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BRYAN JAMES MATELYAN

Non-Family Abduction
Abducted by

Francis Howard Hatmaker



Bryan James Matelyan

Date Missing: 09/16/90 **Missing From:** Cherry Hill, NJ

Date of Birth: 08/26/86 **Age at Disappearance:** 4 years

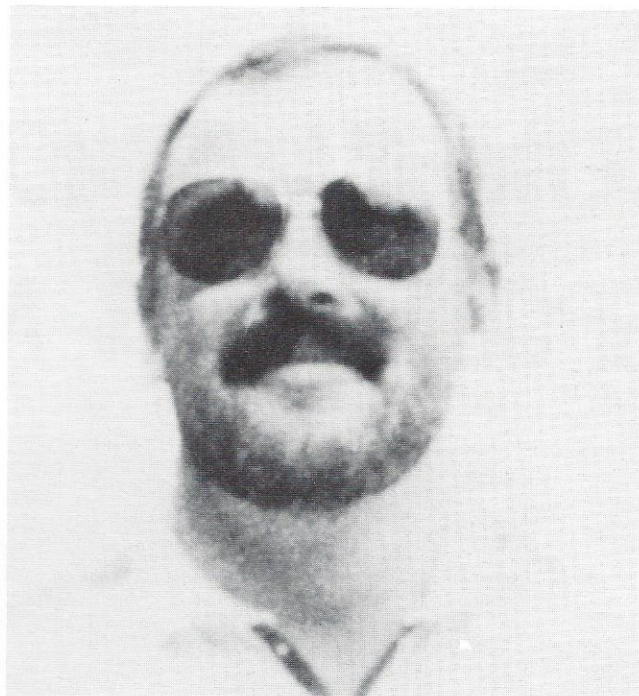
Sex: Male **Race:** White

Height: 3 ft. **Weight:** 32 lbs

Hair: Strawberry Blonde **Eyes:** Blue

Identifying Information: Child has freckles. He may answer to the name "BJ", and his last name may be Hatmaker or Dahlke.

Circumstances: Child was abducted by his non-custodial step-father, Francis Howard Hatmaker, who is unrelated to the child.



Francis Howard Hatmaker (Abductor)

Date of Birth: 04/14/44 **Identifiers:** Scars on neck

Sex: Male **Race:** White

Height: 6 ft. 1 in. **Weight:** 180 lbs

Hair: Red **Eyes:** Hazel/Blue

Alias: Frank Hatmaker; Butch Hatmaker; Frank Dalhke; Frank Harshberger; Frank Bolyard.

Circumstances: FBI unlawful flight to avoid prosecution warrant issued 04/05/91; NCIC # W632009621.

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President's Message

Spearfish is again gearing up to accommodate an onslaught of horseshoe pitchers as some 1600+ NHPA members and another 2500 family members are expected for the 1993 World Tournament. Hosts Gene and Yvonne Ficek report things are going well and that we will see some improvements over the 1989 event held there.

Forty three (43) in-ground courts should be ready which will help accommodate the turnout that might exceed the record set in Columbus last year. The lighting is being worked on as are some of the platforms. The clay has been replaced and the campground is reported to be fully booked. There are still motel rooms available, but some of the smaller facilities are already booked. Fortunately, there are a couple of new motels in town that have increased the total number of available rooms. Details on lodging sites can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Awards Banquet will be on Sunday evening July 25th at the Holiday Inn. The convention will be the next day, Monday July 26th, also at the Holiday. We will approach the schedule with the plan of not scheduling any pitching shifts during the day of the convention though we certainly plan to have one or two shifts that evening. Since pitching will be outdoors, we will face the possibility of delays due to weather. If this were to happen during the first week,

there is a good chance that we will have to reschedule some pitching to go on at the same time the convention is underway. This is never intended, but circumstance may dictate. Also, the actual pitching schedule may well run through the last Sunday, August 1st.

We have looked at ways of how time might be saved in the schedule, particularly in view of the very tight schedules we were forced to make in Columbus. Certainly, the tournament will remain open to all who want to enter just so they have four sanctioned events under their belts in the preceding 12 months. We are insisting, however, that all entrants including residents of other countries now have an NHPA card. This is due to the fact that the championship prize money is now funded from NHPA dues. Preliminary rounds as in past years will be greatly limited this year, one as a time saver and two, to give credence to the average one spends an entire year establishing. There is a full article on the World Tournament and pitching formats in this issue. I urge you to read it, especially if you are eligible for more than one Division and must decide which one to enter. Only the Open Divisions for Men and Women will offer class finals. Winners of class play in other divisions will be determined by the W-L record after round robin play. This seemed to be relatively popular last year and since it saved some time, it will be continued.

Dave's Court Report

■ From time to time, *Newsline* has printed photos and details of missing children. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children has informed me that the photo we ran in the Nov./Dec '92 issue of Chad Jeremy Burke Grandstaff was helpful in locating this child. The NHPA is proud to assist in this vital service.

■ Another member has been given a 50 year lifetime membership card. This time it went to Earl Winston, NHPA 1st Vice President, who after all these years continues to actively promote and serve the organization. Congratulations Earl. Time has been good to you. Few of us realized you were near that milestone.

■ Last Fall, Oklahoma member Jim Mihura took Kansas junior pitchers Vorn Ven and his brother Charlie to some tournaments in Arkansas and Texas. Vorn you may recall, is one of the top junior boy pitchers in the World, having finished 2nd in the World Tournament in each of the last two years. Anyway, Jim reports that the folks in Dierks, AR and Tyler, TX were very gracious to the two boys and wants to send along his thanks and that of the Vorns to the tournament directors and players who so warmly accepted them.

■ The same Jim Mihura of Oklahoma City (see previous paragraph) is not only a good horseshoe pitcher but he is a versatile athlete as well, even at the age of 57. Last summer, Jim competed in three Senior Olympics in three differ-

ent states. In those outings, Jim competed 27 different times in 20 different events, earning six gold, four silver and two bronze medals. His performances qualified him for five events in the National Finals this summer in Baton Rouge, LA.

■ There has been a change to the format of play for Regional Tournaments. Rather than have several division winners like the World, only two divisions will be recognized for further advancement to the National Championship. These two will be a 30' champion and a 40' champion. If a particular Regional wants to hold separate play for Women, Elders, Juniors and Seniors, they may do so but in the end, must combine all 30' division champions together and 40' division champions together to play so just one person at each distance is recognized as the 30' champion and the 40' champion.

■ Japan has qualified for an official charter within the NHPA by sending in full dues for 25 members. A Charter certificate is being sent to them and from what Kevin Cone reported after his visit, we have every reason to expect the NHPJ to grow rapidly. We welcome our new Japanese affiliate who will be represented in Spearfish.

■ The NHPA has changed its agent and underwriter for our Liability Insurance Coverage. Our agent is now American Specialty Insurance Services of Roanoke, IN and the new 1993 policy is underwritten by North American Specialty. This change saved us about \$5500 in premiums.

An Editorial Response

Within the first month, returns of the *Newsline* reader survey have exceeded expectations based on the averages normally seen by National Survey specialists. Reader returns are still coming in daily and it will be some time before all the data can be compiled, sorted and delineated in usable form. Casual observation of returns already received seems to indicate that some of the figures the NHPA has come to accept as representative are in fact not accurate. The actual data will be interesting and some surprises are expected.

From the responses, I have noted several concerns or comments that I can clarify. There seems to be an underlying fear that some of the questions about the World Tournament mean the NHPA is planning to exclude a particular segment of the membership from participation. That is not the case at all. We are just trying to get a better insight to what the majority of you think, on this and other issues. Our World Tournament play is somewhat unique and as participation grows, it becomes increasing difficult to maintain that quality to the satisfaction of all. Change may one day become a necessity and should that day come, it will be useful to have your opinions in hand.

Several are expressing disappointment that *Newsline* is not published monthly and that news items from some states are not often printed. Here are the reasons. The former *News Digest* magazine, which was heavy into old tournament results, was published monthly, often at a yearly loss of \$12,000 or more. Subscriptions remained low. It was felt a change to the magazine format and content was needed along with a goal of being self supporting. *Newsline* published bi-monthly accomplishes this goal. One issue of *Newsline* carries more column inch space than two issues of the former magazine. Six issues of *Newsline* are giving you more to read than 12 issues of the *News Digest*. Subscriptions are some 30% better than the *Digest* and in the last fiscal year, we posted the first ever profit for an NHPA magazine. Some of you still indicate a desire to see more results but a far greater number of survey responses have indicated happiness to see the printing of results stopped, except for World and special tournaments.

Getting enough contributions and newsworthy items to fill the regular 32 page format is often a difficult task. If you don't see news from your home state in *Newsline* it's because no one there is sending us anything to print other than tidbits the Charter Chatter column of *Newsline* picks up from state newsletters. This editor does his best to generate a publication that will be interesting and informative to the readership. Some issues are better than others and that will always be as we are at the mercy of the news and articles available to us on each of the six printing deadlines.

"Print more issues, send a copy to every NHPA member, I'll pay more," you say. We have already covered why *Newsline* is only six issues a year. Every member of the NHPA doesn't want *Newsline* and each time a proposal has been made to include it in the annual dues for every member, the delegates have voted it down. While *Newsline* is the prime and most obvious communication source available to the NHPA, it is painfully clear that the biggest portion of the membership does not have a desire to be informed, to be involved or to see the sport raised to a higher level.

NHPA Income and Expenditures

December 1992 and January 1993

INCOME

NHPA Membership	\$15,868.00
<i>Newsline</i> Subscriptions	3,350.00
<i>Newsline</i> Advertising	4,614.00
Horseshoe Sanctioning & Logo Use Fees	1,900.00
Patch and Misc. Sales	24.00
1990 World Bid Shortfall Payment.....	468.00
Charter Dues and Overpayments	203.00
Bank & Affinity Card Interest, Collections	536.00
Total 2 month Income	\$26,963.00

EXPENDITURES:

<i>Newsline</i> Production and Mailing.....	\$4,128.00
<i>Newsline</i> Editor Allowance	560.00
Sanctioned League Postage, Supplies & Phone	1,179.00
Sanctioned League Director Allowance	250.00
Sanctioned League Junior Scholarship Awards.....	400.00
Regional Directors Phone, Postage, Supplies	863.00
Regional Director Chairman Allowance.....	175.00
NHPA Sanctioned Tournament Patches	1,551.00
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies	677.00
NHPA Postage	1,679.00
NHPA Officers Telephone	862.00
NHPA Officers Travel	1,481.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental & Repairs	363.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance	2,800.00
President Allowance	840.00
Vice President Allowances	2,125.00
Publicity and Promotion.....	368.00
Insurance	16,092.00
Misc. Bank Charges, Refunds, Fees	568.00
Total 2 month Expense	\$36,961.00

NOTE: These figures, rounded off to the nearest dollar, are from the books of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer and do not include monies handled by other NHPA personnel.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dave

The Syracuse Pioneer Horseshoe Club is the happiest club in the horseshoe world! As you and many others already know, we've received the bid for the 1994 World Tournament. It marks the first time that a World Tournament will be held in New York, the "Empire State!"

Our members are very excited about the opportunity and are looking forward to working with you and your staff. We are already highly involved in the planning stages of a brochure which will be presented at Spearfish next summer. Under the able direction of Andy Jugan of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, our members have volunteered to serve in such areas as finance, merchandising, program creation, publicity, and court maintenance.

We hope that you and Mrs. Loucks enjoyed your trip to Syracuse, last September, as part of laying the groundwork for the '94 World Tournament. Our members were pleased to have you visit our club at the State Fairgrounds during our fall league. We were especially interested in your input in regard to hosting a World Tournament and horseshoe pitching, in general.

Andy enjoyed giving you and yours a tour of Syracuse, the "Salt City," and marveled at your over-all professionalism. The Pioneer Club is looking ahead with great expectations for the 1994 World Tournament in Syracuse, New York!

Yours in Horseshoes,

Dave Harnden, PHC, Syracuse, NY

A SHORTER & BETTER WORLD TOURNAMENT

For a number of years now I have been attending and competing in our World Tournaments and have made some observations that I would like to pass on to other members and officers.

