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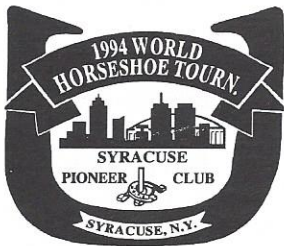


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Barry Chapelle presents Winnie Winetrout with 1993 Stokes award.

President's Message

Some interesting things are to be found among the pages of this issue of *Newsline*. Reader Forum has returned after more than a year's absence because readers in uncommon numbers decided to write on the continuing 30' vs. 40' issue. This subject has become very old and I have to think that most readers of *Newsline* and members of the NHPA are tired of hearing about it. Yet, it seems to be the only issue that members are willing to write about so it continues to be a topic in this magazine.

The wording of 38 proposed changes to NHPA bylaws that will come before the delegates in Syracuse have been included. To each has been added the voting recommendation of the Executive Council who supports 30 of the proposals and is against the other 8. It is disheartening to see some proposals suggest a return to what we had before the extensive revision of 1992. Some people apparently just can't put the old aside to accept change or new things. While charters will be discussing these proposals at home, I would hope that delegate chairmen use the convention to listen to arguments on both sides before making a final decision.

The 1994 World Tournament format of play has been adopted and you can read all about it in this issue. There are some major changes brought about by the suggestions and complaints of the pitchers themselves. It has always been the goal of the Executive Council, who by NHPA Bylaws, make up the tournament committee, to reach some plateau of standardization for World Tournament play. Actually, the overall format has remained somewhat con-

sistent in recent years with just a little fine tuning. But, we kept hearing about this and about that and getting suggestions that were not do-able as presented but yet had some soundness to the idea.

We accept the fact that most people don't have much to say about the World Tournament format or for that matter anything else that goes on in the NHPA. But those people who do speak out, do so loudly and often claim to be the spokesperson for many others. It is difficult to know for sure whether World Tournament entrants are as a whole, happy or unhappy with what they encounter. Often we can't allow it to make much difference because there are certain restraints that bind us—time, total entrants, number of courts and facility limitations. You can add to that potential weather delays if we are outside. So, where does that leave us?

It leaves us with the realization that if the format is to change, it still must fit into a limited time table, it must be adaptable to many levels of pitching performance, it should be as uniform as possible for continuity and flow of the tournament schedule, it should be better and it should hopefully please an even bigger cross section of participants. We have adopted a format for Syracuse that we believe meets these goals. Naturally, not everybody will see it as an improvement because some people have trouble with change and tend to evaluate things only by how it effects them personally. You read all about the format, the advantages, the prize list and how certain things were determined in this issue.

Dave's Court Report

■ For those of you haven't heard, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Donnie Roberts suffered a heart attack Jan. 23. On Jan. 25 Donnie had surgery, a 5-way bypass. After nearly 2 weeks in the hospital, Donnie returned home where he continues to recover nicely and has resumed a light work schedule.

■ ATTENTION WORLD TOURNAMENT PITCHERS: This magazine has several times before mentioned the fact that NatStats will be used to determine your average and 4 sanctioned event eligibility. The entry form which is reproduced in this issue has to be mailed directly to NatStats. You have only a 46 day window open for entry. The entry deadline has been changed to May 16. The last tournament date you can play and count for entry is May 15, 1994. Tournament Directors will have one more week, until May 23rd to get results to the NatStats director. Note that NatStats must receive the results by May 23, 1994. If you as a pitcher are borderline on the number of sanctioned events played, you had better push your local authorities to get your 1994 tournaments reported. The NHPA will not be held responsible for late filing by charter statisticians or tournament directors.

■ Somewhere in the middle of the Syracuse World Tournament, we will break for about one shift to play the 1994 United States Championships. This will pit the 1993 Regional Tournament winners against each other in two divisions, 30' and 40' championships. Only six Regionals were held last year so these round robin, 40 shoe games will not delay

the World schedule too long. A division with all 6 representatives will have \$750 prize money. 1-\$250, 2-\$150, 3-\$125, 4-\$100, 5-\$75, 6-\$50.

■ At the January Las Vegas meeting of the Executive Council, eight Regional Tournaments were awarded for 1994. You will find details on all of them in this issue and in the Special Events Calendar.

■ At the same Vegas meeting, the Council also adopted some improvements to the Sanctioned League Junior Scholar Awards Program. Previously, two \$200 scholarships have been awarded, one to a boy and one to a girl, available when they enrolled in a school of higher education. Starting with 1994 this will change giving the NHPA the option of awarding up to 4 Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards for participants in the Sanctioned Cl/Lg program. These will be trust funds that can be claimed by the winners upon the successful completion of High School. No junior scholar award shall be more than \$400 or less than \$100 and the combined annual total of all cannot exceed 4 awards or \$1000. To be considered eligible, the student pitcher must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better on a scale of 4.0 or a "B" average on any other scale. There is no requirement to give an equal amount to both boys and girls.

■ The NHPA had received requests to form second charters in the states of Michigan and West Virginia. The Council voted to deny these two requests.

Letters to the Editor

Newsline Editor,

We need a nationally appointed Competition Committee. This committee would look into methods to make the sport of horseshoe pitching more appealing to the public.

You've all heard that watching this sport, to the casual observer and non-pitcher, is about as exciting as watching grass grow.

We need to get some action into this game! Radical ideas such as pitching 10 or 20 shoe games from varying distances, say, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, or 45 feet. At regulation distances over obstacles, such as a blanket, large trash can, or a fence. A 2 inch thick stake, a 6 or 10 inch high stake, 3 stakes in one pit, starting from left to right ring each. Pitching from a platform to an adjacent pit, 10 seconds to release both shoes. Depending on the degree of difficulty the scoring would vary. These are just a few ideas, the possibilities are endless, and we could play each game of a round robin format under different conditions.

Yea, yea, I hear ya out there asking, who is this guy, is he for real? I've attended every World Tournament since 1988 and judged many, many hours at them. I've seen numerous bystanders walk away muttering things like, "how can they do that for so long, what a boring game." We can't let that type of attitude about this fine game continue. We could perhaps try something like this as a demonstration sport at the next World Tournament. Think about it, try it at some of your local clubs, can't hurt, people might even enjoy it.

Casey Sluys, Santa Rosa, CA

Editor,

In response to the Presidents Message in the Sept./Oct. issue of *Newsline*—Yes indeed! the delegates are sending a message as to their desires to have the World Tournament held indoors, free from the effects of the weather but I must take note of your comment as related to geographics.

As I have attended each W.T.

since 1985 at Lafayette Ind. and have enjoyed some semblance of travel back and forth across the country, your comments about East vs. West sites for the tournament piqued my interest in all W.T. sites. A little research into stats pages shows some interesting figures.

As you stated, "if you include the decade of the 1980s, 11 of 16 W.T.s will have been at eastern sites." Going back to 1909, it is interesting to note that of 75 tournaments 37 have been held in the east while 38 have been held in the west.

If you only consider '90 through '95, 5 or 6 will have been in the east, but if you look at '85 through '89 then 4 of 5 were in the west. '49 through '62 (11 consecutive years) the tournament was in Murray, Utah.

Many locations have held W.T.s more than a couple of times but my observation is that the tournament has been held in many diverse locations and as you pointed out that 58% of the entrants use the World as their "primary vacation" then maybe it's time to let the entrants to the World select where they would like to go.

I think the bylaws should be revised to give the selection vote to the entrants of the World, One adult entrant=one vote.

Respectfully,

Al Sandham, Lilburn, GA 30247

Editor's Note: The 38 tournaments referred to by Mr. Sandham as being held "in the west" actually include every W.T. site west of the Mississippi River. If one looks at only the Pacific and Mountain time zones as being the west, just 20 World Tournaments were hosted and 13 of those were in the Murray/Salt Lake City, Utah area. So a more factual statement on the locations of 75 World Tournaments would be 20 in the West, 18 in the Central and 37 in the East.

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Editorial

Since the last issue, more letters to the editor have been received than in any other similar time span. The number one subject continues to be the controversy between 30 and 40 foot pitchers. Because so many letters were on this subject, I have put them in the Reader Forum section.

As editor I appreciate contributions from readers. The magazine could not exist without them. But, is the 30' vs. 40' controversy the only thing people want to talk about? Certainly people are tired of hearing about the same old thing regardless of which side of the fence you stand. Unfortunately, some who write are under the mistaken belief that the NHPA officers can make changes to the bylaws or rules that will cause the matter to be settled. That is not so—the power to make such change is vested only with the assembly of delegates. What we have now is there because the delegates voted to accept it. The only way for it to change is for the members to propose change, gather support for the change and carry the issue all the way to the appropriate convention where the delegates will decide.

There will always be differences of opinion on almost everything in life. That can be healthy as long as all sides talk openly about an issue with a true desire to reach a compromise. Bull headedness is not the answer, not in this controversy or any other.

There are options in this controversy which in some cases, might ease the pain. Accept that 30' pitchers are a part of horseshoe pitching. Accept also that every member is entitled to a pitching opportunity in an open tournament. In those areas with few 30' pitchers, accept that local tournaments will almost always have to be mixed. In areas with a greater number of 30' pitchers, it may be possible to form separate classes for 30' only pitchers, mixing the short distance men pitchers with the women and juniors where their percentages can form competitive groups. There are 30' pitchers around who would prefer this to mixed distance pitching. Percentage handicaps can be used when averages are too far apart for competitive grouping.

Tournament Directors should try these options if for no other reason than to give each side an opportunity to pitch a format of choice. What is preferred in one part of the country may not be the preference in another but this controversy seems to have no boundaries. By scheduling different formats of mixing short distance pitchers, we create variety and broaden the choices open to members. When a decision to enter a tournament is made, one should accept the format of play without complaint.

Reader Forum

Count me among those who contend that the 30' pitcher has an advantage when pitching in mixed play. It is particularly so when conditions are not perfect. In the wind, a 30' pitcher has a big advantage. On poor clay, elevated courts or small portables with 2" of artificial clay like used in the Las Vegas tournament, the 30' pitcher has a big advantage. Just look at the '94 Hacienda event final results, or any one of the previous tournaments held there. In relation to the total number of entries, the 30' pitchers have a very high number who make the finals or finish in the money.

You could get no better odds in all of Las Vegas than to bet that 30' pitchers will average closer to their entering percentage and as a whole, finish in the money at a higher ratio than 40' pitchers. This year Vegas had some 374 entries and 28-30% of them were 30' pitchers. Why didn't the tournament directors form 30' groups so they could compete equally among themselves? Certainly there were enough 30' pitchers to form competitive groups. They do it at the W.T., so why not here where the prize money is second only to the World.

If a 30' pitcher has no advantage over a 40' pitcher when their entering average is the same, as some like to advocate, explain to me why an unusually high number of 30' pitchers are always among the top finishers in mixed play tournaments and especially so in Las Vegas. 17 groups in Vegas had a total 102 play-off spots. About 40% of them were 30' pitchers. A much higher percentage of 30' pitchers were able to cash and come within one ringer per game (2.5%) of their average than 40' pitchers. They do it every year in Las Vegas and at most mixed tournaments around the country.

Horseshoe pitching should include opportunities for 30' pitchers but not in mixed play. Schedule them in their own 30' groups. No other sport mixes individuals who play on a different size field. Mixed gender at the same distance is OK but until the rule allowing mixed distance pitching is changed, the biggest controversy which is holding this game down will continue.

Bob Rosa, Las Vegas, NV

This 30' vs. 40' pitchers subject is something I believe our officers and bylaw committees have to come to grips with. You are talking about two different games: 40' game—30' game. You need to separate them to make everything equal. Till our officers realize this is going to be a on-going problem that won't go away. Our bylaws governing play need to be reconstructed also. If a 30' player is included in 40' play, he should go in as a pacer.

Once this is done the problems will go away. I don't believe we will lose pitchers to not being able to compete. Kansas had 43 30' pitchers in the 1993 State tournament, this is close to 15% of its membership.

Let's buckle down to make this decision. Forty Foot Game—Thirty Foot Game—two different games.

Ralph Funk, Wichita, Kansas

In the course of events affecting my life, I have seldom chosen to speak out, leaving things to the wisdom of others. Right or wrong, you find "movers and shakers" seeking to shape all endeavors of man. Though a bit tardy, let me speak now to urge our leaders to move and shake.

