



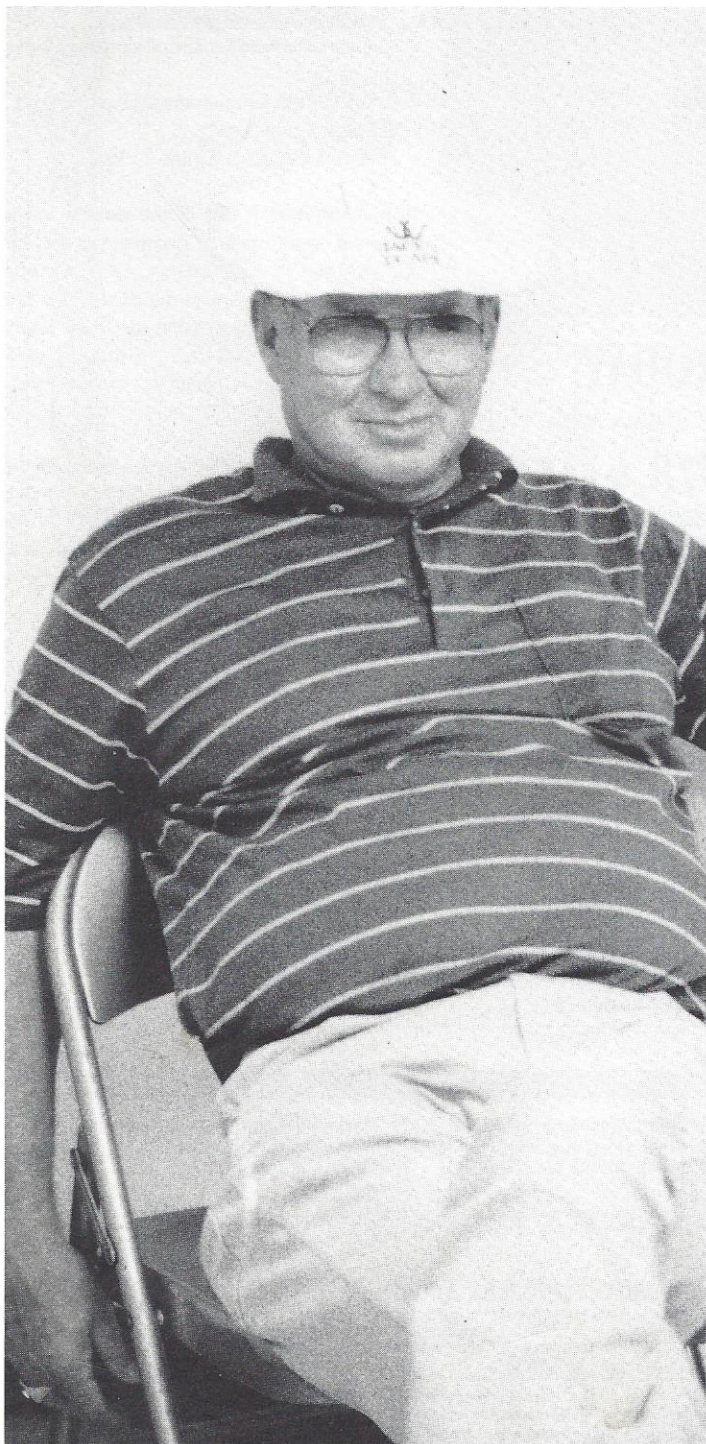
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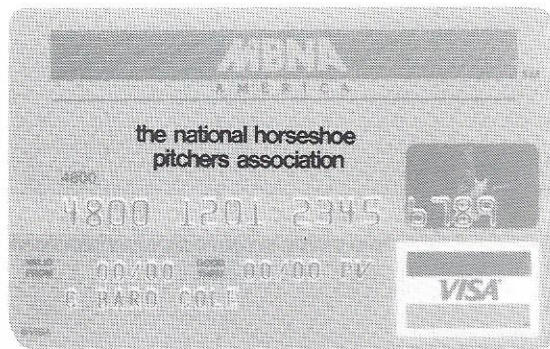
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"Kindred Spirits" Charles Anderson and Jack McKinney

President's Message

I was in Las Vegas the first weekend of February where I met with NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, Donnie Roberts and 3rd Vice President, Beverly Born. Both Donnie and Bev had attended the first "Quartzsite Main Event" tournament in Quartzsite, Arizona the weekend before. From the reports I received, it looks like the Quartzsite event is off to a good start with 144 entries, around \$3,000 in prize money that will become even bigger next year when it will be scheduled just before or just after the planned Las Vegas tournament.

Donnie and Don Weaver are working hard to bring the NHPA back to Vegas in January 1993. There were some good meetings with potential sites and even a morning round of "Doubles" pitched with members of the Las Vegas Club. It is much too early to say anything for sure but there appears to be several casino sites interested in holding a January 1993 horseshoe pitching event. Donnie is expecting to receive written contract offerings from the sites and, if they are in line with the discussions, a site may be selected and announced by summer.

However, the membership should realize that dealing with a major hotel and casino property can be a lot of frustrating give and take. We ask for the best room rates, a nice awards banquet and bar at low prices, the large room or area for the pitching courts at no charge with water,

coffee and drinks available during play, parking for our RVing members plus many other things. The hotel, in turn, asks for guarantees of things like 1500 room nights, minimum sales in shops and restaurants and, of course, an average gaming expenditure by every attendee. Obviously we just cannot make such guarantees at the risk of paying several thousand dollars for any failure to reach the minimums. That is why a contract couldn't be signed with a Las Vegas property for this year.

It's a tough market. Members who make reservations to stay down the street because they can save five or ten dollars a night do not realize how much they hurt the tournament and some of the things the host is told they can expect. If they are asked to provide, without charge, a space for the courts that normally would bring them many thousands of dollars in revenue, the hotel/casino wants some assurance that a minimum number of rooms will be booked so that their establishment will be used for the majority of gaming, eating and entertainment dollars spent by pitchers. They realize that people tend to spend most of their entertainment dollars in or around the place they are staying. So, if you enjoy what a horseshoe tournament in Las Vegas can offer and want to go back in 1993, plan to support, fully, the host site. Let's hope that we can give you more definite information by this summer.

Dave's Court Report by Dave Loucks

■ The NHPA now has a Gift Certificate available which can be purchased through our game related sales distributors. An advertisement appears in this issue. They can be redeemed for any NHPA game related items including a *Newsline* subscription. A great gift idea or tournament prize.

■ Two new horseshoes have been granted NHPA sanction. The "Imperial Plus" by Clyde Martz and the "Lock On II" bronze by Tom Durham. They are available now through NHPA sales outlets. Ohio's are also back on line.

■ The Salina, Kansas Recreation and Parks Department has converted an unused tennis court into 12 new horseshoe courts in one of their parks. This Spring, they plan to add 8 more horseshoe courts and Salina will then be in position to bid for the Kansas State Tournament.

■ Arizona is home to many snowbirds who generally find the tournament schedule running from October through March. However, the newly formed club in Prescott has published a schedule that has seven sanctioned tournaments from April to October thus providing Arizona pitchers with year-round pitching opportunities.

■ The NHPA will be recognizing members with a new longevity patch. These different colored patches will be given for 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years of NHPA membership. Junior membership years count. Once you reach 50 years, a member is granted lifetime membership in the NHPA. Records show only 3 people to date have been given lifetime membership, Wayne Winston, John Elkins and William Kolb.

■ The July/August 1991 *Newsline* issue carried a poem, "Short-Shoe-Bug-A-Boo" by Jim Mihura of Oklahoma. It received several favorable comments and Jim entered it in a contest sponsored by the Poetry Society of OK. The poem won 2nd place out of 31 in the rhymed category and a \$50.00 prize for the most unique poem in a combined category. Congratulations Jim.

■ The White Hall Horseshoe Club is located in Illinois. They are very proud of the fact that every member entered the 1991 Illinois State Tournament over Labor Day weekend. How many other clubs anywhere can claim the distinction of 100% participation in their State Championships?

■ New Iowa Charter President Tom Smock announced the November 1991 opening of the new Putt Mossman Arena in Eldora. This indoor pitching facility will host several winter tournaments and there is an open invitation for all NHPA members to join them. Contact RD Bob Walters for a schedule.

■ The November/December *Newsline* carried a story about the new indoor facility in Nashville, Tennessee, built by Jack Freeman. The paint is hardly dry and Jack is adding 8 more courts for a total 18 indoors plus he is building 20 additional outdoor courts which will be covered and with lights. 38 courts sound like preparation for a World Tournament. Jack's facility also has a full schedule of winter and spring sanctioned events.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dave,

After reading the Executive Council recommendation to encourage the handicapped to pitch horseshoes, I just had to let you know that I think this is the greatest idea and promotion the NHPA has ever taken up.

A person should not be forced from the game because he can no longer pitch 40' due to a handicap. Let them move up and continue to enjoy the game we all love. There may be a lot of people who would take up the game if they knew there was a place for them. I support this recommendation and hope everyone else does so we can truly say "There's place for everyone in the NHPA."

Bob Shaw, Enid, Oklahoma

Dear Editor,

I think raising the dues \$3.00 to help the World Tournament is really a good idea. I'm new at this game, just 2 years, but I'm having a great time. It costs so little and you people do so much. I appreciate it.

Gene Burlingame, NHPA #10658

Dear Dave,

The Biloxi W.T. was great. The area had a lot to offer and the Gulf Coast will have no trouble drawing the tournament there again. However, we were short of entries in Biloxi. A 1000 or so seems to indicate that our members don't realize how important this show is to our association.

I'm sure learning. A small group of supporters presented some facts and figures to the people at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis for the possibility of holding the 1994 World Tournament there. They are very much interested because of the income such an event could bring to the area. More important, they wanted to know how many people we were representing and how much of the membership would back a tournament by attending. We will be working hard on this but I hope we are not getting too spoiled by indoor pitching. As we gain sponsors, the game will slowly but surely move indoors, but remember, the outdoor courts are probably the healthiest.

Dick Sheean, Sheridan, IN

Dear Newsline Editor,

It was a great pleasure to read the Nov./Dec. issue that was loaded with

good information. It's unfortunate that all NHPA members can't read the same stories. I feel it's time to again vote to increase dues so all can get the *Newsline*. Without the magazine, there is nothing to keep the membership informed about activities around the country.

In the same issue, I read two stories about horseshoe buildings being constructed. The Iowa building project and the Freeman building near Nashville. The people involved deserve an award for their contribution to our sport. We no longer have to settle for just outdoor courts at some city park.

Indoor courts around the country will take the sport another step higher. The Denver Metro Horseshoe Club has started a building fund in hopes that we too can one day have our own indoor facility.

Mel Yockstick

Denver Metro Horseshoe Club

Dear Dave,

It was great to see the spirit of innovation and enterprise shown in Don Weaver's trailer! (*Newsline* cover Special Edition 4 1991).

Now if he uses the single stake per court plan suggested in *Newsline* July/August 1991 pg. 7, he could set up eighteen courts per trailer load.

He could use back stops made of the nylon fish line used in hockey cages. The spectators would then see the action around both of the stakes during a match. Finally, with 20 shoe games, Count-All ringers, points within a shoe width of the stake and no cancellation, this game will hopefully keep his trailer on the road.

**Robert E. Hopkins,
Rochester, NY**

Newsline,

Having participated in four World Tournaments, including preparing to host one, I can say that the amount of work involved to run a successful tournament is incredible. We've all read in past issues what it takes to bring about a smooth working tournament.

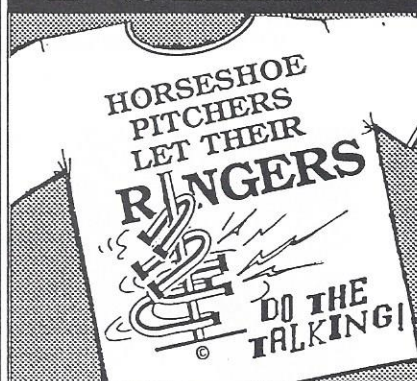
These are a few thoughts on what might happen in 1992 in Columbus. If we pitch 18-24 hours a day, where are the scorekeepers going to come from? Who will judge the 2 a.m. session? An idea on scorekeeping would

be to charge \$1.00 per player per game. That would be some incentive for others to recoup their money. This is only one of many tasks that occur at world tournaments.

How about the remainder of the work? The runners, the posters, the computer people, the scoresheet checkers, the judges, and others. I'd like to urge all who attend this year's World Tournament in Columbus, to volunteer to help wherever they can. Remember that we are the NHPA, it's our premier event, and it won't succeed without your help. *Thank You.*

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Junior Membership Growing

by Bob Dunn

The 1991 NHPA membership report showed strong improvement in Junior membership. For the third straight year a record high has been set. There are now 864 Junior members. That is 98 more than the 766 in 1990. This is the largest increase during the last ten years and is an overall increase of 12.8%. This is good news and indicates promotion and recruiting efforts are being well established, especially when viewing the past three years. Since 1988, there has been an increase of 254 Junior members, for a 42% increase. This speaks well of all those who are conducting Junior leagues and those recruiting Junior members.