1. If we are going to have a NatStat Center for all NHPA members, I hope this includes Canada as well as USA—then why have any Prelims at the World Tournament? A person works hard for their average for 12 months, and then they go to the World Tournament to be wiped out

in Prelims by just five or seven 50 shoe games. To me this is not fair and also time consuming for everyone concerned.

2. I believe if you have everyone's average in the NatStat Center, then you would set up all classes complete with no Prelims or move ups. Then you could run on schedule and everyone would know exactly when they pitch and how long they would be staying. Let's make use of the NatStat Center.

3. I have been playing in World Tournaments for the last 20 or 30 years and have seen far too many good pitchers not qualify at World Tournaments. No record of percentage made in a twelve month period should be replaced by a 350 shoe game one shot pitch at the World Tournament. I really think it is time for a change and would hope our officers would give some serious thought to this matter.

Thank You,

M.W. Reheis, Wichita, KS

To the Editor,

One problem that arises in doubles horseshoe leagues is when one or more pitchers fail to show up. Another problem is when a pitcher would like to participate but cannot commit to competing each week.

To circumvent these problems, I have organized an open "walking doubles" league where the teams are paired just before the start of the matches. It works this way. Since there will be a wide divergence in ability levels of the pitchers, a handicap is given which is equal to the ringer percent difference between the total ringer percent for each team.

For instance, if a 48% and 16% pitcher competes against a 28% and 20% pitchers, then the second team would receive 16 points handicap toward a 50 point game. ($48+16=64$, $28+20=48$, $64-48=16$).

These teams would then pitch four games of 50 points cancellation with the lower team receiving 16 points handicap for each game. (*This is a form of the "Dutch Handicap" used at the Las Vegas Tournament.*)

Pairings are made each week by matching the person with the most

wins for the season with the person with the least wins for the season. The league secretary has some latitude in making the pairings to keep the total ringer percentage close.

How well does this handicap system work? For the past two years the team with the handicap has won 72 games and the team spotting the handicap has won 70 games.

All-in-all it has proved to be a workable solution for our doubles league problem and everyone has enjoyed the competition without committing to every week league play.

Yours truly,

James R. McBeth, Elida, OH

Dear Sir,

I read in the Nov./Dec. issue about the horseshoe player complaint about the 30 ft. players and wanting us to have a smaller shoe. Most of the players I have played this last year deserve the 30 ft. Some of them hurt so much from many reasons, that it was a hard game for them at 30 ft..

As for myself, I have prostrate to bone cancer, and any game I play could be my last. Playing horseshoes is the only sport I am able to play now. As for the 2.8 inch shoe, that is what I started with. They call them mule shoes.

One more thing, most courts 30 ft. players are pitching off of the grass, and our feet are on uneven ground. Sometimes it moves your shoe 4 or 5 inches one way or the other.

Thanking you for a wonderful and good *Newsline*.

William A.E. Brown, Pocatello, ID

Dear Editor-Publisher,

Sometimes things need to be mentioned the second time around. We from New England think this is worth featuring again. Enclosed is a photograph of Percy Howe of Orange, MA, pitching from 40 feet at Heritage Recreation Center in Sutton, MA about 18 years ago. I believe the picture was on the cover of the *Horseshoe Digest* back in the 1970s.

Percy is now 73 years old, still pitches in the leagues and stands at approximately 35 feet. Last year Percy was written up in *Newsline* Vol. 4, No. 3 as Sanctioned CL/LG Director of the Year. We in New



England would like to see this picture featured on the cover of our *Newsline* magazine.

Sincerely,
Richard C. Shepard, Oxford, MA

Editor's note: The picture didn't make the cover but here it is again.

Editor, Newsline:

It seems to be the "in thing" for almost everyone to come up with their own version for rule changes of the NHPA, so I guess I'll get my two-cents worth in.

First of all, I'd like to say that I liked things the way they used to be—*fifty point* games, calling dead ringers dead, as "Two dead-three points," not "three ringers-three points." We still call four ringers "four dead," so why did we change "two dead" to "two ringers" no points, etc.?

I believe a horseshoe tournament should be a leisurely game, and not a contest to see how fast you can pitch a game. I'd also like to see the scorekeepers sitting ON the courts, like they used to, instead of outside the courts as they do now.

I have seen scorekeepers score "three ringers-three" as "one ringer three," or vice-versa! If you put the scorekeepers on the courts, they can see the shoes, and generally know the score before the pitchers call it.

Well, enough of this. Before you start calling me an ol' fogie, I'll give you my proposed rule changes to speed up this game.

I would like to see ALL games shortened to down and back! In case of a tie, flip a shoe to determine the winner. We also should change the way that we score points, too. As an example, let's say I'm pitching first, and my first shoe hits the cement five feet in front of the stake, but skips up to the stake for a ringer. This ought to be worth at least five points, as surely this is harder to do than a ringer that goes "KA-CHUNK!" hitting nothing but the stake. (We see this all the time, don't we?—Boring as heck too, ain't it?) My second shoe skips off of the top of the stake and straddles the backboard. Do you realize how hard it is to do this? This shoe ought to be good for four points!

My opponent steps up to pitch, and I hear "KA-CHUNK, KA-CHUNK"—two ringers, six. Now I'm leading nine to six as we pitch back. I'm first again (because I'm ahead), and each of my shoes land in the pit, but one is a ringer-ho-hum. The other one is just lying there in the pit for no score. My opponent pitches—"KA-CHUNK, KA-CHUNK"—two ringers. Score *two dead*-three for my opponent who, now with the game tied 9 to 9, wins the flip and the game.

Now, if this is too complicated, and too long a game for you "weekend wonders" that need to get involved in 15 or 20 more sporting events each weekend, I have another proposal.

Why don't we just flip shoes to see who wins the game? Heck, we could probably play a whole class in five minutes or so!! The scorekeepers wouldn't even have to come on to the courts either!

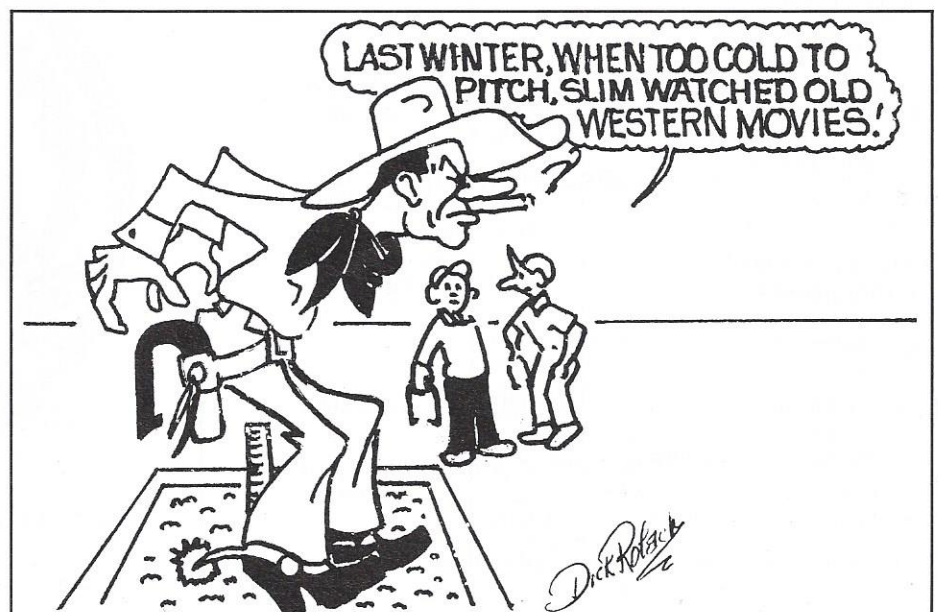
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Thank you! To return your shoes for money back send to:

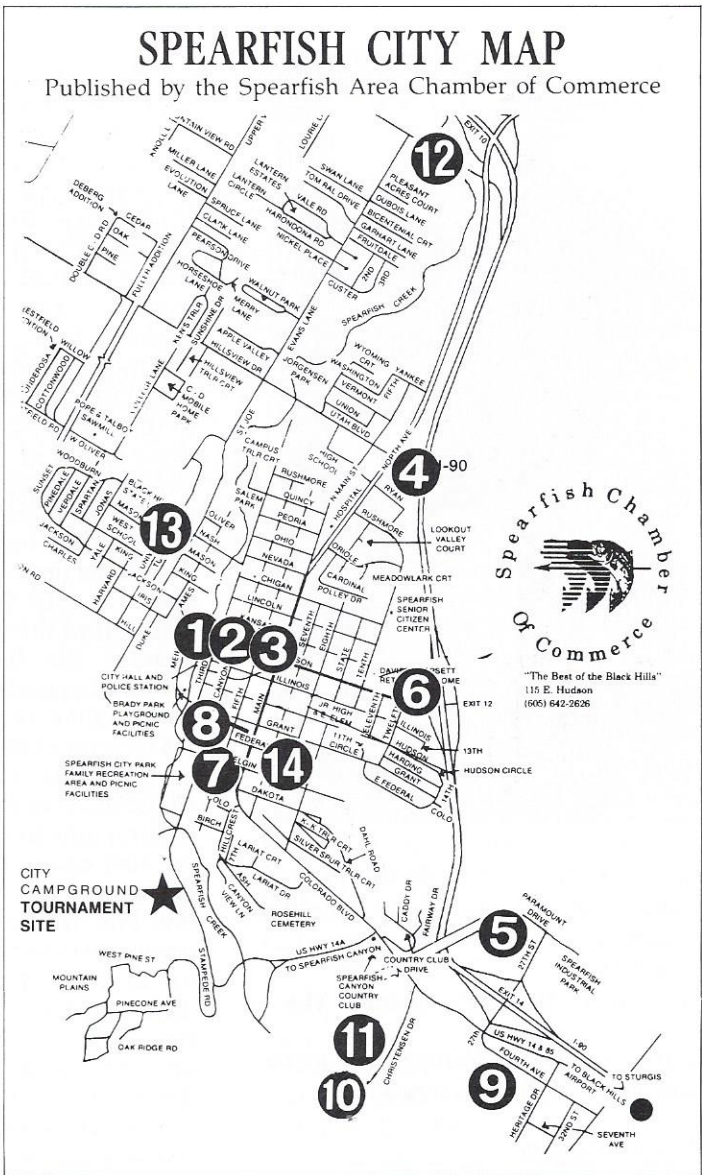
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Spearfish Motel and Campground Listing

Spearfish, South Dakota, site of the 1993 World Tournament, is a pleasant town in the middle of the Black Hills. There is much to do and see in the area. Make your reservations early. Most motels are within a couple of miles of the city campground and park where the tournament will be played starting July 19th. Circled number designates location on city map.

LODGING	UNITS	RATE
1 All Star Travelers Inn 517 W. Jackson, 605-642-5753	44	\$49-89
3 Sherwood Lodge 231 W. Jackson, 605-642-4688	22	\$42-58
4 Days Inn 240 Ryan Road, 605-642-7101	50	\$50-65
7 Hilltop Motel 211 Main St., 605-642-7105	11	\$36-47
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6 Kelly Inn P.O. Box 989, I-90 Ext 12 605-642-7795	50	\$50-\$70
8 Kozy Motel 427 Main St., 605-642-4846	10	\$37-54
9 Super 8 Lodge I-90 Exit 14, 605-642-4721	61	\$65-75
2 Capp Motel 333 W. Jackson, 605-642-3611	14	\$40-50
Deadwood Gulch Resort P.O. Box 643, Deadwood 605-578-1294	100	\$79
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News From Spearfish

(605) 642-7337

CHANCES ON AN ATV OR SAFE

Be a friend of horseshoes and buy some chances on a Honda 4X4 All Terrain Vehicle and a Gardall home safe. The chances are \$2 each and can be purchased from Gene and Yvonne Ficek at 825 E. Grant, Spearfish, South Dakota 57783. The drawing will be held August 1, 1993. If any of you are willing to help us by selling some books of tickets, please let us know and we will get them to you right away.

HERE'S 50 FOR YOU

We are having a 50/50 drawing. Send your guess before May 15 on the number of entries for this year's world tournament. The winner receives half and the rest of the money will go to the world horseshoe tournament fundraising committee.

Your \$1 per guess entries need to be sent to **Leon Lowe, 945 5th, Spearfish, SD 57783.**

Sorry, those in the know are not eligible to play.