There are few natural things that are perfect—God's plan for Salvation, nature's system of checks and balances, the desire in all species designed to ensure reproduction—and fewer still, those conceived and designed by man. Among these, let me name two: (1) a government of, by, and for the people and (2) Orv Lokken's solution to the 40 ft. vs. 30 ft. controversy in the game of horseshoes.

Changes are constant in life, whether it be time, sex, wives or weather, and we see them occurring in our game as well. Some are good, some are bad, some simply occur for the sake of change. I cast no stones here, preferring to believe that all who authored change in our game did so in order to improve or perfect it.

One such move toward perfection (that is, mixing of the sexes, the youngsters, the elders and the handicapped) has generated more than its fair share of coverage in *Newsline*. Hardly an issue comes to use devoid of some mention of it. Let us try one

more change, and I propose only the leadership can effect this change. Give the Lokken solution a try—one point for each ringer for each 10 feet of distance from the peg.

I further suggest that the perfect place to experiment with this scoring change is the Hacienda Tournament in Las Vegas, where the tournament directors in the past have chosen to mix the 40's and 30's even though there have been ample 30's to form a separate group.

Kermit H. Pardue, Westminster, CA

In October we here in Tulare County, California held a "double" tournament in Porterville. There were two tournaments, one of two divisions for 40 ft. regular pitchers and one for all other pitchers, 30 ft. or 40 ft. with three divisions. We called the first tournament the "Forty Tournament" and the second, the "Open Tournament."

Everyone seemed to enjoy the two tournaments and we have NEVER heard one criticism of the procedure. There is no reason why these types of tournaments could not be held nationwide. We do use this system in state, national, and world tournaments. Why not for our local tournaments?

It is disheartening for many 40'ers to lose tournaments to 30'ers. This past season I lost the championship of three tournaments to short distance pitchers. We 40'ers will no doubt continue to play in open tournaments, but we don't like it!

I have just completed a technical study of the advantage 30'ers have over 40'ers. For instance; if a 30'er pitches one degree off his target he (or she) can still get ringers—but in NO WAY can a 40'er make a ringer if he is one degree off HIS target. I challenge a graduate engineer to prove me in error!

In the final analysis, why can't 30'ers pitch with a lighter shoe and pitch 40 ft.? I am in my "Spirit of 76" year and am now pitching a lighter shoe and can still average 50% ringers. If I can do it at 76 so can the others, especially those six years younger than I.

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Reader Forum

When is the NHPA going to face reality? The 30 foot horseshoe game is NOT the same as the 40 foot game! Men over 70 are like the rest of us so why not have the courage to throw out the 30 foot give away rule?

There will be some of us who will not be showing up for the "Open" Tournaments. I have recently passed up two major "open" tournaments, but I for one will try hard not to miss our state and national tournaments where the sides are realistically drawn.
Lester C. Jones, Terra Bella, CA

Bah to those who say the issue of the 30'vs.40' is in good harmony. I disagree with that as do hundred of others.

In the past three years I have done a verbal survey of 40' pitchers who are in perfect health but pitch 30' because they are 70 years or older. I asked them why they moved up. They look at me as if I had lost my marbles. All gave me the same answer. They moved up because it is easier to pitch the shorter distance.

Don't get me wrong. I am 78 years old and think 30' pitchers have a place in the sport but no man should pitch that distance unless they have a physical handicap. Don't anyone tell me that just because you turn 70 years old you can't pitch a 2½ pound shoe forty feet. Also, don't anyone try to tell me that when in a money tournament and you come up against a healthy man pitching from 30', that you don't get the gut feeling that you are getting the shaft.

Men move up because it's easier, they can improve their percentage, plain and simple. Now, if I could fudge the tee up a hundred yards on the golf course because of my age, I sure would play better but golf doesn't allow it and horseshoes shouldn't either.

Don Dean, Apache Junction, AZ

To my dismay, I received a letter concerning the so-called 30' give away rule sent to me by Mr. Les Jones who is also writing *Newsline*. Will there be no end to horseshoe pitchers lamenting this same old bull?

The tournaments I enter usually have mixed horseshoe sportsmen, women and sometimes a junior or two. Separate 30' groups like at the

World or State is great but most tournaments don't have the luxury of many 30' pitchers so classes must be mixed by ringer percentage. I believe when participants enter and are put into a correct percentage class, it makes little difference whether you pitch 30' or 40'. If you are of the same ability, each has an equal chance to win or an equal chance to lose. Win some, lose some. You play the sport so learn to be one.

George St. Pierre, Burlington, MA

The cartoon below is not aimed at the editor for printing the letters, but at the people who keep writing the letters, complaining about having to pitch against the 30' pitcher.

It seems to me that anyone would agree that all junior pitchers, and ninety-nine and nine-tenths percent of all women pitchers, give up a lot, in the way of strength and stamina, to ninety-nine and nine-tenths percent of the men pitchers. Now, some people may say that strength and stamina don't play a major roll in horseshoe pitching. This may be true if you just step up and throw your shoes to the other end, but if you step up and concentrate on *pitching ringers* with every shoe, it takes its toll on your energy. (After all, pitching shoes is a very good way to exercise!)

I just don't see how anyone could think it's worse to lose to a woman or junior than it is to a man pitching from 40 feet. Their percent is established at 30', so if they happen to fall into the class that you are in, what does it matter? (Maybe some of these letter writers would rather pitch against "George Bye," and be guaranteed to win, rather than compete against someone with a ringer percent equal to their own!!)

Ah, but I'm getting a little testy, now ain't I? Come on, horseshoe

pitchers, let's get back to the real meaning of pitching shoes, which is fun, exercise, and competition.

When I was a kid, back in '02, (ha) we had a saying that went like this: "What goes up, comes down." So, we better watch what we say and do, because someday it will fall out of the sky, and hit you right on top of the head, and you'll think "Did I ever say, or do, that!" Remember 40' pitchers, your day is coming!

Johnny Davenport, Post, Texas

P.S. I'm still a 40' pitcher, and despite how I may look and act, I have a long way to go to move up, unless I can take the handicap (in the head) plan—from "things" falling out of the sky!!

Let's be realistic. The mix of the 30 and 40' pitchers came out of necessity to seed weekend tournaments with fairness and equality in mind.

I get a little tired reading about the debate concerning 30 and 40' pitchers competing in same classes. Sometimes I wonder if any of those letter writers have been a tournament director and had to cope with some 50-60 entries with the percentages of the 5 or 6 30 footers ranging from 10-50%.

I have read all the articles and letters relative of the 30'er advantage over the 40' pitcher. Some have said the angle and the degree of the pitch favored the 30'er. However, after all they each started with near equal percentages in tournaments.

The strongest weapon in any sport is your mind. Regardless of your ability, your mind should be your strongest weapon...and it could be your biggest enemy. A positive attitude is always better than a negative one, the limitations that make you human apply as much in horseshoe pitching as in any other area of life.

If the 40' pitcher feels that the 30'er



Reader Forum

has an advantage and concerns himself with this fact during the game, he has reduced his concentration to pitch his true percentage. He'll probably lose and blame it on the 30'er.

The 30' pitcher has the same problems faced by the full length pitcher. They drop their shoulders, their timing is off and their concentration wanders. Both groups are seeded in equal classes, and the result of the game depends solely on the pitcher, whether he or she is a 30 or 40.

I'm sure tournament directors who have large numbers of women, juniors and elders, would prefer having them pitch in their own divisions, but let's face it, necessity is the mother of invention, and seeding 30s and 40s together has been another horseshoe invention.

Russell Bartle, Arvada, Colorado

I have really been thinking hard and long about 30' vs. 40' pitching. I feel that those 40' pitchers who do nothing but complain, should learn to grow up.

I am only 38 years old, and a handicapped individual who had no other choice but to move up to 30' due to my health. I enjoy pitching, and as long as my health will let me, I will continue doing so. I have won my share of awards pitching either 40' or now at 30'. I have seen my ringer percentage grow since I started pitching 1 year ago at 30', but I never give up or complain like I hear 40' pitchers pitching against me do.

I really think the whole problem is that everyone takes the game too seriously. If they start crying the blues while pitching, we will have one big wet field to play on. As for those 40' pitchers who are crying the blues cause they can't pitch against 30' pitchers, they need to grow up. Let all who can enjoy pitching horseshoes do so, let those 30' pitchers enjoy pitching as much as 40' pitchers do. Don't cause trouble for anyone. This is supposed to be a relaxing sport, not one to cut one another's throat.

As for the previous letters I have read, wanting to give 40' pitchers an extra point for a ringer. This is crazy! Everyone should have the same scoring system. No favoritism to anyone.

Let everyone earn their points the way they should be earned. Honest!!

The whole idea, maybe, is that those 40' pitchers who are complaining just don't like to get beat by a 30' pitcher. And they feel left out, because 30' pitchers are getting recognition for improving their game. It's hard to adjust to pitching 30', and everyone out these should try pitching on uneven ground like us 30' pitchers do...those 40' pitchers at least have concrete to stand on.

Why don't we just pitch horseshoes like we have common sense and stop down grading 30' pitchers. Give everyone the chance to improve. Don't let the game of horseshoes break up being friends.

Good luck to all 30' pitchers in '94.
Carl Staton, Fishersville, VA

Over a period of several years, individuals have provided various comments on the subject of 30' vs. 40' pitchers. I am of the opinion that the subject can be laid to rest by doing the following:

A. Change the horseshoe court(s) layout by standardizing the distance between the stakes to be 30' for all horseshoe pitchers competing in established NHPA sanctioned tournaments, and for individuals ages 14 and under that compete in the NHPA Junior Program Leagues to pitch at distances set forth in the Guide.

B. Standardize the horseshoe court(s) to allow for 30' pitching by the same individuals that compete in the sanctioned tournaments in the NHPA/ CLUB League Program.

REASONS:

1. May eliminate the problem, since the distance would apply to both genders, same as for bowling, basketball, track and field; softball; and for many other sporting events.

2. Would reduce costs involving construction of both outdoor and indoor facilities.

3. Would reduce space required to construct horseshoe courts, (including lowering the ceiling height), and for the NHPA World Tournaments, more space to accommodate both horseshoe courts and spectators.

4. Maybe the incentive to obtain status provided for other events, since the recommended distance would speed up the game, and too, provide more players a

greater opportunity to pitch "perfect games."

5. The system should provide much less controversy, and concurrently make the task of organizing both Leagues and Tournaments much easier and even less costly to all organizations.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association in its wisdom has already took into consideration various weights of horseshoes, and now, I am of the opinion that a standardized distance between stakes should be provided, one that will allow all adults, regardless of gender, age, and physical handicap to pitch at the same distance, and that should be 30' (thirty feet) between stakes.

Charles M. Bunner, Fairmont, WV.

I've pitched horseshoes for many years with men, women and juniors, but last year was the first time belonging to a club and the NHPA. In the Jan./Feb. *Newsline*, I was reading the letters about 30' vs. 40' distance.

I pitched at 40' before developing health problems. Oh! yes, I am a woman. When pitching another woman and she stood at 30', I didn't feel intimidated in any way because of where she stood. The strength and accuracy she portrayed would determine the outcome, not where she was standing.

I now pitch at 35 or 36', due to Open Heart Bypass Surgery, Parkinson Disease, etc. The strength it would take for me to pitch with the club I would not have if I stood at 40'. Some men I pitch with now are 70+ years, or have a health problem, so they pitch at 30'. As for myself, I'm just glad to see them actively enjoying a sport. This should not be a sport just for the fittest, but one enjoyed by all. God willing I can still pitch, as my years go up so will my distance.

I see no reason a perfectly healthy man standing at 40' would be intimidated by a junior, woman, man or 70+ man standing at 30'. As for me, I pitch for the love of the sport, the exercise, and a chance to meet wonderful people of all ages. There has to be more to a sport than just winning, such as pride in self, friendship and sportsmanship.

Audrey L. Swartz, Mt. Crawford, VA

Regional Director's Report

by Dick Hansen

The election of all Regional Directors has been the main source of most of the RD reports and letters to me. There seems to be much confusion on the election process for Regional Directors. The RD Guidelines state that the RD shall be elected by the charters in even number years. This would appear to be in violation of our NHPA Bylaws Standing Rule # 11 that states the RDs shall be appointed by the 5th V.P. In order to correct this, a change has been made to the Regional Directors Guidelines and sent to all the Regional Directors.

