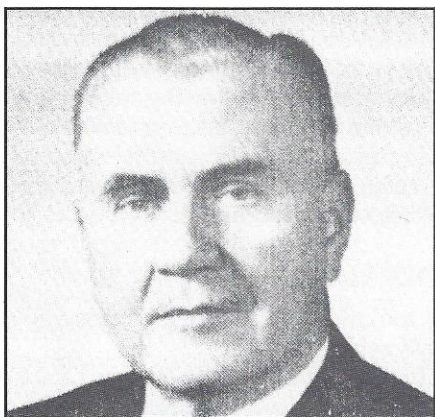
Jack was a horseshoe promoter from the early 1930s until his death in 1946. More than once he had Fernando Isais and Ted Allen stop in the St. Louis area for shows and pitching exhibitions. He ran the St. Louis

Municipal Horseshoe League for many years. As an occupation Jack was caretaker of a large cemetery called Sunset Burial Park. He coined the popular phrase we all now use as "4-Dead" when he used to say, "four dead for Sunset Park."

Jack seemed to be in demand as an after dinner speaker and did a lot of mike work at exhibitions and during World Tournaments. In the early 1930s he took over the management of the Missouri State Championships, held at the fairgrounds in Sedalia. World Champion C.C. Davis had won the state title in 1934 and 1935. Mr. Claves then barred all national or ex-national champions for his state title competition so entries would increase, which they did.

After declining the NHPA presidency in 1935, Jack was elected vice president of the NHPA in 1939. At that same convention, a LeRoy Page was elected president. It was later learned that Mr. Page was not even a member of the NHPA, so Jack Claves served as President of the NHPA until the 1940 convention.

Although Jack was a fair horseshoe pitcher, averaging 45-50%, he will be remembered most for his speaking and organizational abilities.



**PAUL ROSE** - Salt Lake City, Utah

Most of you reading this article will never have heard of Paul Rose. If you will look in a record book and review all of the years the World Tournament was held in Murray, Utah, when no one else wanted the tournament, this is the man who saved the day. After Arch Stokes was able to interest the community in the idea of hosting a tournament, it was Paul Rose who saw to it the NHPA was given the

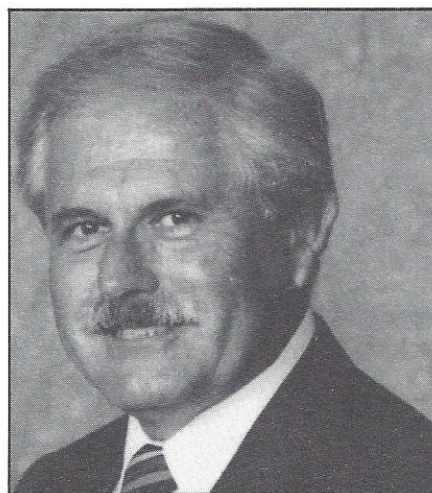
invitation and the funds to return year after year.

At that time, Mr. Rose was Director of the Salt Lake County Recreation Department and resided in Murray. All funds given to the NHPA for prize money came from the coffers of the County Recreation Department. Without the support and interest in horseshoe pitching from this one individual, the World Tournament would have been left floundering.

Paul Rose is a man with an athletic background, having coached at the high school and college level. He was also recognized throughout the Intermountain area as a football and basketball official. Although he was involved with many sports, he was quoted as saying that horseshoe pitching was one sport he never mastered.

Paul is still living and resides in Salt Lake City. I spoke with him on the phone advising him of the honor to be bestowed on him and he was delighted to be remembered. He called me back a few days later and said that he was sorry but he would not be able to make the ceremony in Biloxi. He is recuperating from open heart surgery and is nearing nine decades in age. He felt that the trip would be more than he could handle.

Along with the late Arch Stokes, the NHPA is indebted to this man for seeing us through some mighty lean years.



**DAVE LOUCKS** - Grass Valley, CA

This man is no stranger and makes his way to the Hall of Fame in the player/organizer category. It would

take an entire issue of *Newsline* to list his accomplishments, so I will only try to give a few.

Dave started pitching in World Tournaments in 1951 as a junior, winning that year and the next two. His total record was 29-0 and a 60% average. Dave came back on the World Tournament scene in 1985. He made the B Finals and in 1986 won Class B. Since then he has made A Finals and the Championship Class. He has been one of the higher average pitchers in California and in 1989 had some tournaments over 70%. This is outstanding considering the pressures and responsibilities of his NHPA positions, not to mention the rigors of trying to maintain his own business.

After terms of state office and a stint as NHPA Statistician and Historian, Dave was elected NHPA President at the 1985 Convention. Just some of the things he has done for the NHPA are as follows: Formulated patch system for perfect games; brought the first \$40,000 World Tournament bid; resolved IRS tax problems and got over \$13,000 of NHPA money returned; computerized four key NHPA offices; developed a proxy vote system that was approved; revised method of play and rewrote World Tournament and Regional contracts; investigated and formulated the Liability Insurance Program; formed an NHPA Rules Committee; co-ordinated the activity that brought top pitchers to the White House and a meeting with President and Mrs. Bush; and last, but not least, undertook the task of formulating a new NHPA magazine which necessitated his becoming editor.

In 1988, Dave received the coveted Stokes Award. It is only fitting that he should also become a part of the Hall of Fame, for all he has done and all he continues to do for the NHPA. Dave, our congratulations and our thanks.

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# Charter Chatter



Keep those news items coming. Be a part of *Charter Chatter*. If you are publishing a newsletter and wish some of this news to appear in "Chatter" it is important that first names of the class winners be sent.

In the most recent issue of the Newsletter from the Wolverine State — *Ringer Report*, it included members of their Hall of Fame and State Champions for the men, women, junior boys and junior girls. Plus state records in all categories. "Chatter" would graciously receive this same information from all charters. Items in these records make for interesting news for this column.

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

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Otis Hubbard and Jack Fravel have been appointed to serve on the NCHPA Hall of Fame Committee. Stu Snyder has been appointed historian.

Committee vote approved a proposal by Snyder to name the Northern Library, housed at the San Jose courts, *The Don Titcomb Library — History of Horseshoe Pitching in Northern California*. Formal dedication will be made on July 4 in San Jose.

Don has been promoting horseshoes for many years with his instruction and clinic. It is his fondest hope that someday the work he has been doing will be nationwide, with each charter making the supreme sacrifice to obtain new members and furnish competent instruction for beginners and veterans alike.

Bill McNally for pitching excellence and Bill and Marguerite Henry for horseshoe promotion were elected to the NCHPA Hall of Fame for 1990.

## COLORADO

The 1991 Ted Allen Memorial Tournament was held on the new 12-court facility at Edgewater, Colorado. Financed by lottery money and located in a city park, the courts feature a steel bubble type cover for all the courts. They can be locked to reduce vandalism when not in use.

Each year the pitchers in the state participate in what they call the "Four Dead" bowling tournament. It is a family type, handicap tournament with over 50 bowlers participating.

1990 State Champions, Rich Pintor and Virginia Sandoval started the summer season with victories. Virginia won the Tax Day Open (7-1, 62.5) and the Happy Mex went undefeated (7-0, 66.0) to win the 4-Leaf Clover Open. Both tournaments were held at the indoor Pitching Post in Commerce City.