PRE-TOURNEY TOURNEY

For those who would like to get in a tournament before the big one starts, there will be a Center of the Nation Tournament held at the Moose Lodge in Belle Fourche, July 18.

They will accept 64 pitchers and the classes will be mixed.

Entry fee is \$10. Contact persons are **Royal Adamson, 2062 10th Ave., Belle Fourche, SD 57717 (605) 892-4925** or **Clint Bryson, 901 Custer St., Belle Fourche, 892-2195.**

Trophies will be given to the first three places in each class. If you are interested in this tourney, be sure to get your entry in early.

HOUSING

Black Hills State University in Spearfish will have 75 dorm rooms available for pitchers to rent. The rates are \$108 per week for double occupancy. There will be a community bathroom. All of those who are planning to stay at BHSU need to bring their own fan, bedding and pillows — **THE DORM IS NOT AIR-CONDITIONED!!** Contact **Gene Schlekaway (605) 642-6464** for reservations.

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World Tournament Format Information

by Dave Loucks

Each year we do a little fine tuning to the World Tournament format of play. We do so attempting to correct obvious problem areas encountered the previous year and at the same time making improvements toward our goal of format standardization from year to year.

Last year complaints about the actual method of play were the lowest in recent memory. However, we did encounter many delays due to the tightness of the pitching schedule, which was necessitated by trying to fit a record number of entries into a limited amount of playing time. The same tight schedule problem is possible for Spearfish as entries there may exceed Columbus and we could encounter pitching delays if the weather turns bad.

We will have two less divisions this year as the delegates at the 1992 convention eliminated the Intermediate and Elder 40' divisions. However, by lowering the age requirements for the Senior Men to 60, we feel that entries for this division will increase greatly as it will pick up many former Intermediate and Elder pitchers. As such, the Championship group of the Senior Men's Division is being increased to 16 players.

It is realized by the Tournament Committee that we must create some windows of time saved so the overall schedule will not be so tight. The basic class pitching format which worked well last year will be maintained but we will adjust the method of prelim play. Many have suggested that since members spend all year establishing an average, championship seeding should be based on that average, not on whether they do good or bad in one round of prelim play. Looking at this suggestion, the Tournament Committee felt it had some merit and will introduce this year a revised form of preliminaries, that will save 5-6 shifts of play.

This revision will mean that an average of one-third of each championship division will be seeded straight to the final group based upon the entering average. The remaining positions in the championship groups will be filled by people who win their section and/or are among the best percentages after section play. This means that move-ups from lower finished classes into a championship prelim section will not happen except to replace no-shows. This will save more time and eliminate

the chance of "double dipping," (one person cashing in two classes).

We are increasing the number of finalists in five championship divisions. The Men will have 36, the Women 18, Senior Men 16, Jr. Boys 12 and Elders 8, Senior Women and Jr. Girls remain 6. None of the Championship or Class finalists will have to pay any additional fees this year.

Other changes are that all entrants including Canadians and those from other countries must have a valid NHPA card since the prize money is being paid out of membership dues. Also, entries will be accepted only if they are verified and postmarked during a tight 47 day window, April 1 - May 17. This is an attempt to stop those who have been entering months early with a low percentage, then practicing and substantially improving their game so they can overwhelm the other pitchers in their class. By this time next year, this form of sand-bagging should be greatly controlled by NatStats.

OPEN MEN The highest 12 entering percentages will be seeded directly to the Championship group. The next 96 percentages will be seeded into 8 equal sections of 12. These sections will comprise the Class A/B prelims. After section play, the 8 section winners plus the next 16 best percentages will move up to fill out the championship group. The next 8 best percentages will comprise the Class "A" finals while the next 8 best percentages will comprise the Class "B" finals.

Other lower classes will be comprised of three sections of 12 with the 1st and 2nd place winners of each section plus the 2 best remaining percentages advancing to an eight person class finals.

OPEN WOMEN The highest 6 entering percentages will be seeded directly to the Championship group. The next 36 percentages will be seeded into 3 sections of 12. After section play the 3 section winners plus the 9 best percentages will advance to fill out the Championship group. Of the 24 section players left, the top 6 percentages will go to the Class "A" finals.

Other lower classes will be comprised of 2 sections of 12 with the 1st and 2nd place winners of each section plus the next 2 best remaining per-

centages advancing to a 6 person class finals.

SENIOR MEN The highest 4 entering percentages will be seeded directly to the Championship group. The next 24 percentages will be seeded into 3 sections of 8. The 3 section winners plus the next 9 best percentages will advance to fill out the Championship group. The remaining 12 will play a round robin to determine the Class "A" Champion.

Other lower classes will be comprised of 12 pitchers playing a round robin for the Class Championship.

ELDERS The highest 4 entering percentages will be seeded directly to the Championship group. The next 16 highest percentages will be seeded into 2 sections of 8. The 2 section winners plus the next 2 best percentages will advance to fill out the Championship group which will play a double round robin. The remaining 12 players will play for the Class "A" Championship.

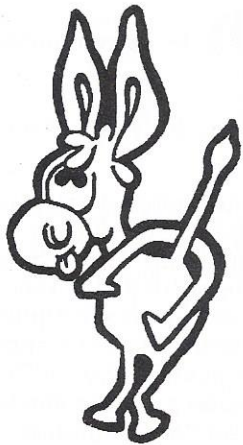
Other lower classes will be comprised of 12 pitchers playing a round robin for the Class Championship.

JUNIOR BOYS The highest 4 entering percentages will be seeded directly to the Championship group. The next 16 entering percentages will be seeded into 2 sections of 8. The 2 section winners plus the next best 6 percentages will advance to fill out the Championship group. The 8 remaining boys will play a double round robin for the Class "A" Championship. Other lower classes will be comprised of 8 playing a double round robin.

SENIOR WOMEN and JUNIOR GIRLS

The highest 4 entering percentages will be seeded directly to the Championship group. The next 8 highest percentages will comprise one section of round robin play. The section winner plus the highest percentage will advance to the Championship group which will play a double round robin. The 6 remaining pitchers will play a double round robin for Class "A".

In all of the above Divisions of Championship and Class play, ties for 1st place will be played off only when necessary to determine an advancing player or Class Champion. Second place and all other W-L ties will be broken by percentage.



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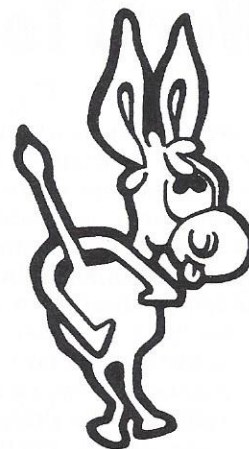
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A Look At 1992

by Bob Dunn

Continued progress and advancement in Junior promotion is evidenced by the membership numbers for 1992. Many of the gains hoped for were not achieved, but some pleasant surprises appeared.

Total Junior membership gained only slightly, from a 1991 count of 854 to at least 881, (5 charters yet to provide their final reports). We could exceed 900 Junior members by the time all final reports are in. A goal of 1,000 was achievable and now becomes the task for 1993.

A reminder can be made for all charter officers to read (again) the Jan./Feb. "Junior Window," in an effort to see our Junior program gain full swing in each and every charter. The NHPA offers the finest awards and self achievement program of all sports.

Our number of Juniors involvement (at present) does not reflect the quality of our program. In viewing our third straight season of increased Junior membership, the positive surely overrides any disappointments and reflects dedicated efforts being made by many NHPA individuals to promote and recruit youth into horseshoe pitching.

The most pleasant surprise was a significant improvement in the percent of Junior members pitching in sanctioned leagues. During 1992, 495 Juniors pitched in the NHPA Sanctioned League Program—107 more than in 1991. That is a 27% improvement. The increase is mostly due to three new Junior leagues being established and 14 additional adult leagues including Junior members.

The core of our sport and the NHPA is league play. It is most satisfying to see proof that Junior recruiting is taking place at the club level. Those new Junior leagues and the clubs having Junior members for the first time are to be applauded.

The National Top Ten Awards showed obvious improvement in competition and skill level required for TOP TEN status. For example, in 1989, Top Ten finalists represented

only 9 states as compared to 16 states for 1992.

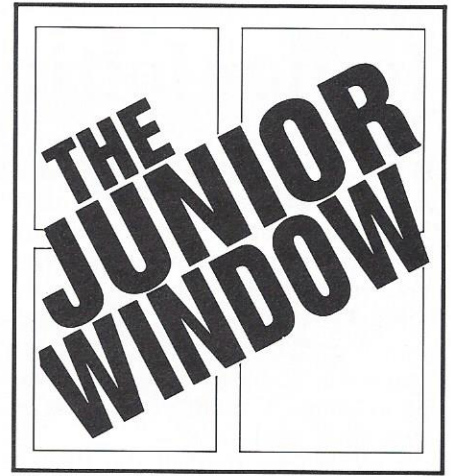
In 1989, the Junior girls ranged in ringer average from 32.5% to 6.0% and in high games from 64% to 15%. The 1992 average was 61.6% to 17.81% and the high game range was 78% to 36.7%. The Top Ten Program does offer some questions as to duplication of recognition. Of a possible 100 potential placings, 44 places were won by 8 individuals (an average of 5.5 categories per pitcher). There were 37 individual Juniors recognized for 1992 accomplishments.

There may be some reasonableness in eliminating the mixed (boy and girl) categories. If that was done 36 of the 37 winners would have still received National Top Ten Patches and certificates. Most Improved is an award category used by probably every league across the country and would be a most appropriate additional category to the Top Ten Program. This change would favor the newer and lower skilled group of Junior pitchers.

The Junior Scholar Program doubled in 1992, by recognizing 14 honor roll students. While more clubs are giving attention to this program, there surely are considerably more honor students in our membership and a simple reminder is made for the 1993 season for all club directors to inquire with their Junior members.

To be eligible for Scholar Pitcher Patches and awards, the Junior member must be 12 years or older, have at least a B-average and provide a copy of their final (92-93) report card. Club directors do need to complete a basic Scholar Pitcher Entry Form, that is forwarded to Bev Born.

State tournament involvement cannot be reviewed on a comparison to previous years due to a low number of states reporting results to *Newsline*. Based on the number of charters that did report, there was some decline in total of Juniors pitching in state tournaments—yet that may not be the case. One point that can be made



is that there still are a few states that do not have a Junior champion—an issue that can surely be corrected in 1993.

Back to the telling story—our Junior membership grew due to significant increases in five charters: Vermont increased by 30 to a total of 41 Juniors, Illinois increased by 20 to a total of 62, South Dakota increased by 18 to a total of 43, Western Pennsylvania increased 19 to a total of 27 and Minnesota increased by 27 to a total of 103. Minnesota has become the first charter to exceed 100 Junior members.

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Junior Jottings

by Bob Dunn

■ The Iowa Hawkeye HPA extended an invitation to attend their January 30-31 tournament in the new Putt Mossman Arena, (Eldora, Iowa). What a varvelous day, with many high-lights. The arena is beautiful, heated, with 9 portable court and carpeted walkways. The special moment was Kevin Cone's 30 minute exhibition on horseshoe pitching.

It is obvious that all the IHHPA members are proud of the reigning Men's World Champion. Area residence and several youth groups had been invited to attend and the audience noticeably had youngsters standing in amazement as Kevin pitched ringer after ringer.

The charter officers all have a keen interest to recruiting Junior members and this event was just one of many planned efforts. Kevin ended his program by pitching a ringer blindfolded while his dad laid across the front of the stake and to a thunderous ovation. Our World Champion is truly a great "Ambassador" for the NHPA.

