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ON OUR COVER

Fernando Isais

President's Message

It takes a special type of person and talent to generate and carry out an effective promotional program. In the corporate world, it also takes millions of dollars. The NHPA doesn't have the funding of some other corporate sports associations nor do we, frankly speaking, have the following. But, we do have some very talented and dedicated people who can promote our sport.

Among the best is Don Titcomb. As a former World Champion and self made promoter, Don is constantly on the move around the country giving exhibitions, holding instructional clinics, teaching, talking and otherwise promoting the sport. Don Titcomb has been instrumental in getting many horseshoe clubs established and people involved, all over the country. Don loves horseshoe pitching and promoting the sport. Major racetracks, State and County Fairs, corporations and charities have found Don's pitching and promotional skills a valuable addition to their programs. His work and contributions to the sport go well beyond institutional efforts. They go to the grass roots base of getting new people involved, something every organization like the NHPA needs.

Over the years Don has developed and refined a special program for Fairs. It's called "Pitch N' Win." Fairs and local horseshoe clubs love this program—the Fairs because it is something different that involves spectators and the clubs because they suddenly have a flood of potential new members. The end of the Fair doesn't necessarily mean the end of the

program. The door is now open for clubs to form and charters to pursue permanent horseshoe pitching facilities and tournaments like State Championships, to be held in conjunction with the annual Fair where 1000s of spectators will attend.

Two of the largest clubs in California and others in the country got their start this way. Membership referrals flow in every time the Pitch N' Win program returns. Clubs, Charters, the NHPA and horseshoe pitching all benefit through these promotional efforts. It doesn't just mean new members, but often brings media coverage. Extended publicity often assists getting sponsors and sponsors generally mean free products for give-aways to spectators and dollars to fund the event itself. When sponsorship funds are available and the club assists Don in running the Pitch N' Win program at the fair, there is often remuneration to the club.

Pitch N' Win is a free horseshoe pitching event for amateurs. It can be effectively held almost anywhere there is a festive assembly of people. Individual involvement of a participant doesn't take much time but it does need the support of a few helpers to realize its full potential. The program is documented in written form and a video is available. If you want to promote horseshoe pitching in your area or introduce the sport to a Fair, let Don help you. He has the program, the desire and promotional expertise needed to successfully expand horseshoe pitching in your area. Write to: Don Titcomb, 59 Constitution Dr., Winchester, KY 40391 or phone 606-744-8602.

Dave's Court Report

■ Charter Presidents are reminded to read Article IX, section 3 of the NHPA Bylaws. It covers the requirement needed to seat your delegation in convention.

■ We have yet been unable to confirm the date and times for the State Officer, Regional Directors, Sanctioned Cl/Lg, Rules and Hall of Fame Committee meetings in Syracuse. But, interested parties should think Fri./Sat., July 29-30.

■ The NHPA has a new Game Related Sales Distributor. Dave and Pat Senger of New Hope, MN, who had been sub-distributors, have been assigned a full distributorship for Minnesota, North and South Dakota. This is in keeping with our goals of providing better service and shorter distances as the growth of product sales is realized. They even have an 800 number for customers in their area. The Northern California Charter has also gotten involved by becoming a sub-distributor for their area. The NHPA was impressed by the size of their first stocking order, nearly \$4,000 of merchandise to be sold and displayed in a special showroom at the Yolo Club which with 40 courts, is California's largest.

■ Donnie Roberts would like to thank everyone for their cards and heartfelt concern during his recent hospitalization. Donnie was only temporarily slowed and is back in good health, on the job and working for you.

■ Payments against the 1990 Georgia W.T. shortfall debt slowed in 1993 and fell below the minimum \$1200 annual commitment given the convention delegates in Biloxi. Five checks totaling \$889 were sent to the NHPA last year. Payments the previous 3 years had averaged \$1463. We hope to see things improve this year. With the \$889

applied, the Georgia balance owed is \$30,222.

■ NHPA membership was down slightly in 1993 to 13,935 adults and 853 juniors. This is the second year of decline after 11 years of growth, which peaked in 1991 at 14,843 adults. One can speculate and sight several possible reasons, but it is too early to be alarmed. While several charters saw membership increases, 10 charters who declined, alone, accounted for a loss of 675 members.

■ *Newsline* subscriptions were again up in 1993, reaching record highs. For the first year ever, subscription mailings exceeded 3000 for every issue. Here's a five year comparison.

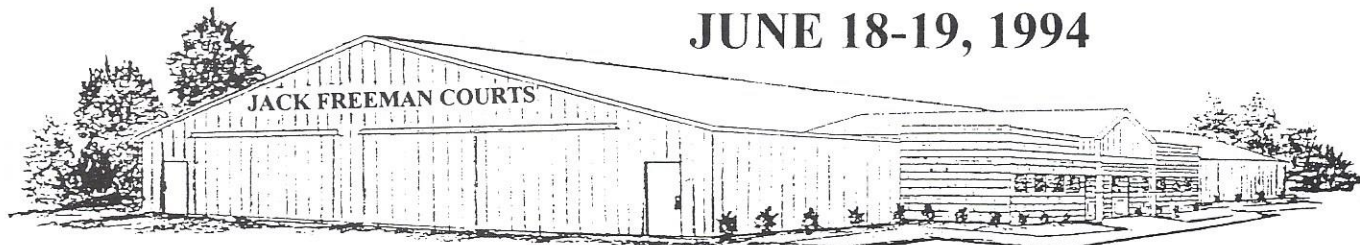
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Jul/Aug.....	2633	2842	2933	2943	3188
Sep/Oct.....	2753	2836	3004	2961	3138
Nov/Dec.....	2724	2785	3011	3000	3208
Results.....	2694	2813	2850	2912	—
AVERAGE.....	2597	2785	2936	2971	3123

■ While on the subject, let's take a look at the leaders in membership and subscriptions to the NHPA magazine, 20 years ago and now.

1974 Membership/Digest Subscriptions		1993 Membership/Newsline Subscriptions	
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2. No. California	Indiana	Minnesota	Ohio
3. Indiana	W. Pennsylvania	Ohio	Illinois
4. So. California	So. California	No. California	New York
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JUNE 18-19, 1994



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FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE. 37064-4791. Phone 615-794-5620 (answering machine).

Letters to the Editor

Newsline Editor,

To get in line with your wish to see letters to the editor on subjects other than the 30' controversy, here goes...

Once in awhile I see mentioned, the requirement for Charter officers to be *Newsline* subscribers. Some have been negative concerning this requirement. I know that when this took effect, we had a lot of debate in our Charter. It was finally settled by our Charter picking up the tab for our officers' subscriptions.

You would think that if someone was involved enough in horseshoe pitching to want to lead, by being an officer, whether it be national or local, that person would *want* to be a subscriber to *Newsline*. Although I believe a subscription to *Newsline* should be required by a Charter officer, I don't believe this should be paid by the members.

By the Charters paying their officer's subscription to *Newsline*, it gives a negative impression about the need to subscribe. I remember one letter to the editor, awhile back, that said something like this: just because someone is forced to subscribe, does not mean that it is being read. *That's* a very good point! In my opinion, that makes my case even stronger, about *not* paying for the Charter officer's subscription. If you don't have officers that *want* to be informed about all horseshoe pitching matters, it doesn't matter how many subscriptions you buy for them—you still have the blind leading the blind.

Now, how do we get the members aware of *Newsline*? I think we, as members of our Charters, should ask the editor of our Charter newsletter to print, free of charge, the subscription/renewal form that's in *Newsline*. I sent a copy of this to our editor a month or so ago, asking that this be done.

I started pitching in organized tournaments in 1981, while my wife and I lived in Nebraska. I was a subscriber to the *News Digest* then. After moving back to Texas in the mid '80s I was out of our sport for a few years. When I got back into pitching, it was a year or so before I discovered our new magazine, *Newsline*. I had been told that the NHPA no longer printed the digest. Maybe I didn't ask, I don't

know, but no one told me that we had a new magazine. This is one more reason to urge advertising *Newsline* by our Charters. Not only have I been a subscriber since, I also send \$12 to the NHPA each year, along with the name and address of a junior pitcher in my area, so they can get *Newsline*.

I know that \$12 is a lot of money for some people and to others it's nothing. I would think that most of our members fall somewhere between these two examples. Surely we have more members that could help a junior, or anyone else, by buying them a year's subscription. (You don't have to tell them why they have suddenly started getting *Newsline*.) You would also be helping the NHPA. After all, this is our organization.

So come on members, urge your Charters not to pay for their officers' *Newsline* subscription. Urge your Charter to try to get its members to subscribe. Once your Charter's newspaper starts printing the order blank, it would take no effort from then on—put it in a certain place on the newsletter format, and keep it there. The more people we get into *Newsline*, the better informed we all will be. That will help all horseshoe pitchers, on all matters.

Johnny Davenport, Post, Texas

Newsline Editor,

I agree with your editorial in the last issue about people getting tired of the 30' vs 40' debate. Your last comment was excellent. Let's turn our attention to trying different formats in the hope of finding something to improve the situation that now exists between the two distances.

Here in Gillette, Wyoming, three of our first seven 1994 tournaments will try something different. In any class that is mixed, we will crown two champions. All shoes pitched will count toward your final tournament average for the day. However, only games played against 40' pitchers will count when determining the 40' champion and the 30' champion will be determined solely on the games played against other 30' pitchers. Second place will go to the remaining player with the highest

ringer percentage for the entire class.

Men over 70 years of age who have difficulty pitching the full 40' should be encouraged to move up if it will keep them playing longer. The 30' vs 40' controversy is not much of an issue here in Wyoming, so as a tournament director trying a new format, I am doing so in the hope that more of our elder members will move up to a closer distance. This would expand the pool of 30' pitchers and help competition all around.

Let's see some letters to *Newsline* that offer other positive solutions beneficial to all pitchers, not just one segment. Thank You.

Harold Koch, Gillette, WY

Dear Editor,

Since *Newsline* is often used as a tool to promote new membership, new subscriptions, sponsorship, future events and club sites, etc., I'm suggesting that publication on the 30/40 issue be discontinued. Our goal should be to encourage NHPA involvement by presenting a positive image in person and on the pages of *Newsline*. Thank You.

**Billie Sue Pennington
Stockton, CA**

Newsline Editor,

Video View: I have had the pleasure to view the "Basics of Horseshoe Pitching" video and it is very well done. Even a veteran pitcher can enjoy watching the slow motion view of the shoes in the air. There is a tremendous promotion value in this video for recruiting members. All charter officers would do well to have a copy and clubs should have a number of videos available to loan out to new members.

**Bob Dunn
NHPA Junior Promotion Director**

Dear Dave,

You did a great job on the video "The Basics of Horseshoe Pitching!"

Now let me suggest that you try one specifically designed for kids, using you and a junior pitcher. You have a fine manner and voice and, of course, knowledge of the game.

Art Sperber, Bremerton, WA

Indoor Horseshoe Palace

by Donnie Roberts

Newsline Editor,

I would like to comment on the 30'-40' problem, but have my priorities focused elsewhere: the computer problem.

We (the NHPA) seem to be entering the computer era. It seems NatStats will be used as the % authority for the world tourney, and various other major tournaments. We used it for the Quartzsite Main Event Tournament this year. Why doesn't the NHPA have a program for the charters to use? It seems an ideal time to organize our organization. Please offer a common stat software at a reasonable cost so everyone can use the same program. Let's not let this opportunity slip by.

Gary Chalberg, Yuma, AZ

Editor's Note:

NatStats is a program to compute a member's three highest tournament average and maintain a history of events pitched in the past twelve months. It is the only available common source of composite pitching data on all NHPA members. Its data is primarily intended to be used for NHPA events that draw entries from many different states. However, specific area or individual reports from the NatStats data base are made available to any charter or tournament director that may wish to use the information for seeding pitchers into their local events. As a minimum, states with multiple charters are expected to use NatStats for seeding their State Championship entries.

NatStats is not a computer program to run individual game by game data of a tournament. There are several such programs available and in use around the country for this purpose. The NHPA itself uses one of these individual tournament programs in the computer room at the World Tournament. Several charters use the same program, while others prefer something else or a program developed for the exclusive use of their charter. In almost all cases, these computer tournament programs have been or can be adapted to an ASCII file format report that will feed the composite member results into the NatStats data base.

The Indoor Horseshoe Palace, located at 5220 Camp Road in Hamburg, New York just outside Buffalo, New York, opened its doors in July 1993. There are eight courts fully carpeted occupying eight thousand square feet. The area was formerly a ballroom with more than a twelve foot ceiling. Leagues were formed for evening play and afternoons are for open pitching. A number of sanctioned tournaments have been held with more to come.