## IDAHO

The state's newsletter, edited by Jim McCue is in the second year of publication. A committee, chaired by Don Heidt, plus Warren Stutzman and McCue have been asked by state President Lyle Anderson from Idaho Falls to come up with some way to finance the publication. Members have voted on a \$2 dues increase to cover the expenses of *Four Dead*. Results were not available at press time.

Other officers in the state are Gary Kollman, Nampa, vice president; Stutzman is the secretary-treasurer and Marjorie Chapin, Twin Falls, is the statistician.

The Silver Valley Club of Kellog is the only club in the state that has league play.

## ILLINOIS

Art Felgenhauer is retiring as the NHPA Regional Director. Dave Shreve, who is retiring from the presidency of the ILSHPA, has volunteered to take the RD job.

Shreve presented the 1990 Henry Franke Award to Edmund H. and Esther Echart in honor of their long devotion and work to promote the game of horseshoes.

George Manker was the winner of the March 23-24 Pocahontas Open. Bay Price won Class B, Earl Reid took the Class C title, Vic Long won Class D, Dan Booher "E", Michelle Thornton "F" Manker finished third behind Jerry Dumstorff and Dennis Griesbaum in Class A of the February Pocahontas Open.

Cliff Baker, who is listed high for the World at Biloxi, posted an 82.5% to win the Bryant's Spring Fling.

## IOWA

On April 17, 1991 the Hardin County Fair Board voted its approval to order a 70' wide, 120' long All Steel insulated building with breezeway, lobby and rest rooms with space available for nine horseshoe courts. Synthetic clay will be used. This is the first of its kind in Iowa.

Members of the Eldora Horseshoe Club of Central Iowa, the city of Eldora and the Hardin County Fair Board have been working and planning the construction of the indoor facility since the Fall of 1977.

This will truly be an asset for the state and midwest horseshoe pitchers. A ground breaking ceremony was scheduled for May 1 at the Fairgrounds for the facility to be known as the Putt Mossman Horseshoe Arena, in honor of the former World Champion. A dedication will be planned upon completion. Members and friends have contributed a total of \$30,000 toward this arena.

## LOUISIANA

The state newsletter is looking for a name. I suppose by press time they will have selected one.

Some of the names submitted were *LSHPA Update*, *Court Report*, *LSHPA Gazette*, *LSHPA Clay and Sand News*, *LSHPA Court Chatter*, *LSHPA News Update*, *LSHPA Reporter*, *LSHPA Pitcher's Digest*, *Pegs*, *Pits and Pitchers Press*.

WANTED: (Printed in Volume 1 of the Louisiana Newsletter) A horseshoe who is not too wild or burrish, has a smooth technique and rings with great aim. Right shoe will find a good time mixing it up in the pit. This horseshoe is looking for a deep meaningful relationship for the right person and pegs all of its hopes on personality and skill.

## MICHIGAN

The Michigan Hall of Fame for the men lists five charter members — Joe Latzko, Flint; Charlie Lundgren, Detroit;

Bob Hitt, Plymouth; Lee Jacobs, Belleville; and Jonas Otto, Ann Arbor. Of this quintet elected in 1967, Jacobs is still pitching in World Tournaments.

Joe Latzko spanned the years as champion from his first in 1929 as a youngster, to his final title in 1954. He won 13 championships. Lee Jacobs has won three, spread out in the years 1934, 1944 and 1955.

The 1990 Hall of Fame selections were Robert (Ossie) Williams and Sue Williams from Cement City and Oscar Hope from Lansing.

In the list of State Champions we find a goodly share of Smiths. Roy Smith from Muskegon won 12 for the men, Dorothy Smith of Muskegon won two ladies titles, Sandy Smith of Saline won three.

In Junior circles, Tommy Smith took three, (also a Muskegon product of good coaching), Fred Smith, Jr. of Dimondale won four straight, and Jim Smith and Carl, both of Muskegon won 2 and 1 respectively.

That's not all!! In 1967 Linda Smith (you guessed it — Muskegon) won the first Girls Championship and Peggy Smith, from the same place, took the next two.

Now one wonders if they are all related — I guess, YES!

## MINNESOTA

In the April 1991 issue of their *Ringer Digest*, the editor picked up a column by Colorado's Secretary, Russ Bartle, entitled *Sponsor a Junior Pitcher*. One of the problems with the juniors is transportation to and from tournaments. If their parents cannot do this, adult pitchers could take the juniors under their wings, furnish some instruction and transportation...Maybe let the parents furnish the entry fees. They should, at least, be able to do this.

Tim Ahles of Maplewood was the top bowler in the tournament for horseshoe pitchers. He shot games of 222, 223, and 169 for a scratch total of 614, plus handicap of 85 for a 699 grand figure.

## MISSOURI

Missouri won the Team World Tournament going away. Not only did they win the trophy and the cash, but they will be guests of President Bush at the White House. Maybe someday our World Single Champions will go to D.C.

The four members of the team were former State Champions, Ken Pogue and Sam Carter, Stan Griggs, who had the 2nd high percentage for all the men, and Ten-Time World Champion Vicki Winston, the leader of the team. The team amassed 63 wins in 76 games while pitching over 70%. Each member won near 16 games. 1st place prize money was \$1800.

## NEW JERSEY

World Class pitcher Bill MacIntyre was elected into the New Jersey Hall of Fame. Bill is from Somerville and has competed in three World Tournaments finishing as high as 12th, and has defeated several World Champs.

Bill Kolb and Larry Thomason won the Sportsmanship Award for their courteous and professional conduct on the courts. Sonny Durando was the first to have his name engraved on the traveling plaque as "Player of the Year." It is awarded for outstanding tournament pitching during the past year and was based on the point system format devised by the Association.

The award for "Most Improved Pitcher" went to Ray Smith, who increased his average percentage by more than 5%.

## NORTH CAROLINA

What is believed to be the longest name for a tournament in NHPA sanctioned events is the "North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society Horseshoe Tournament."

Now that we have completed the formalities, let's announce that newsletter editor Paul Stewart won the Championship class with a 7-1 record and 70.2 percentage. Paul is from Statesville, host city for the 1979 and 1983 World Tournaments. He shot an even 80% game to defeat B.J. Thomas of Troy in a playoff game.

Jake Hoff, Fayetteville, won Class A, Ken King, Randleman, took the Class B crown and Beck Brown of Eden was the Women's Championship winner.

California's Walter Ray Williams, Jr. won the Dogwood Festival Championship Class with a perfect 11-0 record and 85.2%. He was followed in the standings by three other World Class pitchers — Oscar Manns, Ohio; Eldon Sarbaugh, Ohio; and Ron Powell, Kentucky.

## OHIO

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. from Stockton, California posted a 7-0, 77.5 record to win the Class A division of the 9th Annual March Open Tournament at Hickory Lake Inn, Newbury.

Williams and Mike DiMartino of Churchville, New York, both pitched 35 out of 40 for 87.5% games for the high efforts of the tournament. Mike had the high tournament ringer percentage of 78.2 to finish second in the event.

Approximately \$3800 was given in prize money, obtained through entries and by the pitchers selling advertisements for the annual book plus sale of raffle tickets.

## OREGON

Lowell Davis of Creswell totaled 230 points to lead all pitchers in tournament placement standings. Points are based on 25 for a first, 15 for second and 10 for third. Second highest in points is David Brown 165, O.D. Loy 145, Ben Wiedrich 140, Chet Sergeant 135, Betty Tatchio 120, Marge McLeod 120, Jerry Gorton 110, David Gorton 105, and LaVerne Ewing 105 to complete the top ten.

