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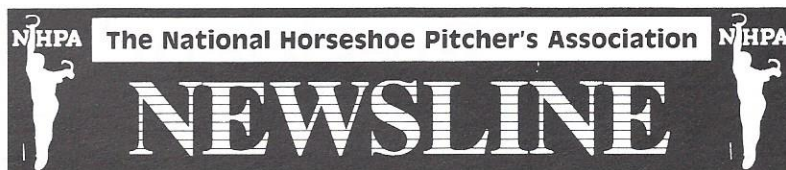
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The Music City Team Tournament "A" Division Winners (l to r) Dave Loucks, Oscar Manns and Amy Brown.

President's Message

If you read the Report of the 1994 State and Charter Officers Meeting in the September/October *Newsline*, you will know that the convention delegates approved a suggestion to have the NHPA undertake a study of existing computer programs being used within the charters. The purpose of the study is to have the NHPA develop a program or two that includes the best features of the charter programs and make these available for a modest sum to all interested charters. It would set a level of standardization that could replace many different programs now being used to do the same thing.

The cooperation of the charters is essential for the study to be worthwhile. We would like a copy of your program for evaluation. We would like to know what software you are using and what are the most important features of the program to you. What features would you like that you now do not have? Our thrust will be to probably have two programs. One for all the administrative reporting by charter secretaries to the NHPA and another that will maintain pitching averages, run tournaments and report results to NatStats.

I have selected Jerry D. Smith of Dixon, CA to head this project. Jerry is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Northern California charter with a teaching credential in computer science. He majored in mathematics at Ohio State and has a BS degree from the University of San Francisco. He has an extensive programming background, having taught and supervised college level courses in computer science for several years. In addition, Jerry has used a few of the programs now available to charters, in fact, his input has helped to shape some. I feel he is well qualified to assume this challenge.

Several charters that are now using some type of computer program for stats or administration are known to us but many are not. Therefore, Jerry or the NHPA secretary/treasurer, or both, will be writing to charters in hopes of reaching the person or two that handle computer programs for the charter. Since these people are often changed with new election of officers, I am asking that every person reading this column that has a related computer responsibility within a charter contact Jerry as soon as possible. You can write or phone—Jerry D. Smith, 920 Charity Lane, Dixon, CA 95620. 916-678-6030.

Dave's Court Report

■ March 15, 1995 is the deadline for receipt of written announcements to the President and *Newsline* Editor, of candidacy for NHPA office. The offices up for election this year are the President, the First, Third and Fifth VPs.

■ The Syracuse Sports Development department of the Convention & Visitors Bureau has given us a copy of their World Tournament financial statement. It is one of the most comprehensive reports ever shared with us. The bid and other related expenses, including the cost of the wooden platform risers and rental of the building forced total expenses to exceed \$100,000. Revenue taken in by the fairgrounds, club and bureau was just over \$65,000 resulting in a sizeable financial loss to them.

■ Recent voting decisions made by the NHPA Executive Council including new incoming 2nd VP, Casey Sluys were: By a 5-3 vote, rejected a member proposal to prepare and pursue with the U.S. Postal Commission, a Commemorative Horseshoe Pitching Stamp. By a 7-1 vote, approved getting bids on new lower level portable courts that could be used at the World without wooden platform risers. By an 8-0 vote, approved initial investigative expense of tax and legal professionals to see if NHPA can form a separate but related charitable organization to conform with IRS and State laws. The purpose of this is to determine if we can become an organization to which charitable tax deductible donations can be made.

■ In the last issue, *Newsline* failed to report in State Tournament results that Ken Raymond was the winner of the 30' Elder Championship in the Wyoming State Tournament. Our apologies to Ken who was a 7-time State 40' champion.

■ From 1989 through 1994, the NHPA had only 7 insurance claims against our policy which is basically Liability coverage.

However, there were 19 incidents reported to the NHPA in 1994, something we request just in case a claim is filed later. The NHPA record is very good compared to unsupervised recreational use once you consider it against a report of the Consumer Product Safety Commission which for 1992 said there were 4,423 visits to Hospital Emergency Rooms for horseshoe related accidents.

■ Charters are reminded that all divisions in 1995 State Tournaments must comply with the exact age limitations of NHPA bylaws, Article X, section 2. This ruling was adopted by delegates at the 1994 convention by a 128-5 vote.

■ MBNA America Bank, the VISA card institution for NHPA membership, sent us \$156.75 for membership transactions in the 3rd quarter of 1994. The NHPA gets 25 cents for each transaction.

■ The Georgia charter paid the NHPA \$772 through the first ten months of 1994 against their 1990 World shortfall debt. The total amount still owing is \$29,450.

■ The New Melle Horseshoe Club of New Melle, Missouri has scheduled a top notch invitational tournament for April 23, 1995 with a \$3,000 purse. The 60 top men pitchers in 12 states, 5 from each state, will be invited to enter. Of those that do send in their entry by the 3/15/95 deadline, the top 16 based on NatStats percentage will be selected and then asked to send in their \$25.00 entry fee. These 16 will be grouped into two 8 man divisions, each playing a RR of 50 shoe games. The 2 division winners plus the next 2 players with the best percentage from the two round robins will play a 4 man, 40 point RR for \$2,200; \$1,000 to 1st and \$300 to 4th. The next 4 best percentage pitchers will play a 4 man consolation RR for the rest of the purse.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dave,

I read your article in *Newsline* about the trouble with scorekeepers. One of the reasons, as you know, is the people watching want to see what's going on all over the place instead of concentrating on one game. Another reason may be that the acoustics at the Syracuse World Tournament were terrible. It was impossible to understand what was being said over the loudspeaker. Many of the announcements were a waste of time.

Bart Sargent
Westwood, MA

Do you know how to keep score properly? Is your eyesight and hearing good enough to keep score? etc. etc... If you can't do these things, it is best you be a spectator.

Remember this admonition from the World Tournament package? Perhaps many sit on the sidelines for this reason.

Question: What percentage of the championship classes kept score?

I kept score for 45 games. If pitchers would be as accurate at calling their scores as they are at "trying" to throw ringers, the score keepers' job would be more accurate.

With 40 games going and an unintelligible loud speaker, sometimes blasting, it is difficult to hear many whisper calls from players.

Joseph Rinehart

To *Newsline* Editor,

The problem with scorekeepers at the World Tournament is the same problem that exists at local tournaments. Many pitchers don't know how to keep score let alone call it correctly. If pitchers don't want to learn, I think we should stop relying on them to keep score. The World Tournament Host should be responsible for scorekeepers. If the local club doesn't have enough members, then an organization like the Boy Scouts or some group should be taught. Getting paid would be an incentive to some organizations and we might even get some other people interested in pitching.

Jim Mudra Sr.
Westminster, CA

Dear Dave,

This is in response to a suggestion by John Thomas where a score of one point would be given each player in the case of "four dead." This would create shorter games among the high percentage players.

I'll repeat a similar suggestion I made several years ago. Why not make a double worth one extra point? The extra points never cancel out. A score could be called as follows: Two ringers, seven points; three ringers, four points; four dead, one point each. In the remote case of a tie, each player receives one half win. (Alternate solution, if the score is tied at thirty-nine there would be no more bonus points to prevent a tie.) Other sports, such as bowling and basketball, give extra credit for something a little more difficult, why not horseshoes?

Elmer "Dutch" Swartz
Seminole, FL

Dear Dave,

The President's Message in the last 1994 *Newsline* issue was very interesting and may attract some comments besides mine. The subject matter concerned how the NHPA should select a site for the annual World Tournament.

While you couldn't find another sports organization that lets their membership vote on the site of their national tournament, I know of one and there may be more. The Women's International Bowling Congress or WIBC as it is more commonly known, allows its delegates to vote on a site four years in advance.

The WIBC does have a screening committee that visits sites of all interested bidders. Only sites that can meet all the needed requirements are allowed to present a formal bid to the convention. Prior to the convention, prospective hosts each set up an information center or hospitality room and compete with one another to persuade the delegates on the merits of selecting their city. While this is similar to what happens in the NHPA, the screening committee does weed out most prospects that do not have the necessary requirements and those that are left to bid find the final choice

being made by voting delegates.

Perhaps the NHPA could incorporate a similar process by having a screening committee visit prospective World Tournament sites and weed out those that would not be suitable. Sites surviving the screening committee would be allowed to present formal bids at the NHPA Convention, as they do now, and the delegates would still have the final vote. Both your idea and this one would require a change in NHPA bylaws. Perhaps a merger of the two ideas might prove more acceptable by allowing the NHPA to pre-qualify sites but still letting the members make the final choice.

Vicki Winston
Sec/Treas. Missouri HPA

Dear Dave,

It was good to see you in Syracuse. The event went well and the playing format for 1995 appears to be the best yet and should meet the approval of almost all the players. Also, your thought (Nov/Dec *Newsline*) of having a selection committee to determine the World Tournament site rather than delegates has a lot of merit and should be seriously considered. Your suggested method would allow the World site to be rotated east to west, north to south, as was previously discussed a few years back, only to fail by a vote or two of getting delegate approval. The NHPA needs a better selection method than used now because the delegates unfortunately vote for what is best for them, not necessarily what is best for the sport and promotion of the game.

Jack Adams
Saskatoon, SK, Canada

NHPA PRESIDENT RECOVERING

NHPA President Dave Loucks returned home December 16th after undergoing 4-way open heart bypass surgery on 12/9/94. He and wife Cathie are very appreciative of the good wishes received from members. Full recovery by March 1st is expected.

Reader Forum

Dear Dave,

In Spearfish, SD in 1993, you and I had a brief discussion about how the overall performance of the top male horseshoe pitchers seems to have dropped significantly over the past 10 or more years. We concluded that there is probably no single simple reason for this situation, but rather a combination of things that have caused this fall-off.

I now believe that our performance was very high in those years because of recognition. Recognition that comes from our peers—not money because there wasn't any money. And the major form of that recognition was seeing our name and others on a regular basis in the *Digest* (now the *Newsline*) along with pitching percentages for the event. Nothing drives performance more than being recognized and being compared with other individuals publicly, be it in a professional capacity or a sport.

Therefore, I believe that one of the major objectives of the *Newsline* should be to report where the tournaments are to be held and the results of those tournaments on a regular basis. If space is a problem, then only the results of the top classes could be given. This will help drive performance by giving high level recognition.

My gut feeling is that most horseshoe pitchers have two major questions they want answered from the *Newsline*: (1) Where are the tournaments? (2) What were the tournament results? Everything else is really secondary. Changing to this philosophy would probably do more to increase the subscriptions to the *Newsline* than any other thing. I am also convinced that it could be the major driver in increasing our game's performance.

Clyde W. Martz, Murrysville, PA

Clyde,

Your point of view, that lack of recognition in *Newsline* may be responsible for the decline in the number of top percentage pitchers is more than interesting, it's a long reach. It is true that *Newsline* stopped printing all local tournament results and schedules, deciding to include only the bigger special tournaments and

expand our article content. But the decline in the number of top pitchers was well underway when that decision was made and a lot of people were telling us that they didn't want to see results several months old in a print size too small to read. Besides, most had charter newsletters to keep them abreast of results. Typesetting results (names & numbers) is considerably more expensive than straight type and we had among our goals, to not only increase readership but to make *Newsline* support itself even with a very small circle of advertisers. Both of these goals have been achieved but it didn't happen until we stopped printing all the local tournament results.

In Spearfish, we also talked about another factor which I believe has had a greater influence on the decline of top pitchers despite increasing membership. In the old days, pitchers had to qualify for tournaments as you well know. You had to travel, sometimes hundreds of miles, throw one or two hundred shoes for score and hope it was one of the top 16 or 24 who would pitch that day. If you didn't score high enough, you didn't play. Rather, you drove home and devoted the next week to intense practice hoping to get better and be able to qualify for the tournament that weekend.

Those days of qualifying are behind us. Membership has grown as has the number of tournaments. Most are now open to anyone who shows up. With a guarantee of having a spot in just about any tournament, there is no longer the drive to practice, practice, practice. Some do, most don't and thus, I believe the disappearance of qualifying has caused the decline in the number of top percentage pitchers.—Dave Loucks

40 Ft.-30 Ft. Problem

It is now time to discuss the pros and cons of the 30 ft. horseshoe pitchers. Let's begin by comparing 30 ft. pitching against some of the standards of other sports.

1. Are there any changes to a tennis court when youth to 18, women and men over 70 are playing tennis? Answer-NONE!
2. Are there any changes to a bowling alley when youth to 18, women and men over 70 are bowling? Answer-NONE! (Bowlers may use a lighter ball.)

3. Are there any changes to a baseball field when youths to 18, women and men over 70 are playing baseball? Answer-NONE! (Hardball and softball diamonds have different size dimensions, but the diamonds are the same for all players.)

4. Is there a change to basketball courts when youths to 18, women and men over 70 are playing basketball? Answer-NONE!

5. Is there a change in the court dimension in a volleyball court when youth to 18, women and men over 70 play volleyball? Answer-NONE!

6. Is there a change in length of holes when youths to 18, women and men over 70 play golf? Yes, women get approximately a 5% reduction on their tee shot.

7. Is there a change in lengths of courts in the sport of horseshoe pitching when youths to 18, women and men over 70 pitch horseshoes? YES INDEED! It is the only "sport" in our nation that gives youths to 18, women and men over 70 a 33½% handicap! Why not have the above named group pitch 35 ft. reducing the handicap to 14% and play with lighter shoes?

What I and many 40' horseshoe pitchers would like to know is—who or what is behind this 30' effort that is promoting the unfair distance handicap for women, youth under 18 and men over 70?

