



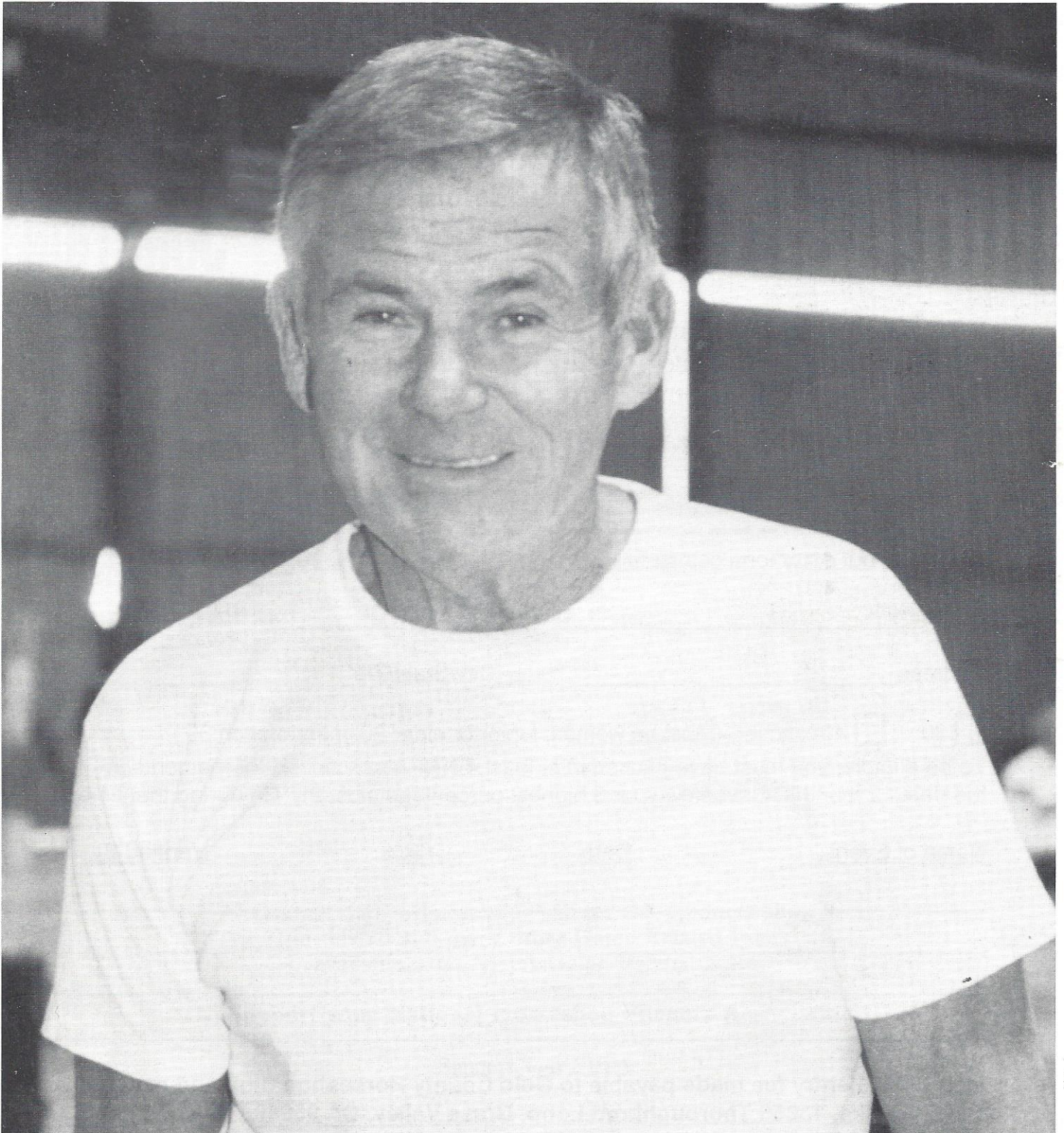
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President's Message

I was recently looking back through some old files and came across a list of 10 goals I wanted to achieve for the NHPA. It was January 1986 when I wrote of these challenges in the *News Digest* magazine.

In random order they were: Improve communication to the membership; Increase membership; Increase readership of the NHPA magazine; Unify State and National goals; Improve World Tournament participation and prize lists; Bring about the proxy vote; Recognize and listen more to the lower percentage pitchers; Gain national media attention; Rotate the World Tournament and bring about Regional play; and Expand the responsibilities while improving the utilization of Regional Directors.

Significant strides were made and for the most part, these goals were met and even improved upon. The exception is probably the national media where our sport still struggles to gain entrance into the televised and published "world of sports." Now and then we have some success, but it tends to be on a local level rather than a national scale. The reason most often mentioned is that horseshoe pitching lacks exciting and spontaneous athletic play and thus fails to have significant spectator appeal. This is not a new problem for horseshoe pitchers, but one that has dogged our sport for over 50 years.

In 1940 the NHPA publication *Horseshoe World* wrote about the lack of spectator appeal and the difficulty in getting

media coverage. It was suggested then, as it has been several times since, the game will not be attractive without a significant change to how it is played or scored. Those may be tough words for some to digest, but for all the changes and new things we could hope to envision for the 21st century, is a new game of horseshoe pitching among them? Let's hope we are all around to see.

The annual NHPA business meeting will be held in Spearfish on Monday, July 26. Charter officers have already been advised of their authorized number of delegates based on 1992 adult membership. I would like to remind charter presidents of an NHPA bylaw which affects the seating of delegates to the business meeting. It is Article IX, Section 3 which says that the Charter President must provide, to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, a written and signed list of delegates to be seated. The delegation chairman must be named.

We should have an interesting meeting. Two new sites are expected to seek the 1995 World Tournament while several exciting races for NHPA office are shaping up and a revision to the Official Playing Rules will be presented. Spearfish is a lovely location and, with good weather, there is every reason to expect a fun filled and exciting two weeks. For many, the tournament itself is enough, but if you like other things, there is certainly plenty to do in and around the area. I hope that all who want to will be able to be there.

Dave's Court Report

■ The World Tournament phone number in Spearfish is 605-642-1730. It will be activated by July 15th, the day Donnie Roberts and I plan to arrive. If for any reason you will not show up at your scheduled time to pitch, please call and advise us. Remember, no entry fees will be refunded for those who drop out after June 1, 1993.

■ The new bylaws include guidelines for charters and tournament directors when it comes to providing an opportunity for all 30' pitchers to play. I encourage all members to read the new bylaws (Blue Book) especially sections 7-12 of Article VII which pertains to charter tournament play. If you think there is a violation to these sections, immediately say something to the tournament director or charter officer. Willful violation of the bylaws can lead to suspension from the NHPA.

■ NatStats now has data on some 800 sanctioned tournament results and recent pitching performance on more than 10,000 members. About 6 charters are reporting results by disk, which speeds up the process greatly. Other charters are encouraged to contact NatStats to set up an ASCII File reporting format. Charters reporting by disk can request the disk be returned with a complete update of their members' pitching percentages.

■ Two W.T. warm-up tournaments have been scheduled in the Spearfish area for the two days prior to the start of the World. On Sat., July 17, in Sundance, WY, 35 miles west of Spearfish, there is a pre-register event, while on Sunday the 18, Belle Fourche has a pre-register for the first 64 entrants.

Details can be found in the Special Events Calendar.

■ Loren Smith of Sedan, KS has been pitching shoes in the backyard for a number of years, but only a couple in sanctioned play. He got so hooked that he built 3 courts at the city park and maintains them while helping others get into the game. Loren competed in the 1991 and 1992 Senior Olympics. In 1991, he entered 7 events taking 3 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze. Last year he took 2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze, placing in all five events entered. In both years, one of the first places was in horseshoe pitching. Loren has qualified for the National Finals in Baton Rouge this year.

■ The fifth 1993 Regional Tournament has been awarded to Des Moines, IA. This Central time zone Regional will be played on Aug. 28-29 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. It will have a \$2500 added purse. Details can be obtained from the Special Events Calendar or the advertisement in this issue.

■ The NHPA is still in need of at least three more bids for 1993 Regional Tournaments. We need two from the Mountain time zone and one more from the Central. Come on tournament directors, we want to hear from you. Let's make this concept leading to a National Championship work.

■ Pitching schedules for all World Tournament entrants should be finalized by June 1 and printed and mailed by the 15th. If you are going to be on the road and perhaps miss your schedule, please don't phone Donnie to determine your pitching time before June 15. Charters should expect their delegate packets to arrive by early June.

Letters to the Editor

Newsline Editor,

So you will know from what perspective I write, I'm 71 and have been pitching 12 years, and have been an NHPA member and magazine subscriber the entire time. I have followed the 30'-40' controversy over the years and enjoyed reading the varied opinions on the subject. What follows is my effort to solve the problem.

Why does basketball have such tremendous fan appeal? Because it has dared to change the rules to improve the game. Remember the center jump after each basket was scored? Not only were games slow, with very little scoring, but the team with the biggest center always had an unfair advantage. So the center jump was eliminated. Other changes have followed, including the 3 point basket—an *extra point for extra distance*. And it has made the game more exciting for the fans.

Can we learn from basketball? Why shouldn't a 40' ringer count more than a 30' ringer? Why not 4 points for a 40' ringer and 3 points for a 30' ringer—that's *one point for each 10 feet*. This change would involve no expense, no court changes, no change in horseshoe configuration, no change in foul lines—just a simple change in scoring. This change, I believe, would make mixed pitching *fair* and, if adopted, end the 30'-40' dilemma.

Respectfully,

Orv Lokken, Orange, CA

Dear Editor,

The 40' vs. 30' will always be an issue. Compromise is usually the answer to any problem so why not settle the horseshoe game as a 35' sport. All pitchers would qualify and pitch at 35'. If you can't reach that distance, you can keep score or go home and pull weeds.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Bouscal, Livermore, CA

To The Editor,

I LOVE HORSESHOES!! We all speak our thoughts about that 30' pitcher, "Look at him, he could pitch from back here, he's just taking advantage of me." We could change our minds as time changes things.

That was the way I thought two

years ago. "I'll never do that, I'll throw 40' forever, at 67 I'm still going strong!" Then in 1991 and 1992 I can't say things look the same. In 1991 both my wife and I each had two operations for cancer. Then the 1st of May 1992, God took her to heaven. Shortly later I had a six-way heart bypass, which was followed up by a bad infection and I was in bed until January 1993. I am thankful for *Newsline* and my Mountain Home horseshoe pitching friends who keep the horseshoe pitching dream in front of me. I'm not 70 yet, but I pray everyday that I'll get strong enough to pitch 30'.

When you see that pitcher out there, say to yourself, "Lord I hope at that age that I can!"

Olon Crandall, Mountain Home, ID

The Ongoing Saga of the 30' Pitcher

It seems like the controversy between the 30 and 40 foot pitchers is never ending. In our sport, it would be nice to have the volume of participants to place individuals into their own separate divisions, but anyone who attends tournaments in most NHPA charters knows this is not possible. The only way to clarify this so-called problem is to have mixed tournaments with 30' pitchers

being placed in classes according to their percentages.

Come on people, "What's the Big Deal?" You're pitching against a percentage comparable to yours. In the past 11 years that I have been affiliated with the Virginia HPA, there have been many changes within our organization, some good, some bad. My questions to you is, "How do you know what ideas will work and what ideas won't work," until you implement and try them? As a tournament director I will never turn an individual away because I have no class for them. This would not be promoting horseshoes. Now that we have the stat system, I've noticed quite a few individuals that used to take trophies home no longer do so because this system is keeping them honest.

The whole world evolves around change. Without changes we would be living in a very "Hum Drum" society. Is it pride that cuts the deepest when we are defeated by a junior, woman or handicap pitcher? Let's pitch horseshoes for relaxation, friendship and enjoyment. It is true that we will never agree 100% on everything, but it would make things easier with more member involvement and less criticism.

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Newsline 1992 Report

by Dave Loucks

The number 3000 popped up on two of the seven issues mailed last year. While there is nothing magic about the number, it has become a benchmark we want to reach with the mailing of each *Newsline* issue. The 3000 barrier was also broken two times in 1991. Progress is slow but we are showing gains in readership each year.

For the second year in a row, we ended with 3000 subscribers. The number varies a bit with every issue as members forget to renew on time, some drop out while new readers sign up. The mailing label continues to be the first notice of when your subscription expires. Unfortunately, not everyone looks at the label and we have taken to mailing reminder letters, which is time consuming and costly. We are presently investigating the possibility of putting a bright colored notice in the magazine for all those about to expire. That would be another labor and time consuming effort but if it helped reduce the number of late renewals, it might be worthwhile.

The multiple year price savings for renewals remains a fairly popular item and will be continued. Production costs for *Newsline* remained reasonably stable during 1992 and we believe the magazine again was self supporting even with the multiple year discounts. The fiscal year NHPA Financial Report will tell us more when it is available in June.

As we have done for the past three years, we are publishing mailings by month and subscribers by State for comparison. 1992 was the last year for the special "Results Only" issues.

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6. Missouri	1015	129	12.7	+7
7. Indiana	514	109	21.2	+8
8. Minnesota	859	105	12.2	+5
9. Iowa	442	98	22.2	-5
10. Wisconsin	451	94	20.8	-6
11. Massachusetts	363	83	22.8	+1
12. Florida	319	76	23.8	-11
13. Texas	475	69	14.5	+10
14. Kansas	215	65	30.2	-1
15. Colorado	445	65	14.6	+16
16. Michigan	289	62	21.4	+1
17. Nebraska	471	62	13.2	+6
18. Virginia	257	58	22.6	+15
19. Washington	261	54	20.7	-8
20. Oregon	204	50	24.5	-3
21. Canada	14	45	N/A	-5
22. Arizona	198	41	20.7	-5
23. Kentucky	222	40	18.0	+10
24. Connecticut	302	40	13.2	+1
25. West Virginia	159	39	24.5	+7
26. Oklahoma	125	37	29.6	-7
27. Louisiana	166	37	22.3	-5
28. South Dakota	165	32	19.4	+2
29. Maryland	160	31	19.4	-1
30. Georgia	86	30	34.9	-7
31. Wyoming	216	29	13.4	+2
32. Utah	165	28	17	-1
33. New Hampshire	162	27	16.7	-
34. North Dakota	321	27	8.4	+4
35. Tennessee	80	26	32.5	-11
36. New Mexico	132	26	19.9	+6
37. North Carolina	114	25	21.9	+6
38. Montana	181	25	13.8	+2
39. Idaho	169	24	14.2	-2
40. Arkansas	109	21	19.3	-2
41. Nevada	188	20	10.6	-7
42. Maine	91	19	20.8	-5
43. Vermont	105	18	17.1	+5
44. Hawaii	175	16	9.1	-1
45. New Jersey	168	15	8.9	-36
46. Alabama	52	12	23.1	-4
47. Mississippi	99	11	11.1	-8
48. Alaska	40	10	25	+2
49. South Carolina	77	7	9.1	+1
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NHPA Hall of Fame

by Earl Winston, Chairman Hall of Fame Committee

In the May 1950 issue of *The Horseshoe Pitcher* magazine, a fellow Missourian, John Elkins, suggested that the horseshoe pitchers should have a Hall of Fame. He indicated that baseball had theirs and then mentioned a few names that had the honor of being inducted. He then mentioned a few names he thought important enough to receive that honor in the horseshoe pitching circle, and by the way, all of those have now been inducted.