Paragraph 1 of the Guidelines has been changed. As of 1-1-94 it reads as follows—"The Regional Directors shall be appointed by the NHPA 5th V.P. upon review of the candidates recommended by the involved Charter(s) and other concerned members." I am of the feeling that the position of Regional Director is an NHPA position and not a Charter position. The RD is the NHPA's link to the Charter. This change to the Guidelines will basically keep things the way they were in past years, just spelled out in the Guidelines.

I will be changing the printed format of the Guideline to an ARTICLE and SECTION type as the Bylaws are written. When this is completed it will be sent to all RDs and ARDs for their comments.

Due to the work of Paul Stewart, formerly the RD for both North and South Carolina, and at his request a new Regional Director has been appointed for S. Carolina. Ron Taylor of Clover, S. Carolina has taken over the RD duties for that Charter with Keith Queen, the ARD. Paul Stewart remains RD for N. Carolina and Ricky Bolic, the ARD. In my short time in office I have seen Paul's work and I feel the addition of Ron can only help the NHPA in the Carolina Region.

From the state of Kentucky we also have a Regional Director change. Omar Blacketer has decided to step down and he has been replaced by John Hankins of Goshen. John came recommended by Kentucky State President Jerry Elliot.

FROM THE MAIL BAG:

Les Burroughs, RD from S. California reports that the Bakersfield

Shoe Crew Horseshoe Club has added 10 more sanction courts to now have 26 and will host the California State Tournament.

Clint Bryson, RD for N. and S. Dakota writes of a winter league in Sioux Falls that has some pitchers coming over from Mitchell S. Dakota. I looked it up on the map and found it to be a 140 mile round trip to pitch horseshoes. Keep up the good work and drive careful.

Harold Mineer, RD from New Mexico, reports that Bob Schuch will be the tournament director for the Albuquerque's Senior Olympic Tournament in April. Also, the South Charter will host the first ever Southern New Mexico Tournament of Champions with a \$1000 added prize money.

Bob Walters, RD from Iowa, starts his report with "The Year of the Floods." They will be on an all out membership drive in '94 to recoup some of their losses. He reports that there are 10 new courts in Marshall-

town, 6 in Sumner, 18 in West Des Moines and 6 new courts in Mt. Ayr. I wish Iowa a better '94—not as wet!

Earl Waggy, RD from Virginia, writes that Floyd Hix Jr. plans to have 3 indoor courts ready by March to host his first sanctioned tournament. The first will be by invitation only due to having just 3 courts, but plans to have 7 indoor courts by year end.

Utah RD Bud Schardine reports that 3 portable courts have been installed in the Springville High School basement. They are the only indoor courts in Utah and they are open to the public. Bud has worked on this for 2 years now and has leagues 2 nights a week. Bud has been doing an outstanding job for us in his region. Keep it going Bud.

I have just returned from the Las Vegas Tournament at which I made many new friends, many from the S. California area. I hope all is well with all of you after the Jan. 17 earthquake.

Ringers to you. Dick

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World Tournament Format Information

After Spearfish, we received both verbal and written comments on the 1993 format. As expected, some liked it, some did not. We seeded to each Championship group, a few of the highest entering percentages. The balance of the groups came after pre-lim round robin play. This brought some complaints as it seemed a few marginal pitchers such as myself pitched well enough to qualify for the championship group but did not do well enough in actual play to appear deserving of the spot. Why not just seed everybody by their NatStat average came the cry? Those few who think they have a shot at one of just 4 or 6 automatic seed spots will just sit on their high percentage without pitching in further tournaments.

People asked, why are there so many in the championship finals? There aren't that many top caliber pitchers. Why should these top groups get to play more games than the other groups? Why do you have to take breaks for class awards ceremonies? It only holds up the next groups. Why can't you schedule shifts to be a uniform number of games so everybody will finish about the same time? Pitchers would like to throw more games. Can't you put everyone in larger round robin groups so all can pitch 3 or 4 days?

Well friends, your words did not fall on deaf ears. For 1994 I devised a format unanimously accepted by the Council that addresses every one of those questions. It may not be something everyone will like but it is different, it is uniform and could set the stage for future World Tournaments.

1. All entrants will be seeded by their Nat Stat average into 16 person groups. At the class level, these groups will be the actual entire class. An exception to this will be all junior boys and girls and the Championship Elder group. Because of historical higher percentage spreads, these groups will be seeded into 8 person classes playing a double round robin.

2. All entrants will pitch three days. Classes of 16 will pitch 5, 5 and 5 games. Classes of 8 will pitch 5, 5 and 4 games.

3. All games in all round robin play will be 40 shoes. These games will be the total play in all divisions, both classes and championship group except for the Championship Men and Women. Tie games during round robin play will remain tied, 1/2 win each. Except for 3 sections of Championship Men and 2 sections of Championship Women, win/loss ties for first place will be played off in accord with Article X, section 5 of NHPA Bylaws. That is, 40 shoe game at the class level and 40 point games for a Division championship.

OPEN MEN—The top 48 entering averages will be seeded into 3 sections of 16. These shall be considered the Championship Prelims. After 15 games of section play, 9 men will qualify for seeding in the final Championship Rounds. These will be the winner of each section (seeded 1-2-3 by percentage) plus the next best percentage in each section (seeded 4-5-6 by percentage) plus the best remaining 3 high percentages (wildcards) from the combined 3 sections who will be seeded 7-8-9. The remaining 39 men from the 3 sections will play no more but each will share in part of the Championship purse.

Ties for first place of a section will not be played off unless a pitcher cannot otherwise qualify to be one of the nine finalists. Percentage ties for the 9th wildcard spot will be decided on a who-beat-who basis if it applies, otherwise to the best win-loss record in section play. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by a 40 shoe play off game.

Round 1 of the Championship finals, three games shall be played with the 7-8-9 seeds pitching against one of the 4-5-6 seeds. The three losers of these 40 point games will be eliminated and get prize money for positions 7-8-9 in the final standings.

Round 2—the three winners of Round 1 will be joined by the #3 seed where two 40 point games will be pitched. The two losers will be eliminated and get prize money for positions 5 and 6.

Round 3—the two winners of Round 2 will play either the #1 or #2 seed. The losers of these two games will get

prize money for positions 3 and 4 while the two winners will move on to Round 4, one game for the Men's World Championship.

OTHER OPEN MEN will be seeded 16 to a class playing 15 40-shoe games.

OPEN WOMEN—the top 32 entering percentages will be seeded into 2 sections of 16. After their 15 games, six will qualify for the Championship Finals. The two section winners, the next best percentage from each section and the best two remaining percentages from the combined sections. The remaining 26 women will share in the championship purse.

Round 1 of the finals will have the 5 and 6 seed playing against either the 3 or 4 seeded finalist. Losers are eliminated to get prize money for positions 5 and 6.

Round 2—the 2 winners of Round 1 will pitch one of the top 2 seeds. The 2 losers will get prize money for positions 3 and 4 while the 2 winners move on to Round 3, 1 game to determine the Women's World Champion.

OTHER OPEN WOMEN—seeded into 16 person classes like the men.

SENIOR MEN—The top 16 entering percentages will play a 15 game, 40 shoe round robin to determine the Senior Men's World Champion. Others will be seeded into classes of 16 for 15 game round robin play.

JUNIOR BOYS and GIRLS will all be seeded by entering percentage into groups of 8. The top 8 will be the Championship groups. Others below will be class play. All will pitch a double round robin of 40 shoe games over three days.

ELDERS—the top 8 entering percentages will make up the Championship group. They will pitch a double round robin over 3 days. Others below will be seeded into 16 person groups and play the regular 15 game round robin.

SENIOR WOMEN—will not be scheduled because they historically have very few entries with very wide percentage spreads.

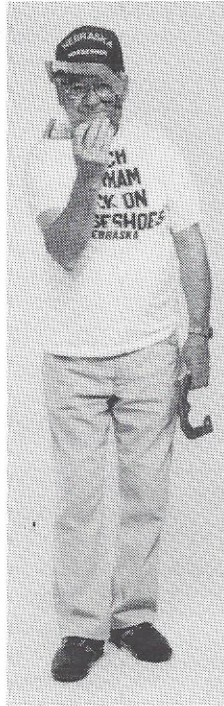
by Dave Loucks

Some will dislike this format for one reason or another, and I'm sure they will tell us. But the disadvantages seem to be far outweighed by the advantages which we see as being:

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1994 World Tournament Prize List

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUPS

Amt.	Men	Women	Sr. Men	Elders	Juniors	
\$4000	1					
\$3500	—	1				Class of 16
\$2500	2	—				1. \$200
\$2000	—	2				2. \$180
\$1500	3,4	—				3. \$160
\$1200	—	—	1			4. \$140
\$1000	5,6	3,4	—			5. \$120
\$ 800	—	—	2			Total \$800
\$ 600	—	—	—	1		
\$ 500	7,8,9	5,6	3	—	1	
\$ 400	10,11,12	7,8	4	2		
\$ 350	13,14,15	9,10	5	—		
\$ 300	16,17,18	11,12	6	3	2	
\$ 290	19,20,21	13,14	7	—		
\$ 280	22,23,24	15,16	8	4		
\$ 270	25,26,27	17,18	9	—		
\$ 260	28,29,30	19,20	10	5		
\$ 250	31,32,33	21,22	11	—	3	
\$ 240	34,35,36	23,24	12	6		
\$ 230	37,38,39	25,26	13	—		
\$ 220	40,41,42	27,28	14	7		
\$ 210	43,44,45	29,30	15	—		
\$ 200	46,47,48	31,32	16	8	4	
Totals	\$23,500	\$15,500	\$6,000	\$2,500	\$1,250 ea.	

Grand Total Championship Divisions.....\$50,000

Information about W.T. Format & Prize List

GAMES

1500 entrants x 15 games=22,500÷2=11,250 games

1800 entrants x 15 games=27,000÷2=13,500 games

On 40 courts, one shift of 5 games=200 games

5 shifts of 200=1000 games per day. 11,250÷1000=11.25 days

6 shifts of 200=1200 games per day. 13,500÷1200=11.25 days

SEEDING

48 men and 32 women to championship prelims

In 1992, 48th entering man was 68.4%

32nd entering woman was 62%

In 1993, 48th entering man was 65.5%

32nd entering woman was 62.5%

Senior Men, #16 entering was 59.1% in 1992 and 64.37% in 1993

Elders, #8 entering was 62.6% in 1992 and 63.1% in 1993

Thus it follows that all adult championship groups should have a similar bottom cut-off percentage.

PRIZE LIST

As before, all classes are self supporting. \$50 per 16 entries=\$800

The \$50,000 total for championship divisions comes from:

- \$3.00 set aside from estimated 15,000 membership..\$45,000
- 104 adults in championship divisions x \$50 entry=\$5,200

Percentage of \$50,000 total breakdown by division:

Men 47%, Women 31%, Sr. Men 12%, Elders 5%, Juniors 5%

The Men and Women are very fairly sharing in the prize money.

\$23,500 for 48 men...average \$489.58 each

\$15,500 for 32 women...average \$484.37 each

\$13,000 for 9 finalist men—average \$1,444.44 each

\$8,500 for 6 finalist women—average \$1,416.66 each

\$10,500 for 39 non-finalist men—average \$269.23 each

\$7,000 for 26 non-finalist women—average \$269.23 each

\$6,000 for 16 finalist Sr. Men—average \$375.00 each

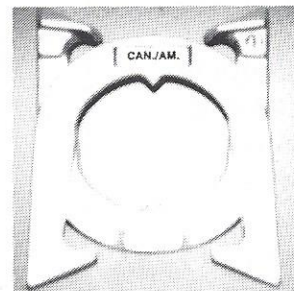
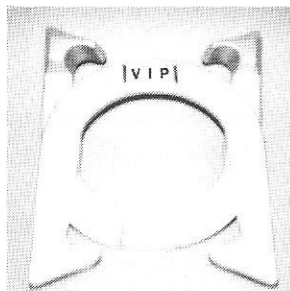
\$2,500 for 8 finalist Elders—average \$312.50 each

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Junior Promotion

Recruiting Junior Members—Why?