Please address Les Jones, 24716 Avenue 95, Terra Bella, CA 93270.

Why A Pro Tour in Horseshoe Pitching Has Been Unsuccessful to Date and What Can Be Done To Change This

There has been some written in *Newsline* about the need for a pro tour in horseshoes similar to those in golf and bowling. The lack of corporate sponsors caused by small TV and tournament audiences interested in watching such competition is generally accepted as the cause for no such tour. But the important point is *why* there is little interest in such horseshoe competition when there is so much interest in other sports like golf, bowling, basketball, football, etc.

Members Voice Their Opinions

The obvious reason for such a lack of interest is that not many people play horseshoes on the lower levels like they do in the other sports. A likely explanation for this is that *handicapping* is *not* generally used and is *not* compulsory in horseshoes like it is in golf, in particular.

In golf, essentially *all* matches and tournaments use handicapping, so all players have a fair chance to win. In horseshoes only the better players have much of a chance to win since handicapping is *not* compulsory and is *not* widely used. Most people will just not continue to play if they have little chance to ever win; and there are more poor players than good players—in all sports.

There are some players in horseshoes who have played two or more years and have never won a single tournament game because there are not enough players and classes to have fair competition without handicapping and handicapping is *not* used. Thus the tournament and TV audiences in horseshoes are much, much smaller than for pro tour golf.

There are the many golfers who, though not highly skilled, can still play and have fair competition, enjoy the game, and not always lose. They like to watch the pro tour in golf and learn something that will help their game. There are close to one half million members of the American Golf Association but only about 15,000 members of the NHPA. Also, horseshoes is not even on the list of the 114 most popular sports in the U.S. Except for the lack of handicapping, horseshoes should be even more popular than golf.

If the NHPA would require handicapping to be used when it is needed, or if the Regional Directors would so rule for their areas, then the popularity of horseshoes would greatly increase and it wouldn't be long before a pro tour in horseshoes could be supported and enjoyed by a large number of players.

Virgil L. Warren, Socorro, New Mexico

More Spectator Interest

Why has our great sport of horseshoe pitching failed to make a list of the 114 most popular sports in

America? The following is a compilation of suggestions for improving spectator appeal. Permit me to share them with you.

1. Set A Goal. NHPA must make it a primary goal to increase spectator interest and media involvement. It will not just happen. Professional sports have this as a goal and continuously change rules to make their sport appealing to fans and to increase attendance.

2. Equipment. Spectators need to see the game. They need to observe the shoes in flight and where the shoes lie to become mentally and emotionally involved in the game. Remove the backboards on courts. This will improve spectator visibility and give throwers more room on their backswing. Moreover, promoters should use scoreboards that can be easily seen and interpreted by spectators. The scoreboard should indicate the points needed to win the game and the cumulative score of each contestant.

3. Rule Change. Change Rule 5—Game Preparation, the last sentence of the first paragraph to read, "When the tournament official announces the start of play, the contestants shall flip a shoe or coin with the winner pitching first and having the choice of pitching from the left or right side of the stake for the first inning. Thereafter, each contestant will alternate sides each inning." With this change, contestants will walk to the opposite stake with no crossover.

4. Report Results. Tournament directors, or an assistant, should report results to the media the day of the tournament. Thus, forms, fax numbers, telephone numbers should be made available to tournament directors before the tournament begins. Remember, sports writers often pick up information from United Press and Associated Press, so be sure and include their numbers.

5. Participate in Big Events. NHPA should seek Olympic involvement. The United States Olympic Committee is promoting the involvement of any sports played in two continents and in at least three countries. The sport of horseshoe pitching meets these criteria.

Some of these suggestions have been around for a long time. Others are more daring. Perhaps you might try one or more of these suggestions to improve spectator interest. If you do, share your findings with us.

John Seevers, Seward, NE

John,

Maybe you've heard something we haven't, but I have to wonder about the statement that the U.S. Olympic Committee is promoting the involvement of any sport played in two continents and 3 countries. The NHPA has twice contacted the International Olympic Committee, the last time to inquire about being an exhibition sport in Atlanta in 1996. Horseshoe pitching doesn't come close to meeting the 4 continent, 75 country requirement of the IOC and we haven't heard that the USOC was much different. Now things like Senior Olympics, we participate in all across the country.—Editor

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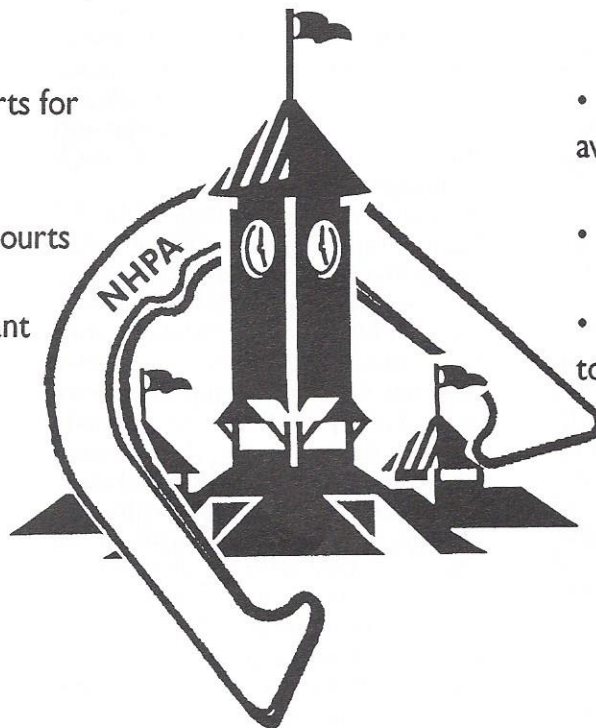
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Regional Director's Report

by Dick Hansen

There will be many new names and faces placed on the Regional Director list in this and the coming issues of *Newsline*. One of the most notable will be for the Michigan Charter. John Decker has decided to step down as Regional Director and has been replaced by Steve Summerlin of Clawson, MI. Since the 1993 Convention when John ran against me for this office he has been a friend in horseshoe to this office. He will be missed, for he was one of the hardest working RDs we had and always a gentleman.

From the Northwest Charters of **Washington, Oregon** and **Idaho**, **Rick Rebman** reports on the accomplishments of Herb Criss from WA. Herb, the 1993 Senior World Champion had a memorable two weeks recently. On Labor Day he won the Washington State Championship. One week later he had a hole-in-one, his seventh. Five days later he pitched a perfect game at the Pacific Northwest Championship Tournament. The next day he finished it up by winning that tournament. Congratulations to Herb on an exciting two weeks of sports accomplishments.

Paul Stewart, N. Carolina, reports he has been working with the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department Director on a 20 court layout with lights. They are planning on 10 courts in '95 and the next 10 in '96. This is a good location for the courts, just outside the city of Charlotte. There are not courts in the area now.

New Jersey RD, Phil Zozzaro reports their Charter membership has soared to a record setting 202 members which will give them one more delegate at next year's National Convention. He also reports that their 1994 State Championships again had a record number of entries in both the doubles and singles. A walk-in horseshoe pitching contest was held at the fair for the public. This was done to promote the NJSHPA and increase membership. Everyone seemed to have a good time and enjoyed our wonderful sport.

Ron Taylor, RD S. Carolina, reports his state has completed its most successful year ever. For the 4th consecutive year membership has shown an

increase with the highest number being in the Junior division. They have also just added their 4th sanctioned club in the state at Lockhart. This effort was led by Keith Queen, Ronald Williams, Keith Parks and Larry Crocker all of Lockhart. Talks are now in progress in Richburg about a future club there. The '95 S. Carolina schedule shows 7 Sunday tournaments with the possibility that this will help some players that have to work the weekend and are not able to participate on Saturday, thus increase membership even more in the State. Ron also reports that Norman Kelley of Greenville and Cecil Williford of Rock Hill, were inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame for 1994.

Back to **Wisconsin** where **RD Jim Haupt** reports on a new club that has been formed in Kenosha. Four years ago two area pitchers appeared before the Kenosha Parks Commission with a plan for courts. The city liked the idea and budgeted funding for 1991. It went straight out the window with a mayoral change but with the help of a City Alderman the pitchers persisted asking only for the land rights. Glenn Bogenschneider and Ray Billen secured the Parks Department's permission to build, but they were only two. With the help of Arnie Esser, Jim Marescalco, Alderman Chuck Bradley and Harry Helson, now Club President, 150 invitations were sent to area pitchers. Of the 29 that showed up 21 became members on the spot and the club was formed March 6, 1994. The club has now built 5 courts in Nash Park with donated material. Their first sanctioned tournament was held last October with more to come in '95. Eventually the plan is for a total of 23 courts and real plans to host the State Tournament. They have found it quite helpful to have a City Alderman on the Club committee in formal negotiations with the City Parks Dept. Their persistence has finally paid off.

Michigan ARD, Mike Robinson, reports that the Grandville Horseshoe Club with 120 plus members is in the process of having a computer program written for their Club. Mike is the Secretary Treasurer and reports that the format will be 30 shoe, count-all-points, 90% handicap and should

be adaptable to other shoe counts and handicap percentages. Mike says the program should be ready soon and he will send samples and information to all that are interested. If you would like his address or phone number contact the Michigan Regional Director Steve Summerlin.

Regional Director **Bud Schardine of Utah** reports that for the 4th year he has given out Regional Director Service Awards. One for the north and one for the south. Bud adds that they do make a difference as he has noticed more volunteer help around the courts and it lets the pitchers know just who the Regional Director is. Bud is now building 4 sets of portable courts that will be used for invitationals in celebrations around the state. They will set them up on Main Street for the public to watch and participate. Free detailed plans for portables are available from Bud on request.

Clint Bryson, RD for North and South Dakota reports that a meeting was held on the Nov. 20th with the South Dakota Charter Officers and the South Dakota non-sanctioned players (some do hold NHPA cards). The meeting was at their request to try and get together at the State Tournament and become one group again. They have been split since 1988. Some progress was made and after the meeting a tournament was held with 6-8 player classes. Some traveled 400-500 miles, one-way, to attend indicating there is a desire to mend some fences. Clint also reports that Ed Gebhart from Sioux Falls was elected into the South Dakota Hall of Fame during the State Tournament. He's done a lot of good work to promote the NHPA and horseshoes.

There have been or will be new Regional Director appointments made. To date they are as follows. **Don Weaver** has been appointed RD for the Nevada Charter, **Gail Sluys** takes over for Leo Wanner for the N. California Charter. Gail becomes the only woman on the Regional Director list. Other appointments still pending are S. California, Louisiana and New Mexico. I anticipate no other changes at this time. I hope all had a safe and happy holiday season and wish you good pitching in '95.

News Releases

by Bev Born

THE DORMONT HORSESHOE CLUB #82C71

The Dormont Horseshoe Club from Dormont, PA concluded their 13th year as a "sanctioned club" in the NHPA. Our annual awards banquet was held on 9-23-94 at the L.C. Simpson Restaurant.

Awards: Each of the 50 members present received their Certificates of Achievement patches, 1st and 2nd place trophies, and a "hand painted shirt" with their name and club logo imprinted on it.

Hall of Fame Frank Kallay became the 11th member to be inducted into Dormont's Hall of Fame. His hard work and dedication have been rewarded.

Officers: The following were elected to serve as the officers for 1995:

President.....Ron Richards
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Sec./League DirectorGene Swogger
Tournament DirectorRon Weiss
Asst. Tourn. DirectorJim Lucas

Awards

League Champion.....Dave Meckevic
High AverageJohn Brosky
High Game ScratchFrank Kallay
High Game Over Average..Harry Meyer
Most ImprovedLen Raffa
Rookie of the YearAl Cole
Sportsmanship AwardDom Massella

End of the Year Tournament

Class Champions

(A) Frank Kallay48.4
(B) John Brosky51.5
(C) Dick James37.9
(D) John Marsen33.5
(E) John Raffa.....30.0
(F) M.A. Littlejohn.....29.1
(G) Joe Kichty18.0

NHPA Percentage Patches

10% Patch
Dave Iseman Dave Herman
Mark Murphy Jim Pope
20% Patch
Lud Hanczar Al Cole
Jim Lucas **50% Patch**
Jack Needham Jeff Mazur
30% Patch
Bill Burns **60% Patch**
 Dick James

BRISTOL, VERMONT #83-C-84 SODBUSTERS 1994 BANQUET & AWARDS

The Sodbusters Horseshoe Club ended their season with a banquet on Saturday night, October 22, at the Squirrels Nest Inn in Vergennes. After a social hour and wonderful meal, President Mickey Bedard handed out the awards to members of the leagues.

Tuesday night singles awards went to: 1st place Bev Forgues, who was tied with Ken Downer and won the playoff. 2nd went to Ken Downer, 3rd went to Reid Brewster and one of our Junior players, Chris Bearor took 4th. High game went to Liz Downer with an 84% and she also took high average with a 68%. High game over average went to Gloria Charboneau who had a 28% over average. Our Rookie for Tuesday was another Junior player Meagon Bigelow, who also received the Sportsmanship award. The Most Improved went to Chris Bearor who improved by 20%.

Our Thursday night singles 1st place went to Lorenzo Gagnon, Connie Selleck took second. We had three ties for 3rd place and they were Glen Norris, Mike Brown and John Coffey. Sportsmanship went to Mike Brown. Most improved went to another Junior player Scott Selleck who improved by 4%. High average of 68% and high game of 78% went to Deb Brown. high over average went to Bob Many by 22%. Most improved trophies went to Liz Downer, Dan Evarts and Scott Selleck for 1993.