Thirteen pitchers have finished first, second or third, at least, ten times total over the last two years (1989 & 1990). Davis 22, Wiedrich 16, Jerry Gorton 14, Loy 12, Tatchio 12, McLeod 11, Loanne Loy 11, Bob Wendling 10, Marv Tatchio 10, Brown 10 and Len Christianson 10.

## TEXAS

The Ed McFarland Open on April 20 at Houston found Art Geyer going 7-0 with 55.7 to take Class A. John Williamson 6-1, 47.4 won Class B and Weldon Flanakin took "C" with 6-1, 37.0.

In other men's action Henry Carmichael won Class D with 7-0, 27.3; Dennis Withrow won Class E and John Humphries captured Class F. The Class A winner for the women was Celeste Polak, 7-0 and 63.7. Pat Flanakin won Class B and Janet Harrison won Class C. The Junior Class A winner was Robin Beseda.

Will Wade won the Men's Class A and Mary Zander copped the Women's Class A in the Bryan Open.

## NORTHERN UTAH

The NUHPA's 1991 season opened April 20 with its first tournament of the year — The American Fork Ice Breaker with Phill Jensen and Gary Wood as tournament directors.

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Class winners were Bruce Crane, 5-0, in Class A; Richard Buchanan, 5-0, Class B; Robert Berger, 5-0 (C); Barbara Purser, 5-0 (D); George Allgood, 5-0 (E); Veda Berger, 3-1 (F).

1991 officers are as follows: Gary Wood, President; Robert Morley, Vice President North; Jim Padgett, Vice President Central; George Allgood, Vice President South; Chris Olson, Women's Representative; Joanne Shelton, Secretary; Bill Shelton, Treasurer; Tito Archuleta, Junior Director; Bud Schardine, Regional Director, and Jack Raymond and Gary Wood, Assistant Regional Directors.

## SOUTHERN UTAH

Top percentages from last year have been announced as follows: John Bracken 67.2; Lorin Condie 63.4; Lee Jones 59.3; G.C. Dodds 55.4; Shirley Steffen 55.2; J.J. Steffen 52.5; Evan Irvine 52.4; Dennis Ohms 51.5; L.D. Aldredge 50.5; and Cal Sorenson 50.4.

The top five Juniors are Gabe Ohms 45.7; Jake Ashcraft 23.4; Jennifer Sorensen 22.8; Belinda Bundy 20.3; and Seth Ohms 18.1.

The All-Time money winners in the list published in January 1991 lists Dennis Ohms on top with a total of \$981.07. In second place is Glen McAllister \$750.84 followed by Lorin Condie \$724.34, L.D. Aldredge \$681.08; John Bracken \$667.03; Cal Sorensen \$611.37, Nober Zuniga \$610.62; J.J. Steffen \$590.30; G.C. Dodds \$512.76; and Shirley Steffen \$511.42. Wait until the IRS sees these figures.

## VIRGINIA

The Tidewater Horseshoe Club of Virginia Beach has published Issue Number 1 and has hosted its first Sanc-

tioned Tournament for 1991. The inside pages of the four-page newsletter are in full color, possibly a first for our sport's publicity people.

Linwood Conners, Jr. bested World Class pitcher Alvin Perry in a playoff to win the John Shaw Open to start off the season. The senior Conners was third — good coaching, Dad. Junior had 75.4, Perry 72.3 and Senior 70.6.

Other class winners were Charles Collier (7-0, 55.4) in Class B; Phil Teter (4-1, 27.8) in Class C; John Bunn (5-0, 35.6) in "D"; and Jerry Shifflet, Jr. (5-0, 27.0) in "E."

Charles (Curley) Martin was selected "Pitcher of the Month" by the club. His hard work and enthusiasm for horseshoe pitching has been greatly appreciated by the members. Curley is president of the Tidewater group.

## WASHINGTON

Peter Clark battled Art Sperber down to the wire before taking first in the Class A division of the Skagit County Open in April. Clark closed with a tournament high 73.13 ringer percentage. High high game was 79.16.

Don Naas won in Class B with Ray Mohre taking C, El Day winning D, George Fraiser copping E and Glen Titchenal winning in Class F.

Officers for this year are as follows: Vey Allen, president from Benton City; Ed Tveden, Olympia, 1st vice president; Alice Rehard, Spokane, 2nd vice president; Larry Lowitz, Seattle, 3rd vice president; Bobby Thorniley, Nordland, treasurer; Pat Quinn, Kennewick, secretary; and Jim Quist, Ferndale Terrace, statistician. Art Sperber, Bremerton, is in charge of promotions.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Rick Cale of Masontown, PA and Charles Bunner of Fairmont, WV and member of the Tri-County Horseshoe Club posted undefeated records in the Valentine Open at the Fayette County Horseshoe Pitchers Association in Uniotown February 24.

Cale recorded a 5-0 mark in Class A while compiling a 69% ringer average. Bunner in Class B-1, was 7-0 with a 52.9 percentage.

The first indoor tournament in Marion County and possibly the state sanctioned by NHPA was held in February at the County YMCA. Ken Stottlemire of Fairmont won Class B and Lee Kerens topped the Class C pitchers. Don Swain of Berkley Springs won the Class A title. His 58.8 percent figure was high for the tournament.

Charles Bunner of Fairmont, who has furnished the NHPA Publicity Committee with more clippings than anyone in NHPA, must have a relative on the local newspaper staff, or he is the Sports Editor. Charles has done a super job.

## WISCONSIN

Officers in the WHPA are Richard Hansen, president; Jane Smith, 1st vice president; Curt Bestul, 2nd vice president; John Secord, Secretary/Treasurer. Ann Opsteen is the Hall of Fame chairman, Lorraine Sternberg is the junior program director and Susie Pritzlaff is the editor-publisher of the Wisconsin horseshoe newsletter.

Eighty-two year old Ray Hill of Wakefield, Michigan was the top entry in the Royal Wood in April. His smooth, seemingly effortless style is a picture of near perfection, an inspiration to pitchers of any age. Perhaps the ringers were not as prevalent as in his World Title (1987) victory, but his laid-back style is still there and still from 40 feet.

## PUZZLE

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# Regional Director's Report

by Gary K. Minnick

We have some Regional Directors not reporting activity in their areas for all of 1990. Also for the first 5 months of 1991, no reports were received from them. They are regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 21, 24, 25, 28, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 & 50. Surely there are things going on we all need to know about. Please send in your quarterly reports in a timely manner. If no reports are received within the next 2 or 3 months, a letter will be sent to the Charter Officers of your respective regions inquiring of your activities within the charters.

**Sue Johnson** from **Arizona** reports that the Arizona State Tournament was held on April 6 in Mesa, AZ. Men's Champion was again Nathan Williams. Women's Champion was again Virginia Chalberg. Gary Minnick Jr. is the new Boy's Champion and Herb Burdette is the over 70, 30 ft. Champion. Congratulations to all.

The Yuma Charter has added 4 sanctioned tournaments in their 1991-92 schedule and will host the 1st Annual Silver Bullet Jacket Tournament in March 1992 with \$1,000.00 in prize money. Most of Yuma's prizes for the 1991-92 tournaments will be NHPA Game Related Sales. (What a good idea!)