If you are traveling in the area, call Leo Bukowski at 716-646-0020. He is President of the Indoor Horseshoe Palace and will be happy to show you the facility and throw some shoes with you.

The Horseshoe Palace is Leo's retirement project, after being in the restaurant equipment and supply business for 46 years. Leo loves the sport and loves promoting horseshoe pitching every way he can. Leo is a

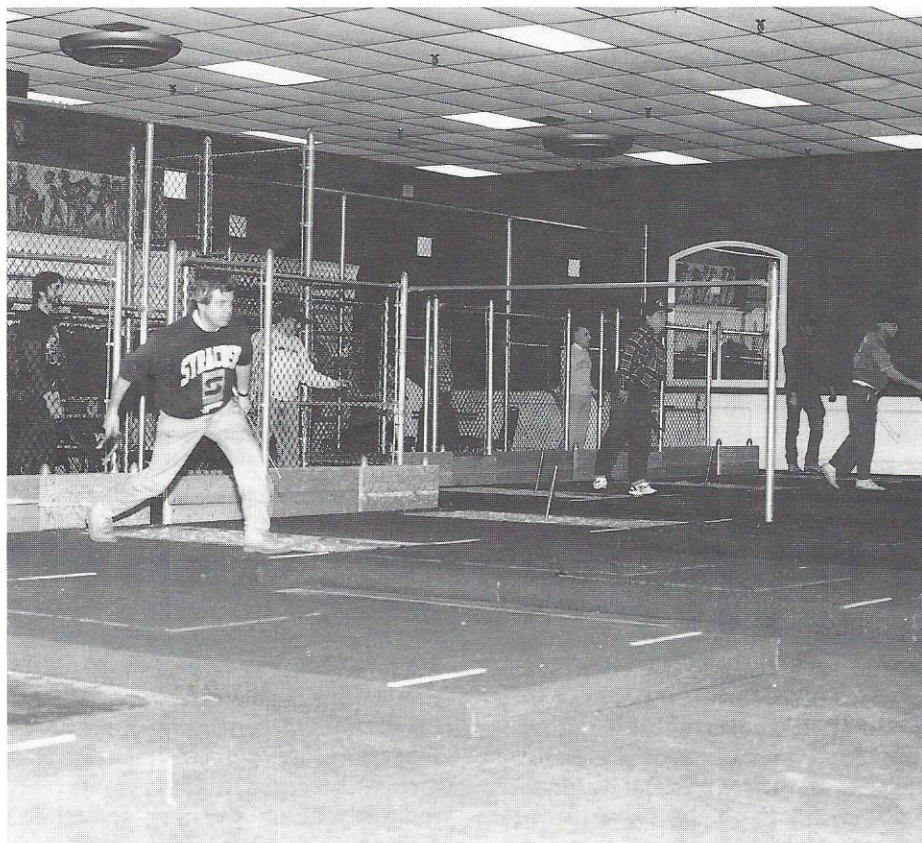
constant "sub" for any team short of players. Leagues run from September to April.

The Palace is ninety feet by ninety feet. The eight courts are filled with synthetic "Klean Klay" which provides a totally dust free environment for pitching. The Palace is heated and air-conditioned. The lounge area has seating for forty with tables and chairs for families and non-pitchers. Soft drinks, coffee, and snacks can be purchased.

In the same building there are forty-eight bowling alleys, a twenty-four hour restaurant, and a Days Inn motel.

Leo is currently trying to create interest for the juniors and seniors in the afternoons. He is working with the schools and senior centers in that effort.

Everyone is invited to stop by to see Leo, visit his fine facility, and pitch some horseshoes.



The Indoor Horseshoe Palace in Hamburg, New York.

Reader Forum

Over the past few years I have read, with interest, all of the many comments in *Newsline* concerning mixed pitching or 30 foot pitchers versus 40 foot pitchers. Most of the letters show a lot of thought and prove that the NHPA has some talented writers among its members. However, most of the letters have been from males. As a female pitcher, and also a tournament director for many years, I'd like to share some personal experiences and some thoughts on this well worn topic.

Would it surprise NHPA members to know that by the end of the 1950s I had won three World Championships, but had never been allowed to compete in any other tournament? In 1960 I married and moved to Missouri. Things were not much better here in the midwest, but my ringer percentage was such that it did not yet threaten the top male pitchers. I was invited to participate in some tournaments and went when I was able, but I could hear the men grumble.

I found that certain tournament directors were inviting me to participate because they knew certain males hated to get beat by a woman. They wanted to see the reaction if I won a few games. None of this made me feel good. All I wanted was the opportunity to practice in competition somewhere other than a World Tournament. I began to stay away from nearly all tournaments, even though my ability was improving through practice at home.

Then, an NHPA rule was passed banning any mixed play in sanctioned tournaments. I decided that I would not play in any local tournaments. I practiced at home and went each year to the World, trying to pitch my qualifying shoes and make the Championship Class. At home I continued to keep the stats each year for a couple of large tournaments and even assisted as a director, but there was no spot for me to play.

With interest beginning to grow among lady pitchers at the local club level, we gradually had the numbers to offer a Women's Division in our State Tournament. At last, I thought, my problems were solved. Wrong!

The others complained that my ringer average was too high and I should be banned from the State tournament. This was not done, but was discouraging to say the least. Women's classes were formed in a few other tournaments. I was tenacious and persevered. Others became discouraged and quit the sport.

In 1978, the NHPA made probably the best move it has ever made and authorized the beginning of a Sanctioned League Program. Because of using handicaps, mixed play was encouraged and it served to increase the size of some leagues. Best of all, it brought about the abolishment of the rule banning mixed pitching in sanctioned tournaments. NHPA membership slowly began to increase and entire families were getting involved.

Then came the real shocker. On-site qualifying for the World Tournament would be done away with. Wonderful!!! But now we had another problem. Where were our 30' pitchers going to establish tournament averages? Then we had the advent of the 70+ Elders short distance division and we had more 30' pitchers clamoring for the opportunity to gain tournament experience. People said, "Make a separate class for them."

This was done in many places throughout the country, and is still being done today, even if there are only 4 pitchers and the top average is 65% and the low average is 20%. Do you think those pitchers enjoy this? Do you think the tournament director enjoys setting up a class with such a wide variance in ability? I think not.

In our State Tournaments, our goal is to crown the Champions, the best pitchers in each division, so this sometimes creates average gaps, but is necessary in this one instance. In all other tournaments, held just for the enjoyment of the pitchers involved, isn't it best to let all similar percentage pitchers compete together regardless of pitching distance? When a pitcher takes the courts, that pitcher knows that everyone in his or her class has an almost equal ringer average, no matter who is pitching the shoe. There won't be someone 30% higher or 30% lower in your class. No mat-

ter who you are or who you play against, if you can maintain your average, you have a chance to win.

As a 30 foot pitcher, I really dislike mixed events because of the additional walking involved, but I know this is the only chance I have to compete at a level that will keep me striving to do my best. As a tournament director, I feel such a sense of relief when all participants can compete at their own level of ability. Offering separate 30' and 40' divisions can work, if you have sufficient numbers of 30' entrants, but so many times this is not the case. For the growth of our sport, mixed pitching seems to be the most reasonable solution.

Change is never easy, but to those who oppose mixed events, please try to view things differently. Remind yourselves that you are pitching against a like ringer average, one that you are capable of beating, and don't dwell on the pitching distance of your opponent. You might find a renewed enjoyment of our sport.

Vicki Winston, LaMonte, MO

No doubt, the 30' vs 40' subject is a hot one, and represents a problem without a good solution; one that could continue for a long time. Maybe taking a look at the "reasons" for the problem, then finding a way to make everyone aware of those reasons would help. Could be that most people don't even know "why" they're bothered. If I try to cut to the root I see...

1. Elders who pitch 40' feel like the guys who move up shouldn't.
2. The man / woman woman / man ego thing.
3. The guys who have been Class F pitchers throughout their pitching career, are discouraged when new 30s begin in class F and beat them, then move on up.
4. 30s (women, juniors, new old guys), who may not take pitching as seriously as 40s do, but still beat them.
5. 30s who are inconsiderate about traffic when pitching.
6. Other 40s who tease the 40 who was beaten by a 30. 30s who make a big deal of beating a 40.

Reader Forum

The list could go on and on. As I write, I'm thinking of an incident that sticks in my mind.

While at the State Tournament two years ago, a guy was telling me how happy he was to have found horseshoes, because it was something inexpensive he could do with his whole family. He, his wife and 13 year old son were practicing together evenings to get ready for week-end tournaments. After about a month, the wife was insulted by a 40' pitcher and she began to stay home. Then the son was repeatedly told (after wins) that he should move back and pitch "like a man." He, too, soon lost interest. The man ended by saying that he was right back where he had always been—going off and leaving his family to do something he liked to do.

There are a lot of stories like this. It's a catch 22. The answer is to get more 30s. However, when new 30s are forced into lopsided competition, they don't return. When new 30s are placed into mixed conditions and exposed to insults and rude remarks, *only the tough ones stay*. Progress toward getting and *keeping* more 30s is delayed by some 40s' impatience.

Guess I've finally come back to the idea that if TDs can make competitive groups at 30', they should; if not, the misplaced person(s) should be mixed. Perhaps if everyone (both 30 and 40) understood "why" he/she was being mixed, they would exercise restraint and patience until we could get more 30s.

Billie Sue Pennington
Stockton, CA

Leveling the Playing Field In Horseshoes

Although handicapping *should* be used when there are not enough players in a given class, in some leagues and tournaments it is definitely *not* used. This makes for an unfair game when players of widely different abilities (5 to 50% ringers) must compete—or else some not play at all. Some players, usually the better ones, do *not* like the handicap system. They generally are in charge of or influence the tournament rules and do *not* permit handicapping. This should *not* be the case, but it is

almost universal in our large area. To eliminate this and still keep the better players happy, the following system is suggested.

In all tournaments or events, have non-handicapped play for those classes (usually A, B and sometimes C) where there are enough players to keep the ringer percentage spread narrow, say 5 to 7 percent. Lump all the other classes into a handicap group where 100% handicapping is used. Use Count-all scoring, a fixed number of shoes per game, no round robin or other fixed scheduling, and winners determined *not* by individual games won and lost, but by the *average corrected score* (scratch score plus handicap) for all games played by each player.

There would be no ties or play-offs, and a fixed number of games (decided at the onset, say 5 or 6) played. This cuts down on the time required—especially for large groups using round robin scheduling. Best of all, juniors, seniors, men, women, 30' and 40' pitchers and physically handicapped people could all compete on equal terms. It levels the playing field for everyone, and permits larger prize pots for the handicap group.

Virgil L. Warren
Socorro, New Mexico

As a member of the NHPA for the past 17 years I have watched our sport grow and develop. It seems to me there are more organized clubs and tournaments now than ever before. The Regional Tournament idea is great and I feel it should be taken to its next level.

I would like to see the formation of the "PHPA" (Professional Horseshoe Pitchers Association). This new organization would work within the NHPA and would promote horseshoe pitching on a professional level. Standards would be set up for a pitcher to become a member of the "PHPA."

I would like to see our current Regional Tournaments coordinated and combined to form a "tour" for these professional pitchers. It would be nice to see a corporate sponsor such as Budweiser put some "big" money into this tour and then name

it the "Clydesdale Cup Tour" similar to the "Winston Cup Tour" with NASCAR. This kind of exposure and money would make these tournaments attractive to many more local pitchers as well as the professionals.

In my view this project (PHPA Tour) should be started on the East Coast and then expanded across the country. We can have a "Regional Tour" of tournaments right now, due to the location and dates of these large tournaments.

We would start out the "tour" in April at the Dogwood Festival Tournament in Statesville, North Carolina. In May we would move to Fairmont, West Virginia for their Regional Tournament. In June it's on to Erie, Pennsylvania for the Eastern National Tournament. We skip July because of the World Tournament. August will find the "pro tour" in Greenville, Ohio for their Regional Tournament. In September we move on to Winchester, Virginia for the Apple Capital Open and finally in October we end up in Frederick, Maryland for the East Coast Tournament of Champions.

At this time the professional pitcher who has earned the most "points" during the year is declared the winner and presented the "Clydesdale Cup Trophy."

I realize this idea requires a lot of thought and preparation; such as having one tournament director to coordinate each tournament and the advertising that goes with it. However, one of the best things about this "tour" is that all of the tournaments are within a day's drive of each other. This means it's not going to be all that time consuming or expensive. The most difficult thing to do will be setting permanent dates for these tournaments with each club involved and promoting each event on a local level. Let's get started!!!