The following article has an interesting beginning, for we can read an article by Russell J. Sweeney, reprinted from an old issue of the News Digest. Many appropriate comments are made as to WHY our organization and our members should get involved in youth promotion.

Juniors—Players of the Future

by Russell J. Sweeney

Once again there is concern about the lack of progress our sport has made over the years and also what the future may be. Several changes are being contemplated by our National officers that I consider to be worthwhile and necessary if we are to progress. I would like to place emphasis on the subject of Junior players. I believe their degree of involvement will largely determine our future.

I have made a review of tournaments listed in the 1973 editions of the *News Digest*. The results are conclusive and should be of concern to those interested in the promotion and future of our sport. This review disclosed the following facts:

1. Approximately 340 tournaments were posted.
2. 220 had no Junior entrants.
3. Of the 118 that had Junior entrants, only 38 had 10 or more entrants.
4. Only 15 states conducted tournaments with 10 or more Junior entrants.
5. 18 states showed no Junior activity.
6. The New England Tournament is attracting about the same number of Junior entrants as the National Tournament.

A sport that does not encourage youth participation at best will only continue to survive. I find it very difficult to understand the apparent lack of interest that the average adult player has for the participating of Junior Players, both boys and girls. We enjoy this sport and yet appear to be reluctant to expend our efforts to share the pleasures with others. An

While this article is well written, the interesting part is that it was originally printed in the March 1974 issue of the *NHPA News Digest*. Yes, this was a member's message from twenty years ago. How have we progressed since then? Many positive comments can be made of improvement and progress, but there are facts remaining that indicate that we all need to understand better, the value

of bringing more youth into our sport. Eighty four percent of our charters do not have a single Junior league. Only 8 states have Junior leagues. Only 22% of our states have at least 10 Juniors participating in their state championship tournaments. Why hasn't there been stronger progress since that reasonable reminder from Mr. Sweeney, twenty years ago? Probably the general understanding of

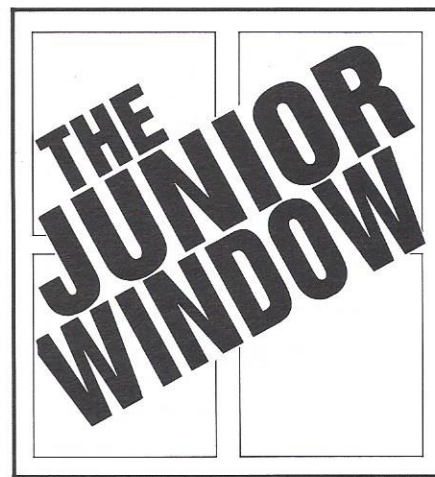
active Junior program could greatly assist in the expansion of present facilities. If you can show your local Recreation Departments a good need for building courts, I'm sure they would respond. There are those who say you cannot hold the interest of Juniors. My personal experience has proven that they are interested and enjoy the game as we do. They show a great deal of enthusiasm for tournament competition. I started a Junior program at the St. Moritz Club, Quincy, Massachusetts in 1971 and it has been successful. The parents of these Juniors, with one exception, are not players and have no real personal interest in the sport. I still have, with few exceptions, the original group and their enthusiasm and talent continues to increase. I am looking forward to another season and the enjoyment of association with these youngsters.

Many of these youngsters, when they reach high school age, will be diverted from our sport. It is to be hoped that many would return in later years and play an active part in their area. The impression that we leave with them could influence their return.

Our National motto, "Keep them on the courts, not in the courts," is an excellent phrase. If we devoted more effort to that cause we would all benefit. For those who are willing to devote time to encourage Junior participation, I can only guarantee that your efforts will be well rewarded with self-satisfaction.

The kids are interested, they keep waiting for our interest in them.

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WHY it is important and the value to our organization, is the key. Let's see if we can shed some light on WHY.

■ First our constitution states that our purpose is to foster and promote our sport. Certainly our purpose for being an organization isn't limited to youth promotion, all age groups should be addressed. We have all said through our constitution that we will promote and that surely should include Junior membership.

■ There should be some sense of social obligation on part of all clubs and state organizations. Offering and welcoming youth into our leagues and providing youth activity, will be recognized by all park boards and communities, and appreciated.

■ There is no other individual sport that provides more opportunity to compete and achieve, than horseshoe pitching. Because we are proud of our sport and what it offers, is reason to want to share and invite youngsters to participate.

■ We all gain from sport involvement in awards, self satisfaction and just plain enjoyment. There is no better way to pay back to the sport than to reach out and bring in new members.

■ All our associations should have some focus on charity and goodwill. Many conduct benefit events for outside organizations. Conducting Junior leagues and events is another way to express and carry out a charity attitude in a community.

■ Countless comments are made as to youth and the impact to our future. In all honesty, our future is not guaranteed by increasing our numbers of youth. But youth surely

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can enhance our future. It is for our own good to recruit and welcome youngsters. Our president, Dave Loucks, makes a very interesting comment on this point.

"While I pitched as a junior, I never considered then, nor do I now, horseshoe pitching a very exciting sport. I truly believe most horseshoe pitchers and many who take the time to watch pitching awhile have the same thought. That is why it is so difficult to interest not only youngsters, but many mid-age adults as well.

We are starting with an average membership age which is far too old to attract the younger set. We have little or no action in the game which prevents it from becoming much of a spectator sport. People sense this, TV senses this and sponsors sense this, all of which combine to pigeon-hole horseshoe pitching as a game only for old-timers.

Somehow, we need to get younger people involved if for no other reason than to break down this perception and perpetuate the growth and

scope of the sport in the minds of others."

Some very good input has been received on WHY we should bring more youth into our sport. The invitation still stands for all of you to respond as to why you see Junior promotion important.

Junior Jottings

by Bob Dunn

■ Paul Anderson, Arizona JPD, sent in the names of the winning pitchers of the second in a series of winter Junior tournaments. This event was held on December 29th. 10 to 12 years: 1st Kyle Delory, Chino Valley; 2nd Andy Cordes, Prescott; 3rd John Theveny, Chino Valley. Under 9 years: Nick Owens, Chino Valley; 2nd Aaron Cordes, Prescott; 3rd Tyler Trapp, Prescott.

■ Welcome newly appointed JPD, Lois Smith, Florida.

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The old expression "Like Father, Like Son" does not apply in this story, but "Like Father, Like Daughter" is true in the case of Dean and Cathy Carter.

Dean was one of the top pitchers in Iowa from 1964-1974, and now Cathy is the Women's World Champion, having won the title in the 1993 Championships at Spearfish, South Dakota last year.

When you see Cathy on the courts, father Dean is nearby feeling the result of every pitch thrown, becoming a proud father as the 29 year old Council Bluffs athlete tosses her Easy Grips to another successful win.

Although her 1993 victory was her first World title, she is not a stranger to the winners circle. Carter has won 13 state titles in the fourteen years she has been pitching horseshoes, six as a junior.

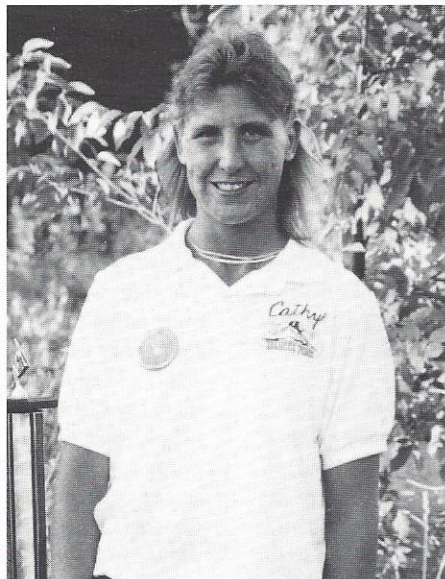
It is a good bet that Cathy will be around many years to compete in the Championship class. In fact, speaking of bets, she works in maintenance at the Council Bluffs Run Dog Track, and admittedly can't bet while on duty and spends little time at the track after working hours.

Carter did not win the 1993 title without a struggle. In the final game she was pitted against the Canadian star, Sylvianne Moisan. After Carter jumped to a 9-1 lead, Moisan countered with 19 straight points to take a 20-9 advantage. Both competitors pitched in spurts, and nine straight points near the end of the game gave the new champion a 37-33 lead. Four straight "four deads" followed before Moisan scored twice on three-ringers-three to take a 39-37 lead. In the final inning, Carter's three-ringers-three gave her the title.

It was an 86 shoe game with both pitchers getting 67 ringers for 77.9 percent.

The handwriting might have been on the wall last year when Cathy defeated the 1992 defending Champion, Sue Snyder from Grandview, Indiana in the opening game of the 17-game rourid robin.

The new champion has moved up the ladder in championship play starting in 1986 with a 13th place finish. She repeated the 13th position the following year, but then started her climb to the top with a 7th and



CATHY CARTER

by Bob Champion

two 6th place finishes before she grabbed the brass ring in Spearfish.

Like many World Champions Carter has been extremely successful in state competition. She won the Iowa Junior title six years in a row, and was on top in every year in the women's Class A division except 1984 when she finished second. Since 1989 her championship percentages have climbed from 67.6 to a lifetime high of 79.9 in 1992. Percentages were down all around last year in Spearfish with Cathy taking first place with a 13-4 record and 75.2%.

Thanks to her father's influence, she started pitching in the backyard in 1977 at age 11. Dean took her to her first tournament in Birdland Park in Des Moines where she finished first, taxied the new star to her first state tournament in 1977, and to many, many other tournaments.

Cathy started sanctioned play as a junior in 1977, won the Iowa state title six straight years before moving to the adult division in 1983. Since then she has won eight women's titles, losing only her second outing in 1984 when she finished second.

In 1978 Carter competed in the World as a junior finishing third with a 7-4 record and 41.5%. In 1986 she moved up to compete against the "big hitters" in the Women's Championship class.

"It was great to compete against the best and come out on top against the women who have the opportunity to practice and compete a lot more than I can. I practice 200 shoes a day when I have the chance, but it's difficult in the winter. Those pitchers who live in mild climates or have indoor facilities available sure have a great advantage."

Carter flips her Easy Grips with a 3/4 turn and commands deep concentration during play. She changed over from Allens in 1980, a shoe that her father used during his competitive days.

Prior to the World title, her main career highlight was a perfect 40-shoe game at the team world tournament in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Carter's pitching plans and goals for 1994 would hopefully find her winning the state and World titles again. She will be ready to face the strong American and Canadian women pitchers in Syracuse as she sights in a second World title.

World Competition

1978—Girls Finals	7	4	41.5	3rd
1986—Women's Finals....	5	10	65.5	13th
1989—Women's Finals....	4	11	67.6	13th
1990—Women's Finals....	8	7	75.2	7th
1991—Women's Finals....	9	6	76.6	6th
1992—Women's Finals....	9	6	79.9	6th
1993—Women's Finals ..	13	4	75.2	1st

State Records

	W	L	%	Pos.
1977—Junior Class A	—	—	—	1st
1978—Junior Class A	—	—	—	1st
1979—Junior Class A	—	—	—	1st
1980—Junior Class A	—	—	—	1st
1981—Junior Class A	—	—	—	1st
1982—Junior Class A	—	—	—	1st
1983—Women Class A	5	0	62.4	1st
1984—Women Class A	3	1	63.0	2nd
1985—Women Class A	6	0	68.5	1st
1986—Women Class A	5	0	75.2	1st
1987—Did not enter				
1988—Did not enter				
1989—Women Class A	4	0	65.2	1st
1990—Women Class A	6	0	66.1	1st
1991—Women Class A	5	0	72.0	1st
1992—Women Class A	5	0	74.0	1st
1993—Women Class A	5	0	76.5	1st

PROPOSED CHANGES **NHPA BYLAWS** TO BE VOTED ON AT 1994 DELEGATE CONVENTION

1. ARTICLE III Section 2

Change second sentence to read...*Boys and Girls are eligible to compete as Juniors up to and including the entire calendar year in which they turn 18 years of age.*

Reason—To correct the situation where most 17 and all 18 year old students are now not eligible for NHPA Junior programs. Council recommends vote YES.

