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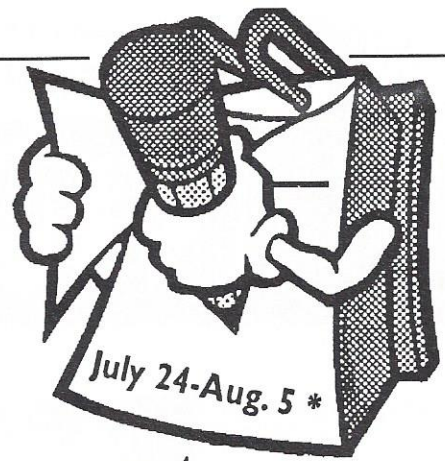
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President's Message

In sport, growth and recognition tend to go hand in hand. Rarely can one be obtained without the other. Growth is not always measured in size or numbers. It can be accomplishments or the level of performance which an individual or organization has achieved. Recognition is not always what you read in the newspapers or see on television for those who report such things often don't look beyond the realm of major events.

If you were not a horseshoe pitcher, you would probably be surprised to hear that our sport is very well organized, with a national governing body that oversees the aspects of the game and its equipment. You would find it hard to believe that the estimates of players in some form of active organized pitching activity exceed ten million—some unconfirmed reports say more than twenty million. You then hear that horseshoe pitchers have a World Tournament with more than 1,500 entrants and \$100,000 in prize money. The normal reaction to this is one of surprise. How can this be for a game that is only played at picnics, the backyard or out behind the barn?

Sad as it may be, this is unfortunately the recognition given our sport by most people who measure their knowledge of such things by what they read in the sports pages or see on television. Even the national survey taken a few years ago and reported in this magazine failed to put horseshoe pitching among the 114 most recognized sports. If you don't read it, don't see it or don't hear it, how can it be otherwise? Only we, the some 14,000 members of the NHPA and our families know any different.

For the NHPA, growth is better measured by the level of individual accomplishments and what we have achieved within our organization. Outside of the bowling success of Walter Ray Williams Jr. and the plugs his television appearances bring, recognition of horseshoe pitching as an organized sport is pretty much confined to those of us who participate in the game.

Some members ask, why isn't horseshoe pitching an

Olympic sport? Why aren't we on TV, why don't we have a pro tour? They ask because, to them, horseshoe pitching is every bit as competitive as some of the other sports that have achieved a higher level of recognition. It is human nature for people to think more highly of the things they enjoy when making comparisons. Unfortunately, our sport is an infant when compared to others.

The image of who, when, and where our sport is played has already been stated. That image is shared by the general public, the media and potential sponsors. It is extremely difficult to overcome this narrow view for several reasons. We have a small organization with a very low dues structure; the average age of membership is near retirement; only a handful of members push junior involvement; even less do anything to promote our sport with the local media; our game is slow moving; it lacks action, color and our field of play is not picturesque. Add to these the fact that dress codes and rules of play are often not enforced at local levels and many clubs still can't accept that mixed play is here to stay.

The NHPA has made, and will continue to make, gains and improvements within. Membership however, has to accept that a limited volunteer staff working with limited funds can do only so much. If we are to grow and become more visible to the general public and more interesting to the media and sponsors, it will take the efforts of a lot more people. How many members actually do something to promote the sport? 1 in 10? Probably more like 1 in 50. Whatever the number, it is not enough! Let's make 1995 the year we all get involved and do our part to increase recognition and growth. Devote one hour promoting for every five you pitch. Bring in a new member or two, invite youth to get involved and help them along. Keep a steady stream of information on local activities going to your newspaper and radio, push more members to subscribe to *Newsline* so they will be informed. Share your programs and thoughts with us. Together we can make a difference.

Dave's Court Report

Many charters still have a small number of women, elder and/or junior members. These are all 30' or short distance pitchers. Despite their low numbers in some charters, NHPA bylaws say they must be given the opportunity to pitch in every sanctioned tournament. If you do not have sufficient entrants to have separate classes for all categories, the recommended method is to pitch everyone in a mixed tournament where all entrants, regardless of gender, are mixed into classes by percentage. Another method is to have mixed 30' classes where all short distance entrants, women, elders and juniors are mixed together by percentage. You cannot decide to mix one category of short distance pitchers and keep another separate.

When it comes to an NHPA State Championship, a different bylaw applies. In a State Tournament where you must proceed with the intention of crowning champions in at least men, women, junior, and elder divisions, the championship class of the men and women's division cannot be mixed according to Article VII, section 9. Classes below

the championship groups can be mixed. So, what do you do if you do not have the minimum four required women, elders, or juniors to form their own classes?

If their percentage is low enough, they can be mixed with classes below the championship group. If their percentage is high, they could pitch in the championship group of the men or women but only as a pacer so as to not have any effect on the outcome of these championship divisions. A pacer of any gender or pitching distance does not make the class mixed.

Those who pace in this manner, get credit for a tournament pitched so long as their ringers and shoes are reported to NatStats. Also, tournament directors can recognize the highest percentage women, elder and junior who might pace in a championship group or play in mixed classes below the championship, as the State Champion or their division. Remember however, if a State Tournament Division receives 4 or more entrants, it is to be played without handicap regardless of the percentage spread.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am very impressed, along with many others, regarding the ability of the NHPA to make changes to formats and such whenever a new and better one is conceived. The format for the 1995 World looks excellent with all the top percentages of a category after class play being moved to a Championship Round Robin. Hopefully this may be the continuing format of future World Tournaments.

Jack Whiting, Pres., Nova Scotia HPA

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to share two short letters I received from members in reply to my article in the Reader Forum section of the January/February issue.

Chick Jordan of Kerrville, TX wrote, "Dear Les, I agree with your article. I am 67 and have been pitching serious horseshoes for about a year. I hope I am never forced to pitch from 30 ft. That's a whole new game! I don't ever want to be matched against a 30 ft. pitcher. Like I said, it's

a different game from that distance.

It's ridiculous for a 17 year old boy to be pitching from 30 ft. As I remember, I was at my prime strength and athletic ability at that time."

S. Leardini of Crockett, California wrote, "I read your article in the January/February issue of *Newsline* and think your idea of 35' is great. I always said that I would never give in to 30'. I'm now 78 and have a hard time reaching the peg at 40'. My arm went out, but I can reach it at 35'. Too many men at age 70 take advantage of 30' whether they need it or not. Keep pushing the 35'. Live in Crockett, pitch in Vallejo."

Thanks for allowing members to say their piece.

Les Jones, Terra Bella, CA

Dear Mr. Loucks,

This is to inform you and the readership of *Newsline* of horseshoe pitching's move into the information age.

Subscribers to America OnLine, one of the nation's largest online services,

can discuss the sport of horseshoe pitching on a bulletin board devoted to the subject. The bulletin board can be found in the Grandstand under the bulletin board for Other Sports (keyword: GS OTHER).

To date, the bulletin board has been frequented by some NHPA members and by some strictly recreational horseshoe pitchers. It has already sparked interest in the NHPA among some of those individuals.