Ray Matlock
NHPA Regional Director

Let us compare the spectator sport of horseshoe pitching to golf and bowling. In golf there is the Professional Golf Association (PGA) in bowling the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), in horseshoe

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pitching the National Pitchers Association (NHPA), after that the similarities end.

Golf and bowling professionals participate in pro tour events in front of large crowds and on national television for which they receive recognition and large monetary rewards. Professional horseshoe pitchers, at the same skill level as his/her golfing or bowling professional counterpart, play in small tournaments (except for the World) receiving very little recognition and prize money.

Question: Who attends and watches on TV the golf and bowling events with sponsors supplying the money? Answer: golfers and bowlers who play golf and bowl at the same skill level comparable to yours and mine.

Are you getting the picture? I think it's time to showcase our sport with the excellent professionals we have in the same way golf and bowling showcase their stars. How many of you would travel to surrounding states and pay to watch the previous World Tournament championship class players compete against each other? I know I would.

I suggest there be four tournaments held in strategic locations. The tournament format would not matter. I suggest the NHPA promote these tournaments. I suggest the NHPA contact sponsors to pay the expenses of the World Tournament championship class players to attend the four tournaments.

What better way is there to promote our sport? Is the interest there? What do NHPA officers think? What do the top World players think? What do the members think?

LeRoy J. Law
Clive, Iowa

Editor's Commentary

The last two above member letters echo the same thought. Develop a Professional HPA within the NHPA, get sponsors and start a mini tournament tour. This idea is not new. Years ago, a group of top pitchers did attempt to get a professional segment underway. There was both a men's and women's group. Apparently neither had much success finding sponsors and at the time the NHPA

did not fully endorse the idea of a professional group.

In the last fifteen years the NHPA has, on several occasions, investigated working with sports promoters and professional management companies. The foremost thought has been the idea of finding sponsors and developing programs to promote our sport and top pitchers. Considerable time and expense went into these efforts with little or no success.

Some five years ago, as NHPA President, I undertook a project to introduce our organization and horseshoe pitching to potential sponsors. The presentation included a proposed mini-tour of top pitchers which, for a modest sponsor investment, offered a means to involve charitable organizations of the sponsor's choice.

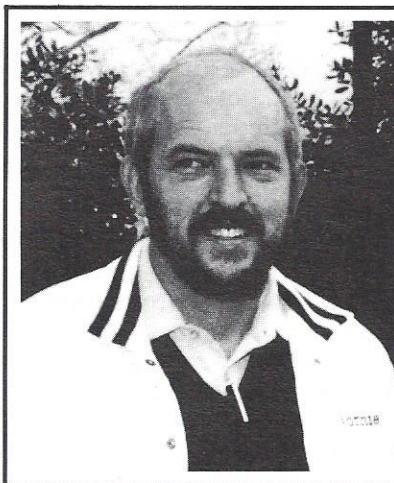
Over the course of nearly a year, I contacted more than 60 national corporations hoping to sell the idea. Less than 25% even gave me the courtesy of a reply. Of those that did respond, not a single one indicated any interest in allocating even a small portion of their promotion budget for our sport. Most did not give reasons. Of those few that did, the reason was much the same as we have been hearing for more than 50 years. Horseshoe pitching is not an exciting game and does not draw the media attention nor spectator interest necessary to justify a sponsor's involvement.

Every year we try to get television coverage of the World Tournament. We generally have the host city and their clout behind these efforts.

While ESPN did broadcast the 1989 Spearfish finals, network after network has turned us down since. Insufficient appeal, no interested sponsors and too expensive, are words we generally hear. Readers might remember the results of the nation wide sports popularity survey conducted a couple of years ago by a major marketing group that makes its findings available to the media and corporate sponsors. *Newsline* reported on this in the January/February 1992 issue. Horseshoe pitching failed to make the list of the 114 most popular sports in America.

The point of this commentary is not to discourage the idea of a pro tour or the expanded involvement of Regional or major tournaments, because the NHPA does hope to one day see the image of our top players and events enhanced.

Rather, I want to point out our prior and continuing efforts as well as the single most mentioned obstacle we always encounter. People who are not horseshoe pitchers rarely perceive the game to have spectator appeal. At the top levels it is more an individual game of concentration and skill than an exciting crowd involving spectator sport. Sponsors are reluctant to spend money on a sport that does not have significant spectator appeal among the general public. The reality of the situation is difficult for some members to accept. We all hope it will one day be different, but in the meantime, our gains will no doubt be by our own effort and means.



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Minnesota Has 133 Junior Members For 1994

by Bob Dunn

1993 brought a surprise in Junior promotion—a decline in the number of Junior NHPA members. This is an unpleasant surprise and certainly not expected. There may be numerous reasons in explanation of this decline, but the reality is that there is a need for more individuals recruiting youth and establishing Junior programs. The 1993 total for Junior members is 853 as compared to 922 for 1992. This ends a string of four consecutive years of growth in Junior membership.

There were some bright spots: California increased 20 Junior members, Connecticut and Colorado each increased 9 Junior members, Ohio was up 7 and 15 other charters had an increase of at least one or more youngsters. Minnesota had led all charters in 1992 in becoming the first charter to exceed 100 Junior members. Minnesota remains the leader for 1993, with another increase of 30 for a total of 133 Junior members. The next highest Junior membership is Texas with 64; North Dakota 56, Illinois 48, and Northern California 46. By combining the three California charters, there is a state total of 72.

In 1993, there were six charters that had a decline of 10 or more Junior members. Yet, other charters are growing. Knowing what is the difference may be important and helpful. Let's take a look at Minnesota. Having the West St. Paul Junior Horseshoe League with a Junior Membership of 60 does provide a boost, but there are 73 other Junior pitchers around the rest of the state. The officers of the MGSHPA have actively supported Junior promotion. Norm Gage, JPD for five years, wrote several articles in the charter newsletter, started the Bloomington Junior League, conducted intramural programs in the school system where he teaches, and provided the constant reminder to members that it was O.K. to recruit Junior members and it was the thing to do. For his many years of service

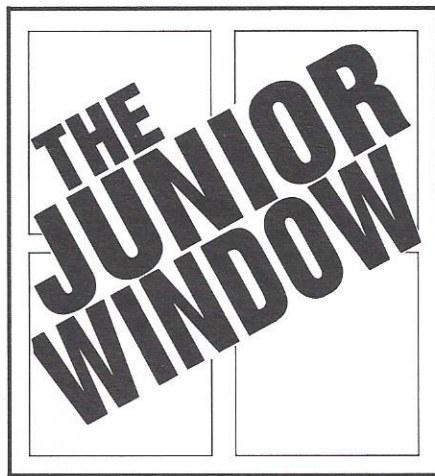
Norm Gage was a 1993 inductee to the MGSHPA Hall of Fame. Newly appointed JPD, Ward Lutz, is conducting a new Junior Mentor Program for 1994. Members who recruit a new Junior member, assist and coach the youngster and see that arrangements are made so the new recruit pitches in our 1994 State Tournament, will receive free admission to the event, (a \$25.00 value).

A statewide 50/50 Junior Promotion Raffle will be conducted throughout the 1994 season to support this program and pay for all Junior state and national membership. Better than 2,000 tickets are planned to be sold to raise \$1,000 to cover the goal of 200 Junior members for 1994. The association has made an additional \$400.00 available. Raffle winners will receive \$20.00 certificates to Game Related Sales. Dave and Pat Senger will be honoring the certificates as a \$25.00 value to help encourage ticket sales. All club officers (in over 50 clubs) will be responsible to sell tickets to their members.

There are a whole lot of people in Minnesota involved in working towards and in calling attention to the fact that we want youth in our sport. The whole point is that the promotion effort is starting at the top. The board officers are taking steps to set initiatives and create promotion programs.

This process is beginning and in the planning process in Florida. Their executive board has set a mission to promote horseshoe pitching through the school system. Newly appointed JPD Lois Smith, is taking a very active and aggressive role. Hopefully all the members in Florida will share in this enthusiasm and do what they can to support the charter plan. That will make it successful.

If we are to rebound in 1994, after four consecutive years of growth in Junior membership, charter officers need to take the lead, set objectives, suggest a plan and encourage their members to be involved.



Junior Jottings

■ *Dave's Court Report* (March 1994) surely had good news—a major increase to the Scholar Pitcher Awards. The awards total has been more than doubled and trust awards will be available for four Junior scholars. The previous awards totaled \$400, but now have been expanded to four awards totaling \$1,000.

Sanctioned league directors need to take notice of this and make sure if there are eligible junior members in their league that the proper entry form is submitted. The Scholar Pitcher Program is not limited to just those pitching in a Sanctioned Junior League, but is available for Junior members pitching in any sanctioned league. To qualify, a Junior member must be 12 years old and have carried at least a "B" average in the previous school year.

The program is explained in the NHPA Sanctioned League Program Red Book. Entry forms are available from Program Director Bev Born. While trust awards are awarded to four of the top grade point averages, all qualified Junior scholars receive a Scholar Pitcher Patch and certificate.

■ The third event of a series of winter Junior tournaments has been concluded in Prescott, Arizona. The third Paul Anderson Junior Horseshoe Tournament was held March 12th. Class winners were: Under 9 years old: 1st - Tyler Trapp, Prescott; 1st and 2nd place went to Aaron Cordes, Prescott. Class 10-12: 1st - Kyle Delory; 2nd - John Theveny, both from Chino Valley and 3rd - Andy Cordes, Prescott.

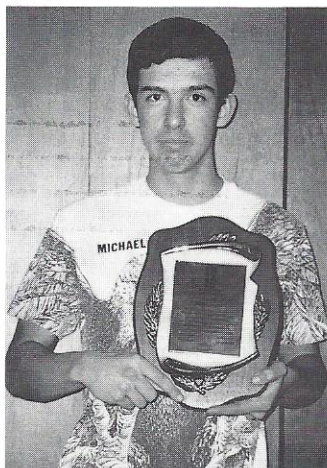
1992-93 School Term Junior Scholar Winners

Michael Newton

During my eighth grade year, I participated in Math-counts, the geography bee, spelling bee, and other academic activities. Besides doing these and keeping my grades up, I played basketball and track for the school team, and was involved in bowling, baseball and football.

The summer of 1993 was a very busy and exciting summer for me. I finished 6th in Championship class at the World Horseshoe Tournament and defended my South Dakota state title. I also had time to do my two favorite hobbies, collecting butterflies and snake hunting.

After the World Tournament was over, I traveled to New Mexico. I went arrowhead hunting and had a good time with my relatives. This trip capped off my summer and put an end to a good year.



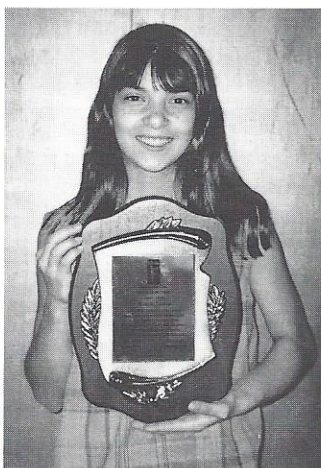
Michelle Newton

My '92-93 school year was very busy. Between participating in volleyball and basketball, being involved in Drama, Student Council, the school newspaper and bowling on weekends, I didn't have a lot of extra time to concentrate on my studies; but determined to achieve high academic grades, I didn't let my activities interfere.

As the school year came to an end, I grew much more relaxed. I only had to concentrate

on two things: the World Horseshoe Tournament and the National Miss South Dakota Pre-Teen Pageant. After a very tough 1st place victory in Class B I was moved up to Class A where I placed 3rd. After the tournament we were off to Huron for the pageant. Even though I was nervous, I placed 4th runner up out of 30 girls.

After all the competition our family went to Kansas City, MO. We spent two fun-filled days at Worlds and Oceans of Fun. The fun wasn't over yet. One day before school started we came back from two weeks of being in New Mexico, where we had a family reunion. Hopefully I won't be as busy this year!