**John Wilson** from **Louisiana** reports that the Shreveport Double Ringers have put up lights to cover 6 of their 10 courts at the UAW Hall. These courts will be the site of the 1991 LSHPA State Championships. The Harahan HPA have received an affirmative vote from the Mayor and Playground Director for 3 more courts to bring their total to 12, 10 of which will be lighted. The LSHPA has already scheduled 22 sanctioned tournaments for 1991 and expects to add more. (The LSHPA newslines is an excellent publication.)

**Hal Mineer** from **New Mexico**

reported on the Deming, NM Golden Ringers Horseshoe Club hosting the Fifth Annual Golden Ringer Winter Horseshoe Tournament at the Luna County Courthouse Park. Morris Homme from Missoula, Montana got an award for traveling the furthest to the tournament. He also won the Class A Singles Championship. Orville Smith was a repeat winner of the "Oldest Pitcher Award" at 79 years young.

**Bud Schardine** from **Utah** reports that Northern Utah is setting aside one day in their schedule for Juniors only to try to get Juniors interested. It will be a free day for them with prizes. They will each have a sponsor who will furnish their shoes and feed them. It ought to be a fun day. Good luck with it.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of the Regional Directors in Mississippi. Let's try to have a super time and a good, productive meeting.

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# Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

It would seem that the conversion to "full" NHPA membership in the CL/LG program is becoming a pleasant surprise to some who were, in the beginning, just a little skeptical. I, for one, am very pleased so far with the number of new 1991 sanctions and extremely proud of all the previous sanction clubs/leagues, some fairly large, who have adopted and accepted the full NHPA membership ruling. I would like for all of the officers, directors and members who worked to make this change to know how important and appreciated they all are.

A full, complete, annual membership report is still mandatory to validate your sanction for each year, even more so now than before the full NHPA membership requirement. The current years' NHPA card numbers must be on the membership rosters. If you send the CL/LG roster form to your state Sec./Treas., asking them to issue cards, fill out the form and then send the white copy to me. You should also ask that they return the pink copy to you and retain the canary copy for their records. If you do not receive your copy back in a week or so, you should do a follow-up as chances are I will not have received my copy either. That would mean your club's sanction has not

been activated for the current year, making your sanction null and void, until I have received the roster, listing all members and all card numbers. Some states may ask that you pay the postage for this small favor, which really should not be, as they will be receiving the revenue from perhaps several new members and paying postage back to you and to me would seem the least they could do for their charter's growth and this program.

If you fill out the roster and send it direct to me, please make sure that you list all current full NHPA card numbers for every member on the roster. Any person listed without their card number will not be considered or counted as a member of your CL/LG and therefore will not be eligible for any awards provided by this program.

I would now like to see all of the charters that will, no doubt, benefit from an increase in their state's membership, give some serious consideration towards doing something on the state level for these clubs. This program has always been called the "NHPA and State Sanctioned Club/League Program." Yet, to my knowledge, the majority of states have never contributed any awards, recognition or support to the program.

Perhaps they could now start doing so in some way.

1. By holding a statewide, team championship tournament for sanctioned CL/LG members only, with the state association supplying the awards.
2. Allowing a 400 shoe minimum shoes pitched league average to count as one of their state tournament entering averages requirement, in place of one sanctioned tournament. This would help some that are unable to travel very far reach their state's requirements and possibly increase the entries in state championship tournneys. This is already allowed in some states and for world tournament entry.
3. Give each member of a sanctioned CL/LG a discount on their state entry fee and/or other state run tournaments.
4. Give them a one dollar discount on their state dues.
5. Give an award of recognition to the club in your state that contributed the largest number of new members to your charter.

These are only suggestions and I am sure there are other ways in which charters could reward this welcome growth to their associations, which might even be enough to allow them another delegate in convention. If your charter shows even a ten percent increase in total members, they can afford to show their appreciation in some way.

The 1991 World will probably be in full swing by the time some of you receive this issue, supported by a nice number of entries, even with it being in the south for two years in a row. This is called "Dedication."

As you know, this is the year I am up for re-election as your NHPA 3rd V.P. and National Sanctioned CL/LG Director. Regardless of which way it turns out, it has and/or will continue to be, my pleasure to serve you all to the best of my ability, in both positions, and that I will always remain

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# NHPA Insurance: *Questions and Answers* by Bonnie Seibold

**Question:** Can you please send me any information in horseshoe pitcher terms regarding the insurance coverage we have by sanctioning our club fully. This is our fourth year as a sanctioned club, however, some of the wording on the insurance papers we have are not too clear.

Who is really covered? Is a pitcher covered? Is just a spectator covered? "Participant vs participant excepted." Does this mean the pitcher is not covered? Please clarify for me so I can post for the pitchers in our club.

**Answer:** A pitcher, himself, is not covered, while a participant, against personal injury. For example: If you and I were playing a game and a pitcher on the next court throws a wild shoe and hits you and breaks your leg, you are not covered because you are a participant. The insurance protects you if you, as a participant, throw a horseshoe and, for example, it hits a spectator or damages a parked car and that person sues you,

then the insurance covers you in that way up to \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

**Question:** Does the NHPA Insurance cover courts and the people pitching in the tournament if no fence exists?

**Answer:** If there is no fence around the courts, you would need to rope the pitching area off some way so spectators cannot just walk through the court area. Also, this would distinguish the court area from the spectator area.

**Question:** If a Canadian pitches in one of our sanctioned tournaments and he injures a spectator, is he or are we covered by our NHPA insurance?

**Answer:** If it's a sanctioned event, the participants would either be required to have an NHPA card or a Canadian card from his/her Canadian Providence. We honor the Canadian National Card in the United States and they in turn honor

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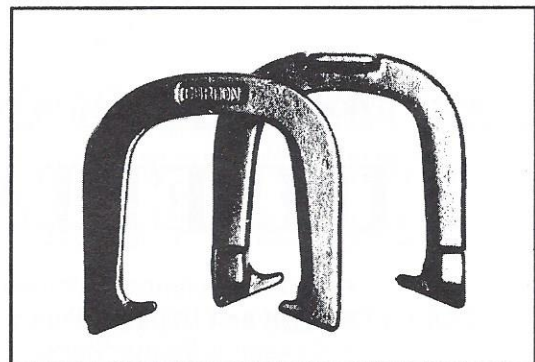
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# Ringers Hit The Peg

by Donnie Roberts

A horseshoe won't be a ringer unless it hits the peg (smile). Having made that profound observation, I will discuss some possible ideas that may help you hit the peg.

When you stand on the platform getting ready to pitch, it is a good idea to face squarely toward the peg at the other end. Odds are this will be wise. Face squarely your target.

Most everyone brings the shoe up in front of them before they pitch it. It is a good idea to bring the shoe forward in line with the peg you are pitching toward. Bring the shoe down in line with your target peg and as you pitch bring your arm up the target peg. With all three of these arm motions lined up with your target peg, you should be in line.

When you take your step, step toward your target peg. There is no

logic to stepping toward court 3 if you are pitching on court 1.

Having a good follow-through should improve your alignment. Other errors in your delivery may well be corrected by a good follow-through.

You aren't likely to hit the peg if you fail to look at it. During your delivery you should look at a spot on your target peg. Never take your eye off the target until you have let go of the shoe. I suggest a target 4 to 6 inches up on the peg.