Perhaps some NHPA member with more computer knowledge than I would be interested in creating a USENET news group or mailing list on the Internet about the sport of horseshoe pitching. Perhaps such a list already exists. I would also be interested to know if similar lists are found on other online services.

Direct questions/comments to me via e-mail at: DBLRINGERS@AOL.COM. I look forward to seeing more NHPA members joining the discussion on America OnLine.

Steven Barnes, Brighton, MA



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Reader Forum

IDEAS FOR THOUGHT

I am 23 years old, have been pitching 15 years and an NHPA member the last 11. At around 70%, I consider myself to be a fairly good pitcher, probably because I have the inner drive to keep at it. I continue to pitch in several tournaments a year, but realize that not everyone has the same drive or means to compete and many drift away from the game. It is because of this that I want to express a few ideas for membership growth and protection.

The first idea is for the national officers to make personal visits to Charters with declining membership. These visits can take place early in the year and be followed up with a second visit at the Charter's annual meeting. Questions should be asked and personal calls made to the lost members. Most of all, the NHPA should find out what clubs need from the association and be willing to do whatever is necessary to help.

The second idea is training. This should involve everyone from local to national level. There should be state officer training sessions conducted by a national officer in every charter. The NHPA should provide detailed descriptions of job tasks and how the state can better promote horseshoes in the area. These State officers in turn should hold training sessions for officers of every local club. These training sessions should be required by the NHPA for an individual to hold an office in a state or club. Many problems at the local level are the people in charge. They are not organized and tend to act unprofessional—not all clubs, but enough that some people lose interest.

I, myself, have unsuccessfully run for office at the local level. Now, I just pay my dues and pitch in only tournaments and not in league play. I think league play is great for new members but definitely needs revision to fit the attitude and needs of a 23 year old.

The third idea is free trial memberships. I think this necessary for members to promote our sport better. Just imagine telling someone my age they can participate for a cost of \$10 per tourney, \$5 per league night plus

another \$15 or more in total membership money. Why would I want to waste \$25+ on something I'm not sure I'll even enjoy? The free trial membership could be paid but then reimbursed after 3 tourneys or 6 nights of league play if the person doesn't continue.

Idea four involves a national coaching program. The NHPA should certify coaches nationwide to help train people to pitch horseshoes. There should be programs set up in parks and schools lasting about 10 weeks and costing no more than \$5 per week plus a registration fee. Each program should involve at least 1 hour of teaching and court supervised practice and include NHPA membership and a pair of pitching horseshoes.

Idea five involves the solicitation of sponsors for local and national tourneys. This should be done by local presidents or any member. Sponsors don't have to give money, prizes will do just as well. Solicitation should be done by people who dress well and talk professionally.

The sixth and last idea is for top pitchers. Have you ever thought about getting sponsors to help defray costs incurred at the World Tournament? Every year I'm able to generate \$700-\$1,200 which is more than adequate to fund my trip. I try to start small and go big, businesswise. The first year I had about 40 sponsors donating between \$2 and \$200 each. Last year, I lowered it to about 20 sponsors willing to give between \$15-\$100. One day I'll land \$500 or \$1,000 sponsors. Until I do, I can't go wrong with my present methods.

Chad Hyatt, Indianapolis, IN

Chad,

Let me first thank you for expressing your views. NHPA Officers do occasionally visit charters with problems, but like everything else, we must be very selective in where and how we spend the limited funds made available through membership dues. Training and informational seminars with all charter officers would be helpful but it is cost prohibitive. Trial memberships is not a new idea but we feel new introduction at club outings or league nights is better than trying to

work out the logistics of allowing free sanctioned play over an undetermined length of time. A national coaching program would be nice.

All four of these ideas would cost a great deal of time and money. You didn't suggest where the funds would be found. Certainly current membership dues and the time available to elected officers at both the national and local level, most who still work for a living, is not sufficient to implement such grandiose programs in an organization as small as ours. It's nice to be an idealist, but in a sport that is still perceived by much of the general public, media and potential sponsors to be a backyard game, we have to be practical. That means doing what we can with the volunteers and limited resources available to us.

Dave Loucks, NHPA President

SUPPORT LEAGUE PLAY

In the March/April *Newsline* there were articles reporting the decrease in NHPA Sanctioned League participation, as well as a decrease in total NHPA membership. These two subjects are closely related, as the Missouri Charter can attest. When a large sanctioned league is lost, the membership figure decreases. Our officers are working very hard to get that league reactivated to sanctioned status for 1995. We also encourage the formation of new sanctioned leagues, whenever the opportunity arises. I believe Beverly Born probably fields quite a few inquiries from our state.

As a charter officer, I've often stated that I believe the Sanctioned Club/League program to be the most effective tool the NHPA has going, if only the individual charters would realize that fact and promote the formation of more leagues. Too many times we still appear to place our main focus on sanctioned tournaments. With the advent of more leagues, the sanctioned tournaments will come, as the pitchers will be clamoring for more opportunities to acquire their necessary tournament averages to go on to more prominent events.

Leagues don't have to be large to start. If conducted properly, many will soon outgrow their facilities, thereby causing the use of more than one night a week for league play.

Members Voice Their Opinions

League officers must be hardworking and dedicated people. Their rewards are few. However, if the NHPA is to grow by any appreciable numbers, I believe this is the route that must be pursued.

I would like to challenge all charter officers. Are you content to see your numbers dwindle, or are you ready to roll up your sleeves and see what you can do to bring about increased participation in your state. To you who are not charter officers, you can also play a part. Perhaps you can help organize a new league or help encourage one that is faltering. There is a way that almost every willing person can be of help, but you'll never know what can be accomplished if you don't try. I believe that your successes will greatly outnumber your failures. Let's all work together to turn around this downward trend.

Vicki Winston, Sec./Treas.
Missouri Charter

FILLING SCOREKEEPER CHAIRS

The World Tournament schedule sent to all 1994 entrants contained a column called "May I Keep Score." The last line says "If you can't do these things it is best you be a spectator." (After a long list of qualifications—too long to retype.)

My husband and I use the World Tournament as our vacation—or part of our vacation. (And I suspect a large majority of the horseshoe pitchers do the same.) I do not want to spend my vacation keeping score at the World Tournament. (I want to watch my husband pitch.)

However, after listening to begging, begging and more begging to the spectators, I did keep score instead of watching. (As did many others in the bleachers—so that their spouse, friends, etc. did not have to keep his/her own score.)

Then I read in the *Newsline* that stats are kept on the "errors" made on scoresheets. After reading about all the "errors"—I'm sure the sign-up sheet for scorekeepers will be overflowing, per usual, again this year.

I know there are some members who would *die* if they could not keep

score, and I believe in doing my part (and I believe I *do* my part for horseshoes)—but the World Tournament is my vacation and I want to take that week or so off from horseshoe paperwork, etc.

