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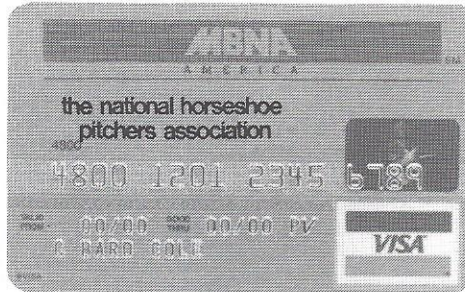


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ON OUR COVER

Spud Napier: 4-Time World Champion

President's Message

Seventeen hundred (1700) entries for Columbus is a new record high for the World Tournament. Many thought the entry level would be higher, perhaps reaching 2000, but that was not the case. As is usual, the open men's division saw the biggest increase while the other divisions were up slightly. A record high \$125,800 in prize money will be given away.

Forty seven (47) states were represented for another new high. Only North Dakota, South Carolina and Rhode Island failed to send at least one entrant. In addition to 1612 entries from the United States, Canada has 82, Japan 4, Norway 1 and Honduras 1.

Ohio, as expected, led all states with 482 entries. The next nine states with the most entries were Pennsylvania 212, Indiana 105, Illinois 98, New York 89, Michigan 86, Wisconsin 69, Kentucky 65, Missouri 62 and California 45.

The World Tournament is the premier annual event for the NHPA. In recent years, it has brought at least 1000 pitchers to the host area and with family members, the total numbers range between 2500 and an expected 4500 this year. That can be a big shot in the arm for any local economy and with the new minimum \$15,000 bid amount, one would think that cities would be tripping over themselves to host our event. Unfortunately, that does not seem to be the case.

At the start of this year, we had what was thought to be, serious bidding interest from 6 sites for the 1994 World. We were talking with Virginia Beach, VA; Indianapolis; Kearney, NE; Washington State; two potential Canadian cities and half expected to see something from Huntsville

and Grapevine, TX who made a special visit to Biloxi last year to gather information. As it turned out, not one of those sites submitted a bid for the 1994 World Tournament.

In what was the last month or so before the bid deadline, we began to see interest from Syracuse, New York, and Little Rock, Arkansas. As it turned out, these two were the only bids we received. Unfortunately, not one of the other six potential sites ever gave us any explanation as to why they did not bid. One has to wonder if the very high rental cost of indoor facilities, which we seem to be pushing, is not the big stumbling block. Certainly, it can't be the minimum bid amount. In addition to the basic facility cost, we are now finding other big expenses to pitch indoors. While the NHPA owns 42 portable courts and makes them available for a modest rental fee, the host has the responsibility of erecting level pitching platforms and walkways up to the top of the portable courts. In the case of Columbus, we understand that out-of-pocket expense to them will be nearly \$20,000 for these platforms. That's a lot of money to pay just so pitchers, according to our bylaws, will not have to pitch into raised courts.

The Syracuse bid is for an indoor facility while the Little Rock bid was for an outdoor roofed arena similar to the Pleasanton and Stone Mountain World Tournaments. Unfortunately, we have received word from Little Rock that they were not happy with the facility they had available for 1994 and have withdrawn their bid. That leaves Syracuse as the only bidder for 1994. Little Rock says they hope to have an indoor facility available in 1995 and will bid again next year.

Dave's Court Report

by Dave Loucks

■ The NHPA 1992 World Tournament phone number is 614-297-0066.

■ Two NHPA members pitched perfect games recently. At the Dogwood Festival, Junior Boys' World Champion Jim Walters had a 28 shoe perfecto against Karl Hix. At the Team World Tournament, Cathy Carter of Iowa threw 40 straight against Dale Lipovsky.

■ The NHPA has received a \$138 check from the Georgia Association to go against their 1990 W.T. debt that after this credit, still totals \$32,244.

■ A 50 year lifetime membership card has been issued to NHPA and Connecticut member Frank Wagner. Frank has been a member since 1937, but did have to miss a couple during the war years.

■ Arizona has a new club in Prescott that is offering year-round pitching for members. They recently held the first ever sanctioned Walking Doubles Tournament in Arizona, the event being held at the Central Arizona YMCA Horseshoe Club courts on May 16th.

■ Member Pete Perich, who did the Carl Steinfeldt video, also did a survey on different colored stakes to see if color

might offer better depth perception than another. Eight teams played under ideal conditions over several days pitching with each player throwing the same amount of shoes on each court. The stakes were painted white, green, yellow, red and orange. The white pegs had far more ringers thrown on them than the other 4 colors, which surprisingly were closely grouped in this order; green, red, yellow, orange. This is not a scientific study as other factors apply: clay color, backboards, sunlight, shade etc. However, contrast is important, so whatever color you paint your stakes, make sure it offers good contrast to the background.

■ Long time member and NHPA Hall of Famer Sol Berman has been promoting new concepts and ideas for our game for many years. One of his latest is a campaign of true cancellation where opponents close shoes within 6 inches will cancel one another regardless of who is closer to the stake. Sol says, ringers cancel regardless of how well they were thrown, so why not have close shoes cancel as well. Sol wants this idea to come before the delegates in 1993. You comments are invited. If you write Sol, whose address is on page 3 under "video sales," be sure to send a copy of your response to Rules Committee Chairman Barry Chapelle as well.

Letters to the Editor

To The Editor

I would like to express my thanks to the NHPA for the beautiful Scholar Pitcher Plaque and the \$200.00 scholarship. The scholarship will be used towards my college education. Being recognized as a 1991 Junior Scholar Pitcher was an honor that I hadn't expected. I appreciate the NHPA providing recognition, not only for pitching achievements but also for student accomplishments. Thank you, NHPA, for the entire junior member program.

Jessica Dunn

Dear Editor,

I heard a rumor recently that when God was distributing horseshoe pitchers to the various 58 charters, each would receive at least one "Winnie" Francis L. Winetrout. It is apparent that there are now only 57 charters wondering where their "Winnie" is!

Good job Winnie! My hat is off, and we'll keep looking here in Colorado. It is encouraging to see that the Washington Charter has been blessed.

David L. O'Dell,
President, CHPA

Dear Dave,

After reading the articles "Scoring Systems" by Sol Berman and "Lucky Points" by Robert E. Hopkins (see *Newsline* March/April), I feel it would greatly simplify matters not to count points at all, just ringers. Why waste time measuring nit-picking points when they have so little to do with skill? Wouldn't you much rather throw a nice open shoe, barely missing the peg, but going on by too far to count than one coming in sideways or backwards ending up close enough to count?

Do any of you count points when you practice or warm-up? This is another indication of their meaninglessness. And how many times have you lost a game even though you had more ringers, but your opponent had enough lucky points? This change would also take away one of the 30' pitcher's advantages. The shoe has less momentum thrown at a shorter distance and so has a better chance of staying close. Ringers could be counted as one point unless thirty or forty footers are

mixed and the change to score 4 points for a 40' ringer and 3 points for a 30' is adopted for more equity as has been suggested.

Mariner Munk
Howell, Utah

Dear Dave,

Horseshoes have been a part of our family for as long as I can remember. I love the game and want to see everyone enjoy it. If moving up to 30 feet allows pitchers to continue to enjoy this wonderful sport, then we should all encourage them to move up.

I believe that we should all encourage these 30 footers to participate and enjoy the game. It bothers me to see more and more 40 footers dropping out of competition because of the frustration of pitching against 30 footers.

We could cure this frustration by separating the two groups in all competition. I see a trend toward *encouraging* people to move up to 30 feet and this really upsets me. There is no question that with a little prac-

tice, any person would normally be able to pitch a higher percentage of ringers at the shorter distance. If tournaments are making the rewards greater for the higher percentage without taking the distance into consideration then this trend will continue.

I believe that if a person wants to throw 30 feet for whatever his/her reason he should be allowed to do so. Why should 65 year old man, who can only throw 30 feet, be deprived of playing because he isn't 70 years old? Why should a 75 year old man move to 30 feet when he enjoys pitching with his friends at 40 feet? Why should a lady pitch at 30 feet when she is capable and enjoys throwing 40 feet?

Let the individual make his/her choice and then be classified as a 30 or 40 footer. All we have to do is separate the two groups and we have one of our biggest controversies solved.

Sincerely,

Trevor Russell, Yuma, AZ



THE JUNIOR WINDOW

Missouri's Brett Francis

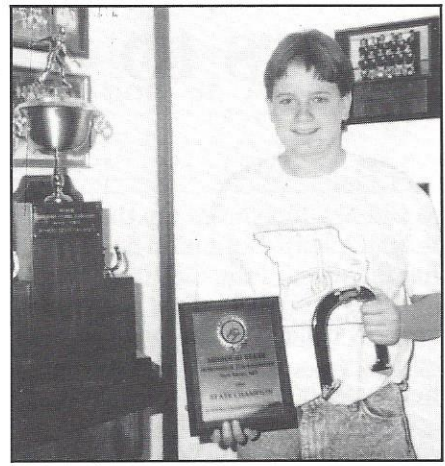
Horseshoe pitching has always been a way of life for Brett Francis. Being born into a family of horseshoe pitchers is no doubt the reason. Having a brother (Alan) win Junior and Men's World Championships can be an influence also. Parents, Larry and Joyce and brother Tom, have also provided a positive support.

Brett first attended a tournament in 1979 as the family traveled to St. Joseph for the Missouri State Tournament. This was the first opportunity

that all could compete, except for Brett, who was one year old. Grandma Francis went along to keep him out of trouble.

The coming years saw Brett follow his family to tournaments each summer, always with a horseshoe in hand, waiting on the sidelines for an opportunity to throw at an empty stake. Each year he was a little bigger and could throw a little further. In 1985 (almost) age 7, Brett was finally ready. He pitched in his first tournament at the Independence Spring Open. In 1986, he entered his first World Tournament, finishing 3rd in Class C. Brett qualified for the Championship Class in the 1988 World Tournament, finishing in 10th place. In 1989 he placed 11th in Class A with a 47.3% ringer average. He has won the Missouri State Junior title in 1989 and 1991.

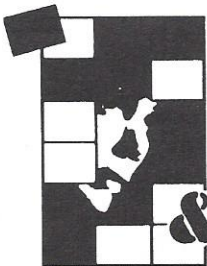
Practicing with family members has made Brett very competitive and he really enjoys going to tournaments where he can pitch against others his age. His advice to other Juniors is to practice, practice, practice. It's worth it when the tournament is over and you know you have done your best. Brett is especially proud of the 29 ringers out



of 32 shoes (90.6%) which he pitched in the 1989 State Tournament.

Brett and his older brother Alan, are the best of buddies, and Alan has been influential in Brett's pitching career. He is always willing to practice with Brett and coach him on game fundamentals. Brett is currently using the "Henton" shoe and pitches the 1 1/4 turn.

Brett also plays baseball as a pitcher and shortstop, guard in basketball, plus being an avid hunter and fisherman. Besides all this, his goal remains, to win a Junior Boys' World Championship.



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Junior Jottings

by Bob Dunn

■ D.A.R.E. America is a drug and alcohol awareness program striving to assist youth to resist the temptation and risks of drug use. Each state has a D.A.R.E. chapter, usually headed by the Attorney General's office. Most local police departments have D.A.R.E. officers that have special training to present school room programs to middle school grades. If you are planning a special Junior promotion or a Junior tournament, consider calling the local police department to request that the D.A.R.E. officers may attend your event. They may wish to distribute materials and meet the youngsters. The D.A.R.E. Program encourages youth to have sport involvement, and our sport should encourage programs as D.A.R.E., to have our youth lead healthy and productive lives. Junior leagues should notify the local D.A.R.E. officers to inform them of the league's existence, they may support your recruiting efforts.