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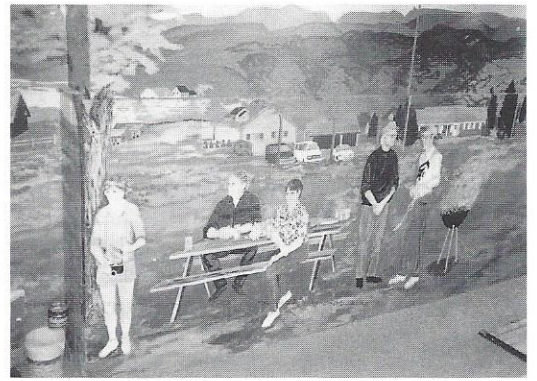
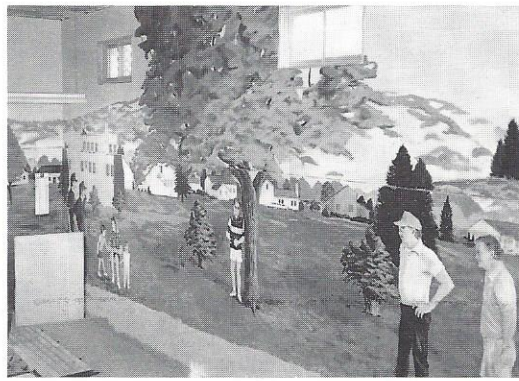
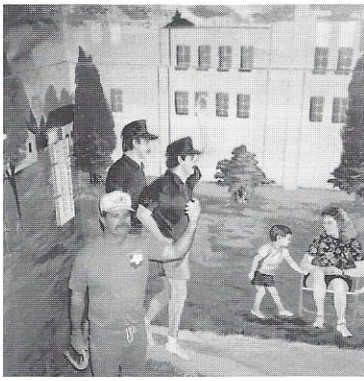
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Allen Baptist Court

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Allen Baptist from Eagle, Colorado may be one of the most enthusiastic pitchers in the nation. While six outdoor courts can be found in Eagle, weather limits play in the Colorado mountains during the snowy winter months. So when Allen built a house, he dug deeper in the basement and constructed his own indoor horseshoe court. He did, however, save a few bucks since he manages a lumber yard in Vail Valley.



His court is a beauty, and fit for a king! Baptist lengthened the house

plans only four feet to allow court space. The full court space is 53' x 14' x 14', and includes portable pits built by Baptist and fastened to the concrete floor. Lighting at each end is by 8 foot fluorescent lamps.

Now the good stuff!! On one side of the court is a balcony with spectator chairs, and there are always a lot of them when one considers 20 pitchers trying to participate on one court during the winter.

That really doesn't bother them since the view from the balcony is fantastic, a 53' x 14' massive wall decorated by a summer park full color mural showing family and friends having a picnic and pitching shoes.

Moni Heil was the local artist,

whose specialty is painting murals. This masterpiece took 2 months to complete.

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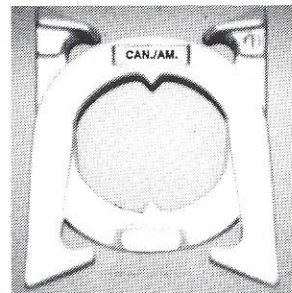
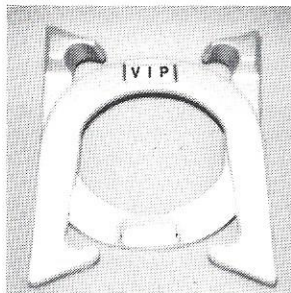
Although Eagle is 130 miles from Denver, Baptist and his cronies spend many hours pitching Colorado's excellent tournament schedule, both summer and winter.

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NHPA Longevity Patches Now in Distribution

Two years ago the NHPA announced plans to award members longevity patches for years of membership. It has taken a long time to gather the information and some charters still haven't yet reported the details to us.

For those that have reported, the NHPA has started dis-

tribution of five different patches. One each for 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 or more years of membership. The following list indicates the names of those people who have been reported as of 1993 to have 20 years or more of membership.

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The Toll of Time

ANSIL B. COPELAND

Born November 4, 1914, Ansil Copeland of Akron, Ohio, passed away November 24, 1993 at the age of 79. Ansil was a long time member of the Ohio HPA and a very skilled horseshoe pitcher. He won the World Class "B" title in 1975 averaging 75.1% over 21 games. He participated in the championship class of the World ten times winning 129 games with a 70.66% overall average.

Ansil retired in 1974 after 30 years with Goodyear Aerospace. He is survived by Wavelyn, his wife of 53 years, son Ronald, 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

FERNANDO ISAIS

Born December 20, 1914 in La Paz, Mexico, Fernando Isais passed away January 29, 1994 at the age of 79. After a lengthy time of failing health Fernando came to the United States in 1928 and made Southern Califor-

nia his home. He was residing in Huntington Beach at the time of his death.

Fernando Isais was one of the greatest names in the annals of the NHPA. Eight times he won the World Championship and eight times the California State Championship. All of this during the era of many great names in our sport, Allen, Zimmerman, Jones and Titcomb, who were in their prime.

To watch Fernando pitch was to see poetry in motion. None before and none since have displayed such a high backswing and a seemingly effortless delivery. It is possible that this motion came about because of Fernando's excellent skills in another sport, tennis, where he was an outstanding teacher and player.

Fernando was a member of the Orange Horseshoe Club and a charter inductee into both the NHPA and Southern California HPA Hall

of Fame. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Hope, a daughter Linda, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

ROBERT "PETE" PETERSON

Pete died January 4, 1994 at the age of 79. He was a charter member of the Rogers, Arkansas Horseshoe Club which was formed in 1987. Pete retired and moved to Rogers from Arlington Heights, Illinois where he owned and operated a dairy business for 30 years.

Heart related illness forced Pete to quit pitching last year. While not a great pitcher, Pete was a competitor and will be remembered for his friendly nature, sense of humor and willingness to help out wherever needed. He is survived by his Dolores, one son, two daughters, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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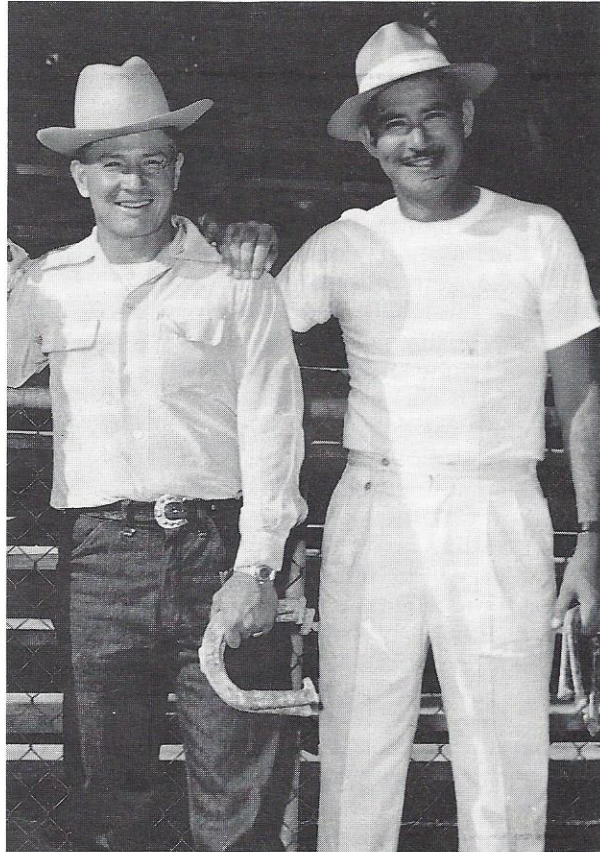
by Dave Loucks

Webster's defines elegance as dignified gracefulness or restrained beauty of style. If ever those words were used to describe the delivery motion of a horseshoe pitcher, no one was more elegant than Fernando Isais. Always dressed in full white and commanding an arm swing of nearly 360 degrees, Fernando mesmerized spectators and opponents alike with a floating 1¾ turn delivery that the old-timers will tell you, *has never been duplicated.*

Born December 20, 1914 in La Paz, Mexico, Fernando grew to possess the charm and good looks of a Hollywood movie star. He came to California in 1928 and became very active in two sports, horseshoe pitching and tennis. While he became a World Champion in horseshoe pitching, he was probably more widely known for his ability to handle a tennis racket. While a very good tournament tennis player, Fernando was an excellent and respected tennis coach with his most famous pupil being the legendary Pancho Gonzales. In addition to instructing young players in the finer points of the game, Fernando owned and operated a pro tennis shop and restaurant for many years.

By the age of 16, Fernando was also being recognized in horseshoe pitching circles. After winning the Los Angeles City horseshoe pitching title at that young age, he turned pro and embarked on a part-time pitching career that made him a legend in our sport.

Fernando Isais won the California State Championship eight times between the years of 1931 and 1953 and had a perfect 30 shoe game in 1952. When he wasn't winning the State title, he generally finished second to another legend and World Champion, Guy Zimmerman who also won the State title eight times during that span. In his last few years



of State competition, Fernando also had to contend with a young pitcher by the name of Don Titcomb, who went on himself to become a World Champion and win eight State titles. Competition was indeed very tough in California during those days..

Fernando made his World Tournament debut in Chicago in 1933. The record will show that he finished third behind Ted Allen and C.C. Davis. He repeated his 3rd place finish in the 1934 World. He didn't try for the 1935 event and the next World Tournament wasn't held until 1940 in Des Moines when Fernando returned to only again place 3rd behind Ted Allen and Guy Zimmerman. But this time, Fernando came close to the crown as all three men were tied at the end of regulation play. After an unusual play-off format where each man played the other two twice, Fernando had lost four games and took 3rd place with an 82.5% average. In 1941, Fernando won his first World

Title going undefeated for 23 games and averaging 82.9%.

World War II suspended World Horseshoe Tournament play until 1946 when the event again returned to Des Moines. However, Fernando did not attend and became the sixth World Champion unable to defend the title. But in 1947 Fernando was back and he started a string of World Titles that still stands today. For six years, 1947-1952, Fernando Isais won the World Title compiling a record of 200 wins and only 5 losses while averaging 84.0% for those 6 years. Between 1953 and 1957 Fernando twice finished 2nd, twice 3rd and once 4th. In 1958 he was again World Champion.

During the 38 year span of 1933-1970, Fernando made 19 World Tournament appearances winning the title 8 times, finishing 2nd twice and 3rd five times. During that time span he won 519 World Tournament games and averaged 81.36%. His .881

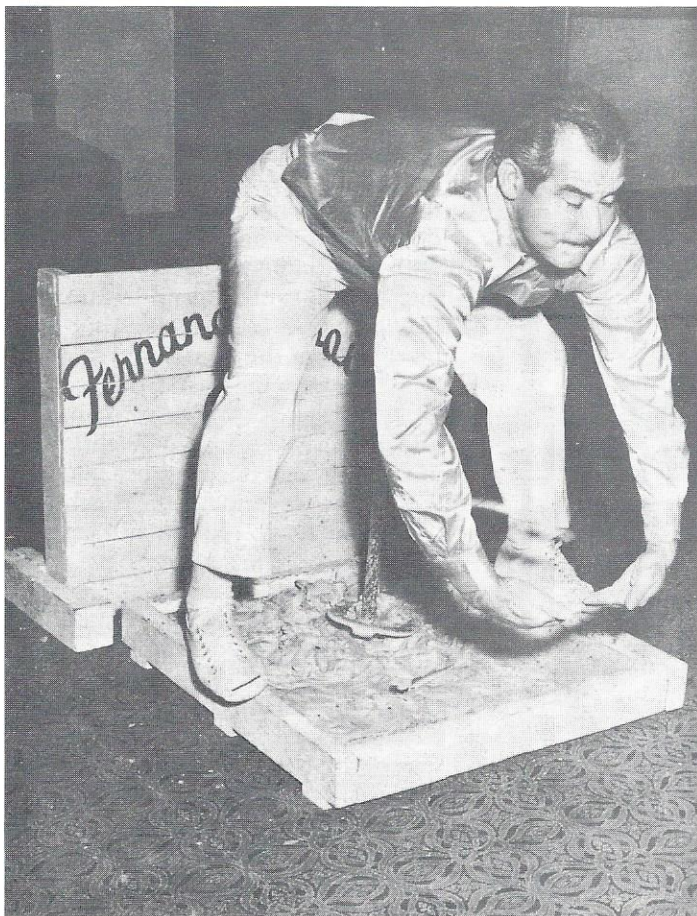
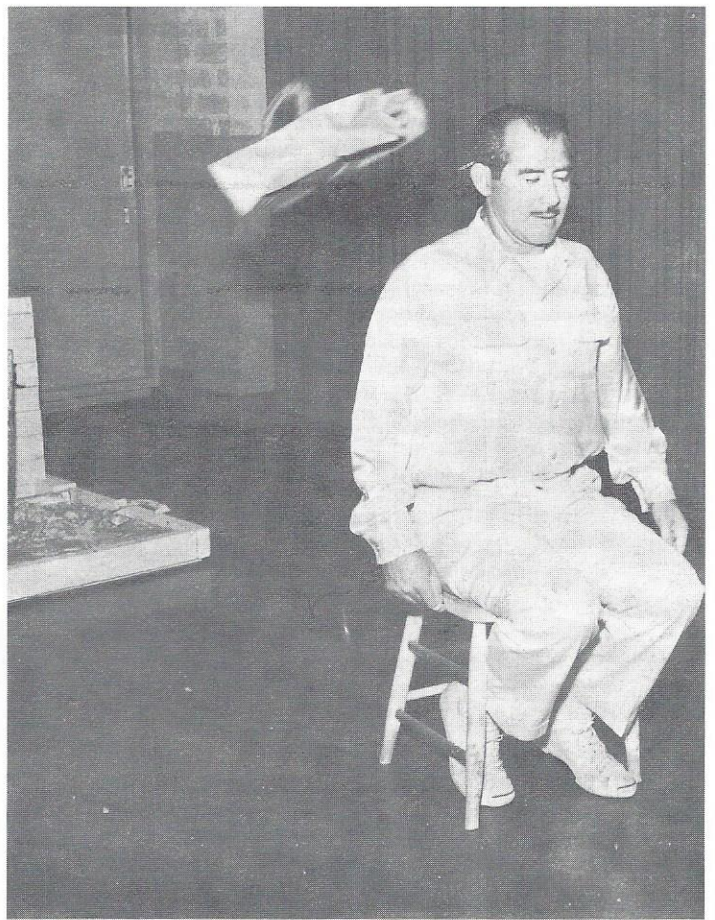
games won percentage in World Tournament play is a modern record.