BLUE RIDGE HSC #93-C-01 NORTH CAROLINA

One of our club members who excels in another sport might be of interest to others. His name is Rick Scherr. Rick began pitching horseshoes the year after his retirement from being one of the best in Softball. Holding most of softball's home run records for years, some of which still stand today.

Rick says "it is much easier to hit a softball 350' than it is to pitch a

ringer from 40'" He said the hardest adjustment he had was that you have to swing as hard as possible to hit a home run but you must keep yourself under control, at all times, to do well in horseshoes.

It was "Scherr" delight for Rick, "The Crusher" when in early November 1994 he was inducted into the U.S. Slow-Pitch Softball Association's Hall of Fame. Rick was surprised at what a big production it was and said "after playing ball for 23 years, it was a great topper for my career." Who knows, perhaps someday Rick may also become a member of a Charter or National HPA Hall of Fame!

Rick started out pitching mostly in the high 20% and has improved to about 40%. He really enjoys the game and seems to be dedicated to horseshoes. We are proud to have Rick as a member of our club.



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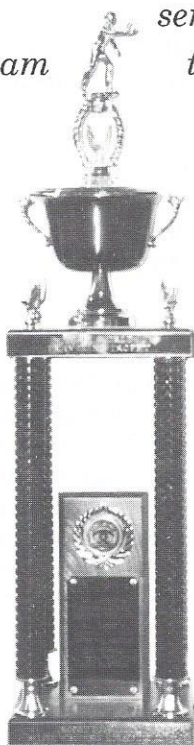
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Junior Age Guideline Expanded

by Bob Dunn

At the 1994 convention, the Junior member age guideline was changed to read "through the year of the eighteenth birthday." This is a positive move on the part of the NHPA and those who supported this motion are to be congratulated. In most sports and organizations, and even generally in our society, youngsters of school age (high school) are viewed as youth.

As we conduct a Junior program, it should be consistent to what is viewed as YOUTH. Most members don't realize that under the previous age guidelines, Junior membership ended for most youngsters during the season following their sophomore year in high school. Few youngsters were able to be eligible as a Junior member for the season following their 11th grade. This all means that few could compete for a state Junior championship or qualify for the Junior Scholar Pitcher Program even if they were 17 years old and still had not begun their Senior year in high school all because their 17th birthday had fallen in the later months of the previous year.

A young horseshoe pitcher who graduated salutatorian in her class couldn't even receive a Scholar Pitcher Patch for this achievement or get any NHPA recognition, for she was no longer of Junior member age. That same young lady sat in the stands at a state tournament while at the age of 17, but could not compete in the Junior Class because her 17th birthday was in October of the previous year. There were other Junior girls competing on this day that were 17 years old, only their birthdates were earlier in the current year. The point is that the girls were the same age and in the same grades in school, but not able to compete in the same divisions.

That was really an unfortunate feature of our youth program. Well, the age guideline change, as voted upon and passed at the 1994 convention, will help correct some of this. Not all has been fully fixed, but it is now better. I thank those who supported this motion. You have given us who work specifically in developing Junior leagues and

Junior promotion, a better tool.

You may hear or read some negative comments from those who opposed this change. The only issue the objectors can talk about is based on size of the older Junior boys. Size has nothing to do with this. Classes and divisions are set up through clear cut guidelines. We do not base our divisions or classes on height of individual pitchers. If we ever do start with that, we are in deep, deep trouble. We need to base Junior membership and our Junior program on age, and how we define youth. Keeping that in line with school age is best.

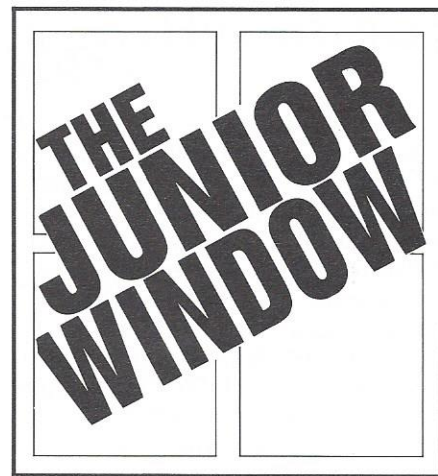
One more point—It would be good to not have our Scholar Pitcher Program limited to only Junior members, for it still eliminates some members as they graduate out of their senior class in school. If they achieve honor roll status during that school year, or any high school year, surely we should be able to recognize that achievement with at least a Scholar Pitcher Patch and a certificate. The age guideline now is appropriate in allowing who should be competing for Junior titles etc. The Scholar Pitcher Program need not be tied solely to age or Junior membership, but be available to any NHPA member (for high school academic performance). We can see what the future brings in addressing this suggestion.

1993-94 School Term Junior Scholar Pitchers

by Bev Born

The system of awarding the Junior Scholar trust fund awards has been changed. Therefore, the list below is for all Juniors whose names and GPAs were submitted. All will be receiving a Junior Scholar patch and certificate. To whom the trust funds will go, will be decided by the NHPA Council at our January 1995 meeting in Las Vegas and will then be published in the March /April issue of *Newsline*.

Since there are many different scales used by school districts for their grade point averages, a list of the three different ones, submitted so far, are explained here. On a scale



from 0-4, 2.60 to 4 equals B- or above. On a scale from 0% to 100%, 80 to 100% equals B- or above and on a scale from 1 to 12, 8 to 12 equals B- or above. Since B- or above is required, any GPA less than this is not considered.

It is pleasing to see more Juniors submitted for Junior Scholar honors. All will receive patches and certificates and those earning a trust fund will also receive plaques along with not less than a \$200. trust from your NHPA. Keep up the good work!

Would like to add a friendly reminder that anyone being submitted for the '94/'95 school term must be postmarked no later than November 1, 1995. If you need forms for this, just drop me a note. Please, when submitting these forms, they must be accompanied by each student's report card for the preceding entire school term (GPA for all 4 quarters) and a copy of their birth certificates. Do not submit any reports for the school term that is in progress. These honors are figured on the preceding, completed school terms.

Scale of 0.00 to 4.00

1. Michael Newton, 15, Rapid City, SD	4.00
2. Michelle Newton, 13, Rapid City, SD	4.00
3. Paul Iverson, 13, Close Dsn't Ct. Jr., WI	3.63
4. Heidi Sternberg, 17, Goldendale, WI	3.50
5. Matthew Kiefat, 13, Red River Val., ND	3.50
6. Erin Wildt, 13, Close Dsn't Ct. Jr., WI	3.26
7. Heather Sternberg, 17, Goldendale, WI	3.25
8. David Hoelscher, 17, Tri-Valley, CA	3.21
9. Toby Roehrich, 15, Red River Val., ND	2.92

Scale of 0% to 100%

1. Jeffrey Purdy, 13, Fannie Mae, TX	89.00
2. Cody Johnson, 14, Fannie Mae, TX	88.00

Scale of 1 to 12

1. Cassandra Willms, 12, W. St. Paul, MN	11.60
2. Michael Tuhy, 16, W. St. Paul, MN	9.64
3. Eric Hanson, 14, W. St. Paul, MN	9.02
4. Clinton Tuhy, 14, W. St. Paul, MN	8.50
5. Joshua Tuhy, 12, W. St. Paul, MN	8.33

Junior Jottings

There are occasional questions or requests for help in "How To Start A Junior League." It is difficult to state point blank, how to go about it, for situations vary from area to area. What works in one community is not necessarily the best advice for another area. That doesn't mean some hints, ideas and assistance can't be made available. That is the role our *Junior Window* should serve. Our *Junior Window* should spotlight significant Junior performances and significant promotion successes, but that information needs to be provided by Junior Program Directors and others working with youth programs.

Definite progress has been made over the past five years since we have had the *Junior Window*. In the previous issue of *Newsline*, several State Tournament results were reported. Each and every state reporting had crowned a Junior Champion. That was not the case five years ago. The *Junior Window* has helped by draw-

attention to Junior promotion. NHPA members across the country have responded. Good information has been provided but the flow of that information has slowed up and a reminder and further request is now necessary.

It is not too late to still provide information of 1994 Junior member activity. This is also a good time to provide information of your plans for 1995. It is always a good time to send in a profile of a Junior State Champion or a new Junior member from your charter. We can't print it unless and until you provide it. Surely there are Junior pitchers in your area that you are proud of and would like the NHPA organization to be aware of.

Surely there are significant efforts being put forth by charter members, and charter officers can show appreciation and respect for this by writing it up and sending it in. Please help fill our *Junior Window*. Send in what is going on in your area. That

information is needed by others. Here's the address: Bob Dunn, 6417 Georgia Ave. No., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

From Dave Shreve, Regional Director, as printed in the ILSHPA newsletter: There is something going on in Millstadt! Under the direction of Harvey Kohlenberger (Illinois Hall of Fame) and with the able help of Leslie Stumpf, Al Heidenfelder, Kenny Stuckel, Kenny Powell, Herman Mehrrens, Clyde Kuklinski and Harold Buechler, they are instructing over 240 kids about horseshoe pitching. In cooperation with the Millstadt Consolidated School, the guys are teaching the kids in 4 shifts a day of 20 per shift, three days a week, all about horseshoes. Our courts are located directly behind the school, so it makes it very convenient for the kids and teachers. If one child eventually starts pitching on a regular basis, it will be worth it, not counting the pleasure these fellows are getting out of the program.

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Pitching Tips

by Sol Berman, M.D.

- ✓ Improve Your Game
- ✓ Learn from the Game's Best and Improve Your Game
- ✓ Let's Go to the Videotape to Improve Your Game

I started to take 16mm movie film of horseshoe pitching back in 1948. Starting in 1981, I covered many World Tournaments with videotapes and I believe I now have tapes of all the top pitchers except for Guy Zimmerman.

In the process of making several hundred copies (requests from fellow pitchers), I tried to spot reasons why some pitchers reached the top while other very good pitchers never made it. Many very good pitchers have good and bad games due to their lack of consistency—not pitching every shoe the same way.

Fernando Isais, I believe, was the best pitcher ever. He had a very large back swing and a complete follow-through—a perfect pendulum swing. Dale Lipovsky and Kevin Cone also have excellent pendulum swings as did Danny Kuchcinski. Alvin Perry has a relatively short back swing, but a good pendulum swing and follow-through. Art Tyson and Mike

DeMartino have very short back swings that at times produce short shoes. Tyson leans to the right to avoid having the shoe hit his leg. (He's the most improved pitcher that I have ever seen!)

Technique is vital if one is to succeed in any sport, but let's not forget about the importance of the mental aspect of horseshoe pitching. Harold Reno excelled in concentration; at times he would swing his arm 8 to 10 times before releasing the shoe.

Carl Steinfeldt has perfect rhythm. His delivery looks like a 3-step dance. He takes a very small step with his left foot toward his right foot before stepping forward with his right foot.

Dale Lipovsky and Walter Ray Williams rotate the entire arm as it passes the body. Lipovsky holds his arm straight throughout the entire pitch. Mark Seibold often doesn't complete his follow-through, resulting in a low shoe that's often short.

Fernando Isais and Elmer Hohl,

probably the best two pitchers of all time, both used the $1\frac{1}{4}$ pitch, resulting in fewer lost ringers.

On the other hand, the $1\frac{1}{4}$ pitch has some advantages. The open end of the shoe is in the vicinity of the stake for a slightly longer period of time and is probably the pitch used by most players. Curt Day used the $\frac{3}{4}$ reverse and saw him lose several important games by losing ringers.

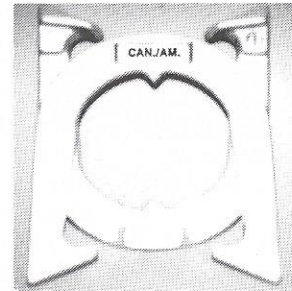
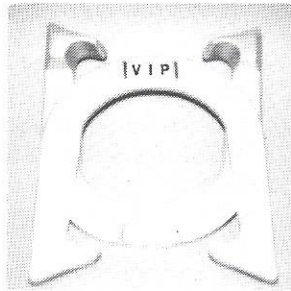
Elmer Hohl, Bob West, and Jim Solomon kept their eyes on the stake throughout the entire pitch, similar to a bowler whose target is the pins, not the "second arrow."

I hope the above observations can help you improve your game. Videotape yourself and have a good pitcher analyze your form. Utilize the slow motion function of your camcorder to pick up other faults, such as not keeping your wrist straight, dropping the shoulder of your pitching arm, varying the height of your shoe, etc.

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The Music City Team Tournament

by Jim Haupt

The "Nashville Sound," this first November weekend, was a series of clinks perforated with the sporadic tones of Donnie Roberts on the P.A. The Music City Team Tournament of 1994 was underway.

Three new names will be engraved on the Music City Team trophy for 1994. Amy Brown, and Oscar Manns, of Ohio teamed with Dave Loucks of California pitching through three matches to the top of the ladder.

After 15 preliminary games in the "A" division, the OH-CA team of Brown, Manns, and Loucks ranked 3rd for the 5-team ladder play-off. The OH-CA team waited and warmed up some while the #4 seed, an all Kentucky team of Lois Webster, Don Titcomb, and Lawrence Barrett, out-pointed the #5 seeded, all Ohio, wild card team of Jim Cooper, Marlene Cooper, and Gary Roberts. Webster and company won that match 2-1 and went on to meet Brown, Manns, and Loucks.

Play-offs were a one game team match, paired by percentage, head to head. Amy Brown then gave Lois Webster her first loss of the tournament. It was the deciding match-up of the play-offs. Coupled with a Loucks over Barrett win, the OH-CA team had dispatched the powerful Kentuckians.