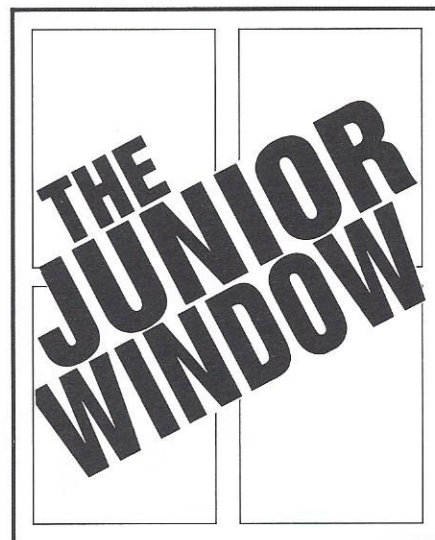
While a respectable trend is being established, there is potential for even greater improvement. The growth could be even larger. With the Junior membership fee at only \$3.00, we can ask all youth to join the NHPA. There have been several commitments to follow through in 1992, with NHPA Sanctioned Junior Leagues and sanctioned tournaments. Expectations are that 1992 will show larger increases than any previous year.

A point can be made on the Junior members participating in sanctioned leagues. There were 388 Junior pitchers in sanctioned leagues in 1991. That is only 45% of our total Junior membership. That means 55% of our Junior members are not able to compete for National Top Ten Awards, earn High Game Patches (and other league awards), or receive Scholar Pitcher Patches and certificates. Non-sanctioned leagues with Junior members can consider joining the NHPA Sanctioned League Program or recruiting a few more Junior pitchers so a Sanctioned Junior League can be formed. The Junior Sanctioned League Program contains a tremendous award process and we need to work towards all our youth being a part of it.

North Dakota heads the list of Junior members with 80. Much credit is due this charter, for just four years

ago there were no Junior members. Then there were 39 Juniors in 1989, 63 in 1990 and an award winning 80 in 1991. Thank you and congratulations. The honor roll with 20 or more Junior members: Colorado-25, Iowa-22, West Nebraska-28, Missouri-32, Northern California-38, Illinois-42, Wisconsin-64, Texas-68, Minnesota-76 and North Dakota-80. Illinois and Texas head the list of increased Junior members with 23 each.

The Junior Sanctioned League Program is beginning to show a growth pattern. Two new leagues were in action in 1991, Moline Pony Shoe League (Illinois) and Central Texas Junior League (Texas). Two other Junior leagues are preparing for a 1992 start, Bennington Junior League (Vermont) and West St. Paul Junior League (Minnesota). These four new



clubs make a 50% increase to the Junior league total of 1990, and there are indications that there will be even more Junior leagues established for the 1992 season. Anyone needing information to start a Junior league can contact Bev Born, NHPA Sanctioned League Program Director, or myself for assistance. With only 7 charters hosting Sanctioned Junior Leagues, there surely is opportunity for improvement.

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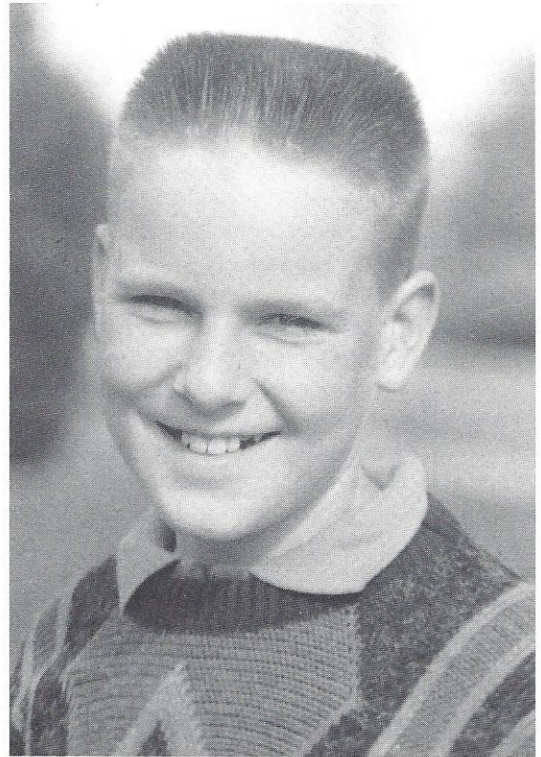
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Walter O'Dell

by Bob Champion



When David "Digger" O'Dell is getting ready to go to the new 12-Court facility, masterminded by O'Dell and only a block from his home in Edgewater, Colorado, 11-year old Walter O'Dell is standing by the door with horseshoes in hand. Sometimes he's already on the way to the courts.

That's the beauty of a father-son relationship. They pitch more horseshoes and it has really paid off for the two O'Dells. David, the senior O'Dell, who started pitching in 1984, is the 1992 Colorado Horseshoe Pitchers Association president. Along with Dad, son Walter has improved his game remarkably in the past two years.

Walter is the 1991 Colorado Junior Champion, and has many more years to go before he joins the adult rank.

Like many youngsters, Walter started throwing the flip shoe. Not too sure about holding the shoes on the side, for a turn, at first, it wasn't long before he developed a natural knack for the 1¼ turn. By the summer of 1989 (he was only 9), he had graduated from a shorter distance to a full 30 feet. Although he discusses horseshoes frequently with his Dad, Walter expressed that he didn't always watch his Dad when he had followed him to tournaments. He was watching his "hero" Joey Meier, the junior champion two years ago.

Meier had inspired the young future champion to practice hard and become a good pitcher. Meier's suggestion took heart when he told Walter to "swing your arm back a little bit more and your timing and distance will improve."

*...placed 1st Place
in six out of
nine tournaments...*

Walter's start in sanctioned play is one of his Dad's favorite memories. The senior O'Dell had problems finding a teammate for the September 1989 league, and resolved to find a sub at the courts. On his way out the door there was Walt with shoes in hand (Deadeyes from Mom), and when asked "What are you doing", he replied with a big smile, "appears to me, Dad, you need a partner." Walter finished out the Fall league with an 8% figure, and in his first tournament in 1990 he was third in Class L with 15%. His first win came soon after in Colorado Springs when he topped Class F and followed with a third in the State Class B tossing 18%, and with the indoor courts available during the Winter, he was ready to "take off" when Summer 1991 rolled around.

He entered nine mixed tournaments last year, placed first in six, and fourth twice. His high tournament percentage was 43.1 and the highlight of his young career was the State title, closing with 34.4.

Walter's accomplishments, his attitude and good sportsmanship certainly make for proud parents. His Dad hears compliments from adult opponents against him — "What a good kid, and what a good horseshoe pitcher."

Walter always listens to his peers when they offer suggestions on technique. but he has taught himself the mechanics of the game.

Some major accomplishments, in addition to the State title, include the Denver Club's Rookie of the Year award in 1989, and the Edgewater and Denver Club's Most Improved Pitcher award in 1991. Walter has a high single game of 65%, has two low 60s and several 50% games. Not bad for a youngster.

Dad reports that "Walt is not a perfect angel by any stretch of the imagination, however, he's on the right track to being a good young man." Right now this 5-1, 90-pounder is an up and coming horseshoe pitcher and that's not stretching the imagination even a little.

The O'Dells may not visit Columbus, Ohio for the World, but for sure they will be in Spearfish in 1993 and Walter will be ready.

Junior Jottings

by Bob Dunn

■ New and revised Sanctioned League Program Red Books are now available. Our Junior League Yellow Book has been combined into the revised *Red Book*. The previous Yellow Book allowed for less than 30' pitching distances for the very young and beginning pitchers. The *Red Book* (page 43 para. E) requires all Juniors to pitch from the 30' foul line to participate in a Sanctioned Junior League. A clarification has been received from NHPA Sanctioned League Program Director, Bev Born: "The very young or new Junior members that need to spend time pitching at some distance less than 30', can participate in a Sanctioned Junior League, and those completing the season, will receive a Junior League Member Patch." These shorter distance pitchers need to develop game skills and move back to the 30' foul line to be eligible for High Game Patches and other patches and certificates. Only Junior pitching from the 30' foul line are eligible for consideration of National Top Ten Awards.

A beginner or Instructional Junior members must be an NHPA member and should be listed on the league membership report along with age and pitching distance, but their stats should not be reported until they achieve 30' pitching. There is only a 400 shoe minimum required for pitchers being eligible for awards, so if an instructional member can achieve moving back to 30' for the last 2 or 3 weeks of a season, they can qualify for all award categories. Individual leagues are free to recognize instructional members with trophies or awards as they see fit from their own club or state association until they become 30' pitchers and are eligible for NHPA Sanctioned League Awards. This issue does not involve the Scholar Pitcher Program, for Juniors must be 12 years old to qualify for this program. This issue of instructional members is key, for we need not limit or restrict our recruiting efforts or deny membership to any youngster interested in joining our sport.

■ Tom Gallings (Ontario, Canada), sent a nice article about the great progress his son Shaun is making in our sport. What was interesting is that for three years, their Provincial Cham-

pionship has had "Pee-Wee" divisions for Juniors 10 years and younger, from a 20' foul line. Shaun pitched in the first "Pee-Wee" Division Championship (1989), at age 7, and won his first title with a 7.5% average and a high game of 10.0%. In 1990, Shaun also took first place honors at the Elmer Hohl Classic, which now also has competition for less than 30' pitchers. Now age 9, Shaun is pitching from the 30' line and claimed the 1991 Ontario Provincial Junior Boys' title with a 60.5% performance. Yes, the Gallings are planning to attend the 1992 NHPA World Tournament in Columbus. It will be interesting to see and meet this young man from Ontario, who is setting a phenomenal pace at a very young age. Editor's note: It is interesting to hear about Canadian major tournaments holding competition for the very young and at the 20' line. The NHPA has, for years, allowed Sanctioned Junior Leagues to move the very young up to shorter distances, but this hasn't been part of our tournament picture. Maybe we need to take a serious look at this.

■ Junior member amateur status has been mentioned previously, and is a frequent concern to tournament directors. Upon review of the 1991-1992 Athletic Eligibility Information brochure produced by the Minnesota State High School League, the following statement was made regarding amateur status: "A student must be an amateur in that sport. A student may not receive cash or merchandise for athletic participation. A student does not lose their amateur status because of reimbursement for officiating, instructing or coaching a sport." A student who receives cash prizes loses their amateur standing in that sport, but remains an amateur for all other sports. *Newsline* subscriptions can be an excellent alternative to cash prizes.

■ Rick and Paula Farley (JPD's South Dakota) reported on a successful season of Junior tournaments in the Spearfish area. Mike Allgier was instrumental in raising sponsors for trophies so entry was free to kids. A tournament was conducted each month with coverage and pictures in

the local newspaper. The final event had 29 Junior entries and the series produced five new NHPA Junior members. Dee Robinson has been appointed Junior Coordinator for the Sioux Falls area and will be working on a winter indoor Junior league.

■ A record number of entries is predicted for the 1992 NHPA World Tournament in Columbus. It would be nice for that to occur in our Junior entries also. The three high tournament averages apply for Junior entries, however Juniors will also be accepted with only one or two NHPA Sanctioned Tournaments or NHPA Sanctioned League average (minimum 400 shoes). Many of our Junior members may be wishing to participate only to have those dreams diminished due to parent's work schedules, family financial situations and other reasons. Charters can look at the possibilities of developing escort and chaperone programs and sponsorship funds to assist Junior members in participating in the most prestigious of all tournaments.

■ No new JPD's have been named since our last issue although there remains some 29 charters yet to appoint a Junior Program Director. Those remaining charters need to follow through with appointments so our Junior promotion program is active in each and every charter.