However, it was not until 1965 that the Convention delegates deemed it important enough to lay the foundation for the NHPA Hall of Fame.

In 1964, Harold Craig, President of the NHPA, appointed a committee to set up a Hall of Fame. That committee consisted of Carl Steinfeldt, Rochester, New York, Chairman; Elmer Beller, Bellflower, California; Bob Pence, Gary, Indiana; Leland Mortenson, Des Moines, Iowa; and Marvin Chrisman, Connersville, Indiana.

This committee reported to the 1965 National Convention at Keene, New Hampshire. Upon the motion of Amos Whitaker of Massachusetts and the second of Glen Henton of Iowa, the committee report was adopted, calling for "establishment of a permanent Hall of Fame with three players and three non-players to be installed at the 1966 World Tournament and two players and one non-player to be selected each year thereafter. The original Hall of Fame Committee will serve during the coming year with replacements being appointed by the NHPA President in each succeeding year. The committee will make the final Hall of Fame selections based on recommendations by the NHPA membership."

During the ensuing years, some of the rules have been modified. President Loucks also appointed a screening committee in 1992, and this committee may remove a few names from the list of nominees as not having enough national importance as

a player or organizer. Should more data come in to the chairman on any of these people, their names could be reinstated.

Gary Kline and Earl Winston, together, have located some old records not seen before, and we are using these for some updates. The chairman has received three new nominations, which will be added to the list of Hall of Fame nominees on the 1993 ballot.

Hope to see you at the NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in Spearfish on July 25. We're working to make the program shorter.

Good pitching to all.

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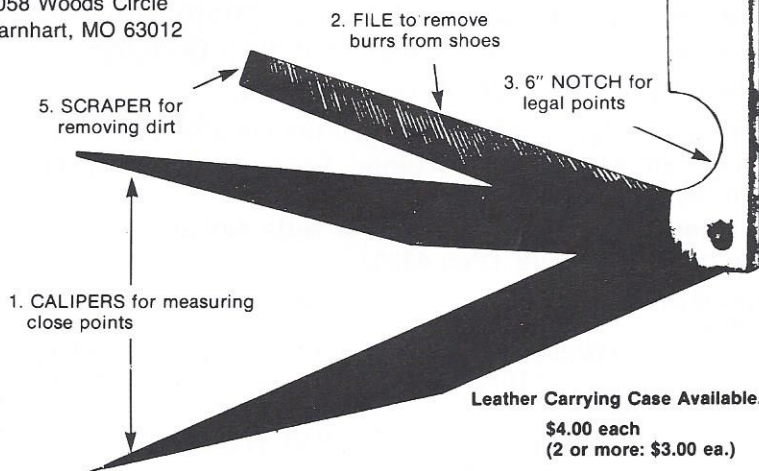
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When Resources Are Combined

by Bob Dunn

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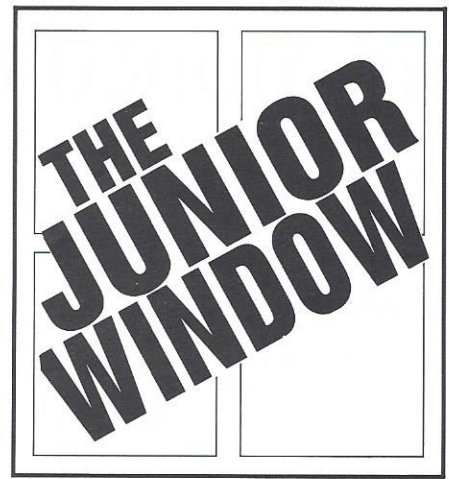
Another resource is our county and city park and recreation programs. Most have budgets for youth activities and established communication means through the media, publications and bulletins.

Here is a good example of what can happen when these resources meet. Earl Dean, a Senior member of the MGSHPA and the NHPA, has accomplished a most successful effort during this off-season. Earl approached Mr. Tim Liftin, Director of Jordan (Minnesota) Community Education and Recreation programs, to see what could be done to start a Junior Horseshoe program. The Jordan CE&P is responsible for all age groups, but does include after school and summer break activities for youth. The results are best stated by a letter

received from Mr. Liftin, "Jordan Community Education and Recreation proudly introduces a Horseshoe Pitching Instructional Program for youth. This course will be instructed by local pitching expert Mr. Earl Dean. Mr. Dean is willing to share his hobby with the local boys and girls of Jordan, along with some of his local pitching friends.

This program is viewed by Earl and his co-instructors as a service project and also a passing on of a tradition from one generation to the next. The number of young horseshoe pitchers today is at a low number compared to not only Earl, but the many pitchers who share the love of the game with Earl."

The Jordan youth program will begin in June and run for two weeks. Lessons are free and pre-registration will be required. The course will be scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday mornings and up to 48 student pitchers can be accommodated each session. It is intended that enough



youths will find interest from the course to participate in establishing a Jordan Junior League.

Frequently there are NHPA members willing and able to be involved in establishing a Junior program, only to be stymied by lack of funds, sufficient assistance or ways to contact or approach enough youths to form a program. We now have one more example that contacts made to Parks & Recreation Departments and other community programs can be supportive and assist in setting up opportunities to establish Junior programs.

Junior Jottings

by Bob Dunn

Steve Hatch (JPD Iowa) presented Junior promotion objectives for 1993 in the March issue of the IHHPA newsletter. The action steps are meaningful and surely achievable. A condensed version is: 1) The IHHPA pitching schedule will include "Youth Targeted Tournaments," 2) The Assistant Regional Directors are requested to have at least two assigned youth recruiters in each district, 3) Each league is encouraged and expected to recruit and have some active Junior members, 4) the IHHPA Board has allocated \$200 to be used to promote Junior participation in the 1993 Iowa State Tournament, 5) The entire membership has been requested to send youth news to the newsletter, 6) Pitching tips are already being received from top pitchers for newsletter print. This can be interesting and helpful to youth as well as all age groups.

A number of *Horseshoe Film, Facts and Fun*, authored by Dr. Sol Berman,

had been provided to Hatch. As mentioned previously, Sol has donated a generous supply of these books to be used in Junior promotion. Steve came up with an innovative use—a copy was given to each ARD to donate to a middle school in their district. It will be most interesting to observe over the next few seasons what impact this effort can make.

In addition, a youth tournament was announced for May 1st in Indianola. Don and Mic Wilson will be directors for this event. The entry fee is \$6.00, but that will pay for the NHPA/IHHPA membership or a newsletter subscription. Juniors who already have their membership cards and a subscription, pitch for no fee.

The efforts by Donnie Roberts to list the NHPA in various directories has provided strong exposure to schools of all levels. Previous mention has been made of specific schools requesting game rules and

NHPA information. It is interesting to note that the requests are now including information about the Presidential Sports Award Program. The listing of schools requesting information continues—if you live in the vicinity of one of these schools, make contact and offer to help in some way if they are starting a youth program. Betty Larrabee—St. Juliana's School (West Palm Beach, FL). Arta Beverly—Georgia Washington Carver Area High School (Chicago, IL). Ron Ray—Bloom Trail High School (Chicago Heights, IL). Cookie Davis—Ramona Elementary School (Lakeside, CA). Cliff Olson—Streamwood High School (Streamwood, IL). Jeanne Black—St. Andrews Presbyterian College (Laurinburg, NC).

Welcome new Junior Program Directors:

Lee Heniger—N. California
Garland Peck—Virginia
Homer Keen—Indiana

Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

1992 Summary and 1991 Comparisons

	1991	1992	Diff.
No. of States	39	42	+ 3
No. of Clubs	187	204	+ 17
Adult Members	6680	6477	-203
Junior Members	388	504	+116
Total Adult & Jr.	7068	6981	- 87
Patches Used	5508	5919	+411

Sadly, adult membership was down but, pleasingly, junior members were up. There were 16 active all Jr. leagues, compared to 13 in '91. These represented 8 states and 1 in Canada. It is good to see more adults working with juniors, helping to insure the security and future of our sport.

Am pleased to say, that three of the clubs listed as cancelled in the last issue, have been reinstated. They are the PWC Pointers—HI, Greenfield—OH and Waggaman—LA. This is the least number of cancellations for any year. The number of States/Charters in the program was up, with the return of two and the addition of Oregon. For '93, at this time it is up to 45 with the addition of North Carolina, Kansas and Montana. This leaves only 3 without, at least one cl/lg in the program, which is Alabama, Maine and Utah. The other two States, which do not even have NHPA Charters are Delaware and Rhode Island.

My goal is to have all 48 of the Chartered States in the program and a year with no cancellations. With all of you helping me, this goal could easily be reached.

Having sanctioned cl/lgs in your State is one of the best ways to recruit new members for your Charter and the NHPA, but can also be a very big help to your current members with the 4 event requirement for entry in World and Regionals.

Remember, only NHPA Sanctioned Club/League averages can be used for this requirement or as one of your 3 high. If you are now pitching in a league that is not sanctioned, you are doing so, for practice only, as your averages and accomplishments account for nothing, where entry into State Championships, Regionals,

World or the NHPA is concerned. Also, if you are an NHPA member, now pitching in any unsanctioned event, you are not covered by the NHPA insurance, as this insurance covers you in sanctioned events only!

The new cl/lg final stat reporting forms are now available and must be used to report your league-end Stats. If you do not have these forms, please, let me know so I can send you some. These completed forms, MUST NOT be sent direct, by you or anyone else, to NatStats. ALL of these forms MUST be sent to me/this office first. I will then see that copies are sent to the National State Center.

To speed up this process, when your league ends, please, ask that your cl/lg Director be prompt in sending me the completed forms, so I can get them on to the National as quickly as possible, assuring that your averages will be on record when needed.

My thanks goes out to all of you for your fine work and support of this program in the past years, and hopefully we will be working with each other for many more pleasant years to come.

May you all have a very healthy and great pitching season.

Your Friend for Horseshoes!

News Releases



Music City Horseshoe Club Officers (l to r) Bobby Cook, 1st V.P.; Marvyn Bastian, President; Mary Ella Bastian, Secretary/Treasurer; Bill Hunsicker, 2nd V.P. and Statistician

TENNESSEE HORSESHOES — MUSIC CITY HORSESHOE CLUB

#92-C-25 The first sanctioned horse-shoe league in Tennessee has been organized and official play began in October, 1992. Officers elected were Marvyn Bastian, president; Bobby Cook, 1st V.P.; Bill Hunsicker, 2nd V.P. and statistician; and Mary Ella Bastian, secretary-treasurer.

Six 3-person teams play on Thursday nights at the Jack Freeman Courts in Joelton, TN. There is a substitute pool of ten pitchers who step in to play when a regular cannot be present. League play is count-all with an 80% handicap. Winner of the

first round of league play was Doc's Gang made up of Dr. Jack Freeman, Robby Cook and Bill Roberts.

Robby Cook is the son of Bobby Cook and grandson of Grady Cook, who also pitches. On league night and in Saturday tournaments we have a father, son and grandson pitching, proving that horseshoes is a family sport.

In addition Bobby's wife Dot is a scorekeeper. The second round is being organized and play will start in February 1993. A banquet will be held in the fall to honor winners.

Director of The Year BOB BAKER

Mountaineer Horseshoe Club
Sanction #79-C-117
Ronceverte, West Virginia



Since being a small child I have been involved in the game of horseshoe. We had some small pony shoes which my cousins and I threw at some stakes driven a few feet apart near where the grown-ups pitched horseshoe in the barn lot. By the time I was seven or eight years old I was able to progress to the adult court.

This court consisted of two deep holes worn by many hours of pitching large well matched workhorse shoes at two metal stakes driven in the ground about 30 feet apart. I pitched a one turn which would hit flat and slide 3 feet or so in the dirt holes and occasionally land around the peg. A friend gave me a set of Double Ringers when I was around 12 years old. These were often used in the barnyard until 1967 when I was 22 years old and working in Ronceverte.

On Island Park in Ronceverte, across the street from where I worked were four strange looking horseshoe courts with concrete along the sides and clay mud in boxes around the pegs. I started pitching with some of my fellow workers at these courts using their odd rules (regulation scoring). I have been involved in the Mountaineer Horseshoe Club since that time. My pitching ability indicates I probably

should have stuck to the barnyard pitching, however I didn't win many games there either.

When it comes to the record keeping aspects of horseshoe, any participation on my part involves my wife Ann. As anyone who attends our tournaments or takes part in league play knows, Ann is as involved as I am. I was Secretary-Treasurer of the West Virginia H.P.A. from 1974 until 1977. I have been involved in record keeping for the Club since 1973. Our league became sanctioned in 1979. It has been a privilege to keep records for our small club, which has had as many as three pitchers per year receive national sanctioned league top ten awards.

I was truly surprised and honored when Bev Born called and advised me I had been selected for this award. As I explained to Bev, I am certain there are many Directors more deserving. I accept and cherish this honor on behalf of Ann and I. We are truly fortunate to have met so many fine people during our years of participation in the game of horseshoe.