The win provided a jump start on their next opponent, seed #2, another Kentucky team of; Charlie Meredith, Ron Powell, and Greg Nalley. In an apparent jolt of enthusiasm Brown and crew swept the match 3-0.

It became the final match against the top ranked team and Amy Brown did lose to World Champion, Sue Snyder, but it was Oscar Manns over Ralph Guffey and Dave Loucks over Ron Meredith for a 2-1 match win and Music City Team title of 1994 to the OH-CA team.

There are other winners. The Manns family also figured in the "B" championship. Jeannie Manns, Dave Rose, and Jim Hyatt won 33½ times in their 45 games.

The "C" winners kept it close, win-

ning with a one game margin. Roy Lyons, Darrell Reno, and Ottie Reno got it together for 27 of 45 games.

The *Newsline* ad for the Music City Team event asked for only 24 teams. A few were turned away. Professional sports, these days, are involved in salary-caps. Music City Team asked for percentage-caps. Entering averages for "A" teams could not exceed 210%; "B" not more than 180%, and "C" under 150%. Teams were of mixed origin; not necessarily from the same state but regulated by the percentage cap. Twelve "A" entries were split into two sections. Players pitched each member of the other team, within the section, for a complete team match.

"B" & "C" simply went for win total of 45 games. "A" played-off with the two greatest win records of each section and a wild card or high percentage team. Three more places made the cash awards with host Jack Freeman declaring that of the 8 paying spots, 4 had to be from each of the two "A" sections.

An Indiana team of Chad Hyatt, Dale Henry and Bob May placed 6th with 24½ wins.

A "down home" Tennessee team: Paula Hunsicker, Marlene Ray and Maxine Ray brought home 7th place. All three girls dressed in team colors, both days, which is not unusual for Ray and Griffith. Mar and Max are twins, it's easy to see, but how about their matched pitching ability? They racked up identical win totals and identical percentages—yes, they must be identical twins.

Ontario, by luck of the format, got 8th place with Sandy Janssens, Steve Hohl and Fred Brown with 22½ wins. The Wisconsin Team actually had more wins but since 4 teams from their "A" section were already in the money, Ontario got the nod as the 4th team from their section.

In retrospect, this was not a handicap tournament but one has to wonder about that OH-CA team. Amy Brown wears a full leg brace neatly colored red, white and blue.

We call her the girl with the fancy leg. Oscar Manns, as everyone knows, has one long arm and Dave Loucks, besides being from California bears the ever present mantle of NHPA CEO.

Music City is a small club with a big house. The Jack Freeman Courts are 18 great indoor courts but they do not come with scorekeepers. Each team was asked to bring an alternate with the primary job of keeping score. Resting players were urged to score. Donnie Roberts, always the M.C., relaxed his usual high standards and would accept any available body.

Five hundred and fifty-two score sheets ran through the hands of Tournament Director Mary Bastian and on computer by way of Bill Hunsicker and sometimes Paula.

Bobby and Dot Cook were contributors and Mary Henderson spent most of her time at the desk.

One avid pitcher, Bill Ungetheim of Indiana, a noncombatant, made the tournament just to keep score!

Rick Snyder, lately of Kentucky, was seen sporting a judge look-alike shirt but it's doubtful he was called. Bet he gives it the the Goodwill.

Jack Freeman, the one guy everybody owes, bit off a big chunk this time. Hey—this Music City Team thing is now a top-of-the-line tournament attracting national attention on the horseshoe scene. Called upon several times to speak, Freeman reminded all of the impending winter schedule of two tournaments in both January and February and four in March. (Music City Team Tournament is already scheduled for November 4-5, 1995.) Asked again to say "a few words" one last time, Freeman, to keep things moving along, said just that, "A few words."

Taking on the big challenges for Freeman is the norm. Unnoticed at this tournament but awaiting just outside the 18 court house are 20 covered courts. Jack Freeman's Tennessee Horseshoes is an impressive layout—portends of great tournaments in the offing.

"A" DIVISION

Team	%	Games Won
OH-CA		37.5
Oscar Manns	72.3	13
Amy Brown	77.7	16
Dave Loucks	64.0	8.5
KY-IN		32
Sue Snyder	84.6	15
Ron Meredith	59.7	7
Ralph Guffey	67.3	10
KY #1		25
Charlie Meredith	76.0	12.5
Ron Powell	73.6	10
Greg Nalley	54.3	2.5
KY #2		28
Lois Webster	80.2	16
Don Titcomb	67.5	11
Lawrence Barrett	45.5	1
OH #1		22
Marlene Cooper	63.8	9
Jim Cooper	67.3	7
Gary Roberts	64.8	6
IN		24.5
Chad Hyatt	65.5	7.5
Dale Henry	62.6	8
Bob May	63.6	9
Mike Henderson	57.0	0
TN #2		24
Paula Hunsicker	59.3	6
Marlene Ray	65.4	9
Maxine Griffith	65.4	9
CAN		22.5
Sandy Janssens	71.0	9.5
Steve Hohl	74.8	12
Fred J. Brown	42.4	1
WI		24
Randy Rein	69.3	12
Lorraine Sternberg	67.7	11
Jim Haupt	37.4	1
KY #3		17
Jim Noble	69.3	9.5
Randy Hankins	57.2	5.5
Tony Hankins	50.5	2
TN #1		14.5
Shannon Banks	51.0	.5
Jack Freeman	69.6	10
Jack Conner	55.6	4
Mike Henderson	57.2	0
AL		12
Debbie Tidwell	60.3	4
Jack Henderson	63.0	3.5
Bobby Holland	46.1	2
Mike Henderson	56.0	2.5

"B" DIVISION

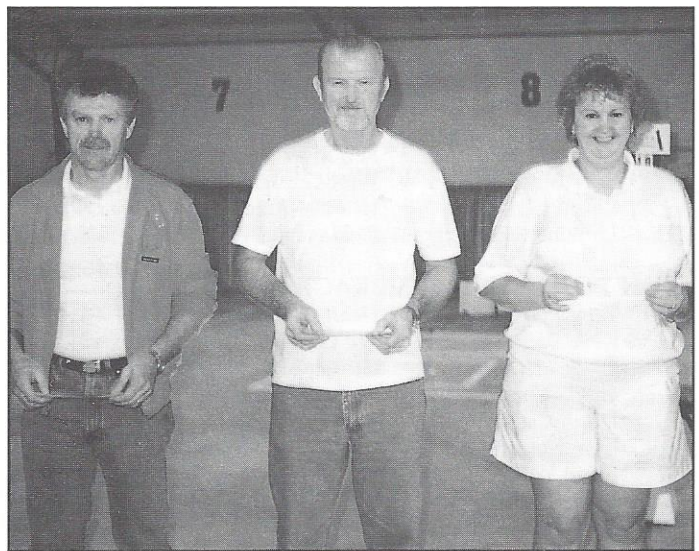
Team	%	Games Won
OH		33.5
Jeannie Manns	54.8	13
Dave Rose	51.4	11.5
Jim Hyatt	53.7	9
CT #1		29.5
Al LaTouche	62.4	12
Ron Beck	55.4	7.5
Dave Lick	52.0	10
KY #2		21
Jim Culver	55.3	8
Monty Roberts	52.9	9
Randall Wedding	45.6	4
KY #1		21
Doris Lewis	58.6	11
Barbara Elliott	55.4	8
Jerry Elliott	33.6	2
CT #2		16
Elaine Hansen	54.0	7
Don Maine	51.4	8
Dwight Hansen	29.8	1
CT #3		14
John Forti	56.2	8
Don Beck	43.6	4
Don Nieto	37.6	2

"C" DIVISION

Team	%	Games Won
OH #1		27
Roy Lyons	60.9	13
Darrell Reno	42.5	11
Ottie Reno	36.1	3
TN		26
Tom Price	49.7	13
Melvin Cooper	41.2	7
Tom Williams	38.4	6
OK-KS		24
Ronnie Frederick	58.0	12
Harry Jones	49.7	11
Vonnie Jones	33.4	1
AL		23
Jim Harris	49.0	5
David Mangum	51.4	9
Jackie Gary	34.7	4
Tyrone Lowry	57.3	5
OH #2		19
Gerry Wyscarver	37.7	5
Earl Noe	43.6	7
Karen Reno	45.4	7
KY		16
Bill Garrett	48.8	9
Jim Henderson	42.8	4
Fred Pizarro	38.4	3



"A" Division Winners (l to r) Oscar Manns, Dave Loucks, Amy Brown and Host Jack Freeman.



"B" Division Winners (l to r) Dave Rose, Jim Hyatt, Jeannie Manns



"C" Winners (l to r) Roy Lyons, Darrell Reno, Ottie Reno

1994 TOP TEN

NATIONAL DIVISION — MIXED MEN & WOMEN

HIGH POINT AVERAGE

Pos.	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	124.59
2.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	123.64
3.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	119.78
4.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	119.58
5.	Connie J. Filley	Red River Valley, ND	117.33
6.	Milton Vinson	Stone Mountain, GA	116.50
7.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	115.59
8.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	114.97
9.	Bob Lautenschleger	West Geauga, OH	114.57
10.	Joseph Ray	Mountaineer, WV	113.89

HIGH POINT GAME

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	141
2.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	141
3.	Joseph Ray	Mountaineer, WV	138
4.	Loren Coy	Darke County, OH	136
5.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	136
6.	Frank Smith	Troy, OH	136
7.	Connie J. Filley	Red River Valley, ND	135
8.	Bob Lautenschleger	West Geauga, OH	134
9.	Elwyn Cooper	Heart of America, MO	134
10.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	133

HIGH POINT OVER AVERAGE

1.	Teresa Jewell	Heart of America, MO	+41.78
2.	Kelly Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	+41.31
3.	Clyde Hetrick	Greater Houston, TX	+40.00
4.	Gloria Charboneau	Sodbusters, VT	+39.53
5.	David Csejtey	Thursday Nite, NY	+39.12
6.	Irvin Netcott	Central Iowa Travel, IW	+38.64
7.	Lloyd Wolf	Tri County, MN	+38.04
8.	James Hadley	AVF Downers Grove, IL	+36.95
9.	Raymond Charboneau	Sodbusters, VT	+36.67
10.	Rita Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	+36.52

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	82.28
2.	Lois Webster	Music City, TN	75.77
3.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	75.37
4.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	73.33
5.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	73.23
6.	Connie J. Filley	Red River Valley, ND	72.00
7.	Lu Cave	Tri County, MN	71.90
8.	Milton Vinson	Stone Mountain, GA	71.1
9.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	70.94
10.	Debbie Brown	Sodbusters, VT	68.6

MEN'S DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

			%
1.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	75.37
2.	Milton Vinson	Stone Mountain, GA	71.71
3.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	70.94
4.	Elwyn Cooper	Independence, MO	68.05
5.	Bob Lautenschleger	West Geauga, OH	67.51
6.	Joseph Ray	Mountaineer, WV	67.47
7.	Jack Freeman	Music City, TN	66.88
8.	Don Titcomb	Madison County, KY	66.66
9.	Rick Bolick, Sr.	Blue Ridge, NC	66.52
10.	Loran Coy	Darke County, OH	66.15

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Joseph Ray	Mountaineer, WV	90.0
2.	Don Titcomb	Madison County, KY	90.0
3.	Rick Bolick, Sr.	Blue Ridge, NC	86.1
4.	Loren Coy	Darke County, OH	86.0
5.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	86.0
6.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	86.0
7.	Elwyn Cooper	Heart of America, MO	86.0
8.	Frank Smith	Darke County, OH	84.0
9.	Elden Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	84.0
10.	Bob Lautenschleger	West Geauga, OH	84.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Lefty Atchley	Harahan, LA	+42.97
2.	Les Pack	Nashua, NH	+38.49
3.	Virgil Bowlin	Madison County, KY	+34.38
4.	Jerry Sneary	Shreveport, LA	+33.12
5.	Kelly Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	+32.78
6.	Bob Blaisdell	Greater Danbury, CT	+31.90
7.	Red Seaman	Balboa Park, CA	+30.94
8.	Gary Mattson	Greater Danbury, CT	+30.84
9.	Barry Keller	Greater Danbury, CT	+30.65
10.	Lee Kicke	Tri County, MN	+30.47

WOMEN'S DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	82.28
2.	Lois Webster	Music City, TN	75.77
3.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	73.33
4.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	73.23
5.	Connie J. Filley	Red River Valley, ND	72.00
6.	Lu Cave	Tri County, MN	71.90
7.	Debra Brown	Sodbusters, VT	68.66
8.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	68.35
9.	Elizabeth Downer	Sodbusters, VT	68.20
10.	Deborah Michaud	Raynham, MA	66.10

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	96.0
2.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	96.0
3.	Lu Cave	Tri County, MN	90.0
4.	Lois Webster	Music City, TN	88.0
5.	Connie J. Filley	Red River Valley, ND	88.0
6.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	86.0
7.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	84.0
8.	Elizabeth Downer	Sodbusters, VT	84.0
9.	Edie McKenney	Close Doesn't Count, WI	82.5
10.	Jane Smith	Close Doesn't County, WI	82.5

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Rita Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	+32.60
2.	Teresa Jewell	Heart of America, MO	+29.83
3.	Jeannie Campbell	Claudius Crozet, VA	+28.75
4.	Amy Tipton	Marion, IN	+28.60
5.	Gloria Charboneau	Sodbusters, VT	+27.67
6.	Judy Waisner	Crane Creek Ringers, MO	+26.95
7.	Marlene Knudtson	Brooklyn Park, MN	+26.25
8.	Claretta Hansen	Close Doesn't Count, WI	+25.65
9.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, OH	+25.54
10.	Janet Aitken	Painesville, OH	+25.38