■ From **Allie Fankhauser** (JPD Nebraska). The Chadron Junior League started a little over five years ago with Arnie Fankhauser as league director. We had a neighborhood fun tournament with Arnie's son and daughter as pitchers. A total of 13 youngsters attended. Three businesses sponsored the event, providing each pitcher with a trophy. A few of them wanted to pitch more so we started a sanctioned league. Through advertising, a 4-H Club joined, as they could use the sport as merit earnings. Several of this group really enjoyed pitching so they recruited friends, and our league has grown. In 1991 we had 20 members. Our youngest is 8 years old. The younger ones pitch as close to the stake as needed, and are moved back as they are able. We meet once a week for six weeks before school is out. The first 5 weeks we pitch league, the last we have a class tournament. In the fall, right before school starts, we have a carry in meal for Awards Night. Many adults from our league donate used trophies and we reuse them for the Junior League. We had 6 of our Junior members pitch in the Nebraska State Tournament (1991). It was a new

experience for them and they really enjoyed it. We hope to gain more new members for the 1992 season, and hope to have good representation for the 1993 World Tournament.

■ The new season got off to a proper start for **Jim Walters** (Ohio). At the 1992 Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament (Stateville, NC), the reigning World Junior Champion won the Junior boys' championship with an 83.8% average, including a 28 shoe perfect game. Karl Hix was the victim of the perfect game, and while not scoring a point, still had a fine 50% effort. John Walters (Ohio) took second place with a 75.9% average, Ron Meredith (Kentucky) was third with 75.4% and Lenwood Conner Jr. (Virginia) was fourth 66.7%. The tournament highlight was a 122 shoe game between Jim Walters and Meredith, with Jim winning 41-38 with 102 ringers (83.6%) to 101 ringers (82.78%) for Meredith.

■ From **Norm Cage** (JPD Minnesota). A good start for the West St. Paul Junior League's first season, shirts and caps have been ordered for the 31 sign-ups. A day league will be held when school is dismissed. More young pitchers are expected to join, and an evening league will also be conducted if enough pitchers choose that time.

Bud Helman, a notable local pitcher (and recently retired), conducted a horseshoe pitching clinic with the cooperation of the physical education instructors at Harding High School (St. Paul School District). Five hours of course time was held on six days over a two week period. Over 200 ninth and tenth grade students participated. Two portable courts were used with shifts of eight students having a one hour presentation of game rules and pitching time. The program was well received by the students and school officials.

Promotional material was given out for students to be aware of MGSHPA members to contact to join leagues and summer programs.

Park Center High School (Brooklyn

Park, MN) now have 8 new horseshoe courts as part of the sport facilities. Spring and fall courses will be part of routine physical education programs. Seventh through ninth grades of the adjacent Junior High School will also use the courts. The Brooklyn Park Horseshoe Club will provide support through demonstrations and hopefully be able to conduct summer programs. Now here is a club with a built-in "Farm System" for developing Junior pitchers and recruiting.

■ Many complimentary notes and phone calls have been received on our "Junior Window" and Junior member promotion program. It is appreciated that our coverage of Junior members and youth promotion is being well received. There are now 43 charters with JPDs appointed. Welcome new appointments: **Connie Filley** (North Dakota), **Glenda Twehes** (Kentucky), **Paul Anderson** (Arizona), **Paul Voelker** (Kansas).

NHPA TRIVIA

By Gary Kline

Before we do a trivia multiple choice, I'd like to mention the nice letter about D.D. Cottrell's history of horseshoe pitching. David Dwight Cottrell died in 1937 moving the NHPA to give an award in his name to the charter with the most members. Now the trivia question:

Which President didn't pitch horseshoes?

1. George Washington
2. Abraham Lincoln
3. Warren Harding
4. Harry Truman
5. George Bush

Keep in mind the other four are/were horseshoe pitchers. You can find the answer elsewhere in this issue.

Regional Director's Report

by Gary K. Minnick

We have a new Regional Director for **Colorado**. He is **Keith Thompson**, P.O. Box 295, Strasburg, CO 80136, telephone (303) 622-4451. Welcome aboard Keith.

Harold Koch, RD from **Wyoming** reports that their state is making a Wyoming State Horseshoe Patch which will be given to all their pitchers. They had to cancel their Casper Indoor Tournament because of low number of entrants.

Hal Mineer, RD From **New Mexico** reports that they have built 16 new courts in Socorro. The State Tournament will be held there on September 19-20, 1992.

Dave Shreve, RD from **Illinois** requests that his address be changed to 2127 Lynn St., Cahokia, IL 62206. Please note and change your RD lists.

Len Lipovsky, RD from **Minnesota** reports the Minnesota team won the Team World event. Congratulations.

Earl Van Sant, RD from **Ohio** reports that they have 2 new clubs in Ohio. The Wolfe Creek Horseshoe Club and the Twinsburg Horseshoe Club. The Delphos Horseshoe Club courts have been updated with 30' pitching pads, with all tournaments sanctioned. The Adams County Horseshoe Club is going to sanction all leagues. The Sycamore Horseshoe Club is going to have a sanctioned Junior League this summer.

Proposal for a 'Double-up' Format to **Attract TV Sponsorship**

By Phil Bergeron

Introduction

Our human nature quickly responds with 'Oh, no!' whenever we encounter changes to the way 'we have always done it.' So thank you for reading the following proposal with an open mind.

The format is a refreshing alternative to the traditional method of scoring. It rewards runs of doubles, which with scoring changes every inning, becomes the key to attracting sponsorships!

I seek to emulate the very successful PBA format: an acceptable time limit, attainable, but elusive 'perfect' games, climactic building of viewer interest as a game advances, the criticality of being able to put together a 'string' of doubles, a quick turn-around of momentum... After a traditionally-scored tournament, why not let the top qualifiers advance to a televised, ladder-type elimination finale, using the 'Double-up' format?

Double-Up Scoring Format

Scoring is count-all, a ringer worth 5 points and a close shoe worth 2

points. A game has 10 innings. The order of pitch is 'double alternate first pitch' with Player 'A' first in innings 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and Player 'B' first in innings: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10. *The value of a double is 10 points...PLUS the points scored by the next 2 shoes pitched.* A double in the 10th inning requires the pitching of 2 more shoes to properly score that double. If inning 10 is 'four-dead,' Player 'B' has first pitch in the bonus inning, else the double pitcher has the bonus inning all to himself.

In any inning a player can score 0, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, or 20 points. A perfect '200' game results from 22 consecutive ringers, (2 in the bonus inning).

An Exciting Format for Spectators and Pitchers

Whereas the traditional call of '3-on-3' results in an advantage of 3 points in cancellation play, and 3 (2 points with a close shoe) in count-all; in 'Double-up' the single-ringer pitcher scores 5 (7 with a close shoe), while the double-ringer pitcher scores any of the possible points listed above that are greater than or equal to 10. Scoring advantage is 3,

5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, or 15. The ordinary spectator, currently bored by consecutive four-dead pitching, since there is no impact on the score (which is what it is all about for him!), now notices the score accumulating each inning, with significant swings possible! He/she realizes that top pitchers are never 'out of a game' because there is always hope of 'doubling out' from any point within the game. Consecutive doubles keep the scoring advantage alive, similarly to a string of strikes. However, as quickly as the hot pitcher builds his lead with a run of doubles, let him falter just once, and momentum can swing to the opponent.

This condensed proposal speaks to my original intent of addressing TV sponsorship. I have documented an expanded format to accommodate lower class pitching, scoring is analogous to spares and strikes, with established handicaps based on game average to be used in league play and tournament classes. But brevity at this time serves to focus attention on the simplicity of the format. If the format merits consideration, more later!

1992 World Tournament Prize List

Championship Groups

	Men	Women	Int/Srs	Sr. Women Elder Men	Junior Boys/Girls
1.	\$3300	\$2800	\$600	\$350	\$500 Trust to each
2.	2500	2000	400	275	300 Trust to each
3.	2000	1500	350	225	200 Trust to each
4.	1500	1100	300	200	
5.	1000	900	270	180	\$1000 ea.
6.	800	750	250	170	
7.	600	600	230		
8.	520	475	220	\$1400 ea.	
9.	485	400	210		
10.	460	350	200		
11.	440	325	190		
12.	420	300	180		
13.	400	290			
14.	390	280	\$3,400 ea.		
15.	380	270			
16.	370	260			
17.	360				
18.	350	\$12,600			
19.	340				
20.	330				
21.	320				
22.	310				
23.	305				
24.	300				
25.	295				
26.	290				
27.	285				
28.	280				
29.	275				
30.	270				
31.	265				
32.	260				
	\$20,400				

Total Championship Prize List..... \$46,000

Finals Fees

\$50 for Championship Men and Women

\$40 for Intermediate and Seniors

\$30 for Elders and Senior Women

Total Purse.....\$125,800

Class Prizes based on Class / Finalists group size. No Class Finals Fee.

	36/8	24/6	12/3	6 Dbl RR
1.	\$300	\$250	\$250	\$125
2.	270	230	200	100
3.	250	210	150	75
4.	230	190		
5.	210	170	\$600	\$300
6.	190	150		
7.	180			
8.	170	\$1,200		
	\$1,800			

NOTE:

This prize list is tentative and is subject to possible revision by the Tournament Committee for any reason deemed justifiable. Odd size Classes will have prize money adjusted.

POINT

Sand Pits by John Luttrell

The advantages of sand over clay in horseshoe pits is too numerous to further ignore. Unless there is some advantage, of which I am unaware, I'm in favor of sand rather than clay courts.

Clay has to be covered—sand does not. Trash, such as leaves, must be kept from clay—in sand it doesn't matter. Long hours must be spent to keep clay plastic but not too wet; ten minutes at any time is adequate to prepare sand.

Too many clubs spend too much time maintaining courts and not enough time enjoying the game. On clay courts, covers must be procured, cut to size and kept on the pits in order to keep the clay plastic. Not so with sand; no cover is required. In clay, every effort must be made to exclude leaves and trash from the pits, lest they get trapped in the clay, decay and turn the clay to crumbly soil. No problem with sand; if trash gets in, a few strokes with a yard broom will rake it right out. If there is any minute trash left in, it can easily be floated out by flooding the pit. After a rain storm, very few clay courts are usable; that is when sand courts are at their best. After a long period of inattention and non-use, clay courts dry out, become hard, have to be soaked, kneaded, soaked some more and sometimes requiring days before getting in shape; with sand, regardless of length of any dry spell and inactivity, one five gallon bucket of water in each pit puts it in shape to start shooting.

Availability of Material: Some clubs or communities are fortunate in having a nearby supply of suitable clay with which to stock their courts. There are many other communities and clubs that have to hire truckers to haul clay from long distances, at substantial expense.

Every community has ready access to sand. Seldom do "Sand and Gravel" companies charge more than \$10 per ton for sand delivered at the sight.

Drainage: Clay is non-porous and traps water. After too much water, it takes days to get courts dried out and back in shape. With sand, the excess drains through immediately. Even if the pits are poorly drained, standing water can easily be removed from a sand pit by simply digging one shovel of sand out, then using that hole to dip or sponge out the excess.

Pitchers who want to keep their shoes clean have to spend much time under a faucet, or in a bucket with a brush, washing their shoes after every use in clay. Usually clanging the shoes together, over the pit, is sufficient to clean shoes when shooting in sand; at most a swipe with a dirty towel is sufficient to put them in top shape.