Aren't there any youth groups or church groups in the host club area that could be hired and taught to do this scoring? Perhaps the NHPA could even add a little bonus incentive (\$) to these groups to get the job done.

I know this letter probably won't make the *Newsline*, but at least it is off my chest. Perhaps the NHPA officers will give this some serious thought.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Manns, Painesville, OH

Jeannie,

We realize that the World Tournament is vacation time for many entrants and that not all want to use spare time to keep score. Filling scorekeeper chairs is always difficult for some shifts but last year was worse than most. Hopefully it will be better in Perry this year but with comfortable seating above, we may be faced with another difficult year.

All hosts have the option of trying to find civic groups to keep score. The NHPA does not discourage this idea. Our biggest concern, however, is that different areas of the country often call and keep score differently than what is supposed to be the national uniform method. Any civic group not familiar with the game would hear many calls totally unfamiliar with what they were taught. Trying to decipher those calls would be more of a problem for them than it is for regular players.

I thank you and others who came down out of the stands to take a scoring chair. Many did not, but they still expected someone to keep score for them when they were scheduled to pitch. If every entrant would keep score for only one half the number of games they pitch, they would earn back all they had to pay and the chairs would be filled. Someday we will resolve the scoring problems, perhaps with civic groups as you suggest, perhaps with electronic boards keyed by the players themselves. Until then, we will have to rely on one another.

Dave Loucks

CANCELLED RINGERS SHOULD BE CALLED "DEAD"!

After reading the article *Errors, Errors, Errors* on page 25 of the January/February *Newsline*, I was looking over the scoresheet that showed how to fill out a scoresheet. As I went over the recommended way to call your score, I noticed that the sheet was different from any that I had seen before. On this sample sheet it showed to call Four Dead as "2 ringers each, no score." Where did this come from? (*Editor note: From an old form still in use.*)

On page 8 of our current rule book, under "Calling the Score," we are instructed to call four ringers "Four Dead." My biggest pet peeve in horseshoe pitching has been, over the years, this changing of how we call out our scores.

I remember when we always called all dead ringers "dead," such as, what we are now supposed to call "3 ringers, 3 points" we used to call "2 dead, 3 points." "One ringer each, 1 point," or "1 ringer each, no score," as we are now supposed to call it, used to be called "2 dead, 1 point" or "2 dead, no score," respectively.

Out here in the Southwest, the wind blows almost constantly. Our Charter (Texas) allows the scorekeepers to sit outside the horseshoe courts. At some of the tournaments, tarps have been put up for shade.

Now, put this scene in your mind. You are keeping score. You are sitting on the South end of the courts; the wind is blowing out of the Southwest at ten to twenty MPH. The tarps that are used for shade are really flapping in the wind. You have groups of people sitting around (in the shade) visiting. Some kids are also playing nearby. Horseshoe pitchers are not just a bunch of ol' fogies, you know. Some are young people with kids. This is a family sport, is it not?

Now back to my point. The pitchers on the court that you are keeping score for pitch to the North end of the courts. They walk down and find they have three ringers on the stake. The pitcher that scores calls out "3

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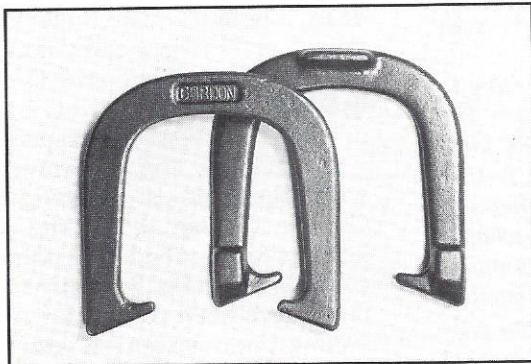
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ringers, 3 points." Now remember, the wind is blowing, the tarp is flapping, the kids are hollering; the people around you are talking. You hear "ringer, 3 points" and write that down.

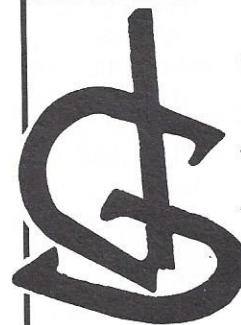
You laugh at the above scene and at what the scorekeeper wrote down? I have actually seen scorekeepers do this or vice-versa, "2 ringers, 3 points" for 1 ringer, 3 points."

Now take the same above-mentioned scene, but instead of the pitchers calling "3 ringers, 3 points," they call "2 dead, 3 points." There is no other combination of points scored that you, the scorekeeper, can mistake for "2 dead, 3 points." Go ahead, try it! Run through all the scoring combinations. By calling dead ringers "dead," you cannot confuse what the pitcher said.

I know that it is too late to get an amendment to our Fifth Vice-President, Casey Sluys, for this year's vote at the National Convention, but Casey will sure have one in his hands for the 1997 meeting when we amend the rules again.

I'm going to propose an amendment to call all dead ringers "DEAD" and hope to get it put in the proposed amendments for all of the delegates from all of the charters to vote on.

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How Much Can A Charter Do?

Let's Take A Look!

by Bob Dunn

In the March 1995 Washington State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association newsletter *ShoesNews*, a number of comments and announcements were made related to their Junior programs. Promotion of Junior membership is definitely a constant theme throughout the annual activity of the charter. It is interesting to note the magnitude of some of the individual efforts. Here are highlights of Junior related items in the Washington State Charter.

Renewing An Old Thank You

by President Pat Quinn

You have all read this before, as each year we thank Francis Winnie Winetrout for his unending support of horseshoe pitching in our state. As Winnie approaches 90 years we should all hope to be as active and interested in horseshoes as Winnie continues to be. Other states have noted how lucky we are to have Winnie. Each year Winnie draws from his savings and donates to WSHPA \$10,000 for supporting the Winetrout Series and the Junior Scholarship Fund. Winnie was a hard working man during his working years. He remembers what sport and friends meant during his early years and continues to remember us to this very day. Don't be shy when you see Winnie. Come over and say hello and maybe even a thank you.

Spokane Club Does It Again!

For the third straight year Spokane has conducted a horseshoe pitching tournament at the Agricultural Exposition held in the Coliseum. The event was Jan. 17-18. They have 4 portable courts and 14 doubles teams were set up. Chuck Holden organized the event using count-all 90% handicap method. There was \$2,000 prize money spread out over 8 places. The money winners receive goes to the school of their choice into a scholarship fund. Many small communities around Eastern Washington were represented. Vern Sauter, Bud Reinbold of Davenport, WA took first place, winning \$600. Thanks to Spokane for getting horseshoes out to the public. Any other clubs do such things? Let's hear about it.