Fernando Isais was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1966 as a Charter member. In 1970 he was inducted into the Southern California Hall of Fame, also as a Charter member. On January 29, 1994 at the age of 79, Fernando passed away at his home in Huntington Beach, CA.

This picture, taken in 1951, shows Fernando on the right with Ted Allen. Of the 19 World Tournaments in which they both played, they won 16 between them. In the 1940s and on into the 50s, Fernando teamed up with another top notch pitcher from Southern California, Eddie Packham. Together they toured fairs, rodeos, sport shows and vaudeville, putting on a spectacular display of horseshoe pitching skill. These old photos give indication of the confidence they had in each other's ability to be very accurate as they both put vital body parts within inches of a flying horseshoe.



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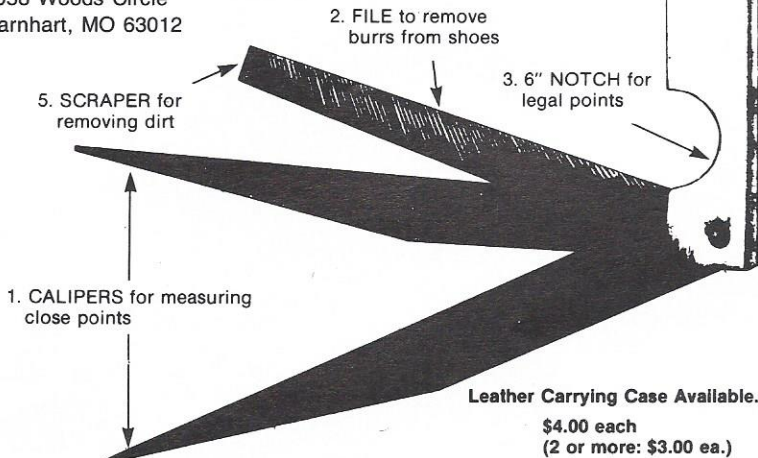
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Bread Dough For Clay

by Dave Loucks

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This mixture, which was made up in a local bakery and shown to several people last year in Spearfish by Montana pitcher Gene Trudell, does work. It doesn't need water, doesn't freeze and doesn't get hard with mild attention. A thin crust might form on the top if left unprotected in the sun all day, but just remove from the courts and store in 5 gallon containers and the consistency returns overnight. You can even add a food coloring for a different look, but watch out for those pitchers who forget to bring their lunch.

Sounds crazy, I know. But several folks around the country have tried it with good results. Harvey and Letta Washburn had a big batch made up and put into four portable courts they set up for indoor use at the Gaylord Horseshoe Pitching Palace in Alton, Kansas. Not quite as fancy as the name, the courts are actually in the gymnasium of the former Gaylord school. But, courts they were and the "ole boys" from miles around came all winter to pitch and sample the bread dough.

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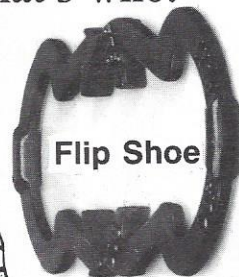
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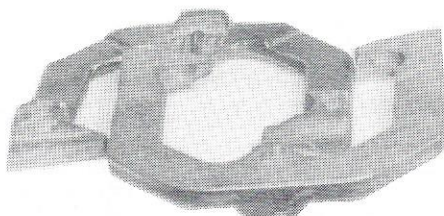
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Regional Director's Report

by Dick Hansen

The World Tournament is coming up fast and the Regional Directors know what that means—it's shoe checking time. Again this year the RDs will be checking all shoes before your first pitch, a big job, but someone has to do it. I will be making up a work schedule for the RDs and ARDs and I know they will do their job. Will you do yours? It can be very frustrating to get to the World Tournament and then find out your shoes do not meet NHPA specifications. In your tournament travels this summer I would suggest that you have your shoes checked at the local level. This will avoid delay and unwanted frustration for you, and make the RD's job easier also. You do your part, we'll do ours.

The 1994 revised Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director Guidelines are now out and as you read them, please keep in mind the following quote recently seen in a charter newsletter. "If you find mistakes in this letter, please consider they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!" Thanks for that one, Paul.

Paul Stewart, RD North Carolina, reports that Troy Messer has two sponsors for the Marion, North

Carolina tournaments. Pepsi Cola Bottling and Hardee's of Marion have agreed to help sponsor the Blue Ridge Club and the Marion tournaments. If you don't finish first or second, at least you won't go home thirsty or hungry.

Elwyn Cooper, RD Missouri, reports on a tournament held at the indoor heated courts at New Melle, MO and put together by Joe Faron, the Deadeye Invitational. Joe received a call from Walter Ray Williams Jr. saying he would be in St. Louis the weekend of February 20th and could he get a tournament together. Say no more to Joe, he was on the phone and before you can say "four dead" the tournament was scheduled. Now, we all know that Walter has been doing very well on the Pro Bowlers Tour, but it looks like even better pitching. Walter went 11-0, pitching 87% ringers. Don Harris of Missouri was second 69.2% and Cliff Baker of Illinois third with 70.9%. Sounds like another tournament has been born in the *Shoe Me State*.

From **Wyoming, RD Harold Koch** reports that the Gillette Club will try a new format for mixing 30 and 40 foot pitchers. There will be mixed pitching, but awards will be given for 30 and 40 foot pitchers within the

same class. I am sure Harold will let us all know how it works out.

Jim Shilling, RD from Indiana, reports they have started a new program that will increase membership and revive past members. Letters are being mailed to some 850 current and past members. The mailing will include Indiana's 94 tournament schedule, ranking sheet, newsletter and an application for new membership. It's a very worthwhile project under the direction of Jim and Cam Shilling.

RD Al Sandham of Georgia reports that with the World Tournament coming in 1995, horseshoe has already become more popular. Al sent along a copy of the local paper that did a full page spread on horseshoe pitching that included a very nice article on the pitching accomplishments of his wife Iris. The article in the paper was picked up by an Atlanta TV station that came out and did a spot for the evening news. The timing of the publicity could not have been better for the Georgia Charter, for their season was just beginning in Stone Mountain. We get so little publicity and that's what we can never have too much of.

Michigan's RD John Decker reports the good news. Last year's St. Jude's Tournament in Lansing netted \$799.00, thus far the WSHPA St. Jude tournaments have donated \$10,440.00 to St. Jude's cancer research hospital. Truly a worthy cause.

A membership drive is also on in **Wisconsin. RD Jim Haupt** has been instrumental in putting together a brochure to be used by members as an aid to promote the WHPA as well as the NHPA to potential new members. It is our hope it will increase awareness as well as membership.

Last of all I have one new Regional Director appointment to announce. After years of service to the NHPA **Shorty Fry of Texas** is stepping down as RD. **Charles Posey** has been appointed new Regional Director for Texas effective April 1. Charles came recommended by Charter President Hazel McCall. I wish Shorty all the best in the future and thank her for the work she has done in the past.

Ringers To You, Dick Hansen

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GUIDELINES FOR Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors

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Article I: Appointment

Section 1. Regional Directors shall be appointed by the NHPA 5th Vice President upon review of the candidates recommended by the officers of the involved charter(s).

Section 2. Assistant Regional Directors shall be appointed by the Regional Director, with the approval of the 5th Vice President.

Section 3. Regional and Assistant Directors shall be directly responsible to the NHPA 5th Vice President and shall perform those activities requested by the 5th VP as well as those in this document.

Article II: Removal from Office

Section 1. Any Regional Director or Assistant Regional Director may be removed from office for knowingly or willfully violating the Bylaws of the NHPA or the Guidelines set forth in this document. Charter officers that wish to replace their Regional Director may do so by writing to the 5th Vice President for his/her approval.

Article III: Duties

Section 1. All Regional and Assistant Regional Directors shall be subscribers to *Newsline*.

Section 2. Regional Directors shall assign the sanction certificate numbers for events in their region that have been approved by the Officers of the affiliated charter and deliver or mail the completed tournament certificate along with tournament and champion patches to the appropriate Tournament Director. Events that are denied may be appealed to the NHPA Executive Council in writing through the Regional Director. In such cases, the ruling of the NHPA shall be final.

Section 3. A Sanction Certificate certifies that NHPA rules will be enforced, sanctioned horseshoes will be used and all participants are NHPA members. Numbers shall be assigned as follows. The 1st number denotes your region, the second two digits denote the year, and the third three digits denote the numbering sequence for that year. Example: the first tournament in 1994 in region 1 would be 01-94-001, the second would be 01-94-002 etc.

Note: Any permanent court complex on which sanctioned tournaments were held prior to 1-1-94 may continue to do so even though the complex might not meet every provision of Rule 1 of Official NHPA Playing Rules. Newly constructed courts or modifications to older facilities must comply with the latest NHPA Rules governing same.

Section 4. Regional and Assistant Regional Directors shall report at least semi-annually to the 5th Vice President, summarizing regional activities. Copies of these reports shall also be mailed to the Charter Secretaries in their region.

Article IV: Charter Activities

Section 1. Regional Directors shall:

A. Attempt to bring together all officers of the Charter and their Assistant Regional Directors at least once a year to discuss subjects of general interest.

B. Report on all such meetings to the 5th Vice President.

C. Have a commitment to every State Charter Association in his or her region.

D. Act as an advisor on interpreting the Bylaws and Rules of the NHPA.

E. Maintain a schedule of all tournaments and other activities within their Charters reporting all to the 5th Vice President.

Section 2. Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors shall:

A. Promote *Newsline* for subscriptions, promote NHPA membership and the sanctioning of all tournaments.

B. Attend as many tournaments as possible and attempt to honor specific requests for their presence.

C. Seek out and attempt to enroll active clubs and pitchers not presently affiliated with the NHPA.

D. Assist clubs and tournament directors in the promotion of their tournaments.

E. Keep all tournament directors informed of current and future events in their areas.

Article V: World Tournament

Section 1. Regional Directors shall make every attempt to attend the World Tournament, or name in writing to the 5th VP and Assistant RD to attend the Annual Regional Directors Meeting.

Section 2. Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors shall be responsible for weighing and measuring all shoes pitched at the World Tournament.

Section 3. Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors shall have the responsibility of working with the NHPA Council to oversee all tournament activities and the adherence to tournament rules.

Section 4. The Regional Director for the region in which the World Tournament is held shall have the responsibility of sanctioning the World Tournament for that year.

Article VI: Compensation

Section 1. NHPA Regional Directors shall annually receive \$50.00 plus 20 cents per adult member, per year, within their region based on the year end membership report of the NHPA Secretary Treasurer. The full year must be completed to receive this compensation. Any exception must be approved by the NHPA President and the 5th Vice President.

Section 2. Each Regional Director may be reimbursed for telephone calls and miscellaneous expenses when submitted, with receipts attached, on a NHPA expense form to the 5th Vice President for approval. Any large expense must have prior approval of the NHPA Executive Council.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1. These Guidelines may be amended by a majority vote of Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors present at the Annual Meeting during the World Tournament, or by the 5th Vice President with the approval of the NHPA Executive Council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Hansen
NHPA 5th Vice President and
Regional Director Chairman

Proposed By Law Voting Correction

In the last *Newsline* issue all the proposed bylaw changes were presented with a recommendation from the NHPA Council to vote yes or no. After it being pointed out that the current method of establishing a pitching average creates a double standard for World Entry, the Council has reversed itself on which proposal to support. The NHPA now recommends a Yes vote on #35 and a No vote on #34.