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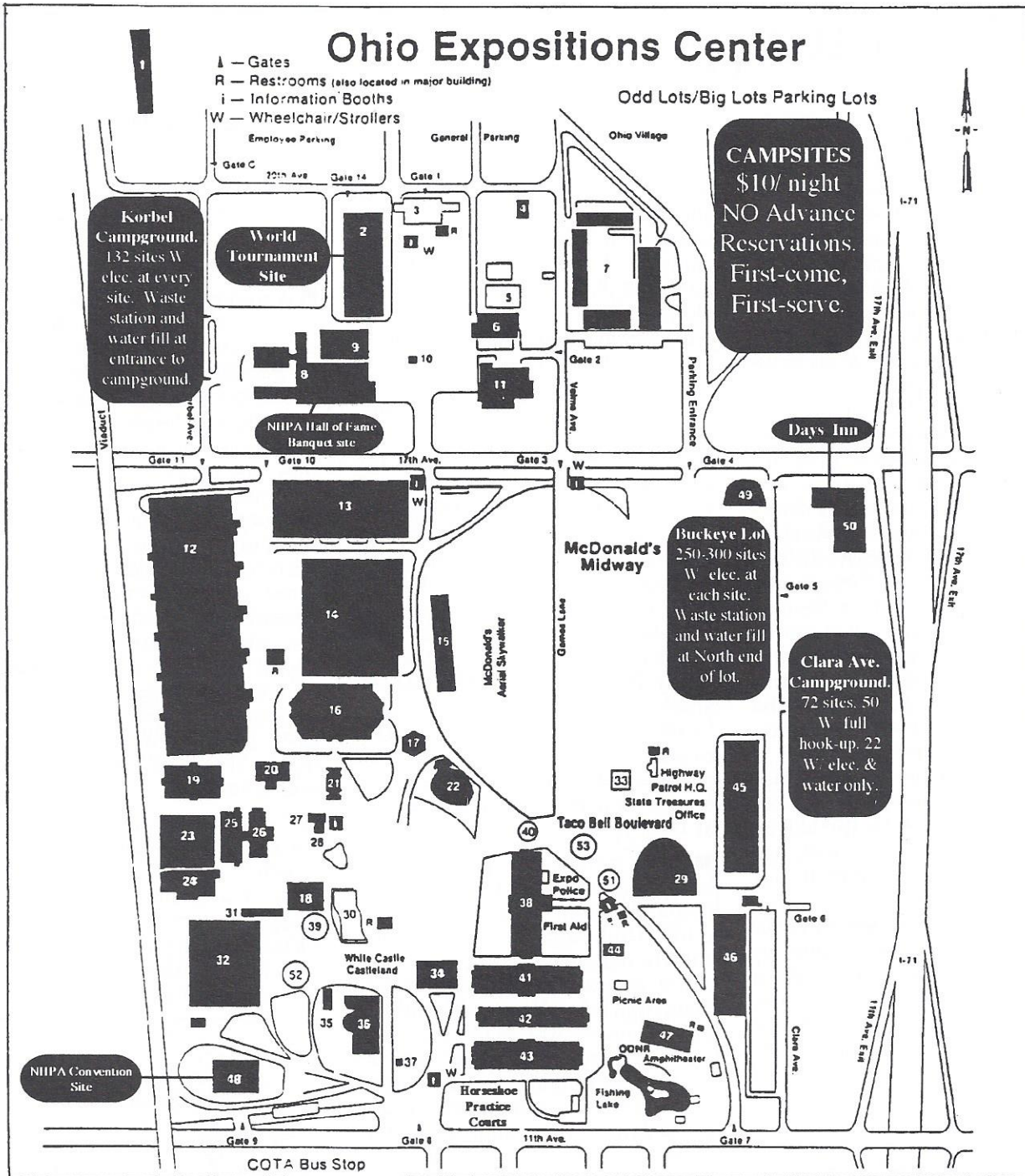
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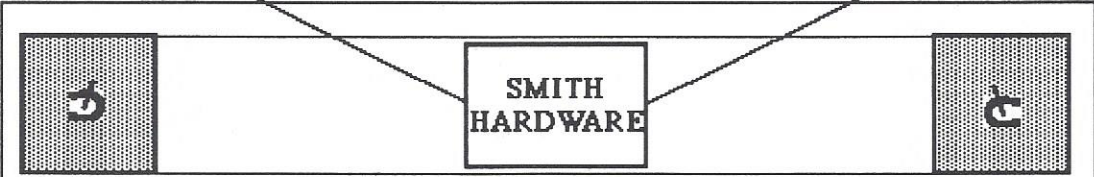
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Parkersburg Mayor, Helen Albright receives pointers on the art of horseshoe pitching from Loman Tumlin.

She Makes Fantastic Peanut Butter Candy... He Does Great Work For Our Sport

by Donnie Roberts

About five years ago, I went to Parkersburg, West Virginia to visit Loman Tumlin's Indoor Horseshoe Court located in his backyard. He, also, had a lovely outdoor court with flowers between the walks. We went inside the Indoor facility and tossed a few horseshoes. It was certainly a nice court for the pitchers in Parkersburg. Upon returning to the house, Loman's wife treated us to the best peanut butter candy you ever ate.

Loman spent alot of time talking about his plans for a roof over the courts owned by the City of Parkersburg that were used for open tournaments. In 1985 Loman attended the World Championships and was surprised to see a roof over 12 of the 24 courts in Lafayette, Indiana. He liked what he saw so much that he went home and started telling everyone how nice it would be to have a roof over the courts in Parkersburg. Loman and his neighbor went to the Public Works Director's office and had a meeting. Loman was told he

could apply for a grant for part of the work and that the Wood County Horseshoe Association would have to pay one fourth of the cost. That would be about an \$8000 share. At any rate, the grant was turned down due to lack of funds. This left things in limbo for about three years.

Area businesses are getting a real deal...

Finally, Loman and the local association started taking donations. 350 persons, motels, restaurants, service stations, bowling alleys, and grocery stores were contacted. Only 60 of those 350 contacts failed to donate.

The roof became a reality in August of 1991 over the ten court facility after the city of Parkersburg came up with the remainder of the \$30,000 needed for construction of the roof.

It would seem Loman would be satisfied. However, that was not the case. He launched an effort to put in lights for night pitching. He had the support of the Mayor but no city funds were available for lights. The cost was estimated at \$3790. Loman quickly went to work on his own and collected \$850.

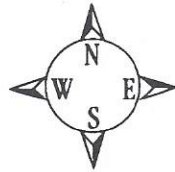
Another \$500 was pledged, Terry White of TCI Cable Co. donated \$500, and five lights were donated by area businesses. The electric company donated some work and by late Fall, 14 dusk to dawn lights were installed and the Parkersburg courts were ready for night pitching.

Parkersburg has three open tournaments each year and with lights now installed, will go after the state championships. Area businesses are getting a real deal since these events will bring far more out of town dollars to Parkersburg than they donated on the roof and lights. This small investment in our sport will bear great financial fruit for the city and surrounding area.

YOUR GUIDE TO COLUMBUS

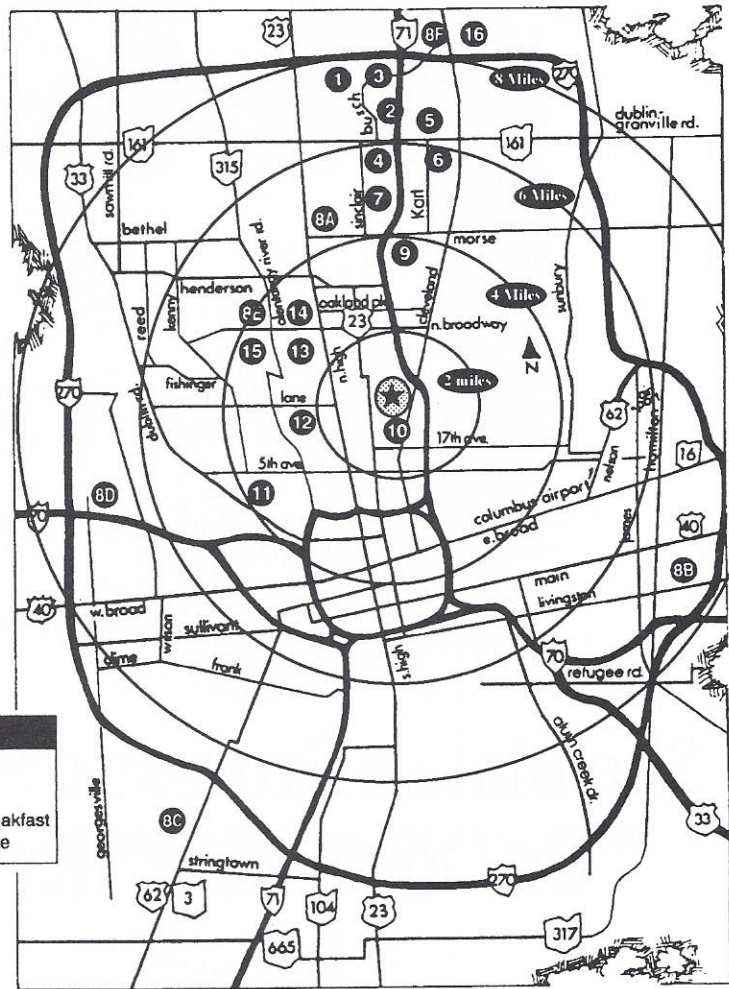
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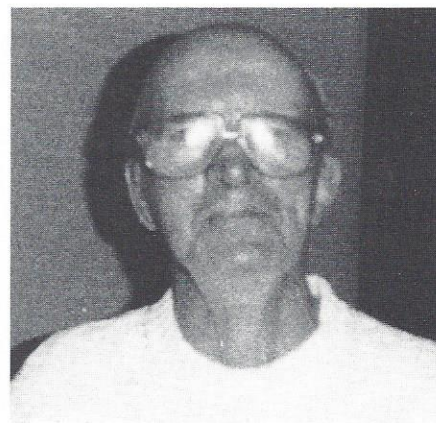
A Familiar Name

by Bob Dunn

Countless horseshoe pitchers and NHPA members have read the book *All You Have To Do, Is Come Close!*, and therefore recall the name R.O. Brotherton. Raymond Brotherton is the author. Not having ever met Mr. Brotherton, I was surprised to hear that he now lives but a mile from my home. So I called him, made an appointment for an interview, and now I have had the privilege of meeting him. While never a league or tournament pitcher, he remains an avid enthusiast of the sport, and at the age of 83 still enjoys pitching horseshoes. He especially appreciates that he can move up to the 30' foul line. Triple by-pass surgery has caused some altering to his motion and to be able to move up a couple steps allows him to still enjoy our sport.

Ray is originally from Duluth, Minnesota and moved to Minneapolis in 1953 to work for FMC. Retiring twenty

years later left him with much spare time and that's when his book became reality. Spending time at his lake home, he pitched a lot of horseshoes. He had the urge to improve and there wasn't much available in books or written material on the sport. Ray wrote to the NHPA requesting a list of ranked pitchers. The NHPA responded with a list of over 200 names and addresses. Ray wrote each one asking for information about themselves, a picture and some pitching tips. The response was tremendous for nearly everyone answered. With all this information, and Ray's love for writing, what else could he do, but write a book? And so we have *All You Have To Do, Is Come Close!* The book was first introduced in 1978 at the World Tournament in Des Moines, and is still being sold today through all NHPA distributors. Ray is not sure how many copies have been sold, but it is in the thousands.



The book is also available in most libraries.

Brotherton is still very active in his advocacy, having over the years, sold three books and written for some 16 various publications, including the *Catholic Digest*. He recently moved into an apartment complex and is starting a writers club of the residence, which he will coach on writing skills. While his involvement in horseshoe pitching is a bit different than most of us, he has made a definite contribution by providing one of the first and few books available on our sport. *All You Have To Do, Is Come Close!* is a fine book with many pitching tips, pictures and information. If you haven't read it, get a copy. You'll enjoy it.

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Kindred Spirits

by Dave Loucks

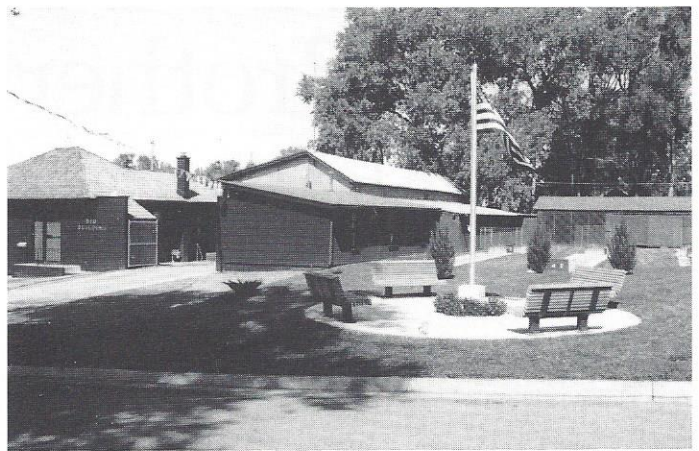
Rogue River, Oregon and Lincoln, Nebraska are nearly 2000 miles apart. Charles Anderson of Rogue River and Jack McKinney of Lincoln are kindred spirits and close friends. As long time promoters they are "Mr. Horseshoes" of their area as they forever have our sport in mind."

Jack, a retired contractor, purchased, several years ago, the site of a former lumber yard and began a gradual conversion to one of the nicest horseshoe pitching facilities you could ever hope to visit. In addition to six beautifully landscaped blue clay courts outdoors, Jack built two fine indoor courts complete with lights, heat and windows for natural sunlight. Adjoining the indoor courts is a room which comes complete with television, darts, refreshments, bulletin board, bath and other amenities, all for the relaxation of pitchers and guests.

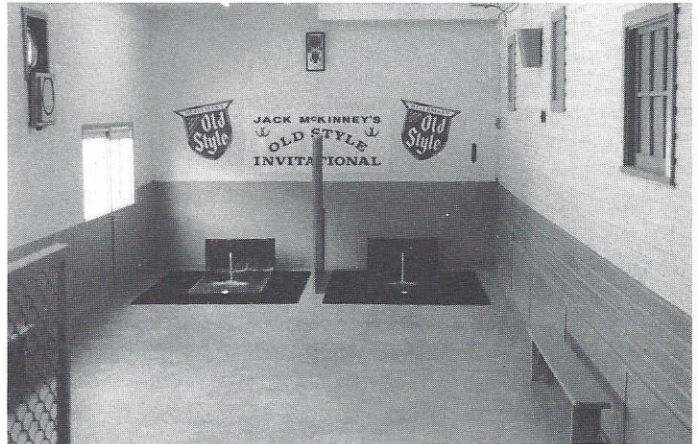
Jack's Place, as it is called, is home not only to Jack McKinney, but his very popular Old Style Invitational tournament which is held every Fall. Invited pitchers from several states take part in a two day event in which each pitcher is seeded into both singles and doubles. The atmosphere and pace is relaxed and everyone is made to feel at home. Even if you haven't been to Jack's Place, you have no doubt seen signs of it all around. Hundreds of pitchers across the country have been seen wearing one of the colorful blue, white and gray jackets with the interlocked horseshoes and Jack's Place embroidered on the left chest.