2. ARTICLE IV Section 3

Add paragraph d to read...*Minutes of every Executive Council meeting including meetings by conference call, meetings which the Council attends in person and decisions made through the mail, will be published in the NHPA magazine Newsline within 3 months of the meeting.*

Reason—Communication must be improved to insure consistency within all charters of the NHPA. Council recommends vote NO.

3. ARTICLE V Section 3

Sub-paragraph A...Change \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Reason—to recognize that administration needs of a growing NHPA require longer hours, and dedication to these responsibilities should be compensated. Council recommends vote YES.

4. ARTICLE V Section 3

Sub-paragraph E...Change 3% to 5%.

Reason—more realistic for the work performed. Council recommends vote YES.

5. ARTICLE V Section 3

Sub-paragraph F...remove the word *adult*.

Reason—more time is given to administering juniors. Should be compensated. Council recommends vote YES.

6. ARTICLE V Section 3

Add new sub-paragraph H to read...*The NatStats Director shall receive 15% of the Secretary-Treasurer total.*

Reason—to compensate for time required to input some 1000 tournaments a year, maintaining the system and providing reports and liaison to charters. Council recommends vote YES.

7. ARTICLE V Section 5

Change (a-g) to (a-h) if above is approved. Council recommends vote YES.

8. ARTICLE V Section 6

Add paragraph c to read...*The NHPA President cannot serve as Editor/Publisher of the NHPA magazine Newsline.*

Reason—the president is required to appoint or discharge with Executive Council approval, the *Newsline* Editor/Publisher. He/she should not be expected to discharge himself/herself and cannot objectively evaluate his/her performance. Council recommends vote NO.

9. ARTICLE VII Section 1

Add second paragraph to read...*It is the responsibility of Charters to follow NHPA Bylaws and if necessary, enact separate but non-conflicting Charter Bylaws to be in compliance with their applicable State Governmental codes. Each Charter shall have a functional Executive Council duly elected by the Charter membership for minimum two year terms with the President being recognized as the ranking officer.*

Reason—statement of what is expected from NHPA Charters. Council recommends vote YES.

10. ARTICLE VII Section 8

Change wording to read...*The State Championship Tournament must advertise and provide an entry form stating the intent to crown champions in at least Men, Women, Junior and Elder 30' Divisions. Other Divisions are an option left to the discretion of the tournament committee. Any Division not receiving at least four (4) entrants can be cancelled but the entrants must be given the opportunity of pitching in another division. All age limitations for Divisions shall be in accord with Art. X, Sec. 2.*

Reason—better explanation of what is expected in State Championships. Council recommends vote YES.

11. ARTICLE VII Section 9

Change wording of entire section to...*The Championship Class of the Men and Women's Division in a State Championship Tournament cannot be mixed play. Other classes below the championship as well as all classes in any other division can be mixed at the discretion of the Tournament committee. Handicap percentage systems cannot be used in State Championship play where a Division Title is involved.*

Reason—better explanation. Council recommends vote YES.

12. ARTICLE VII Section 10

Add 2nd & 3rd sentence to read...*An exception to this shall be members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families who may pitch in the State Championship of the state in which they are stationed provided they meet the other eligibility requirements. No one will be allowed to pitch in more than one State Championship Tournament per year.*

Reason—to assist military personnel stationed away from their home state. Council recommends vote YES.

13. ARTICLE VII Section 10

Add further exception statement to above reading...*Players residing in a state with no charter may compete in one state tournament of a state bordering on the player's state of residence. Players who live in a state with no charter must declare their wish to participate in a particular state tournament when applying for NHPA membership with the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer.*

Reason—none given. Council recommends vote NO.

14. ARTICLE VII Section 11

Change wording entirely to read...*All sanctioned tournaments shall provide a playing opportunity for all eligible 30' and 40' pitchers. Exceptions for special tournaments such as invitationals, juniors only, women only, etc., can be authorized by the NHPA Executive Council in accord with Art. XI, Sec. 1.*

Reason—to give all members a pitching opportunity in all regular tournaments. Council recommends vote YES.

15. ARTICLE VII Section 12

Change wording entirely to read...*All sanctioned tournament results must be reported promptly in a prescribed format to NatStats, the NHPA Center for Pitching Averages. It is the responsibility of the charter president to designate the reporting person.*

Reason—previous wording covered elsewhere. Now covers NatStats reporting. Council recommends vote YES.

PROPOSED CHANGES **NHPA BYLAWS** TO BE VOTED ON AT 1994 DELEGATE CONVENTION

16. ARTICLE VII Section 13

Change wording entirely to read...*All officers of a Charter must be members of the NHPA and subscribe to the NHPA magazine, Newslite. Two charter officers housed in a common residence require only a single subscription between them.*

Reason—to cover the two officers in one house question. Council recommends vote YES.

17. ARTICLE VII Section 15

Add to end of last sentence...*the revocation of the Charter or both.*

Reason—if members condone anti-NHPA attitudes by continually electing charter officers that uniformly ignore NHPA bylaws and/or rules, the charter should be shut down. Council recommends vote YES.

18. ARTICLE VIII Section 4

Sub-paragraph a, Change wording to read...*The president may decide on the method of voting for all issues to be considered at the annual convention.*

Reason—to allow voting by mail. Council recommends vote NO.

19. ARTICLE VIII Section 4

Sub-paragraph c, Change wording in first two lines to...*a committee of no more than three (3), two (2) of whom may be etc.*

Reason—three people is often one too many when dealing with counts of just yes-no or who is for-against or in years where there may be little to vote on. Council recommends vote YES.

20. ARTICLE VIII Section 4

Sub-paragraph c, Add second sentence at the end to read...*When counting votes for Executive Council candidates, no teller can be related to or from the state of a candidate.*

Reason—to quiet any question about the fairness of a ballot count. Council recommends vote YES.

21. ARTICLE VIII Section 4

Add new sub-paragraph d to read...*The election of NHPA officers (as defined by Art. V, Sec. 1) shall be made by individual vote of current members of the NHPA. To be eligible to vote, the member must be a subscriber to the NHPA Newslite magazine. A voting ballot shall be published in the Newslite issue which presents the candidates for office that year. The ballots shall contain provisions where all current adult members in the same household may be able to vote. The ballots shall be returned by mail to a suitable accounting agency and the results presented at the annual convention.*

Reason—to give more members a voice in the election of officers. Council recommends vote NO.

22. ARTICLE IX Section 8

Change wording in line two from *sixty* to...*ninety (90)*.

Reason—to give the NHPA Secretary more breathing room at a busy time of year Council recommends vote YES.

23. ARTICLE IX Sections 10, 11 and 12

Move these three sections to Article X as sections 1, 2 and 3 while renumbering current Article X sections numerically.

Reason—should be in World Tournament area. Council recommends vote NO.

24. ARTICLE IX Section 11

Change entire wording of section to...*The award of the World Tournament shall be made two years in advance. Bidders who have complied with the requirements of Art. IX, Sec. 10 may make their presentations to the membership during the 1st week of the World Tournament. All adult entrants to the World Tournament shall be provided one voting ballot with which they may cast their vote during that first week. Results of the World Tournament balloting shall be provided to the assembled delegates during the annual convention. The bidding site receiving the most votes shall be awarded the privilege of conducting the tournament. In the case where no bids have been received by the deadline of Art. IX, Sec. 10, the NHPA Executive Council has the authority to award the tournament for that open year only.*

Reason—To give more people an active voice on where to spend their vacations. There are more entrants than delegates to convention. Council recommends vote NO.

25. ARTICLE X Section 2

Change wording of first paragraph to...*The World Tournament shall include Divisions for Open Men, Open Women, Senior Men, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Elders.*

Reason—Better wording stating only what must be included. Council recommends vote YES.

26. ARTICLE X Section 2

Change wording of the one sentence second paragraph to read...*Tournament entry: Division and age restrictions are recognized where applicable for entry to NHPA sanctioned tournament play. Now move this new sentence and sub-paragraphs a-g below it to paragraph 2 of Section 4 under Article XII.*

Reason—these divisions and ages should relate to all sanctioned tournaments. Council recommends vote YES.

27. ARTICLE X Section 2

Sub-paragraph c, Change *Elders* to *Elder Men* and insert the word *Men* between *Elder* and *Division* in line 3.

Reason—to make this a men only division. Council recommends vote YES.

28. ARTICLE X Section 2

Sub-paragraph e...Delete entirely.

Reason—an insufficient number of women enter this Division. Council recommends vote YES.

29. ARTICLE X Section 2

Sub-paragraph f, Change 17 in first line to 18.

Reason—supports proposed change to Article III, section 2. Council recommends vote YES.

30. ARTICLE X Section 8

Change wording of paragraph to...*All United States residing adult entrants to the World Tournament must have completed at least four (4) NHPA sanctioned events (tournament or league) in the twelve months preceding the mailing of their entry form and have eligibility and entering percentage verified by NatStats. Juniors require only one event. Foreign entrants not in the NatStat data base will be verified by other means.*

Reason—better wording and brings NatStats into play. Council recommends vote YES.

PROPOSED CHANGES **NHPA BYLAWS** TO BE VOTED ON AT 1994 DELEGATE CONVENTION

31. ARTICLE X

Add Section 10 to read...*At the World Tournament, the use of alcoholic beverages and any form of tobacco while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, officials and scorekeepers.*

Reason—this has been moved to the bylaws from the rules.

Council recommends vote YES.

32. ARTICLE XI Section 2

Add 2nd paragraph to read...*The Executive Council may authorize a limit to the number of entries to any Special Tournament or Event including the World Tournament if it feels time, court or any other restraint make it impossible to reasonably schedule an unlimited number. In such cases, limits may be set by any manner deemed suitable.*

Reason—the statement above says it all. The need is obvious.

Council recommends vote YES.

33. ARTICLE XI

Add Section 3 to read...*In World, National, Regional and State Championships, all ties for first place must be broken by a play-off game. Ties for other places may be settled by play-off, percentage or who beat whom.*

Reason—this was part of rules but since it refers to special tournaments only, should be in the appropriate section of the Bylaws.

Council recommends vote YES.

34. ARTICLE XII Section 3

Change introduction paragraph to read...*All NHPA membership pitching averages shall be maintained by NatStats. Averages shall be based on the three highest sanctioned events (tournament or league) completed in (A), the preceding twelve months if you have 9 or less events reported or (B), the last ten events if you have 10 or more reported in the preceding twelve months. For pre-register events, a player's average shall be that which is on record as of the close of registration.*

Reason—better wording confirming that NatStats applies and that the latest average will be used for pre-register events. Council recommends vote YES.

35. ARTICLE XII Section 3

Change introduction paragraph to read...*All NHPA membership pitching averages shall be maintained by NatStats. Averages shall be based on the three highest sanctioned events (tournament or league) completed and reported in the preceding twelve months. For pre-register events, a player's average shall be that which is on record as of the close of registration.*

Reason—to delete the 3 highest in the last 10 tournaments thus making all averages based on the same length of time. Also simplified things for charter statisticians. Council recommends vote NO.

36. ARTICLE XII Section 3

Sub-paragraph a, Add to end of 2nd sentence these words...*no more than 30 days prior to entering a tournament.*

Reason—to prevent people from entering first event months after qualifying. Council recommends vote YES.

37. ARTICLE XII Section 3

Sub-paragraph c...delete entire paragraph.

Reason—too difficult for charters to enforce, thus few are trying. Council recommends vote YES.

38. ARTICLE XII Section 10

Change wording of last sentence to read...*Any award of monetary value, including trust funds from the World Tournament or the Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards Program shall not be issued before the successful completion of high school.*

Reason—eliminates the possibility of harming amateur status while still in high school. Council recommends vote YES.

The NHPA Executive Council will request ratification of the following by majority voice vote.

39. STANDING RULE 11

Change wording to...*Regional Directors and assistants are appointed, removed, replaced and will serve in accordance with the published guidelines developed by the NHPA 5th VP who oversees the RD program. All must be subscribers to Newslines.*

Reason—better wording combining two standing rules.

40. STANDING RULE 12

Delete present wording entirely as it is combined with new #11. Replace with new wording...*All member proposed changes to Bylaws and Playing Rules shall be submitted in writing to the committee chairperson postmarked by December 31st of the year preceding the appropriate convention.*

Reason—to give adequate time for committee study, *Newslines* publication and member debate.