These are easy ways to improve your ability to hit the peg. The thing that will help you hit it most often is a lot of practice.

One thing to be aware of is that many of you think that you have missed the peg on many shoes that in fact were just not open.

## A Publisher's Nightmare!

Have you ever written a paper for a class in school or work and you have proofread the paper over and over and even had another person read it too, only to find that you still had a misspelled word. That's a nightmare and it does happen.

We read each thing that comes through the computer at least three times and the computer even does it once and still we have some mistakes.

We found this poem in the recent issue of the *Oklahoma Publisher* and thought you might enjoy it too.

### Ode to the Typographical Error

*The typographical error is a slippery  
thing and sly;  
You can hunt 'til you are dizzy, but it  
somehow will get by.  
Until the forms are on the press, it is  
strange how still it keeps,  
It shrinks down in a corner, and it  
never stirs or peeps —  
That typographical error, too small for  
human eyes —  
Until the ink is on the paper, when it  
grows to mountain size.  
The boss, he stares with horror, then he  
grabs his hair and groans;  
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# Pitch Horseshoes For Fun

by Stewart Snyder

Make horseshoe pitching a fun game; have a good time among old friends and new opponents; win or lose!

Championships are settled in play but once a year, hence, at all other tournaments strict discipline could be forsaken; would not be amiss to expect some respectable horseplay both on court and among onlookers. Can it be that "Run of the Mill" horseshoe pitching has outgrown its staid stand for sake of freedom of expression, 20th century style? However, win is the name of the game and interference with a pitcher in action would not be cricket.

Let new pitchers know this is a fun game, not recreation for old stodges, and new interest will absorb their attention; they'll be back again and again! One who keeps coming back was heard to say with animated expression, "Win or lose, I don't care; I'm interested in my percentage."

Yeah, let's put excitement into the game! "Good shot, Joe," (Lots of Joes pitch horseshoes), "How'd you do it?" — "Oh, I don't know, just shut my eyes and threw!" Now, that's a trite expression; old as the game itself.

As a game proceeds, encouraging expressions by opponent, or friends behind the fence, are all a part of merrymaking: From the stands comes encouragement, "I'm counting on you, that's the way, now another one!"

Playful? Yes! Somebody's having fun and the pitcher would be amiss if he didn't relax, shun tense emotions that usually accompany action on court; join the gaiety, make the day one of high spirits.

Another joins the chorus: "Don't let me down." This wellwisher sat back in shade, already finished with his pitch for the day, a fellow who lost all his games but one and not fretting about it: "I come to have fun," he stressed. "I don't get paid any more if I win or lose, so I just pitch for fun." And he meant it! Why can't horseshoe pitching be fun for all? Some win, some lose — that's the game. Should attitudes about change in court mannerisms not be as flexible as this win-lose bit?

Newfound gaiety on court rebounds like a 4th of July picnic, doesn't it? Down along the creek in some

farmer's pasture, stakes driven in the ground, horseshoes from the barn long since removed from Old Ben, the big draft horse, when winter ice no longer demanded traction. Sides drawn, teams chosen, ringers counted five, that was all that did count. Twenty-one points was the game. Merrymakers crowded the court, rooted with frequent outcry for their special team.

Years after this festivity, when sanctioned tournaments came into play, pitchers were supposed to have "grown up," lost their picnic behavior, gained respect for quietude lest a performing pitcher be disturbed — and behold, a morgue-like atmosphere on courts was born.

Horseshoe enthusiasts, present-day variety, seem perplexed because the sport is slow catching on, not taken up freely by the general public. Could it be that many prospective new pitchers are not yet ready to embrace this game with its deathly quiet atmosphere?

## Short Shoe Bug-a-Boo

*I flung a horseshoe into the air —  
It fell to earth, I know not where.  
But when it was measured by my co-heart,  
His straight edge showed that is was short.*

*I do not understand this at all —  
I practice springtime, winter, summer, fall.  
To throw forty feet, you don't have to be too smart.  
So why does my shoes always come up short?*

*In my back yard I'm very hard to beat,  
But in a tournament I often experience defeat  
Because of this often heard retort  
I'm sorry, but your shoe is short."*

*I can lift a hundred pounds and laugh,  
So what's the mystery about two and a half?  
That I consistently come up shy of the post  
Just when I seem to need it most.*

*Was my shoe's trajectory too high or too low?  
How in the world is one to know?  
If anything about your pitch is askew, old sport  
You can bet the distance thrown will be too short.*

*I've talked to others and I've read a book.  
I've tried to improve the way I look.  
But no matter what I try to do,  
I'm still afflicted with that old "short shoe."*

*I've worked on my backswing, alignment, and  
my release too,  
And just about every other facet of the shoe.  
I've changed both stance and grip, but my  
lasting prayer will always be,  
"Please Lord, just let me get it there."*

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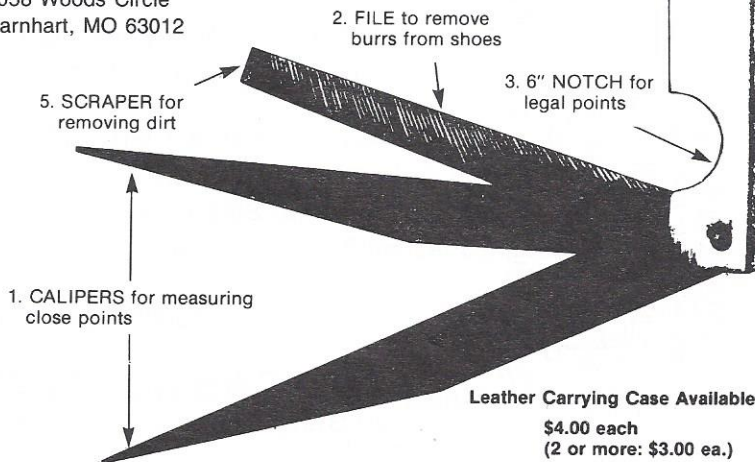
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# World Champion Is A Promoter

by Donnie Roberts

Jim Knisley, 1990 Men's World Champion horseshoe pitcher, is very active in his home town. Jim lives in Bremen, Ohio where he promotes our sport all the time.

This past summer, Bremen boasted a very active league and tournament schedule on the five new courts constructed on the edge of town. Jim's pitching performances over the years would be subject matter for a very large article. This small item is only designed to recognize the "work for our sport" side of Jim.

The entire Bremen community worked hard and contributed greatly to this park for horseshoe pitching. They have regulation courts, rest-rooms, parking, a shelter house and all that is needed to host fine events. Congratulations to Jim and his entire community and club.

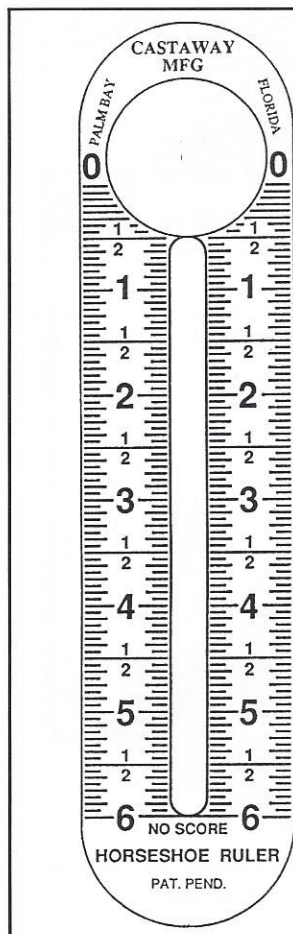
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# The Toll of Time

## MILT HANKS

The Colorado Charter mourns the loss of Milt Hanks, an avid horseshoe pitcher and sportsman who died Sunday, March 10 in the Community Hospital in Grand Junction. He was 77. A memorial service was held the following Thursday in Northeast Christian Church.