1994 TOP TEN

NATIONAL JUNIOR DIVISION — MIXED BOYS & GIRLS

HIGH POINT AVERAGE

Pos.	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	90.25
2.	Heather Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	79.46
3.	Donnie Hill, Jr.	South West Ark., AR	75.23
4.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	72.95
5.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	69.48
6.	Brad Isch	Try County, OH	65.61
7.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	63.80
8.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	63.26
9.	Toby Roehrich	Red River Valley, ND	59.77
10.	Christopher Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	58.74

HIGH POINT GAME

1.	Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	110
2.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	109
3.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	106
4.	Donnie Hill, Jr.	South West Ark., AR	106
5.	Heather Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	102
6.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	101
7.	Toby Roehrich	Red River Valley, ND	97
8.	Brad Isch	Try County, OH	96
9.	Christopher Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	96
10.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	92

HIGH POINT OVER AVERAGE

1.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	+37.74
2.	Christopher Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	+37.26
3.	Toby Roehrich	Red River Valley, ND	+37.23
4.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	+36.52
5.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+36.05
6.	Brad Isch	Try County, OH	+35.60
7.	Allan Williams	Millville, KY	+35.20
8.	Chris Husted	Glenburn Jr. Lg., ND	+31.05
9.	Donnie Hill, Jr.	South West Ark., AR	+30.77
10.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn Jr. Lg., ND	+29.05

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

		%	
1.	Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	51.76
2.	Michael Newton	Rapid City Ringers, SD	47.89
3.	Heather Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	41.36
4.	Donnie Hill, Jr.	South West Ark., AR	37.33
5.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	36.44
6.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	35.27
7.	Christopher Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	34.80
8.	Jake Hill	South West Ark., AR	32.00
9.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	31.86
10.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	31.48

JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Ricky Bolick, Jr	Blue Ridge, NC	60.52
2.	Michael Newton	Rapid City Ringers, SD	47.89
3.	Donnie Hill, Jr.	South West Ark., AR	37.33
4.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	36.44
5.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	35.27
6.	Christopher Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	34.80
7.	Jake Hill	South West Ark., AR	32.00
8.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	31.86
9.	Chris Husted	Glenburn Jr. Lg., ND	31.05
10.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	29.66

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Ricky Bolick, Jr.	Blue Ridge, NC	82.1
2.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	66.0
3.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	66.0
4.	Michael Newton	Rapid City Ringers, SD	65.0
5.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	62.0
6.	Donnie Hill, Jr.	South West Ark., AR	62.0
7.	Christopher Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	60.0
8.	Toby Roehrich	Red River Valley, ND	58.0
9.	Brad Isch	Try County, OH	52.0
10.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	48.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	+30.73
2.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	+30.14
3.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+29.56
4.	Toby Roehrich	Red River Valley, ND	+29.56
5.	Brad Isch	Try County, OH	+26.82
6.	Christopher Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	+25.20
7.	Donnie Hill, Jr.	South West Ark., AR	+24.62
8.	Brian Hawthorne	Chadron Jr. Lg., NE	+22.67
9.	Shane Dossett	South West Ark., AR	+22.60
10.	Jason Villwock	Kilkenny Jr. Lg., MN	+22.56

JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	51.76
2.	Heather Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	41.36
3.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	31.48
4.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	25.05
5.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City Ringers, SD	21.73
6.	Jenny Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	19.33
7.	Sally Dronen	Red River Valley, ND	17.40
8.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	11.11
9.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn Jr. Lg., ND	10.00
10.	Darla Barrington	Kilkenny Jr. Lg., MN	5.68

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	68.0
2.	Heather Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	60.0
3.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	54.0
4.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	46.0
5.	Sally Dronen	Red River Valley, ND	40.0
6.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City Ringers, SD	35.0
7.	Jenny Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	32.0
8.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	31.3
9.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn Jr. Lg., ND	30.0
10.	Darla Barrington	Kilkenny Jr. Lg., MN	16.6

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Sally Dronen	Red River Valley, ND	+22.60
2.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+22.56
3.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	+20.95
4.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	+20.19
5.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn Jr. Lg., ND	+20.00
6.	Heather Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	+18.64
7.	Heidi Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	+16.24
8.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City Ringers, SD	+13.27
9.	Michelle Bull	Kilkenny Jr. Lg., MN	+12.97
10.	Jenny Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	+12.67

The Toll of Time

WILLIAM CORK

Bill Cork, 68, of Pahrump, Nevada passed away 10/31/94. Born in Spring Valley, Illinois in 1925, he was someone who loved the desert and had been an area resident for 31 years.

A long time friend of horseshoe pitchers in both Nevada and California, Bill enjoyed the challenge of the game which he played for 40 years. Always a competitor, Bill won a lot of tough games and tournaments last playing in the 1994 Nevada State Championships where he was runner-up in his class.

DONNA GRAHAM

Donna Mae Graham of Bend, Oregon died November 21, 1994 at the age of 56 after a bout with cancer. Only last year Donna had reached her high tournament average of 64% as she steadily moved toward being one of the top women pitchers in

Oregon. Wife of long-time Oregon Charter Secretary/Treasurer Bill Graham, Donna is survived by her husband, four children and 3 grandchildren. All including her Oregon horseshoe family will miss her.

HENRY G. KAHLE

Henry G. Kahle, 77 of Oak Grove Place, passed away in the Toledo Hospital. He was an employee of Doehler-Jarvis for over 40 years, retiring in 1982. Henry was very interested in all sports and participated in bowling and was a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. He was also a charter member of Judson Baptist Church, where he devoted much time and energy.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Helen; sisters, Grace Perdue and Amy Neef; and several nieces and nephews.

NORWOOD RAMEY

Norwood Ramey, 82 of Lancaster, Ohio died on August 31, 1994. He was a charter member of the Lancaster Horseshoe Club and was formerly its Secretary and Treasurer for 23 years.

Over the years he pitched in many area and world tournaments, he also enjoyed pitching in the local league the night of his death. Norwood will be greatly missed by his many friends on and off the courts. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, two children and many grandchildren. The Ohio Buckeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association extends its sympathy to the family.

RICHARD E. ROTACH

Dick Rotach of Salina, Kansas, died October 4, 1994 after a battle with cancer. He was 71 years of age. Dick was instrumental in establishing new courts in Salina and successfully bid for the 1995 State Tournament even though he knew his condition was terminal. He was retired from Southwestern Bell and enjoyed cartooning. Several of his cartoons have been published in *Newsline* and we, like all his family and horseshoe friends, will miss him.

WARREN STUTZMAN

Warren Stutzman of Rupert, Idaho, died October 17, 1994 on his farm. Born 72 years ago on August 2, 1922 in Chappell, NE, Warren moved to Idaho at a young age attending schools in Filer. After World War II service in the Navy, he married in 1951 and went to work with Idaho Power Co. In 1956 he started farming. A past president of the Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers Association, Warren had been for many years the Secretary/Treasurer of the charter. Just a few weeks before his death he had been re-elected. His wife Bonnie has agreed to finish his term. Always a gentleman, Warren is survived by his wife, nine children, two brothers, twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



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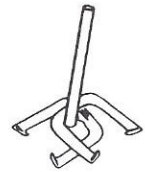
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CALIFORNIA

In the Roger Bouscal Open in Pleasanton, Gail Sluys of Santa Rosa pitched six games for an average of 65.83% which was her exact entering average.

In the 10th Annual Women's and Junior Girls' Open in Pleasanton, three pitchers—Jean Robinson, Char Sorg and Junior Bonnie Robbins—each had 69 ringers in 240 shoes for same percentage—28.75.

The Shoe Crew from Bakersfield published an excellent program for the 1994 State Tournament. The program included photos of the 1993 State Champions, a super list of sponsors and many advertisements from local and state businesses.

Wally Shipley from Newport Beach was president of NHPA 10 years and Southern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association 7 years. He is in both Hall of Fames, won the Stokes Award for service in 1970, and for the past 10 years has been an NHPA Game Related Sales distributor and has been a member of NHPA since 1957.

CANADA

What can we say about Ryan Baldwin that has not already been said? A second B.C. junior championship title, a perfect 12-0 record with a record setting 74.77% average and yes, another perfect 100% game.

Ed Murray has taken charge of National Horseshoe archives and historian for Horseshoe Canada. The ultimate goal of this task is to have an accurate printed and recorded history of the Canadian Association and Canadian Championships from 1929 to date. Murray agreed that a complete history could be recorded within five years, 1929-1999. That will be the 70th anniversary of organized horseshoe pitching in Canada. Andre LeClerc of Quebec, editor of the *Canadian Yearbook*, is also a historian and is helping Murray with his research.

COLORADO

The Edgewater Horseshoe Club team composed of Walter O'Dell, Joleene Elich and Betsey Lyle, won the eighth annual State League Tournament held at Strasburg. Edgewater defeated Denver Winter, 6-3, in the finals. Strasburg won the consolation match to finish third.

Colorado closed 1994 with 533 members, a new high for the state. Ten years ago they had only 175.

Several state pitchers have gained honors in Senior Games tournaments. Don Schneck won the singles and teamed with Les Grosenbach to win the gold in horseshoes at the Senior Games at St. George, Utah in October. In August Schneck and Robert Engel were gold medal winners in their age groups, and Fran Roth copped the gold in the women's division, with Betsy Lyle getting the top spot in the 55-60 year old group.

State Champion Paul LaCrosse finished with a 7-0 record and personal tournament high 78% in the Rocky Mountain Open in Boulder. He had a high game of 94.4%

CONNECTICUT

Norm Rioux, the man with a million jokes, captured the 1994 State title with a 7-0 record and 77.9%. Seems that Norm is the top man in the state and wins most of the tournaments he enters. Looking through the publication, Norm won the Connecticut Open, Firecracker, Sam Bartram Open, and finished second to John Kapnis in the *Rioux Challenge*. Guess this one was not as much a "challenge" for him.

Other state winners were Cathy Hansen in the women's group, and Mike Kennistor, Jr. and Deniene Wooster in the junior categories.

Inductees in the 1994 Hall of Fame were Walter Bagley, Wes King, Joe Festa and Al LaTouche.

ILLINOIS

An 18-man Class A group for the State Championship was headed by Cliff Baker who went 16-1 with a tournament high 72.0 percentage to edge Bunny Ward by two games. Charlie Webb was third.

Two men were inducted into the Illinois Hall of Fame. Abe Austin and George Manker were added to the list of elite members who receive this honor. Austin was introduced by Art Felhenhauer, himself a long time promoter of horseshoes. Austin has pitched against the best of all time, and still can beat most players at the age of 87. Manker from Jacksonville, was introduced by his son-in-law, Jud Hawk. George is a Class A pitcher and sponsors many tournaments throughout the year.

At the State Tournament the Class A men and women each won \$200. Charlotte Renick was the women's Class A Champion. Roland Stobaugh was the 70+ winner, David Shreve won the boys' title and Misty Pierce took the girls' crown.

KANSAS

The September issue of the *Pitchers Press* edited by Buzz Jones finally gave a break to the popular news hound.

The Class A championship went to Merlin Potts...But Buzz took the Class B title and he remarked that he finally would pitch in a class low enough that he might do some good. Also the KHPA achievement award was presented to Buzz and Vonnie.

Mary Ann Peninger is still the Kansas Ladies' Champion. Ladies B went to Lou McConnell of Hutchinson. Levi Williams, is the boys' title holder and Tesa Turner won the girls' crown.

The Sunflower Horseshoe Club has a new Winter pitching facility. It is in the same shopping center, but on the south side instead of the west side. It has approximately 1200 more square feet, 2 furnaces, 2 rest rooms and a large storage area

Buzz Jones belongs to 9 different horseshoe clubs, mainly to help them out financially. Good idea!

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CHARTER CHATTER

LOUISIANA

John Wilson, the Regional Director for the state is resigning the position he held for many years, as of January 1, 1995. He has been a member of the LSHPA almost from its inception. He was President and instrumental in the development of the organization.

How many times have you heard the expression: "Get your shoe out and up? Well, they had a player (not mentioned) who while practicing on court ten along the fence on Hickory Avenue, take this real seriously. He hung one on the telephone wire that's located above this court.

State Champions for 1994 were Emanuel Wilson in the Men's Class A, Gail Guidry for the Ladies and Josh Richard in the Junior Boys division. Gail's win came after a playoff win over Betty Boudreaux.

MICHIGAN

John Decker announced he was resigning as Regional Director because of health reasons and a new project at work. He reports that five new horseshoe courts have been sanctioned—Lapeer, Brown City, Pigeon, Breckenridge and Reed City.

Top recorded six percentages for the state are led by Duane Govitz with 69.90 followed by: Tom Williams 64.44, Bob Williams Jr. 64.21, Jim Wiltse 63.01, James Norville 63.37, Larry Kemp 60.10.

Two veteran Class A pitchers from the Wolverine State have each won 13 titles. Joe Latzko won his first crown in 1929 and his last one in 1954. Roy Smith took over in 1962 and closed out his 13th stint in 1982.

MINNESOTA

Horseshoe enthusiast Bill Roman was the driving force behind increased interest in the sport in Minneapolis. Several Southwest parks are sporting new shoes thanks to a donation this summer from the Minneapolis Horseshoe Club. The Club's secretary-treasurer, Bill Orman, a Southwest resident, presented all the parks that have horseshoe courts with new shoes at a city-wide meeting of park directors in August.