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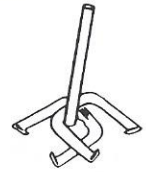
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CALIFORNIA

Just a little bit of Nut 'n Honey: In the last *Chatter*, we mentioned that the WHPA club in the state of Louisiana had 5 husband/wife combination members and wondered if anybody had more. Well, there is a club in Northern California that has a whopping 82% of its membership made up of husband/wife combs. The Gold Country Horseshoe Club of Nevada City has 39 club members, 32 of which come from 16 husband/wife combinations. Two other Gold Country husband/wife combos recently moved out of the area. Percentage wise, this may be one of the most couple oriented clubs in the land.

Elected into the Northern California HPA Hall of Fame for 1993 was another husband/wife team, Joe and Millie Schultz of Stockton. In 1993 the Northern charter had 665 members including 46 juniors. They scheduled, get this, 110 sanctioned tournaments, more than any other charter in the NHPA. The 1994 schedule has 118 sanctioned tournaments on it.

CANADA

A little history: In 1975 Jack Adams of Chilliwack, B.C. took over as coordinator among the provinces to keep the Canadian Championships alive and try to form a new association.

The B.C. Horseshoe Pitchers Association threw its support behind Adams and the Canadian tournament went ahead, held three years in a row in British Columbia (1975-76-77).

During this time Jack Adams forged a new constitution and a new National body with each province having equal say at all meetings, two voting delegates per province.

All the delegates met in Ottawa, July 14, 1979, and the new association name "Horseshoe Canada" was born.

Nine provinces and one territory (Yukon) are today affiliated with Horseshoe Canada.

COLORADO

30-footer Larry Riley, two-time World Class winner at Spearfish, teamed with Dean Lauer to win the state's first walking doubles tournament at the indoor Knaub Arena near Fort Collins. Colorado has another indoor facility located in Commerce City, just east of Denver.

Paul LaCrosse, who finished fifth in the men's championship class in Spearfish, and Margaret Tarket, five-time state champion each have won two titles at the Valley of the Sun tournament. LaCrosse has won 11 state titles, one better than the legendary Ted Allen.

Since 1990 Colorado has increased membership from 231 to a record 470 in 1993. 40 tournaments are scheduled for 1994.

INDIANA

The 41 sanctioned tournaments in 1994 include an event at a new 12-court facility in Michigan City. It is their first sanctioned tournament.

With several heated indoor courts located across the state, pitchers are able to pitch year around. Two of these facilities have sanctioned leagues during the winter. Three have sanctioned tournaments. When temperatures reached 24 degrees below zero in January, the pitchers were able to keep right on playing.

Included in Indiana's membership are 50 loyal people who buy membership cards each year, but do not pitch. The association certainly appreciates their support.

Under the direction of President Dave Herring and the other officers, it is their goal to go over 500 members in 1994.

LOUISIANA

On November 21 the St. Michael Special School was the real winner in a tournament sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and friends held in Harahan. \$270 was raised for the school.

In addition the highlight of the competition was a 2 out-of-3 game match between the local fire chief and the police chief, won by the fire chief.

The MDA Benefit at Harahan courts netted \$598. Class A winner was Veachel Tucker with a 47.9%. Pat Strain won Class B, Wayne Martinex took Class C. The HHPA was mentioned as a contributor on the local Labor Day Telethon.

Morgan City has received city approval to convert a tennis court to horseshoe courts. They hope to have them completed for Spring 1994.

MINNESOTA

To say the 1993 MGSHPA State Tournament, hosted by the Hibbing Club, was the greatest tournament to date is a big statement. But, to review the planning innovation displayed, this just may be a fact. Let's take a look what took place in Hibbing:

- 1) Olympic stands were used in awarding trophies to class winners.
- 2) Class sponsors attended the event to award the trophies, and generated community support.
- 3) Banner hanging across the street announcing the state tournament.
- 4) Many of the businesses had window signs to announce the tournament—more than just a donation to support the event.
- 5) Public TV for the Hibbing area carried several hours of the tournament live.
- 6) Many political figures and dignitaries opened the competition each day by throwing out the first shoe.
- 7) The tournament program was upgraded to be a true collectable and souvenir of the state event.
- 8) Planning and pre-tournament efforts were completed to recruit and train event workers and scorekeepers.
- 9) The list would not be complete without mention of the 1993 State Tournament song written solely for the Minnesota Banquet which was a sellout.

CHARTER CHATTER

NEW JERSEY

Five new records were set at the State Championships. Joe McCrink won the top title with a 77.4% average. Ray Shober for the second time was a Class A Champion with a record setting 55.9% average. Kevin Wolfenden set a high game percentage in Class I of 50%. Jack Fritzges is a four-time winner in Class B Doubles. Henry Baston and Shirley Batson-Manzoni are the first Class C Doubles winners to win twice with the same partner.

The state association has received \$1000 from the estate of Harry Schmidt. He also left \$2000 to the NHPA.

The Warren County Horseshoe Club of Washington, has constructed four additional courts. They hope to install lights and fencing by Spring.

NEW YORK

Congratulations to the Pine Grove Horseshoe Club of Camden, the host club for the 1993 New York State Tournament. Pete Newey and his committee did a great job. Art Tyson from Mt. Vernon, one of the top pitchers in the World, won the Class A title, Suzan Twyman, was the women's winner, John Kozik, Jr. (40-ft. Senior men); Ernest Blanchet (30-ft. Senior men); Jim Thurber (Junior boys) and Marie Esperti (Junior girls).

NORTH CAROLINA

North and South Carolina have been under the direction of one NHPA Regional Director with one assistant.

As of January 1 each state will have their own RD. Paul Stewart will remain RD for North Carolina and his assistant will be Ricky Bolick. Ron Taylor will be the South Carolina RD and his assistant will be Keith Queen. Both states are gaining in membership and continue to grow.

North Carolina player of the year was Clyde Southern with 198 points, second was Tom Eaton with 193. Eaton pitched in 23 tournaments.

OHIO

Ohio has been known as the State of Presidents. Now we find the Buckeye State has inducted nine former World Champions into their Hall of Fame.

Beginning in 1977 they inducted Paul Focht, Dayton; Fred Brust, Columbus; George May, Akron and Harold Reno, Sabina. Charles Bobbit was selected in 1979, followed by Harold Falor, Akron in 1981 and Mayme Francisco, Columbus, Opal Reno, Pike County and Jim Knisley, Bremen in 1983.

Greenville, Ohio has held four World Tournaments in their city.

OREGON

Joanne Loy from Corvallis topped the Class A division in the Phoenix open with a 7-1 record, 64.39% and the next day was 7-1 and 60.76% in the Merlin Open.

Patty Sapp of Eugene went 8-0 with a 76.01% to edge Lowell Davis by one game in the Connolly Classic.

Winners of \$25 each for games pitched in 1993 25% over their average are as follows: Art Gee of Bend; Larry Scheuffele, Bend; Norm Martin, Hermiston; Joe Grube, Rogue River and Frank Walker, Corvallis.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Accomplishments for 1993 include the fact that membership surpassed the 1992 record with 100 adults and 10 juniors, inducted a member into the Hall of Fame for the second consecutive year, added two additional vice presidents bringing the number of state officers to seven, added a junior girls division to the state tournaments for the first time ever, added seven new horseshoe courts giving the state a total of 45 courts, and the state held its first Awards Banquet with the combined participation of all clubs.

Jim Ramsey of Rock Hill and Cleve Moses of York were elected as the two new state officers for 1994. Ron Taylor of Clover and Keith Queen of Lockhart are the new Regional and Assistant Regional Directors.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Congratulations to Rod and Mary Hancock as 1993 inductees into the state Hall of Fame. The Hancocks put in many hours and helped organize the two World Tournaments held in Spearfish in 1989 and 1993.

Congratulations also to South Dakota's state champions: Mel Goeden, Carlene Connelly, Michael Newton and Michelle Newton. The state tournament was organized by the Sioux Falls group.

TENNESSEE

Seventy-five plaques were given out last summer. This means that 75 different pitchers won either first, second or third place in tournaments. Each plaque will hold 16 events plates and some pitchers are quickly filling up their plaque.

TEXAS

The 1993 Greater Houston Horseshoe Club Sportsmanship Award goes to John Humphries. This trophy is presented to a member who has promoted the sport and worked hard during the year in and around the courts. This year the club also presented a "Teenage Scorekeeper of the Year" trophy. Jill Carmichael won this award for all her hard work at the many tournaments she attended during the year.

Coke Bowker and Ed Arionus went at it again in the 1993 State Tournament with Coke going 7-0 to win the title. Coke closed with a 69.9%, Ed with 67.3%.

Mary Ann Kramr (7-2, 59.9) edged former World Junior Champion Celeste Polak (6-3, 62.0%) by one game to win the women's title.

VIRGINIA

Floyd Hix, Jr. of Ruther Glen plans to have three indoor courts ready by March 26 to host his first sanctioned tournament, an invitational. The facility will be expanded to 7 courts by year end.

The SVHC league play awards were as follows: League champion-David Conley, League runner-up-Darrell Brock, high game-Claude Gibson, high average Bob Dean, Sr., high game over average-D.W. Strickler and rookie of the year-Audrey Swartz. Most improved-Anita Gregory, most dedicated-Cletus Conley, sportsmanship-Lee Shifflett, and the H.C. Eppard incentive award-Tommy Dean.

CHARTER CHATTER

WASHINGTON

Since Winnie Winetrot was unable to attend the 1993 Awards Banquet in Spearfish, NHPA 2nd vice-president Barry Chapelle made the presentation of the NHPA Arch Stokes Award in a special ceremony.

An annual series of six tournaments was started by Francis "Winnie" Winetrot in 1965. They serve a dual purpose, i.e., to encourage early renewal of state and national membership and to give those who are hardy enough to brave rain, wind, sleet, snow and sometimes sunshine, a chance to keep their competitive skills on a keen level on a year-round basis.

For these six tournaments only, scoring consists of counting all of the ringers made by each pitcher in a game—no single points are counted.

For the last several years, the Classic has been sanctioned by the WSHPA and NHPA.

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

WEST VIRGINIA

Rick Cale made it three-in-a-row winning the men's 1993 State Championship. He average 78%. The women's champion again was Brenda McLaughlin, with an 8-2 record and 56.6%.

Thanks to Gene Russell, who was instrumental in getting the city interested in horseshoe courts, the Charleston Horseshoe Club is getting organized. Dave Holmes is the

president. The Secretary treasurer is Emmitt Hitt.

Carol Fortner reports in the Newsletter that the WVHPA Ringer Roundup will be edited by Ed Walsh, Sr.

WISCONSIN

Dick Hansen has a dual role this year. He is the state president and the NHPA 5th vice president. In his President's Column in the state newsletter he writes: "Even though I am now the NHPA 5th VP, make no mistake that I take this position of WHPA President very seriously. I believe that the two will work well together to keep me informed on both levels."

1993 State Senior Champion Ralph Maylahn is Wisconsin's Pitcher of the Year. Ralph pitched in 13 tournaments won six, and was 2nd or 3rd in five of them. Of his 212 points, almost half came from Beloit tournaments. Maylahn is also a WHPA Hall of Fame members.

WYOMING

It is now official that Gillette, Wyoming will bid for the 1996 World tournament.

Wyoming will run its first ever State Doubles tournament in Gillette in 1994. They will honor 7-time State Champion Ken Raymond from Rawlins at the tournament who has had to move to 30 feet because of ailing legs.

Wyoming will also run a record 24 tournaments in 1994, and encourage out of state pitchers to attend some of the events.



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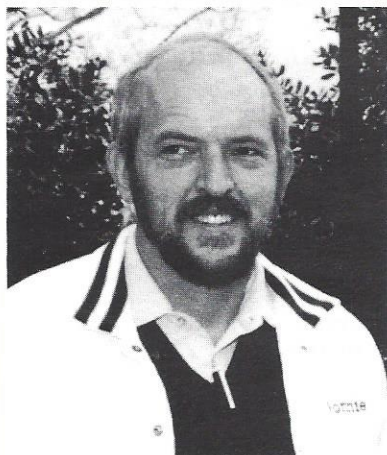
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ATTENTION All Male NHPA 70 + Members

In the past few years, several changes have been made to accommodate your age group—the most notable of which is the establishment of short-distance pitching for those of you who want to move up, for whatever reason. This change has not taken place without some dissent, but we now have the process pretty well defined. At any rate, it is now time to fine-tune the whole operation and tighten the screws in a few places. Please read the following information carefully.