ATTENTION ALL CHARTER OFFICERS!

Your annual meeting will be held at Syracuse a few days prior to the NHPA Annual Convention. Watch bulletin boards for details. Candidates for NHPA office will be invited to say a few words. NHPA officers are usually present to answer questions. Opportunity is given for solutions to problems that might exist within your charter. This meeting is for your benefit. Hope to see you there.—*Vicki Winston, Chairman*

Hall of Fame Report

by Earl Winston, Chairman

Since my last article in *Newsline*, where I listed some models of horseshoes we did not yet have for the collection that is shown with the Hall of Fame display, two people have donated horseshoes that were on the list.

Steve Wyrill, of California, sent a pair of Craftsman shoes, in real good condition. Stu Snyder, also of California, sent a pair of Mossmans—the name still readable and more importantly, the button or first hooks are visible. Some early pitchers referred to this first attempt at hooks as “cheaters,” but all manufacturers jumped on the bandwagon and the hooks today are greatly improved.

If anyone would like to help in continuing the search back into horseshoe history, here are a few more models to add to the list that appeared earlier.

MAKE	MADE IN
1937 Jackson Model of OHs	Columbus, OH
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National Standard	Canton, Ohio
Indiana Pitching Shoes	Indiana Harbor, IN
G.W. Hawley “Bronze”	Bridgeport, OH

For the benefit of those who are interested in nominating individuals to be considered for induction into the NHPA Hall of Fame, I’m going to list all those who will be on the ballot for consideration in 1994. Our ballot now consists of four categories. The first category includes all persons active from 1910-1954, sometimes referred to as the “Old Timers” category. We keep a 40 year window back from the current year for our three regular categories, so it is conceivable that persons now listed in one of these could some day appear in the “Old Timers,” if they have not yet been elected. Our thirteen nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

Prior to 1954 Category Nominees

Dr. E.C. Beach	Mrs. J.R. Matthews
Charles Bobbitt	W.J. Seas
Frank Crumm	Robert Pierce
Harvey Elmerson	Ralph Spencer
Ray “Dead-Pan” Frye	Walter Trahern
Henry Haynes	Marjorie Voorthies
Clayton “Boo” Henson	

Player Category Nominees

Harold Anthony	Tari Powell
Tom Brownell	Glenn Riffle
Kevin Cone	Walker Shaneyfelt
Alvin Dahlene	Ed Sharp
Roland Kraft	Jim Soloman
Dale Lipovsky	Clive Wahlin

Organizer Category Nominees

George Anderson	Leo Ouellette
G.A. Berger	Perl Pepple
Bob Champion	Paul Puglise
George Engleman	Jack Springer
Lucille Hopkins	Vince Yannetti

Player/Organizer Category Nominees

Abe Austin	Len Lipovsky
Curt Bestul	Granny Palmer
Harold Darnold	Roy W. Smith (CA)
Will Gullickson	Woody Wilson
Anna Lindquist	

Anyone can nominate an individual for consideration by sending a resume of their pitching accomplishments, their organizational activities or offices held at the national level, to me at the address found on page 3 of *Newsline*. Please have it in a form that is ready for photocopy. All candidates must have been active, adult NHPA members for at least ten years.

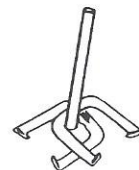
Although it is too late to nominate anyone to be considered in 1994, you can begin gathering information and send it to me before March 1, 1995, for persons you wish to be considered on the 1995 ballot. Remember, your nominees must be persons who have performed or achieved success at a level higher than their local club or charter. They must have achieved outstanding World Tournament performances or have served the NHPA in some capacity.

The screening committee will process all nominations. Those that meet even the minimum standards will be put on our official ballot in 1995 and will be considered by our 15 member voting committee. Now is the time to start, or before you know it, another year will have passed. I’ll be looking forward to hearing from you.



Bob Champion's

Charter Chatter



Reading all the newsletters sent to me for Charter Chatter, I find that editors, in many cases, have picked up some ideas and news from their peers. This is great and I hope more editors take advantage of some editorials and news items for their publication.

I'm sure editors will welcome seeing their handiwork used by other publications.

Charter is looking for letters with special news items from all the Charters. Send to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, CO 80301.

ARIZONA

The second Paul Anderson Junior horseshoe tournament was held in December at the Prescott Fairgrounds Barn A. Winners in the under 9 years were: 1. Nick Owens, Chino Valley; 2. Aaron Cordes, Prescott; 3. Tyler Trapp, Prescott.

In the 10-12 year group the winners were: 1. Kyle Delory, Chino Valley; 2. Andy Cordes, Prescott; 3. John Theveny, Chino Valley.

Paul Anderson and Cal Cordes have done a good job in getting the juniors started in Arizona.

CALIFORNIA

On January 29, 1994, the Orange Horseshoe Club held a special tournament we called, "Pitching In For Quake Victims."

Due to the efforts and generosity of our club members and Bakersfield shoe crew, the club raised \$750.00 which will be donated to the Salvation Army's special fund for relief for earthquake victims of the disaster which occurred, as you know, on January 17, 1994.

Elected into the Northern California Hall of Fame for 1993 were Joe and Millie Schultz from Stockton.

Hugh Gilland entered 57 tournaments out of a possible 70. You can't find a more congenial individual. He always has a kind word and a smile for everyone.

FLORIDA

Lois Smith, FSHPA Inc. 3rd VP and Junior program director, is in the process of preparing a package of materials to present to the Florida school system that will explain why they should include Horseshoes in the recreational programs.

The Clearwater courts will soon have covers over the pitching platforms. The Clearwater Club is splitting the cost with the city of Clearwater; estimated cost to be about \$20,000.00.

Floyd "Skip" Blum won the 3rd annual Youth Services Center Handicap Open tournament held at Cocoa, FL. Skip received \$475 and a nice trophy for his efforts. Not bad for a 42% ringer pitcher. The YSC charity received several hundred dollars from the proceeds of this tournament.

GEORGIA

Georgia is growing, and will host the 1995 World Tournament at Perry. They now have ten tournament sites: Albany, Alpharetta, Brunswick, Carrollton, Clarksville, Columbus, Dallas, Marietta, Stone Mountain and Perry.

The two new sites are Brunswick and Perry. Everyone will enjoy the first-class facility at Perry. They will also host the 1994 State tournament, State doubles and two others.

A full page spread in the Gwinnett *Post-Tribune* featured Iris Sandham, the state's woman horseshoe pitching champion.

She has won 35 tournaments in the state and holds several records at the National level, including the most number of double ringers thrown in one game.

IOWA

Patches from the NHPA to those who have been members for at least 10 years and multiples of that have been received. There are 38 in the state who have qualified for a patch. Twenty-two have been members 20 years or more.

Tom Smock presented Fay Kramer of Walker, the Presidential award for 1993. This plaque was awarded for her outstanding work in a small community, helping to get new courts built.

Leo Buell was appointed Regional Director of Southeast Iowa. He replaces Stoney Jackson.

KENTUCKY

The State Charter welcomes the Winchester Horseshoe Club to its ranks. They have 8 courts, thanks to Don Titcomb, Lawrence Barrett and a host of other pitchers. The club will have two sanctioned tournaments in 1994.

The KHPA extends a BIG thank you to Omar Blacketeer for the years of service as Regional Director, a very loyal member, and advisor for Region 32. He retired from this office in January, but still plans to be an active member and pitcher for years to come. John Hankins is the new RD. He held the office of secretary-treasurer for many years and comes well qualified to be the state's Regional Director.

LOUISIANA

LSHPA continues the practice of contributions up to \$500 in matching funds to each association for improvement of court areas.

The Cajun HPA recently held its awards banquet for the 1993 season. A memorial plaque in honor of LSHPA Hall of Famer, Sid Plott was presented to T. Bryan Chaisson for his dedication and hard work. In addition, Clayton Iles received the Sportsman of the Year award, Ricky McGowan the Most Improved, and Ricky Richard the Outstanding Pitcher awards.

Rick Cran is the new president of the Waggaman Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Marc Malone was elected secretary.

MARYLAND

Horseshoe pitching in Maryland is off to its greatest year ever in 1994. The Baltimore-Metro horseshoe club is reporting a record number of new horseshoe pitchers and is continuing to build more courts to accommodate them. Since Baltimore has a population of 685,000 people; this club is expected to grow beyond anyone's expectations.

The Frederick Horseshoe Club in Frederick, Maryland,

CHARTER CHATTER

is also experiencing record growth. The club set up a table at the Great Frederick Fair in September 1993 and handed more than one thousand pamphlets on our sport and added more than two hundred people to its 1994 mailing list. This brings the total mailing list to more than 450 pitchers and the first mailing of the season will include a subscription form for *Newsline*.

Longevity patches were recently ordered for many Maryland horseshoe pitchers. Congratulations to Grant Powers and Les Hiebler for being NHPA members for 30 years and to Dale Carson for 50 years.

MICHIGAN

Certificates have been printed to be presented to life-time members. They are Lee Jacobs, Jean Swarhout, Ken Jensen, Pat Smith, Dorothy Smith and Dick Pelton.

Paula Rice is again the secretary of the Association and Paul (Dewey) Howard assumes the treasurer's duties for 1994. Fred Smith is the president and David Loop and Margo Kohn are the vice presidents.

It was reported that the St. Jude's tournament at Lansing in 1993 raised \$799, bringing the total for Michigan to \$10,440.00. Bob Mullenhaur raised the most, with the \$210 earning him the jacket from St. Judes.

MINNESOTA

After many hours of research it has been resolved that L.B. Allen was the first state champion in a tournament held at Dunning Field. Allen and F. Gardner Hopkins won the state doubles championship.

Former World Champion Dale Lipovsky went 5-1, 72.05% to win the Faribault West Mall Tournament. Denny Buendorf and Dick Cross won the doubles crown.

Terry and Mickey Lovaas filmed the instructional video called "How To Pitch Horseshoes" featuring NHPA President Dave Loucks. The studio was the Brooklyn Park Horseshoe Club courts at Central Park.

Here are a few results and figures not reported in the November-December issue of *Newsline*.

Bev Nathe averaged 78.24% in the State Tourn, for 1st place, she averaged 82.4% in her mixed league, with a high ringer game of 98%, with a high 4 game average of 85.5%, she came in fourth in the World Tournament at Spearfish with 75.96%.

Lu Cave averaged 71.12% in the Ladies regular league, in the mixed league she average 71.0% with a high game of 86%.

MISSOURI

The Association has a new Area 417 State Director following the resignation of Frank Hudson. The Executive Council has asked Dale Parrott to accept this position until the next State meeting. Dale has been a hard worker and promoter of horseshoes.

In 1993 Missouri received another NHPA plaque for their membership and hopes to keep the membership growing each year.

Missouri had 12 clubs conducting sanctioned tournaments in 1993. The largest was the First Capital Club. Concluding their third year, the club had approximately 210 members. The Festus Club had over 100 members and conducted both summer and winter leagues. New Melle had

winter play going and has already sent in almost 100 members for 1994.

Inducted into the State Hall of Fame for 1993 were Regional Director Elwyn Cooper and Woodrow Shepard.

NEW ENGLAND

Jim Hansen, Jr. received the 1993 Most Improved award with a 15.2 percentage increase.

The Don Harrison award was presented to a surprised George Trabucchi with Hall of Fame awards going to Liz Downer of Vermont and Phillip Gilpatrick of Maine as player and organizer, respectively.

Elected by acclamation were Jeanne Forti from Connecticut for secretary and Malcolm Georgina from New Hampshire as treasurer.

The top percentage for 1993 went to Norm Rioux with 80.6 in 14 tournaments.

NORTH CAROLINA

Lester Maness has a set of indoor courts at his home in Robbins that is the gathering place for a lot of pitchers in that area. Clyde's building also gets a lot of attention during the winter months.

Our state association continues to grow and barring tornadoes and hurricanes, they will have another banner year.

Both the singles and doubles State Tournaments will be held in Troy this year. In looking back at 1993, the most significant happening was the establishment of the horseshoe facility at Troy, thanks to the hard work of B.J. Thomas and Matt Bernhardt, Troy Town Manager.