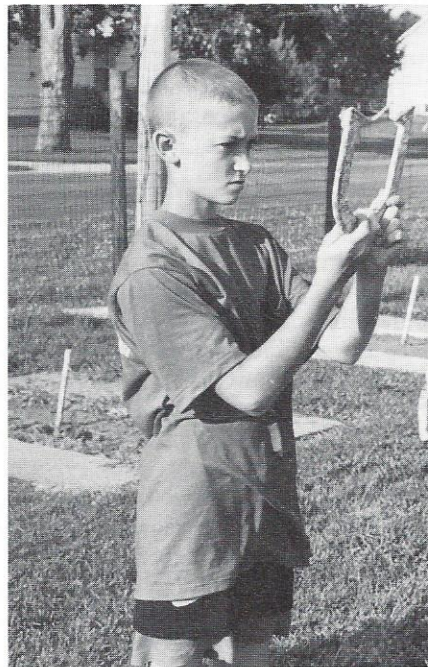
■ Jim Shilling (Regional Director, Indiana) and owner of Classic City Indoor Courts is happy to report an increased interest in Junior pitching. Currently 6 Juniors are pitching in Classic City's sanctioned league and tournaments. Homer Keen, father of Allen and Brent Keen, is a Boy Scout leader. He is actively promoting horseshoes to Juniors. A Junior class has been scheduled for each winter tournament and local businessmen have donated funds for trophies. Ages of the Junior range from 7 to 16 and the averages have ranged from 10% to 40%. Jim offers free pitching and lessons at the heated indoor courts to create incentive. Another indoor court at Stroh also has an interest in Juniors. Since these two indoor courts are rather close to each other, the Juniors are welcoming the opportunity for additional sanctioned tournament pitching at a different location.

■ From Frank Yohn, Junior League Director (Bureau Valley Junior Horseshoe League, Princeton, Illinois) has enjoyed its first season with 17 members. Eight teams were set with one



Front Row L-R: Phillip Heauer, Scott Maupin, Jerad Klingenberg, Joey Fritz. Second Row L-R: Jeremiah Fairbanks, Carrie Bland, Katie Losey, Bryan Carrington, Joey Hansen. Back Row L-R: Dave Lewis, Danny Morris, Seth Hansen, Nathan Losey, Shad Hansen, Brad Carrington. Absent from picture: Rebecca Heuer, Leanne Lewis.

rotating sub, who was kept busy each night. Two teams tied for the championship, so co-champs were named rather than have a playoff.



Scott Maupin concentrating.

Scott Maupin/Rebecca Heuer and Seth Hansen/Jerad Klingenberg were on the championship teams. The 7 week season was extended by 4 weeks of individual league play. A

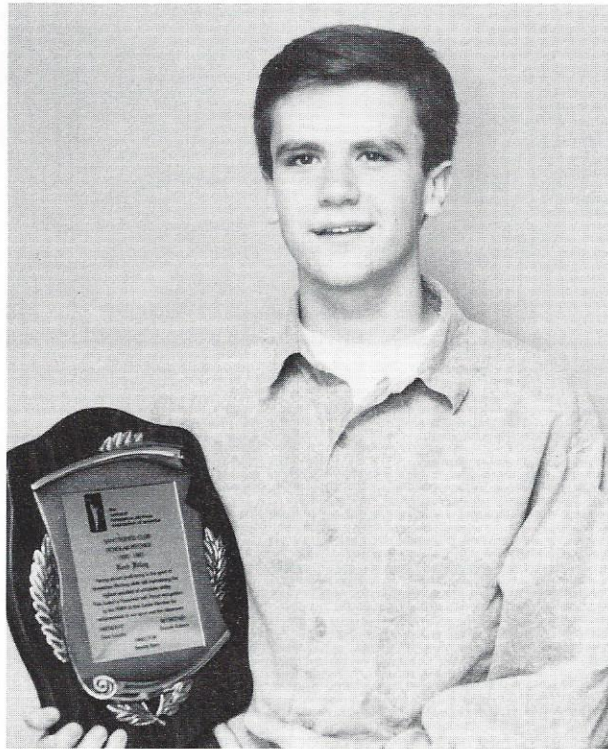
class tournament was also held with trophies for the top three places, a cap for each participant, as well as a \$10.00 gift certificate (from local merchants). The awards night was held in September as the Sanctioned League Patches and awards were presented following a pot luck dinner. Mr. Yohn offered his garage as the banquet room. Two members qualified for Scholar Pitcher Patches, and several members are still too young to be eligible. A bigger and better 1993 season is planned for, which will include a home and away tournament series arranged with the Moline Ponyshoe League. Frank ended his note with a thank you to the NHPA, Bob Dunn and Bev Born.

■ More schools requested games rules and NHPA material: Jeanne Tyms - Forest Park Public Schools (Forest Park, IL), Lisa Orem - Rock Hall Middle School (Rock Hall, MD), Rebecca Bischoff - Student teacher, Butler University (Indianapolis, IN), Sherry Payne - Paul G. Blazer High School (Ashland, KY).

■ Welcome new Junior Program Directors: This the first issue that new JPD's have not been named. There will be more in future months. Charter presidents, please help out on this.

Reed Filley of the Red River Valley HSC

Junior Boys Scholarship Winner for Fourth Year



This summer of '92 was one of my busiest ever. A week after school dismissed I left for a one month visit of Europe. Several other classmates and I went through our school's foreign exchange program to visit France, Germany and Austria.

Upon our return, I spent about a week unpacking, then repacking for a month long visit in California with my Aunt. While there I saw several sights throughout the state. Home again for a few days, then off with my church group to Chicago for nearly a week. The trips were exciting, but also exhausting from all of the traveling.

Two weeks after returning home, I was able to recapture the N.D. Class A Junior State title with a 60.3% avg., 78.5% high game and a record of 10-0. This year marked my second State title and fourth NHPA Scholarship, both achievements coming in my final year of junior eligibility.

NOTE by Bev Born: *Reed, it has been a pleasure having you take part as a junior in the NHPA sanctioned CL/LG program. Awarding you our scholarships and watching your pitching progress while maintaining a straight "A" grade point average has made us all extremely proud of your accomplishments and dedication to the NHPA and to your education. We hope your success will be an incentive for other juniors to become dedicated and faithful to their pitching, academics and to the betterment of themselves.*

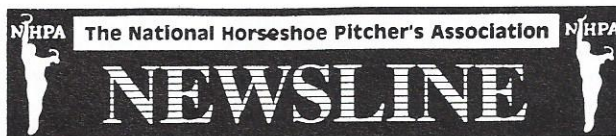


Michelle Newton

1993 World
Junior Girls Class "C" Champion

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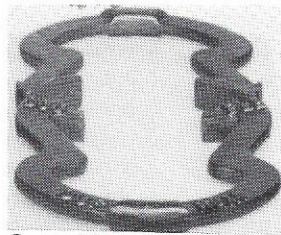
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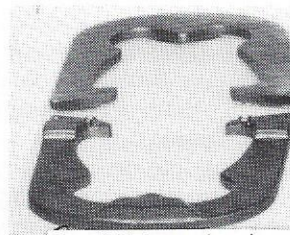
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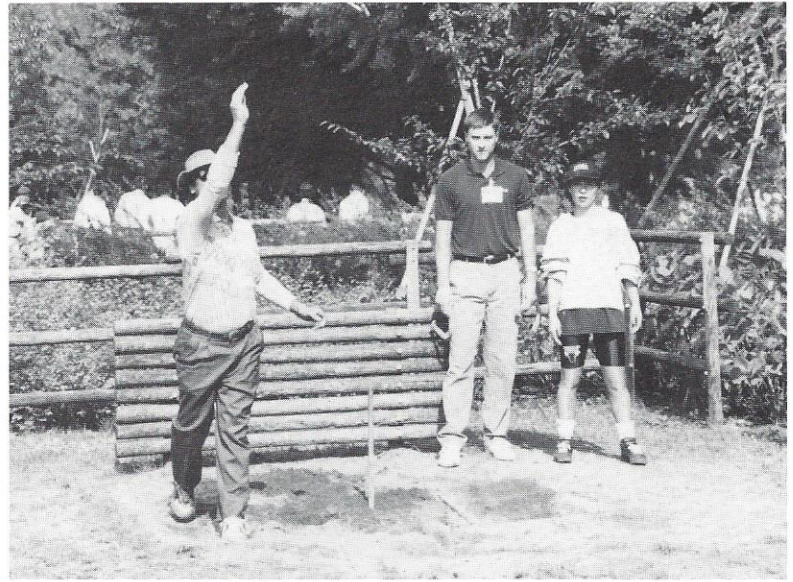
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Tadashi Uotani, general manager, NHPJ (far left) with Kevin Cone and other NHPJ officers at Osaka "Sports For All" Fair.



Masaru Ikeda, Executive Secretary, NHPJ pitches while Kevin Cone and Mrs. Ikeda look on.

An Experience Of A Lifetime

by Kevin Cone

On October 22, 1992 I left for the Sioux City, Iowa airport to catch a plane bound for Minneapolis—then on another plane to Seattle on way to Tokyo, Japan. After having passport problems caused by our great postal system, I finally arrived in Tokyo on Saturday, October 24.

I was met at the airport by Miki Shima who is in the planning and promotion division of the Sasakawa Sports Foundation (SSF). This foundation was sponsoring my trip and the two international sports for all fairs I would participate in.

SSF is an eighty million dollar corporation that was founded by Ed Sasakawa, who is now 93 years old. He made most of his fortune in boat racing. Its purpose is to promote and develop new sports and activities for the people of Japan. It employs 20,000 people in Japan. Mr. Sasakawa believes that recreation is vital to an individual's life and should be a part of every Japanese routine. This is an ongoing thing but is definitely different than the Japanese past way of thinking.

Arriving late on Saturday, I didn't make it for the start of Sports Fair Tokyo, but did not miss anything as it rained all day Saturday and activities and attendance were at a standstill.

Sunday, October 25: Arose at 5:30 a.m. as my body did not know what was actually going on. In Japan it was

16 hours later than in Iowa. Had breakfast at our hotel, the beautiful Tachikawa Grand Hotel just outside of the city of Tokyo, with all the world champions that would participate in events. Robert Fullford, age 23, 1990 and 92 World Croquet Champion from England. Tony Allcock, age 37, 1992 Lawn Bowls Champion, England. Snapper Pierson, age 42, World Flying Disc Champion from San Diego, CA and four 11 year olds from Washington DC who were the double dutch (jump roping with 2 ropes and four people) champs, along with their coach Delaney and two chaperones—Michele Park of National Parks and Recreation, and officer Jan Roddy, Washington DC Police Department.

We left by taxi at 10:00 a.m. for Tachikawa Memorial Park where events were to take place. It is a beautiful 120 acre park (which is very rare in Japan because of limited land), the largest in Japan, where there was an estimated 45-50,000 people. Four horseshoe courts were laid out back to back with sand and also sand platforms. I met my Japanese horseshoe colleagues who would assist and interpret for me to the some 1200 people we ran through on the four courts. I would show groups of 4-8 people of all ages how to pitch and they would all get to pitch down and back, 2 shoes each. At noon we had opening ceremonies on the main

stage. Each champion was to give a 15 minute talk and demonstration about their particular sport. I was to be first. They pounded 2 stainless steel stakes in the grass in front of the stage. The stakes were then about 5 or 6 inches high. The good Lord was definitely with me as I managed to hit 11 ringers out of 16 shoes and knocked the stakes down 4 times. The crowd of about 12,000 appeared very impressed.

The others put on their demos and I took a 15 minute walk back to the courts for more teaching. I got back only to realize I had left my camera and supplies out on the bench in the open. I had been gone one hour and nothing had been touched. There is virtually no crime in Japan! Why?—No guns are allowed in Japan. Bikes are not even locked in downtown Tokyo. There are 12 million people in that city. Two reasons for this: 1. Severe punishment and shame for crimes. 2. Very disciplined people with crime not in their thinking.

Back to the stage at 4:30 for one more demo and closing ceremonies. A very good day in all. Out of all the first time participants and thousands of pitches, one ringer was made by one of the TV crews' women reporters. The Japanese women are very much naturals in horseshoe. We were interviewed by 4 TV stations, 2 major newspapers, and one major Japanese sports magazine. Our final

event of the day was the suit and tie banquet at the hotel with many dignitaries of Japan present, including the head of education of all of Japan. They will be teaching these sports in schools and universities. We had many toasts, pictures, and gifts with news coverage of the event.

Another day and a half was spent in Tokyo. We had a 12 course meal with raw squid at a cost of 47,000 yen (approximately \$400) each. Had dinner with executive director of Japan Horseshoe—Tadashi Uotani, who took me to his own little clubs and was very enjoyable. I think he will spend some time on our farm before Spearfish.