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So, to establish a continuity between the NHPA Bylaws and NHPA Rules and to clarify your classification for your Charter and for NatStats, you who are 70+ must make a decision. Do you want to pitch the full-distance, and pitch in either the Open or Senior Division, or do you want to pitch as a short-distance (Elder) pitcher? *You can't do both*, but you do have a choice, which is more than you had a few years ago. Please remember, if you choose to pitch in the Open or Senior classes, you *must* observe the 37' foul line, no matter how old you are and, if you choose to pitch as an Elder, you *must* pitch at less than the full distance.

Your Charter officers will notify you of this procedure and ask for your decision. Once you make it, you cannot move back and forth between the two distances, so think it over before you decide. The only change that should be made during the calendar year is for those gentlemen who reach age 70 during the year. At that time, they can make the change and move up if they so desire, but once it's done, it's done.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter. It will cause fewer problems for everyone. Please note—if a tournament official mixes the divisions together, each entrant still must pitch at his classified distance.

Good pitching in 1994.

Barry Chapelle
Rules Committee Chairman

LAS VEGAS FUNFEST & HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

BY JIM HAUPT

Karl Van Sant wins the Las Vegas Open

LAS VEGAS, NV—JAN. 9-13, 1994

Coming from the second pre-lim spot, Karl Van Sant, well known veteran "A" pitcher of Indiana, out-pointed the pre-lim winner, top seeded Russ Christopher, a 30' senior of Saskatchewan, in the last game of the step-ladder finals.

Myrna Kissick set the finals pace with high average but low on the ladder. Fellow Canadian, Marv Ellison won that pairing only to lose to California gal, Lupe Henry. She then sent Rich Pintor of Colorado down one step before being stopped herself as Van Sant protected his position.

Class "A" players' entering averages varied by more than 6% (actually 26%) therefore their games were handicapped and they scored using count-all. Last class pitchers also used the same system. Remaining classes played straight up, no handicap, cancellation. All classes pitched (a bonus this year) 40 shoes.

Pro Bowler of the Year, Walter Ray Williams Jr., led all entrants in average both entering and performance, but the points he had to give caused four losses. Although he missed the finals, Williams' matches were the center of attention. ABC network had a camera crew following his every move for future national viewing. That man carries one bright torch for our game.

Las Vegas, the glamorized gaming town of the West, was the place of choice for 600 or so NHPA people this past January. Don Weaver and Donnie Roberts once more conducted what has become the richest money event next to the World Tournament—their 11th Annual Horseshoe Tournament in that town—the Las Vegas Funfest at the Hacienda Resort Hotel.

Three hundred and seventy-four

(374) pitchers, a full house, tossed shoes day and night, three days running in round robin preliminaries. Thursday the finalists walked through the step-ladder finish.

Pitching horseshoes in the carpeted Hacienda Hotel ballroom may seem like a pipe dream. It's possible because, thankfully, some willing pitcher-workers turn-to a few days early to set-up. Small but adequate portable pits are worked into a surrounding deck of plywood sheets. Synthetic clay 2½ inches thick cushions the landing shoe. True, it may have bounced some shoes but it is the A-1, state-of-the-art material of choice for indoor courts. Some pitchers, winners like they are, thrived, nearly equaling their entering averages. The 'clay' also served as a near perfect excuse for some of the losers.

A big red book set out for all to see. It is the NatStat bible—a two inch thick looseleaf with NHPA averages of every card-carrying pitcher whose tournament results were reported. It made little difference what average entrants sent in. The proof was in the big red book. Looks like Oliver Smith has produced the forerunner of a World Tournament checklist for entering averages—very impressive.

It was horseshoes for some and fun for all. Not to separate the game from having fun but losing is not that bad in Vegas. There's plenty of time between court appearances to sample the casino games, enjoy the warm weather, the endless food, and unique shows. The Hacienda Resort Hotel was the place to get caught up in the sparkling scene.

Closing ceremonies, the banquet, provided Roberts the opportunity to thank all comers for all the ten years

of participation. About twenty office people also received accolades. Special mention should go to Oliver Smith, NatStats, and Glenn Jamieson, California, stat-man, for the outstanding computer presentation. Canadians, by the ton, 48 just from Alberta, tested the photographer's wide lens in an assembled pose.

Roberts also told the story of conceiving the first Vegas tournament where he first heard of and met a local guy who liked to pitch horseshoes. From that point on the 'local guy,' Don Weaver, became a force in the World Tournament, many of his own tournaments, and this, the Las Vegas Open. For eleven years of meritorious service, Weaver was awarded a hand-tooled leather shoe bag.

Efficiently, complete result sheets were issued only hours after Van Sant's winning double hit home. Surveying first names would indicate only some of the thirty foot pitchers. Many senior men have chosen to continue pitching by opting for the shorter distance—so many that other pitchers were suggesting separate divisions.

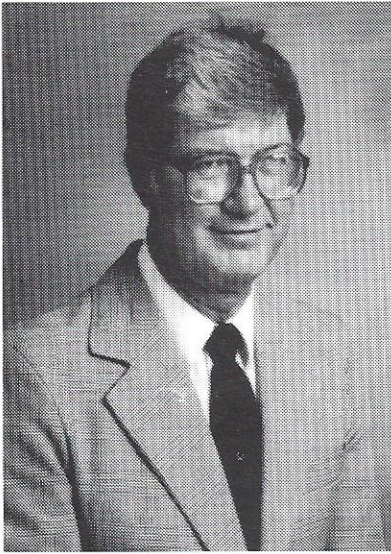
As usual, Weaver lost his voice but said he and Roberts were meeting with the Hacienda people soon to discuss next year's Las Vegas Open. He announced the date as January 8, 1995 but seemed cautiously indefinite.

Was it a good time? Hey, ten below zero at home. Heck yes! That Vegas Fest is Fun!

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COMMENTS FROM MARVIN GRUBB

Candidate for NHPA Secretary Treasurer

The office of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer is the second most important office in our national association and some even think the most important. Therefore, the holder of this position must insure that they perform the duties of this office in the best interest of the NHPA and its members. Special care must be taken to avoid conflicts of interest between the holder of this office and their NHPA obligations. I have no Horseshoe related business interests and do not plan to engage in any business related to the NHPA or the game of Horseshoes. Therefore I will perform the duties of this office strictly in the best interest of the NHPA and its members.

I am retired and will be able to devote full time to this position. In fact I have been called a workaholic because I have always devoted more time to my profession than was required by my employer. This position requires a certain amount of travel and time away from home. My business interests are in the rental of residential properties and will not conflict with the time requirements of this office. I am, and will be, free to travel and to devote the time away from my home as necessary to fulfill the obligations of this office. For example, the travel time required to conduct the World Tournament will be no problem to me or my schedule.

I believe in strict business financial controls and fiscal responsibility. I think it is in the best interest of the NHPA to have a standing committee that has the responsibility of reviewing the financial ledgers of the NHPA on a line item basis. This committee would have the responsibility of comparing the actual income and expenses of the NHPA to the budgeted income and expenses. The committee chair person would submit a report to the Executive Council, on a quarterly schedule, indicating the committee's agreement and/or disagreement with the actual and budgeted income and expenses.

I have heard comments that the World Tournament should consist of only the best pitchers in our Association and that a qualifying method would be devised to select the World Tournament contestants. I believe this format would not be in the best interests of the NHPA and its members. I think the NHPA should strive to increase the number of World Tournament entries and with these increased entries extend the time of the World Tournament to three, four or more weeks. I am comparing our World Tournament to the American Bowling Congress National Tournament which runs for 70 or 80 days each year. The way to promote our game is not to reduce its public exposure, on the contrary, we should strive to increase public awareness of our game. I know that a longer duration World Tournament would require a greater time commitment of our Secretary/Treasurer, President and other members of the Executive Council, but as they say, "It comes with the territory."

Comments and/or questions about my candidacy should be directed to:

Marvin E. Grubb

4540 Osceola Rd., Titusville, FL 32780

1994 Candidates for NHPA Office

BARRY CHAPELLE Candidate for Re-election

After careful consideration and hours of "looking ahead," I have decided to become a candidate for re-election for NHPA 2nd Vice President. I have enjoyed my ten years of service and, although I occasionally get tired and wonder "Why," I can see a change coming shortly. I plan to retire from teaching in 1995 and will thus have the opportunity to handle my NHPA duties without the stress of full time employment. Hopefully, I might even be able to travel a bit more and take in some events I have previously been unable to attend.

I have just recently finished the work on the NHPA rules revision and have some other projects that I feel still need to be done. I am asking your continued support for another term as your NHPA 2nd VP so I might carry out these projects and continue to work for our organization and sport to the very best of my ability.

Sincerely,

Barry Chapelle
NHPA 2nd Vice President

BONNIE SEIBOLD Candidate for Re-election

I will be a candidate for re-election at the 1994 Convention in Syracuse, New York. Your support will be greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed my years as your NHPA 4th VP. I think my years of experience would be very beneficial if I were re-elected.

I have, in the past years of office, voted for the best interests of the NHPA and would continue to do so if re-elected.

Thank you,

Bonnie Seibold
NHPA 4th Vice President

DONNIE ROBERTS Candidate for Re-election

Once again I seek your support as I announce my candidacy for re-election as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. I have enjoyed my past terms in office and have always given the responsibility my complete and dedicated attention. You can be sure that I will continue to work hard in behalf of the membership. My experience in handling the day to day tasks of this office can be a valuable asset working in your behalf. The NHPA Secretary/ Treasurer responsibility is far greater than just administering membership files and financial controls. It goes well beyond that as those of you who have come to know me realize.

You have the opportunity to keep more than a decade of NHPA experience and a person of proven dedication in office. It is my sincere hope that you will re-elect me to another term as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer.

Thank you,

Donnie Roberts
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

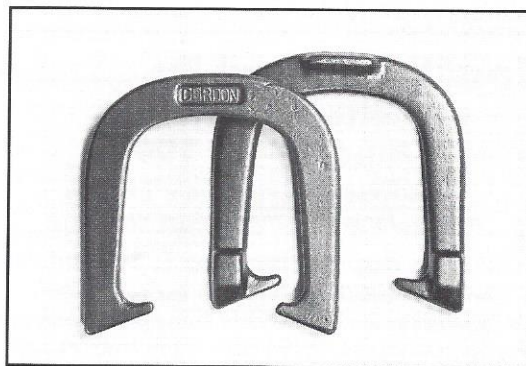
MARVIN E. GRUBB Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

I have announced my candidacy for the position of NHPA Secretary/ Treasurer. I am currently Sec./Treas. of the Florida Chapter and have held this position since 1985. I was elected to the Florida State Hall of Fame in 1989. My 30 odd years of business experience as a high level manager and small business owner more than qualify me for this position. I believe in sound fiscal and financial policies in daily operations and long range financial planning.

I have always been an avid sports fan and participant. My ringer percentage has ranged from 20% to 70% and I understand the problems and expectations of horseshoe pitchers from the lowest class to the Championship class. The *Newsline* is an excellent publication for dissemination of news and new ideas, but space is at a premium and does not allow for a complete presentation of new ideas. See me at the World Tournament in Syracuse for a lively discussion of the game, the NHPA and anything related to the Horseshoe game. Looking forward to representing you as the new NHPA Secretary/ Treasurer.

Sincerely,

Marvin E. Grubb



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Eight Regional Tournaments

Southeastern Regional Statesville, North Carolina April 15-17, 1994

The Dogwood Festival Tournament
at the Jack Springer courts in Lakewood Park

Pre-register by April 1, 1994.

Entries limited to first 200. Entry fee \$15.00 (extra fee for some classes) Purse in excess of \$2500.

Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Statesville Rec. & Parks Dept.
P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687
Contact Paul Stewart 704-528-5081

Southwestern Pacific Regional Davis, California · April 23-24, 1994

36 courts at the Yolo HPC
RV parking space available, no hookups.