Charles Anderson is a former fire captain who retired several years ago from California to the beautiful Rogue River Valley in Southern Oregon. Being an old school classmate of Las Vegas horseshoe promoter Don Weaver probably had something to do with Charlie deciding to start a club in Rogue River. In a matter of a few short years, he had brought together an organized club of horseshoe pitchers and arranged for land alongside the beautiful Rogue River where he and some club members installed 14 courts. Charlie had a dream to hold a major tournament annually at his courts and two years ago got it started with Coors and community support. The sponsor has now changed to the Valley of the Rogue Bank and this year expectations are for well over 125 pitchers who will compete for a few thousand dollars in prize money.

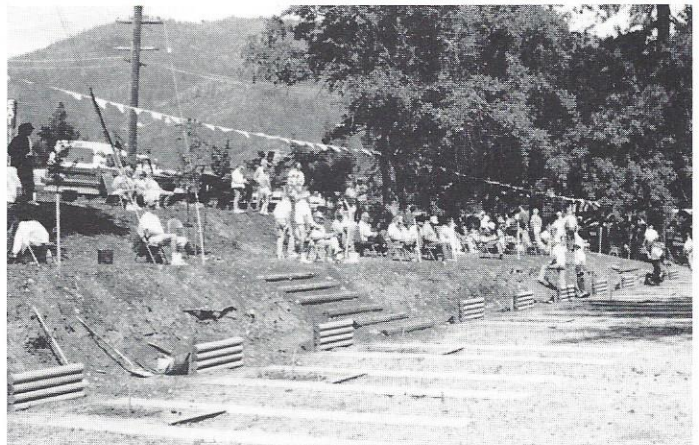
Due to the beautiful vacation and recreation area being just an hour's drive above the northern border of California, the Rogue River Tournament draws horseshoe pitchers like metal filings to a magnet. Last year, entries came from several surrounding states and as far away as South Dakota and Nebraska. Yes, Nebraska was represented as Jack McKinney made his second trip to pitch in the Rogue. Turnabout is fair play as Charlie, last fall, made his second visit to Jack's invitational in Lincoln. When these two get together, you know somehow, somewhere, horseshoes will come out the winner.



Jack's Place in Lincoln, Nebraska



Inside Jack's Place



Charlie's Place in Rogue River, Oregon



Charlie's Place is alongside the beautiful Rogue River.

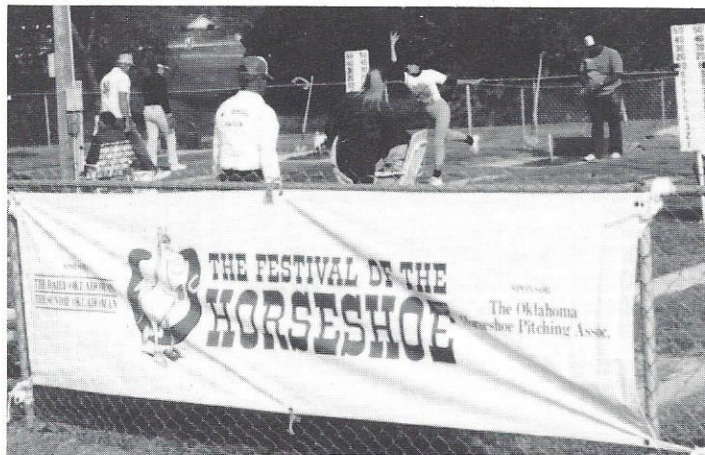
Here and There

Dave Loucks reports happenings around the NHPA

CONNECTICUT — On November 2nd, the Connecticut HPA held their first Hall of Fame inductions dinner. Under the direction of chairman Dennis Hansen, committee members worked hard to bring about this first ever awards dinner which will become an annual event. Inducted into the Hall in 1991 were Samuel Bartram, Lester Lane, William Crofut, Frank Wagner, Ervin VanDine, Donald Harrison, Michael Vecchitto, Donald Weik and Norman Rioux Jr. It is noteworthy to mention that Sam Bartram and Les Lane were the first President and Secretary/Treasurer of the State association when it became a charter of the NHPA in 1935.



IOWA — Boone was the site of a summer upgrade of the 12 horseshoe courts in Memorial Park. Actually, the courts were rebuilt to bring them up to NHPA standards so the Iowa pitchers could bring more and bigger events to the city. Boone has been mentioned as a possible host for the Iowa Games horseshoe competition and the mid-state tournament. The bulk of the work was done by a six person ICC crew which was made up of all youngsters. It took about one week to complete the project and proved to be a good working experience for the kids.



OKLAHOMA — Yukon was host to the 2nd annual Festival of the Horse Horseshoe Tournament held last October 19-20. The morning of The first day started with an amateur doubles event that drew 34 teams. It was double elimination with \$100 to the first place team. Saturday afternoon started the NHPA portion of the event which concluded Sunday night with Coke Bowker of Azle, Texas the winner for the second year in a row. The prize for Coke was \$500. The Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma Special Events sponsored the tournament which gave away \$4500 in prize money.

TEXAS — Waco was the site of the 1991 Texas State Tournament and their Hall of Fame ceremony, which

buck horseshoes and a 1¼ turn. He first won the Fort Worth City Championship by eliminating Bill Evans, the 1937 Texas State Champ. Travis and Evans then teamed to win the city doubles title. It was then on to the State Tournament where Travis eliminated all competition while pitching thirteen 50 point games in an 8 hour time span. In his final game, Ralph pitched 45 ringers to win by a 50-44 score.

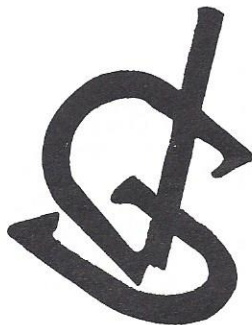
Now in his 80s, Ralph recalls that 1938 championship and the 15 entries which were a far cry from the 247 entries at the 1991 event. He said, "Texas is a big state and had dozens of horseshoe pitching cowboys. To win, I had to lay every shoe pitched against the stake."

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1991 TOP TEN

NATIONAL DIVISION — Mixed Men & Women

High Point Average

Pos.	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	129
2.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	128
3.	Henry Hostetler - 30'	N.E. OH Traveling, OH	122
4.	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	122
5.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	120
6.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	118
7.	Lois Webster	Scott County, KY	116
8.	Tony Hankins	Louisville Metro, KY	114
9.	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	112
10.	Glen Portt	Albany, GA	112

High Point Game

1.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	145
2.	Henry Hostetler - 30'	N.E. OH Traveling, OH	143
3.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	140
4.	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	139
5.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	138
6.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	138
7.	Noah Roach	Claudius-Crozet, VA	136
8.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	135
9.	Tony Hankins	Louisville Metro, KY	132
10.	John Ruston	Pioneer, NY	132

High Point Over Average

1.	D.W. Strickler	Claudius-Crozet, VA	+48.5
2.	Dave Alcamo	Greater St. Louis, MO	+41.9
3.	Joe Minicks	N.E. OH Traveling, OH	+41.3
4.	Bill McConnell	Greater St. Louis, MO	+40.6
5.	Renee Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	+39.5
6.	Kenny Breeden	Shenandoah Valley, VA	+38.7
7.	Jim Haupt	Goldendale, WI	+38.4
8.	Farrell Foster	Central IA Traveling, IA	+38.3
9.	Iris Sandham	Stone Mountain, GA	+38.1
10.	Doug Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	+37.1

High Ringer Average

		%
1.	Tari Powell	83.4
2.	Oscar Manns	80.0
3.	Henry Hostetler	76.4
4.	Elden Sarbaugh	75.6
5.	Dale Lipovsky	75.6
6.	Mary Ann Kramr	74.5
7.	Stan Griggs	73.4
8.	Don Kangas	70.8
9.	Lois Webster	70.7
10.	David Hughes	70.5

MEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	80.0
2.	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	75.6
3.	Dale Lipovsky	Bloomington, MN	75.6
4.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	73.4
5.	Jesse Gonzales	San Luis Obispo, CA	72.0
6.	Don Kangas	Goldendale, WI	70.8
7.	David Hughes	Bloomington, MN	70.5
8.	Tony Hankins	Louisville Metro, KY	69.8
9.	Robert Domey	Central Mass., MA	67.3
10.	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	66.4

High Ringer Game

1.	Robert Domey	Central Mass., MA	93.3
2.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	90.0
3.	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	90.0
4.	Jesse Gonzales	San Luis Obispo, CA	90.0
5.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	88.0
6.	Noah Roach	Claudius-Crozet, VA	86.0
7.	Jim Mihura	Yukon, OK	85.0
8.	Tony Hankins	Louisville Metro, KY	84.0
9.	John Ruston	Pioneer, NY	84.0
10.	Joe Gamble	Balboa Park, CA	84.0

MEN'S DIVISION cont.

High Ringer Over Average

		Pts.	
1.	D.W. Strickler	Claudius-Crozet, VA	+42.1
2.	Matt Hendrickson	Central Mass., MA	+31.9
3.	Roger Simpson	Nashua, NH	+31.5
4.	Woodrow Martin	Peoria, IL	+31.4
5.	George Nelson	Arlington Iron Benders, TX	+30.9
6.	Harvey Felling	Bloomington, MN	+30.9
7.	Wayne Hendrickson	Central Mass., MA	+30.6
8.	Al Heim	Arlington Iron Benders, TX	+30.3
9.	Phillip Morris	S.W. Ark. HPA, AR	+29.9
10.	Michael Clark	Gulf Coast, MS	+29.8

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

		%	
1.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	83.4
2.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	74.5
3.	Lois Webster	Scott County, KY	70.7
4.	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	66.9
5.	Joan Guetzke	Goldendale, WI	66.9
6.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	64.2
7.	Loree Meier	Independence, MO	63.8
8.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	63.5
9.	Jane Smith	Close Doesn't County, WI	63.0
10.	Lorraine Gerdes	Platte Valley, NE	62.8

High Ringer Game

1.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	96.0
2.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	88.0
3.	Linda Barris	Waggaman, LA	87.5
4.	Jane Smith	Close Doesn't County, WI	85.0
5.	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	84.0
6.	Iris Sandham	Stone Mountain, GA	84.0
7.	Eddie McKinney	Close Doesn't Count, WI	82.5
8.	Joan Guetzke	Goldendale, WI	82.0
9.	Edi Holland	Brooklyn Park, MN	82.0
10.	Lois Webster	Scott County, KY	80.0

High Ringer Over Average

1.	Janet Aitken	Painesville, OH	+31.1
2.	Robbie Fowler	Gulf Coast, MS	+29.9
3.	Edi Holland	Brooklyn Park, MN	+28.9
4.	Renee Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	+28.8
5.	Josephine Charley	Gold Country, CA	+28.7
6.	Mary Ann Fumia	San Luis Obispo, CA	+28.4
7.	Lorretta Finner	Midland, MI	+28.3
8.	Jennie Hill	Pioneer, NY	+28.2
9.	Cathy Moran	Gulf Coast, MS	+28.1
10.	Iris Sandham	Stone Mountain, GA	+28.0

NATIONAL JUNIOR DIV. — Boys & Girls Mixed

High Point Average

		Pts.	
1.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	127
2.	John Walters	Troy, OH	124
3.	Doug Macha	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	107
4.	Celeste Polak	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	105
5.	Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, CA	94
6.	Matt Lockhart	White Hall, IL	91
7.	Julie Walters	Troy, OH	90
8.	Reed Filley	Red River Valley, ND	84
9.	Shane Fedde	Pawnee Ringers, NE	82
10.	Jim Tripp	Midland, MI	74

High Point Game

1.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	142
2.	John Walters	Troy, OH	142
3.	Celeste Polak	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	126
4.	Doug Macha	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	123
5.	Matt Lockhart	White Hall, IL	116

1991 TOP TEN

BOYS & GIRLS MIXED cont.