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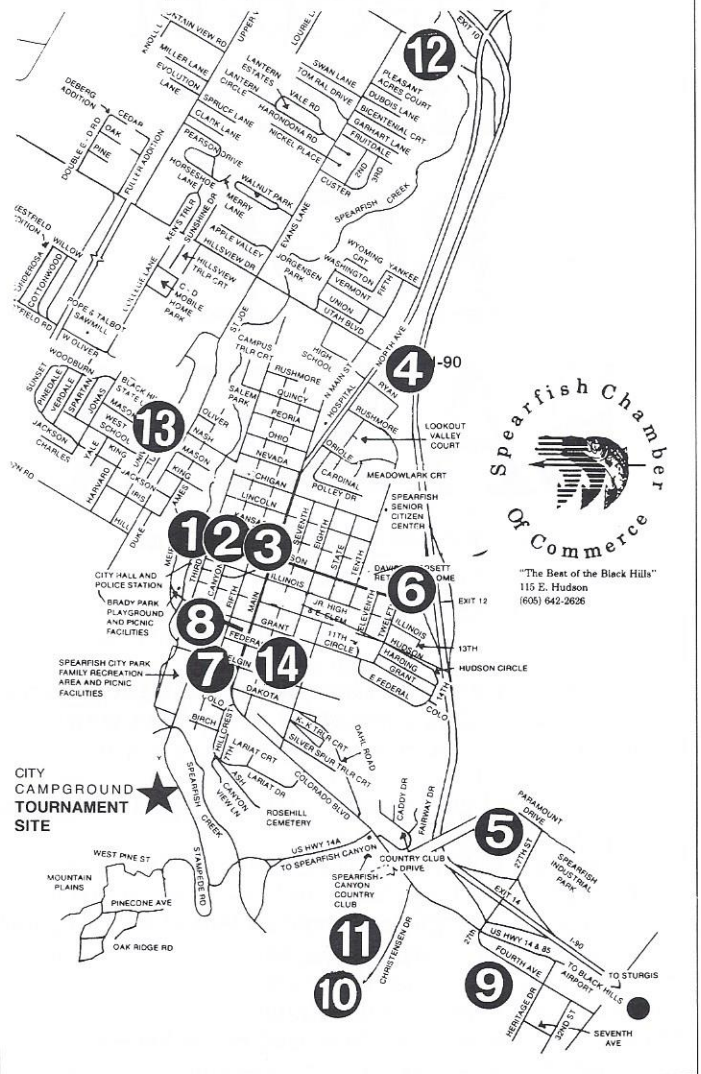
Spearfish Motel and Campground Listing

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
5 Holiday Inn P.O. Box 399, I-90 Exit 14 605-642-4683	160	\$68-82
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
Weyer Motel/ Jewelry Store Hwy 85 Belle Fourche 605-892-2154	10	\$20+
10 Chris' Campground I-90 Exit 14, 1/2 mile south on Christensen Dr. 605-642-2239	140	\$12.84-16.05 up to 4 people
12 KOA Camp 1/8 mile off I-90, 605-642-4633	140	\$14.25-18.25
11 Mountain View Campground I-90 Exit 14, 1/2 mile south on Christensen Dr. 605-642-2170	76	\$12-15
★ City Campground 6 Blks. Downtown 605-642-8271 Ask for Bonnie	160	\$7.50-13.50
13 Shady Pines 514 Mason St., 605-642-9909	12 Cabins	\$40-65
14 Bell's Motorlodge 230 Main St., 605-642-3812	20+	Phone

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To All State and Charter Officers

by Vicki Winston

I have been asked to chair the State and Charter Officers' Meeting that is held annually during the World Tournament. I always schedule the meeting for a time prior to the day of the annual NHPA Convention, which I understand will be midway through the tournament this year. Therefore, our meeting will be sometime during the first week of the tournament, so please watch the bulletin boards at the tournament site for an announcement of time and place.

All candidates for NHPA office are invited to attend our meeting for a brief introduction and maybe a few questions. This will be a good chance for Charter Officers to meet the people that desire to head your national organization.

We Charter Officers also share information with one another and sometimes are able to give assistance or solutions to others concerning situations we've faced and that are now confronting someone else. Many times we also receive answers to questions we may have about the NHPA or even the World Tournament. Sometimes we even make suggestions to the NHPA Executive Council in regard to improvements we feel are necessary. This is your chance to meet with your counterparts from all across the nation.

In case some of you don't realize, Article VII, Section 13 of the NHPA Bylaws states that all officers of a Charter must be members of the NHPA and must subscribe to the NHPA *Newsline* magazine. You may wish to try what the Missouri Charter has done for several years. As our officers are elected for two year terms, upon their election we automatically send in a two-year subscription or renewal for their *Newsline* magazine, paid for out of our Charter treasury. Just one small way you can reward your officers for their hard work, keep in compliance with the Bylaws, and, best of all, know they are keeping informed on things they should know. Multiple year subscriptions also save a couple of bucks.

Hope to see all of you hard working people in Spearfish.

1993 World Tournament Prize List

Championship Groups

	Men	Women	Sr. Men	Elders	Sr. Women	Juniors
1.	\$3500	\$3000	\$800	\$400	\$300	\$500 Trust to each
2.	2500	2000	600	330	220	300 Trust to each
3.	2000	1500	500	310	210	200 Trust to each
4.	1500	1100	450	290	200	\$1,000 each
5.	1000	800	400	275	190	
6.	800	650	350	270	180	
7.	600	500	330	265		
8.	550	450	320	260	\$1,300	
9.	500	400	310			
10.	480	380	300	\$2,400	Class	
11.	460	360	290		6 Dbl RR	
12.	440	340	280	Class		\$175
13.	420	320	275	12/3		125
14.	400	300	270	\$250		\$300
15.	390	290	265	200		
16.	380	280	260	150		
17.	370	270				
18.	360	260	\$6,000	\$600		
19.	350					
20.	340	\$13,200	Class			
21.	335		12/3			
22.	330	Class	\$ 250			
23.	325	24/6	200			
24.	320	\$250	150			
25.	315	230				
26.	310	210	\$ 600			
27.	305	190				
28.	300	170				
29.	295	150				
30.	290					
31.	285	\$1,200				
32.	280					
33.	275					
34.	270					
35.	265					
36.	260					
	\$22,100					
	Class					
	36/8					
	\$ 250					
	230					
	220					
	210					
	200					
	190					
	180					
	170					
	150*					
	\$1,800					

Total Championship Prize List.....\$47,000

No Finals Fees

Prize list subject to revision in classes of odd size or where tournament committee may deem necessary.

Total Estimated Purse.....\$125,000

*9th prize to highest prelim % not making finals

New World Tournament Records

by Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

There were several records broken at the 1992 World Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. This is a brief account of those records.

Starting with the Jr. Girls division the first record to fall was when Celeste Polak of Texas finished her first game of the preliminary rounds with 20 consecutive ringers. That in itself was not a record, but when she started her next game with 12 more consecutive ringers she created a two game record of 32 consecutive ringers over a two game period.

After this string of ringers she had two singles in a row and then pitched another 20 consecutive ringers which helped her to pitch 44 ringers in the 50 shoe game for 88.0 percent ringers for a preliminary game record. Even though it is not an official record, she had a stretch between the two games of 54 ringers in 56 attempts.

The next record to be broken was when Celeste started the third game of the first night of the championship class with 24 consecutive ringers against Crystal Curtis of Alberta. While Celeste was setting her own record, Crystal managed to pitch 3 consecutive doubles of her own to help them tie a record for 3 consecutive "Four Deads."

They also set a record for combined ringer percentage of 73.75. After the first night of the championship class, Celeste was averaging 82.22 percent ringers on the basis of her 148 ringers for the 180 shoes pitched for a new one day average record.

The next record to fall was in the first match of the final night when Annie Cote of Quebec pitched 27 ringers out of 30 shoes against Crystal Curtis for a new high winning percentage game of 90. In the eighth game of the championships, Annie Cote and Heidi Sternberg of Wisconsin connected for a combined ringer percentage of 74.11 when Annie pitched 46 ringers in 56 shoes for 82.14 percent against Heidi's 37 ringers and 66.07 percent. That broke the record set earlier in the tournament between Celeste and Crystal.

The record for 3 consecutive "Four Deads" was equaled again in the last match between Annie Cote and Celeste Polak when Annie Cote got

some revenge over her previous night's defeat to Celeste.

However, Celeste did not go down without a fight as she set a new record for the high losing ringer percentage with 69.2. For the complete tournament, Celeste Polak pitched 291 ringers out of 368 shoes with 117 double ringers. This performance earned her two more records. The first was that of an overall average of 79.08 percent ringers and the second was for an average of 11.7 doubles per game in the 40 point games.

In the Junior Boys division only one record was broken. On the first day of competition in the championship class, Jim Walters of Ohio pitched games of 94.2, 91.7, 91.3, 88.7 and 90 percent ringers for a total of 255 ringers out of his 280 shoes for a single day record of 91.07 percent ringers. It was mentioned that Jim Walters set a record for the entire tournament with his 89.3 percent. However, John Passmore of Indiana still holds the record with 89.5 percent even though he finished in fourth place that year.

The Women's Division had two records set. The first was pitched on the fourth game of the first night of the championship class when Sue Snyder of Indiana started her game with Bev Nathe of Minnesota with 20 consecutive ringers before a miss and finished her game with 18 more consecutive ringers for a total of 39 ringers out of a possible 40 for a 97.5 ringer percentage.

The next record came as a result of Phyllis Negaard of Minnesota pitching 1200 shoes in the 15 game competition for an average of 80 shoes per game which beat even the 50 point record set back in 1977.

The Senior Ladies Division tied two records and broke another. In the first round of the last day of the championship class Carrie Carpenter of New York and Marge Spray of Florida went 72 shoes in deciding their match to tie the longest game record.

In the ninth round of the championship class 5 time ladies champion Ruth Hangen of New York showed Carrie Carpenter that she could still pitch ringers when she set

a new record for a high percentage game with 30 ringers out of 38 shoes for 78.9 percent ringers. In the last official round in the championship game Carrie Carpenter pitched 10 consecutive ringers to finish her game with Hazel McCall of Texas. She then started the playoff game with Marge Spray with 4 more ringers to give a total of 14 ringers in a row over two games, which equals the record for consecutive ringers.

The Elder Men's 30 Foot Division set many records. The first to fall was in the second round of the championship class when the high ringer percentage combined and the high loser average marks fell when Frank Bohun of Pennsylvania pitched 54 ringers against Dale Henry of Texas' 48 ringers out of the 64 shoes pitched. Their combined average set a new record at 79.69 percent while Dale's 75 percent was a new high for a loser.

The next records fell in the fourth match of the championships when Henry Hostetler of Ohio met up with Paul Scheub of Florida. This marathon match went 86 shoes with each of them having 64 ringers which set records for winning ringers, losing ringers, and naturally combined ringers. They also managed 104 cancelled ringers and 14 "Four Deads" for two more records.

Paul's 24 double ringers as loser set a record, and Henry's 23 doubles tied the record. For the first night of competition, Frank Bohun pitched 219 ringers out of his 280 shoes for 78.21 percent which is a record for one day of competition.

The next records set occurred in the second round of the final night when Henry Hostetler and Ralph Maylahn of Wisconsin played. They had a marathon match which went 90 shoes to set the length record. They also managed 104 cancelled ringers to tie the record set earlier. Ralph Maylahn had 64 ringers to equal the previous record for ringers for a loser. It was interesting to note that Ralph had 2 more ringers than Henry, but still lost the game.

It was in the last round of scheduled competition that the last of the single game records was broken. Ralph Maylahn pitched 35 ringers

out of 40 shoes for an 87.5 ringer percentage which set a new mark for a winning percentage.

All of the records were set for the entire tournament except for shoes per game. Henry Hostetler pitched a total of 435 ringers in the championship class for his 10 games which sets a record of 43.5 ringers per game. The new champion Frank

Bohun set two more records. He finished the tournament with 451 ringers out of 582 shoes for a total ringer average of 77.49 percent over the 11 games. He also pitched 183 double ringers which came to 16.6 doubles per game.

The Elder Men's 40 Foot Division had two records set. The first came when Francis White pitched 170

ringers out of 250 shoes in the preliminary rounds to set a high total average for the preliminaries of 68 percent.

The second record fell when Walt Robinson of California pitched 16 consecutive ringers in route to his defeating World Champion Edwin Miller of Ohio in the last match of the championships.

World Tournament Records

JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION

Preliminaries

Ringer % - Game 88.0 Celeste Polak, TX 1992

Complete Tournament

Ringer % - 10 Games 79.1 Celeste Polak, TX 1992

Ringer % - (One Day) 82.2 Celeste Polak, TX 1992

Double Ringers/Game-40 pts. 11.7 Celeste Polak, TX 1992

Single Game, Both Players

Ringer % 74.1 Annie Cote, QUE & Heidi Sternberg, WI 1992

Consecutive "Four Deads" (tie) 3 Celeste Polak, TX & Crystal Curtis, ALTA 1992
Annie Cote, QUE & Celeste Polak, TX 1992

Single Game, Individual

Winning Ringer % 90.0 Annie Cote, QUE 1992

Losing Ringer % 69.2 Celeste Polak, TX 1992

Consecutive Ringers 24 Celeste Polak, TX 1992

(over 2 games) 32 Celeste Polak, TX 1992

JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION

Complete Tournament

Ringer % - (One Day) 91.1 Jim Walters, OH 1992

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Complete Tournament

Shoes / Game 80.0 Phyllis Negaard, MN 1992

Single Game, Individual

Winning Ringer % 97.5 Sue Snyder, IN 1992

SENIOR WOMEN'S DIVISION

Single Game, Both Players

Longest Game - Shoes (tie) 72 Carrie Carpenter, NY & Marge Spray, FL 1992

Single Game, Individual

Winning Ringer % 78.9 Ruth Hangen, NY 1992

Consecutive Ringers 14 Carrie Carpenter, NY 1992
(over 2 games)

ELDER MEN'S DIVISION 30 FOOT

Complete Tournament

Ringer % - 11 Games 77.5 Frank Bohun, PA 1992

Ringer % (One Day) 78.2 Frank Bohun, PA 1992

Ringers / Game 43.5 Henry Hostetler, OH 1992

Double Ringers / Game 16.6 Frank Bohun, PA 1992

Single Game, Both Players

Longest Game - Shoes 90 Henry Hostetler, OH & Ralph Maylahn, WI 1992

Ringer % 79.7 Frank Bohun, PA & Dale Henry, TX 1992

Total Ringers 128 Henry Hostetler, OH & Paul Scheub, FL 1992

Double Ringers 47 Henry Hostetler, OH & Paul Scheub, FL 1992

Cancelled Ringers 104 Henry Hostetler, OH & Paul Scheub, FL 1992

"Four Deads" (tie) 14 Henry Hostetler, OH & Paul Scheub, FL 1992

Single Game, Individual

Winning Ringer % 87.5 Ralph Maylahn, WI 1992

Losing Ringer % 75 Dale Henry, TX 1992

Ringers, Winner 64 Henry Hostetler, OH 1992

Ringers, Loser 64 Ralph Maylahn, WI 1992
Paul Scheub, FL 1992

Double Ringers, Winner (tie) 23 Henry Hostetler, OH 1992

Double Ringers, Loser 24 Paul Scheub, FL 1992

ELDER MEN'S DIVISION 40 FOOT

Preliminaries

Ringer % - Total 68 Francis White, PA 1992

Single Game, Individual

Consecutive Ringers 16 Walt Robinson, CA 1992

Many Talents of a Horseshoe Pitcher

by Stewart M. Snyder

George Greeott of Healdsburg, California is a 28-year member of Sonoma County Horseshoe Club; a real horseshoe addict, and a wood carving artist par excellence.

On April 15, 1971, George said to himself, "I feel like throwing a lot of horseshoes today," a self-given birthday present to celebrate age 61—and inadvertently to prepare for forthcoming State Championship games.