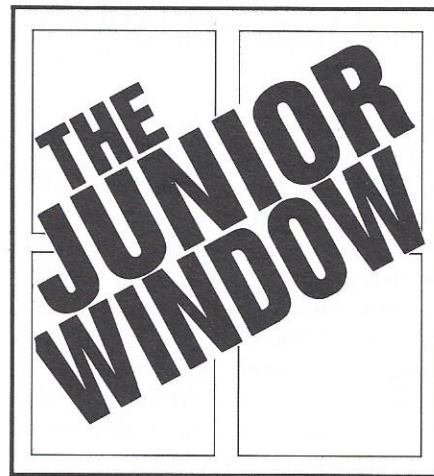
Chelan and Young People

A little was mentioned in the January issue of this publication but a bit more needs to be said. Duane Moeller, John McLoughlin, Dick Clark and two coaches have been involved at the High School getting horseshoe pitching introduced as a lifetime sport. About four classes of Phys Ed at 30 students each are participating. Duane sure could use some extra shoes to promote this program. Harold Lemon has also been talking to Brewster and Pateros Phys Ed classes on the same thing. Sounds like more and more of us are getting concerned about young people getting started in horseshoe pitching. Right on!

Attractiveness of Horseshoe Pitching For Juniors

Our Promotions Chairman, Art Sperber, has been very busy this Fall developing a plan to recruit more Juniors to our favorite sport. Here are some of the highlights:

1. Free membership dues
2. Free *ShoesNews* if parents aren't members
3. Free prize for a Junior who brings another Junior pitcher. There are several other promos already in place to add to this.



Art, Winnie, Jim and Phyllis, and the Wood family continue to successfully get more Juniors. Recently at Winetrout 2, we had 12 Juniors. As you can see, the results are showing. When any of these people ask for donations for Juniors please help. It's our future generation out there. Get behind it, every little bit helps. Thanks.

No charter has success in gaining Junior members without individual member's efforts to recruit or provide Junior activity and events. But that doesn't happen without leadership as displayed by the Washington State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association officers and committee directors. We all can appreciate the steps and example initiative taken by this charter.

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Junior Jottings

■ The 6th edition of the NHPA Sanctioned League Program handbook, the *Red Book*, is now available for the 1995 season. Program Director, Bev Born, has achieved a major task in maintaining the update of this comprehensive book of guidelines and explanation of our Sanctioned League Program. All directors of Junior leagues should request the updated copy—All those interested in starting a Junior program should request a copy of the *Red Book*, immediately.

■ The Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards program is defined in the *Red Book*. Every league director and charter officer should be fully aware of this program and the guidelines. A year ago the scholarship awards were more than doubled and now four award plaques are presented. Surely all eligible Juniors should be entered in this award program. That will not happen unless all adult officers are aware of the program.

■ Pitching distances—the new edition of the *Red Book* has rewording covering the pitching distances in Junior Leagues. “Any Junior, regardless of age, may belong to and pitch with a NHPA Sanctioned Junior League. Any Junior, age 12 or under, may be allowed to pitch from a minimum of 20 feet and a maximum of 30 feet. Any Junior that does pitch from less than 30 feet will not be eligible for any awards through this program (with the exception being Junior League Membership Patches and Certificates of Achievement).

Junior League Member Patches will be given, one time only, for their first year as a member. To become eligible for any of the other awards, they must first move to a distance of at least 30 feet and pitch a minimum of 400 shoes. All Juniors, regardless of their age or pitching distance, must be listed on the mandatory Annual Membership Report and it must be noted on this report if they are pitching from less than 30 feet. Do not submit any person pitching from less than 30 on the Final Stat Sheets, Top Ten, or Scholar Pitching Forms. They are not eligible for any of these awards.

All Junior members, regardless of age or pitching distance, must be full NHPA/State of residence paid members. There are no exceptions to this rule. This is a great plus to the Junior Program. Any age or skill level can be an active member and participant in a Junior League. The very young have some perks and as their growth allows for increased skills, can graduate to 30 feet and eligibility for all award categories.

■ The 1994 membership stats have been published and there is some good news and also some concerns. In 1994, there were 896 NHPA Junior members. This is the second highest total ever, and 43 more than in 1993. Our highest total was in 1992 with 922 Junior members. The concern is, why haven't we exceeded 1,000 or even 2,000 youth? With 60 charters we now average 14.7 Junior

members within each charter. That is not a lot. Five states exceed 50 Junior members, so we know it can be accomplished. If each charter had 50 Junior members, there would be a total enrollment of over 3,000 Junior NHPA members.

■ There is also a decline in Junior members pitching in Sanctioned Leagues. In 1994, 388 Juniors participated in the NHPA Sanctioned League Program as compared to 411 in 1993 and 504 in 1992. The NHPA Sanctioned League Program is one of the best for youth of all sport programs. Charter officers need to be aware and be active in seeing that our youth have the opportunity to pitch in a sanctioned league setting and therefore are eligible for the Scholar Pitcher Awards Program, National Top Ten Awards and the other benefits available. Less than 50% of our Junior members pitch in a sanctioned league. We can improve on that!

■ Charles Brunner (WVHPA), made a fine offer to the Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission. He provided copies of the Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching and the NHPA Sanctioned League Program *Red Book* and committed to pay the membership for ten Junior pitchers if the department will sponsor a Junior League this year. A great offer and let's all wish this promotion effort success.

■ There are numerous promotion efforts that go unmentioned in our Junior Window, mainly because those efforts are never reported. Sometimes I receive a copy of a charter newsletter and find meaningful material that belongs in this series. Would each charter editor please consider putting me on your mailing list? Some JPD's are very good about reporting Junior news, some are not, so this would certainly help get better representation across the country of those making contribution to improve our Junior program. Thank you.

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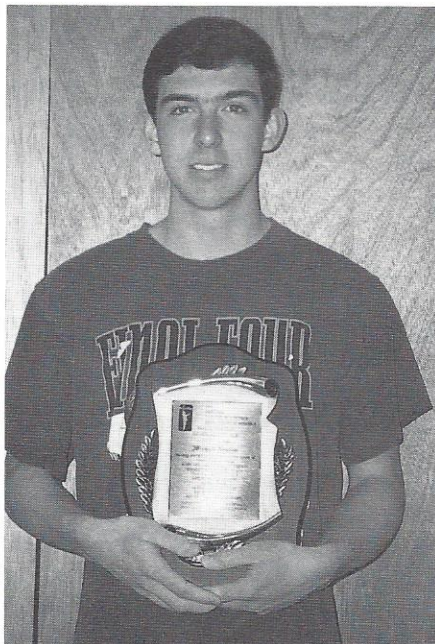
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1993-94 School Term Junior Scholars

In the last issue we announced the winners of four NHPA Junior Trust Awards for outstanding scholastic performance while playing in a Sanctioned League. Sixteen juniors met the minimum B grade point average to be considered. The top four were each awarded plaques and with the NHPA setting aside \$1,000 in trust funds split among the four winners. \$275 went into accounts for brother and sister Michael and Michelle Newton of South Dakota, \$250 for Cassandra Willms of Minnesota and \$200 for Paul Iverson of Wisconsin. Here's what each of them had to say.