Clubs have folded simply because there was too much work in maintaining the courts and too few with time enough to do the work. With sand pits, there will be lots more time for fun pitching and a lot less drudgery.

Loss of Material: Sand is subject to loss from the pits dependent upon dryness, but if kept adequately dampened, very little will escape the 12 inch backboard. If lost, a 5 gallon bucket of fresh sand will replenish it easily.

Tools: A square point shovel, a yard (broom) rake and if preferred a regular corn broom, and a 5 gallon plastic bucket are all the tools necessary to maintain sand pits.

COUNTER POINT

Clay Pits by Dave Loucks

Sand has an advantage over clay only in limited circumstances. It is good for the beginning pitcher or the company picnic, where the players don't know how to care for a pit or don't want to be bothered. It is good for courts in city parks where no organized membership exists to care for the pits and the average user is again, the casual non-serious pitcher. Certain areas of the country where it rains year-round may also find it a small advantage to have sand, especially if care for the pits is secondary or the courts are not used between tournaments. There are even some areas of the country where clay is difficult to find.

Given a choice, most serious pitchers would opt for clay over sand. If left unattended for long periods of time, a clay pit will take more time to get ready than a sand pit. But, if pitched on at least once a week or more frequently, a clay pit takes very little time and work to keep in shape. Trash can blow into any pit, both sand and clay, if not covered. Cats like to use a sand pit as their litter box. The sand always moves creating a hole in front of the stake forcing one to push the sand back to the front several times during a game.

Sand cleans the horseshoe like an abrasive and grains or tiny rock residue often cause small irritating cuts on the fingers. Too many ringers are made in sand by pitching short and sliding the shoes onto the stake. Often the shoes are completely buried and you have to feel your way around them to determine who has a ringer or close shoe. Fewer ringers are lost and less time is spent looking at or for the shoes when pitching in clay. Most good pitchers or those that aspire to get better realize that horseshoes are best left unwashed. A little clay residue is good and can assist in the grip and deadening of the shoe.

Excess water can make pitching miserable, in clay or sand. I don't see that one has a real advantage over the other if too much water has found its way into the pit, except that I'd opt for wet clay over mud. A clay court can be kept in pitchable condition year-round with less than 15-20 minutes of care a week. A solid cover to prevent excess rain water in is nice, but a piece of viscuine can do wonders to keep rain and trash out and, at the same time, keeping the clay in a moist, pliable condition.

Perhaps it is question of how we approach the game. To me, if we want to keep horseshoe pitching out behind the barn or something you only do at the family gathering or company picnic, use sand pits. On the other hand, if we want to upgrade the game in spectator appeal, competitive improvement and create an image of professionalism worthy of being an NHPA member, I think we start by using a substance in the pit that adds more challenge to your skill and the results can be readily seen...clay.

KLINE TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

George Washington didn't pitch horseshoes.
He played Quits.

The Pits

by Donnie Roberts

New York has some lovely indoor horseshoe courts. They are called "The Pits." These 12 courts are located on Airport Road, off Route 17, near Binghamton, New York, close to the Airport.

If you are traveling in the area, call Ed Barrett at 607-729-9209. Ed will unlock the building for you to see or to pitch. All of us have a standing invitation to attend one of their many fine tournaments.

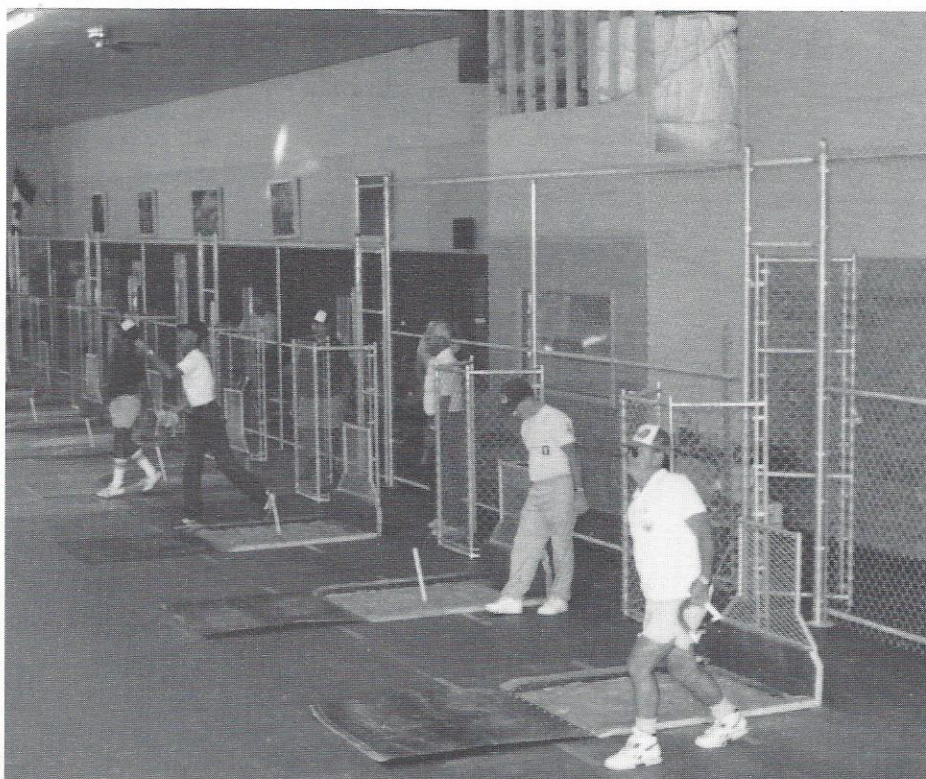
Ed Barrett, owner of Universal Fence Company, is the owner of this lovely horseshoe facility and has done a lot to promote our sport. Ed pitches in the doubles league, plus is a constant "Sub" for any team who is short.

Pitchers are asked for nothing except their participation. Speaking of participation, "The Pits" currently have approximately 200 pitchers each week pitching in leagues. There are walking doubles, regular doubles, and singles tournaments running from October through April. Many of these events are sanctioned.

The building is 60 feet wide and 150 feet long. The 12 courts are all filled with "Synthetic Klean Klay" which provides a totally dust free environment for pitching. The building is heated with wood and the lighting is excellent. A lounge area for families and non-pitchers has just been completed. Everyone can relax with TV, conversation, or a soft drink.

During 1991 tournaments, \$1200.00 was raised at the "The Pits" for Muscular Dystrophy. We are certainly proud of Ed Barrett's efforts and achievement for our sport. Charles Reigles, New York NHPA Charter President, is also very active at these indoor courts, which are in the second year of operation.

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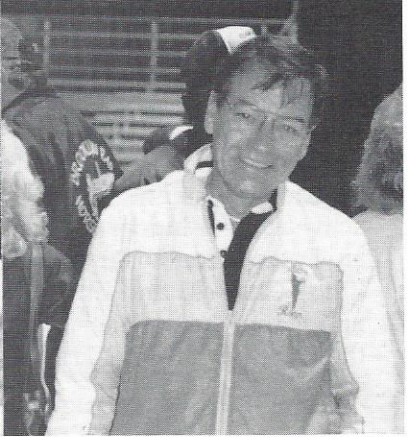
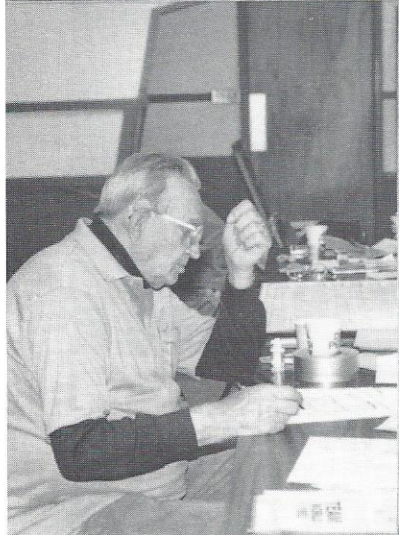
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Minnesota Wins Team-World 1992 Title

From the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter

By Jim Haupt

Minnesota—#1. Top seeded team after the pre-lims, held off a charging Northern California team to win the TEAM-WORLD 1992 title. Bev Nathe, Phyllis Negaard, Dale Lipovsky, and Lu Cave represented the top team. Minnesota, which also had another entry, has won this tournament a record three times.

Seven teams made the finals: 1. Minnesota-#1, 2. Indiana, 3. Illinois-#2, 4. Missouri-#1, 5. No. California, 6. Saskatchewan, and 7. Illinois-#1. Saskatchewan elected to drop out to make airline connections. In effect the finals became a six team ladder with the Illinois-#1 team in the lowest bracket with Northern California. That match, tied at 2-2, was decided on total points. Northern California then became giant killers out pitching the defending champions, Missouri-#1. A productive but unheralded team of Illinois-#2 gave the Northern Californians their third victory. Indiana, a solid favorite, was next to give way to make the final match-up with Minnesota-#1.

Tom Roanhouse, tournament director, was on the stage passing out cash awards. In ascending order team captains mounted the platform. Don Peters took it for Illinois-#1. Vicky Winston accepted for Missouri-#1. Larry Knop was congratulated for Illinois-#2. Fans were applauding. It was a happy, but dignified ceremony. Mark Seibold jumped up for Indiana's share.

Now it became time for California to mount the stage of honor. Billie Sue Pennington stepped forward and got the shock of her life. The platform collapsed. Howie Voiles, mike in hand, hopped clear. Mouse Beckius went with the flow. Earl Paulson saved the trophy while Roanhouse and Pennington clutched each other trying to remain upright.

Fortunately everyone survived and will live on in infamy. John Secord was video-taping and is expected to

market the scene as part of "NHPA HIGHLIGHTS."

Finally we saw the "passing of the fire." Missouri, willing, but reluctantly, gave up the trophy to the new winners, the ringer gang from Minnesota.

Although finishing next best, Northern California came from fifth position all the way to the top bracket. It was about a five-hundred dollar ride. Each game of the final series, the Californians increased their ringer percentage to a high of 68.8%. Minnesota more than met the challenge with a final of 73.8%.

The games began Thursday at the Telfer Park Arena in weather more suited for ice hockey than horseshoes and the cold did effect some pitchers with sub-par performances. Others

ignored it, focusing on the competition. Watch for a May date next year.

Cathy Carter of the Iowa-#1 team warmed up a bit more in each round. By Sunday she was pitching 85%. For a first hand account ask Dale Lipovsky what it's like pitching against *all ringers!* Carter has become the first to pitch a 100% game (40 ringers) in the TEAM-WORLD.

The state of California, we all know, is perched on shaky ground; known for earthquakes. It's the opinion of the TEAM-WORLD community that people from that western state walk around with a little rain cloud over their heads. How else can one explain the turn of events during the awards ceremony at TEAM-WORLD '92?

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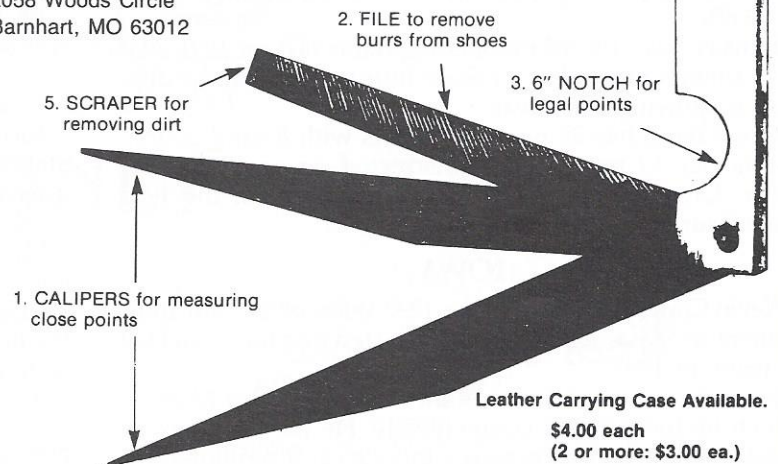
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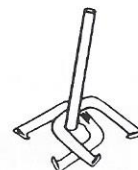
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Bob Champion's

Charter Chatter



The summer season is heating up and some "hot" news could be coming from NHPA Charters. We are looking for short newsnotes about pitchers in your area...news about unusual happenings in our sport. Your cooperation is appreciated and your membership will be pleased.