The club pitched in their own funds and that combined with a generous discount from the St. Pierre Manufacturing Company in Worcester, Massachusetts financed the 80 pair of horseshoes donated to the parks.

Former World Champion Dale Lipovsky won the 1994 state Class A title with a 7-0 record and 78.33%. Vance Harren won the junior crown.

Ray Tiili copped the Senior-40 title and Bubs Gedatus topped the 30-footers. Bev Nathe won the women's title with an 86.56%.

MISSOURI

Betty Strasbourg from Nelson was the winner of the 1993 Missouri Player of the Year Award. Rookie of the Year honors went to Smokey Anderson from Holt. The 1994 inductee to the state Hall of Fame was Charles Picraux from Defiance.

World Class pitchers and former World Champions Alan Francis and Vicki Winston won 1994 State titles. Both were undefeated in action at New Melle, Missouri. Brett

Francis won the junior championship, and William Rector copped the Seniors crown. The championship doubles was won by Sam Carter and Steve Hrobovsky.

Alan has been the state champion since 1986, nine straight years. Vicki won her first title in 1976 and since then has won them all, except 1986. What a record!

NEW JERSEY

Joe McCrink from Verona won the men's State Championship, Cookie Elmer, Millville, the women's and Jaimie Thomason, Woodbury, nailed the junior crown. McCrink went all out to fire an 82.1 figure in the Kolb Open, second only to Bill McIntyre's 82.8.

Most improved pitcher in the state was Paul Prouty, with the Sportsmanship Award going to Bob Wright. Inducted into the Jersey Hall of Fame were Gene Castner and Al Cherry.

Castner has served as VP since 1990 to the present. He has been tournament director at both state and club levels. He was founder and organizer of the Warren County club in 1982, leading to the construction of twelve courts.

Cherry joined the NJSHPA in 1970 and has served as president, vice president, publicity director and tournament director. Al won the State doubles in 1973, 1974 and 1975 with Doc Berman. Overall he averaged between 55 and 65%. In 1976 he was the World "D" Champion. In 1977 he was the recipient of the NHPA Achievement Award.

NEW YORK

World Class pitcher Art Tyson had a great time in Japan, and the 8-time State Champion has been pitching horseshoes 44 years. He has been pitching in tournaments 25 years.

Lance Twyman is the new Regional Director following the resignation of Helen Ouellette, who has moved with husband Leo to Mansfield, Ohio. Helen wants to thank everyone for their past support and the membership for her honor as an inductee into the Hall of Fame.

Secretary-Treasurer and now also the Regional Director Lance Twyman wishes to thank Helen and Leo for recommending him for the position vacated by Helen.

NORTH CAROLINA

It has been six years since the State has inducted a pitcher into the Hall of Fame, due to the loss of records compiled earlier. However, Jake Hoff has done a marvelous job compiling new records and Clyde Southern and Paul Stewart were inducted into the NC Hall of Fame in 1994.

Thanks to Hoff, the Hall of Fame chairman, for all the many hours spent on phone calls, letters and visits with many Recreation Departments and newspapers and pitchers from the past. He dug up all of the history and put it in the computer.

Tommy Gann is the 1994 Men's Champion, Rivers Prewette won the Women's title for the second time, Frank Oldenburg defended his title as Senior champion and Ricky Bolick is the new Boys' champion. Airel Bolick repeated as Girls' title holder.

CHARTER CHATTER

OHIO

The Buckeye state sent five teams to the Music Center Open at the Jack Freeman courts in Joelton.

The Ohioans took first place in three of the five events. Amy Brown, Oscar Manns and Dave Loucks (a sub from California and he had a card) teamed up to win the Class A division. Jeannie Manns, Dave Rose and Jim Hyatt nailed the Class B crown and Roy Lyons, Darrell Reno and Ottie Reno captured Class C.

Helen Ouellette has moved to Ohio from New York. It will not be too long before she becomes active in the state. Helen was Regional Director in New York state.

OREGON

John Mikota of Medford and Tuff Moles of Grants Pass led the parade at the State Doubles Tournament. They averaged 52.70 with a high game of 62.50%. Class B was a Heckman affair with Ruth and Ron from Eugene defeating LaVerne Ewing and John Costello in a playoff.

In singles Ben Wiedrich won his 14th consecutive Oregon title with a 7-0 record and 72.26. The Milwaukie pitcher had a high game of 80.88%. Patty Sapp of Eugene won the women's crown, with 8-0 record and 64.40 percentage.

In the Northwest Championships, Herb Criss bested Ben Wiedrich for the Class A Title. Sapp won the women's title with 11-1 record and 69.42 with a high game of 87.50%.

President Elmer Otnes urges all state pitchers and everyone else to practice calling scores with the method suggested by NHPA.

Publicity Director Lee Wallace reports this little item about the Lebanon tournament. "The most unfortunate thing that happened was Tyler Inman appearing on Sunday. His class had pitched on Saturday. Whatever happened there, I'm sure will not be repeated." At least they had an additional scorekeeper.

SOUTH CAROLINA

It would be more fun pitching horseshoes if there were more players with the same attitude that Buddy Brock from Union has. Buddy enjoys playing for the game itself and is happy just to pitch. He never argues over a point or a ringer. As a matter of fact, if you don't watch him, he will give you his points. Recently at a tournament it was told by one player: "I don't know if I really won that game or not. It's hard to tell when you're playing Buddy." He's a fine person and an asset to the organization.

Thirty pitchers competed in the 1994 state doubles tournament. Norman Kelley and Loe Harris defeated Bill Penland and Pee Wee Murr in the Championship Class. The mixed format proved to be very successful as more players turned out to play.

Kelley turned out to be one of the outstanding pitchers of the year. He won the June Fun Open, the Firecracker Open and finished second in the Big Rock Open. Oh, by the way, he is the State Singles Champion.

TENNESSEE

The Jack Freeman Courts, destined to be one of the hot spots for horseshoe pitching in the future, was the host for the State Tournament. Don Ward of Newport won the Class A title with an 8-1 record and 70.31%. Marlene Ray of

Covington went 5-0 with 64.37% to win the women's crown.

State officers elected were Jack Freeman, president; Melvin Cooper, vice president and Dexter Stallings, secretary-treasurer. In appreciation for Dexter's dedication and work with horseshoes, the membership voted to honor him by paying his dues for the rest of his life.

At the Senior Olympics in Clarksville four Tennessee pitchers won gold medals in their age group. They were Walt Edmunds, Charles Perkins, Stallings and Frank Jones.

Sanctioned league play is underway at the Joelton Courts. This is the third season for league play at these courts.

A bid has been made for another Music City South Central Regional Tournament to be held at the Freeman Courts in the Spring of 1995.

TEXAS

News from the Lone Star State centers around results from late summer tournaments.

The Texas-New Mexico Classic finds Jarod Withrow taking Class A honors with a 4-1 record and 48.8%. Up and coming Damien Moore nailed a 71.4 percentage and perfect 7-0 record in the Jerry's Kids' Classic in Bastrop. Coke Bowker went 7-0 with 56.6 in the Kilo Bay Heat Beater Classic. Othana Donnell edged Marie Young by one game to cop the Tumbleweed Classic in Lubbock. Othana had an 8-1 record with 52.5%. Cathy Richards was one game in front of second place Charlie Posey to capture the Carrollton Clinkers Classic, and finally Bowker's 5-1, 62.6 took first in the Archie Roach Classic in Arlington.

UTAH

Cedar City hosted the 1994 State Tournament with Gary Wood winning his first state title, beating J.J. Steffen by one game. Gary closed with an 11-1 record and 57.8%.

Shirley Steffen won the women's crown (10-2 and 56.6%) her fifth championship in a row and seventh title. Shirley teamed with Tola Peterson to win the state doubles.

Bud Schardine won his first Seniors championship and Stacey Glendon regained the Junior Girls' championship, her second.

The top two averages and only sixty percenters in the state finds Loren Condie ahead with 64.8, followed by A. Lee Jones 64.2.

VIRGINIA

Before Alvin Perry from Hanover took over most of the glory in the State singles, a gent by the name of Cecil Monday from the Richmond area was the top pitcher. Monday won the title in 1974, 1977, 1978 and 1979 before Perry wrested the crown in 1980. Perry won 13 titles until 1993 when Roger Foley gained the championship. This year, the winner was Denny Davis.

Juanita Phelps, also from the Richmond Area, was the top ladies pitcher before Renee (Hix) Cowan came on the scene in 1983. Renee won the title in 1983, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1991 and 1993. This year Renee lost the title to Amy Monday.

World Class pitcher Lenwood Conner, Jr. South Hill, has won the title since 1986—a long time—and he has one more year of eligibility. It is amazing that Conner won his first title at nine years of age posting a 58% figure.

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CHARTER CHATTER

WASHINGTON

Herb Criss from Bremerton pitched a perfect game at the Pacific Northwest Horseshoe Championship Saturday, September 17 in Yakima. He tossed 24 ringers out of 24 shoes. It was the first perfect game ever thrown in the Pacific Northwest Championships.

Hall of Fame awards for 1994 went to Alice Van Egdom and Ruth and Ed Welch. The 1993 Hall of Fame winner Margaret Byfield is the 1994 women's state champion. She finished with a 57.21 ringer percent. The men's champion was Herb Criss (73.50) a Hall of Fame selection in 1986. Levi Wood was the junior champion, and John Reedy (66.66) was the Elders winner.

Francis Winetrou, who received the 1993 NHPA Arch Stokes Award was one of the first pitchers selected to the Washington Hall of Fame in 1974. Other charter selections were Art Liedes, Lloyd Sayre, John Monasmith and Rudy Allones.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Bunner Ridge Homecoming in 1994, in association with Bunner Ridge Park Community Association, is sponsored by Jack Colonel "Hardrock" Bunner. Play was conducted on four permanent courts funded and built by Jack. It is one of many horseshoe events he has helped to fund and/or help sponsor. Nearly 96 years of age, he is still rather strong mentally.

Rick Cale is the top pitcher in the West Virginia are and has won the state title four consecutive years. He went 9-0 with 79.3% in 1994. Barb Setliff was 5-0, 50.3 to win the women's crown, Steven Cale was the junior champion, 6-0, 43.6 and Buck Mann is the Elders' 30-foot winner, 9-0, 44.8.

WISCONSIN

Randy Rein is the state's 1994 Pitcher of the Year. Randy pitched in 19 tournament August 1, 1993 through July 1, 1994. His lowest finish was third, twice. Others were two second place finishes and 15 tournament wins. This includes a first at last year's state tournament.

The 1994 WHPA Hall of Fame inducted Felix Kubly. In 1949 Felix took his family to visit his wife's parents in Ft. Atkinson. A celebration was going on where he saw horseshoes for the first time, and really got the bug. Several years later, after many tournaments, he was asked by the Watertown City Park and Recreation Department to organize horseshoes for the city league. He and others built six courts and over the years he purchased 131 pairs of horseshoes for himself and other pitchers. Later in 1975 Ralph Maylahn helped him direct the state tournament at Watertown. Felix says that "Horseshoe Pitching is a Game of Friendship."

Winners of the 1994 President's Award were Curt and Beatty Bestul from Eau Claire, who were co-directors of the 1987 World Tournament in Eau Claire.



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Errors, Errors, Errors!

NatStat Director Oliver Smith and his W.T. computer room assistant Glenn Jamieson, have just completed an approximate 40 hour study going through the score sheets from the 1994 World Tournament. There were nearly 9800 score sheets that passed through the computer room at the Syracuse World. Of that amount, approximately 5700 or some 60% were reviewed and a list was made of all the various errors that were found. When we say errors, we are speaking of not only the mathematical errors that had to be corrected before input could be made at the World, but things that are inconsistent with proper scoring procedure.

In total, 2565 errors were noted within the 5700 score sheets. These are errors of all kinds. Sometimes a score sheet would contain more than one type of error. The types of errors and the number of occurrences noted are:

Top portion of score sheet incorrect or incomplete	873
Player numbers reversed	18
3's, 4's, 6's not recorded in point column	656
Missing X's which denote a cancelled ringer	56
All ringers, live and dead, incorrectly shown as X's	114
All ringers, live and dead, incorrectly shown as O's	22
Ringer total wrong	152
Points wrong	238
Cumulative score wrong	133
Total score brought down to bottom wrong	23
X opposite an O with points given to X	4
Giving both players live ringers for the same pitch	4

The last three types of errors listed usually resulted in points being given to both pitchers in the same inning.

The numbers here do not fully represent the number of total errors found, but the number of scoresheets on which it was found. It was not unusual to find the same errors more than once on a single scoresheet. Most of the errors were rather straightforward and the computer room had a set of pre-approved correction guidelines to follow. Some errors, however, were so bad they had to be resolved by the Tournament committee. Overall, it is estimated that 35-40% of all scoresheets contained one or more types of errors.

A burning question is "what can be done to substantially reduce scoresheet errors? The first and most obvious step is to have some charters stop keeping score locally by their own methods and start writing scores by the approved NHPA method which is shown in examples at the top of every NHPA scoresheet. Recording all ringers as X's or O's as seems to be the habit in some areas is not correct. Using the proper words to call the score would probably result in fewer score sheet errors. Making sure every player was trained in the proper method and took their turn at scorekeeping would help because every player would quickly recognize something odd on their scoresheet. It's really not difficult to keep score properly and do it accurately. Let's all make 1995 the year we do our part by learning the proper method of scorekeeping and then keeping score for our fellow players as we expect them to do for us.