Michael Newton

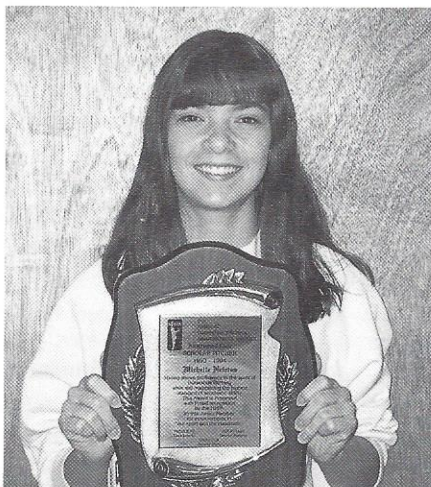
I am a sophomore attending Douglas High School in South Dakota. During my freshman year, I participated on the basketball, knowledge bowl, and track school teams. I also bowled in a league and played baseball.

Last summer was a very interesting and exciting summer for me. Before the World Tournament, I went on a trip to Yellowstone National Park and then to scenic Idaho for a week. As soon as I returned home, I repacked my bags and left for Syracuse, where I finished 2nd in Class A at the World Horseshoe Tournament. Dur-

ing my spare time, I went sightseeing around Syracuse and collected a few butterflies.

After the World Tournament was over, I went to Connecticut to see my relatives and then to Cape Cod for a few days. When I finally returned home, I defended my South Dakota state title, rested for a couple of days and then went to school.

I want to thank the NHPA for having the opportunity to earn scholarship awards.



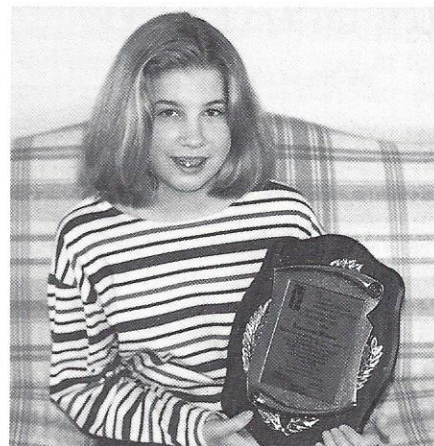
Michelle Newton

During my '93-'94 school year, I was involved in volleyball, track, drama, the school newspaper, and bowling. By this time I've learned how to fit all of these activities into my schedule.

In volleyball, I was the captain of the team, and voted the best all-around 7th grade player. In drama, I received the lead role in the play "Hospital." During track season, our 1600 meter relay team broke a school record.

For summer vacation, my family traveled to Cape Cod after the World Horseshoe Tournament. We stayed in a beach house with some of my parents' friends for a couple of days. Then we journeyed 2,000 miles back to our home, Ellsworth A.F.B., South Dakota.

Thanks to the NHPA for this award—it's nice to know that my hard work at school is already being rewarded for my college future.



Cassandra Willms

I am 13 years of age and attend the 7th grade at Inver Grove Heights Middle School. I actively participate in soccer and basketball sports in school and am also a member of the school choir and an active youth member of my church.

I've been part of a local community dance group for 10 years. The last 5 years have been in dance competition involving Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, and Clogging dancing.

Pitching horseshoes in the West St. Paul Junior Horseshoe League for the past two years has been every enjoyable. I hope to continue and thank the NHPA for the award and opportunity.

Paul Iverson

(not pictured)

I'm a 14 year old eighth grade student at Unity Middle School in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. I have many interests outside of school programs.

As a member of the Boy Scouts, I'm just two badges short of receiving my Eagle rank. Ski racing is enjoyable for me as a member of the Trollhaugen ski team. During the summer, I do a lot of swimming and hope to become a lifeguard this year. Every Tuesday evening for the past four years, I have participated in the "Close Doesn't Count" Junior Horseshoe League. It has been an enjoyable experience for me and I want to thank them and the NHPA for this junior scholar honor.

Ray Williams IN SHADOW

by Stewart Snyder

Ray Williams stands deep in shadow cast by his freewheeling, innovative approach to performance of the horseshoe sport. This shadow has two parts, **One**—Ray, the father of 6-time World Champion Horseshoe Pitcher, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and his three brothers—Jeff, a Jr. World Champion; the other two worthy opponents on court; and three sisters, all horseshoe pitchers.

Two—Ray Williams, in late '60s, early '70s, was possessed of advanced ideas, many put into practice in Northern California. Ray put into play the Western States Open Tournament, a 5-year favorite, held mid-winter on indoor portable courts in the Little Cow Palace (subservient to San Francisco's original Cow Palace) in Eureka, CA.

During a recent interview, Ray spoke with spirited recall of many firsts he set in motion for advancement of the sport. He stressed "Without fresh ideas put into practice, growth of the horseshoe sport would stagnate."

Base for initiation of many ideas was the 1973 World Horseshoe Tournament held in Eureka. His list of firsts, all Blue Ribbon ideas follows:



- World Tournament held on indoor, portable courts under controlled conditions with raised walkways between stakes.
- W.T. to offer pitching opportunity to all who came, by adding groups.
- W.T. to offer \$10,000 total prize money.
- W.T. to grant \$1,000 World Champion prize.
- W.T. to furnish bleachers to accommodate 2,500.
- W.T. to charge admission, \$1 per day—\$5 for all games.
- W.T. to initiate scholarship for Junior winner—\$250.

Ray's innovative grasp of the horseshoe sport and his distinctive promotional input have faded from the scene, nevertheless he stands in the background, a reflected image, escaping direct spotlight in print, all the while sharing his family's successes.

New Promotional Appointment

by Dave Loucks

A new NHPA position has been established, a National Promotion Director. At the same time, I have also approved the establishment of a Senior Promotion Director position.

The National Promotion Director will become involved with all efforts to expand promotion, growth, recognition and participation in the NHPA. I have chosen former Junior Promotion Director, Bob Dunn to become the new National Promotion Director.

Don Titcomb is being named the new Senior Promotion Director and we have begun the search for a new Junior Director to replace Bob Dunn. Both the Junior and Senior Director positions will report to the National Director. In addition, at least initially, investigation and development of new video and sponsorship programs will also be the responsibility of the National Promotion Director.

Some of the first and basic goals of this new position will be:

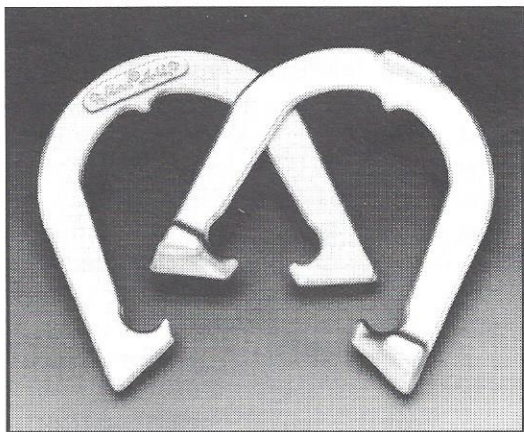
- Review, revise and expand promotional related material in the NHPA.
- Develop plans and coordinate efforts to improve communication exchanges of promotional activities throughout all NHPA Charters.
- Work with the new Junior and Senior Directors defining their programs.
- Work with NHPA 5th VP to develop new and coordinated promotional activities of our Regional Director program.
- Study, develop and report ways to increase sponsor participation.
- Create more attention to the Presidential Sports Award program.
- Define and develop methods to increase NHPA membership and awareness.
- Keep the general membership apprised through an expanded promotional column in *Newsline*.