Pre-register by April 10, 1994.

Entry fee \$20.00 — Purse should exceed \$2,000.

Entry payable to NCHPA.

Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Jerry Smith
920 Charity Lane, Dixon, CA 95620
Phone 916-678-6030

Central Regional O'Neill, Nebraska June 4-5, 1994

24 courts

Pre-register by May 21, 1994.

Entry fee \$25.00, Juniors \$5.00—Purse should exceed \$2,500.

Checks payable to Shamrock Ringers HSC.

Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Arnet Howes
Box 74, Inman, NE 68742
For information phone Vernon Jamison 402-336-3485

Northwest Pacific Regional Hermiston, Oregon · June 18-19, 1994

25 courts at Weber Field
RV parking available at Fairgrounds next to courts.

Pre-register by June 16, 1994.

Entry fee \$25.00 Class "A", \$20.00 all other classes.

Total purse in excess of \$4,000.

Entry payable to Hermiston Horseshoe Club.

Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Rick Rebmán
Rt. 5 Box 5257, Hermiston, OR 97838
503-567-8560

South Central Regional Joelton, Tennessee June 18-19, 1994

38 covered courts, some indoors
at the Jack Freeman court complex.

Pre-register by June 1, 1994.

Entry fee \$15.00 — Purse to exceed \$3,000.

Fees payable to Jack Freeman/Tennessee Horseshoes.

Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Mary Bastian
3730 Old Charlotte Pike, Franklin, TN 37064-4791
Phone 615-794-5620

Northeastern Regional Wildwood, New Jersey · July 7-10, 1994

Sponsored by the American Red Cross in conjunction with a fund raising Festival which will include many family oriented activities at the summer resort destination of Wildwood. This tournament will be supported by the New Jersey HPA. The total purse depending on entries should be between \$3,500-\$5,000.

Pre-register by June 17, 1994.

Entry fee \$25.00 Checks payable to American Red Cross.

Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

American Red Cross
312 Cooper St., Camden, NJ 08102
Phone 609-365-7100 or contact Ron Vogel 908-356-2046

Mountain States Regional Seeley Lake, Montana · July 22-24, 1994

In conjunction with the 11th annual Seeley Lake Tournament and fun-filled singles and doubles money throws on Friday night under the lights. Regional on Sat./Sun. at the 20 courts in the Seeley Lake Community Park.

Pre-register by July 20, 1994

Entry fee \$25.00, \$10.00 for money throw.—Total expected purse for Regional \$3,500 plus over \$1,000 in money throws.

Fees payable to Seeley-Swan Shoe Slingers.

Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

P.O. Box 285, Seeley Lake, MT 59868
Contact Don Larson 406-677-2080 (work) or 677-2570 (home)

North Central Regional Des Moines, Iowa August 20-21, 1994

20 courts at the Iowa State Fairgrounds

Pre-register by August 1, 1994

Entry fee \$25.00. Total purse should exceed \$4,000, entries and weather permitting.

Fees payable to IHHPA.

Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to:

Cliff Kenney
Box 243, Collins, IA 50055
Phone Chet Foster 515-964-0159

Special Events Calendar

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29-May 1 Team World Tournament—Beloit, WI. \$5,000 cash awards based on 24 teams. Entry fee \$200 per team. Pre-register by March 31. Mail names and averages of your 4 person team to Tom Roanhouse, 108-B W. Main St., Waterford, WI 53185. 414-534-5838 after 6pm and weekends.

JUNE

4-5 Central Regional—O'Neill, Nebraska. 24 courts. Pre-register by May 21. Entry fee \$25 adults, \$5 juniors. Purse should exceed \$2,500. Checks payable to Shamrock Ringers HSC. Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to Arnet Howes, Box 74, inman, NE 68742. Info. call Vernon Jamison 402-336-3485.

11-12 Heart of Kansas Tournament—4th Annual, Great Bend, KS. Mixed classes. Pre-register by May 21. Entry fee \$25, juniors \$5. 80% payback of entry fees plus sponsor money. Send fee, entry and 3 high average to Violetta Karst, 4111 Sandpiper, Great Bend, KS 67530. 316-793-3175

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JULY 1994

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23 World Warm-up Tournament—Port Byron, NY. Doubles-Blind Draw at Bill & Lottie's River Tavern courts. Limited to first 64 entries. \$10 entry, 100% payback. Food and drink available. Send entry and average to Bill & Lottie's, RD2 RT38, Port Byron, NY 13140. 315-776-8874

25-Aug. 7 NHPA World Tournament — New York State Fairgrounds. Syracuse, NY.

AUGUST

20-21 North Central Regional—Des Moines, Iowa. 20 courts at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Pre-register by August 1. Entry fee \$25. Total purse should exceed \$4,000, entries and weather permitting. Fees payable to IHHPA. Mail fee, name/address, NHPA card # and NatStat average to Cliff Kenney, Box 243, Collins, IA 50055. Chet Foster 515-964-0159.



Tournament Travel Contacts

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1994 National Horseshoe Pitching Championships Camping Information / Registration Form

Camping facilities for the 1994 Horseshoe Pitching Championships will be provided in the Hamilton and Jefferson lots adjacent to Belle Isle Road on the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. These lots are large, open grass fields on the west end of the Fairgrounds approximately 15 minutes walking distance from the Center of Progress Building. Restroom and shower

facilities are available in the immediate area. Tram rides are available for on-site transportation.

There are approximately 750 13' x 40' camping areas, which include 165 sites with full hook-up (water, electric and sewer). The remaining sites are dry camping that have electric available. Sites will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Sanitary trucks will pump each unit daily at their respective slots.

Participants may begin arriving up to one week before the event and can stay up to one week after the event. The fee for camping will be \$12.00 per night/per unit.

Check in must occur between **8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Gate 6**. This entrance is for campers only. Permits will be held at the gate.

Last Date For Advanced Registration Is June 1, 1994

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Entry Form

July 25 - August 7, 1994
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
Syracuse, New York

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All registrations must be dated and mailed between April 1, 1994 and May 16, 1994. Any registration received with a postmark outside this 46 day window shall be placed on a waiting list and pay an additional \$10.00 penalty if they are later accepted into this event. **NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS.** You must have completed a minimum of four (4) sanctioned tournaments or leagues in the twelve (12) months prior to the mailing of this entry. They must be on file with NATSTATS which will accept results through May 23, 1994.

REGISTRATION FEES & POLICY: Adults - \$50.00 Juniors - \$10.00 Non-NHPA Member Foreign Players - \$55.00 US Funds
NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 3, 1994.

READ CAREFULLY: Any male pitching 40 feet may enter the Open Men's Division regardless of age just as any adult female may enter the Open Women's Division. To enter the Senior Men Division, you must be 60 years or older as of July 24, 1994. **Any individual 70 years or older as of July 24, 1994 or a physically impaired person of any age, all of which must pitch less than 40 feet, may enter the Elders Division.** Junior Division entrants must be 17 years old or less for the entire 1994 calendar year.

You can play in only one division. PLEASE CIRCLE THE DIVISION YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR:

1. Open Men 2. Senior Men 3. Open Women 4. Elders 5. Junior Boys 6. Junior Girls

PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, causes of actions, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in a World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Please indicate what you think your three (3) high average should be _____%. Circle how many sanctioned events you have competed in during the last twelve (12) months. 4 5-6 7-9 10 or more

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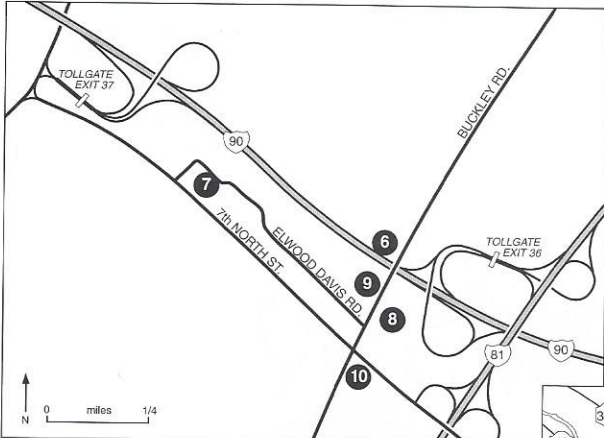
MAIL REGISTRATIONS & FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA) TO:
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2031 Ridgewood Road • Alamo, CA 94507
510-935-2643

DIRECT TELEPHONE INQUIRIES TO:
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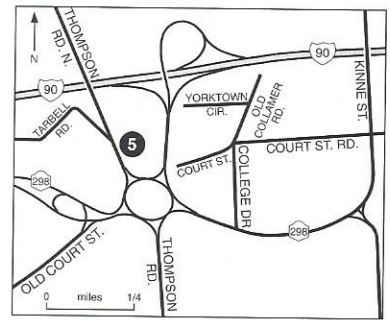
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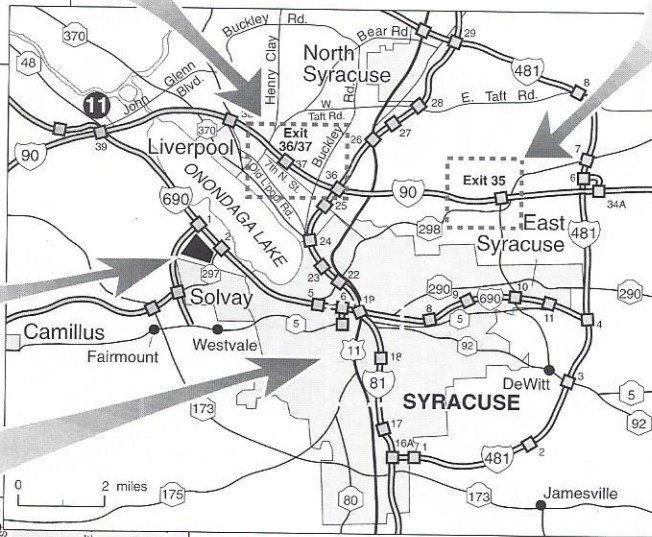
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- 1 Genesee Inn Executive Quarters**
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For further information contact:

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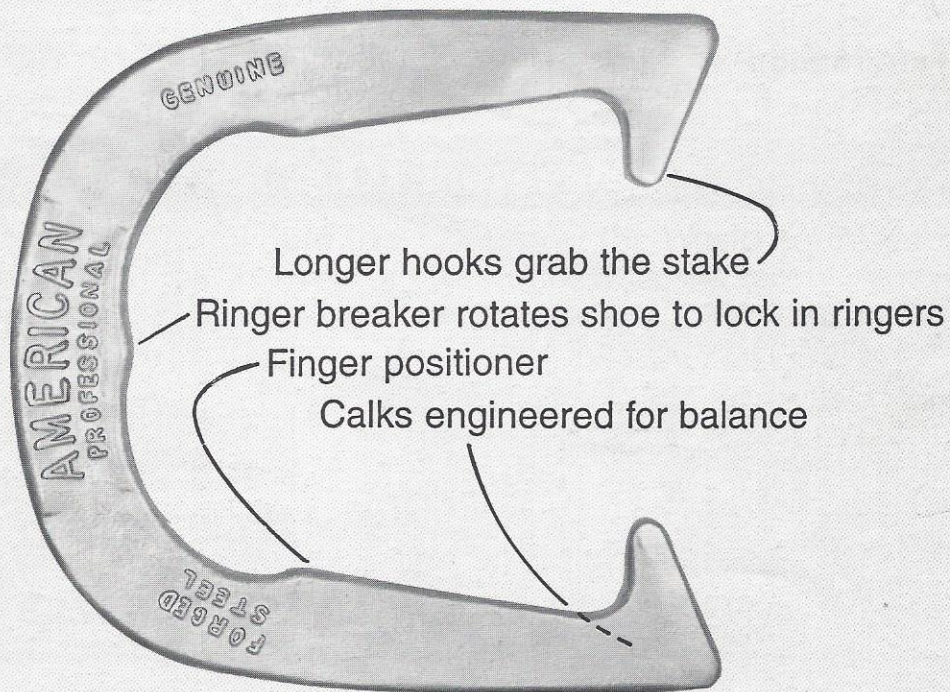
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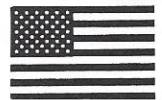
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