The Correct Way To Score

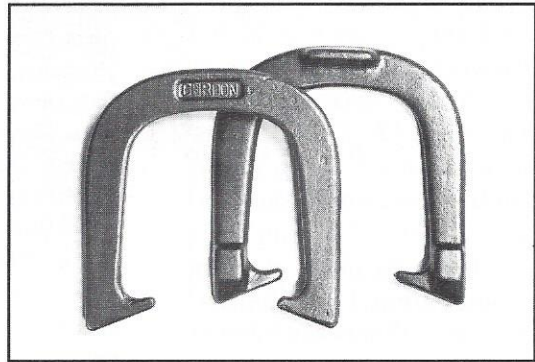
GAME SCORE SHEET

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Class <u>D</u> Date <u>1-10-95</u>	CALL	Ringers Columns	Inning Points
Game No. <u>5</u> Court <u>4</u>	No score		—
<u>#6 JAMIESON</u> vs <u>#7 SMITH</u>	1 ringer each no score	X X	—
	2 ringers each no score	XX XX	—
	1 ringer each one point	X' X	1 —
	1 point		1 —
	2 points		2 —
	1 ringer 3 points	O	3 —
	3 ringers 3 points	XO X	3 —
	1 ringer 4 points	O'	4 —
	2 ringers 6 points	OO	6 —

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
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X	—	—	6	X'	1	1
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XO	3	6	12	X	—	—
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O'	4	10	18	—	—	—
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NatStats Updates the 50-40-30-20-10

NatStats, the NHPA computer center maintaining member pitching averages, has completed its second year and given *Newsline* a new listing of members in the 50-40-30-20-10 club. The averages are based on the highest 3 tournaments pitched in the past 12 months or the last 10 tournaments if you are pitching more than that a year.

In the listings, tournaments are the number reported to NatStats for that individual. Some pitchers are missing a few because as of 10/31/94, only 83% of the scheduled tournaments nationwide had been reported to NatStats. Director Oliver Smith sent out letters, mostly to Charter Presidents, asking them to have the appropriate person submit the missing results. It could be that some were cancelled or rained out but we need to know that as well.

Fifteen charters had perfect records for reporting something on every tournament they submitted at the start of the year as being scheduled. They were: Alaska, Arizona, Northern California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. Eighteen other charters had reported all but 1 or 2 tournaments and a few others were missing 3-5. Unfortunately, nine charters had failed to report 10 or more of their tournaments while two were missing 20 or more.

We hope that these missing results or cancellations will soon be reported. If not, the ones to suffer will be the players who pitched and need that record to get into the 1995 World or Regional tournament. NHPA bylaws say the charter is responsible for reporting tournament results and if you end up on the short list, someone in your charter let you down by failing to do their job. Let's all work together to make 1995 a 100% reporting year.

Top NatStat Averages as of 11/1/94

50 TOP MEN PITCHERS

Name	Avg.	State	Tourn.
Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	90.1	CA	16
Art Tyson	82.6	NY	23
Brian Simmons	82.2	ME	6
Alan Francis	80.9	MO	2
Rick Cale	80.0	WV	20
Don Titcomb	79.5	KY	18
John Kapnis	79.4	MA	11
Charles Meredith	79.0	KY	11
Miike DiMartino	78.2	NY	5
Phil Fleshman	77.9	MD	5
Mark Seibold	77.6	IN	10
Jim Walters	77.1	OH	7
Kevin Cone	77.1	IA	7
Norm Rioux	77.0	CT	13
Joe McCrink	76.8	NJ	7
Peter Clark	76.5	WA	17
Ron Powell	76.4	KY	15
Randy Rein	76.4	WI	17
Cliff Baker	75.6	IL	10
Paul Lacrosse	75.1	CO	4
Ben Wiedrich	74.7	OR	9
Mark Baumann	74.6	MN	7
Alvin Perry	74.5	VA	8
Stephen Kuchcinski	74.2	PA	4
Dale Lipovsky	74.0	MN	3
Oscar Manns	74.0	OH	8
Willard "Spud" Napier	73.7	CA	10
Charlie Webb	73.5	IL	9
Roger Lane Foley	73.5	VA	12
Nathan Williams	73.3	AZ	9
Joe Schultz Jr.	73.3	NY	18
Rick Bolick Sr.	73.0	NC	11
Jerome Dumstorff	72.9	IL	17
Richard Williams	72.6	GA	21
Gale Greene	72.1	VT	10
Herb Criss	72.0	WA	5
Andre Leclerc	72.0	PQ	1
John Mathys	71.9	PA	6
Sonny Durando	71.7	NJ	10
Chad Hyatt	71.6	IN	8
Elden Sarbaugh	71.6	OH	14
Loran Coy	71.5	OH	4
Don Harris	71.5	MO	4
Danny Erbe	71.5	KS	5
Don Gregson	71.5	CA	14
Lloyd "Bunny" Ward	71.2	IL	12
N.A. Moore	71.1	NC	19
Bob Hatten	71.1	IL	8
Shannon Banks	71.1	TN	19
Van Fox	71.0	TN	7

40 TOP WOMEN PITCHERS

Name	Avg.	State	Tourn.
Sue Snyder	84.4	IN	8
Diane Cantin	79.5	PQ	1
Bev Nathe	77.9	MN	4
Connie J. Filley	77.9	ND	8
Lois Webster	77.3	KY	19
Sylvianne Moisan	76.4	PQ	1
Myrna Kissick	76.2	AB	11
Amy Monday	75.3	VA	12
Patty Sapp	75.2	OR	19
Vicki Winston	75.2	MO	2
Gerry Brooks	74.0	ME	7
Sharon Paddock	73.7	CA	14
Angeline Moisan	73.3	PQ	1
Sandy Janssens	72.7	ON	3
Deborah Michaud	72.6	MA	10
Teddy Guillotte	72.4	CA	26
Phyllis Negaard	72.1	MN	4
Amy Brown	72.0	OH	9
Sue Twyman	71.9	NY	5
Mary Ann Kramer	71.4	TX	4
Marlene Cooper	71.4	OH	29
Bertha Baillargeon	70.7	MA	10
Debbie Pickering	70.7	WI	13
Lorraine Sternberg	70.3	WI	13
Liz Downer	70.3	VT	9
Karen Drury	70.1	AK	8
Debbi Alexander	69.9	NH	7
Diane Silva	69.6	CA	12
Michelle Ives	68.9	WA	3
Jenny Walters	67.4	OH	4
Elaine Hansen	66.9	CT	18
Mary Ann Peninger	66.9	KS	9
Carolyn Rice	66.9	OH	11
Gail Sluys	66.7	CA	42
Renee Cowan	66.6	VA	12
Carrie Carpenter	66.1	FL	21
Debra Brown	66.0	VT	3
Cathy Carter	66.0	IA	2
Lupe Henry	65.9	CA	18
Opal Reno	65.9	AR	2

30 TOP 30' ELDERS

Ray Santana	74.9	CA	13
Henry Hostetler	72.5	OH	5
Andy Van Dyken	72.0	AZ	7
Ken Raymond	71.4	WY	10
Charles "Bud" Green	71.3	KS	13
Jim Noble	71.0	KY	5
Milton Vinson	70.7	GA	23
Frank Bohun	70.7	PA	3
Edward Risley	70.6	NY	7

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ELDER 30' MEN *continued...*

Name	Avg.	State	Tourn.
John Bracken	69.8	UT	4
Bob Dean, Sr.	68.6	VA	7
Pete Rebman	68.3	NE	7
Charles McMullen	67.3	CA	16
Mike Fill	67.3	CA	12
Russell James Christopher	67.0	SK	2
Charlie Pringle	66.9	KS	11
Eddie Garcia	66.8	CA	4
James (Kent) Rundell	66.5	MI	4
Lowell Davis	66.2	OR	19
Roy Smith	66.1	KS	6
Clayton Gage	65.9	WI	10
Ralph Maylahn	65.6	WI	12
Irv Miller	65.1	CA	5
Tony Moreno	65.0	CA	12
A. Lee Jones	64.1	UT	11
Gene Sierks	63.7	NE	6
Frank J. Ward	63.5	FL	9
Luther D. Adams	63.1	FL	10
Les Grosenbach	62.9	CO	5
Bob Wolfinger	62.9	IN	13

20 TOP JUNIOR BOY PITCHERS

Lenwood Conner Jr.	86.9	VA	14
Vance Harren	75.8	MN	1
Joseph Smith	73.8	IA	19
Damien Moore	72.2	TX	9
Ricky Bolick Jr.	66.4	NC	12
Michael Newton	65.9	SD	22
Jason Goldsmith	65.3	WI	9
Lee Presley	64.7	GA	21
Karl Hix	61.3	VA	9
Brett Francis	61.1	MO	2
Chris Rosson	60.7	VA	4
Allen Keen	60.4	IN	9
Stephen Morris	58.3	PA	7
Carl Zamora	57.9	NM	5
Dean Broome	57.2	SC	6
Luis Hernandez	57.1	CA	13
Bradley Dean	56.4	VA	3
Robert Gillett, Jr.	56.2	CA	10
Neil Pablo	56.0	NM	4
V.K. "Buba" Gedatus	55.0	MN	3

10 TOP JUNIOR GIRL PITCHERS

Crystal Curtis	67.7	AB	1
Heidi Sternberg	63.0	WI	6
Becky Kemper	59.5	KY	10
Penny Steinke	58.9	WI	7
Heather Sternberg	44.2	WI	5
Jennifer Machacek	37.7	NE	2
Teri Hanson	37.5	NE	5
Michelle Newton	36.6	SD	13
Elaine Moore	36.5	TX	6
Sarina Edenloff	36.0	MN	1

From Pool Hall to Pitching Palace

by Gregg Turner

There once was a scruffy pool hall in a south Wichita, Kansas suburb called Oaklawn.

Now, that one time scruffy pool hall, located at 47th St. South and Clifton, is a horseshoe pitcher's paradise, thanks to the members of the Sunflower Horseshoe Club. Eight custom courts allow two 8-man round robin classes to be run simultaneously in the heated facility.

Club secretary-treasurer Bill Whitley, and his executive council, consisting of tournament directors Vonnice and Buzz Jones and president Gregg Turner initially decided on the new locale after the leasing company for the building they were renting informed them they were going to have year-around renters in the old facility.

Amazingly, the leasing company offered a building with more than double the floor space, and an additional bathroom for the same monthly expense. The Sunflower Club, which claims a membership of nearly 100, responded positively, and the club now has a fully-carpeted fenced palace that most say is better than the one operated by the club in the mid 1980s at Frontier Fun Center.

The new facility also features flour-based pit material rather than clay. The "play dough" as it is called by

many pitchers, is the genius of Gene Trudell, a Montana horseshoe pitcher, who brought the recipe to the 1993 World Tournament in Spearfish, South Dakota.

The club players who have pitched on the dough say it has features that are better than clay, including less bounce after a shoe makes contact with the pit. Turner says, "We're getting participation from people who experience chronic allergies to dust, specifically clay dust. They're coming back to us because they've heard the clay is gone, and of course because a carpet floor is easier to keep the dust from getting into the air."

The Sunflower club holds monthly mixed open tournaments, with plans for mid-month tournaments if participation does not wane. The club sponsors leagues in the facility three nights and one afternoon each week. Once a year the club sponsors a seminar for junior pitchers, so they may receive instruction in rules of the game, pitching techniques and how to get started in leagues or tournaments.

Jones and his wife invite NHPA members to come join the fun. Sanctioned events are listed on the Kansas Tournament Schedule. Entry fee is \$10 for 1 day/\$15 for 2. Make entries by calling Jones at 316-662-1435.

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W Keith Davis	6-1	20.4
X Paul Cutright	5-0	18.0
Y Robert Henry	5-0	14.0

WOMEN

A Tracy Sherman	6-2	47.1
B Mary Duke	6-1	37.9
C Pam Dobbins	6-1	29.0
D Sue Busch	7-0	40.7
E Joyce Rehm	6-1	22.4
SR. A Ray Schilf	5-0	40.4
JR. A Jessica Altis	5-0	11.6
70 + 30' A William Paul	6-1	35.6

MISSOURI STATE MIXED DOUBLES TOURN.
Sept. 2, 1994 Sanc. #19-94-031

CHAMPIONSHIP

W-L	%
Sam Carter	6-2 64.5
Steve Hrabovsky	42.9

DOUBLES A

Bob Beaver	6-2 42.1
Ron Watkins	40.5

DOUBLES B

Charles Rogers	6-1 28.6
Leo Basler	47.4

DOUBLES C

Roger Schnur	5-0 38.5
Bryan Potter	34.2

DOUBLES D

Elmer Breuer	5-1 28.7
Ellen Beaver	15.9

MONTANA Billings
Sept. 3-4, 1994 Sanc. #11-92-022

WOMEN CLASS A

W-L	%
Rose Couture	9-1 55.5
Robin Trudell	7-3 42.8
Vicki McCall	5-5 42.8
Kandi Miller	5-5 42.1
Jean Van Dyken	4-6 37.8
Lynn Juell	0-10 23.3

MEN CLASS A

Gene Trudell	10-2 52.0
Al Dige	9-3 47.7
Vic Long	8-3 49.5
Mel Meidl	6-5 42.6
Jack Price	6-5 38.2
Steve Ketterling	5-6 44.9
Benny Berdahl	4-7 44.1
Terry Broderson	4-7 43.4
Jack Boston	4-7 43.1
George Chapman	4-7 42.2
Archie Dulaney	4-7 41.4
John E. Johnson	3-8 37.5

OTHER GROUP WINNERS

MEN B Tom McCall 9-1 31.8
C Bob Pribyl 9-2 27.6
D Jim Vukonich 9-1 20.8
E Terry Gish 7-2 19.0