OHIO

Jim Walters has joined the adult group this year, but his accomplishments as a Junior will never be forgotten. This includes his five consecutive World titles and the first junior to pitch a perfect game in World competition. One can't get much better than this. His accomplishments reached the Sports Illustrated magazine in "Faces in the Crowd."

OREGON

The highest games pitched in the state since 1970 have been compiled by OHPA historian Lloyd Kilgore. These are court records.

Bob West leads the parade with a perfect game at Veronia in 1973 and a 97.50 at Corvallis in 1970.

Ben Wiedrich has seven highs: They include a 97.05 at Bend, 96.88 at Albany, 95.45 at Oregon City, 93.33 at Wren, 92.30 at Eugene, 89.13 at Lebanon and 88.88 at Phoenix.

Walter Ray Williams from California had a 97.61 at Hermiton and Portland, Peter Clark nailed a 95.45 at Yakima, Barry Chapelle had a 92.30 at Newberg and 72.0 at Newberg Indoor, Patty Sapp had a 92.30 at Roseburg and a 76.8 at Myrtle Creek, and Bill Graham had a 75.0 at Merlin.

Wiedrich closed the 1993 season with 63 wins, 9 losses, taking six firsts, one second and third.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

1994 brings an exciting first for Pennsylvania, a state doubles tournament open to all state pitchers. It will be held at Camp Hill.

The winner of the 1993 Point Challenge was president

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CHARTER CHATTER

Ron Weiss, who pitched in 20 tournaments and finished with 135 points. Casey Danner was second with 107.

The Bridgewater indoor courts are now holding sanctioned tournaments.

Leading pitchers in 1993 were Steve Kuchcinski 76.8, Aileen Drayer 67.9 and Junior Tony Dawson 38.5.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The state's horseshoe pitchers are putting up big numbers so far in 1994. Barbara Taylor and Dot Deal, both of Clover along with Shirley Feemster of Sharon have all won three class championships out of the first seven tournaments this year.

Junior Director Barbara Taylor reports that junior membership has been on the rise and has almost doubled from 1993. The overall state membership as of March is already at the 1993 figure.

Jamey Gordon is to be commended for his research on the history of the association. In addition, his statistic work has been noted and is used in seeding tournament entries in the state.

TENNESSEE

The Music City South Central Regional Horseshoe Tournament will be held at the Jack Freeman Courts June 18-19.

Eight three-person teams participate in league horseshoe pitching on Thursday nights. This is the second year for sanctioned league play in Tennessee.

Construction is underway for the eight additional indoor courts. When they are finished work will begin on the twenty covered outdoor courts which will bring it to 38 courts, the total for the Jack Freeman facility.

A limit of 52 pitchers from eight states pitched in the Volunteer Open in February.

UTAH

The February newsletter shows A. Lee Jones as the top money winner for 1993 with a \$321.57 figure that moved him up in the slots on the All-Time money winners list. Dennis Ohms is the top All Time money collector with \$1,467.28. One wonders who keep track of all this money. Maybe the IRS. Familywise, the J.J. Steffens are 6th and 8th in the All-Time list. Shirley has won \$987.42 and J.J. \$898.15.

Glen McAllister tops the win list with 578 victories, just one ahead of Dennis Ohms. McAllister is fifth in the money list \$1130.67.

Gabe Ohms is the top junior winner with 201 victories, followed by Jenifer Sorenson. Pitching for the juniors are three other Ohms children—Seth, Jenny and Amy. Guess their family is topped only by the Hix family for number of family people pitching horseshoes.

TEXAS

Two names, Ed Arionus and Coke Bowker, usually top the list of men's ringer percentages as of the state tournament. Ed has a 71.9 to Bowker's 68.7. In 3rd is Charlie Posey 62.9 followed by Gene Meyer 61.0 and Bob Graham 59.9.

Leading the women is former junior World Champion Celeste Polak with 64.4. Listed in second is Mary Ann Kramr with 60.9 followed by Hazel McCall 58.1, Terri Angelico 57.6, and Vonnie Avila 56.9.

Doug Macha tops the juniors with a 56.4 percentage.

Chad Michum has 50%, Bo Daughtry is third with 44.9, plus Chris Mathison 43.3, and Sam Alexander 35.9.

The Houston Club held their first Annual "Tournament of Champions." Members who won in 1993 were invited to participate. The tournament was developed to help encourage stronger league participation.

VIRGINIA

In the games won category Lenwood Conners, Jr. overwhelmed the top pitchers with 80 games won from 1992 to 1993. In the men's division Alvin Perry won 64 games and Debbie Barbour 50 games in the Ladies' division.

Lifetime membership to the Winchester Club was presented to Chuck West for his years of service and dedication as officer and member of the WHC. Debbie Barbour was the league's first place winner.

Just some suggestions from the VaHPA: Talk to your friends, talk sanction, talk league, talk patch program, talk national recognition, talk about friends you have made pitching horseshoes, and bring in one new member.

WASHINGTON

Les Spilseth, 7-1, 57.0 won the Winnie Winetrout Series #1 in Class A. Class B winner was Earl (Joe) Hardie.

Peter Clark, 7-2, 62.94 won the Winetrout #2 tournament. Barry Chapelle was second, 6-3, 57.6%. Mike Thorniley won Class B. Clark also won the Number 3 tournament with Mike Thorniley again taking Class B. Clark had a 7-1 record and 72.66%. Clark continued his mastery by winning the Winetrout #4 and #5.

WISCONSIN

Jim Haupt has developed a brochure containing all the needed information to give to newcomers interested in organized horseshoe pitching. All members will be encouraged to make them available to anyone showing interest.

The WHPA Tournament top five averages to date are as follows: Men: Randy Rein, Mosinee 76.4; Ralph Maylahn, Genesee Dept 71.97; Don Kandas, West Allis 70.32; John Udelhofen, Barneveld 68.29; and Gus Schram, Ringle 66.37.

Women: Lorraine Sternberg, Richfield 71.07; Edith McKinney, Luck 68.22; Jane Smith, Balsam Lake 66.69; Joan Guetzke, Germantown 62.15; and Cy Srenski, Green Bay 61.38.

Juniors: Jason Goldsmith, Janesville 61.61; Heidi Sternberg, Richfield 57.54; Penny Steinke, Waukesha 55.17; Heather Sternberg, Richfield 47.42; and Lee McFarlane, Wind Lake 27.01.

From the BYLAWS of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

The purpose of the NHPA shall be to
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the sport of horseshoe pitching on all levels—
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both as a recreational pastime and
a competitive sport.

News Releases

SHENANDOAH VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB

Grottoes, Virginia Sanction #88C9

The SVHC just finished a successful 1993 season in league and tournament play. Our annual awards banquet was held on September 12 at Grand Caverns Regional Park. Preceding the meeting everyone enjoyed a catered country dinner.

Awards for the 1993 season were:

Overall League Champion—David Dalton
First Place—David Conley
Second Place—Darrell Brock
Rookie of the Year—Audrey Swartz
Most Sportsmanship—Lee Shifflet
High Game—Claude Gibson
High Avg. @ High Set—Bob Dean Sr.
Most Improved—Anita Gregory
High Game Over Avg.—Dan Strickler
H.C. Eppard Incentive Award—Tommy Dean
Most Dedicated—Cletus Conley

The first annual VaHPA Year End State Club Championship Tournament was held recently at Grand Caverns Regional Park in Grottoes, VA. Five clubs consisting of six members per team competed for the title. Clubs from across the state of Virginia were from Grottoes, Winchester, Crozet, Petersburg, and Churchville. Victorious in the event were members from The Shenandoah Valley Horseshoe Club, of Grottoes.

Awards were presented to each member of the winning team and club director, along with a traveling trophy to be defended in 1994.

Names from the winning team were:

Claude Gibson	Hensel Eppard
Kenny Lam	Troy Eppard
Ron Trobaugh	Anita Gregory

NEW JERSEY WEHHPA #89C36

The West Essex Handicap Horseshoe Pitching Club completed its 16th year of competition in 1993 (5 years sanctioned) at our three courts in West Caldwell. Forty-eight members pitched from May to August, a total of 67,200 shoes during two seven-week periods. We had four divisions of six, two-man teams, pitching 50 shoe countall. Playoffs for the Championship followed the regular play.

Club Champions, Joe Baker and Emil Koenig were honored at the annual Awards Banquet at the Russian Hall. They both received Traveling, Individual Plaques and NHPA Sanctioned Club Champion Patches. The runners-up, Ken Grune, Jack Russell and Jim Ruck (sub) each received an NHPA (crying) towel.

Division winners, Joe Baker/Emil Koenig, Jim Smith/Bob Ehrich, Chuck Bahr/Walt Johnson, Tom Burns/Geoff Lovette, Joe Dodgson/Scott Williams and Ken Grune/Jack Russell all received Champion patches.

Other awards presented included, Most Improved, Geoff Lovette; Rookies of the year, Hobart and Nate Shelton. Both were first year members of our club, the NJHPA and NHPA. Club High Game and High Average, Ron Ballinger; Sportsmanship went to Al Birchler, a first year pitcher who lost his partner after the first week and pitched 2200 shoes during the season. Ten pitchers qualified for High Game Percentage patches.

Honored guest at our Banquet was Joe McCrink, the 1993 NJ State Champ. Joe, when only 12, along with his father, won the first West Essex club championship in 1977, repeating the wins in 1978 and '79. Also remarkable at age 12, Joe was already a 40' pitcher. He joined the NHPA in 1978 and the next year won the NJ Class C state championship. In 1981 he moved to Class B champion with a 57% avg. and in 1982 Joe won the State Championship with a 65.6% avg. He was just old enough for a NJ drivers license—age 17. He repeated this feat in 1983 with 70.5 and in 1986 at age 21 won the honor again for the third time with 71.2.

In 1989 Joe pitched the first perfect game in NJ state history in the Joe Skinner 16 ringer classic. His 77.36% won him the '93 title and was the highest percent ever in NJ State Championship history.

Our club Executive Board is President Paul Stille, 1st VP Rich Wick, 2nd VP Jack Kupcho, 3rd VP Ken Grune, 4th VP Ed Quigley, and Joe Dodgson Secretary/ Treasurer and statistician.

Now that our league averages are in the NatStats system, the Executive Board hope and expects that the

NJSHPA will recognize our club averages as one of the sanctioned events required to qualify for participation in the NJ State Championships.

Our club welcomes new members—Friday is an open night. Twelve of you pitchers could form a division and compete with us. C'mon! Call Quig at 201-839-0946.

A Hoof-note from Bev Born, having learned that the NJSHPA voted down this club's request to use their league averages as one needed to enter the State Championships. I would like to ask that President, Ronald Vogel and all other State and club officers, *please*, read my article in this issue and *please*, reconsider your decision against the use of league averages in your State events.

Thank You.

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Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

My apology for not having this article ready for the March/April issue. Being away to Las Vegas and Quartzsite, Arizona tournaments and our not returning home until after the deadline, made it impossible. I was also impacted by waiting to hear from the many clubs that had not yet reported by the end of December so I could get all figures calculated for this article.

Congratulations, many more years of continued success and sanctioned cl/lg play is wished to the following clubs who have reached their 5, 10 and 15 year milestones.

FIVE YEARS 1989-1993

1. Ault, CO #89C31
2. Kona, HI #89C17
3. Wells Park, IL #89C18
4. Danville, IL #89C33
5. Harrison County Ringers, IN #89C4
6. Cedar Lake, MN #89C34
7. Gulf Coast, MS #89C19
8. West Essex, NJ #89C36
9. Troy, OH #89C14
10. Try County, OH #89A47
11. PCA, SC #89C29
12. Marble Falls, TX #89C16
13. Central Texas, TX #89A42
14. Kilo Bay, TX #89C41
15. Winchester Moose Lodge, VA #89C38
16. San Luis Obispo, CA #89C7

TEN YEARS 1984-1993

1. Sarasota/Bradenton, FL #84C17
2. Iowa City, IA #84C47
3. Bridgeport, NE #84C66
4. New Cumberland, PA #84C15
5. Close Doesn't Count, WI #84C92

FIFTEEN YEARS 1979-1993

1. Bradenton, FL #79C10
2. Roller Homes, FL #79C9
3. Albany, GA #79A25
4. Bloomington, MN #79C76
5. Fridley, MN #79C51
6. Minneapolis, MN #79C81
7. Mountaineer, W. VA. #79C117

Nineteen club sanctions have been cancelled. A couple by request and the others with no reports received for 1993 and giving me no response to the notices I sent to them in November and again the end of December.