We took a bus tour of Tokyo in which we learned these interesting facts of Tokyo: 12 million people, 6 million cars, 2.2% unemployment, 95 universities in Japan—10 in Tokyo. No tipping in Japan, it is included in prices. 45,000 taxis start at 600 yen (118 yen in a dollar)—one of the most expensive in the world. 10% state tax, 10% city tax, 650 sq. ft. 2 bedroom apartment \$142,000/year rent. 320 sq. ft. 1 bedroom \$14,000/ year and up. Salaries: doctor \$250,000; professor \$50,000; nurse \$25,000. Gas \$5/gallon, beef \$21/lb., loaf of bread \$3.50.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Up at 6:00 a.m. to get packed and head out to catch the Bullet Train to Kyoto—old capital of Japan. At the train station we were met by dignitaries who passed out pictures of us that had been taken during the sports fair. The ones that were not going on to the Osaka Fair were there to say goodbye. They helped us load the luggage and chased the train waving, goodbye.

The Bullet Train ride was three hours to Kyoto. We saw Mt. Fuji, rice and green tea fields and beautiful countryside. When we got to Kyoto station our guides said we would only have 60 seconds to all get off with our 30 plus bags. We organized it so everyone jumped off as Tony, Takuya, and I stayed and literally threw off luggage. I got the last one off when the buzzer sounded. I jumped off, doors shut and the train took off. We were to arrive in Kyoto at 12:42 p.m., which is exactly when we did.

Kyoto is a beautiful old city that has been preserved to the past. During WWII the Japanese pleaded with U.S. officials not to bomb Kyoto. We did not.

No building is allowed to be over 2 stories high in Kyoto for it would

block the picturesque views of the wonderful mountains and temples. In Kyoto, we had a traditional Japanese meal in a little place overlooking the river. We also got together with staff to watch a tape of a television program that was on Japanese TV about us in the Sports Fair in Tokyo. It was a 30 minute special and featured us all and our sports.

Friday, Oct. 30: We got up to get packed and ready to go to Osaka by taxi. We arrived in Osaka (the 2nd largest city in Japan and very modern) at noon. We had a picnic lunch in a park across from our hotel, where the Osaka Sports Fair was to be held.

During our picnic we were batting around what looked like a large badmitten shuttlecock. It is used in India in a game called "Indeka." One of the girls had gotten it as a gift. We were playing when a group of 6 and 7 year old school kids approached us. They had been on a field trip and likewise stopped for lunch. Before long we had a large circle of 100 kids playing this game.

...it was one of the most moving experiences of the trip...and my life.

We took a break and when we did they came up to me. Through the help of one of our guides, I proceeded to answer a zillion questions—mostly about my height, weight, name, etc. These kids spoke quite a bit of English and it was the most moving experience of the trip for me and also one of the most moving experiences of my life. I would be happy to talk to anyone about it in detail because it is a complete story in itself.

After lunch we walked over to our hotel. It was called the New Otani and it is rated as one of the top 25 hotels in the world. It was definitely the nicest one I have ever seen. We then went over to supervise the construction of our facilities. They brought in a truckload of sand for the horseshoe courts. We were the featured sport here, in the middle of all the tens of different sports. The area was huge and the ground was like that of a baseball infield. They dumped the sand on top of the ground. We had 5 courts with big wooden portable backboards behind

a mound of sand. They chalked in the pitching platforms and the conditions were actually pretty good.

Saturday, Oct. 31: All day we had clinics where we would introduce our sport, demonstrate, and teach it to groups of educators and recreation officials so they could then go and incorporate it into their programs. This was a 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. day of constant motion. It was as grueling as a day of pitching at the World Tournament.

Sunday, Nov. 1: Like the Tokyo Sports Fair, this was the Osaka Sports Fair where we had groups of 6 on each court pitch down and back as fast as we could get them through from 9-4. We estimated about 1800 men, women and children ran through. I also gave demonstrations and taught at regular intervals. A tremendous amount of interest was shown in our great sport. We ended the day with another wonderful banquet.

Monday, Nov. 2: On to airport to fly home. Goodbyes, as always, were hard as we had a fun and close group.

There are a lot of things I learned on this trip of a lifetime. Here are some very important ones we should all think hard about if we are really interested in horseshoe becoming the major sport I think it has the potential to be.

1. The consensus by all other champions and participants—horseshoe pitching is one of the hardest sports in the world to master. The rewards should be greater for the good ones.
2. Horseshoe pitchers are some of the most overall talented athletes in the world as far as stamina, mental toughness, timing and hand-eye coordination goes. We should all be proud to say—*We pitch horseshoes!*
3. (and most important) Change for the circumstances! What do I mean? I believe we can get TV interested in our sport by shortening the game to 20 shoe count-all for TV games. Don't get excited. This does not mean change our game for local, state or world tournaments unless TV is involved. Example: In talking to Tony Allcock the World Lawn Bowls Champion, his sport has become the number one sport in England. He said it did not become so until recently. The reason—TV. A regular game of lawn bowl consists of 25 pts. It works kind of on a cancellation scale like horse-

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The Las Vegas 1993 Open

by Jim Haupt

They called it the 10th annual Las Vegas Open. Donnie Roberts said it was a record number at the Hacienda with nearly 400 entrants who gambled alternately with the stake or in the casino. Don Weaver, co-director, guesses about half of this year's entries were first time Vegas pitchers.

After sign-up, official indoctrination was offered at a complimentary cocktail and hors d'oeuvre party in the Matador Room—cocktails yes; but strike the hors d'oeuvres as significant. Roberts laid out the Vegas rules. Shoes off the rubber count. Scorekeeping to be \$1/player/game. Ties scored as ½ win/loss. Use a piece of sheet rock to color the stake—no paint please. Classes will be 24 divided in 2 sections. Six per class will advance to stepladder finals based on W/L record. Then the hammer—games will be limited to thirty (30) shoes. A sigh of resignation passed over the room like a little gray cloud.

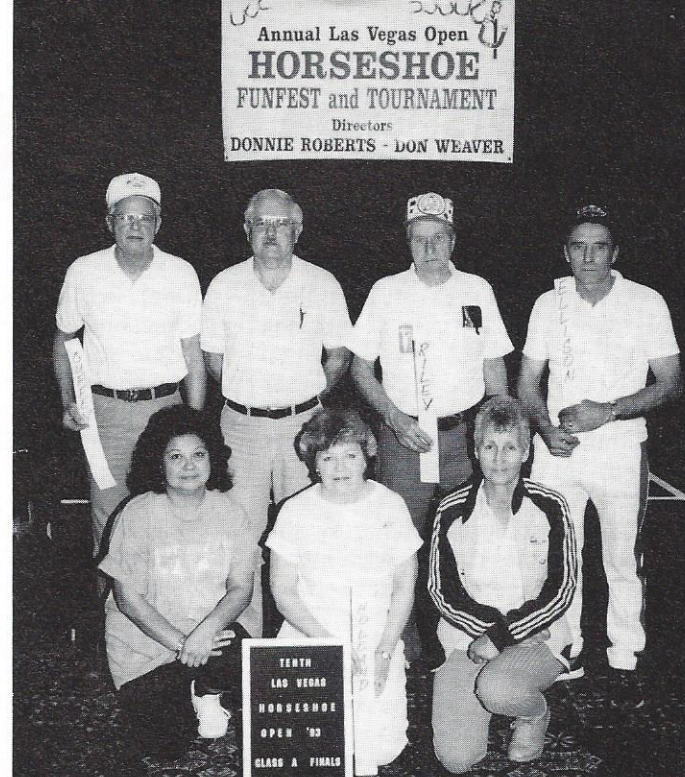
The feeling seemed: what must be, must be. Large entries on limited courts demand tight restrictions. Morning warm-ups began at 6:00 a.m. Seven two-hour sessions per day had pitchers on the court until 1:30 a.m. On hands committee control gave each new class about an hour to prepare. Some say the delays of the Columbus World influenced the wide open Vegas schedule. Scheduled start times prevailed. But, any more than one more class entering at the Hacienda would cause directors Roberts and Weaver to come up with a batch of 30 hour days.

Sunday night, after all 18 courts were available, practice pitchers took to them in earnest, two to four per court. While waiting for a slot, this player renewed a few acquaintances. Saw Ken Pogue, Missouri pitcher of some reknown. Pogue said his shoes were still a little off the mark—"How are you doin'?" In consolation Pogue remarked that horseshoes aren't everything, a guy should be thankful for just good health. Fifteen minutes later Pogue was stretched out off the court but down on the carpet awaiting emergency medical treatment. All pitching in the room stopped.

Early next morning we heard Pogue had a triple by-pass operation. And later it was announced that Ken Pogue was in stable condition and expected to return home in two weeks. Weaver passed on Pogue's home address: RR 3 Box 134-C, Ellington, MO 63638.

Thursday morning the tournament was over for most. Six winning pitchers from each of the 16 classes warmed up for the step ladder finals. Handicaps in the middle classes were slight—a point or two. In the high and low classes handicaps came onto play.

Class A top qualifier winning 8½ of 11 games was Dave Loucks. He had to wait it out for the other ladder games to be played off. Myrna Kissick of Alberta, Canada, a top seed recently playing in Arizona, qualified 5th but dropped the first "A" match to Edi Holland of Minnesota. Holland then lost to another thirty foot pitcher, Larry Riley of Colorado. Riley won again sending Marv Ellison back to Saskatchewan. Ralph Guffey of New Castle, Indiana



stopped Riley and went on to meet the waiting Loucks. The two are similar pitchers—a nice high controlled 1¼ turn for Guffey and similar 1¼ turn for Loucks.

Guffey started by watching doubles. Loucks seemed to have the game in hand. A few bouncing shoes later and Guffey took the lead away and kept it. Guffey later remarked, "We both had a good warm-up. The shoe felt good. But I got off to a poor start and then it became a matter of getting the clay." (Resilient synthetic does not forgive like natural clay.) Dave started losing a few and despite getting the clay back again, could not stay with Ralph who managed 80% ringers in the last 20 shoes.

Finals over, volunteers began the tear down to return the pitching place into the banquet room. That evening most of the players sat down to dinner and enjoyed committeeman Charlie Anderson do his humorous lead-off routine. Roberts paid homage to co-director Weaver with a marathon list of tournaments Don has directed and continues to direct other than the Vegas offering.

Honored guests in no particular order were recognized. We had two 1992 World Champions; Karl Van Sant, Indiana, the Senior Champion and Art Sperber of Washington, Intermediate Champion. The Yukon Territories were applauded for sending four pitchers. The 15 committee people had another picture taken. Sharon Ellison of Saskatchewan was introduced as the CEO of Horseshoe-Canada. Four of the NHPA executive officers were present and worked the event.

Awards of \$50 went to those finishing in the top half of the class but not in the finals. All class winners received \$300. Second to sixth place awards ranged from \$150 to \$100—and then, another round of winners pictures. Roberts declared the Vegas tournament to be the second largest prize money tournament going.

Somehow, it really was amazing, directors Weaver and Roberts came up with copies of complete results! Following the banquet they passed them out at the door like a couple of preachers bidding the flock farewell.

Weaver and Roberts have said yes. Plan for the next Hacienda, Las Vegas Open—January 9, 1994.

Horseshoe Pitching With Walter Ray (Dead-Eye) Williams Jr.

by Rodney Nahina

Before arriving here in Honolulu December 2, 1992, to participate in the PBA Tournament, Walter Ray called me at 9:00 p.m., to see if I could gather some of our charter members to meet with him to pitch some shoes. I replied, "Is this a joke? Who is this really?" Walter said, "No, this isn't a joke." I was so shocked, happy and speechless, that I had to pinch myself to see if I was dreaming—I have always longed to meet up with Dead-eye.

It was an honor and a pleasure to meet a five time world champion horseshoe pitcher, as everyone was really inspired. I have always wished I could meet him, and after 8 years of pitching horseshoes, I finally got to meet the "Man."

The charter Vice President Al Edsman and I went to his hotel to pick Walter up and took him to see our new horseshoe site, which is in construction for the first 20 horseshoe courts. We took him to the

Naval Air Station Barbers Point to pitch horseshoes and had a cook-out Bar-B-Que for lunch. Besides pitching shoes he advised us on how to better our pitching. He also exhibited some of his talent, which inspired everyone watching him at the courts.