Tournament results will be published in special issues, but unusual happenings during tournament make good copy. Send information to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, Colorado 80301. (303) 449-8395.

COLORADO

Ray D. McGrady and Keith Bartle, son of CHPA secretary Russ Bartle, won the eighth annual "Four Dead" bowling tournament at Rocky Mtn. Lanes in Westminster.

Forty-four bowlers participated in this handicap event with Dean Lauer taking individual honors with a scratch 623 figure. High game went to Ed Shepard with a 237.

Les Grosenbach, who moved up to 30 feet two years ago and has raised his percentage from about 50% to near 70%, was the winner in the Pitchin' Post's Four Leaf Clover Open.

The CHPA Hall of Fame 10 x 40' mobile home has been moved to a location just east of the Knaub Arena, an indoor facility opened in 1985.

CANADA

The March/April issue of the *Ringer Round-up Newsletter* from Sam Tomasevic in Burnaby, British Columbia, reports that the new officers for the B.C. Horseshoe Association are Horst Hesse, president; Dorothy Butts, secretary; Sam Tomasevic, treasurer; Stan Dahl, past president; vice presidents are Ray Michaud, Tom Hawkins, Doug Wilton and Marcel Pinette. The Senior Games advisor is Gerri Bigham.

The Central Park Horseshoe Club will be the home of the B.C. Hall of Fame for the next 5 years, beginning in 1993.

KANSAS

Merlin Potts regained the Men's State Championship for the 21st year. Janet Walrod, the ladies' State Champion, set a new record of 67.5%. Vorn Venn, Junior Boys' Champion, set a new tournament record of 80% with a high game of 92.8%.

Kansas had a record number of juniors (17) for 1991. Not all of them competed in the State Tournament, but the division is growing each year.

Great Bend has 24 new clay courts with 8 sand courts. Salina has 12 new courts constructed on an old tennis court. Lawrence has 18 new courts, the site of the 1992 State Tournament.

IOWA

Kevin Cone, 29, winner of the 1992 Valley of the Sun Tournament in Mesa, Arizona, was inducted into the Iowa Hall of Fame in 1991.

Kevin has been a member of the IHHPA for 20 of 22 years, which he has pitched competitively. He not only has an outstanding record as a player, but also as a promoter. He has pitched in many exhibitions across the nation. He was

state VP two years, NHPA statistician/historian for four years and is a member of the NHPA Publicity committee.

He has made the Championship Class at the World Tournament eight consecutive years, pitched 16 90% games at the World, 144 career wins with a 75.4% average.

MASSACHUSETTS

Angelo Cieslak, the 1991 World Senior Class A Champion, knows that horseshoe pitching can be enjoyed year-round and he's proving it with an indoor court in the basement of a building he owns.

The sign over the door at 186 Mill Street in Gardner, Massachusetts states "Gardner Horseshoe Club." The door leads to stairs that descend to a large, warm, noisy room where 16 players were tossing horseshoes on four courts.

Cieslak reports he is the oldest member of the club at age 71. The youngest is 16, and at this time there are no women members.

MICHIGAN

Fred Smith of Dimondale is the president of the Wolverine State's charter, and also is the editor of the newsletter called the *Ringer Report*. He welcomes articles submitted by the membership and will accept letters for publication, subject to editing, available space, etc.

The Dimondale Club is very active in the State. They furnish three officers of WSHPA, three chairpersons on committees, the newsletter editor, top four finishers in the top class in 1991. Eleven members entered the state tournament. Not bad for a club with only 13 members.

MISSOURI

Wayne Henderson, president of the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association offers this bit of information concerning fouling in our sport.

At many of our tournaments we don't have judges, except someone to measure for a ringer or close shoe. This is where the integrity of our players can play a part. Practice pitching without fouling. Check yourself to see if you are stepping over the line. If so, back up a little and try again. Find a spot to start your pitch where you can't foul.

By watching our own pitching we can become better sportsmen and sportswomen.

MINNESOTA

Former World Champion Dale Lipovsky has now won 13 State Class A titles. He won last year's crown with an 84.1%, unbeaten in seven games. Dale's dad, Len, was third in the same class.

Minnesota had 13 sanctioned leagues in 1991, eleven adult and two junior.

Vance Harren has won four of the last five state titles in the Junior Boys' Class, losing only to brother Chris in 1988. Alden Sandquist (1974-1977) has a leading 34 games won in the state title race. Vance has a 27 game total and could tie Alden at the 1992 tournament. Chris Harren and Mike Eliason each have 24 victories. The top percentage was an 88.49 in 1983 by Chris White.

NEW ENGLAND

The Easter Seal Campaign had help from horseshoe pitching at the Faneuil Hall Marketplace Center.

Enthusiasts paid \$1 to throw four shoes to try to beat Debby Michaud of Raynham, two-time World Champion and winner of 12 New England titles.

The challengers included former Patriots quarterback Steve Grogan, and sons Tyler, 11 and Tanner, 9.

The 1991 Director of the Year award went to Percy D. Howe, who is starting his 38th year as director of the Twin County Horseshoe Club in Orange, Massachusetts, and also starting his 20th year as director of the Athol and Orange clubs.

Massachusetts' Robert Domey collected the high game for 1991, a 93.3 effort.

NEW JERSEY

The State's newsletter, *Jersey Jargon*, recently honored Phil Zozzaro, a member of the "Jersey" Hall of Fame inducted in 1974.

The NHPA Regional Director has been active since 1958 when he joined the NJSHPA. Over the years he has served on many state committees, was president, vice president and assistant RD. He was the prime mover in forming the Clifton Intercity HPC and was president of the club for 3 years.

As State president, he presented the World Tournament bid for the 1971 tournament held in Middlesex. Phil was chairman of the first Annual Awards Dinner and others since that time.

Phil received the NHPA Achievement Award in 1989.

NEW MEXICO

The new club in Socorro is building 16 courts and information comes from the charter that Raton is revitalizing their club.

Tournament director Bob Schuck presented Tom Towne with a long delayed NHPA Perfect Game patch. Tom nailed 22 straight ringers ten years ago in the State Tournament on September 22, 1981.

Schuck has finalized averages for 1991 with Ken Jones topping the list with 52.74%.

NEW YORK

Last year the Pioneer Club of Syracuse held their 6th Annual Open at the NY State Fairgrounds. Under the able leadership of Glen Brown, over 140 pitchers entered from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England.

In a super busy season the club also hosted the National Senior Olympics. They are in the planning stages and will bid for the 1994 World Tournament. It could be a first for New York if awarded the World.

NORTH CAROLINA

The following information is offered by North Carolina President Douglas Shear. It applies to all charters:

In 1992 all horseshoe pitchers must work to increase the popularity of horseshoe pitching and not be satisfied to just participate in tournaments. Everyone should try to get new members, tell people about horseshoe pitching and encourage members to build new or additional courts and have tournaments.

OHIO

Art Tyson from Mt. Vernon, New York posted a 6-1 (76.4) record to win the Class A Division of the 10th Annual March Open Tournament. The event was held at Hickory Lake Inn, in Newbury, Ohio over two weekends.

Tyson and Churchville, New York's Mike DiMartino both had 85% games (34 out of 40) to take high single game honors.

Walter Williams, from Stockton, California, finished second. It was a special honor to have the top three finishers at the 1991 World Tournament in Biloxi, Mississippi at the tournament. Oscar Manns was third.

Over \$3800 was available in prize money, obtained by pitchers selling ads for the annual book and raffle tickets.

TEXAS

Delores Zigrang received from NHPA 3rd Vice President Bev Born, the plaque for having a sanctioned league for 10 years running for the Greater Houston Club.

Junior percentages reported show that Chris Paul has the top figure with 73.2%. World Champion Celeste Polak was second at 62.0%, followed by Doug Macha 58.1%.

For the women Mary Ann Kramr tops the field with 74.0%. Diana Polak is second with 59.1%, followed by Betty Schroeder 58.4%.

Ed Arionus tops the men with 67.0%, followed by Charley Posey with 65.3%, and Chuck Arnold at 64.8%.

SOUTHERN UTAH

The 1991 Sportsmanship award goes to a woman for the first time since the award was inaugurated in 1987. Voted by her teammates and competitors, Charlene Irvine joins Doc Hildebrand (1987), Jason Bundy (1988), Dale Sorenson (1989), and G.C. Dodds (1990) for this special award.

Barbara Condie was selected as the New Player of the Year and presented an award by the Association.

Lorin Condie finished as the leader in three categories, topping the most prize money, high percentage with 64.5, and most wins.

WASHINGTON

Washington's top-notch pitcher, Art Sperber, has been a promoter of horseshoes both statewide and national for many years. He is featured in the April 1992 issue of the state's *Shoes News* newsletter.

Art's highest achievement was the 1987 World Tournament at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He finished 8th with a 76.3 ringer percent figure. Art was the first pitcher to defeat Jim Knisley in that tournament. "You don't have to be Champion to have fun in horseshoes."

Sperber is a member of the NHPA Publicity committee and has contributed greatly to the success of the committee's activities.

WEST VIRGINIA

As expected, Charles Bunner of Fairmont was busy last winter. He has succeeded in getting the Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame Bill passed by the State legislature and signed by the governor. This bill supports Fairmont and their drive to raise funds to construct the Hall of Fame building and a separate structure that will accommodate 18 horseshoe courts under roof.