CANCELLATIONS

- Stockton, CA #91C004
Louisville Metro, KY #82C100
Boone Woods, KY #92C13
Green River, KY #93L11
Greenfield, IL #84C29
Dracut Civic, MA #84C101
Lodgepole Women's, NE #88C36
River City, NE #90C02
Northwest Nevada, NV #91A006
Chautauqua, ND #92C20

- Toledo Area, OH #84C114
St. Louisville, OH #81C41
Vici, OK #85A64
Circle K, VA #91C002
Tidewater, VA #89C25
Kitsap County, WA #92C07
Bloomington Jr. Lg., MN #90Jr18
K-W Khaki Jr. Lg., CN #91Jr22
Bennington Jr. Lg., VT #91Jr20

The following five were put on hold, due to court renovations, lack of interest, only one or two juniors etc. and because they were thoughtful and courteous enough to let me know their situations, and they all plan to work towards getting organized again in 1994. Sanctions can be maintained, through a year of inactivity, ONLY for those that will communicate with me. This communication is always greatly appreciated. It is so much nicer than just wondering, not knowing why.

- Athol-Orange, MA #90C18
Bald Hill, ND #87C257
Corvallis, OR #92C18
Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND #87Jr9
Riverside Jr. Lg., TX #85Jr1

Both Adult and Junior members were down from the preceding year. Seems strange, there were 29 new sanctions, 19 cancellations and 5 on hold. Guess that would help account for the drop. New clubs usually have fewer members than older ones. The loss from just two cancelled clubs was over 150 each and one still active, lost 50 members. Makes a person wonder just what the problem(s) might be. Is it the lack of dedicated people to do the work? It surely can not be for lack of enough awards/benefits offered through the program. There are MANY of these and there has been no increase in dues to support, just this program, or compensate the NHPA for all of the program's incurred expenses. Do you have any ideas about this?

1993 SUMMARY & COMPARISONS

	1991	1992	1993
No. of States	39	42	44
No. of Clubs	187	204	209
Adult Members	6680	6477	6180
Junior Members	388	504	411
Total Members	7068	6981	6591
Patches Used	5508	5919	6046

Total Certificates of Achievement 3847. Junior only patches used were 143 achievement and 63 percentage.

There were 55 plaques awarded for Top Ten, Scholars, Director of the Year and years of sanction.

It may come as quite a surprise to you to hear that over \$12,000 a year is spent to support the Sanctioned Club/ League Program.

Since the only source of income to the NHPA is your dues, you, the members actually pay for this program and we, the officers of the NHPA appreciate your efforts informing sanctioned clubs/leagues.

This program is a way of giving back something to each of you, so please continue to promote new leagues by pointing out the benefits received.

One of the best and most beneficial parts of this program, to me, is that our league averages are being entered in NatStats. Even though I am fortunate enough to make several tournaments each year, there are many who are unable to do this, due to family, jobs, age, and long traveling distances, which I realize can be costly. I'd like to ask that ALL states allow their members' league averages to also count toward all their tournament entries, especially their State Championships.

League is great practice, one of the best ways to be relaxed and improve our pitching. This play, which covers several weeks, is also a very true indication of one's actual pitching ability. If it is good enough to be used for one or more of our World and Regional four required, it should also be valid for ALL State held sanctioned events.

Remember these people are supporting our sport and your state with dues, etc. Doesn't this give them the right to reap benefits on the State level. The average person will still do their best to attend as many other events as time and money will allow them. Our purpose is not to discourage pitchers. I'm sure that we would all like to see more of our State members pitching in our championships. This could mean closer and better classes for the elders, juniors and women, where some of us do not have enough of these to have a decent competitive class for them. League

Sanctioned Club/League News *continued...*

play could be a big help in this area. So *please*, do give league averages a place, as part of your championship required events. It is not mandatory for these averages to be used on the state level, but it sure could be a very nice incentive to our league players and pleasant reward for the support they give to your Charter. If your state allows this, I thank you. If not, please write to me your reasons why you do not recognize your dedicated league pitchers.

One more thing that needs attention is, some leagues do not play with a handicap. This is fine, if your player's averages are well matched or you have enough to pitch in sections to equal out the percentage spreads. If you have just a few members with a percentage range from 0 to 30% and above, then I highly recommend using a handicap system.

Handicapping is a big morale booster for new and lower average pitchers and encourages them to improve and remain in your club. No one like to lose every game, especially when they know before the game even begins that they are going to lose. It might make it a little harder for the seasoned pitcher to win, but by doing so it also gives them better competition and incentive to pitch their best at all times, which will help them improve their own game.

It will do the same for the unseasoned pitchers. Just put yourself in their shoes. Say you are an average 30 to 40% pitcher that is always being beaten by a 50% and up. How would you feel? The same applies for pitchers 20% down to 0% always getting beaten by you. Is this being a good sport? Is winning all that matters to you, regardless of who it might discourage?

Help promote a general good feeling among your members, as a whole, be considerate and FAIR! Easy wins DO NOT help you, our game or prepare us for stiff tournament competition. Just give it some serious thought. I wish you all a great season of pitching and hope friendship, compassion and sportsmanship towards your fellow pitchers will always be your TOP priority.

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When Will I Pitch In Syracuse?

Every year players entering the World want to know when they will pitch so they can better narrow down the vacation days needed and make reservations. We do our best to accommodate the many phone requests we receive in advance of the actual pitching schedule being finalized but we cannot give absolute assurances before all the entries are in and the schedule completed.

We have a new format this year with everyone pitching 3 days. This has brought double the inquiries because it will cause parts of the schedule to be different than past years. To help you with your planning without giving any guarantees, the following tentative schedule, based on 1500 entries, is planned. If entries are significantly below or above 1500, you could find your group start time being moved by as

much as 3 days to accommodate scheduling. If you can't allow that much slack time and might have to cancel, remember—no refunds will be paid for cancellations received after June 3.

7/25 - 7/30

All Open Men classes B and below.
Lowest percentage classes the first 3 days.

7/31

No pitching. NHPA Business Meeting and Awards Banquet

8/1-8/3

All Elders, Championship and Classes All Women Class B and below
All Junior Boys and Girls, Championship and Classes
Lowest class of Senior Men may be scheduled here.

8/4-8/6

Men's Championship and Class A
Women's Championship and Class A
Senior Men Championship and all remaining Classes

Three Sites Bid For 1996 World

We have received three confirmed \$15,000 bids for the 1996 World Tournament. All are bidding for the first time, offering indoor facilities and the opportunity to spend your horseshoe vacation in a new area. Each bid is from an appropriate city or facility authority and has the full backing and support of the local and state horseshoe associations. Each bidder will have a display and representative on site in Syracuse to answer questions prior to the actual delegate voting on Sunday July 31st. Brief details are:

Gillette, Wyoming

CAM-PLEX, Wyoming's premier multi-event facility located on over 1000 acres offers 2 indoor pavilions each approximately the size of a football field. CAM-PLEX has 780 full service RV and camper sites. Gillette has over 1000 hotel/motel rooms all just a short distance to CAM-PLEX.

Tampa, Florida

Florida Expo Park would be the site, the 52,000 square foot entertainment hall, the facility. 2000 hotel/motel rooms are available within a 5 mile radius of the Florida Expo Park. Nearby RV parking is available but details were not given in the bid brief.

Kitchener, Ontario Canada

The Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex would be the site. Kitchener is located about 65 miles west of Toronto and some 80 miles from Niagara Falls. There are 2400 hotel/motel rooms in the area with more than 200 RV and camping sites available within minutes of the complex.

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NHPA Income and Expenditures: November, December 1993, January, February 1994

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$56,706.00
Newsline Subscriptions	11,914.00
Newsline Advertising.....	5,021.00
Patch and Misc. Sales	616.00
1990 World Shortfall Debt Payment	154.00
1995 World Bid payment.....	5,000.00
Horseshoe Sanctioning Fees.....	4,900.00
Charter Dues and Overpayments	179.00
Bank & Affinity Card Interest, Collections.....	2,134.00

Total 4 month Income \$86,624.00

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

EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production and Mailing	\$9,787.00
Newsline Editor Allowance	1,153.00
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	2,796.00
Sanctioned League Director Allowance	250.00
Sanctioned League Postage and Printing.....	1,524.00
Sanctioned League Junior Scholar Awards.....	400.00
Regional Directors Phone, Postage, Supplies	1,064.00
Regional Director Allowances	5,007.00
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies	3,991.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repairs.....	528.00
NHPA Postage	4,229.00
NHPA Officers' Telephone	1,501.00
NHPA Officers' Travel.....	3,000.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance	5,767.00
President Allowance	1,730.00
Vice President Allowance	2,125.00
Publicity and Promotion	2,481.00
World Tournament Administrative Costs	9.00
NatStats Administration	93.00
Insurance Premiums	1,200.00
Misc. Bank Charges, Refunds, Fees.....	1,132.00

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Special Events Calendar

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
- 18-19 Northwest Pacific Regional**—Hermiston, Oregon. 25 courts at Weber Field. RV parking available at fairgrounds next to courts. Pre-register by June 16, 1994. Entry \$25 Class "A", \$20 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 Rebman, Rt. 5, Box 5257, Hermiston, OR 97838. 503-567-8560
- 18-19 South Central Regional**—Joelton, Tennessee. 38 covered courts, some indoors, at the Jack Freeman court complex. Pre-register by June 1. Entry fee \$15. 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. 615-794-5620
- 25-26 Eastern National**—Erie, Pennsylvania. Entries limited to first 144. \$25 entry fee for Class A men, all others \$15. 35pt or 50 shoe game for 25% and under players. All juniors and ladies except Class A ladies will be handicapped. Fees payable to Erie Horseshoe Club. Send with entry and average to Aileen Drayer, 1317 W. 20th St., Erie, PA 16502. No phone calls.

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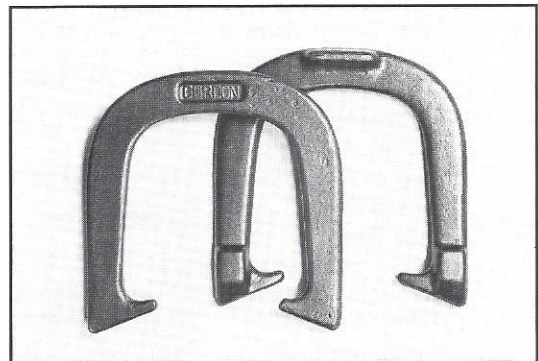
- 1-4 Ringer Classic**—Greenville, Ohio. Pre-register by June 15. Entry fee \$15 for adults, juniors free. \$500 prize to 1st place men's, \$200 to Women. Cash and trophies to all classes. Fees payable to Darke County Horseshoe Club. Mail with entry, division and average to Joel Loy, 628 Southbrook Dr., Greenville, OH 45331.
- 7-10 Northeastern Regional**—Wildwood, New Jersey. 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 range between \$3,500-\$5,000. Entry fee \$25. Pre-register by June 17. 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. 609-365-7100 or contact Ron Vogel 908-356-2046.
- 22-24 Mountain States Regional**—Seeley Lake, Montana. 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 10. Entry fee \$25 for Regional, \$10 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).

- 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

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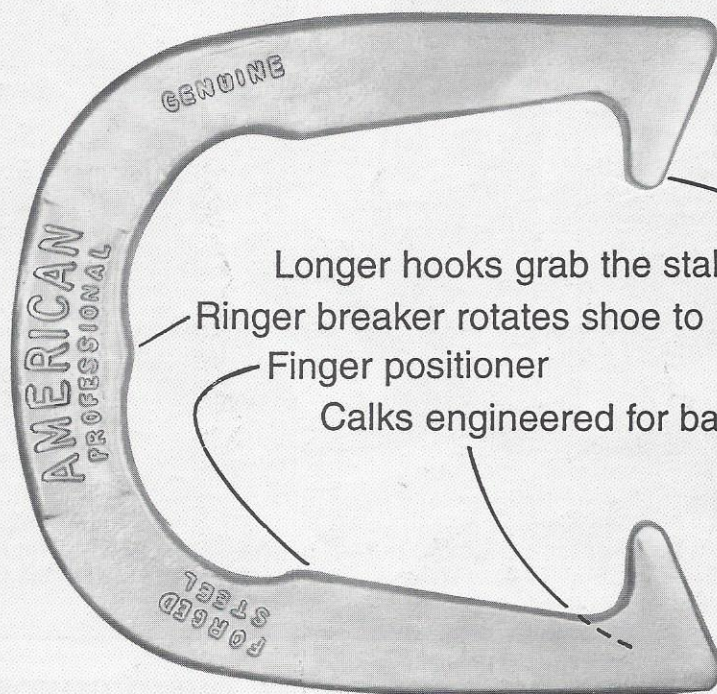
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