George had pitched in a dozen or so tournaments in each of the past 7 years and was anxious to get going in this year's games, which were to start in May. Had it been raining this day he would have forsaken outdoor pitching for his dry shop to continue wood carving activity; working in wood gives a needed outlet for an overflowing energy to create.

"A lot of horseshoes"—1400 Allens thrown from 40 feet, for 5 continuous hours, "without interruption and without witness, but I did keep accurate score," George added. "To throw 1400 shoes I walked 5½ miles, stooped down to pick up shoes 800 times, threw 891 ringers for an average of 61.3%, and after that marathon, I had no soreness in arm nor shoulder."

At age 60, George was near his peak in horseshoe pitching. In that year, 1971, he won NCHPA "B" Class Championship with 51% ringers, and next year, '72, he again won Class "B" Championship with 61% ringers. In this stage of his pitching career he was throwing 40 feet (as were all men) with 1¾ turn. Then in 1990 at age 80, he moved up to 30 feet with a 1¼ turn pitching his *Greeott Grabber* shoes, developed in 1985.

At 30 feet George was able to pitch with natural delivery without exertion, thereby increasing his ringer percentage over what he was pitching at 40 feet.



Before retirement, George was a fruit rancher in one of Northern California's fertile valleys. Now, after retirement, he pursues, with natural endowment, a talent for wood carving that has been recognized throughout Northern California for its skillful making.

George recently completed his Masterpiece—90 tools, all made to exact size, shape and appearance to imitate their counterparts made in iron. Time required to complete this gargantuan task was 500 arduous hours of careful attention to detail. A rectangular carrycase in which each tool fits its allotted space, was but a simple procedure to make after its tool-content was formed. Weight of the case, loaded with tools is 50 pounds—easy to carry.

Where and when a special tool was required to perform intricate shaping, as of moving parts, for example, he, himself, made the tool from scrap iron, perhaps from the tine of an old hay-pitching fork left over from farm days. "I never throw away anything," George mentioned.

The variety of wood used in these 90 carvings sounds like most all came from a Midwest farm woodlot; some even came from foreign crates that encased imported products.

Yes, all these tools look real—they're one of a kind—only collection of wooden tools known to exist anywhere; heavy jaws of a Monkey Wrench appear eager to grasp a loose nut; intricately carved thumbscrew on a pipe wrench would fool all but a plumber; two parts of a pair of

pliers move together or apart on different stops, moving firmly on a close-honed pivot-peg made of harder wood than jaws to withstand wearing-stress of movement (as if it were to be put to hard usage)

George is an inventor too, not of wooden things, but of equipment useful to livestock farmers; a wire stretcher which has met favorable approval with sales in thousands of units. In 1985 George designed, produced and marketed his own horseshoe—the acclaimed *Greeott Grabber*. This complete horseshoe operation has been turned over the NHPA's Donnie Roberts.

Will George ever slow down? Not so long as his desire to create stays with him—and there is wood to carve—and wire stretchers to design—and horseshoes to dream up.



THE BRICK MAN

Karl Van Sant of Cayuga, Indiana, by Jim Haupt
horseshoe pitcher known throughout the NHPA long before he became the 1992 Senior World Champion, has another interesting avocation. His card says, "Collector of Name & Design Brick." By actual count Van Sant has, on display, over 3000 pieces of baked clay, all with some sort of inscription or marking.



I can't recall just why Van Sant gave me his card a few years ago, but the brick message was unique. Maybe I have brick on the brain or carried one too many in my younger days as a hod-carrier or 'hunt-lunger' as the old-timers called it. So I jumped at the chance to see his private collection.

3000 brick, he said, and each one has a little history of its own. We drove to the edge of town where Van Sant lives in a *stone* house. "Indiana limestone," he says, "my brother's a brick layer and I was a carpenter. We did all the work."

The way to Van Sant's "Brickyard" is paved with duplicates from the collection. From his house to the "Brickyard" shed, Van Sant has a designer brick walk over 100 feet long and a good yard wide. (It is uncommon to lay a brick with the brand marking showing. In the trade a backwards brick is known as a "Shiner" by the way it breaks the pattern.) Van Sant's walk, on a concrete base, has every piece laid design side up, "shiners," for maximum effect. All the brick in the walk are clay pavers laid in mortar, separated with a cross joint.

For the uninitiated, brick roadways were one of the forerunners to modern concrete surfaces. They stood up to the hard wear of iron clad wagon wheels, teams of shod horses, and steel sled runners. Local availability, common size, and fabrication made paving brick the newer material choice over harder, cut granite

cobblestones—many of which came from Europe as ballast in an otherwise empty vessel. Brick were versatile. Re-paving meant re-laying by turning the brick upside-down. The mark of brand imprinted during molding was protected as it was on the side and not intended as a weather surface.

Hardly a man alive can remember when all paved roads were stone or brick. It's only the old roads and some alleys that remain cobblestone. Van Sant has an old picture of a paving crew laying a cobblestone road. "That's my dad, third from the left," he says, betraying a reason for such an odd interest.

Van Sant began collecting about twenty years ago and since he's traveled far and wide searching out old brick plants, demolition sites, and any old spot where brick may have been buried. Even existing walks and old roadways are fair game. One has to do some historical research to find likely sites. Van Sant is not a pack-rat. His home and brickyard are neat and nifty but he can see value where others may not.

There exists, I'm told, a Brick Collectors Association with a newsletter and a national convention which Van Sant has also hosted.

A few years ago he had to build an outbuilding he calls a shed to house the collection. It's about the size of a four car garage built of brick he resurrected when the town tore down an old landmark. Three of the inside

walls are lined with collector bricks. Would you believe alphabetical order? Each displayed in a separate little compartment. Many had to be scrubbed clean, coated with sealer, and the brand highlighted with contrasting paint. One says "Canton, Ohio," another with a strange logo that, deciphered, means Terre Haute—a city in Indiana. "Convict Made" explains one more—3000, each one differing somewhat. Yes, it is impressive.

I found a "special" brick laid dry in a greenhouse floor. It showed two ducks in flight and was a common building brick. The owner said, "O.K., take it" and revealed that it was made by the Old Duck Creek Brick Company, formerly located in Duck Creek, next to Green Bay, Wisconsin. It's now called Howard but Duck Creek still flows. So I sent the "find" to Van Sant. His reply included a diagram of that brick and three others like it in the Duck Creek series. Oh well.

Want to talk some more brick? Ask Karl Van Sant, the Senior Champ if he has his card—brick card that is.

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1993 Candidates

Dave Loucks Seeks Reelection As NHPA President

It has been my privilege to serve the NHPA as President since 1986 and as *Newsline* Publisher since 1989. During that time, association membership has nearly doubled while many significant improvements have been adopted for the overall benefit of the NHPA. Liability insurance made it possible for many clubs on the brink of shutdown to continue and flourish while opening the door for others to join. World Tournament prize money has been increased some five fold and all classes are now paid, not just the top few. A National Stat Center has been developed and is operational, Regional Tournament play leading to a National Championship is now a reality, the Bylaws were revised and simplified, Junior promotion programs have been implemented and significant work has been done toward a permanent Hall of Fame to mention just a few.

All my work as an NHPA Officer and *Newsline* Publisher has been done with the intent of doing the most for the benefit of the greatest number. With your support, we have made and can continue to make meaningful strides. I offer my dedication and experience to an ever improving NHPA. Your continued support and vote will be appreciated and together we will achieve new goals. Sincerely,

Dave Loucks

Gary Minnick Candidate for NHPA President

To All My Fellow Horseshoe People...It is with great pleasure that I announce my candidacy for President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. I will consider it a privilege to serve you in this capacity. I have 20 years experience in dealing with organizational issues, dealing with people and overseeing projects. I believe in Horseshoes for the People, by the People. I am completing my second term as 5th Vice President and Chairman of the Regional Directors, so I know how the NHPA is run. I will be happy to discuss things in great detail at Spearfish. I hereby solicit your vote in 1993. I believe in Honesty, Integrity, Leadership and Guidance. I look forward to seeing you in Spearfish. **It's time for change.**

Gary Minnick

Earl Winston Announces Candidacy for Reelection as 1st Vice President

I would like to announce that I will be seeking reelection to my position of First Vice President of the NHPA at the 1993 NHPA Convention in Spearfish.

As Chairman of the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee, I have been working towards the acquisition of a permanent location for our NHPA Hall of Fame. Things are going well and I believe I can continue to be of service to our members given the opportunity to continue working in this capacity.

Your vote and your support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Earl Winston

Bud Schardine Candidate for 1st Vice President

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of 1st Vice President of the NHPA. I am an experienced leader having served the NHPA for over 5 years as a Regional Director and sub-distributor of Horseshoe products. As a pitcher/promoter, I have attended six World Tournaments, organized annual invitational tournaments in Utah, initiated the North/South agreement for the Utah State Tournament and been the coordinator of the 1992 Utah Summer Games. Additionally, I have served youth baseball for some 40 years as a regional director, league president, umpire, coach and coordinator for building and repairing ball park facilities.

On a personal side, I am married with 4 children, spent 4 years in the Marine Corps, retired from U.S. Steel and now have a plastic welding repair business. I am active in the Elks, Kiwanis, my church, local politics, the School District and community affairs. I believe my broad experience in many areas would serve me well in bringing new ideas and concepts to the NHPA. Please consider supporting my candidacy. Thank you.

Bud Schardine

Reelect Bev Born NHPA 3rd Vice President

I have strived for and will continue to work hard towards a better sanctioned cl/ig program and NHPA for all of you. As we continue to grow, you need dedicated officers who not only consider what you want and the organization needs, but also ones that will listen to each of your individual ideas and opinions. Officers who's greatest desire is for our continued growth and betterment, who can look at the long range effects of changes on our sport, not just what they might do for you and me, personally, but for the majority's benefit, both now and in the future.

I honestly believe that you now have such a Council of Officers and would like to ask that you give your support to those that have served you well and, like myself, wish very much to continue to do so. There have been many advantageous changes made in the past few years and more in planning stages to come. Let's all keep a positive, "looking forward" outlook and support your incumbent officers. I would appreciate your consideration, for me, for reelection. Thank you. Sincerely

Beverly "Bev" Born

Dick Hansen Candidate for NHPA 5th Vice President

I am happy to announce my candidacy for the office of 5th Vice President of the NHPA. I have been a supporter of the sport of horseshoe pitching for some 30 plus years

For NHPA Office

and have the desire to help it continue to grow. As president of the Wisconsin Charter for the past six years, I feel I have worked well with not only my fellow officers but also our membership.

I would like to now share my knowledge and offer my services to the NHPA at the national level. I have 30 years of experience in communications and working with others. As your 5th Vice President, I would effectively lead the Regional Director program and conscientiously work with the other members of the Executive Council for the continued growth of our sport and the NHPA.

Your vote and support will be appreciated. Thank you.

Dick Hansen

John Decker Candidate for NHPA 5th Vice President

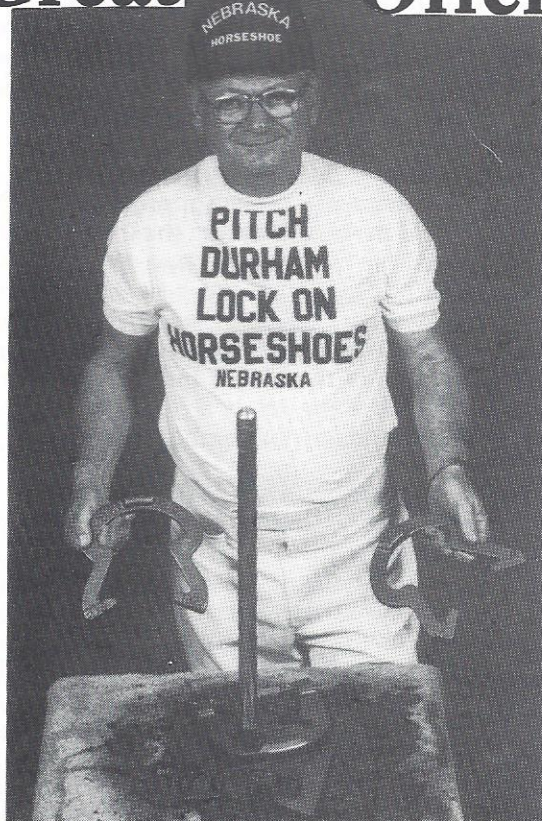
I, John K. Decker, am announcing my candidacy for the position of 5th Vice President. I have been a member of the NHPA since 1975. I have been very active in my state, both at club and state level. I am currently Regional Director of the state of Michigan. Most of you will remember me from checking your shoes at the past two World Tournaments.

I know the basic working order of the NHPA and the goals they are working to achieve. I know all of the present NHPA officers and believe I can work with them in harmony. I am asking you for your vote so that I may become your next 5th Vice President.

John Decker

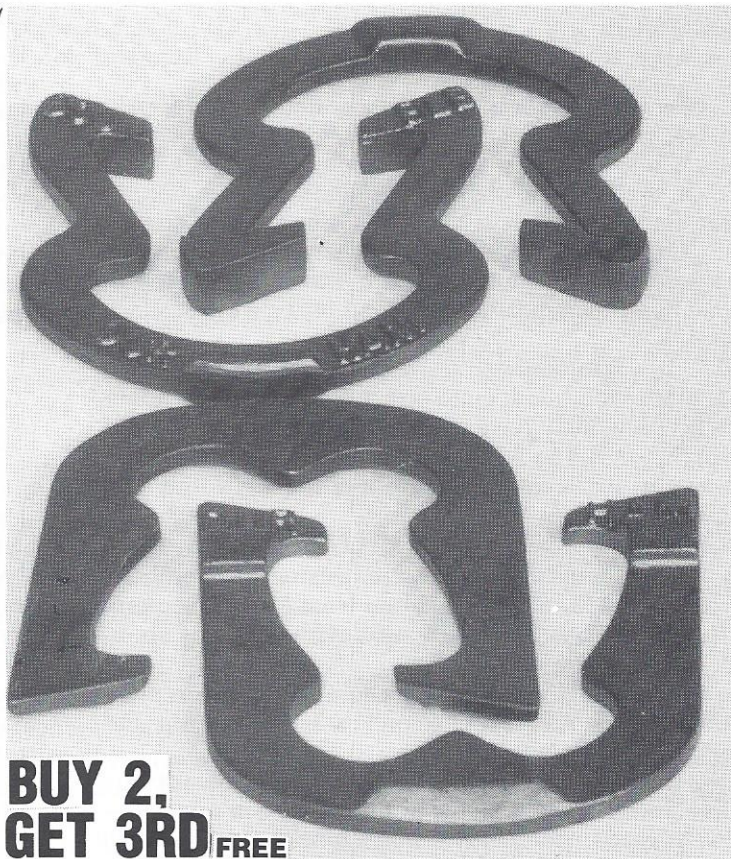
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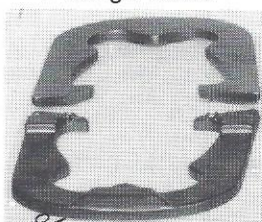
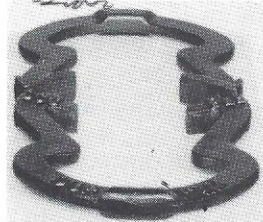
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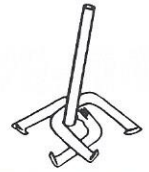
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Chatter could use an up-to-date list of State Champions in all classes and a list of Hall of Fame inductees. State publicity chairmen are urged to send news items even though you don't have a newsletter. I have had several states write to me wondering why their state is not represented in *Charter Chatter*.