With "Aloha" from all of us in Hawaii, we want to thank him for sharing an entire day with us, which we enjoyed every minute of it. He received a T-Shirt and cap (as a souvenir) from Kona Horseshoe Pitchers (the Big Island of Hawaii), who could not be there.

Walter is now planning to meet with us again, this coming December. We hope to accommodate his entire stay on the Leeward Side, where the majority of the horseshoe pitchers reside. This time he plans to spend an extra week, so he can associate with all our charter members.

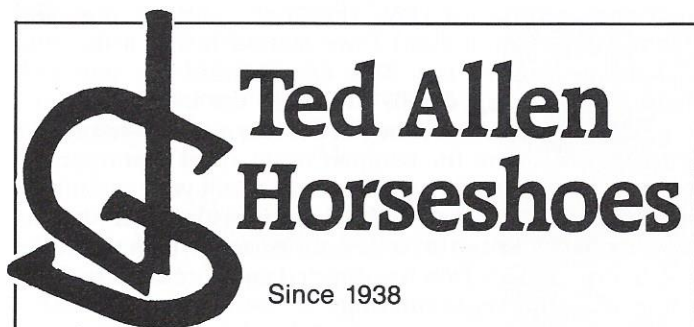
We wish him "Good Luck" and "Happy Pitchin" in 1993.

An Experience *continued...*

shoe. An average game then will last 45 minutes to an hour and a half—similar to a 40 pt. cancellation horseshoe game. But, for tournaments that are on TV they play a 7 pt. game—equivalent to a 20 shoe game of shoes. Since they have gone to that format it has grown by leaps and bounds. They still have their regular tournaments. He can play in tournaments every week that have 1st place prize money of between \$1,200 and \$26,000. He got \$46,000 for winning his world title. He is a lawn bowls instructor by profession now and is quite famous and wealthy. He was recognized by European tourists 3 different times while I was with him in Japan. He said the only thing that has changed on local levels is that the facilities have gotten bigger and better. We should keep this in our thoughts if we seriously want to see our sport grow.

Thank you for this opportunity and the chance to share my experiences. Thanks also to those of you who sent me cards, letters and called on my world title. You were all thoughtful and very much appreciated!

Take care and hope you all have a very healthy and prosperous 1993!



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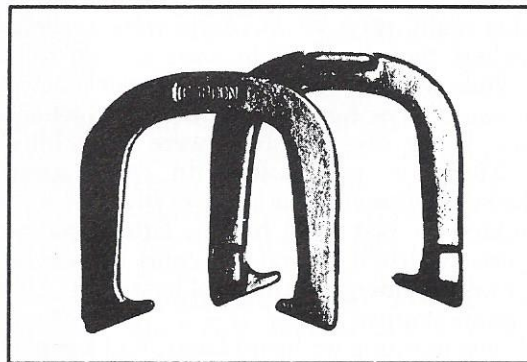
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Regional Tournament News & Update

Four sites have been awarded a Regional Tournament for 1993 with a fifth most likely to be approved by press time.

The two Eastern time zone Regionals were announced in the last issue of *Newsline*. They are; Statesville, NC, on April 17-18 in conjunction with the annual Dogwood Festival and Fairmont, WV, on May 29-31 in conjunction with the Head-of-the-Mon-River event.

The Pacific time zone will see their two Regionals on the same weekend. Hermiston, OR will host the North Pacific Regional on June 19-20 in conjunction with the annual Oregon Money Open. Reno, NV will be the site of the South Pacific Regional on June 18-20. The Reno Regional will be part of a citywide event called "Reno's Country Junction" which will include Top Country & Western entertainment, a Chili Cook-Off, outdoor foods, a parade, Rodeo and the championship horseshoe groups pitching on portable courts set up on the blocked-off main street in front of the Horseshoe Club Casino.

We have received serious interest in a Regional from Iowa where they are talking about a late August tournament to be held at the State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. However, we have not heard from any other Central zone site nor have we heard from any site in the Mountain time zone. Come on folks, look at your schedules and see where a Regional will fit. It can be an expanded version of an already existing event. Let's push to fill out all eight Regionals this year by getting bids in from at least one

more Central and two Mountain sites.

The NHPA Council has made a change to the pitching format previously announced for Regional Tournaments. The goal of Regional winners going to a National Tournament will be to declare a National 40 foot champion and a National 30 foot champion. That means the National Championships will have only two divisions of play.

We therefore are suggesting Regional tournaments set up only these two divisions. Because the expected entries for 30' men, senior women and juniors in most regions will be very small, it was felt that class play would be more competitive if all 30' pitchers were mixed into one 30' division.

If a Regional host wants to have individual division play for women, senior women, elders and juniors, they can, so long as they schedule some format that will bring all the winners of the 30' divisions together to somehow determine a single 30' champion to represent that Regional at the National Tournament.

Assuming we end up having 8 Regional Tournaments in 1993, there would be eight 40' representatives and eight 30' representatives invited to the first National Championship Tournament which is expected to be held in Syracuse during the 1994 World Tournament. In essence, we will have a tournament within a tournament whereby on 8 courts, eight 40' pitchers and eight 30' pitchers will play in separate round robins to determine the National 30' and 40' Champions.

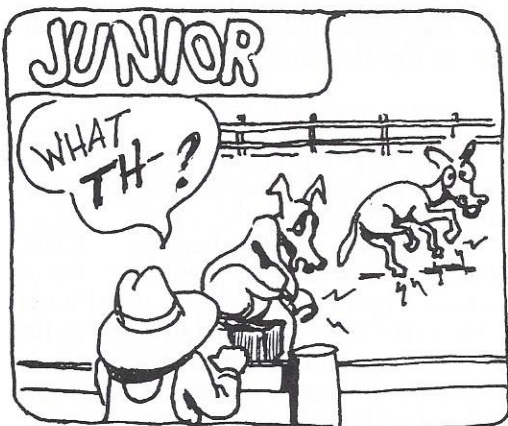
NOTICE

Each year, at the annual Awards Banquet, the NHPA honors deserving members who have made significant contributions to the sport and association. Specifically, Achievement Awards to a few who have been outstanding in their contributions to the game, generally at the local or statewide level. Sometimes this work carries over to a broader base or a specific activity at which time the party might be considered for Special Recognition and the Presidential Achievement Award.

There is also the Stokes Memorial Award which is the highest recognition award given by the NHPA. This goes to the person who by vote of the awards committee, has done the most during the preceding 3 or more years to promote, foster and contribute to the growth of the sport.

If you know someone who you feel is worthy of consideration, please submit their name with a resume outlining the work you feel qualifies them for consideration. This typed or well printed resume should be kept as concise as possible and mailed by April 15, 1993 to NHPA President, Dave Loucks.

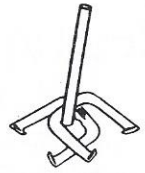
An individual is normally considered only once for the same award. A W.T. program can be referred to for a list of previous winners. If you don't have a recent program handy, phone or write the NHPA to inquire about your candidate.





Bob Champion's

Charter Chatter



The NHPA Publicity Committee is in the clipping business and could use your help.

Anytime you have newspaper clippings concerning your league, weekend tournaments or the World Tournament, please forward a copy to me in Boulder.

The committee maintains two scrapbooks each year, one for regular play and the other for the World activities.

In the Publicity Committee we measure success by the number of clippings we receive each year..

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

ARIZONA

YMCA. Members of the Prescott/Horseshoe Club have a barrel of fun in the "A" barn at the Yavapai County Fairgrounds for the winter. They pitch on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and have had several tournaments.

One of the fixtures in the barn is a "barrel" stove to keep the courts comfortable.

The club published a brochure listing the 1992-1993 schedule and netted about \$700 by selling advertisements laid out usually from calling cards. They plan to improve the booklet next year and add other features.

Jane Kauffman, from Phoenix, sent \$12 to Donnie Roberts to purchase an NHPA card for his Marvelence Denis McLean who happens to be the ambassador to the United States from New Zealand.

CALIFORNIA

Many charters are of the opinion they have a lot of tournaments during the year.

Maybe they should look at the 1993 tournament schedule published by the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association. It covers ten months of the year from February through October, lists 22 court locations and a fantastic 128 tournaments.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. of Stockton, a two-sport professional in bowling and horseshoe pitching, rolled two 300 games during the PBA Tums Classic through three rounds and then hit a third "biggie" to match a PBA standard achieved by seven players.

COLORADO

One hundred twelve pitchers in Colorado have qualified for the first Annual Tournament of Champions, available to all of the state's pitchers who have won first place during a sanctioned tournament in 1992.

The number of Coloradans who are planning to pitch in the World at Spearfish has climbed over the 50 mark. The figure could rise to over 100 before the entries close May 17.

In the last 20 years the State tournament entries has increased from 43 to 156 in 1992. Ten years ago 117 was the magic number.

CHPA president David O'Dell has initiated a trend for meeting here in the "Silver" state. All meetings of the Executive Council are open to every member.

INDIANA

Indiana has elected new State secretary-treasurers, Glenn and Judy Zollman to replace Bob and Viola Reid, who held the office for many years.

Curley Seibold has taken over the games related sales in the state replacing Bob Reid.

President Dave Herring is initiating a program to update Indiana records and tournament results by spearheading the purchase of a Charter owned computer.

Indiana now has a number of indoor courts and along with the outdoor facilities, the state can now boast sanctioned league play and/or sanctioned tournaments twelve months a year.

IOWA

Cathy Carter of Council Bluffs, who finished in 6th position in the 1992 World Tournament in Columbus, Ohio, has won the IHHPA women's title seven times.

Iowa had 72 sanctioned tournaments in 1992. Cliff Kenney pitched in 29, followed by Harold Barker 27, Bob Walters 26, Steve Canady 25 and Rick Voshell 24.

Statistician Lois Garner has been a busy woman getting some other figures together. Most shoes pitched: Kenney 7398, Barker 7042, Walters 6630, Voshell 6266 and Candy 6262.

Wil Foelske tossed the most ringers—3188, Cathy Carter nailed the high three tournament average—77.18 followed by Kevin Cone—76.40. Most wins leader was Barker 93, Foelske 83, Voshell 82, Kenney 77 and John Brown 64.

MICHIGAN

34 State Championships have been won by the people having the last name of Smith. Not all of these Smiths are from the same family as most will assume.

The most prominent of the Smiths is the Roy and Dorothy Smith family from Muskegon, which has won 25 of the 34 titles. In 1962 it was a Smith sweep as Roy won the men's title, Dorothy was tops for the women and Tom won the Juniors.

Joe Latzko from Flint also won 12 titles in the men's division. Sandy Wohlgemuth-Clark-Smith won seven championships for the women, with Jean Swarouth close behind with six. Jean has been runner-up 6 times.

Dave Simmet from Sebawaing tops the Juniors with 5 titles. Fred Smith Jr. has four. Shelly Wells from Jackson has won three titles to top the Junior Girls.

MINNESOTA

Dean Heng has retired as editor of the State's newsletter, but will continue on the staff as circulation manager. The new editor is Dave Pedersen from St. Paul.

Dave pitches in the Ramsey County League and has served as league recording secretary for two years. He is married to Linda who is a Lutheran Pastor in Circle Pines.

The new editor has a few fine comments to make as he takes over and this could apply to all charters and newsletters. "Besides subscribing there are other ways to support *Ringer Digest*. Each club could give subscriptions as

door prizes at banquets or at tournaments, and could sponsor advertisements in the publication."

MISSOURI

Most horseshoe clubs have clowns, or people who think they are clowns. Missouri has a real clown—Sharon Armstrong, wife of the state president Kent Armstrong.

Sharon graduated from her college Clown class and her new name is DOTTIE-DOT-DOT. "Dot" gave her first performance on Thanksgiving in front of some of the family and grand kids, and was super.

She received loud applause from all, but really mystified the kids about how she did some of the magic tricks. Her next big challenge was scheduled for the Annual Police Circus to be held in March.

Kent keeps telling her to "break a leg," but she may not be listening. Maybe she can clown around at one of the World Tournaments.

NEBRASKA

More and more charters are employing computers to keep stats at the State Tournament. Nebraska has joined that growing group. They had 195 pitchers competing in the six titles offered to their membership.

Lorraine Gerdes of Cozad was selected to the Nebraska Hall of Fame for pitching excellence. She won her second state title in 1992. Seven were nominated for the award.