High Point Game

Pos. Name	Club Name	Pts.
6. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	113
7. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	111
8. Shane Fedde	Pawnee Ringers, NE	107
9. Reed Filley	Red River Valley, ND	107
10. Ben Palani Gomes	Kona, HI	106

High Point Over Average

1. Ben Palani Gomes	Kona, HI	+32.7
2. Brad Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	+29.6
3. Tom Hardy	Try County, OH	+28.3
4. Charlie Milne	Platte Valley, NE	+28.2
5. Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	+26.9
6. Missa Rosival	Montgomery, MN	+25.8
7. Matt Dean	Shenandoah Valley, VA	+25.7
8. Jim Tripp	Midland, MI	+25.0
9. Shane Fedde	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+24.6
10. Matt Lockhart	White Hall, IL	+24.5

High Ringer Average

		%
1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	79.2
2. John Walters	Troy, OH	76.6
3. Celeste Polak	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	65.6
4. Doug Macha	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	63.8
5. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, CA	50.9
6. Matt Lockhart	White Hall, IL	49.7
7. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	47.0
8. Shane Fedde	Pawnee Ringers, NE	43.8
9. Curt Mutz	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	41.0
10. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OK	40.8

JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	79.2
2. John Walters	Troy, OH	76.6
3. Doug Macha	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	63.8
4. Christopher Catron	Painesville, OH	51.2
5. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	50.9
6. Matt Lockhart	White Hall, IL	49.7
7. Donnie Hill	S.W. Ark. HPA, AR	47.0
8. Shane Fedde	Pawnee Ringers, NE	43.8
9. Curt Mutz	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	41.0
10. Donnie Irby	Shreveport Dbl. Rgs., LA	39.9

High Ringer Game

1. John Walters	Troy, OH	94.6
2. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	92.0
3. Doug Macha	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	80.0
4. Christopher Catron	Painesville, OH	76.6
5. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	66.0
6. Reed Filley	Red River Valley, ND	66.0
7. Shane Fedde	Pawnee Ringers, NE	64.0
8. Ben Palani Gomes	Kona, HI	64.0
9. Donnie Hill	S.W. Ark. HPA, AR	63.3
10. Donnie Irby	Shreveport Dbl. Rgs. LA	62.5

High Ringer Over Average

		Pts.
1. Justin Topper	Eau Claire, WI	+27.4
2. Glenn Clark	Shreveport Dbl. Rgs., LA	+25.8
3. Christopher Catron	Painesville, OH	+25.3
4. Charlie Milne	Platte Valley, NE	+25.0
5. Ben Palani Gomes	Kona, HI	+24.2
6. Greg Topper	Eau Claire, WI	+23.1
7. Donnie Irby	Shreveport Dbl. Rgs. LA	+22.6
8. Tom Hardy	Try County, OH	+22.1
9. Adam Topper	Eau Claire, WI	+22.1
10. Jim Tripp	Midland, MI	+21.9

JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION

High Ringer Average

Pos. Name	Club Name	%
1. Celeste Polak	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	65.6
2. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	47.0
3. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OK	40.8
4. Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	40.3
5. Missa Rosival	Montgomery, MN	29.4
6. Heather Sternberg	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	29.1
7. Jessica Dunn	Minneapolis, MN	24.7
8. Mallory Blazetic	Painesville, OH	20.6
9. Carrie Dotson	Painesville, OH	16.1
10. Michelle Bull	Kilkenny Jr. Lg. MN	16.1

High Ringer Game

1. Celeste Polak	Riverside Jr. Lg, TX	76.0
2. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	66.0
3. Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	62.5
4. Jessica Dunn	Minneapolis, MN	52.5
5. Heather Sternberg	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	50.0
6. Mallory Blazetic	Painesville, OH	50.0
7. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OK	48.0
8. Missa Rosival	Montgomery, MN	48.0
9. Carrie Dotson	Painesville, OH	30.0
10. Michelle Bull	Kilkenny Jr. Lg, MN	30.0

High Ringer Over Average

1. Mallory Blazetic	Painesville, OH	+29.3
2. Jessica Dunn	Minneapolis, MN	+27.2
3. Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	+22.1
4. Heather Sternberg	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	+20.8
5. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	+18.8
6. Missa Rosival	Montgomery, MN	+18.5
7. Candy Donaghue	Close Doesn't Ct. Jr. Lg, WI	+16.9
8. Jamie Lietzua	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	+15.1
9. Jessica Spiesman	Painesville, OH	+14.3
10. Sarah Benson	Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI	+14.2

Clubs Awarded Five-Year Continuous Sanction 1987-1991

1. Gold Country #87C240	California
2. Dwight Ringers & Leaners #87C251	Illinois
3. Joliet #87C241	Illinois
4. Millers Horseshoe Retreat #87C261	Indiana
5. Marion #87C243	Indiana
6. Waggaman #87A262	Louisiana
7. Platte Valley #87C236	Nebraska
8. May Port #87C228	North Dakota
9. Sheyenne Valley #87C255	North Dakota
10. Bald Hill #87C257	North Dakota
11. Yukon #87C253	Oklahoma
12. Spearfish #87C242	South Dakota
13. Sweetwater County #87C245	Wyoming
14. Chadron Jr. Lg. #87Jr6	Nebraska
15. Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg. #87Jr9	North Dakota
16. Glenburn Jr. Lg. #87Jr11	North Dakota
17. Kilkenny Jr. Lg. #87Jr12	Minnesota
18. Goldendale Jr. Lg. #87Jr13	Wisconsin

Clubs Awarded Ten-Year Continuous Sanction 1982-1991

1. Indian Valley #82C60	California
2. Boulder #82C91	Colorado
3. Peoria #82C13	Illinois
4. Louisville Metro #82C100	Kentucky
5. Golden Triangle #82C8	Missouri
6. Scottsbluff County #82C147	Nebraska
7. Pioneer #82C21	New York
8. Red River Valley #82C86	North Dakota
9. Dormont #82C71	Pennsylvania
10. Greater Houston #82A18	Texas
11. Tri-County #82C116	West Virginia

The Lucky Point in Horseshoes

by Robert E. Hopkins

We were playing doubles. My opponent insisted on measuring to determine the closer shoe. Both shoes were about 4 inches from the stake. They appeared to be equal distance. I suggested a tie. "Not acceptable." I offered to concede the point. "Not fair." A measurement had to be made. Three minutes to get the calipers, more to open them, still more minutes to make the measurements. Four people were delaying the entire tournament.

Finally the calipers were set up to touch one of the shoes (likely moving it 0.001 inches or more). The other shoe was then measured and declared to be closer. I was inclined to challenge the measurement. I resisted the urge, I won the point. A hollow victory.

There are lurking errors in making such a measurement. The shortest distance between the shoe and the stake is a straight line passing through the center of the stake and a point on the shoe closest to the center of the stake. The points of the caliper must be located on the line between these two points. This is obviously impossible for the center of the stake is not available. The only solution is to make repeated measurements to both shoes to find the minimum distance. The measurement should also be measured on a level line.

Does this procedure warrant delay

ing the whole tournament? Do the spectators get much out of it? The judge always has to make a judgement. In principle it could always be challenged. Let's be practical. Let lady luck make the decision? Like the wobbly pin in bowling, luck makes the choice.

The controversy is demeaning to the game. Both shoes missed the target.

The contestants should make the decision. If they can't agree within 15 seconds there are three good options:
1. Flip a shoe and accept the results.

2. If one player insists on calling a judge and loses, the opponent gets two points instead of one.
3. No tournament should be won with less than a three point difference.
4. Similar rules could be used to settle disputes about ringers.

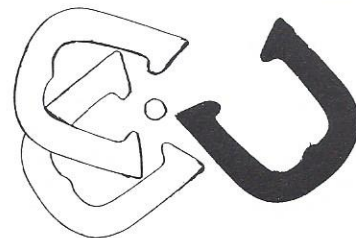
If none of the above are acceptable the game deserves to go to Count All with any shoe within 7 and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches to the stake counting as one point. The players' shoes may then be used for the measurement.

SCORING SYSTEMS

by Sol Berman

The NHPA has two official scoring systems, the count-all and the cancellation. They differ in that in Count-All, "All shoes within six inches of the stake are of equal value" and a set number of shoes are pitched. Ringers are scored the same way in both scoring systems. Single points are scored entirely different in each scoring system.

Note in the diagram that using count-all scoring, the pitcher with the white shoes get two points while the pitcher with the black shoe gets one point. Using cancellation scoring, the pitcher with the black shoe still gets the one point but the pitcher with the white shoes gets no points. Using "True Cancellation" scoring, which I advocate, one white shoe cancels the black shoe



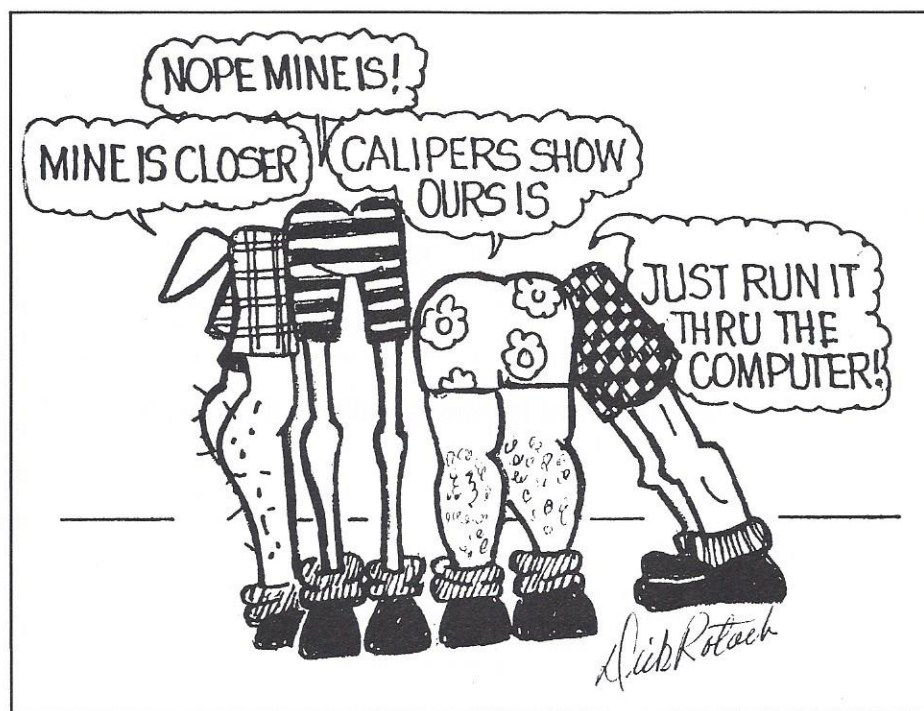
and the other white shoe gets one point (same results as count-all).

At the 1989 World Championship in Spearfish, S.D. 40 shoe cancellation scoring was used, that's a mixture of cancellation and count-all. Let's say that the final game at Spearfish came down to a 30-30 tie at 38 shoes, and the final four shoes ended up as illustrated in the diagram. If Knisley had the two white shoes and Francis the one black shoe, Alan would win 30-31. If the count-all scoring was used Jim would win 32-31. If the scoring system used was True Cancellation Jim would win 31-30.

It seems to me that the two scoring systems that give us the best chance of producing the same winner should be our two official scoring systems.

Two leagues have used the True Cancellation scoring system for the past two summers where it was reported to have received 95% acceptance. They report a saving of time due to decreasing the necessity of measuring close shoes.

A proposed rule change "All shoes within six inches of the stake shall be of equal value" was submitted to the rules committee in 1991. They didn't think it merited consideration and vote by the delegates. I disagree and believe the above information should help qualify the need for this rule to be changed. I intend to again propose "True Cancellation" scoring so that the delegates at the convention in 1993 can get a chance to vote on it.



Riverside, Maryland

New Horseshoe Courts Dedicated ...Ask Flora???

by Donnie Roberts

Approximately 75 persons attended the dedication of the six newly constructed horseshoe courts at the Riverside, Maryland Recreation Complex.

The courts, which were built to official specifications, were constructed by volunteers in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department. They were named in honor of Chester Wilson, who was co-chairman of the construction committee and donated many hours of work in completing the project.

The other co-chairman on the project was Mike Hedrick, a local scout, who worked on the project.

The dedication was held October 2, 1990 at the Riverside Complex. The Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department extended thanks and sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who helped make this project such a success. The department expressed the hope all volunteers and citizens would enjoy many, many games of horseshoes on these new courts.

C. Eugene Mason, Director of Parks and Recreation, was Master of Ceremonies. James Echard, Recreation Advisory Board Chairman, gave the welcome. There were remarks by Mike Hedrick - Scout, William Burke - Acting City Administrator, Don Hedrick - Project Member, and Chester Wilson. Committee members handled the sign unveiling. This was all followed by an exhibition of horseshoe pitching.

Although the courts were named in honor of Chester Wilson, who pitches 30 feet, there is a good woman behind this gentleman. Her name is Flora. She loves horseshoe and Chester. Flora is a native of Cumberland and has many accomplishments in our sport.

Flora captured the East Coast Championship in the Women's Class B division, which included pitchers from Virginia, Maryland, and part of New Jersey. Flora went 6-0 with 103 ringers out of 276 shoes and 27 doubles. For her championship effort she received a 31 inch trophy, \$40.00 and a National Horseshoe Pitchers Association patch.



The Chester N. Wilson Horseshoe Courts were dedicated at the Riverside Recreation Complex. Front row, l to r: Flora Wilson, Co-Chairman Chester Wilson, Scout Master Don Hedrick, and Co-Chairman Mike Hedrick. Back row l to r: Director of Parks and Recreation Eugene Mason, Volunteer Worker and former State Horseshoe Champion Dick Sites and Acting City Administrator Bill Burke.

In 1989 Flora won the Maryland State horseshoe pitching title in Class E action versus six men. She then went on to the national competition (Senior Olympics) in St. Louis, where she finished an impressive third out of 19 women. In the Senior Olympic events, Flora sports three gold medals and two silver medals.



Flora Wilson with the trophy for winning the East Coast Championship Women's Class B in Frederick, Maryland.

Flora and her husband Chester, have been pitching horseshoes for the last 10 years in their backyard. One evening Flora teamed up with veteran horseshoe pitcher Junior Bishop. Bishop brought his own horseshoes and Flora put them to good use as she amazingly hurled seven ringers out of eight tosses. The stunned

Bishop in turn gave the shoes to the "rookie" and Flora has used the "magic shoes," as she calls them, ever since.

Flora attributes much of her success to local pitcher Dale Cosner, whom she calls coach. "He always tries to help me."