Even though he was several hours from the bulk of the horseshoe tournaments in the state, he managed to come east several times during the summer and also pitch in the annual State Tournament.

When younger, Hanks ranched with his parents on the Upper White River. He later worked as a salesman and bookkeeper, and was a bus driver for School District 51.

Born May 10, 1913 to William H. and Laura Smith Hanks, Milt grew up and attended schools in Golden and Englewood.

He served on the Meeker and Palisade volunteer fire departments, and was involved in the Gray Gourmet.

## AL PETERMAN

Our friend Al was a good, fast softball pitcher for twenty years with his church team. He married Eileen in 1942. He started serious horseshoe pitching in 1976 in Springfield. Al was a charter member of the Earl Bomke Club and the "New Horseshoe Club" of Springfield. His ringer average was about 30% when he started and in 1989 he reached his personal goal of 50%. Al was a formidable doubles opponent in the Springfield Tavern league against the very best and was feared by most local singles pitchers. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. Al will be missed.

## RANDY PRUITT

On May 17, 1991, Tennessee horseshoe pitchers lost a very good pitcher in Randy Pruitt who died from cancer. Randy was the 1989 Tennessee State Champion with a 7-0, 76%. He is survived by his wife "Della" and daughter April who were a very close family. He pitched in several Tennessee tournaments and was always pitching in the 70% range. Randy pitched his last horseshoe tourn-

ament on March 31, 1990 and averaged 72.3%. In April on Easter Sunday of 1990 he became ill and never got to pitch any more. He was very faithful to his family and also to the Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The Horseshoe Association send their prayers and gratitude to the Pruitt family.

## HERMAN A. WIESER

The Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Inc. lost a great friend and avid supporter with the death of Herman A. Wieser, of Lake Worth, Florida, at age 77, on May 11, 1991. Herm was a leader in the organization of the Lake Worth Horseshoe Club and served as President and Tournament Director for many years. He will be remembered for his activity at the NHPA level as a member of the Membership and Rules Committees. Herman was inducted into the FSHPA Hall of Fame in 1987 and gave the dedication address at the new Hall of Fame structure in Clearwater, FL on February 23, 1991. The heartfelt sympathy of the Florida Charter is extended to his wife Louisa and family. Services were held by Club members at the Lake Worth courts on May 15, 1991. As a former New Jersey member as well, that association held a Memorial Service for Herman on June 15.



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## *Pitching Horseshoes — The Titcomb Way*

by Billie Sue Pennington

*Look at Don, see him throw,  
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I said, "I want to make a ringer,"  
Here's what he said to me.*

*"Grab the shoe, let it hang,  
point your toe at the stake.  
Keep your mind on your game,  
and a ringer you will make.*

*Hold it up, let it swing,  
take your step, pitch the shoe.  
If you want to make a ringer,  
this is all you need to do.*

*Get a rhythm, up and easy,  
find your place, let it go.  
If you want to make a ringer,  
this is all you need to know."*

*I listened and practiced,  
almost every day.  
Now I can make a ringer,  
so this is what I say.*

*"Hold it up, let it swing,  
take your step, pitch the shoe.  
If you want to make a ringer,  
this is all you need to do"*

## *Horseshoe Imagery*

by Tony Hankins, KY

*Horseshoes? What's this you say.  
In your blood and there to stay.  
Callouses on your hand, worn feet in May.  
Forty feet you travel but never go astray.*

*The grass need cut, the weeds need spray.  
Never mind your chores, leave that baked clay  
Practice, practice, practice, til the sun shines  
that final ray.*

*You hear a scream,  
"Hey, come eat your supper."  
But you say, "no way."  
Just ten more ringers, then I'll stop my play.*

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# NHPA FINANCIAL REPORT

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
Years ended March 31, 1991 and 1990

ASSETS	1991	1990
Current Funds Unrestricted		
Cash on hand - (Sol Berman)	\$ 5.	\$ 20.
Cash in bank - Reg. account (Roberts)	19,643.	16,286.
Game related (Domey)	56,468.	47,984.
Memorial Fund	370.	353.
Certificate of Deposit	124,850.	115,847.
Total cash funds	<u>\$ 217,336.</u>	<u>\$ 180,490.</u>
Inventories held by:		
Domey	51,277.	54,966.
Total Inventories	<u>51,277.</u>	<u>54,966.</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$268,613.</u>	<u>\$ 235,456.</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Unearned income	\$16,000	\$ —
Total Liabilities	<u>\$16,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Fund Balances - Undesignated, available for general activities.

Beginning fund balance	\$ 235,456	\$ 237,968.
Add. net fund activity	17,157	(2,512.)
Ending fund balance	<u>\$ 268,613</u>	<u>\$ 235,456.</u>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America  
**Schedule of Revenue and Expense World Tourney**  
**Regular Account (Roberts)**  
Schedule (1) Year Ended March 31, 1991

**Revenue:**

1990 World Tourney registration fees	\$ 51,955.
1990 World Tourney bid payment	306.
World Tourney final	4,300.
1990 World sponsor fee and banquet sales	10,780.
1990 video sales	793.
1992 World bid deposit	5,000.
1991 World Tourney registration fees	1,360.
Total income	<u>\$ 74,494.</u>

**Expenses:**

Cash and trophy awards	\$ 96,654.
Jr. trusts paid	2,000.
Administrative expenses	15,619.
Hall of Fame, banquets, awards, supplies	5,696.
Refunds, fees, dues, overpayments	450.
Total World Tourney expenses	<u>\$ 120,419.</u>
Net expenses over net revenues	<u>\$ (45,925.)</u>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America  
**Schedule of Revenue and Expense Sanctioned League**  
**Regular Account (Roberts)**  
Schedule (2) Year ended March 31, 1991

**Revenue:**

Sanctioned League income	\$ 9,573.
Total Revenue	9,573.

**Expenses:**

Sanctioned League - Postage and printing	2,206.
Patches and awards	7,391.
Office supplies, phone	740.
Director allowance	1,450.
Jr. scholarship paid	800.
Total expenses	<u>\$ 12,587.</u>

Net revenues over net expenses \$ (3,014.)

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America  
**Schedule of Revenue and Expense (Newsline)**  
Schedule (3) Year Ended March 31, 1991

Revenue:	1991	1990
Newsline subscription income	\$ 35,512.	\$ 28,252.
Newsline advertising income	9,206.	9,001.
Total revenue	44,718.	37,253.

**Expenses:**

Typesetting	9,655.	11,056.
Printing	25,406.	29,477.
Postage	5,978.	6,000.
Mailing	2,800.	2,916.
Miscellaneous Supplies	—	1,029.
Publication, editing and miscellaneous	2,040.	1,400.
Total expenses	<u>\$ 45,879.</u>	<u>\$ 51,878.</u>

Net expenses over net revenues \$ (1,161) \$ (14,625.)