ELDER MEN

Andy Van Dyken	5-1 65.3
Morris Homme	4-2 58.9
Arie Dyk	0-6 41.3

JUNIOR BOYS

Cameron Trudell	10-0 45.5
Corey Trudell	6-4 31.2
Tommy McCall	4-6 19.6
Jason Weimer	3-7 21.7

JUNIOR GIRLS

Patty McCall	6-4 25.3
Heather Weimer	1-9 13.4

NEVADA Beatty
Sept. 4-5, 1994 Sanc. #07-94-07

MEN CHAMPIONSHIP W-L %

Foster Kenton	60.6
MEN A Dave Cheyne	21.4
B Don Faiss	19.2
C Jim Callon	20.6

WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Melanie Nelson	31.2
WOMEN A Mary Grant	29.6
B Jeannie Faiss	18.4

SR. 30' CHAMPIONSHIP

Bert Peffers	40.2
A Clyde Royal	26.5

NEW JERSEY Flemington Sept. 3-5, 1994

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

W-L	%
Joe McCrink	7-0 72.5
Louis Durando	6-1 70.4
Gil Franke	3-4 57.1
Charles Davis	3-4 53.3
Wayne Harrison	3-4 52.6
Paul Prouty	2-5 50.3
George Egel	2-5 49.4
Bob Manzoni	2-5 48.9

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP

Cookie Elmer	26.2
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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Jaimie Thomason	13.4
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CLASS A

Lou Testa	6-1 53.1
B Fred Barfield	7-1 47.2
C Nate Shelton	8-1 41.9
D Hobart Shelton	7-1 35.9
E Lou Mecsey	5-2 31.4
F Rick Struss, Jr.	6-1 33.4
G Charles Penn	7-0 29.3
H Gene Lupo	6-1 27.4
I Robert R. Frazier	6-2 19.5

NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck
Sept. 3-4, 1994 Sanc. #15-94-009

MEN CLASS A

W-L	%
Jerry Black	7-0 65.9
Gene Lykken	6-1 57.3
Larry Smith	4-3 59.4
Wally Rislov	4-3 51.6
Len Hofmann	3-4 54.2
Don Pederson	3-4 49.7
Curt Binstock	1-6 48.8
Garnett Rudie	0-7 47.9
B Gary Erickson	7-0 49.7
C Ed Binstock	6-1 45.4
D Clarence Allmendinger	6-1 40.0
E Larry Beardslay	6-1 32.8
F Herb Geisler	7-0 29.6
G Wyatt Bearsheart	6-1 29.7
H Art Weixel	7-0 33.2
I Orville Erickson	5-2 21.4
J Gilbert Ziegler	4-1 14.4

WOMEN CLASS A

Connie J. Filley	7-0 75.0
Carol Peterson	6-1 46.2
Dorinda Johnson	5-2 47.2
Cheryl Stockert	4-3 43.7
Leona Tande	3-4 37.7
Donna Kiefat	2-5 40.5
Frances Kylllo	1-6 33.6
Nancy Husted	0-7 32.0
B Bonnie Erickson	7-0 30.6

ELDERS

Lew Hasking	5-1 52.3
Oliver Lee	4-2 38.6
Norbert Underdahl	3-3 38.6
Joe Wingenbach	0-6 22.6

JUNIOR CLASS A

Nick Johnson	4-2 38.0
Matt Kiefat	3-3 36.6
Chris Husted	3-3 35.9
Toby Roehrich	2-4 30.5
B Brian Bloms	7-0 31.6

PENNSYLVANIA
Sept. 2-5, 1994 Sanc. #39-94-038

MEN CLASS A

W-L	%
Stephen Kuchcinski	13-2 71.8
Glenn Burris	12-3 72.4
Kurt Von Kleist	11-4 69.5
John Mathys	11-4 65.7
Tom Decker	10-5 64.1
Jerry Hoy	9-6 58.3
Clyde Martz	8-7 63.0
Ronald Kuchcinski	8-7 61.1
Joseph Roebuck	7-8 63.6
Clarence Danner	7-8 60.2
Darle Esh	7-8 57.7
Richard Gosnell	5-10 55.4
Dean McCurdy	4-11 54.8
Columbus Woods	4-11 54.9
Brad Barger	3-12 51.9
Raymond Rugg	1-14 48.6
B George Babeji	4-1 51.3
C Dominick Massella	6-1 54.0
D Carl Wilson	6-2 52.0
E James Swope	7-1 47.0

ELDER 30'

Frank Bohun	5-0 84.5
Kenneth Boyles	4-1 46.1
Judge John Brosky	3-2 44.8
Rudolph Stiftinger	2-3 36.6
Harold Rieder	1-4 21.0
Edgar Brault	0-5 17.7

ELDER 40' Joe Wohar

Frank McAllen	7-0 49.2
G Dennis Seiber	6-2 37.5
H Lawrence Meeks	7-1 45.3
I Harry Markel	7-0 45.8
J Charles Mrdjenovich	7-0 43.4

JUNIOR CLASS A

Stephen Morris	7-0 53.3
Paul Butcher	6-1 43.6
Keith Hayes	5-2 38.2
Brandon Petro	4-3 28.9
Steven Cramer	3-4 28.0
Ted Cramer	2-5 15.9
Joey Lehman	1-6 21.2
Randy Schrecongost	0-7 7.8
B Renee Rethage	5-0 20.9
C Chuckie Sickles	5-0 14.6
K John Olson	7-0 31.3
L Robert Groves	7-2 33.0
M Albert Delvecchio	7-2 29.2
N Steven Rethage	7-0 35.0
O Ron Byers	5-0 32.4
P Wilbert Dawson	6-2 30.3
Q Dave Iseman	7-2 13.8

SENIOR CLASS A

Dan Beshore	5-0 59.3
Ron Myers Sr.	4-1 48.7
Carlence Dixson	3-2 52.1
Alvin Long	2-3 44.0
Al Yednock	1-4 41.3
John Staab	0-5 39.6
B Joseph Marschak	2-0 20.4

WOMEN CLASS A

Aileen Drayer	7-0 60.9
Betty Lapping	5-2 48.6
Debra Rheam	4-3 47.7

Elaine Hammel	4-3 44.5
Shirley Meacham	3-4 43.8
Doris Shanahan	3-4 41.7
Joan Reagle	1-6 32.2
Grace Rugg	1-6 31.3
B Cindy McCullough	5-0 45.2
C Marty Lindsey	4-1 33.6
D Melody Kachik	5-0 38.8

SOUTH CAROLINA Clover
Sept. 17, 1994 Sanc. #41-94-029

MEN CHAMPIONSHIP W-L %

Norman Kelley	8-1 66.4
A.J. Nave	7-2 57.1
Randy Hudson	5-3 51.9
Joe Carver	5-3 51.6
Tom Westbrook	4-4 55.9
Stanley Posey	4-4 52.1
Jimmy Broome	3-5 48.6
Jim Ramsey	1-7 34.0
Jamey Gordon	0-8 26.4
A George Brown	7-1 52.5
B Mike Quinn	7-1 40.4
C Larry Williams	6-1 36.7

WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Barbara Taylor	4-0 57.5
Dot Deal	1-3 38.6
A Paula Jacobs	2-3 17.1

ELDER MEN

Bill Penland	2-2 76.0
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JUNIOR GIRLS

Missy Myers	1-0 4.0
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JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

Dean Broome	3-0 50.0
C.B. Dunson	2-1 20.4
A David Wray	1-2 6.6

TEXAS Lubbock Oct. 15-16, 1994

CLASS A MEN

W-L	%
Coke Bowker	7-0 70.1
Charlie Posey	6-1 59.2
Ed Arionus	5-2 63.6
Paul McCreery	3-4 54.7
Will Wade	3-4 53.1
Bubba Frieda	2-5 52.6
Marvin Two Crow	2-5 50.6
George Murray	0-7 41.3
B Duck Engelhardt	6-2 50.0
C Terry Applegate	7-0 45.0
D Johnny Davenport	6-2 42.2
E Al Heim	6-1 32.9
F Jerry Woodworth	6-1 30.7
G Mark Newton	5-0 39.5
H Greg Pillow	7-0 33.9
I Randy Mitchell	7-0 30.7
J Robert Valley	7-0 35.0
K Jim Sanders	6-1 19.6
L Dwayne Houk	6-1 18.6
M Kelly Tooley	6-1 23.9

CLASS A ELDER MEN

Henry Carmichael	9-0 41.1
Wally Weiler	5-4 37.7
T.P. Langner	4-5 32.9

CLASS A WOMEN

Mary Ann Kramr	5-0 68.4
Cathy Richards	4-1 64.3
Hazel McCall	3-2 57.0
Doris Frieda	2-3 54.3
Marie Young	1-4 41.7
Lavern Wilcox	0-5 34.4
B Othana Donnell	4-1 46.0
C Mary Maywald	5-0 40.0
D Mary Lou Newton	6-1 29.6

CLASS A JUNIOR BOYS

Damien Moore	5-1 68.3
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Tournament Results

Jeremy Umphries	4-2	58.1
Cody Johnson	3-3	47.9
Sam Alexander	0-6	31.9
Geff Purdy	7-1	32.9

CLASS A JUNIOR GIRLS

Elaine Moore	6-0	47.1
Amber Moore	4-2	32.2
Jill Allen	2-4	9.2
Sharon Alexander	0-6	7.3

**TEXAS STATE DOUBLES
San Antonio**

CLASS A MEN	W-L	%
Gene Meyer	7-0	61.0
Tommy Valenta		63.3

B MEN

Sidney Chandler	6-1	40.6
Charles Welch		42.2

C MEN

Don Dague	7-0	27.8
Pat Garcia		38.9

D MEN

Mike Navarro	7-2	18.1
Carl Kazak		39.3

E MEN

Mike Arsenault	6-1	20.6
Scott Herrington		33.3

F MEN

Bill Thomas	7-0	16.7
Duane Henry		38.9

WOMEN CLASS A

Lavern Wilcox	5-0	47.5
Hazel McCall		58.3

B WOMEN

Robin Homeyer	4-1	38.0
Barbara Heinold		40.0

C WOMEN

Kathy Anderson	5-0	27.3
Connie Michum		34.7

CLASS A JUNIORS

Chris Afinowicz	9-0	41.1
Damien Moore		67.8

B JUNIORS

Amy Hill	6-0	31.7
Elaine Moore		38.3

TEXAS

**STATE MIXED DOUBLES
Tyler**

CLASS A	W-L	%
Hazel McCall	7-1	50.0
Roger Daughtry		42.4

CLASS B

Virginia Stephens	6-1	37.6
Joe Stephens		30.5

CLASS C

Anita Bilnoski	7-1	20.4
Henry Carmichael		41.2

CLASS D

Jeri Smith	7-0	19.0
Bill Smith		23.8

**WISCONSIN
Eau Claire**

Sept. 3-4, 1994 Sanc. #28-94-024

CHAMPIONSHIP MEN W-L	%
Randy Rein	8-1 66.8
Don Kangas	7-2 60.4
John Udelhofen	7-2 59.5
Mark Mauthe	6-3 57.2
Brian Repinski	5-4 53.6
Gus Schram	4-5 55.2
Roger Comero	4-5 54.0
Arnie Walton	2-7 47.0
John Koepp III	1-8 50.2
Marvin Huffman	1-8 48.9
A Roger Comero	6-1 60.7
B Tim Maule	6-1 60.2
C Greg Bottlemy	6-1 41.7
D Dave Schorbahn	7-1 43.7
E Ron Brockway	6-1 42.5
F Jeff Mauthe	5-0 44.8
G LeRoy Wipperfurth	7-0 42.2
H Harry Nelson	6-1 42.8
I Rick Poppe	7-1 39.6
J George Eckstrom	6-1 44.0
K Randy Hansen	6-1 37.8
L Jim Ganther	7-0 44.0
M Ron Sabish, Sr.	5-0 29.5
N Bob Novinski	6-2 21.5
O Ron Wilczek	7-0 32.8
P Dan Volz	4-1 18.0

CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN

Lorraine Sternberg	9-1	68.9
Debby Bestul	8-2	62.7

Edie McKinney	7-2	68.4
Jane Smith	6-3	59.0
Suzanne Helene	4-5	54.6
Kathy Crook	4-5	48.4
Ann Opsteen	3-6	48.9
Pam Steinke	2-7	46.2
Sylvia Kaiser	2-7	45.3
Gerri Meistad	1-8	42.3
A Suzanne Helene	6-2	52.1
B Sylvia David	6-1	46.0
C Renee Sternberg	5-1	39.3
D Joanne Alling	5-0	29.5

CHAMPIONSHIP SENIORS

Ralph Maylahn	5-0	71.5
Clayton Gage	4-1	68.5
Harold Bestul	3-2	55.5
Curt Bestul	2-3	47.5
Vic Paulson	1-4	36.0
Felix Kubly	0-5	45.0

CHAMPIONSHIP JR. BOYS

Shannon Rein	5-0	44.4
Jason Goldsmith	4-1	45.9
Desi Armstrong	3-2	36.5
Lee McFarlane	2-3	47.3
Jesse Zeppelin	1-4	27.2
Erik Bottlemy	0-5	18.3
A Desi Armstrong	5-1	34.1
B Richard Schaaf	5-0	16.5

CHAMPIONSHIP JR. GIRLS

Penny Steinke	6-1	59.5
Heidi Sternberg	5-2	58.9
Heather Sternberg	2-4	47.7
Hope Berg	0-6	22.1
A Nicole Riehle	5-0	9.0

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