continued next page

Team World Results

1 MINNESOTA - #1 62	70.3	11 ONTARIO 39½	56.6
Dale Lipovsky	67.5	Steve Hohl	66.8
Phyllis Negaard	74.6	Andy Kutsch	57.6
Bev Nathe	74.7	Kevin McLachlin	56.4
Lu Cave	64.2	Tom Stroh	45.4
2 NO. CALIFORNIA 49½	61.7	12 WISCONSIN - #2 33½	54.8
Sharron Paddock	75.4	Don Kangas	56.2
Dave Loucks	61.3	Mark Stevens	61.7
Gail Sluys	56.7	Chet Ogiba	51.2
Billie Sue Pennington	58.3	Joan Guetzke	50.3
Yvonne Mauzey	48.3	13 MISSOURI - #2 27	53.1
3 INDIANA 61½	66.2	Pam Henderon	52.1
Sue Snyder	70.7	Elwyn Cooper	63.9
Karl Van Sant	65.3	M.O. Turner	55.0
Mark Seibold	70.8	Tim Henderson	41.3
Curly Seibold	58.0	14 WISCONSIN - #6 27	48.2
4 ILLINOIS - #2 53	60.5	Dick Hansen	40.1
Larry Knop	64.7	Lloyd Johnson	51.7
Booty Lange	59.2	Emmet Whiting	48.9
Mike Knop	59.6	Lou Bensinger	51.4
George Manker	58.4	Jane Meier	45.0
5 MISSOURI - #1 50½	62.3	15 WISCONSIN - #3 26	49.8
Vicky Winston	75.0	Larry Barber	50.5
Sam Carter	64.7	Gus Schram	53.6
Stan Griggs	57.8	Don Goldsmith	49.6
Ken Pogue	51.6	Tony Scrima	45.0
6 ILLINOIS - #1 47	62.3	Jeff Secord	46.4
Cliff Baker	64.0	16 WISCONSIN - #4 25½	48.3
Charlie Webb	73.8	Rick Pritzlaff	38.8
Bunny Ward	62.0	Lorraine Sternberg	52.1
Don Peters	58.9	Gerri Meistad	51.8
Jerry Dumstorff	57.1	Terry Sternberg	25.3
7 SASKATCHEWAN	60.9	Ralph Maylahn	63.0
Howard Wietzel	61.3	17 IOWA - #2 25	47.9
Al Ross	56.1	Stoney Jackson	47.9
Marv Ellison	64.7	Loras Grant	47.0
Colin Finnie	61.4	Harry Price	56.1
8 IOWA - #1 44	60.6	William Wilson	40.7
Cathy Carter	70.9	18 WISCONSIN - #5 25	50.3
Jerry Holt	64.6	Rich Pichler	58.9
Wil Foelske	53.3	Debby Bestul	53.4
C. Leo Buell	53.6	Bill Schaaf	48.8
9 MINNESOTA - #2 44	59.4	Al Lonning	40.0
Eddie Holland	59.3	19 NEBRASKA 21	48.2
Len Lipovsky	48.4	Emery Brandt	43.8
Dave Hughes	65.4	Al Rosenbohm	42.6
Gerald Strangland	64.4	Marv Huffman	55.5
10 WISCONSIN - #1 42½	58.0	Dan Bloom	50.9
Randy Rein	61.3	20 IOWA - #3 8½	34.6
Jane Smith	52.0	Bob Block	25.9
John Udelhofen	64.3	Allen Fisher	29.3
Eddie McKinney	54.5	Clarence Pleggenkuhl	44.2
		Russ Martin	38.9

Celebrities Pitch Shoes

by Gary Kline

Every now and then I would like to let you know about a celebrity who has pitched horseshoes. I might as well start with one of our favorites, Roy Rogers. By the way, Roy grew up just five miles south of Donnie Roberts' home in Scioto County, Ohio.

Ted Allen toured the country displaying his greatness with the Roy Rogers rodeo. Roy pitched with the "Sons of the Pioneers." I suppose you remember "Tumbleing Tumbleweed." Roy had two sets of toy horseshoes named after him. Since I am a comic book collector, I really enjoyed finding a Roy Rogers comic book (#48) with Roy on the front cover holding a horseshoe in his hand. Roy had the grip of a 1¼ as Ted Allen had taught him.

Charter Chatter *continued...*

WEST VIRGINIA...

NHPA has not made a final decision on whether to locate the Hall of Fame at this time.

Bunner was recognized at the 1991 NHPA Awards Ceremony, an Achievement award for his continued promotion, support and dedication to the sport of horseshoes.

WISCONSIN

The State's 1991 Champion, John Udelhofen, was called upon to put on an exhibition with World Champion Walter Ray Williams recently at Harvard, Illinois. It took place at Harvard Bowl where they also have horseshoe courts besides bowling lanes.

John and Walter Ray played three 20 shoe games. Walter won the first one and John evened the score in the second. In the third game they both tied after 20 shoes, and kept playing until John missed and the Champion didn't.

There were about 80 spectators, including some from Wisconsin who went down to cheer for John. They had a lot to cheer about since John pitched well.

SPUD NAPIER

4-TIME WORLD CHAMPION

By Dave Loucks

IN 1927 WILLARD "SPUD" NAPIER was just 12 years. He was living in the small town of Sloan, Iowa, about 20 miles south of Sioux City when one of the town's better pitchers, John Hopper, taught Spud how to throw a 1¾ turn. For some three years, Spud practiced with many of the 100 or so regulars who pitched on the town's 4 courts.

At the age of 15, Spud was attracted to the big July 4th celebration being held at Riverside Park in Sioux City. The horseshoe tournament was open to all. It was not head-to-head games, but rather 100 shoe count-all. If you did not like your first score, you could pay the small fee and pitch again. With a score of 212, 15 year old Spud won his first tournament and took home \$7.50, a lot of money for a youngster in 1930.

Spud was using Ohio horseshoes, which were popular at the time but they didn't have any hooks on them and many ringers were lost. In 1931 Spud saw a set of horseshoes that had hooks and he bought a pair. He believes they were Gordons. The new shoes brought Spud more tournament wins in many of the surrounding small towns but as the level of competition got better, Spud began to realize that the events were dominated by pitchers who threw a 1¼ turn. Sensing an opportunity to get better, Spud switched over to the 1¼ turn and began to improve.

It was 1932 when 17 year old Spud, a senior in High School, was urged by his classmates to enter a big national tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. School was still in session, but because the teachers also wanted him to enter, he was excused from school for a week. Spud hitchhiked to Des Moines and managed to find a place to stay with a friend's aunt, just about a mile from the fairgrounds where the tournament was to be played.

The next day, after walking to the fairgrounds to enter, young Spud had his first horseshoe shock. What he saw were 18 clay courts all in a line with stakes 10 inches high. He had never seen clay courts before, let alone pitched on them. In the sign-up tent, they were taking \$5.00 to qualify, but if you didn't make it you got your money back. Spud didn't

know a soul, but he paid his five bucks and was assigned #145 in the qualifying round, which was scheduled for the following day.

Qualifying consisted of pitching 100 shoes. The 36 pitchers with the highest total points scored were in, while the rest watched or went home. There weren't any lower classes, just the championship group. About 3:00 in the afternoon number 145 was called for court 13. Spud was not superstitious, but did not consider this court assignment to be in his best interests. Were the officials trying to rattle this unknown youngster? He was further concerned when they told him that he could take only 8 practice shoes as warm-up.

Those 8 shoes, the first in clay, were not anything to cause a stir among the other pitchers nor were his first 4 shoes of the 100 that counted in qualifying. One ringer and 2 close shoes had gotten him just 5 points in the first four attempts. But then, Spud says, "the good Lord came to my rescue because the next ten pitches were all ringers." The butterflies now gone, Spud continued to lay on ringers and ended the 100 shoes with 242 points, which put him in 15th place. By now a few officials and competitors had gathered to find out more about this fellow Napier who seemingly had just wandered in from a distant small Iowa town.

It was 6 a.m. the next morning, with the sun just beginning to rise, when the 36 qualifiers gathered to start play. There were no round robin cards and no scorekeepers. You just looked for a guy who was not playing and got together with him on an open court for a 50 point game. You kept your own score. When finished, both players

would go up to the man keeping the big board and tell him who had won. Once recorded, the pitchers then went out to look for another guy they hadn't played. Spud, like all the others, had to try to play 35 games in two days. There were no lights and there was little time to rest. Never before and not since has Spud pitched so many horseshoes in so short a time. At the 1988 World Tournament in Pleasanton, Spud remembers asking Ted Allen about those tournaments. Ted replied, "those weren't tournaments, they were marathons."

During the course of the pitching that first day, Spud noticed another thing he had not seen before. Most of the pitchers were wearing gloves or finger stalls and he wondered why. By the end of the day he knew why. Spud's fingers were so sore and bleeding that he had tape all over them just so he could continue pitching. Very few of the competitors actually played all 35 games, so the tournament winner just became the pitcher who had accumulated the most wins. C.C. Davis, later to be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame, was declared the winner while Spud finished in the middle of the pack. \$500 went to the winner and that was it.

Spud returned to Des Moines for the same event in 1935 and 36. In those years, they allowed 3 days for pitching, which sure helped, but Spud never made it much higher than the middle of the pack. Among the competitors, Spud remembers playing Frank Jackson, the Jackson boys, Vyril & Hansford, C.C. Davis, Ted Allen, Guy Zimmerman, Casey Jones and John Paxton, some of the greatest names to ever pitch a horseshoe.

Spud pitched until 1938, when they put a bowling alley in his little town. Everybody took up bowling and Spud sadly recalls that horseshoe pitching in Sloan died out. He was 23 years old at the time and never threw another shoe until 1980 when he was 65 years old. Spud has been pitching ever since and now averages nearly his age, 76. He has been to the last 7 NHPA World Tournaments where he won the Senior Class B title in 1985, the Senior World Championship in 1986 and the Elder 40' World Championship in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Hard Work and A Little Dreaming Really Does Pay Off

by Kristin Ferraraccio

It is a sport where mental strength is dominant over physical. There are no team mates to control your destiny. No race against the clock. It is you, alone, faced with the challenge of concentrating for an entire match. One slip and it could be over. Thousands have accepted the challenge, but few have succeeded.

Dave Reynolds took the challenge and became one of only 24 men in the world to have the title of "World Class Champion Horseshoe Pitcher."

As many others have done, Reynolds once considered horseshoes a backyard game played for fun with friends. That's exactly how he got started.

The 34-year old native of Trumansburg, New York is a natural athlete. He had hopes of a basketball scholarship that would put him through college. His dream ended when he shattered his knee cap and couldn't continue playing. However, he did graduate from Cortland Community College in New York and attended Tri-State University in Kentucky.

He married after college and would throw horseshoes occasionally with his father-in-law. In 1984 he entered competitions, winning many that he entered, but none put great strain on his mind.

His mental and physical skills were put to the test, however, when he entered his first sanctioned tournament. It was for a state championship and was being held in Floyd, N.Y.

At the time, Reynolds had a ringer percentage of only 29.7. On that alone he wouldn't be a top qualifier. He was undefeated going into the final match against a man who hadn't won all day, but had a higher ringer percentage. His competitor needed two ringers to win, Reynolds needed six. He recalled looking up to the sky and asking for a little help.

Reynolds now lives in Auburn, New York, where he is a corrections officer at Auburn Correctional Facility.

Each year there is a New York State Correction Olympics. All the facilities compete in June. Reynolds has captured the horseshoe championship for two consecutive years. "I'll never lose that title."

Reynolds continues to be inspired and is setting an example for the members of the New York State Junior District Horseshoe Association. He was recently elected to head the organization last April. When he started there were few members. In less than five months he increased membership to more than one hundred.

"If I can get kids into horseshoes before they turn to drugs...maybe it will make a difference..."

When Reynolds was younger his peers were involved with drugs and alcohol. He had to separate himself from this because of his dedication to being a drug-free athlete.

To contribute in the fight against youth being involved with drugs, Reynolds is trying to instill in them a positive attitude about their mind and body to help keep them free of drugs and alcohol. "If I can get kids into horseshoes before they turn to drugs, then maybe, just maybe, it will make a difference."

Recently, Dave took one of his Junior District members, Jason McKeen, to a tournament in Binghamton. McKeen, who just started his involvement in horseshoes, won the tournament.

While Reynolds is working towards training youth, he is still learning himself. Mike DiMartino from Binghamton, who has been training him, convinced Reynolds to change his throwing style to increase his ringer percentage. Reynolds, at one point, felt

as if the change in technique might have been the worst thing he ever did.

Nevertheless, he stayed with the technique and now throws ringers more than 50 percent of the time. "People don't realize how hard horseshoes are. I see it as one of the three toughest sports to master: tennis, golf and horseshoes."

Reynolds throws more than two hundred shoes a day at the Tic Toc Inn at Auburn.

Someday he wants to become the overall world champion. Right now he is concentrating on increasing his ranking in the 1992 World Tournament at Columbus, Ohio.

It hasn't been all glory for Reynolds. He had an embarrassing experience at the 1990 World Tournament in Georgia. "I was leading my group and I got too excited. I read my schedule wrong and showed up 4½ hours late for competition." To ease his mind, Reynolds likes to get away from the area he is competing in. No one knew where he was to contact him so he could get to the tournament on time.