# Tournament Travel Calendar

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

Prepared by Dave Loucks

## 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: Tusculumbia, 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  
13-14: Warren, PA Kinzu Classic .....PR w/John Olson 814-563-9368  
13-14: Reedsville, PA Fireman's Open....PR w/J. Swyers 717-935-5337  
13-14: Laramie, WY Open.....Gary Rickard 307-742-6623  
14: Billings, MT 40' Only .....PR w/Dick Rudio 406-656-9826  
15-28: Biloxi, MS NHPA World Tournament .....Donnie 614-444-8510

## AUGUST

3: Helena, MT Mixed Open.....PR w/Jason Lipos 406-227-6834  
3: Vineland, NJ Bridgeton Open .....Dennis Joslin 609-696-0617  
3: Washington, NJ Warren Cty. Open.....G. Patrick 908-454-7816  
3: Cornish, ME Ossipee Valley Open.....Dave Wilson 603-367-8207  
3: Scottsboro, AL J. Courts Open.....J. Harris 205-582-6239  
3: West Fork, AR West Fork .....Beth Hill 501-583-6641  
3: Seattle, WA Open .....PR w/Norm Harris 206-365-6521  
3: Kennewick, WA Tri-City Open.....PR w/Larry Covey 509-943-6566  
3-4: Salem, OR Open .....PR w/Betty Tatchio 503-364-4100  
3-4: Ranchester, WY Open .....Ray Johnston 307-655-2557  
3-4: Colorado Springs, CO Open ...PR w/Jerry Johnson 719-550-0292

3-4: Reno, NV Hot August Days.....Jim Jones 702-323-2338  
3-4: Shelocta, PA Pine Tree Open .....E. Weston 412-354-2344  
3-4: New Holland, PA N.H. Fall Open .....H. Becker 717-665-5363  
3-4: Marshall, MO Fall Open Mixed.....Tom Ebers 816-886-3883  
3-4: Coshocton, OH Tri-City Open .....L. Shaw 614-622-7852  
3-4: North Canton, OH Outback Classic.....G. May 216-966-1948  
4: Harahan, LA Pelican State Open .....C. Bradley 504-393-0012  
4: Coeur d'Alene ID Open.....Elmer Currie 208-664-4685  
10: Jerome, ID Festival of Pride .....Henry Reid 208-324-2201  
10: Middlesex, NJ Club Open .....J. Vogal 201-356-2046  
10: Springfield, IL New Club Open .....PR w/A. Jones 217-498-9254  
10: Cleveland, TN T of C.....D. Stallings 615-947-7865  
10: Shattuck, OK ECHPA Anniversary .....Bev Born 405-938-2406  
10-11: Bremen, OH Bremen Open .....Jim Knisley 614-569-4737  
10-11: Petersburg, VA Tidwell Memorial.....G. Wall 804-733-5099  
10-11: Reedsville, PA 4-H Fair Open.....J.Z. Swyers 717-935-5337  
10-11: Merlin, OR Open .....PR w/Mack Wilson 503-476-2713  
10-11: Richmond, KY Open.....John Hankins 502-228-3560  
10-11: Scottsbluff, NE Western NE Open ....D. Hanshaw 308-635-1904  
10-11: Valdez, AK Gold Rush.....Connie Lee 907-835-5319  
10-11: Kellogg, ID Silver Valley Classic.....Don Heidt 208-783-8211  
11: Twin Falls, ID Twin Spin.....Harry Chapin 208-733-2156  
11: Vineland, NJ Millville Open .....John Basile 609-697-2109  
16-17: Ocean Springs, MS Moonlight Mixed ....R. Fowler 601-875-1446  
16-18: Sedalia, MO State Fair Open .....E. Winston 816-563-3536  
17: Soddy, TN Smith .....D. Stallings 615-947-7865  
17: Huntsville, AL Carl Baker Open .....C. Baker 205-881-5059  
17: Albuquerque, NM ROT .....Bob Schuck 505-344-4622  
17-18: Lyons, CO Open .....Dale Boss 303-776-7977  
17-18: San Diego, CA J & J Gamble Opens .....714-995-1334  
17-18: Yuba City, CA Opens .....Otis Hubbard 916-741-3173  
17-18: Grottoes, VA Eppard Open .....R. Trobaugh 703-433-7496  
17-18: Harahan, LA M.D. Fund Raiser .....C. Bradley 504-393-0012  
17-18: Florence, KY Boone Woods.....John Hankins 502-228-3560  
17-18: New Cumberland, PA Penn Open ...Dan Beshore 717-938-2945  
17-18: Confluence, PA Yough Open.....Digruttolo 814-395-3119  
17-18: Salisbury, MD So. Atlantic Open....W. Sammons 302-629-4403  
17-18: Big Piney, WY Open .....Don Pope 307-276-3475  
18: Bend, OR Central OR Open .....PR w/C. Dearborn 503-433-9535  
24: Guntersville, AL Open .....Jim Harris 205-582-6239  
24: Woodward, OK Guthrie Mem .....Tom Goff 405-254-3889  
24-25: Nevada City, CA Memorial Opens .....C. Loucks 916-477-7060  
24-25: Reed, KY Green River Open .....John Hankins 502-228-3560  
24-25: Toledo, OH NoWest District.....W. Baker 419-877-0259  
24-25: Hilliard, OH Central District.....J. Baldwin 614-876-4240  
24-25: Chillicothe, OH So East District.....L. Miller 614-774-2923  
24-25: Dormont, PA Riedl Mixed Open .....Ron Weiss 412-884-7092  
24-25: Oregon City, OR Sandbaggers OpenPR w/N. Otnes 503-656-2245  
24-25: Camp Hill, PA Fall Open.....Tom Becker 717-761-2516  
24-25: Champlain Valley, VT C.V. Open .....R. Begins 802-879-6177  
24-25: Windsor, CO North Weld Open.....Jeff Thomas 303-897-2615  
31: Lubbock, TX Tumbleweed Classic.....D. Polak 713-277-4851

## SEPTEMBER

1-2: Augusta, ME N.E. Champs.....	Carl York 207-778-6293
1-2: West Liberty, OH Labor Day Open.....	C. Jones 513-465-2215
7: Huntsville, AL Mangum Open.....	Carl Baker 205-881-5059
7-8: No. Canton, OH Outback Chempower.....	G. May 216-966-1948
7-8: Boone, IA Open \$\$\$.....	Larry Purcell 515-432-5343
7-8: Kenton, OH Hardin Cty Open.....	D. Crawford 513-464-5993
7-8: Richmond, MO Fall OPen.....	T. Carmichael 816-776-5221
7-8: Bend, OR Gilchrist Open.....	PR w/C. Dearborn 503-433-9535
7-8: Middlebury, VT Fall Round-Up.....	M. Selleck 802-388-3277
8: Carrollton, TX Clinkers Classic.....	D. Polak 713-277-4851
8: New Haven, CT MacDonnell Mem.....	G. Cocker 203-723-4358
14: St. Louis, MO Outdoor Singles.....	Carl Rittner 314-892-6760
14: Mt. Home, AR Open.....	Beth Hill 501-583-6641
14: Middlesex, NJ Mid-Atlantic Open.....	B. MacIntyre 201-526-5331
14-15: Bastrop, TX Lost Pines.....	D. Polak 713-277-4851
14-15: Dormont, PA 3 Rivers Mixed.....	PR w/Ron Weiss 412-884-7092
14-15: Louisville, KY Metro Open.....	John Hankins 502-228-3560
14-15: Independence, MO Fall Open.....	Ron Flakes 816-228-1303