As of last year, the Wilsons and usually 10 or 15 other people have enjoyed practicing two days a week, during seasonal weather, at the new Chester N. Wilson Horseshoe Courts, named after her husband. The Wilsons and others also visited the Kennedy Homes during the summer months to teach the ladies the art of horseshoe pitching. Flora thinks horseshoe pitching is a great way to get exercise and is just a lot of fun.



Chester Wilson, at 30 feet, tosses the first official shoe on the courts named in his honor at the Riverside Recreation Complex.

Accountability

by Donnie Roberts

During a year, as NHPA Secretary-Treasurer, I receive about 4,500 checks or money orders for membership, subscriptions, fees and all the other items you see in the NHPA financial reports that are published in *Newsline*. This money comes from charters, individuals, companies, clubs, and others. During this process, I notice from the checks, how many state charters and horseshoe clubs are using just one signature on their checking accounts and how many individuals are using their own personal checking accounts to process horseshoe money. I strongly urge you not to do either one. My advice would be to follow the NHPA example. The NHPA checking account requires two signatures on every check. Each check is signed by the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer and the NHPA President.

Your charter checking account or your club checking account should be the same way. This is done to protect the finances of your club or charter and to protect the individuals who serve in office. In my case, I would refuse to handle the NHPA account if it was just my signature. Each of you who is currently involved with a one signature account should consider a change to handle the funds as the NHPA does. When I get a bill for some item, I issue a check and send that check, plus a copy of the bill, in an envelope addressed to the person owed, to the NHPA President. He reviews, and if there are no questions, signs and mails the check. This protects the NHPA and provides two officer approval.

Many of you out there, using one signature accounts, are open to unneeded criticism. Those who are running your club or charter funds through a personal checking account are really taking great risks. You are open to suspicion and subjecting yourself to being liable to the IRS for those funds. Open a two signature account for your club for the benefit of your club and you. The NHPA CDs, Junior Trusts, etc., are two signature accounts. Again, I urge you to handle your club and/or charter funds as the NHPA does. Many clubs and charters send me money orders. You should pay all your bills by check, never by cash, money order,

or cashier's check, as all three are hard to handle in your financial reporting and auditing.

The next item is not directed at a particular charter or club, but is just to let you know how the NHPA operates and to encourage you to act the same responsible way. Your fellow officers and your membership want to know and have a right to know, where the money comes from and where it goes. The NHPA reports monthly and most of you should do the same. Many charters and clubs only report once a year at the club meeting or the charter annual meeting. This may not be often enough. Many times the annual report is just read out loud and it is reported that a couple members reviewed the books and all is well. This procedure may not provide the protection you need.

...adopt procedures that protect your money and your officers.

Each month, all NHPA officers receive, from the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer, a complete copy of the monthly bank statement, a complete report of every penny received and every penny spent. In addition, this report is submitted to *Newsline* for publication, where our editor normally combines two or three months, due to a bi-monthly publishing schedule.

Complete ledgers of receipts and expenses are kept in the office of the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer along with matching deposit slips, bank statements, etc. All of these items are presented to our auditor every year for a financial statement that is prepared and presented to the convention and published in *Newsline* for the membership. This process is very easy, fiscally responsible, and totally safeguards the NHPA funds. In addition, it provides all the NHPA people who handle money protection from suspicion of or opportunity to mishandle NHPA funds. Also, The NHPA President keeps a check ledger of all the checks that he signs just to be sure no checks are lost through the mail.

I strongly urge your club or charter to adopt similar procedures to protect your money and your officers.

There are charters who never make a financial report to the members. There are officers in those charters who never make a financial report to their fellow officers. There are charters who never have an audit. There are charters who don't keep ledgers. Many charter officers never see the bank statements on their accounts. There are clubs who have the same situation. I urge all charter and club officers who handle horseshoe money to insist on these procedures and to take an active part in putting them in place.

The NHPA Secretary-Treasurer is bonded for \$100,000 by an Insurance Company to protect the NHPA funds. This is done to further protect the member's money just in case something dishonest would ever happen. It never has with the NHPA, but is a protection. You will have to look at your funds as relates to the amount, etc. and decide if your money handler should be bonded.

The NHPA has a Federal ID number with the IRS. We file a return as a Non-Profit Corporation each year with the IRS. In addition, we file 1099 forms every year with the IRS for people who win prize money or receive payments in excess of \$600. 1099s are issued to other various non-corporation types that we spend money with for various items. You may have some responsibility to the IRS. It is my suggestion that you check with an accountant or someone qualified to inform you about your possible obligations to local, state, and federal tax people.

Another item that comes to my attention results when new people are elected to club or charter office. Many times during elections, the two or three office seekers aren't on the best of terms due to vying for the same position. Often there are ill feelings involved. A club or charter officer will call and want to know what their duties are and express a need for materials, forms, instructions, etc. that could easily have been turned over to them by the previous office holder. An outgoing officer has a responsibility to turn everything over the new officer and to provide the needed informa-

by Donnie Roberts

tion to the new officer to make the transition smooth and effective. You owe this courtesy to the members and to your club or charter. It is easy to understand the desire of a defeated incumbent to be somewhat uncooperative, particularly if the race was very hard fought but that isn't in the best interest of everyone. Governmental groups sometimes appoint a transition team. It may well be the NHPA, clubs, and charters should consider transition teams when offices change to dictate a smooth transition. To date, the NHPA has been able to make smooth transitions but my calls and mail certainly paint another picture in many cases at the club and charter level.

One last item that comes to my desk, many times, is a club or charter officer who wants to know what his/her duties are now that they have been elected. The duties of any club or charter officer should be spelled out somewhere. This could be the

Constitution and By-Laws operating procedures or the official minutes of that club or charter. In addition, the outgoing or remaining officers who have been active must provide you with information as part of the transition effort. Every new officer should acquaint themselves with their club or charter rules, minutes, constitution and by-laws, the NHPA pitching rules, the NHPA constitution and by-laws, and all other related reading material.

If a new charter officer has a problem, you can contact the NHPA so that information can be provided. Other local officers will also be happy to bring you up to speed on local duties.

My effort in this article is only to offer alternatives to some problem areas that develop day to day. I feel certain there are other areas that could have been mentioned, but I will rely on you to let me know those areas of interest.

Statement of Account

Georgia W.T. Shortfall

Delegates at the 1991 Convention voted to remove pending legal action to collect the \$35,500 shortage in Bid money for the 1990 World Tournament. The principals involved presented a letter to the NHPA pledging their cooperation to hold fund raisers and apply local tournament assessments, the proceeds of which would be paid to the NHPA at a minimum of \$1200 yearly. During 1991, payments in excess of the minimum were made and the statement of account is as follows:

Initial shortfall debt.....\$35,500

Credits applied:

1990 Banquet tickets excess.\$1168.40

Member donations.....275.00

Office worker's donations.....64.00

1990 Georgia RD check held.100.00

1990 RD expense check120.37

Payment 2-12-91.....306.40

Payment 6-4-91140.00

Payment 8-16-91.....425.00

Payment 11-14-91519.00

Total Credit applied..... \$3118.17

Balance due

as of 12-31-91.....\$32,381.83

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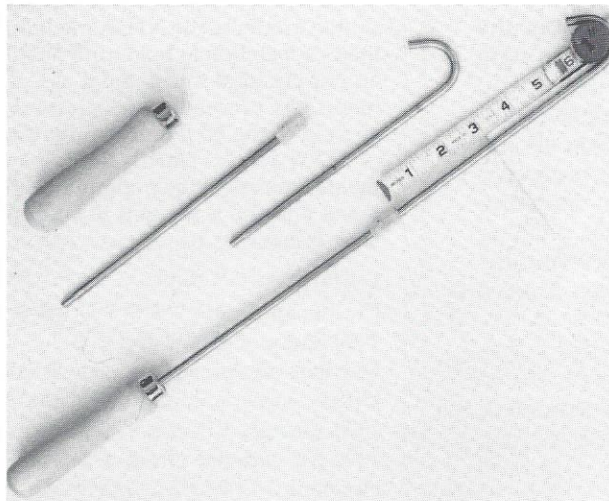
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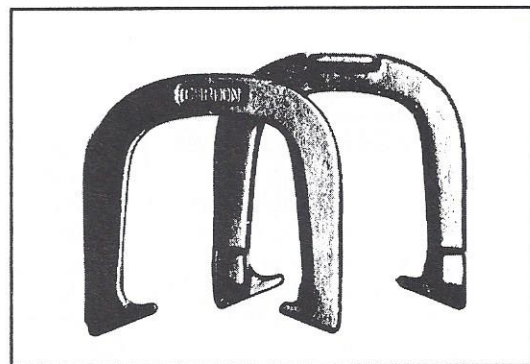
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For A Healthy Pitch

by Debby Michaud

What is both beneficial or harmful, reassuring or frightening, can be physically draining or can energize you, and can lower your level of confidence or raise it? **STRESS.**

We've all felt and remember well the negative effects of stress. Our hearts pound, our palms become sweaty, we may feel weak or irritable, we may develop a headache or bite our fingernails up to the knuckles. But we may not recognize the times when stress has had a beneficial effect on us because we just don't associate a crystal clear thought process or a heightened awareness of our physical abilities with stress. There is a fine line between beneficial stress and harmful stress, and the more we can control our stress, the more often we'll stay on the positive side of that line. Some general tips to control stress follow.

12 Ways To Win The War Against Stress

1. Eat a balanced diet every day, including one hot meal.
2. Get enough sleep, seven or eight hours/night usually.
3. Take time out, daily, for YOU, time to read, to meditate, listen to your favorite music, or talk to a friend for no reason at all.
4. Exercise in some form every day, whether it's a slow walk around a building after work, a hard session at a gym, or dancing to your favorite music.
5. Do deep breathing and relaxation exercises every day.
6. Join a social organization or a group of people who enjoy similar interests, especially people you don't work with.
7. Never be afraid to ask for help or to communicate that you are un-

sure of something. It's a great way to foster communication, trust and cooperation, all stress-relievers.

8. Have a reliable friend or relative in whom you can confide.

9. When dealing with people in negative situations, tell them how you *feel*. These "I" messages are a non-threatening way to get your point across without inviting rebellion and confrontation. Example: "I feel frustrated when you plan work without asking for my input," instead of "You're a stupid jerk!"

10. Avoid "thinking errors" such as over-generalization or all-or-none thinking. Most often things are not as final as they seem and there are usually some positive aspects or options available. Also avoid the "If only..." phrase in

favor of "Next time I'll do it this way." We shouldn't get stuck on the negative, but should look for the positives of each situation or the changes that can be made the next time a similar situation occurs.

11. Become aware of when you become negatively stressed. Keep a log of those times and try to plan ahead to avoid them or at least make them more tolerable or productive.

12. Drink less caffeine and, in general, maintain good health by getting regular checkups for your eyes, teeth, hearing, etc.

Another time we can try to explore how to control our stress in specific situations, like horse-shoe competitions!

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INCOME

NHPA Membership	\$15,381.00
Insurance Fees	3,588.00
Newsline Subscriptions	8,243.00
Newsline Paid Advertising	2,213.00
Horseshoe Sanctioning Fees.....	2,000.00
1990 World Debt Payments	519.00
1992 World Registration Fees	50.00
World Video, Patch and Misc. Sales	63.00
Charter Dues & Overpayments	5.00
Checking, CD & VISA Account Interest	502.00
Total 2 month income	\$32,564.00

EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production, Printing and Mailing.....	\$11,109.00
Newsline Editor Allowance	684.00
Sanctioned League Office, Supplies & Phone.....	2,682.00
Sanctioned League Director Allowance	250.00
Regional Directors Postage, Phone, Supplies	262.00
Regional Directors Annual Allowance	5,134.00
NHPA Office, Printing and Supplies	1,484.00
NHPA Postage	1,418.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repairs	522.00
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Vice President's Allowance.....	2,230.00
Publicity, Promotion.....	527.00
Professional Fees	113.00
Insurance Fees.....	18,700.00
World Tournament Hall of Fame.....	252.00
World Tournament Admin. Costs & Refunds.....	258.00
Misc. Bank Charges, Refunds, Fees	201.00
Total 2 month expenditures	\$50,935.00

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Sanctioned Tournament Directors

Please check NHPA card numbers!

by **Donnie Roberts**

It is very important that directors of sanctioned tournaments check the NHPA card number of every participant. Sometimes we assume a person has a current card who really doesn't. When a player shows up to sign in, ask to see his card.

It is required that every pitcher be an NHPA member in a sanctioned event. The only way to be sure is to look at each card. There is currently a way to evaluate how well this is being done. To see how carefully tournament directors are checking cards within a particular charter, one must take the annual membership report and compare it to all the sanctioned tournament results. This is a time consuming task and will remain so until we get fully computerized.

A spot check of some charters in 1991 found situations where several people had played in many sanctioned events without ever purchasing a card. This results in lost revenue to charters, lost revenue to the NHPA, lost delegates to the charter, non-compliance with proper rules, violation of the insurance policy, and on and on. In addition, it certainly isn't fair to all of us who pay our dues.

In spot checking, we found near 5% pitching in sanctioned events without a card. If this figure is a reflection of the entire membership, the NHPA lost around \$6000 in revenue and charter lost around \$3000 in revenue.