"When I walked in, the New York people were going bananas and chasing me around. As I got closer to the board I saw my name with a red line through it. I just turned around and walked out."

The press printed his misfortune before he even arrived back in Auburn. Reynolds took a lot of jokes from his co-workers, but knew he had to stay positive and train harder than he had ever done before to increase his ranking.

To help him in training and traveling expenses, Reynolds is sponsored by an Auburn radio station, WMBO/WPCX, Bob Bianco Construction, and Rolling Rock Beverages. A local band in Auburn, The Back Alley Boys also help to promote Reynolds and he in turn spreads the word about them. Once a month he does a talk show on WPCX.

He also has made portable pits, which he brings to elementary schools to give area youth a chance to throw.

In addition, he has been instrumental in getting pits installed at the Auburn Correctional Facility Recreation Center and at Emerson Park on Owasco Lake. He is also planning to build his own pits in Auburn.

Most important to Reynolds is that he has won not only a world championship, but he has won the respect of all his competitors.

We're Only Passing Through

By Glen Portt

I really don't know who *first* said it but there's a good chance it was 'Anonymous,' definitely the world's most prolific writer. I don't think anyone will argue *that*. He's written millions of letters, verses, sayings, and quotations...and he is still going strong. He'll *never* pass through. He's here permanently.

As we go through life, glib sayings roll off our tongues without a thought as to their origin...yet most were written before the 16th century. Here are just a few...

He has plenty of other irons in the fire.
(Aristophanes 446-380 B.C.)

The devil take the hindmost.
(Aristotle 384-322 B.C.)

Pryde goeth before a fall.

A rollin stone never gathereth mosse.

Haste maketh waste.

A new broome sweepth cleene.

*No wonder skies upon you frowne,
You've nailed the horseshoe upside
downe.*

And then there are those gems which give us a bit of humor—without which life would be so dull...

It's better to live rich than to die rich.

When you're dead, it's for a long time.

Whether the authors were poets, wise men, philosophers, or whatever, *they were only passing through, but they left a legacy to the millions who followed. They made their mark.*

In our horseshoe world, we've had many who passed through, and left *their* mark. The names are legend—Frank Jackson, C.C. Davis, Putt Mossman, Jimmy Risk, Guy Zimmerman, Pop Johnson, Ted Allen, Elmer Hohl, and Lee Davis—to list just a few.

But how about the ones passing through *now*? Many have already left their mark—Casey Jones, Curt Day, Paul Focht, Carl Steinfeldt, Vicki Winston, Ruth Hangen, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Mark Seibold, Jim Knisley, Phyllis Negaard, Debbie Michaud, and Tari Powell—all great pitchers.

But there's another side to our sport. The promotion side—where people pitch and also do things to better our game. And that's not to say that those named above don't do things to promote our pastime. They do, but there are others. They may not be great pitchers, but they have already left *their* mark. To name a few—Don Titcomb, a great pitcher, but also the greatest promoter our sport has; Gary Kline, for giving us 'The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament, 1909-1980'; Dr. Sol Berman for preserving, on tape, our past and present legends; Jack Adams for his contribution through 'Horseshoes Canada'; Russ Gadoury, whose idea brought us our Sanctioned League program; Suzy Pritzlaff, for her unbelievable stats on Wisconsin horseshoe pitching; and Ed Yankowski, for giving us our NHPA logo. These are just a few. There are hundreds more.

No, you don't have to be a star in

our sport to make *your* mark. Granland Rice, a sports writer, was never a star athlete, but he left *his* mark when he wrote these words:

*"When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name,
He writes not that you won or lost,
but how you played the game."*

Two thousand years from now, our ancestors will be quoting these very same words, just as we glibly quote, perhaps unknowingly, sayings written 2000 or more years ago.

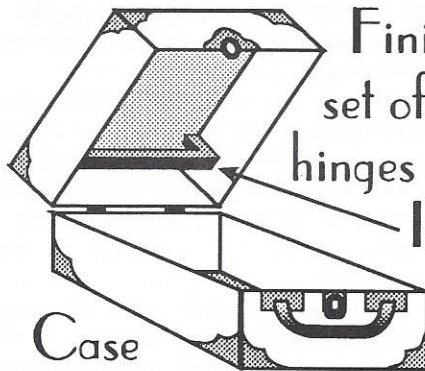
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HORSESHOES:

Bittersweet Memories of 1938

by Frank J. Prince

A recent newspaper article about the renewed popularity of the game of horseshoes and the possibility of the matches going big time on national television, reminds me of my brief encounter with a fan of the game more than 50 years ago.

I happened in 1938, when I was a freshman at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. My first class beginning the semester was a Monday morning so I spent the day before, a warm September Sunday afternoon, on an easy stroll of Madison's streets enjoying the lazy freedom of a pleasant autumn day.

As I walked along in my new suit, I reminded myself to keep the outfit neat and clean. Although no mandatory dress codes existed for university students in 1938, suits and ties were in vogue for men attending classes. Campus rumor also hinted that casual dress was taboo—if one expected to graduate.

I was headed toward the railroad station when about two blocks from it I spotted a pretty young girl about my age, seated on a bulky, travel-scuffed suitcase.

My parents and teachers had imbued in me the idea that good manners reflected the respect we should have for all people. Too, I had in mind Ralph Waldo Emerson's philosophy on social civility: "Make small sacrifices to provide little niceties for people...the happy ways of doing things," as I approached her.

As I approached, she turned on a captivating smile that, along with her bouncing hair and shining eyes, got to me.

"Your suitcase looks heavy...may I help?" I offered. At the same time I grasped the suitcase handle and gave it a tug.

She looked up and turned on a captivating smile that, along with bouncing hair and shining eyes meant approval.

With a zestful flourish I grasped the suitcase handle and gave it a

hefty tug. But the suitcase stayed glued to the sidewalk.

"Ughmf!" I grunted and struggled. It finally moved! The heavy bag bumped against my leg, and with every step I felt a sharp, stabbing pain close to my knee. As I staggered along, perspiration generated by this great effort was soaking into my suit all along those torturous blocks to the station. All the while I wondered where Emerson had drawn the line on "small sacrifices."

"It's heavy...what's in it?" I gasped, trying to catch my breath.

"Horseshoes," she replied with an impish grin, "My brother who lives here in Madison likes to pitch horseshoes, I bring them in for him."

While it seemed strange her brother didn't have his own shoes, my mind was more on the girl than on horseshoes, so I didn't ask.

Finally, to my great relief, we reached the railroad station. We chatted awhile, and as we did so I casually inspected my suit and found a tear in the trousers; more like a hole because some of the fabric was missing.

When her train to Milwaukee arrived and she was ready to board, we both stood on the station platform—she looking like a dream and I a bit ruffled and sweaty—both of us not wanting to say goodbye.

"Thank you, my Prince," she said. With a smile she moved close to me and kissed my cheek, a light kiss, but a tender, lingering one.

The bittersweet goodbye lingered as I watched the train pull away from the station. Though the thoughts of that kiss still had me in a dream world, my practical mind slowly began to intrude on my reverie. I again thought of that heavy suitcase and my sweaty suit with a hole in the trousers, but this time accompanied by a disturbing notion:

How would I ever make my suit presentable before my 8:00 class Monday Morning?

Special NHPA Award Winners Announced

The NHPA annually gives special recognition awards to a few people who have done outstanding work to promote the NHPA and horseshoe pitching in their area. These are the NHPA Achievement Awards. This year, we are pleased to honor Tom Roanhouse of Wisconsin for his work and dedication to make the Team World Tournament one of the best in the country. Also, Art Felgenhauer of Illinois has been selected to receive an award for his many years of promoting our sport as an individual and Regional Director.

The Presidential Achievement Award will this year be presented to Charles and Jean Myers of the Whetstone Club in Columbus. As co-chairs, they took over the 1992 World Tournament commitment when the City Parks and Recreation Department withdrew their bid, just months after they won the bidding. The Whetstone Club assumed a big financial responsibility and met every payment deadline in their contract with the NHPA.

The 1992 Stokes Award will be presented to Earl Winston. This award, given annually in memory of the late Arch Stokes, is considered to be as prestigious as our Hall of Fame award.

Earl Winston, 1st VP of the NHPA, has been promoting horseshoe and the NHPA for more years than some of our members have lived. He is chairman of the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee and has served as a member of the Executive Council for some 20 years. His dedication to our sport and service to our association is well beyond the call of duty.

Congratulations to all the winners who will be presented their awards during the annual Dinner and Awards Banquet in Columbus on Sunday, July 19th.

No World Tournament In 1909

by Gary Kline

Those with the book, *The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament 1909-1980*, be alert and find you a copy machine! Fold it up and put it in your book! The first recognized World Horseshoe Tournament didn't occur in 1909. It happened in 1910.

While publishing the book, research was still going on. Contact with the Kansas State Historical Library in Topeka resulted in someone reading the *Bronson Pilot* 1908 through 1911. What did we find? At 10:40 a.m. September 10, 1910, the first World Horseshoe Tournament began. \$5.00 was to be split between the two winning pitchers.

The only two known rules were a stake distance of 38½ feet and bring your own shoes. The games were 21 points. There were 34 participants with Bronson having the most. When competition was completed, the two survivors were Frank Jackson and Lonnie Wilson. Both were from Blue Mound, Kansas and each received \$2.50. Lonnie also earned \$5.00 for winning the fiddling contest.

With only one championship belt, a playoff was required. Frank Jackson was the winner and can be seen wearing the belt in the book. The newspaper reports Jim Hunnel challenged Frank and was easily defeated both games.

This tournament was created by Colonel Luck D. Long. Lucky was an auctioneer. The main event of the day was a colt judging contest and auction.

The first women's championship was the 1920 Akron, Ohio event. Marjorie Vorhees of New Jersey, a Frank Jackson protege, was the winner. She beat Miss Pillmore of Akron, Ohio. Miss Pillmore was trained by Hughie Palmer, known as the "Grandfather of Horseshoe Pitching." Marjorie won the match three games to one.

Are You Legal?

by Donnie Roberts

I spent the first 35 years of my life on a farm in rural Pike County, Ohio. When we decided to build a barn, crib, shed, or chicken house, we just built it. We didn't check with anyone or ask permission. It was our land and we did what we wanted. We even built an Indoor Horseshoe building. We conducted leagues and tournaments for 10 years.

It would be hard to estimate how many indoor courts are in operation around the country at present. However, you can be sure there are a bunch. How many of them are operating without having checked on zoning, licensing, liability insurance, etc.? How many meet state and local wiring codes? How many meet EPA plus state and local sewage standards? How many are up to snuff with the health department as relates to the food that is being served? How many have been inspected by and meet state and local fire requirements? How many are current with local, state, and federal tax people? How many are selling food, beverages, and horseshoe items without proper Vendor's Licenses, etc.?

I haven't asked all the possible questions but I think you get the idea. It is very important that indoor

horseshoe places operate like the small businesses that you you are and observe good business practices.

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This sometimes works fine for awhile, but after the neighbors see 20 cars in the yard, etc., the word soon gets out. Accidents can happen and trouble can develop. Sometimes people get angry and report you to the authorities.

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Hall of Fame Report

by Earl Winston

The Hall of Fame Committee had voted to use a different system this year in making our selections for induction to the NHPA Hall of Fame. As a result, nine persons have been elected to this prestigious plateau. All are deserving, but as with any new system, sometimes we have to fine tune something after it has been tried. Several suggestions have come in and the Committee will be discussing this during our meeting in Columbus.