I want to thank Bob Dunn and Don Titcomb for accepting these new and challenging positions. They will be working on projects very vital to the future growth of the NHPA and I encourage every member to support their activities.

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Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

Perhaps a little prejudice, but I personally believe this program is a good one. It gives me a nice feeling to know and hear of others that feel this way. Like one letter I read from Jim Atwell of the Burbank-Joslyn Club of CA which he had written to the Regional Director David Garbani.

Perhaps not quoted word for word, but Jim wrote "this is our eleventh year as a participant in the NHPA Sanctioned Club program. This is a fantastic program. It is clear that some may not understand this program and they need to get a *Red Book* from Beverly Born and read it! Once you understand the program, your club will join and participate. Always keep in mind that this is a promotional program and if what you want to do promotes horseshoe pitching, then you are within the boundaries of the Sanctioned Club/League program."

Thank you, Jim, for your kind words, and support of horseshoes and this program.

There is another who must be truly dedicated, a sanctioned club member, who could possibly hold a world record for distance traveled to pitch with the Try County Club in Ohio. A whopping 125 miles (one way) each week! 11,000 miles over the past two winters. This year the Club presented him with a trophy, depicting the van he drives, horseshoes and mileage driven. Congratulations and sincere "thanks" to Ottie Reno for this love of horseshoes and support of this club.

Some '95 membership reports are being received that do not show a pitcher's entire NHPA card number. The numbers are a total of seven digits and each digit is important. With permanent card numbers started last year, the last digit is vital and must be shown on your membership reports. Example: 200001.4, must now be 200001.5, .6 for '96, etc. It is extremely urgent that this .5 be shown. This is the only way that I can know that each member has renewed their cards from the

presiding year. This last digit, being correct, will be a verification that the person completing the form has actually viewed each pitcher's card and will be sure that it is for the current year and that they have not just copied the number from a previous year's list of numbers.

These cards will change in color each year. By knowing the current color you can tell at a glance if this member has or has not paid the current year's dues. If it is not (pink for '95) then you must see that the person gets a new one ASAP or not allow them to pitch in any sanctioned events. Last year's cards were yellow.

Another reminder—please send in membership reports just as early, each year, as possible. Your sanction is not valid until this report has

been received in this office. If, at least report #1 has not been received and you should have an insurance claim, it might not be honored, because your sanction has not yet been validated for the current year.

It won't be long 'til World, in Georgia. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and meeting new ones. I will be running for re-election as your 3rd VP and National CL/LG Director. Your continued support and the votes of your Charter's delegates would be greatly appreciated, so I may continue enjoying working with, and for, all of you. Win, lose or draw, I want you to all know that it has, in the past, and will be in the future, my pleasure to be of service to the many great people in this "terrific" organization.

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News Release

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The Minneapolis Open Tournament is now history, joining the great tournaments held at Loring Park. This event was held during aquatennial week and was the first held in the park since 1981. It was really great to see all of the Loring Alumni come and help support the Minneapolis Club's efforts to implement its "Shoes for the Parks" program.

With the pitchers' entry fees and the generous help of St. Pierre Manufacturing Corporation, our club was able to purchase 80 pairs of American model pitching shoes. These shoes went to 23 neighborhood parks so that youth and other park visitors will be able to utilize the existing horseshoe courts. In addition to the pitchers and St. Pierre Corp., our club wants to thank the sponsors of this open tournament. Minneapolis park board and employees, Skyway News, Summit Brewing Company, Harold Chevrolet, Porter's Restau-

ant, Pat and Dave Senger, Mortimer's Bar, Al's Bar, Champion's Restaurant, Wholesale Art and Framing and all of the generous people who kept score without any compensation. Also, a special thanks to Steve Jefferson, Gail and Kay Paulson, who did a great job with the concessions. It was a fun day and we hope everyone will come back next year to historic Loring courts.

During this tournament, a very special gentleman was honored for his achievement with a 40 year commemorative patch. This honor was presented for Al Hendrickson's tremendous efforts to promote our sport. We're pretty sure that Al has been around horseshoes since the substance they land on was invented. His humor and friendship are appreciated by people across the state and nation.

Our club welcomes new members. Contact Gail Paulson, 4810 Nicollet Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55409. (612) 823-5060.

Regional Director's Report

With the World Tournament this Summer comes another reminder to all those that will be in attendance. Check all of the horseshoes you plan on using in the World Tournament before you come to Perry, GA.

It is the pitcher's responsibility to correct any shoe that does not meet the requirements set forth in the NHPA Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching. If you know ahead of time that your shoes are good, it makes the checking at the World much easier on all of us.

The Regional Directors and myself are in the process of logging every Sanctioned Court in the U.S. With the help of the RDs I hope to have the list complete by the World Tournament and then be able to make it available to any interested member this fall. I believe it would be a benefit to members who travel this country and are always looking for courts to play on.

North Carolina RD, Paul Stewart, reports that he is still working with the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department on the new courts at their new park. They are planning on completing ten of the new courts this year and ten more next year. It takes a lot of time to do things when working with city or county governments. Paul is sure these will be first class courts when they are completed.

Paul also reports and adds a little humor, that their membership is running about 6% higher than last year. About 10% new members and about 15% that won't ever renew. This seems to be a problem that we all have, getting all of last year's members back. I guess we could have one-man classes in all our tournaments, that way everyone could win, and maybe they would come back the next year. Those RDs are always coming up with new ways to increase membership.

Wisconsin RD, Jim Haupt, reports that the Wisconsin pitchers in the name of the WHPA, sponsored and

exhibited horseshoes for a ten-day stint at the Milwaukee Sport Show. Association Vice President, Terry Sternberg, enlisted the aid of fifty some members to set up a pair of portable pits and man the exhibit at the Milwaukee show, rated as one of the largest in the Midwest.

One hundred and fifteen thousand people passed through the gates. In the almost constant flow of onlookers, some paused just to see a ringer or two, some wanted to talk or pick up literature, and a few needed directions on where to join in the sport.

They came from throughout the state with questions from everything from court size to where to get that stuff we called "blue clay." World Tournament videos and instructional videos by Dave Loucks and Carl Steinfeldt played constantly.

Match games and a couple of 20 shoe tournaments kept the courts active most of the time and was limited to WHPA NHPA members, but pitchers of every caliber showed their stuff. People marveled at the dexterity exhibited, including the lower class pitchers. The idea was to create an itch for "shoes." Some day a few may scratch it.

Louisiana RD, Ron Latiolais reports their new club called "LA. 70 Ringers" from Morgan City have built ten new courts and will host the LSHPA State Singles Tournament for 1995. He also reports that they will have 20 plus sanctioned tournaments this year and some non-sanctioned to try and recruit new members and that Don Holland, from Shreveport, has been upgrading his courts for the 1995 season.