News items are taken from your newsletter. This is the only contact I have with your state. Send your news and clippings to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont Rd., #176, Boulder, Colorado 80301.

All states, even the clubs should have a publicity director. Your members deserve media coverage. Contact your local paper and cover horseshoe pitching in your area.

CALIFORNIA

The Northern California Horseshoe Pitching Association had a total of 666 members in 1992—637 adults and 29 juniors. There were 103 NCHPA sanctioned tournaments and 4690 participants.

Chet Carter entered the most tournaments—52, followed by Charles McDonald 48 and Derald Rasmussen 44. Dorothy Rasmussen competed in 44. You don't think she would let her husband go alone? Junior Bonnie Robbins competed in 15.

COLORADO

LaCrosse and Sandoval. Two familiar names in Colorado horseshoe pitching.

Paul LaCrosse, 10-time State Champion, teamed with Gene Sandoval, the husband of 4-time women's State Champion Virginia Sandoval, to win the 1993 State doubles crown.

Keith Thompson, president of the charter for many years and at present the Regional Director, is back to work with the state highway department after suffering a heart attack January 29.

The CHPA Sportsmanship award, named after veteran pitcher Arch Wood, will go to one of the state's club members who previously have been selected by one of the 13 clubs in the state. The 70+ Wood has joined the 30-ft. class, but is tossing just a few feet in front of the 40-ft. foul line.

CONNECTICUT

The Valley Horseshoe League, comprising 160 members, competes every Monday in Shelton from May to September. The league has existed 18 years with 16 teams sponsored by regional merchants.

The two Shelton locations where competition takes place are Sutter-Terlizzi American Legion Post with 12 courts, and Esther's Hacienda with six.

At the top of the *Connecticut Post Sports* section appears a couple lines that all of us would like to see in our newspapers. It reads: *Got A Recreation Sports Result? Call Bill McDonald, Sports Department 330-6215.*

GEORGIA

The State Charter has established the "Georgia Horseshoe Pitcher of the Year" award to be given to one of their members who has the highest number of points for the

year based on participation and position in the standings in all classes. Several states have the same award each year.

The new secretary-treasurer for Georgia is Jim Haley of Stone Mountain. Howard Lubben of Lawrenceville is the Charter President.

The 20 scheduled tournaments for the state include warmups for the World and State Tournaments to be held one week before the "big" tournaments.

HAWAII

A note from Regional Director Rodney Nahina reports that many of the pitchers in the 50th State enjoyed meeting and pitching with 5-time World Champion Walter Ray Williams, Jr., who was in Hawaii for a bowling tournament. The meeting included a cook-out lunch, some excellent pitching and instruction for improvement in horseshoe pitching.

It all started in 1988 as a dream of many people, including Rodney, Tom Duncan and Charles Ahina. The dream? To have a horseshoe pitching arena with a clubhouse and restroom facilities built on the Waianae Coast. Last month a ground breaking ceremony was held for such a facility to be located at the Waianae Regional Park.

IOWA

A Regional Tournament has been approved by the NHPA Council to be held in August during the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. The Iowa State Fair will be a major contributor.

Bob McKee of Marshalltown has been elected 3rd vice president, Lois Garner of Russell was elected statistician and Steve Hatch of Knoxville was elected youth director.

With the addition of the Eldora indoor facility, it adds several tournaments to the yearly schedule. The schedule opens May 1 and ends on November 13 and 14.

MINNESOTA

Phyllis Negaard is the undisputed Queen of horseshoe pitching in Minnesota. Just look at her domination of the MGSHPA State Tournament where she has captured 14 titles in 17 years since the women's division was started.

If you are not convinced, add the five World titles and Hall of Fame honors at both the state and national levels.

Negaard had played the sport with her husband, Ron, and other couples in the back yard prior to entering sanctioned competition.

The first time she entered a tournament, Phyllis did not know women could pitch from 30 feet. When she finally moved up, the results were incredible. Her ringer percentage went up from 10% to 32% in 15 minutes.

The rest is history...and the "Queen" continues to compete in the World Championship Class.

NEW YORK

Six-time State Champion Art Tyson posted a perfect 7-0 record (78.9%) to win Class A in the Pioneer Horseshoe Open in Syracuse. The Pioneer's major highlight for the year came at Columbus, Ohio during the World Tournament, when they received the bid for the 1994 World

Tournament. It marks the first time the World will be staged in New York.

Getting back to the Open. Sue Tyman won the women's crown with 6-1 record and a fine 67.2%. Finishing second was five-time World Champion Ruth Hangen. Pat Moss won the Class B title for the women, and Dave Rundell won the men's Class B title.

According to Director John Ruston, over 140 pitchers competed in the tournament from three states—New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Interesting to note that the Pioneer Club also hosted the Police Olympics with 30 deputies and guards taking part in horseshoe pitching last year. They are on the move.

NORTH CAROLINA

Newsletter editor Paul Stewart writes: "Get the horseshoes down off the nail or out of the car trunk and start rubbing off the rust, it's horseshoe season! It's time to stretch some muscles, and crack some joints that haven't been used since last Fall...unless you are one of the lucky ones who have been pitching indoors all winter."

The Troy Recreation and Parks Department is in the process of building 16 new courts. This will be the site of the 1993 State Tournament September 11.

President Douglas Shear has these few words to say, words that concern every charter: "It will take more than our state officers to improve horseshoes. It will take you. We need you to create interest in your area by getting new members, encouraging horseshoe court construction, organizing tournaments and improving publicity for our sport."

MICHIGAN

Fred Smith, President of the Wolverine Charter reports that Michigan is the only state that has over 50% of its membership compete in the state championships. It schedules all pitchers to play two days and has one of the largest prize funds. The tournament is one of, if not the, finest state tournaments in the country.

Their schedule runs from April 17 through October 3 with the state tournament running four days, September 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The Wolverine newsletter had an unusual notation. One that mentions all the volunteers that help make horseshoe pitching successful. Those are the people behind the scenes, the local club members. Many tournaments are a success because of these people. Every charter has this group of dedicated people.

OHIO

Don't ask Ken Walters to explain his son Jim's success in the sport of horseshoes. "If I knew how he did it, I would be doing it myself," Ken said.

Jim Walters has no equal when he tows the line with a 2 pound, 9 ounce horseshoe in hand. Last year he won the Junior Boys World Championship for the fourth consecutive year. Jim, a 15 year old Troy High School student, can become the first ever five-time Boys World Champion next summer at Spearfish, South Dakota. However, Jim is not about to dwell on what awaits him in the future. "I will think about it when it comes," he said. "Winning four times is an accomplishment!"

Last year at Columbus, Ohio, Jim won 9, lost none and completed the nine games with an 89.3 percentage. Jim states there is no pressure at all when he pitches. He said

he let the pressure bother him in his first World. Since then he has learned to block it out.

OREGON

Bob West won his first State title in 1957, and totalled 13 before Ben Wiedrich took over the past 12 years. Ben will be after Number 13 this September. West holds the high tournament percentage with an 84.66 effort in 1970.

Joanne Joy of Corvallis is the current Women's Champion. Holding the individual tournament percentage is Marge McLeod from Yamhill (70.22) who won four straight titles from 1987-1990. Fran Cooper from Hermiston holds the title record with six wins from 1973-1975 and 1984-1986. Sandy Bartel from Oregon City won four straight crowns from 1979-1982. A three-time winner was Frances Phillips from Dallas (1976-1978). Sandy also captured two junior titles (1975 and 1976).

PENNSYLVANIA

The new vice president for the state is Christine Wohar from Donora. She is a young lady who will bring much expertise into the association since she will be the new editor of the Western Pennsylvania newsletter. Other WPHPA officers are Ron Weiss, president, Steve Rethage, secretary-treasurer.

The 1992 Pennsylvania State Champions are Glenn Burris, Bellfonte (72.1), Grace Rugg, Mill Run 58.9, George Blehi (Srs.) 46.8, and Tony Dawson (Jrs.) 45.6.

The top women were Grace Rugg 59.6, Aileen Drayer 57.7, Rugg 56.4, Drayer 53.9 and 52.6.

Top juniors were Paul Butcher 44.8, Tony Dawson 42.7, Mike Drayer 31.2, Keith Hayes 22.4 and Mark DiFiori 12, all in the Eastern Nationals.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Editor Ron Taylor of the S.C. Newsletter asks us: *How Proud We Horseshoe Players Are.*

At the conclusion of a doubles tournament, we can't simply say "we pitched bad or had a bad day." Instead we use excuses that help heal our ego. Have you ever heard or used one of these?

1. It was too hot, cold, windy or wet.
2. My partner wasn't any good.
3. I couldn't use my shoes.
4. I wasn't feeling good.
5. My opponent was just too lucky.
6. There was too much talking.
7. I was in the wrong class.
8. I pitched from the wrong end.
9. I just can't play at that place.
10. I was so hungry I couldn't pitch.

TENNESSEE

The winter schedule at Jack Freeman Courts in Joelton, TN started in January. 49 pitchers from five states: Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Kentucky participated in this tournament.

During this tournament in one class at the same time, husband pitched against wife (Bill and Paula Hunsicker), brother against brother (Wayman and Walt Edmonds), and father against son (Grady and Bobby Cook).

On March 13 (the day after the worst snow storm to hit the South in a century) 19 die hard pitchers from four states showed up for the Billy Cook Open.

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UTAH

The February 1993 issue of the *Utah Newsletter* lists the high percentages and all-time winners list. Topping the percentage list is John Bracken with 68.7% followed by Lorin Condie with 61.3. The top ten in the winners lists are as follows: Glen McAllister 532, Dennis Ohms 523, J.J. Steffen 496, Shirley Steffen 451, L.D. Alldredge 442, Lorin Condie 436, Dale Sorensen 384, G.C. Dodds 345, Nober Zuniga 311 and Paul Rudy 298.

Dennis Ohms was elected president for 1993. Vice presidents are J.J. Steffen, Lorin Condie, Dale Sorensen, Ron Hunt and Claude Payne. Appointed to positions were Margaret Sorensen, secretary; Shirley Steffen historian, and Leo Irvine, publicity.

VIRGINIA

Marvin May (organizer) and Daniel Strickler (organizer) were elected into the State's Hall of Fame this past year. Sixteen members have been inducted since the first pair joined in 1975. They were Raymond Frye and Clayton Henson, both for pitching excellence.

Committee members are Chairman Hensel Eppard, Les Singhass, Bobby Dean, Sr., Cindy Dean, Marvin May, Jesse Grim, Floyd Hix, Jr. and Robert Toney.

Marvin May became a member of NHPA in 1959. As far as the state officers know, he was the only active member in Virginia at that time. Marvin was VHPA secretary from 1959-1969 and Regional Director from 1970-1975. He directed many tournaments in Lynchburg and promoted horseshoes all over the state.

Daniel Strickler started pitching horseshoes with NHPA in 1960. He has been a hard-working individual helping to organize clubs and construct courts. He has been commended for his hard work, dedication and commitment in promoting the game of horseshoes for several years. He has been an inspiration to many through the years.

WASHINGTON

Winners of the Winetrout #1 Tournament were Peter Clark (A), John Richardson (B), Frank Woods (C), Earl Kuper (D), Darrel Jones (E), George DeHart (F) and Don Isaacson (G). The 6-part series was started by Francis "Winnie" Winetrout in 1965.

For these six tournaments only, scoring consists of counting all ringers made by each player in a game. Class winners are determined by won/lost record.

Congratulations to all the state winners from 1992: Henry Knauft (Men) 70.2, Michelle Ives (Women) 66.2, and Mark Rupprecht (Boys) 41.5.

WHAT A RECORD: Henry Knauft from 1949-1992. 14 first place finishes, 12 seconds, 11 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 fifth, 1 sixth.

WEST VIRGINIA

Charles M. Bunner, the super publicity person, reports that he hopes the fact that West Virginia Tri-County Horseshoe Club has been awarded a Regional will stimulate organizations to support the state effort to obtain the okay for an NHPA Hall of Fame. It is a tremendous project to obtain approval from the State Legislature to appropriate \$1.5 million for a 31,650 square foot complex to include a multipurpose arena, NHPA Hall of Fame, restrooms, kitchen and storage.

The Regional will be held May 29-30 and currently with their annual 12th Head-of-the-Mon River Memorial weekend tournament.

WISCONSIN

Averages for the top three tournaments for state pitchers has been released. Ralph Maylahn was tops with a percentage of 71.76. Richard Pichler 68.61, Don Kangas 68.05, John Udelhofen 67.42 and Marvin Huffman 65.91.

By the way, Maylahn competed in 21 tournaments, Jim Haupt in 19, Tony Scrima 19, Cliff Troullier 18, Ken Jaeger, Sr. 18, Gus Schram 18, Tom Steinke 18, Huffman 17, and Dan Jaglowski 16.

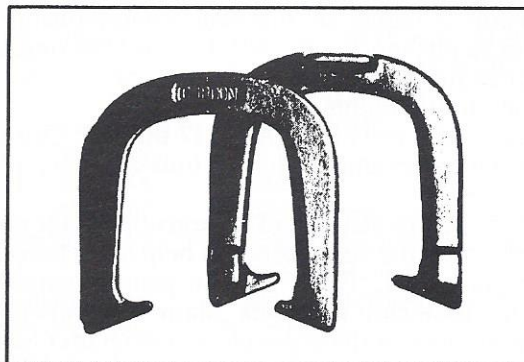
For the women Jan Smith tops the list with 66.74, followed by Lorraine Sternberg 66.30, Edith McKinney 65.65, Joan Guetzke 61.97 and Debby Bestul 60.19.

WYOMING

Gillette, Wyoming will bid for the 1996 World Tournament, according to Regional Director Harold Koch. NHPA officers will visit the site, including the Cam-Plex, a multi-event facility, July 17 and 18th just prior to the 1993 World Tournament in Spearfish.

The NHPA Council will be staying at the Best Western Tower West, will visit the Cam-Plex, the high school (16 practice courts), Moose Lodge (20 practice courts), Fireside Lounge (12 practice courts), plus other interesting places in the area.