We wish to congratulate all of those who have been elected this year and they will be formally installed into the NHPA Hall of Fame on July 19, 1992 during the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in Columbus, Ohio. Those to be inducted are as follows:

Organizer-Promoter 1914-1942

H.L. ERMATINGER St. Petersburg, Florida (Deceased)

Mr. Ermatinger served as president of the NHPA from 1925 to 1933. At the National Convention at Lake Worth, Florida on February 26, 1925, the name of our organization was officially changed to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America and was the only governing body of the sport in this country.

HARRY DUNCAN Denver, Colorado (Deceased)

Mr. Duncan perfected and marketed a set of playing schedules and was a fellow traveler and promoter of Ted Allen in some of his early days on tour. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado association from 1927 through 1931. In 1932, he was elected President of the Colorado association and served in that capacity for four years. In 1945 he was again elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado group, so was active over a long period of time.

Player 1914-1942

BERT DURYEE Wichita, Kansas (Deceased)

Bert earned the nickname "Kansas Cyclone" when in the finals of the 1925 World Tournament, held in Lake Worth, Florida, he combined with Putt Mossman to break all existing world records for a 50 point game. The game went 108 shoes with the players having a combined average of over 70%. They had eight consecutive four deads and a combined total of 56 double ringers. This was accomplished with shoes that had no hooks and were pitched at 8 inch stakes, which leaned only one inch. What a

feat! Bert was considered the top Kansas pitcher until the mid-1930s.

Player after 1942

OPAL RENO Ohio and Arkansas

Opal has won 21 State Championships during her career and holds many high game records in local tournaments. Her highest Ohio outdoor event was in 1980 with an average of 85.4%. Her best Ohio indoor meet was in 1979 with an 88.1% average. Her best Arkansas performance was in 1989 with a 78.4% average. Opal also has two perfect games to her credit, one of 20 shoes and one of 30 shoes. In 1983, Opal was inducted into the Ohio Buckeye Hall of Fame.

She has won other large tournaments such as the Chief Charley in Florida with an average of 85.4%, the 1982 Houston Invitational with an average of 78.8%, and for six years (1978-1983) she won the Greenville Classic averaging 81% through them all. Her crowning achievement on the national level was to win the 1978 and 1980 World Tournaments. In both of these events, she posted 11-0 records, which is an accomplishment in itself in the Championship Class.

These are just a few highlights from the 29 year career of a very fine pitcher.

MARINES TAMBOER Wichita, Kansas

A Kansas wheat farmer, Marines was considered one of the Kansas "Big Four" over a period of some 30 years. The other three were Kraft, Gandy and Dahlene. Marines was many times Kansas State Champion and the winner of many local tournaments.

In World Tournament competition, for over 20 years, he never averaged under 70% and his best year he averaged 79.1% and was only able to finish 15th in a 36 man class. This gives you an idea of the competition in the 1950s and 1960s. He was able to attain higher finishes at the World Tournament placing third in 1951 and fourth in 1952.

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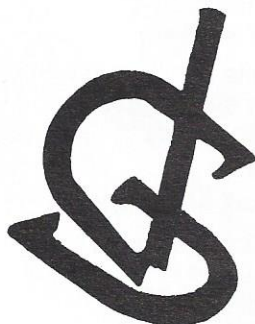
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Organizer after 1942

HARVEY CLEAR California and Florida

Harvey served as NHPA Secretary-Treasurer for four years (1947-1951). In several of those years he went to the tournament site (Murray, Utah) and had everything in order before the tournament started. He made and published a booklet of various schedules, some of which exist today. He was also a tournament director and promoter in his home state of California.

HAROLD CRAIG Muncie, Indiana

When the World Tournament site moved from Utah to the midwest, Harold was elected NHPA President for three consecutive terms. Under his administration, the World Tournament began to rotate to different locations; Indiana, Ohio, North Dakota, California and New Hampshire. Harold was president when World Tournament entries climbed to the unheard of mark of 500 for the first time.

Harold still lives in Muncie today, along with his wife Mary.

Player-Organizer after 1942

GLEN PORTT Albany, Georgia

Glen was elected President of the NHPA in 1983, promising only one term. He brought several new ideas to the membership, many of which were adopted including the registering of our current NHPA logo.

He also began the plans for Hall of Fame plaques, that were distributed to each inductee at that point. The plaques have a plastic plate to cover a photo of the inductee. These are for display when a permanent site for the NHPA Hall of Fame becomes available.

Glen was several times Georgia State Champion and in 1991 tied for first, but lost the playoff. At the end of 1988 he was the all-time victory leader in the World Tournament Senior Division, with a record of 63 wins out of 95 games.

RAY OHMS Salt Lake City, Utah (Deceased)

Ray was one of the local Utah spark plugs, both on and off the courts. He was always promoting some special horseshoe contests, as well as special bowling tournaments, for the pitchers.

He first appeared in the Championship Class at the World Tournament in 1947, placing 24th. His highest

finish in World Tournament play was 16th in 1949, averaging 68.8%. He placed 17th in 1959. His best World Tournament ringer average was 70.3% in 1954.

Ray's intense interest in horseshoes is still visible in the person of his son, Dennis, an NHPA Game Related Items distributor, who also lives in Utah.



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Dedication of Don Titcomb Library

This is the Address presented at the Dedication of the Don Titcomb Library, San Jose, California, July 4, 1991.

by **Stewart M. Snyder**

Dedication of this Library today has been a Titcomb dream for a long time. To be situated here in San Jose, California, in a special building on Don's home courts, is essential to bear full touch in Don's love of the game; to fully express his constant challenge for betterment of the sport—horseshoe pitching.

A truly great thing about this dedication is that Don is here among us to see, to feel full import of his library to become a reality—so many dedications are made after the person, for whom remembrance is intended, no longer is alive to enjoy the honor granted him. But Don is here to view this service.

Some of us know of Don's modesty, how he has felt about his position among great horseshoe pitchers. Don spoke to me not long ago about his World Championship in 1960, after having struggled for several years at the top only to lose out, perhaps by the "last shoe pitched."

Don said, and I quote, "I didn't feel that I, myself, one person, deserved the Championship of the World, for many of my competitors in that tour

nament alone, all 80%ers and better, as was I myself, were equally qualified to have won the distinguished honor of World Champion. As games in this 1960 tournament progressed, many were won on the "last shoe pitched" so equal in ability were we all—the other guy could have won just as I was lucky to have won."

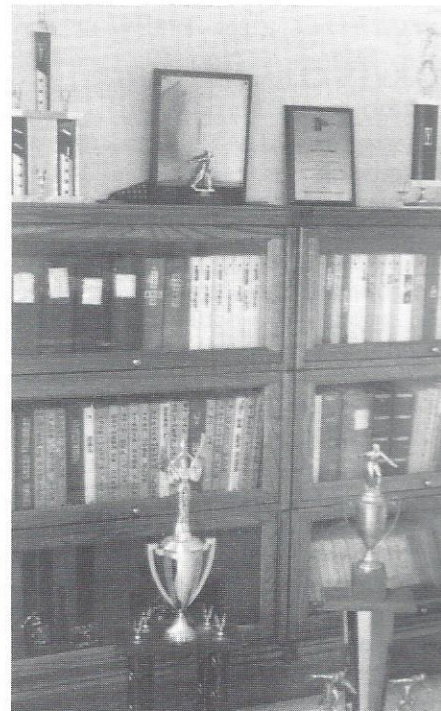
Modest you are, Don, modesty doesn't enter the picture here; you had no competitors; you cannot say that any other person deserved to name this library.

Your list of unbroken pitching records need not be mentioned here; written reports are filed in your library for all to see. These records are yours, yours alone, but really more important for the good of the sport, and deserving full recognition, is your strong forward drive for advancement of horseshoe pitching by demonstration and follow-up to initiate new members to the horseshoe family.

All Northern California horseshoe pitchers are prideful; you are one among us, you pitch on the same courts we do; you are real!

Don, this library will bear your name deeply in our thoughts; in thoughts of horseshoe pitchers into endless time.

Editor's Note: Don Titcomb has retired and moved to Florida where he continues to promote our great game.



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First Woman President, Horseshoe Canada By Stewart M. Snyder

Canada comes to the fore occasionally with innovative aspects of the game—Paul Carriere's Horseshoe Pitching Technical Manual; introducing horseshoe pitching in high school, and now, a woman to lead the National Organization, Horseshoe Canada.

Albeit a trying task that requires special talent and much time, Sharon has credentials to point up her qualifications. She is a native of Saskatchewan, born in 1949. She started to pitch horseshoes in 1974, and five years later, she mentions with pride, "My greatest achievement was to win the Ladies' B Class Championship in the Canadian Nationals. Her pitching days, however, are over, due to a physical impairment

Sharon was the youngest ever to be inducted into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame in 1985. Sharon was elected Horseshoe Saskatchewan President in 1981 and held the post eight years.

At the same time, she started to print the *Saskatchewan Horseshoe Newsletter*, taking over for Ed Murray.

For 7 years Sharon held office of Canadian National Tournament Director, and concurrently, Secretary of the National Association. Sharon presently is Executive Director for Horseshoe Saskatchewan and says, "This job basically is the backbone of Horseshoes in this Province," and admits, "If you need information on Saskatchewan, contact Sharon."

Sharon's endurance for executive responsibilities will be tested to its utmost in the summer of 1992 when the Saskatchewan Association (her home province) will host the Canadian Nationals.

Sharon says, "My activity in horseshoes is just a volunteer career, following in footsteps of Ed Murray, whom I succeed as President of Horseshoe Canada."

Every Pitcher A Champion

Most of us are flabbergasted when we hear of pitchers who average seventy or eighty percent ringers. Looking at our meager averages, we wonder if it's worth the effort and sometimes, seriously doubt if we can ever match their skills. BUT since we are classed according to our ringer percentages, you can be a champion regardless of ringer average.

Did you know that 50% of all horseshoe pitchers average less than 31% ringers? Or that over a 51% average will place you in the top ten per cent pitchers in the world? And if you average over 71% you are in the top 1% of pitchers?

Thankfully, there are classes to fit all pitchers, allowing us to enjoy the thrill of championship competition within our own groups. No matter what your average, you can also become a champion.

On any given day of competition, the winners are determined by which pitchers have best attended the ABCs:

- A. Maintain health and fitness.
- B. Practice
- C. Establish a good attitude.

By and large, the winning factor, in

most cases, is Attitude. Most pitchers in a class are evenly matched in fitness and skill categories thus oft times, attitudes determine the winners.

GOOD ATTITUDES

Want to win (but do not be afraid to lose Respect your opponent (he or she is a friend Encourage your opponent (applaud when he does well)

Know you can do as well or better Do the very best you can Winning will take care of itself (the best pitchers have lost games) Relax—you are among friends Concentrate on your pitching Learn from your bad shots.

BAD ATTITUDES come in all shapes and sizes. Some are very noticeable, while others are well disguised. Winning at all costs, often by trying to embarrass or distract your opponent, is a sign of not only a bad attitude, but a poor sport as well. Throwing a little fit after a poor shot or losing a game is also a bad attitude because it indicates you were concentrating more on the score than the factors that really bring about good shots and a winning game.

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turn a good shot into a miss, a potential win into a loss. A healthy attitude can turn this around. Relax and concentrate on your delivery for every shot and the wins will come your way.