Northern California RD, Gail Sluys, reports they have established three new clubs this year at the following locations—Willows, with 15 courts, located at Willows Park in the city of Willows. Tulare with 10 sand courts, located at Centennial Park H Street, in Tulare and Redwood Empire with 8 courts located at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds in Eureka.

Eureka is close to the Oregon border and they would like to invite the Oregon pitchers to come on down. For more information please contact Gail. She also reports that their season started in February and has 148 sanctioned tournaments on the schedule. She also said that contrary to news reports they are not all under water in California, but they do hope that it stops soon.

Kansas RD, Duane Goodrich, reports that he is working with the Bureau of Tourism in Garden City. They are interested in drawing tournaments to their newly constructed courts. Interest from that part of the state is a good sign as they do not have many NHPA members in the western part of the state.

Duane also reported that there is a new and beautiful court installation in Bonner Springs, which is only used by the locals in non-sanctioned play. They have elected a new leader in their small organization and he is working with them to increase interest in sanctioned league and sanctioned tournament play. Also as a follow-up to a recent *Newsline* article on the new indoor facility in Wichita. They are using it for sanctioned league play and have attracted a good number of participants in their leagues.

Georgia RD, Al Sandham, reports that he will again this year be running the Georgia Golden Olympics division of horseshoe pitching. It will be held at the Robins Air Force Base in Warner and will be held September 27-30. Although it is not a sanctioned event, they pick up new members as a result of contact at these events.

Utah RD, Bud Schardine, sent on a report from **Southern Utah RD, Shirley Steffen** on a new form of money raising to help fund their State Tournament. As everyone knows it is getting harder all the time to get donations from the business people who don't have it. The suggestion has been made to have a craft sale at the horseshoe courts with crafts made by members or their

by Dick Hansen

spouses. It will be advertised so that non-members will come and buy the crafts. Who knows, they may even stay and watch and new members could be picked up.

South Carolina RD, Ron Taylor, reports that their first three tournaments of 1995 averaged 46 players each which is the best ever start for their Association. A.J. Nave won those three tournaments, so he is well on his way back after last year's illness. In the second tournament six of the eight South Carolina Hall of Famers were participating. They were J.P. Reeves, Bill Gibby, A.J. Nave, Pee Wee Murr, Cecil Willford, and Ron Miller. Ron also reports that work began in April on 18 new courts they are installing at the New York complex and are scheduled to be completed by early summer. This will give their Charter 64 regulation courts. Their membership has been above normal so far this year and they are anticipating another record breaking year.

Hawaii RD, Rodney Nahina, has stepped down as RD for personal reasons. His replacement has yet to be named.

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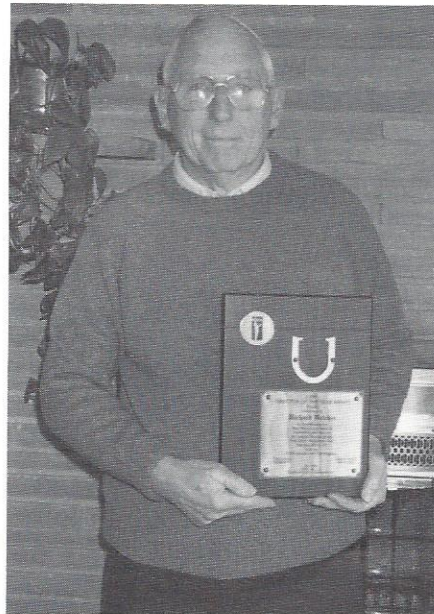
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Richard "Dick" Belcher



It started when I was about twelve years old. My buddy's dad put stakes in a nearby vacant lot and we started pitching horseshoes. From that time on it's been a big part of my life, if only in an unorganized way up to 17 years ago. It wasn't until our volunteer Fire Department's annual picnic in 1977, as we were pitching shoes, that someone suggested I start a league. That seemed to trigger my desire to get other people into the sport so they could enjoy it as much as I do.

In the spring of 1978 I joined the Bloomington, MN Club to gain experience that I would need to run a league. In 1980, after speaking at a couple of bowling banquets and putting up posters in local businesses to recruit players we got our league started. We signed up enough pitchers to create Monday and Wednesday night leagues at twelve members each. In 1981 we joined the NHPA and our state association and enlarged the total membership to 36.

Two years later we increased again to 48 which we carry now.

The City of Savage Council and the Park Board were very cooperative in accommodating our requests to set up courts. They have provided us with twelve sand courts with lighting, a shelter, a water supply, and paved parking.

In 1989 our Star of the North State Games was awarded to our neighboring suburb of Burnsville. Being only the second year in operation, horseshoes was not one of the forty sports involved. They called on me to bring our game into the program and I was appointed Sport Director.

With the help of the Bloomington Club, and their courts, we held a tournament that year and it has been a successful part of the program ever since.

We have also been called upon to demonstrate the sport to the fourth and fifth grade classes from our local elementary school.

Our Dan Patch Club (#81C70) with a membership of 45 to 50 pitchers has remained the same for the last twelve years in spite of a turnover of 8 to 10 every year. All members help to recruit and are committed to the success of the club. A lot of credit goes to my wife, Lolie who does all the typing of the rules, lineups, and schedules each year and helps me with my duties as statistician of the Wednesday league.

I met my wife at Sears, Roebuck where I was employed for forty years. We have three daughters and six granddaughters. I was a volunteer fireman for 22 years and a bowling league secretary for about 20 years. Along with horseshoes, I love the challenge of golf and bowling.

Thanks again for the award.

Sincerely, Dick

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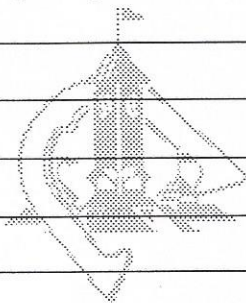
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THE Champion

BY JIM HAUPT

*"Been writing Sports all my life
and I never even heard of
the NHPA until 1980."*

BOB CHAMPION

Dthe following six years the NHPA heard of and read volumes by Bob Champion, of Boulder, Colorado. The upshot was Champion became the successful nominee for the coveted NHPA Arch Stokes Memorial Trophy. This comparative newcomer did it with publicity. Think of it! He could not be considered for the NHPA Hall of Fame—requires ten year membership—but within his first six years of membership, Champion's outstanding publicity work was deemed the most important contribution to the sport of horseshoes in that time span.

Originally of Ohio, Champion actually has been writing Sports all his life. It began with high school basketball write-ups. The fledgling news-hawk reported, "It was really hard to do when you're the captain of the team and, high scorer,...and especially hard to do if you're modest."