Sundance, WY will host a pre-world tournament on the 17th and Belle Fourche, South Dakota, just north of Spearfish, will host one on the 18th. The World starts on the 19th.



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Playing Rules To Be Reviewed

The document that follows is the proposed rewrite of the complete NHPA Playing Rules as authorized by our president. It has been a long arduous task, but we hope the labors are fruitful. We know that it isn't perfect, but we feel it is an improvement over what we have had and is much more inclusive than our present document. Hopefully, you will find it acceptable. Several items were added and, we feel, nothing of significance was left out.

To help you read through the document, all items in *slightly bolder italic print* are either significant changes in wording or proposed changes, or additions that were not previously in the rules. The rules have been renumbered and sections regrouped and there is little similarity, in structure, to the previous set of rules.

To do your part as an NHPA member, your task is to read through the document and give your thoughts and input to your charter

officers and/or delegates to the NHPA Convention at Spearfish so that all discussion and voting can be done in an organized efficient process.

Time will be critical at the convention, so make sure your delegates understand the issues before they get there.

We appreciate your support on this project and hope our efforts are worthwhile. *Sincerely,*

**Barry Chapelle and the
NHPA Rules Committee**

Proposed Revisions of the Official NHPA Playing Rules

Published by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America (NHPA)

The Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching are to be used for all NHPA Sanctioned Tournament and League play.

RULE 1 — COURT LAYOUT

Section A. DIMENSIONS—A horseshoe court shall be a level rectangular area, forty-six feet long and six feet wide. *A north-south setting is recommended for outdoor courts to minimize the effects of the sun.*

Section B. PITCHER'S BOX—The pitcher's box is the square six-foot by six-foot area at each end of the court. It is composed of two parts—1) the pit, and 2) the pitching platforms.

1. PIT—The pit is a rectangular area filled with the substance to which the shoes are pitched. Its maximum length (in the direction in which the shoes are pitched) is 72 inches and its minimum length is 43 inches. Its maximum width is 36 inches and its minimum width is 31 inches. The pit must be centered in the pitcher's box. *If the pit is less than the maximum dimensions, the extra space shall be filled with the same substance of which the platforms are made and shall be level with the pit and platforms (unless the platforms are raised).*

2. PITCHING PLATFORMS—The pitching platforms flank the pit *to its left and right sides and are parallel to each other. They shall be level with each other and to the top of the pit (unless the pits are raised). They shall be 18 to 20½ inches wide (depending on the width of the pit) and shall be six feet long.*

Section C. STAKES—The stake is the target at which the shoe is pitched. The base of each stake shall be in the exact center of the pit, *so that the centers of the stakes are forty feet apart at pit level.* Stakes shall be exactly one inch in diameter and may be made of cold-rolled steel, mild iron, soft metal or synthetic material. Each stake shall be no shorter than 14 and no higher than 15 inches above pit level and they shall both have a three inch (12 degree) lean toward each other.

Section D. PIT MATERIAL—Clay, sand, dirt and NHPA approved synthetic material are all legal substances to put in the

pit. *On permanent courts, the minimum depth of the material shall be four inches.*

Section E. EXTENDED PLATFORMS—*The pitching platforms on either side of the pit shall be extended forward (towards the opposite pit) an additional ten feet to accommodate pitching at shorter distances. The front of the extended platforms shall be twenty-seven feet from the opposite stake. The extended platforms shall be level with and be of the same width and substance as the regular platforms. It is recommended that the fourteen feet between the front ends of the platforms be filled in (using the same material as the platforms) to provide a continuous level walking surface between the two pitcher's boxes.*

Section F. MULTIPLE COURTS

1. SIDE-BY-SIDE—Stakes of courts adjacent to each other shall be a minimum of ten feet apart. A greater distance is preferable, if possible.

2. BACK-TO-BACK—*A Minimum of 16 feet and a protective material must separate the stakes of back-to-back courts.*

Section G. BACKBOARDS and PROTECTIVE BARRIER

1. BACKBOARDS—Every pit should have a backboard. It should be at least four feet behind the stake, be at least one foot high and extend the width of the pit. *For spectator visibility, a mesh netting or chain link material is recommended. If of solid material, it should be a color that will provide a contrasting background so as to keep the stake visible for the contestants.*

2. PROTECTIVE BARRIER—*All court complexes shall be surrounded by a protective barrier to ensure the safety of spectators and meet insurance requirements. The barrier should be at least eight feet behind the stake. A chain-link type fence at least four feet high is recommended.*

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Section H. FOUL LINES—Foul lines shall be defined by lines extending across the front of the main and extended platforms. This places them thirty-seven feet and twenty-seven feet respectively from the opposite stakes. They shall be level with the platforms. *(The use of paint is recommended.)*

Section I. IMAGINARY STAKES—Imaginary stakes shall be marked midway between the left and right extended platforms at a distance of thirty feet from the opposite stakes.

Section J. RAISED AND/OR INDOOR COURTS

1. Courts constructed in an indoor facility shall have a minimum *twelve foot vertical clearance to the lowest possible obstruction.*

2. Portable courts and indoor courts built in such fashion that the pits are above pitching platform level must meet the following requirements;

a. The top of the pit shall be no more than *seven* inches above the level of the pitching platforms.

b. *The foul lines shall be adjusted (forward) one inch for every inch the pits are above the pitching platforms.*

NOTE: The NHPA realizes that many sets of courts now in existence do not meet all of the conditions listed in Rule 1. All new courts shall be constructed using the guidelines in Rule 1 and charters are encouraged to modify their existing courts to meet these standards as soon as possible.

RULE 2 — PLAYING EQUIPMENT

Section A. LEGAL SHOES—The sport of horseshoes is played with specially manufactured equipment. Any official (legal) horseshoe must be sanctioned and approved by the NHPA and must pass the following maximum weight and measurement standards (there are no minimum standards): 1) it shall not weigh more than two pounds, ten ounces; 2) it shall not exceed 7-1/4 inches in width, 7-5/8 inches in length and, on a parallel line 3/4 inch from a straightedge touching the points of the shoe, the opening of the shoe must not exceed 3-1/2 inches. *(A 1/8 inch tolerance to 3-5/8 inches is allowed on used shoes).* Shoes not meeting these requirements shall not be used in NHPA sanctioned competition.

Section B. ALTERED SHOES—Any shoe which has been changed from its original design (caulk, notch, etc.), shall be considered an "altered" shoe. An "altered" shoe is illegal and cannot be used in sanctioned play. **NOTE:** The NHPA Executive Council has the right to waive the "altered" shoe provision for a physically impaired contestant.

Section C. SHOES SANCTIONED BY OTHER COUNTRIES *Any shoes sanctioned by another country are permissible only for contestants from that country. They are not allowable (for U.S. citizens) in NHPA sanctioned events unless they are also sanctioned by the NHPA.*

RULE 3 — PITCHING DISTANCES

Section A. MALES

1. Males 17 and under shall pitch from any place on either the main or extended platforms. They must observe the twenty-seven foot foul lines.

2. All males ages 18-69 shall pitch from the platforms adjacent to the pits and observe the thirty-seven foot foul lines. *(It is allowable for a contestant to stand behind, but not to the side of, the main platform if he so desires.)* Physically impaired

males in this age bracket may be given permission by the governing NHPA officials to move onto the extended platforms and observe the twenty-seven foot foul lines.

3. Males 70 and over shall pitch from any place on the main or extended platforms. They must observe the twenty-seven foot foul lines.

NOTE: For purposes of proper classification, male pitchers 17 or under and 70 or over must identify themselves as either full distance pitchers (observing the thirty-seven foot foul line) or short distance pitchers (observing the twenty-seven foot foul line). It is legal for such a pitcher to establish an average at either distance. However, during a particular event, a pitcher entering as a full distance pitcher must stay that way for the entire competition. A pitcher entering as a short distance pitcher may pitch from anywhere on the platforms.

Section B. FEMALES—Females of all ages shall pitch from any place on the main or extended platforms and observe the twenty-seven foot foul lines.

RULE 4—PIT PREPARATION and MAINTENANCE

Section A. Every effort shall be made to keep the substance in the pit in a moist putty-like condition so the shoes will not bounce or move around after coming in contact with the substance. The material in the pit shall be watered (if necessary) and *leveled to the top of the surrounding platforms (unless the pits are raised)* before a game starts. Each contestant is responsible for one pit, but a contestant may have someone else do the preparation. During a game, a contestant shall not step on, mash or otherwise repair any of the material in the scoring area of the pit without the consent of the opponent or a tournament official. Repair needed because of a measured shoe or a shoe which was "buried" shall be handled using the same guidelines.

NOTE: Pits composed of sand or dirt often "hollow out" after a few innings. A blanket statement by the tournament director (made before competition begins) shall allow the leveling of these courts as needed without constant consent between the contestants.

Section B. *With the permission of the tournament committee, the stakes may be painted for visibility purposes before a game starts. This procedure shall not be done while a game is in progress.*

RULE 5 — GAME PREPARATION

It is customary for contestants to find out their court assignments and warm up on the court for their first game with the proper opponent. The court should be prepared for play during this time. When the tournament official announces the start of play, the contestants shall flip a shoe or coin with the winner having the choice of first or second pitch.

After a game is completed, a contestant shall go to the next assigned court and prepare one pit for play. When the other contestant arrives, the same procedure shall be followed. When both contestants have arrived and prepared the pits, they may pitch four warm up shoes together and then must start their game, using the method in the previous paragraph to decide first pitch. It is legal for a contestant to practice alone if the second contestant is late in arriving.

RULE 6 — PLAY OF THE GAME

Section A. INNINGS and DELIVERY OF SHOES

1. INNINGS—The game is broken down into innings. Each inning consists of four pitched shoes, two by each contestant.

2. DELIVERY OF SHOES

a. *The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (one at a time) and then the other contestant shall deliver both shoes (one at a time).* A contestant may deliver the shoes from either the left or right platform but, in any one inning, both shoes must be delivered from the same platform.

b. *If both contestants use the same platform to deliver their shoes, the contestant pitching first (after delivering both shoes) shall cross over to the other side in front of the pit and then move to the rear of that platform. As the first contestant is crossing over in front, the second contestant shall be crossing over in back and mounting the platform from the rear.*

c. A contestant shall deliver both shoes within 30 seconds. The time shall start for the first contestant when the pitching platform is taken in preparation to pitch, after both contestants have retrieved their shoes. The time shall start for the second contestant upon taking the platform after the first contestant has delivered the two shoes.

NOTE: Extra time taken to repair a damaged shoe by filing a burr, etc., or a delay resulting from a distraction not caused by a contestant, shall not be penalized.

Section B. POSITION OF CONTESTANTS DURING DELIVERY

1. THE PITCHER—*During the entire address and delivery of a shoe, when a contestant's foot is in contact with the ground it must be in contact with the designated pitching platform. The lone exception is that the contestant may stand behind (but not to the side of) the main platform.* No contact either on or over the foul line is allowed until after the shoe is released.

2. THE OPPONENT—While not pitching, a contestant shall stand on (or behind) the other platform at least two feet to the rear of the opponent. If the competition is mixed (in terms of pitching distances), the contestant shall move to *the rear* of the main platform. The contestant shall be quiet and stationary so as not to disturb the opponent or contestants on adjacent courts.

3. No contestant shall walk to the opposite stake (*except to remove a foul shoe*) or be informed of the position of any pitched shoes prior to the completion of an inning.

Section C. FLOW OF THE GAME

1. *Once the four shoes have been pitched, the contestants shall walk to the other end to determine the score for the inning and retrieve their shoes. No shoe shall be picked up before its scoring value is determined. If the decision is in doubt, a judge shall be called. The judge shall make the necessary measurement(s) and determine the scoring for the inning.* (Contestants are encouraged to carry measuring devices and make their own decisions whenever possible to help speed up play). Play shall continue in each inning in similar fashion until the game limit is reached.

2. At any one time, a contestant shall carry and use only two horseshoes during the course of a game. A spare shoe or shoes should be kept available at courtside in case of a broken shoe or if the contestant desires to switch shoes. Shoes may be switched between innings, but not during an inning unless a shoe breaks (see Section D.)

3. If it is discovered during an inning that a contestant has pitched the shoe of an opponent, the shoes shall be picked up and the entire inning shall be repitched using the correct shoes. If the contestants fail to discover the error until after all four shoes have been pitched, the inning shall be scored on the basis of whatever shoes they pitched. *If agreement cannot be reached, a judge shall be called. Based upon the input from the contestants, the judge shall either determine the scoring for the inning or void it and order it to be repitched.*

4. *When a shoe is being measured by a contestant and it is accidentally moved, the inning shall be scored only if the contestants can come to an agreement. If no agreement can be reached, a judge shall be called. As in (3) above, the judge shall either determine the scoring or void the inning and order it to be repitched.*

NOTE: *If a judge moves a shoe while making a measurement, the judge shall either determine the scoring for the inning or void it and order it to be repitched.*

5. *It is legal for contestants to use a hook or similar device to retrieve their shoes. Care should be taken in using the hook so as not to endanger the opponent.* Also, contestants are encouraged to carry a file and towel to keep their shoes smooth and shoes and hands clean and dry.

Section D. BROKEN and CRACKED SHOES

1. BROKEN SHOES

a. If a shoe breaks into two or more parts when it hits the stake or the ground in the pit, the parts shall be removed and another shoe shall be allowed to be pitched in its stead. (If the shoe broke when striking the backboard or other "foul" ground, it is foul and may not be repitched.)

b. *If a shoe has landed in the pit and becomes broken by having another shoe land on it, it shall be scored as it appears to lay. If there is any disagreement, a judge shall be called. The judge shall either determine the scoring for the inning or void it and order it to be repitched.*

2. CRACKED SHOES—*If a shoe has cracked, (but not completely broken in two), it shall be scored as it lays. Once the scoring is determined, it shall be replaced.*

Section E. BROKEN STAKES—A broken stake is defined as any stake not in the same position as when the frame started, for whatever reason. When the stake breaks during an inning, the game shall be discontinued at the end of the previous inning and the stake replaced. If a stake breaks as the result of being struck by the fourth shoe of the inning and both contestants agree as to the results of that inning, then it shall be counted. *If they cannot agree, then a judge shall be called. The judge shall either determine the scoring for the inning or void it and order it to be repitched.* Once the stake is replaced, the contestants may take four warm-up shoes each (if they so desire) and play shall resume. Tournament officials may opt to move the game to another court for completion or hold the completion of that game until another time if repairs might be lengthy and the schedule dictates a need to move on.

Section F. PROTESTS—Any protest involving playing conditions or an opponent's shoes shall be made before a game begins. A protest involving any situation occurring while a game is in progress shall be made at the time the problem occurs, but the game shall then be resumed and completed without further interruption. The tournament committee shall make the final ruling on all protests.

RULE 7 — LENGTH OF THE GAME

The length of a game shall be determined before play begins. There are two options.