There shouldn't be a person playing in any sanctioned tournament without a card. At this point, we must rely on the hard working tournament directors to check the card numbers at all sanctioned tournaments. In the future I suspect our computers will be able to solve the problem.

The complimentary card program is the only exception to having a card in a sanctioned event. That program allows a non-member to play in only one sanctioned event without a card. An accurate record is kept of these people. This is done to get a new person started who will likely become a full member once he has experienced playing in a sanctioned tournament. Each club is limited to 14 such people per year.

Before running the spot check, I would have guessed people weren't playing in sanctioned events without cards. Since the facts show it is happening, let's all check cards in 1992 and beyond to eliminate the problem.

Newsline 1991 Report

by Dave Loucks, Editor

Newsline finished its third publishing year by mailing over 3000 copies of the November/December issue. This was only the second time that mailing have broken the 3000 barrier. The first time was also in 1991, the World Tournament issue.

The ratio of subscribers to membership still remains just over 20%, with only one in five adult members on the mailing list. There is probably some trickle down effect, but it is sad that so few of our members are interested enough to make themselves aware of the happenings within our great sport and association. Still, subscriptions are up some 30% over the ending number for the Digest and there is a growing trend which we are happy to see.

Many are taking advantage of the multiple year savings when sending in their renewals. This is a break-even proposition at best for the NHPA and one we had to take a close look at last year when *Newsline* production costs took some unexpected increases. However, we decided to continue it for at least another year in the hope that it would be a little extra incentive for members to subscribe and renew.

As you read this, think how you might help us. The more subscriptions we have, the lower the production costs for each copy. So, you can help to keep average costs and subscription rates from increasing by merely doing your part to get a new subscriber or two. Give a *Newsline* subscription as a tournament prize in place of a ten or fifteen dollar cash prize. Give a *Newsline* subscription as a gift for a family member, friend or a junior pitcher you are trying to encourage to get more involved in the sport. A little effort in this regard can benefit many.

Be sure to check the mailing label on your magazine. It indicates the expiration date of your subscription. Don't wait until that date arrives or is past to renew. You will be too late to make the printout of the labels for the next issue. Renew early and avoid the extra expense for you and the NHPA to send back copies.

Last year we went to bimonthly issues, where in the previous two years, we published ten issues. To give

you a better comparison of how we are doing with our per issue mailings, I have combined some months for 1989 and 1990 into averages for comparison with 1991. The following is a report of the average mailings per issue.

Issue	1989	1990	1991
Jan/Feb	2475	2700	2826
Mar/Apr	2400	2726	2983
May/Jun	2504	2799	2947
July/Aug	2633	2842	2933
Sep/Oct	2753	2836	3004
Nov/Dec	2724	2785	3011
Results	2694	2813	2850
Average	2597	2785	2936

Newsline Subscribers by State 1991 Year End

Rank	State	Members	Subscribers	% over 1990	Reader gain/loss
1.	California	1223	326	26.7	+22
2.	Ohio	912	224	24.6	+13
3.	Illinois	659	190	28.8	+24
4.	Pennsylvania	576	150	26.0	+3
5.	New York	421	140	33.3	+9
6.	Missouri	978	122	12.5	+10
7.	Iowa	455	103	22.6	-2
8.	Indiana	473	101	21.3	+1
9.	Wisconsin	463	100	21.6	+6
10.	Minnesota	875	100	11.4	+3
11.	Florida	372	87	23.4	+9
12.	Massachusetts	381	82	21.5	-3
13.	Kansas	203	66	32.5	+9
14.	Washington	276	62	22.5	+4

15.	Michigan	284	61	21.5	+8
16.	Texas	472	59	12.5	+12
17.	Nebraska	490	56	11.4	-2
18.	Oregon	198	53	26.8	+1
19.	New Jersey	188	51	27.1	-3
20.	Canada	8	50	N/A	+4
21.	Colorado	445	49	11.0	+3
22.	Arizona	147	46	31.3	+3
23.	Oklahoma	132	44	33.3	+9
24.	Virginia	266	43	16.2	-1
25.	Louisiana	185	42	22.7	+9
26.	Connecticut	247	39	15.8	+4
27.	Tennessee	80	37	46.2	+8
28.	Georgia	100	37	37.0	+7
29.	Maryland	155	32	20.6	+4
30.	West Virginia	159	32	20.1	+2
31.	South Dakota	123	30	24.4	+2
32.	Kentucky	225	30	13.3	-2
33.	Utah	189	29	15.3	+8
34.	New Hampshire	168	27	16.1	-5
35.	Nevada	256	27	10.5	+7
36.	Wyoming	264	27	10.2	+4
37.	Idaho	146	26	17.8	+7
38.	Maine	106	24	22.6	+2
39.	Arkansas	125	23	18.4	+7
40.	Montana	218	23	10.5	+4
41.	North Dakota	325	23	7.1	-4
42.	New Mexico	115	20	17.4	-2
43.	North Carolina	112	19	17.0	-2
44.	Mississippi	129	19	14.7	+5
45.	Hawaii	174	17	9.8	-5
46.	Alabama	40	16	40.0	+5
47.	Vermont	128	13	10.2	+4
48.	Alaska	57	8	14.0	-
49.	Delaware	0	6	N/A	-
50.	South Carolina	50	6	12.0	+1
51.	Rhode Island	0	3	N/A	+2
52.	Washington DC	1	2	N/A	-
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This article will pertain mostly to the annual CL/LG Reports to all of the 1991 year end awards and their recipients.

First is a recap of figures for 1991 and comparisons to 1990.

	1990	1991	Diff.
No. of States	43	39	-4
No. of Clubs	200	187	-13
NHPA Members, Adults	4296	6644	+2348
Cl/Lg Members	3279	none	none
Total Adult & Jr. NHPA	7575	7032	-543
No. of Patches	6598	5301	-1297

There were 11 active Junior leagues, plus two that sanctioned late in the year, representing 8 states with a total of 200 members. They used 207 patches. These compare to 1990, re. 10 leagues, 5 states, 136 members and 153 patches. There were another 188 juniors pitching in mixed leagues for a 1991 total of 388. This is a nice improvement and so good to have more juniors participating. I would like to give some thanks to our Junior League Coordinator, Bob Dunn. He has done a lot of work in this area, which I'm sure has contributed to more of our pitchers taking an interest in encouraging the young people to pitch.

1991 Sanctioned CL/LG Cancellations

The following 32 (compared to 25 in 90) listed clubs/leagues have been notified that their NHPA sanctions have been cancelled. Some drop-outs and cancellations are always to be expected, perhaps more last year, due to the full NHPA member requirement. The sad part is, that this is not the reason for many of these. Some were full NHPA anyway. All 1990 and 1991 new sanctions knew of this requirement when they applied for their sanctions. Several, unfortunately, were caused by poor or neglectful Director/Officers who just failed to send in their required membership reports and would not reply to inquiries. The latter always upsets me, as it would only be a common courtesy for them to drop me a line. If the members of any of these clubs should wish to see their clubs renew their sanctions and are willing to place a responsible person as their Director, I welcome them to contact me.

Tucson, AZ #89C22
 San Jose, CA #87C268
 Yolo, CA #90C16
 Royal Canadian Legion, CN #84C16
 Paulding County, GA #85C50
 Southwest Ringers, KS #90C44
 Davidsonville, MD #83C69
 Frederick HPA, MD #90A07
 Fleur de Lis, MA #84C12
 Capitol City, MI #85C123
 Beaverton, MI #90C08
 LaPorte Popple, MN #89C12
 Wells, MN #90C35
 Mapleton, MN #90C31
 19th District VFW, IL #84C95
 Caryville, TN #90L25
 Northern Illinois, IL #90C36
 O'Fallon, MO #80C85
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 Northern, NY #83C111
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 Darke County, OH #89C6
 Genoa Area, OH #89C32
 North Olmstead, OH #90L34
 Tidewater, VA #89C25
 Captains Lounge, WV #88C40
 Hearne Crossroads, TX #89C13
 Tropic Star, TX #89C13
 Virginia Beach, VA #91C012

On to more cheerful aspects of being your National Cl/Lg Director. It is very rewarding and always my pleasure to announce and *congratulate* the winners of the Top Ten, Junior Scholarship/Honor Society and the Director of the Year, the latter, always a difficult decision. There are so many deserving, dedicated and hard-working individuals. Hopefully, in time, they will all receive the proper recognition. For now, I want each to know how much your endeavors and friendship is appreciated. I hope that you are receiving some rewards at your state and local levels.

Director of the Year Award - 1991 -

This award will go the **Percy D. Howe** of the Twin County HSC #78-C-54, in Orange, MA. Percy has been the Secretary/Director of this charter sanction for the past 15 years and before. He is also the same for the Athol and Orange club sanctioned in 1990. A very sweet person to work with and I am proud to award him this honor and to give him my sincere congratulations and thanks for all of his years of dedication to these clubs, their members, this program, the Massa-

chusetts HPA and the NHPA. An article and picture will be published in the next issue of *Newsline*.

Junior Scholarship Winners

1990-91 School Term

Jessica Dunn & Reed Filley

Jessica is the 15 year old daughter of our Junior Coordinator, Bob Dunn. She has received this honor for having the highest total school term grade point average of 3.905. Jessica pitches with two adult leagues in the state of Minnesota. This is the third year for Reed to earn this honor, still maintaining a straight A, 4.00 grade point average. He is a member of the Red River Valley league in North Dakota. Reed is also continually improving his ringer average. It is hard to find words to express just how proud we all are of these young pitchers and what it means to us to have them a part of our organization. Pictures and articles on these two special individuals will appear in the next issue of *Newsline*.

Junior Scholars and Honor Society Placers

1990-91 School Term

It is my honor to award the following seven junior pitchers with Certificates and Patches for their dedication to their education and the sport of horseshoes. They all deserve our appreciation for their part in striving to be an asset to our sport, our society and the future of our great country.

Scott Lietzau, age 14
 Goldendale Jr. Lg, WI GPA 3.5675
 Heather Kiefat, age 15
 Red River Valley, ND GPA 3.50
 Sarah Benson, age 13
 Goldendale Jr. Lg., WI GPA 3.30
 Jamie Lietzau, age 12
 Goldendale Jr. Lg., WI GPA 3.2725
 Troy Eppard, age 15
 Shenandoah Valley, VA GPA 3.20
 Brad Eppard, age 13
 Shenandoah Valley, CA GPA 3.18
 Nicole Wing, age 13
 Goldendale Jr. Lg., WI GPA 2.975

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Regional Director's Report

by Gary K. Minnick

In the Jan/Feb 1992 *Newsline* issue, **Mr. Elwyn Cooper** was appointed the Regional Director for **Missouri**. Anyone passing through Missouri can contact him about tournaments.

Sue Johnson of **Arizona** reports that on October 12, 1991, the Tucson Horseshoe Club participated in the "Corporate Challenge" with over 100 people pitching. On October 13, the Prescott Horseshoe Club participated in "Pumpkin Festival." Each pitcher was given a pumpkin. The Yuma Charter signed up 27 new members. NHPA related prizes are being given at sanctioned tournaments and are being well received.

Bruce "Mt. Man" Webb of **Southern California/Eastern Sierra** reports that Ridgecrest, CA formed a new club called High Desert Horseshoe Pitching Club and put in NHPA Sanctioned Courts at the same time. Sallie Cline, ARD was very instrumental in completing this.

Rodney Nahina of **Hawaii** reports that the 4th Annual State Championship Horseshoe Pitchers Tournament was held from August 30 to September 2, 1991 on the island of Maui. They had 80 participants from the islands of Maui, Oahu, and Hawaii. The Oahu officers commended the Maui officers for doing an outstanding job.

Jim Shilling of **Indiana** reports that they are forming committees to bid for the 1994 World Tournament. If successful, it will be pitched in the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis. They had 12 people sign up for *Newsline* at the Fall Meeting. *We need to promote Newsline* at all times. Jim Shilling was inducted into the Indiana Hall of Fame for his promotional efforts in the game of horseshoes. Indiana also honored Chad Hyatt by inducting him into the Junior Hall of Fame, based on his high pitching performance. Congratulations to both. 14 courts received their court sanctions during the Fall meeting.

Bob Walters of **Iowa** reports IA had a nice growth in membership this past year. Jan Fleming, ARD for SW

Iowa reported that Missouri Valley has added 6 new courts, bringing their total to 12. They have 2 active leagues with 120 players.

Omar Blacketer of **Kentucky** reports that he had to have a total hip replacement and is recovering fine with the help of a cane. Doctors say he can start pitching again in the spring.

John Decker of **Michigan** reports that their State Tournament was the largest and best ever. MI had a good year overall. Membership was up 82 people. Most of this increase is a result of the sanctioned league program. All courts in MI have been checked and the various clubs given the requirements to bring them up to *par*. They have all made the necessary improvements. On July 20 and 21, at Union City, MI they had their Annual St. Judes' Childrens Research Hospital tournament and raised \$1,311.90. This is excellent and everyone involved should get a pat on the back.

Don Koso of **Nebraska** reports that Kearney, NE is considering a 1994 W.T. bid for the new Indoor Buffalo County Expo Center.

Phil Zozzaro of **New Jersey** reports that NJ increased in membership again in 1991. Ronald Vogel was inducted into the NJSHPA Hall of Fame for 1991.