15: Axtec, NM San Juan Windup.....	R. Carville 505-325-3859
21-22: Crane, MO Fall Open.....	Tim Warden 417-744-4448
21-22: Georgetown, KY Festival of the Horse.....	J. Hankins 502-228-3560
21-22: Independence, MO Heart Open.....	E. Cooper 816-741-0043
21-22: Bennington, VT Sausville Comp.....	O'Dell 802-447-0460
21-22: Piqua, OH Open.....	Harry Hopkins 513-773-8416
22: New Haven, CT W, V & M Classic.....	C. Surpernant 203-421-4510
28: Houston, TX Joe Sullins Classic.....	D. Polak 713-277-4851
28: Yikon, OK Brewer Memorial.....	C. Arnold 405-324-7161
28: Tucson, AZ Cactus Open.....	PR w/E. Williams 602-290-0532
29: St. Joseph, MO Ray Cavin Open.....	Austin Ott 816-662-2706
29: Harahan, LA Shoot Out.....	C. Bradley 504-393-0012

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### NHPA Income and Expenditures April / May, 1991

#### INCOME

NHPA Membership.....	\$21,736.00
Insurance Fees.....	6,388.00
Newsline Subscriptions.....	7,400.00
Newsline Paid Advertising.....	120.00
Sanctioned League Dues.....	11.00
1991 World Tournament Registration Fees..	47,290.00
Video, Envelope and Misc. Sales.....	16.00
Refunds and Affinity Visa Card income....	110.00
Charter Dues.....	29.00
Checking Account Interest.....	255.00
<b>Total 2 Month Income</b>	<b>\$83,355.00</b>

#### EXPENDITURES:

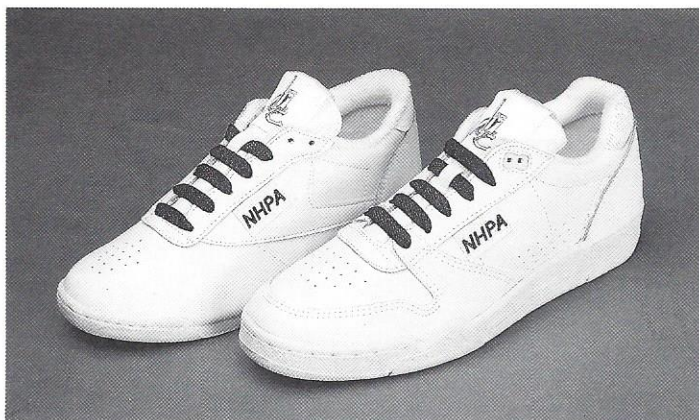
Newsline Production, Printing and Mailing...	\$ 4,168.00
Newsline Editor Allowance.....	840.00
Sanctioned League Phone, Postage, Supplies..	91.00
Sanctioned League Patches.....	1,001.00
Sanctioned League Director Allowance.....	250.00
Regional Directors' Postage, Phone, Supplies .	204.00
NHPA Tournament Patches.....	38.00
NHPA Office, Printing and Supplies.....	753.00
NHPA Postage.....	1,593.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repairs ....	311.00
Officers' Telephone.....	757.00
Officers' Travel.....	247.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance.....	4,200.00
President's Allowance.....	1,260.00
Vice President's Allowance.....	2,475.00
Publicity and Promotion.....	154.00
World Tournament Banquet & Hall of Fame	62.00
World Tournament Patches.....	2,116.00
Professional Legal Fees.....	3,180.00
Refunds.....	532.00

**Total 2 Month Expense \$24,232.00**

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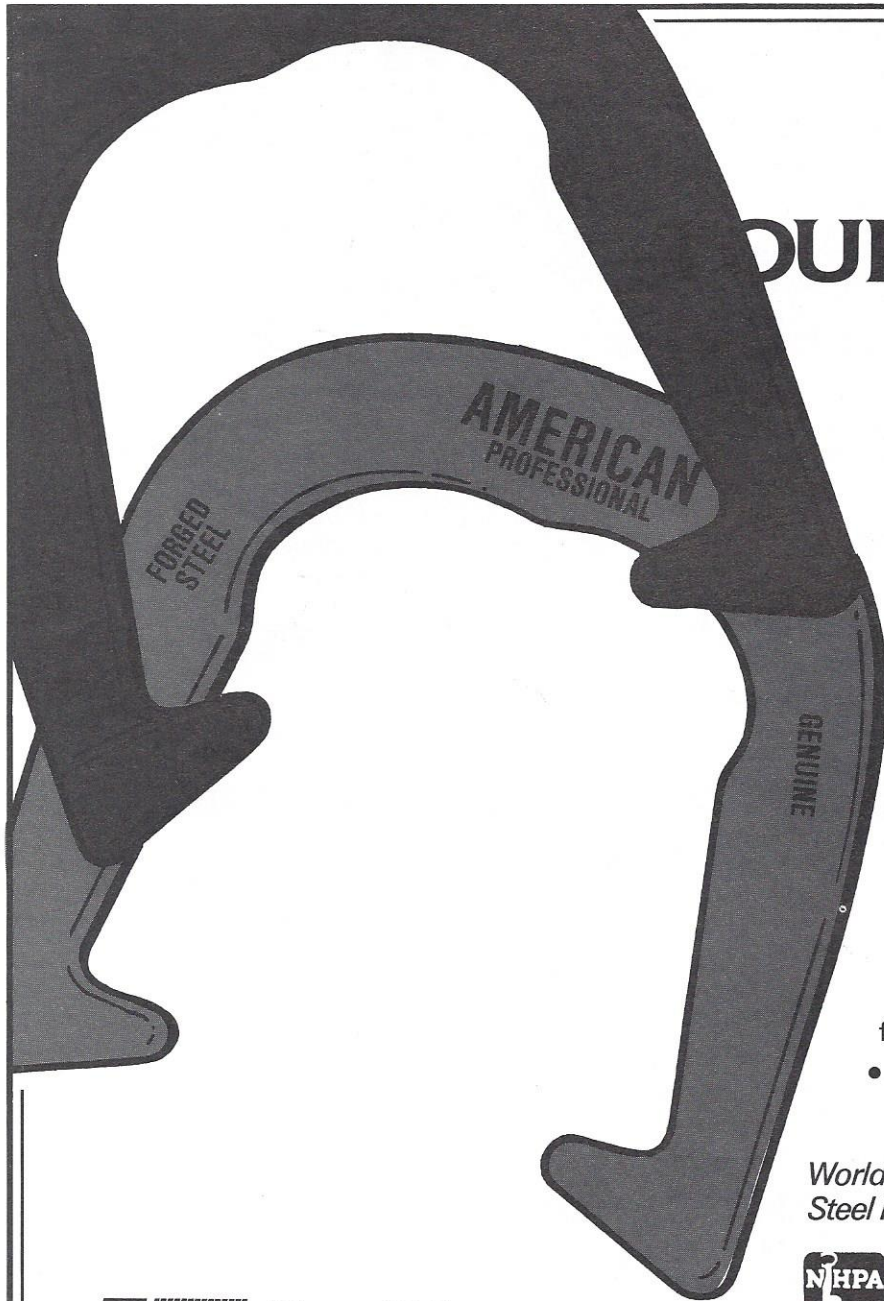
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