1. POINT LIMIT—The game shall be played to a pre-determined number of points. The first contestant to reach that amount is the winner.

2. SHOE LIMIT—The game shall be played to a pre-determined amount of shoes. It shall be an even number. When that amount is reached, the contestant with the highest score is the winner. If the score is tied, there are two options:

a. Each contestant shall receive 1/2 win and 1/2 loss. (This option must be used if a handicap system is in effect).

b. A four-shoe (two inning) tie-breaker shall be played. The contestant who would have had first pitch in the next inning shall pitch first in the first inning and the other contestant shall pitch first in the second inning. In the event of another tie, the same rotation shall be used for another two innings and this procedure shall be repeated until the tie is broken.

RULE 8 — VALUE OF A SHOE

Section A. RINGER—A ringer is a shoe which comes to rest encircling the stake. A straightedge touching both points of the shoe must clear (not touch) the stake in order for a shoe to be declared a ringer. A ringer scores three points.

Section B. SHOE IN COUNT—Any shoe that is not a ringer but comes to rest with any portion of it within six inches of any part of the stake is a shoe in count. A shoe in count scores one point. A “leaner,” or other shoe touching the stake (but not a ringer), is considered a shoe in count and scores one point.

Section C. SHOE OUT OF COUNT—A shoe which comes to rest further than six inches from the stake is a shoe out of count and scores no points.

Section D. FOUL SHOE—A foul shoe is a shoe which was delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules of the game. It scores as a shoe out of count and is to be removed immediately from the pit before any more shoes are pitched. (Shoes already in the pit that have been disturbed by a foul shoe are not to be moved. They shall remain as they now lay.)

1. The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by an assigned judge. The penalty is to declare the shoe a foul shoe.

a. Any shoe pitched when the contestant has stepped on, or over, the foul line.

b. Any shoe pitched when a contestant's foot has not been in contact with the pitcher's platform.

—Exception—the foot may be behind the platform with no penalty.

c. Any shoe not delivered within the thirty second time limit.

d. One shoe when a contestant has illegally stepped on the scoring area of the playing surface. When this violation occurs, the contestant shall pitch only one shoe in the next inning. The second shoe shall be carried to the other end.

2. The following occurrences are also considered foul shoes and must be removed immediately from the pit before any more shoes are delivered.

a. Any shoe which contacted the backboard, court frame or any ground outside the pit before it came to rest.

b. Any shoe which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.

NOTE: A shoe which strikes a bird or other animal or foreign object is not foul and may be repitched.

c. The second shoe if the contestant changes shoes after the first shoe has been pitched. The only exception is if the first shoe has broken in two and qualifies for a repitch.

d. Any shoe that leaves a contestant's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched shoe. If it touches any ground outside of the target pit, it shall be counted as a foul shoe. A shoe that is accidentally dropped by a contestant before the forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched.

3. A contestant's shoes shall be called foul if the contestant removed either his own or the opponent's shoes before the scoring for the frame has been agreed upon.

a. If a contestant removes his own shoe, or shoes, the opponent shall score his shoes on the basis of where they lay.

b. If a contestant removes an opponent's shoe, the contestant's shoes shall be declared foul and the opponent's score shall be based on where the opponent thought the shoes were before they were removed. A judge shall be called if a decision cannot be reached. The judge shall determine the scoring for the inning.

RULE 9 — SCORING THE GAME

There are two methods of scoring in horseshoes—cancellation and count all.

Section A. CANCELLATION SCORING

1. In cancellation scoring, only one contestant can score in each inning.

a. RINGERS—Ringers cancel each other. A ringer of one contestant shall cancel a ringer of the other contestant and those shoes shall not score any points. Any uncanceled (live) ringer scores three points.

b. SHOES IN COUNT—A shoe in count shall score one point under the following conditions;

1) If there are cancelled ringers, the closest shoe in count to the stake shall score one point.

2) If there are no cancelled ringers, the closest shoe in count shall score one point. If the other shoe of that same contestant is the second closest shoe in count, it shall also score one point.

3.) If there is one uncanceled ringer and the other shoe of the scoring contestant is the closest shoe in count to the stake, it shall score one point (four points total).

NOTE: Opposing contestant's shoes in count that are touching the stake or are determined to be an equal distance from the stake shall cancel each other and, like cancelled ringers, shall score no points. In that situation, the next closest shoe in count shall score one point.

2. CALLING THE SCORE

a. Points shall be awarded in the following situations. The score shall be called by the contestant scoring the points.

1) No ringer with the closest shoe in count—call “one point.”

- 2) No ringer with the two closest shoes in count—call “two points.”
- 3) One ringer with either no shoe in count or the other contestant having the closest shoe in count—call “one ringer, three points.”
- 4) One ringer with the closest shoe in count—call “one ringer, four points.”
- 5) Two cancelled ringers with the closest shoe in count—call “one ringer each, one point.”
- 6) Two cancelled ringers with one uncanceled ringer—call “three ringers, three points.”
- 7) Two uncanceled ringers—call “two ringers, six points.”

b. No points shall be awarded in the following situations. The score shall be called by the contestant who pitched second.

- 1) All four shoes out of count—call “no score.”
- 2) Two cancelled ringers with no shoes in count or with the other two shoes an equal distance from the stake—call “one ringer each, no score.”
- 3) Four cancelled ringers—call “four-dead.”

NOTE: Shoes in count that are equal distance from the stake cancel each other and have no score so they are scored as shoes out of count. Shoes in count that do not end up scoring points shall be scored as shoes out of count.

Section B. COUNT-ALL SCORING

In count-all scoring, both contestants receive credit for the number of points their own shoes are worth in each inning. Because both contestants can score in the same inning (each contestant can score either zero, one, two, three, four, or six points in each inning), care should be taken in reporting the scores to the scorekeeper so that the proper score is recorded for each contestant.

Section C. In tournament play, the scoresheet (not the scoring device) shall be the official record of the game. *Contestants are encouraged to pay close attention to the score at all times. If a question or discrepancy occurs regarding the correct score, the contestants shall approach the scorer between innings (not during an inning) to rectify the situation.* If the discrepancy cannot be corrected to the satisfaction of both contestants, the tournament committee shall make the final decision.

RULE 10 — PITCHING ROTATION DURING THE GAME

Section A. If the game is to be played under cancellation scoring, there are two ways to determine who shall pitch first in the next frame once the game has started. The method to be used shall be determined before play begins.

1. The contestant who scored in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning. If neither pitcher scores, the contestant who pitched second (last) in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning.

2. ALTERNATE PITCH—Alternate first pitch is used to guarantee each contestant an equal amount of first and second pitches during a game. It can be done in three ways. If the game is to be played to a shoe limit, it is recommended that the limit be a number divisible by four.

a. One contestant shall pitch first from one end and the opponent shall pitch first from the other end.

b. One contestant shall pitch first in innings 1,4,5,8,9,12,13, 16,17 ... and the other contestant shall pitch first in innings 2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15 ... until the game is completed. (This is the fairest, and recommended way.)

c. One contestant shall pitch first in innings 1,2,5,6,9,10,13, 14 ... while the other contestant shall pitch first in innings 3,4,7,8,11,12,15,16 ... until the game is completed.

Section B. Any game played using count-all scoring shall be played under an alternate pitch format found in Sec. A (2) above.

Section C. Any game played under any kind of handicap system shall use an alternate pitch format.

Section D. If it is discovered during an inning (before all four shoes are pitched) that the wrong contestant has pitched first, the shoes pitched so far in that inning shall be picked up and the inning shall be repitched. If the error is not discovered until after all four shoes have been delivered, they shall be scored as they lay and the correct rotation shall be re-established for the rest of the game.

RULE 11 — DOUBLES

In doubles play, two contestants are partners against another team of two contestants. One contestant from each team shall be at each end of the court and the contestants shall be matched by the tournament officials so that the highest rated contestant (by percentage) from each team shall be at the same end. The tournament committee shall determine the length of game and type of play and the scoring shall be done on one scoresheet, just like for singles play. When contestants are pitching their shoes, the contestants at the other end shall be well behind and to the side of the pitcher's box (for their own safety) and in a stationary position so as not to disturb the contestants on their own and adjacent courts. Otherwise, all rules for singles play shall apply.

Section A. REGULAR DOUBLES

In regular doubles, each team uses one pair of shoes and the contestants stay at the same end of the court for the entire game. To begin the game, the highest rated contestants shall decide first pitch and pitch their shoes, just as in singles competition. Their partners at the other end decide and call the score, retrieve the shoes and pitch them back and the same procedure is followed. The decision on who pitches first in each frame is contingent upon the scoring system being used, following the rules of singles play.

Section B. WALKING DOUBLES

In walking doubles, all contestants shall use their own shoes. To begin the game, the highest rated contestants shall decide first pitch and pitch their four shoes. The contestants at the opposite end shall then pitch their four shoes. After all eight shoes have been pitched, the contestants shall walk to the other end, decide the scoring and retrieve their shoes. Using one scoresheet, the scores shall be recorded just like in a singles game, with the highest rated contestants' scores recorded first each time. The same procedure shall then be repeated, with the highest rated contestants always going first. The decision on which contestant goes first in each inning is contingent upon the scoring system being used, following the rules of singles play.

RULE 12 — APPROPRIATE NHPA MEMBER CONDUCT

Section A. ON THE COURTS—An NHPA member, while in competition, shall make no disturbing noises or movements that would distract the opponent or competitors on adjacent courts. *The first offense shall call for a warning from the judge or tournament official. A second offense shall call for a forfeiture of the game being played. Any further offenses shall call for a forfeiture of all games.*

Section B. Any NHPA member who indulges in heckling, unfair rooting or any other form of unsportsmanlike conduct toward any NHPA member or tournament official, shall be subject to expulsion from the tournament and the tournament site. This covers any inappropriate behavior (including profane or abusive language) in, or around, the court area. The member shall also be subject to a one year suspension from the NHPA.

RULE 13 — TOURNAMENT PLAY

Section A. *The standard method of NHPA sanctioned tournament play is round-robin play with contestants being seeded into classes. Each contestant will play every other contestant in the class.*

Section B. Class winners shall be determined by win-loss records at the end of round-robin play. If ties occur, they may be settled by playoff, percentage, who-beat-whom or, if count-all scoring was used, total points. The tournament committee shall decide which method is to be used. If playoff games take place, the method of play and the length of the games shall be decided by the tournament committee.

Section C. *A contestant's ringer percentage shall be determined by dividing the total number of ringers by the total number of shoes pitched. Shoes pitched in playoff games and in extra innings pitched because of tie games shall be included in these totals.*

Section D. *The rules used to seed contestants in all NHPA sanctioned tournaments are found in Articles X-XII of the NHPA Bylaws. In addition, rules regarding game length and format and tie-breaking situations in State, Regional, National and World Championship play are found in the same articles. The NHPA Dress Code for World Tournament play is found in Article X. Its use is encouraged, but not required, for all NHPA sanctioned play.*

Section E. HANDICAPPING—*Handicapping may be used in open tournaments and league play. The amount of the handicap shall be determined by the tournament committee. Handicapping shall not be used in any World, National, State or Regional Tournament.*

RULE 14 — TOURNAMENT and SANCTIONED LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

Section A. *All NHPA sanctioned tournaments and leagues shall have a designated committee or director to administer the activities. The committee or director shall:*

1. *Publicize the event.*

- a. *Announce the date, place, entry fee, prize list, registration deadline and any other information a member will need in order to participate.*

- b. *Announce classifications available to entrants.*

- c. *Announce the method of play (cancellation or count-all), the length of the games (how many shoes or points) and whether or not alternate pitch will be used.*

- d. *Announce the method to be used for handling ties for individual games and at the end of round-robin play.*

2. *Obtain verifiable ringer percentages from NHPA charter statisticians for all entrants.*

3. *Set up the playing format, assign contestants to their proper courts and provide contestants with a schedule of games to be played.*

4. *Make sure all entrants are NHPA members or first time entrants using the NHPA "complimentary" card.*

5. *Arrange for scorekeepers for each court and for their remuneration. The method and amount of pay shall be announced before play begins.*

6. *Have statisticians available for the compilation of tournament results.*

7. *Have judges available.*

8. *Handle all protests and make the final decisions on any items that may come up.*

9. *Make the decision to halt play because of inclement weather and decide when play shall continue if conditions improve.*

10. *Make the awards and presentations at the end of play.*

11. *See that the results are sent to the charter statistician for proper recording.*

Section B. JUDGES

1. *Judges shall be appointed by the tournament committee. Their duties are:*

- a. *To enforce the rules and issue the proper penalties if violations occur.*

- b. *To measure for ringers, the closest shoe to the stake and shoes in count when the contestants are in doubt.*

- c. *To help make the proper decision in situations involving broken shoes, broken stakes, shoes moved by contestants while being measured, shoes pitched out of turn and a contestant's shoes mistakenly pitched by the opponent.*

- d. *To act as a liaison between the contestants and the tournament committee in all possible situations.*

2. *The decision(s) made by judges in 1 (a-c) above shall be accepted as final by the contestants and the game shall continue on from that point.*

In addition to the preceding document, five other items need to be discussed and voted on. It is felt that these items are of major significance and deserve special attention.

ITEM 1. A proposal in cancellation scoring to treat all shoes in count (non-ringers that are within six inches of the stake) as shoes of equal value. The proposal would serve as an alternative (for those who choose to use it) to our present system and not as a replacement for it.

ITEM 2. A proposal to change the first pitch procedure in cancellation scoring so that the contestant who did NOT score in the previous inning shall pitch first in the next inning.

ITEM 3. A proposal to establish a third pitching distance (with a foul line at 32 feet) for those contestants who are eligible to move up but don't want to go all the way forward.

ITEM 4. A proposal to require scorekeepers to sit in the middle of the courts (rather than at the end) for all events.

ITEM 5. The rule forbidding the use of alcohol and tobacco (while in the confines of the courts) at the World Tournament has been left out of the proposed new document because it does not belong there. The proposal is to insert it into Article X of our Bylaws, even though this is not the year for Bylaws changes.

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So let us change the rules so you go first each time.
After you retire, you can practice even more —
Your skill won't improve if we handicap on your score.
A shorter distance IS a handicap for you —
Does that include the longer-armed pitchers too?
Your horseshoe opening really should be less —
Making it wider would be, for you, the best.
How 'bout deadeye at 30 feet and more perfect games?
I don't think that would be unpardonable shame.
I can never remain cool after a defeat —
So stay off the courts if you cannot stand the heat.
Perhaps a change is in order for both sides —
So in our next game, let us both pitch 35.
I want my record to have more wins than defeats —
Just maintain your average and don't blame 30 feet.
You really take far too long to complete your pitch —
How about saying three times a word rhyming with pitch?
We could end our conflicts 50-50 and not fight —
If I'm 50% wrong and you're 50% right.
You should try to pitch the same distance as in the past.
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The Iowa Association lost a close friend with the sudden death of Chester Anderson, age 82, on October 14, 1992. Chester was born and raised in Storm Lake and put to rest there on October 18. His love of farming began at an early age and continued until his death. Chester was an active member and participant in the National, State and Buena Vista County Horseshoe Pitchers Associations. He was known for his constant happy smile, his kindness, patience and willingness to help others. Horseshoes has indeed lost a special person. Our sympathy is extended to all family members, especially his wife Verla, who was married to Chester for 57 years.