The 1993 State Tournament will be held in Ainsworth, the site of the 1986 World Championships. Al Hodge, who masterminded the World for his club that year, presented the bid.

Sally Grooms, who was a winner at the World, has recovered from her recent illness and hopes to be ready for the World Tournament in nearby Spearfish, SD this year.

NEW JERSEY

Ed Quigley is a left handed pitcher. If you don't believe it, ask him. One of his comments after the tournament was: eighty-eight pitchers won World Championships. Some of them were left handed, 359 trophies were awarded. ALL OF THE FIGURES ON TOP WERE RIGHT HANDED. Sorry, Ed!

Sonny Durando, the 1992 State Champion, has been named the Player of the Year. Jim Reed was inducted into the State Hall of Fame and Ron Vogel was reelected NJSHPA president.

Cookie Elmer is the Most Improved Pitcher in New Jersey for 1992. She increased her average by 6.38%. The 1992 Sportsmanship Award was won by Jay Whilden.

NEW MEXICO

Regional Director Harold Mineer is the new president of the North Charter. Joe Zamora is the top man in the South. John Boyd is the secretary-treasurer for the North and Mary Ann Zamora holds down the secretary's job in the South with Rosemara Baca, the treasurer.

Typical Tournament weather greeted the participants in the State Tournament September 19 and 20—wind, rain, sunshine, then wind and sunshine. Only fair to middling scores were posted.

Dan Martin and Luz Serna copped the men's and women's crown. Neil topped the juniors. Mike Sedillo and Katie Luna were the best seniors with Luz Serna and Bill Harris the doubles champions.

NEW YORK

Host for the 1992 State Tournament was the Walton Club, and believe it or not, they had only 10 members. Needless to say, they did a lot of work to put on the event. They were assisted by their families, friends and members of other clubs.

The 1993 state officers are Charles Reigles, Endwell, president; Rod Pratt, Holland Patent, 1st vice president; Helen Ouellette, Brooklyn, 2nd vice president; and Frances Troxell, Bronx, secretary-treasurer.

Champions were Art Tyson, Sue Twyman, Mike Moss, and John Buckley in the men's, women's, junior and senior classes, in that order.

OHIO

Jeannie Manns of Painesville won the Northeast January tournament in Newbury defeating Sandy Janssens from Dresden, Ontario, Canada in the 40 shoe final. Jeannie had a 77.5% figure the final game while Sandy had 70.

OREGON

Ben Wiedrich of Oregon City seems to have the lock on the State Class A Championship, having won the title since 1981. His 12 straight wins is a record, but he is one behind the state record of 13 overall titles.

Veteran Bob West, who incidently holds the record for top percentage of 84.66 set in 1970, has that elusive 13 mark that Ben will be after in 1993. West won his first title in 1957 and his last in 1979. He had a stretch of seven in a row from 1966-1972.

Marge McLeod holds the mark of four straight in the women's division and the high percentage of 70.22 in 1989. The present champion is Joanne Loy of Corvallis.

Tony Umbarger has won three straight titles from 1990-1992. The Bend athlete is one of three pitchers in the junior class to have three titles. The other two are Glen Hollin, Salem (1963-1965) and Jack LaVoie, Hillsboro (1966-1968).

TEXAS

Shorty Fry from Austin, a member of the NHPA Publicity Committee, was inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame. It is reported that tears ran down her cheeks as she graciously accepted the honor.

The Greater Houston Horseshoe Pitchers Association sent a letter to former President George Bush, dated November 30, inviting him to pitch horseshoes with them.

They write: "It would be an honor to have you come out and pitch with us. Also, feel free to use our courts at any time until you have time to build your backyard courts at your new home."

World Champion Celeste Polak from East Barnard had posted a 67.9 percentage average as of the State Tournament.

Houston's Dee Daniels received the Mose Sanderson Sportsmanship Award at the State Singles Tournament.

VIRGINIA

Seventeen pitchers were awarded a certificate of achievement for participating in 10 or more tournaments in 1992. Heading the list is D.W. Strickler with 14. Lenwood Conner, senior and junior pitched 13 each. Charles Collier and Marvin May were in 12 events.

Alvin Perry won his 13th consecutive state title in Class A. Renee Cowan was the women's champion.

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Charter Chatter *continued...*

Inducted into the State Hall of Fame were D.W. Strickler and Marvin May, both in the organizer category.

The top five pitchers for the men were Perry 72.9, Greg Roach 72.0, Roger Foley 69.0, Lenwood Conner, Sr. 67.0, and Shannon Perry 66.2. Top five women were Cowan 73.8, Joann Wall 42.8, Donna Keefer 42.5, Carolyn Altizer 38.7 and Elener McFarland 32.2.

State champion Lenwood Conner, Jr. topped the boys with 75.3, state champion Kara Hix led the girls with 5.4, and state champion William Bowyer topped seniors with 49.9.

WASHINGTON

The men's Class A title for the state was won by Jed Pexton, who had his roots in Colorado. Jed won two junior titles in Colorado before moving to Washington. His parents and grandparents still live in Ft. Collins and Laramie, WY.

Henry Knauff (12-2, 70.2) won the championship class. Michelle Ives (8-0, 66.2) won the women's title.

The Winnie Winetroutr Winner Open Ringer Classic was started in 1965 to encourage early renewal of State and National memberships.

For these six tournaments only, scoring consists of counting all of the ringers made by each pitcher in a game. Class winners are determined by won-lost records.

Winnie, also known as "Mr. Horseshoe," has continued to support the Classic and State horseshoes both financially and in person.

WEST VIRGINIA

A special Governor's Citation was presented to Charles Bunner and it reads: "Charles Bunner has earned the status of Outstanding Athlete in recognition of exceptional athletic achievement which merits the highest esteem of the Mountain State and therefore presented with this Governor's Citation."

Recently, Bunner received the NHPA Achievement Award for his promotional work in the State. Every three months he sends a packet of clippings to the Publicity Committee (he must know someone) and is working on a project with the West Virginia Legislature and sponsors to bring the NHPA Hall of Fame to the State.

Also Bunner has written the Postal Service to make an effort to have a commemorative stamp to honor the sport of horseshoe pitching. The proposal will receive every consideration writes the postal service representative.

The Tri-County Horseshoe Club has been awarded one of the two locations for an Eastern Regional Tournament for 1993.

WISCONSIN

"Things are moving up in our State," writes Jane Smith. "The past year has been a good one for Wisconsin Horseshoes. We were well represented at the World Tournament; we had nearly 200 pitchers in the State Tournament; we had more NHPA sanctioned tournaments than in 1992; we had more participants in the team tournament (Club, World). We have a banner boasting of Wisconsin Horseshoe pitchers; we have a new Pitcher of the Year; we have very deserving Hall of Fame inductees (John Secord and some gal named Jane Smith); we have a president (Dick Hansen) with considerable patience at meetings, who by the way is running for NHPA 5th V.P. Dick has a special drive to improve our sport and we have some dedicated people attending the state meetings.

Regional Director's Report

by Gary Minnick

Please make the following changes to your Regional Directors: Southern California and Eastern Sierra has a new RD who is **Leslie Burroughs**, 29731 Carmel Road, Sun City, CA 92586, tele: (714) 679-6290. Nevada has a new RD who is **Billie Rosa**, 6420 E. Tropicana #225, Las Vegas, NV 89122, tele: (702) 454-4469. Pennsylvania has a new RD who is **Ted Van Pelt**, 26 East Pine Street, Mount Holly Springs, PA 17065, tele: (717) 486-3528. Ohio has a new ARD who is **Sue Crawford**, 712 Youn-Kin Parkway N, Columbus, OH 43207, tele: (614) 491-7071. Please make the following changes to your RD and ARDs.

As you have seen in the Jan.-Feb. 1993 *Newsline*, my intention to run for President was announced. I look forward to discussing the NHPA with

any and all of you. Your support will be greatly appreciated at election time in Spearfish, SD.

It is now time for all of you, that submit any expenses, to use the Expense Report form. If expenses are submitted to me without the proper form, I will return them to you for proper submission.

Bud Schardine, from UT reports that they have installed two horseshoe courts at Kelly's Grove in Springville, UT. Riverton City would like to have a Regional Tournament there in 1992 or 1993. They have 24 courts. Good luck.

Hal Mineer, RD from NM reports that Moriarty, NM has offered land to the club for horseshoe court construction. NM needs a replacement for him as RD as he will be leaving the state soon.

Can You Help?

The Florida HPA Hall of Fame facility is one of the best in the NHPA and they are striving to make it even better and more complete. In that quest, the library portion is seeking to fill in some missing issues of former NHPA news publications. Specifically, they are hoping to obtain copies of the following:

Any "Pop" Woodfield newsletters prior to 1948.

The Horseshoe Pitcher, 1948 issues January thru November.

NHPA News Digest, 1956 issues, March, April, May, June, August, October, November and December. Also 1962 *News Digest* issues for August and December.

If any of the membership has any of these issues and would be willing to part with them, please contact Norm Gaseau, 1908 Nugget Dr., Clearwater, FL 34615 or phone 813-443-2892. The Florida HPA would very much appreciate your help and is willing to defray any expense involved.



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Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born



Bev and Floyd with Maui club members.

What a pleasurable time we had! Sure makes it hard to settle back into a working routine after loafing for some 30 days. The entire trip was fantastic! Hawaii was beautiful, some rain, but mostly warm, mild weather. Sure beats what was happening, weather-wise, here at home.

The Maui HSA members were extremely friendly and made us feel so very welcome, more like old friends than new ones. We pitched doubles with them on two separate occasions, on their beautiful courts, located across the highway from the beach. I must commend them for their well landscaped facilities, their dedication to our sport and their following NHPA rules of play—to the letter. Floyd and I truly appreciate each and every one of these fine folks that got together for our benefit, on both days, for the Pizza feast and refreshments and with a special thanks to the NHPA R.D. Rodney Nahina of Oahu and Verna Alo, President of the Maui Charter for making it all possible. Would love to do it again, sometime.

We, as always, enjoyed our stay in Las Vegas, seeing our friends from all over, including a couple we met in HI. The tournament went very well, due to the good directors, working crews and congenial contestants. A record number entries for the Hacienda.

My pitching left something to be desired, but all in all it still remains a big highlight for us and we are already looking forward to next year. I managed to recoup some of our expenses/gambling losses in Laughlin on our way home, raising our spirits and with sunshine and clear highways, going home was made easier to take.

The following club/leagues have earned continuous years of sanction



Bev on the beautiful Maui courts.

plaques in 1992. With 92 being the 15th year anniversary for this program, 9 of the original 13 charter clubs still remain actively sanctioned. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we are extremely proud of them and also the ones with five and ten years. Any number of years takes the dedication of each club's members and directors, with all working together. These efforts are very appreciated.

FIVE YEARS 1988-1992

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| 1. Chugiak-Eagle #88C15 | Alaska |
| 2. Arkansas Valley #88A3 | Arkansas |
| 3. Rogers #88C26 | Arkansas |
| 4. Balboa Park #88C20 | California |
| 5. Lake Isabella #88C21 | California |
| 6. Barstow #88C25 | California |
| 7. Bradenton Recreation #88C5 | Florida |
| 8. Reynolds #88C23 | Illinois |
| 9. Bullitt County #88A7 | Kentucky |
| 10. Scott County #88C28 | Kentucky |
| 11. Central MA #88C35 | Massachusetts |
| 12. Chief Okemos #88C34 | Michigan |
| 13. Duluth Municipal #88C22 | Minnesota |
| 14. Liberty #88C2 | Missouri |
| 15. Pony Express #88C17 | Missouri |
| 16. Crane Creek Ringers #88C12 | Missouri |
| 17. Jim Styles #88C8 | New Hampshire |
| 18. West Geauga #88C39 | Ohio |
| 19. Painesville #88C14 | Ohio |
| 20. Shenandoah Valley #88C9 | Virginia |

TEN YEARS 1983-1992

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| 1. Fort Collins #83C45 | Colorado |
| 2. Galesburg #83C94 | Illinois |
| 3. Kilkenny #83C105 | Minnesota |
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FIFTEEN YEARS 1978-1992

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| 1. Denver Metro #78C44 | Colorado |
| 2. Sun/Bea, Clearwater #78C5 | Florida |
| 3. West Side #78C49 | Massachusetts |
| 4. Twin County #78C54 | Massachusetts |
| 5. St. Moritz #78C59 | Massachusetts |
| 6. Tri County #78A107 | Minnesota |
| 7. Whetstone #78C72 | Ohio |
| 8. Winchester #78A58 | Virginia |
| 9. Goldendale #78C24 | Wisconsin |

The saddest part of my program work is always cl/lg cancellations. My morale in this area is up from past years, as these are down to 13, compared to 32 in 1991 and 25 in 1990. It is good to see more commitment by the club officials and members. Still a few late procrastinators, but am proud that there are fewer and fewer failing to communicate. My goal would be to see ZERO cancellations in 1993. I know it can be done, if we all pitch in and take care of our responsibilities. If your cl/lg is among the list below and you do not wish to be dropped from the program, please, feel free to contact me and perhaps we can work it all out and reinstate your sanction.