Hal Mineer of **New Mexico** reports that Socorro, NM is building 16 new courts and the Mayor is 100% behind them. If they meet NHPA requirements, they will hold the 1992 State Tournament there.

Marie Wetzel of **Pennsylvania** reports that the Western PA Associa-

tion has become incorporated. That's good news. She says PA should be well represented at the 1992 W.T. in Columbus. Marie would really like to commend Betty Lapping for the job she is doing with Juniors.

Dexter Stallings of **Tennessee** reports that TN has been pitching horseshoes for over 30 years with the NHPA. Their State Championships will be held Indoor for the first time at Jack Freeman's courts.

Bud Schardine of **Utah** reports on two invitational tournaments that again this year, were very successful. They were the Ogden Days Celebration and the Utah State Fair Invitational in Salt Lake City, UT.

Jack Adams of **Canada** reports that "Winter came early." Snow and freezing temperatures by mid-October put a halt to horseshoes pitching. He received a letter from people in Japan about the clinics that Horseshoe Canada conducts. He sent information and we all hope to see a club formed in Japan in the near future.

Well, I have about 80% of the patches and certificates mailed out already for 1992. I had a lot of discussion and input from NHPA Officers and other interested parties and plan to put the year back on the patch in 1993, unless something comes up to prevent it.

I've enjoyed my first 2 years serving you all and hope the next two are as good.

I have some ideas on the weighing and measuring of shoes at the 1992 World Tournament. If any of you have a good idea, please send it to me. I intend to get the Regional Directors more involved than ever in 1992.

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JAMES GRAHAM

The Michigan HPA and the M-46 Association were deeply saddened by the sudden and unexpected loss of member Jim Graham last October. While a relative newcomer, having pitched only a few years, Jim will be greatly missed. As a member of the Clio Horseshoe Club, those who knew Jim will remember him for his love of the game and a friendly attitude to all.

ROBERT L. REID

The Indiana HPA suffered a great loss with the December 19, 1991 death of Bob Reid. At age 74, Bob, residing in Scottsburg, Indiana, was the State Secretary for the Indiana Association, as well as an authorized NHPA Game Related Sales Distributor. Bob served the horseshoe pitchers in Indiana as Secretary for more than 15 years while his wife Viola has been treasurer of the association for the same time. Together, the two of them created many programs that helped promote horseshoes in Indiana.

Bob was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army and was a retired mail carrier. In 1986, Bob was inducted into the Indiana State Horseshoe Hall of Fame. Even though he is gone, his influence will be felt in the game for years to come. All Indiana horseshoe pitchers and his friends across the country will greatly miss him. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Viola and family members.

JACK H. SPRINGER

Jack Springer, age 74, died at home in Statesville, N. Carolina, on December 6, 1991, following a lengthy illness. Jack retired several years ago as the Director of Parks & Recreation after a 26 year career serving the people of Statesville. Jack was an outstanding athlete and a graduate of the University of West Virginia where he earned a Masters degree. He saw duty overseas during WWII where he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Ribbon for outstanding service and the Medal of Reconnaissance awarded by the National Government of Luxembourg. He returned home in 1946 with the rank of Major, where he became Commandant at Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia.

His love for athletics moved him to various schools where he coached football, basketball and baseball. In 1954, Jack accepted the position of Director of Recreation in Statesville. During his career, Jack served sport and community on many advisory boards. He was involved for many years with the Carolina Dogwood Festival and the Tournament Director of the 1979 World Tournament held in Statesville. The city named the horseshoe courts in Lakewood Park as the "Jack H. Springer Courts" in his honor. Horseshoe pitching has truly lost one of its finest boosters. The NHPA extends its deepest sympathy to his surviving wife and family.

WILLARD WILBUR

Michigan resident and a long time member of the Lapeer Horseshoe Club in the Wolverine State, Willard Wilbur passed away on November 11, 1991. Willard was age 75, living in Imlay City and a supporter of the M-46 Association. He won many championships over the years and will probably be most remembered for the laughs and fun created when he tried to show other pitchers how to pitch the reverse turn.

E. WAYNE WINSTON

The father of NHPA First Vice President Earl Winston, died at age 87 in LaMonte, Missouri, on December 4, 1991. Mr. Winston was a farmer most of his adult life and a graduate of the University of Missouri Agricultural School. He was also a graduate of the Sedalia Business College.

A long time horseshoe pitcher, Wayne won the Intermediate Men's World Championship in Fargo, ND, in 1967. He also set a World Tournament record at Fargo that still stands today. Pitching against Frank Killinski, the two pitched six consecutive "Four Deads", an intermediate division record that has stood for 25 years. Wayne also held the rare honor of Lifetime Membership in the NHPA, awarded in 1986 for 50 continuous years as a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Married for more than 64 years, Wayne lost his wife Leona in September 1990. In addition to his son Earl, survivors include four daughters, two brothers, one sister, 18 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

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Tournament Schedules

by Dave Loucks

In the last issue of *Newsline* and again in this one, readers have not seen the former column, Tournament Travel Calendar. That is because it is being replaced by two different pieces of copy, "Tournament Travel Contacts" and "Special Events Calendar."

The former column was very difficult to pull together because several Charters corrected or changed their schedules 3 and 4 times. Others would send me data piecemeal on various scraps of paper, many times too late to make the publication deadlines of *Newsline*. These different types and times of input, along with

continual changes often led to the printing of erroneous and incomplete data in the Travel Calendar. Since it was felt that the big majority of members had ready access to their own Charter pitching schedules, I decided to no longer attempt to duplicate this information in *Newsline*.

Rather, the Tournament Travel Contact lists the Regional Directors who can be contacted by members wishing to get information on the schedules of sanctioned tournaments in other states. In addition, I will publish a Special Events Calendar which will list those tournaments

which are considered to be "Special," recognized to be above the regular sanctioned tournament most noticeably due to the prize money involved. This "Events Calendar" should be easier to compile, providing the data is submitted to me at least 75-90 days prior to the scheduled date. Remember, to be printed in the Special Events Calendar, your event should offer at least \$1000 in prize money and be one of the biggest and most prestigious events in your pitching region. State Championships are excluded. If your event is not listed below, please send all details to the *Newsline* editor.

Special Events Calendar

APRIL 1992

- 24-26 Team World** — Beloit, Wisconsin. Preregistration deadline March 30, Adult teams only, \$200 team entry fee. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Contact Tom Roanhouse, 108B W. Main St., Waterford, WI 53185 414-534-5838.
- 25-26 Dogwood Festival** — Statesville, NC. Preregister by April 10th. Contact Paul Stewart, Rt. 14, Box 170, Statesville, NC 28677 704-528-5081. Big \$\$\$ prizes.

MAY 1992

- 1-3 Burro Inn "Best of the West"** — Beatty, Nevada. \$2000 added purse plus 100% entry fee payback. \$25.00 entry by 8 a.m. May 1. Register with Don Weaver 702-736-7348. Hotel info. 702-553-2225.
- 2-3 Western States Regional** — Yolo, CA, Pre-registration. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Contact Genevieve Lavett, 1397 San Pablo Ave., Seaside, CA 93955. 408-899-3246
- 16-17 Apple Capitol Open** — Winchester, VA. Pre-register by May 2. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Contact Garland Peck Jr., P.O. Box 2141, Winchester, VA 22601. 703-661-8416
- 22-25 Head-of-the-Mon-River** — Fairmont, WV. Pre-register by May 12. Entry \$15.00. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Contact Davis Woodward, 1133 Sunset Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554. 304-366-3819
- 30-31 Elmer Hohl Ringer Classic** — Wellesley, Ontario, Canada. Pre-register by April 29. Entry \$25 for "A", \$15.00 others. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Contact Jean Markle, RR#1, Wellesley, Ont. NOB 2TO. 519-656-2271

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- 6-7 Heart of Kansas** — Great Bend, KS. Pre-register by May 22. Entry \$25.00. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Contact Violetta Karst, 4111 Sandpiper, Great Bend, KS 67530. 316-793-3175.

13-14

Water Wonderland National Open — Jackson, MI. Pre-register by June 4 by mail. Contact Fred Smith, Box 7, Dimondale, MI 48821. 517-236-5373

26-28

Valley of the Rogue Open — Rogue River, OR. Pre-register by June 24. Entry \$25.00 "A", others \$20.00. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Contact Charlie Anderson, 107 Ash Drive, Rogue River, OR 97537. 503-582-1456

27-28

Eastern Nationals — Erie, PA. Pre-register by June 17. Entry Fee \$25.00 "A", others \$15.00. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Limited entry. Contact Tim Eicher, 3827 Essex Ave., Erie, PA 16504. 814-825-2741

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11-12

Midwest Ringer Roundup — Lafayette, IN. Pre-register by July 5th. Entry \$10.00, Contact Viola Reid, 34 N. Beechwood Ave., Scottsburg, IN 47170. 812-752-2195

13-26

NHPA World Tournament — Columbus, OH. Pre-register by May 15. Entry \$50.00. See registration form in January/February *Newsline*

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7-23

Ohio State Fair Governor's Open — Columbus, OH. Pre-register by July 2. Fee \$25.00. Mixed Event, \$10,000 purse. Contact Ohio State Fair, 632 East 11th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211. 614-644-4040

SEPTEMBER 1992

5-7

New England Championships — Bennington, VT. Pre-register by August 14. Contact Leon O'Dell, RR 1A Box 101, Shaftsbury, VT 05262. 802-447-0460

12-13

Raymond Frye Memorial — Winchester, VA. Pre-register by August 29. Entry \$15.00. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Contact Garland Peck Jr., Box 2141, Winchester, VA 22601 703-662-8416.

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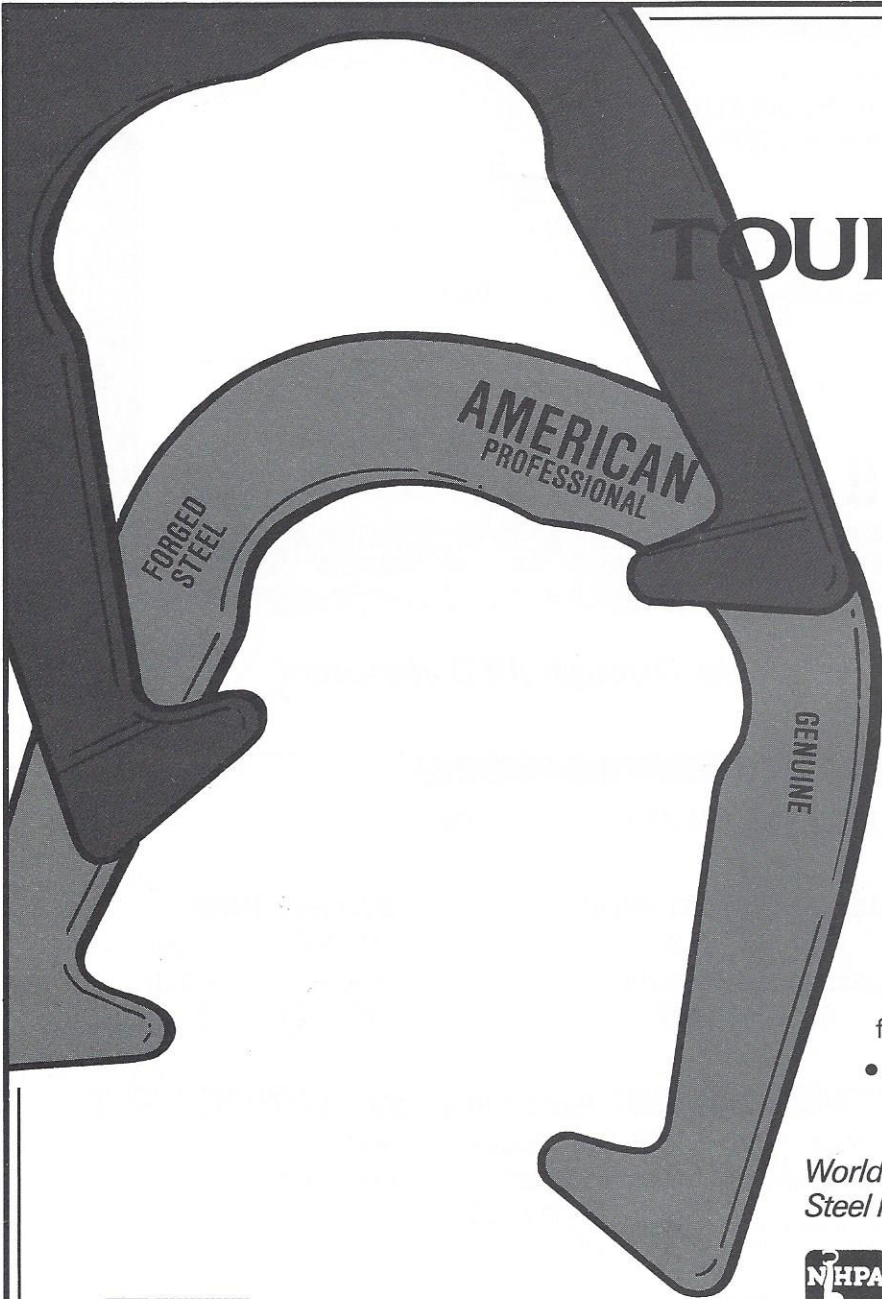
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