HANK BURTON, SR.

The Northern California Horseshoe Pitching Association and the Vallejo, CA Horseshoe Pitching Club are saddened by the loss of Hank Burton,

Sr., 72, who suddenly passed away on February 21. Hank was an ardent pitcher and member of the association for the past eight years.

Our deepest sympathy to his dear surviving wife (and scorekeeper) Marjorie, daughters Janet Thomas and Lisa and Lantz Jackson of Vallejo, CA, Onezia, attending Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA, sons, James of Oakland, CA and Henry Jr. of Vallejo and Jerrold of Tucson, AZ. Hank has nine grandchildren, a great grandchild and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

We will miss Hank very much, as this God-fearing gentle man touched the hearts of all who knew him.

WINIFIELD EDGAR CARNAHAN

"Dick" Carnahan of Shipperville, Pennsylvania, died August 30, 1992 at the age of 68. He suffered a stroke in 1991 but was progressing nicely, even back to pitching horseshoes. Unfortunately, he could not over-

come a brain tumor diagnosed in May 1992. Dick was married to the former Fran Arron in 1974 and the both of them started pitching in sanctioned tournaments two years later, though Dick had been an active pitcher for some 50 years. At his peak, Dick reached the eighty percent range in pitching and was very active in doubles competition in New York State before moving to Pennsylvania. Dick had many tournament victories during his life with the most recent major win being crowned 1990 Senior Men's Class "A" World Champion in Stone Mountain.

ETHEL DAVIS

The Oregon Horseshoe Pitchers Association was deeply saddened by the loss of Ethel, who was a longtime member who had been an active pitcher until about five years ago. She finished as high as second in the Oregon State Championships and was a fine competitor. She quit pitching due to a variety of physical reasons, but had served for many years until about 15 months ago as the editor of the *Oregon Ringer Review*. She did her job well, with great efficiency and little fanfare, and was dedicated to doing what she could to help the OHPA, even after she could no longer participate as a competitor. She was active in the Emerald Horseshoe Club and worked for that club, and others, as a volunteer tournament scoresheet checker and statistician for OHPA charter tournaments.

Ethel is survived by her husband, Lowell, one of Oregon's all time great pitchers, and a host of other relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

EDWARD D. DENNISON

The Pennsylvania Association and the Beaver Horseshoe Club of Beaver Falls lost member Ed Dennison on January 23, 1993 after an extended bout with cancer. Ed was 67 years old and had been pitching in sanctioned tournaments since 1977, the year he helped form the Beaver Club. Born in Charleston, WV, Ed had been a resident of Beaver Falls for more than 40 years. He was the county Class "A" champion in 1987 and 1988. Ed



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pitched in a lot of local tournaments and was well liked and respected. His most prestigious award was bestowed upon him by his brother Glen in September 1992 as he was inducted into the Beaver County Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

LAWRENCE "L.C." FLORENCE

A true senior horseshoe player came to the game at the age of 74, a month before his 75th birthday. L.C. pitched a couple of months with his nephew before he entered the "Ground Hog Open" in Millville, Kentucky on January 28, 1990. L.C. became a regular pitcher at KHPA Tournaments. He was a member of the Millville and Scott County Horseshoe Clubs.

L.C. loved the game of horseshoes and was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a member of NHPA and KHPA for 2 years. He served in WWII with the U.S. Army. He died in October of 1992 at the age of 77. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Ann Hick Florence.

HARRY HANGEN

Harry Hangen, husband of five time Women's World Champion Ruth Hangen of Getzville, New York, passed away on February 24, 1993 of congenital heart failure. While never an active pitcher, Harry was always supportive of Ruth's accomplishments and the game in general. Ruth, who is an NHPA Hall of Fame Committee member and a former chairwoman, has made significant contributions to the sport and organization. Our sincere and heart felt thoughts are extended to Ruth and her family.

O.D. LOY

O.D. Loy came into horseshoes late in his life and had been on the Oregon HPA scene for only about five years. In that time however, he made some significant contributions to our sport. O.D. took over the maintenance of the courts of the Corvallis club and upgraded them a great deal. He also was prominent in the maintenance and upkeep of Oregon's only indoor courts and improved them, also. In addition, O.D. became the maker of all the plaques the OHPA uses in its

awards system and he did beautiful work for bottom dollar without complaint. The Oregon HPA benefited greatly by his all too brief association with it and, like Ethel Davis, he will be greatly missed. O.D. is survived by his wife, Joanne, the current Oregon state champion.

LEONARD WERNER

Leonard Werner of Crete, Nebraska passed away on February 27, 1993 at age 84. He was a member of the Crete Club from its founding and a dedicated worker and tournament director. Leonard pitched in many tournaments and was Senior Men's State Champion several times, the last being 1991. A popular pitcher and promoter, Leonard was a member of the Nebraska HPA Hall of Fame.

JOHN WHITTINGTON

Ohio pitcher John Whittington died at home on March 21, 1993 at the age of 75. He had waged a long but losing battle with cancer. John was, for the past 10 years, the president of the Lancaster Horseshoe Club. He loved the game and everybody involved with it. John will be greatly missed.



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Regional Director's Report

by Gary Minnick

Again it is time to select the Regional Director of the Year for 1992.

The NHPA wishes for the Regional Directors to check compliance with the New Mixed Event Bylaw at all the NHPA Sanctioned Tournaments that they attend this coming year. Let's make sure all NHPA run tournaments comply with NHPA Rules/Bylaws.

Harold Koch, RD from WY reports that with warm weather approaching, horseshoe pits will soon be readied for the pitching season. Their schedule grew by four more tournaments. They wish to let all people know that just prior to the World Tournament in Spearfish, they will hold 2 tournaments of their own. One is on Sat., July 17 in Sundance, WY and the other is Sun., July 18 in Belle Fourche, SD. He states that Gillette, WY will be making a bid for the 1996 World Tournament.

Chuck Arnold, RD from OK reports that he has a new address. Please

correct your RD list to reflect: 10109 Birkenhead Ct., Yukon, OK 73099. He reports the 1992 State Champions are: Men—**Chuck Arnold**, Women—**Wanda Morris, Jr.** Boys—**John Burk** and Jr. Girls—**Rachael King**. Congratulations to all. There are 3 new locations of courts or add-ons: 12 in Ada, 12 in Choctaw and 12 in Clinton.

Jim Shilling, RD from IN reports that **Sue Snyder**, 1992 Ladies World Champion was the state's selection for the Indiana Hall of Fame. Indiana has sanctioned tournaments scheduled every month of the year.

Steve Eppard, ARD from VA reports that four new courts are planned to be added to the already existing eight courts at Crozet, VA. They will be hosting the VAHPA State Doubles Tournament this year. Shenandoah Valley Horseshoe Club hopes to form a Junior League Program this year.

This will probably be my last com-

munication with you all prior to Spearfish. I intend to hold a little different meeting this year than in years past. I'm also running for a different office this year, so you definitely will have a different 5th Vice-President next year. I have enjoyed my two terms as your chairman, and wish you all luck. Please give all your support to whomever is elected.

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- 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 Southwest 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.
- 19-20 North Pacific Regional/Oregon Money Open** — Hermiston, OR. \$2,000 added purse plus 80% return of entry fees. Championship groups entry fee \$25.00, others \$20.00. Entries close June 17. Checks payable Hermiston HC. Send fees, 4 tournament, 3 high average data to Rick Rebman, Rt. 5, Box 5257, Hermiston, OR 97838 (503) 567-8560.
- 25-27 Valley of the Rogue Bank Open** — Rogue River, OR. \$2000 in prize money, everyone pitch two days. Preregister by June 22th. \$25.00 entry fee. Charles Anderson, 107 Ash Dr., Rogue River, OR 97537 (503) 582-1456.
- 26-27 2nd Annual Top of Virginia Classic** — Winchester, VA. \$1,000+ prize money. Entry \$15.00, preregister by June 12. Contact Garland Peck Jr., P.O. Box 2141, Winchester, VA 22604 (703) 662-8416.
- 26-27 Eastern Nationals** — Erie, PA. \$\$\$ Limited entry. Preregistration by June 16. \$25.00 for Men's "A." Others \$15.00. Contact Tim Eicher, 3827 Essex Ave., Erie, PA 16504 (814) 825-2741.

JULY

- 2-5 Ringer Classic** — Greenville, OH. Big \$\$\$ prizes. Entry \$15.00 payable to Darke County HC. All fees must be received by June 19 deadline. Mail fee, NHPA card # and 3 high data to Joel Loy, 628 Southbrook Dr., Greenville, OH 45331.


- July 17 Pre-World Warm-up** — Sundance, WY (35 miles west of Spearfish). Entry fee \$12.00. Contact Dick Wilson (307) 283-2036 after 5 p.m. MST.
- 18 Pre-World Warm-up II** — Belle Fourche, SD (10 miles north of Spearfish). Entries limited to first 64, fee \$10.00. Contact Royal Adamson (605) 892-4925.
- 19-Aug. 1 NHPA World Tournament** — Spearfish, SD. Preregister by May 17th. Entry \$50.00. See March/April 1993 *Newsline* for format details & registration form.

AUGUST

- 6-22 Ohio State Fair Governor's Open** — Columbus, OH. \$10,000 purse. Preregister by July 2. Adults \$25, Jrs. free. Mixed Event. Top 16 players to advance to Championship Division for play Aug. 21-22. More info Donnie Roberts, tournament director 614-444-8510.
- 28-29 Central Regional** — Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA. \$2500 added purse. Preregister by Aug. 10. Entry fee \$25, Juniors \$5. Send to Cliff Kenney, Box 243, Collins, IA 50055. For information, Chet Foster, tournament director (515) 964-0159.

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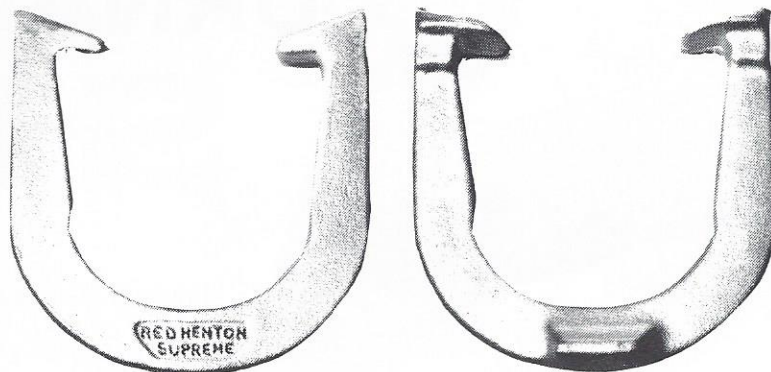
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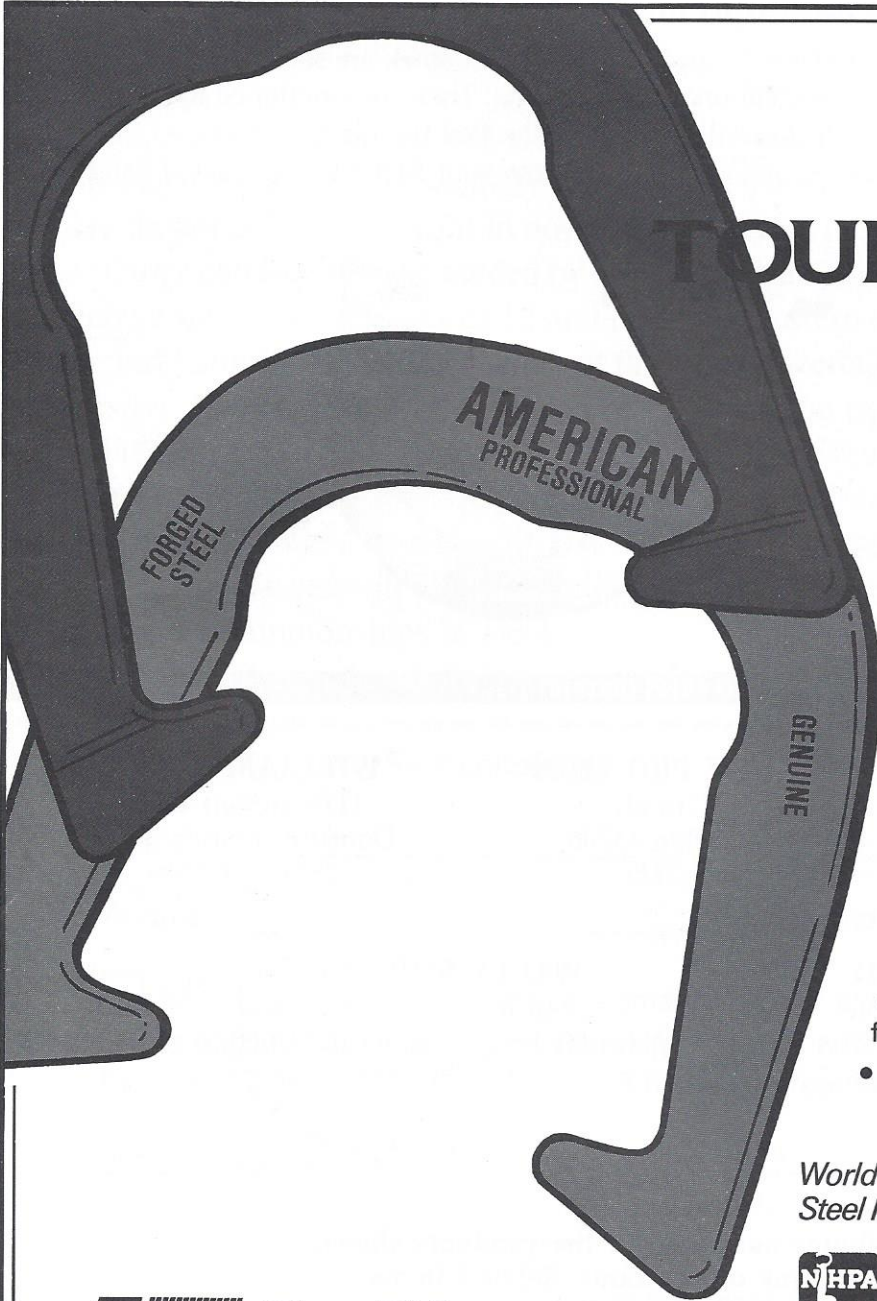
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