1991 CANCELLATIONS

- Greenfield, IL #84C29
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 Hunterden, NJ #90C14
 Mid Hudson, NY #85A3
 Silver Lake, ND #89C23
 Big Oak, VA #84C115
 Columbia Basin, WA #88C32
 Gillette, WY #87C239
 Perkins County, NE #92A01
 Rocking "M" Ranch, MA #92C05
 PWC Pointers, HI #92C12

Director of the Year Award 1992

This honor and award goes to Robert C. Baker, Director of the Mountaineer HSC #79-C-117 in Ronceverte, WV for the past 14 years. It is always a highlight of the year to reward someone for their long and dedicated service to their club members, the NHPA and their Charter. Robert made the transition over to full NHPA membership with even an increase in his membership. We thank you, Robert, and hope to be working with and for you for many more pleasant years to come. A picture and article should appear in the next issue of *Newsline*.

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News Release

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Jim's wife, Cam, does most of the statistical work with the aid of a computer. All kinds of information on each pitcher's performance is maintained.

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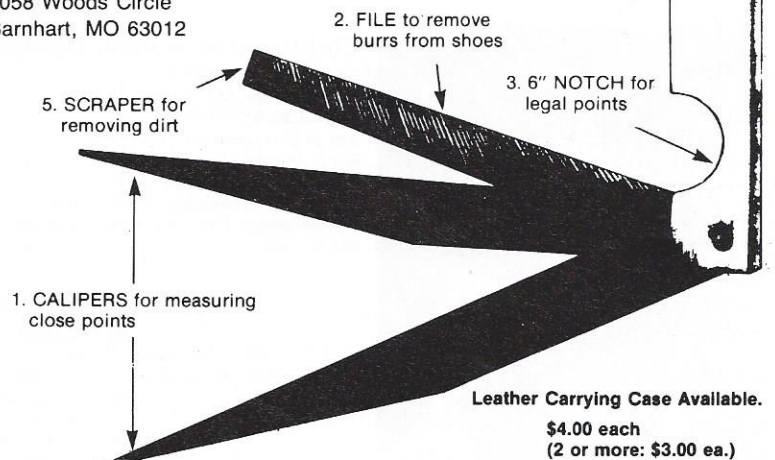
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MARGE BROOKS

The Floyd Horseshoe Club of Floyd, New York recently lost a close member with the passing of Marge Brooks. A dedicated and tireless worker, Marge had continued to do all of the paper work for league play long after most people would have chosen to rest. She recorded the minutes of meetings even when she lacked the breath to read them. Additionally, Marge kept the snack bar open for everyone's convenience simply because she felt it needed to be done. Marge was one of those persons that every organization needs if it is to be successful. The Floyd Club will carry on and is ever grateful to Marge for showing them the way.

CLIFTON CLARK

The Painesville Horseshoe Club of Ohio lost a close friend and member with the death of Cliff Clark, age 57 and a Madison resident since 1975. Cliff was with General Motors for 35 years before retiring in 1991. He was

a fun fellow and a very good artist who enjoyed the good times with his horseshoe pitching friends. Sincere condolences are extended to his wife Julia, 3 sons and several brothers and sisters.

JOHN LINDMEIER

John Lindmeier of Northlake, IL passed away on January 2, 1993. He was 75 years of age and is survived by his wife Marylou, two daughters, two sons, ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a sister age 91.

John played in the Men's Championship division of the World Tournament 8 times, between the years of 1946-1960, finishing in the top 10 five times. His best finish was 4th place in 1953. A member of the Illinois Hall of Fame, he was Illinois State Champ 4 times, 1948-49-50 and 55. He was also NAAU champ 3 times, the last time in 1941.

His last appearance at the W.T. was as a spectator at Eau Claire in 1987.

John was also an avid bowler, with one 300 game to his credit. Back in

1956-1957 he appeared 5 times on the NBC-TV show *Pitching Championship Horseshoes* in Chicago. The format was 50 shoe games, King of the Hill, with the winner returning the following week. In 1971 he was the winner of a new Plymouth car in the Chicago Sun Times "Beat the Champ" tournament, competing against amateur bowlers throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana.

JOHN L. O'BRIEN

Northern California lost long time member and friend John L. "Jack" O'Brien on January 8, 1993. Jack was residing in San Jose and was a member of San Jose club. He was 73 years old and had retired to the area in 1982 after 42 years of service for Pacific Gas & Electric in San Francisco. For many years before Jack had been a long time member of the Golden Gate Horseshoe Club in San Francisco, the city of his birth. Condolences to wife Lorraine and other family members.



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Identifying information: None available
Circumstances: Child was abducted by her non-custodial mother, Paula Jo Oldham

Paula Jo Oldham

Date of Birth: 12/17/57
Sex: F **Identifiers:** Birthmark on shoulder
Race: White **Height:** 5'1" **Weight:** 105 lbs.
Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Blue
Alias: None known.
Circumstances: Felony warrant for child abduction issued 04/17/92



Special Events Calendar

MARCH 1993

- 26-28 Ohio State Indoor** — Hickory Lake Inn, Newbury, Ohio. Preregister by March 12, entry \$12.00. NHPA dress code enforced. Contact Margie Palsa, 6620 Elmwood Rd., Mentor, OH 44060 (216) 255-3320.
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APRIL 1993

- 17-18 Dogwood Festival and South Eastern Regional** — Statesville, NC. Preregister by April 1st. Fee \$15.00. Entries limited to 180. Play in accord with new NHPA Regional guidelines. \$2,000+ prize money. Send entry, fee and 3 highest to Statesville Recreation & Parks, P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687-1111 (704) 878-3429. Further info. contact Paul Stewart (704) 528-5081.
- 29-May 2 Best of The West** — Burro Inn, Beatty, NV. Big \$\$\$ prize money. Preregistration required. For information phone Burro Inn (702) 553-2225 or Tournament Director Don Weaver (702) 736-7348.
- 30-May 2 Team World** — Beloit, Wisconsin. Preregistration deadline March 31. Adult teams only, \$200 team entry fee. \$5,000 prize money based on 24 teams. Contact Tom Roanhouse, 108-B W. Main St., Waterford, WI 53185. Phone (414) 534-5838 after 6 p.m. and weekends.

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- 15-16 Apple Capitol Open** — Winchester, VA. Preregister by May 1st. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Entry \$15.00. Contact Garland Peck Jr., P.O. Box 2141, Winchester, VA 22604 (703) 662-8416.
- 29-31 Head-of-the-Mon-River and North Eastern Regional** — Fairmont, WV. Preregister by May 10th, Entry \$25.00 payable to Tri-County HC. \$2,000+ prize money. Contact Davis "Catfish" Woodward, 1133 Sunset Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554 (304) 366-3819.

JUNE 1993

- 12-13 3rd Annual Heart of Kansas** — Great Bend, KS. Minimum \$300 per class prize money. Mixed event, adult entry fee \$25.00; Junior Class fee \$5.00 for trophy prize. Preregister by May 22. Checks payable to Cheyenne HC. Send fees, card #, 3 high data to Violetta Karst, 4111 Sandpiper, Great Bend, KS 67530 (316) 793-3175.
- 18-20 South Pacific Regional** — Reno, NV. \$2,000 added purse plus min. 80% return of entry fees. Championship 30' and 40' groups pitch on portable Vegas style courts in street in front of Casinos. Others on 24 courts at University. Limited entry deadline June 1st. \$25.00 fee payable to Gold Country HC plus NHPA Card #, 4 sanctioned tournaments including 3 highest in last 12 months. Send to Dave Loucks, 13656 Thoroughbred Loop, Grass Valley, CA 95949 (916) 477-7060.

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JULY

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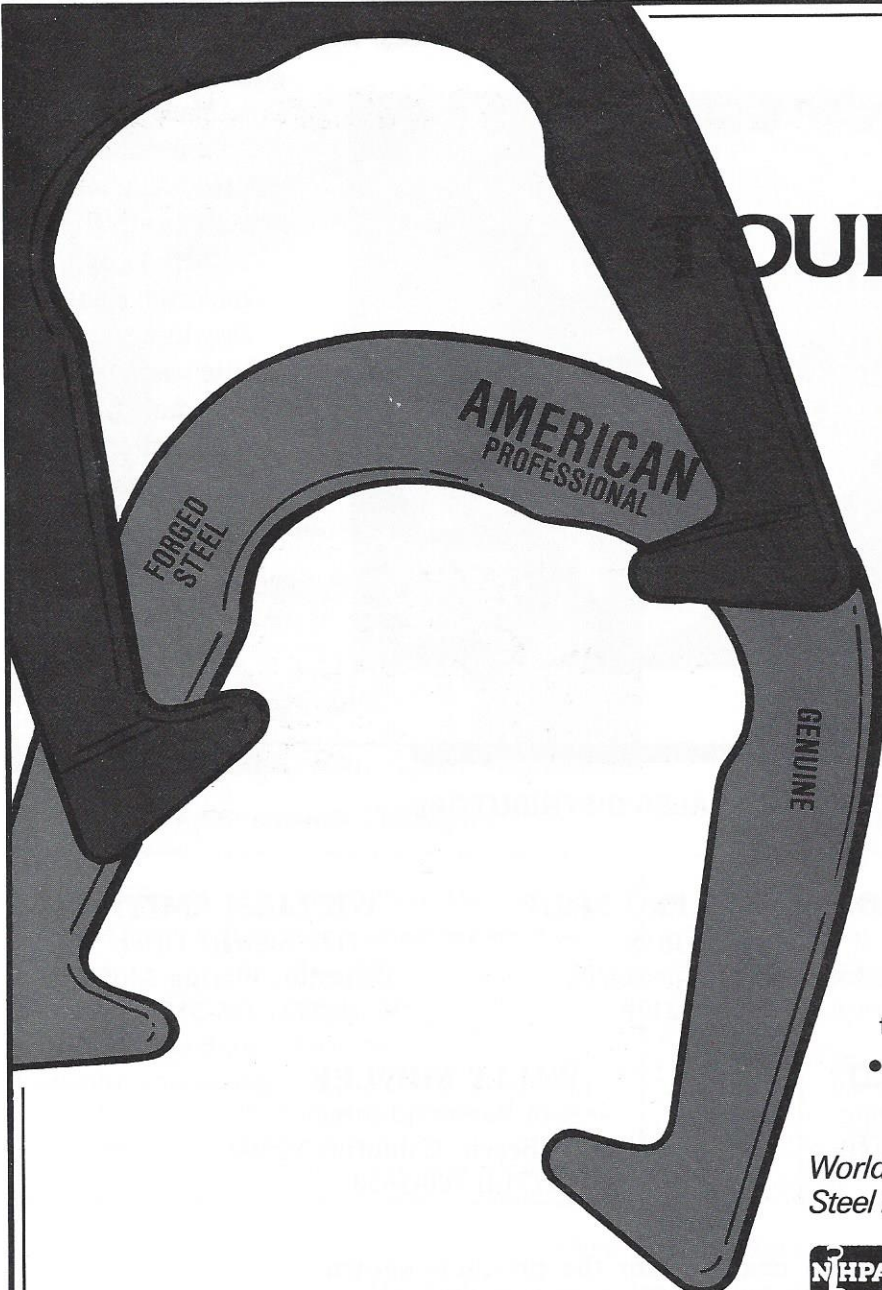
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