Perhaps you wonder where your ringer average might rank you in relation to others. Here is an indication:

RINGER AVG	RANK	RINGER AVG.	RANK
71% up	Top 1%	31% down	Bottom 50%
58% up	Top 5%	28% down	Bottom 40%
51% up	Top 10%	24% down	Bottom 30%
44% up	Top 20%	20% down	Bottom 20%
39% up	Top 30%	15% down	Bottom 10%
35% up	Top 40%	12% down	Bottom 5%
31% up	Top 50%		

NHPA FINANCIAL REPORT

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance Regular Account (Roberts) Year Ended March 31, 1992 and 1991

Revenue	1992	1991
Membership	\$ 121,453.	\$ 92,232.
World Tourney - See Schedule (1)	127,128.	74,494.
Sanctioned League - See Schedule (2)	—0—	9,573.
Horseshoe sanction fees	4,213.	6,200.
Insurance, full & league members	23,347.	36,176.
Miscellaneous, sales and charter dues	2,555.	1,180.
Visa card and miscellaneous income	1,170.	495.
Newsline - See Schedule (3)	48,823.	44,718.
IRS refunds	—0—	1,003.
Prior period revenue	27,134.	—0—

Total Revenue \$ 355,823. \$ 266,071.

Expenses:

Newsline - See Schedule (3)	\$ 40,431.	\$ 45,879.
Sanction League Expense - See Sch. (2)	12,977.	12,587.
World Tournament Expense - See Sch. (1)	113,141.	120,419.
Regional Directors' Allowance & expenses	6,541.	3,667.
Tournament Patches	9,145.	7,025.
Equipment purchases, rentals, repairs	12,981.	3,646.
Printing, paper and office supplies	7,024.	11,039.
Postage	11,576.	9,372.
Officers' telephone	3,605.	4,178.
Officers' travel	2,788.	7,729.
Secretary's allowance	18,822.	14,274.
President's allowance	5,226.	2,460.
Vice President's allowance	5,055.	2,450.
Publicity, promotion, ads	1,568.	774.
Professional fees, accounting, legal	7,088.	5,520.
Misc. fees, bonds, bank charges, refunds	1,932.	2,738.
Insurance	20,870.	20,944.

Total expenses \$ 280,770. \$ 274,701.

Revenue in excess of expenses before other	75,053.	(8,630.)
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Other:

Interest income	12,124.	10,991.
Expenses in excess of revenue after other	87,177.	2,361.

Cash balance, beginning of year	\$ 19,648.	\$ 16,307.
Transfers to certificates (P & I)	(48,712.)	(9,003.)
Transfers to memorial fund (Interest)	(17.)	(17.)
Transfers from game related account	—0—	10,000.

Cash balance, end of year **\$ 58,096.** **\$ 19,648.**

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance Game Items (Domey) Year Ended March 31, 1991

Revenue	1992	1991
Sources:		
Shipley	\$ 27,636.	\$ 29,155.
Reid	14,586.	10,939.
Ohms	6,509.	8,180.
Pro Shop	26,217.	23,357.
Domey	70,262.	71,378.
Smith	20,868.	21,188.
NHPA	19,852.	19,853.

Total revenue \$ 185,930. \$ 184,050.

Expenses:

Office expenses	\$ 18,848.	\$ 18,692.
Horseshoes	125,004.	111,911.
Game related items	17,600.	21,908.
Telephone	810.	1,076.
Postage	559.	495.
Freight	8,970.	9,724.
Advertising	2,614.	2,690.
Shirts	6,362.	2,388.

Total expenses \$ 180,767. 168,884.

Net revenue in excess of expenses before other income (expenses)	\$ 5,163.	15,166.
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Other income and (expenses)		
Interest income	2,537.	3,319.
(Decrease) increase in inventory	3,368.	(3,689)

Net revenue in excess of expenses 11,068. 14,796.

Cash balance, beginning of year 56,469. 47,983.

Inventory adjustment	(3,368.)	3,689.
Transfers to regular A/C Roberts	—0—	(10,000.)

Cash balance, end of year **\$ 64,269.** **56,468.**

NHPA FINANCIAL REPORT

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
BALANCE SHEET
 Years ended March 31, 1992 and 1991

ASSETS	1992	1991
Current Funds Unrestricted		
Cash on hand - (Sol Berman)	\$ —0—	\$ 5.
Cash in bank - Reg. account (Roberts)	58,096.	19,643.
Game related (Domey)	64,169.	56,468.
Memorial Fund	385.	370.
Certificate of Deposit	173,562.	124,850.
1991 World Tournament	—0—	16,000.
Total cash funds	<u>\$ 296,212.</u>	<u>\$ 217,336.</u>
Inventories held by:		
Domey	54,646.	51,277.
Total Inventories	<u>54,646.</u>	<u>51,277.</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$350,858.</u>	<u>\$ 268,613.</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Unearned income	\$ —0—	\$ 16,000.
Total Liabilities	\$ —0—	\$ 16,000.
Fund Balances - Undesignated, available for general activities.		
Beginning fund balances	\$ 252,613.	\$ 235,456.
Net fund activities	98,245.	17,157.
Ending fund balances	<u>\$ 350,858.</u>	<u>\$ 268,613.</u>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedule of Revenue and Expense World Tourney
 Regular Account (Roberts)
 Schedule (1) Year Ended March 31, 1992 and 1991

Revenue:	1992	1991
1991 World NHPA court and scoreboard rental	\$ 1,500.	\$ —0—
Payment against 1990 W.T. debt	1,084.	—0—
1991 World Tourney registration fees	47,870.	53,315.
1991 World Tourney bid payments	16,000.	306.
1991 World Tourney finals fees	4,300.	4,300.
World sponsor fee and banquet sales	—0—	10,780.
1991 World video and patch sales	1,524.	793.
1992 World payments against bids	30,500.	5,000.
1992 World Tourney registration fees	2,350.	—0—
1993 World Tournament bid deposits	16,000.	—0—
1993 World Tournament contract payments	6,000.	—0—
Total revenue	<u>\$ 127,128</u>	<u>\$ 74,494.</u>
 Expenses:		
Cash, trophy, patch and trust awards	\$ 88,476.	\$ 98,654.
Administrative expenses	13,509.	15,619.
Hall of Fame, awards, supplies	1,156.	5,696.
Refunds, and overpayments	10,000.	450.
Total World Tourney expenses	<u>\$ 113,141.</u>	<u>\$ 120,419.</u>
Net revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 13,987.</u>	<u>\$ (45,925.)</u>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedule of Revenue and Expense Sanctioned League
 Regular Account (Roberts)
 Schedule (2)
 Year ended March 31, 1992 and 1991

Revenue:	1992	1991
Sanctioned League income	—0—	\$ 9,573.
Total Revenue	—0—	9,573.
 Expenses:		
Sanctioned League -		
Patches and awards	7,999.	7,391.
Office supplies, phone	3,578.	2,946.
Director allowance	1,000.	1,450.
Jr. scholarships	400.	800.
Total expenses	<u>\$ 12,977.</u>	<u>\$ 12,587.</u>
Net revenues over net expenses	<u>\$ (12,977.)</u>	<u>\$ (3,014.)</u>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedule of Revenue and Expense (Newsline)
 Schedule (3)
 Year Ended March 31, 1992 and 1991

Revenue:	1992	1991
Newsline subscription income	\$ 44,255.	\$ 35,512.
Newsline advertising income	4,568.	9,206.
Total revenue	48,823.	44,718.
 Expenses:		
Printing, postage, supplies	36,947.	43,839.
Publication, editing and misc.	3,484.	2,040.
Total expenses	<u>\$ 40,431.</u>	<u>\$ 45,879.</u>
Net revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 8,392.</u>	<u>\$ (1,161.)</u>

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America

Date 8-7-65 Court No. 10 Game No. 18
RAY MARTIN VS. GLEN HENTON

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
XX	1	1	2	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	4	XX	1	1
XO	3	3	6	X	1	1
X	1	1	8	XO	3	3
XX	1	1	10	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	12	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	14	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	16	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	18	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	20	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	22	XO	3	6
XX	1	1	24	XX	3	9
X	1	1	26	XO	3	12
XX	1	1	28	XX	3	15
X	1	1	30	XO	3	18
XX	1	1	32	XX	1	21
X	1	1	34	X	1	24
XX	1	1	36	XX	1	27
XX	1	1	38	XX	1	30
XX	1	1	40	XX	1	33
XXO	3	6	42	XX	1	36
XX	1	1	44	XX	1	39
XX	1	1	46	XX	1	42
XX	1	1	48	XX	1	45
XX	1	1	50	XX	1	48
XO	3	9	52	X	1	51
XX	1	1	54	XX	1	54
XX	1	1	56	XX	1	57
XX	1	1	58	XX	1	60
XX	1	1	60	XX	1	63
XX	1	1	62	XX	1	66
XX	1	1	64	XX	1	69
XX	1	1	66	XX	1	72
XX	1	1	68	XX	1	75
O	3	12	70	1	1	78
XX	1	1	72	XX	1	81
XX	1	1	74	XX	1	84
XX	1	1	76	XX	1	87
XX	1	1	78	XX	1	90
X	1	1	80	XO	3	93
XX	1	1	82	XX	1	96
XX	1	1	84	XX	1	99
XX	1	1	86	XX	1	102
XO	3	15	88	X	1	105
XX	1	1	90	XX	1	108
XO	3	18	92	X	1	111
XX	1	1	94	XX	1	114
XO	3	21	96	X	1	117
XX	1	1	98	XX	1	120
XX	1	1	100	XX	1	123

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America

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XX	1	1	12	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	14	XX	1	1
XO	3	24	16	XX	1	1
XO	3	27	18	X	1	1
XO	3	30	20	X	1	1
X	1	1	22	XO	3	19
XX	1	1	24	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	26	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	28	XO	3	22
XX	1	1	30	XX	1	1
X	1	1	32	XO	3	25
XX	1	1	34	XO	3	28
XX	1	1	36	XO	3	31
XX	1	1	38	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	40	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	42	X	1	1
XX	1	1	44	XO	3	34
XX	1	1	46	XO	3	37
XX	1	1	48	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	50	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	52	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	54	XX	1	1
X	1	1	56	XO	3	40
XX	1	1	58	XO	3	43
XXO	3	34	60	X	1	1
XX	1	1	62	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	64	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	66	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	68	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	70	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	72	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	74	XX	1	1
XO	3	37	76	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	78	XX	1	1
XX	1	1	80	XO	3	46
XO	3	40	82	X	1	1
XO	3	46	84	XX	1	1
XO	3	49	86	X	1	1
XO	3	52	88	XO	3	49
XO	3	55	90	X	1	1
XX	1	1	92	XX	1	1
X	1	1	94	XO	3	52
			96			
			98			
			100			

This is the scoresheet from the

Longest Game On Record

It was pitched between Glen "Red" Henton and Ray Martin on August 7, 1965 during the World Tournament in Keene, N.H.

SUMMARY

49	Points	52
174	Ringers	175
77	Doubles	80
194	Shoes Pitched	194
89.7	Percent Ringers	90.2

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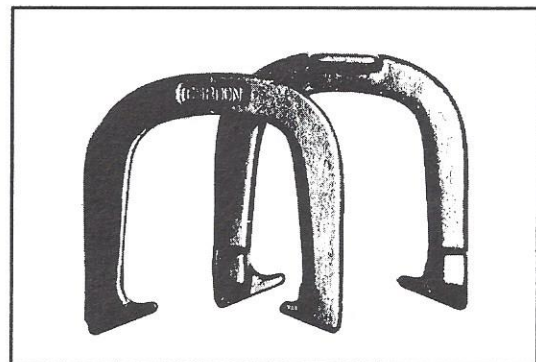
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