One day Champion made a discovery. The creek bottom behind his home was beautiful blue clay. It was reason enough to build a horseshoe court. Eventually Champion ran a four man tournament on that backyard court, just once. It was the only time he had ever written of horseshoes. "Now that's all I write," the NHPA scribe confessed. "Used to sell advertising during the day and write sports at night for a weekly newspaper." When last in Ohio, Champion worked as Sports Editor for the *Lorain Journal*, an Ohio daily newspaper. True to form, Champion now works half days at a bowling alley and all days on his avocation, horseshoes.

Originally his personal favorite par-

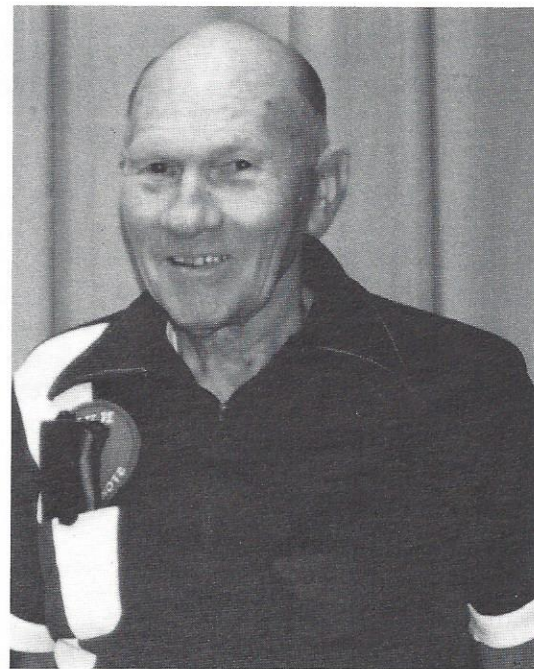
ticipation sport was baseball, fast-pitch baseball. Somewhere down the line the prefix changed to slow-(pitch), and when the Champion finally turned fifty years, the name of the game became no-pitch. He's 76 now and looks forward to free-agency in the over eighty league. Still pitching shoes at 40 feet.

All successful reporters rely on sources. Champion has a weekly lunch date with Russ Bartle, CHPA Secretary, commonly known as the bearded one. Through this association Champion claims to hold the title of unofficial Secretary of Colorado.

Champion the consummate scribbler, finds little time for playing the sport he writes of. For the national publication, *Newsline*, he has a regular "Charter Chatter" column and does periodic feature articles of the top pitchers of the NHPA. At other times he is doing his Editor/Publisher job for his own newsletter *Double Ringer*, covering horseshoe pitching in Colorado, Wyoming and western Nebraska.

1995 marks volume #14 of *Double Ringer* indicating first year of publication as 1981. That year Colorado had just 143 members. Last year ranks swelled to 520 members due, in no small part, to awareness awakened by Champion's *Double Ringer*. It has become the standard for horseshoe newsletters throughout the states. The newsletter's success led to Champion's appointment to Publicity Director for the NHPA in 1986. He now offers his expertise to others conducting a publicity seminar during free time at the various World Tournament sites.

The daily newspaper full of on-



going results published at World Tournament time is another product of Champion enterprises. To help man the World pressroom, Champion hooked up with Ed Quigley of New Jersey who claims, "The first day on the job I didn't show up!" But Quigley also admits he's been on the job with the man he calls, Champ, for five years. (Quigley received an achievement award at the '94 banquet. Certainly it was not for his incessant brand of humor; must be he really does work well with the Champ.) For two weeks during the World the two are like glue, in fact, the pressroom was empty while they were pitching in the same class.

Champion's fondest wish for the NHPA is the advent of some corporate sponsorship to facilitate TV coverage. Publicity gained would be the key, he dreamed, "We'd be in clover." Champion realizes the needed publicity probably will not happen in one fell swoop so he continues to preach grass roots publicity to all who will listen—Each club should have a publicity person. Newspapers are not going to come to you, he warns—you must establish a rapport with a Sports Editor. They are all looking for fresh news, especially weekly community newspapers. And, Champion added, when you write about people, mention their town. Editors will react favorably when their territory is involved.

Hey Champion, is this a forever job for you? "Well, I guess so, as long as I'm able." Unquote, Bob Champion.

Three Bidders for 1997 World

It should be another interesting convention this year as three sites seek to win the right to host the 1997 World Tournament. \$15,000 bids were received from Kitchener, Ontario Canada; St. Louis, Missouri; and Perry, Georgia.

These bidders have far more to say than can be said in a few lines of column. Each will be on site in Perry to preview their city, facility and area attractions. Delegates should plan on visiting their displays and speaking with the site representatives.

Kitchener

Kitchener, who bid last year, is again offering their Memorial Auditorium Complex which has been the site of numerous national and world sports events. The bid this year includes an additional \$10,000 Cana-

dian prize money which represents \$3.00 per registered Canadian player and is meant to equal the \$3.00 set aside taken from NHPA member dues. Also, RV parking will be provided on site making it very convenient for entrants who bring their own rigs.

St. Louis

St. Louis, in conjunction with the Sports Commission and the Missouri Chapter of the NHPA, are seeking the tournament to be held at the America's Center. This site has been host to several major sports events and offers tournament pitchers and family members a centralized location with outstanding restaurants, attractions and reasonable accommodations within walking distance to the America's Center.

Perry

Perry, Georgia, at the National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, site of this year's World Tournament, wants to bring the event back in 1997. Their bid offers all the amenities of this year, an indoor air-conditioned arena, on-site RV parking with full hookups, ample and very reasonably priced motel rooms close by plus the added benefit of tournament experience by being the 1995 host.

Special Reminder To All Charter Presidents

If your charter is to be represented by voting delegates at the 1995 Convention, you must first comply with an action specified in NHPA Bylaws. It says, "the Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, a written and signed list of delegates, naming the delegation Chairman."

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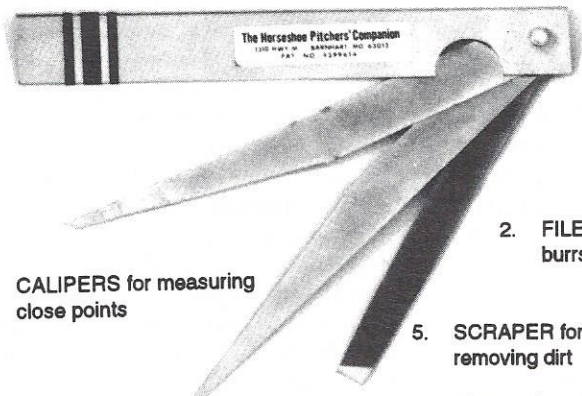
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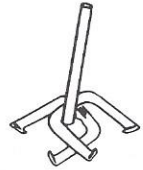
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Bob Champion's

Charter Chatter



Your writer has been editor of the Colorado newsletter *Double Ringer* for 14 years now, and it pleases me to no end when other newsletters pick up stories, cartoons and editorials from my publication.

I'm sure all newsletters welcome the use of their copy anytime other editors think the items are newsworthy—and look at all the time it saves.

Charter publicity directors and officers are always welcome to send newsnotes other than their newsletters to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, CO 80301. It saves me a lot of time, too.

ALABAMA

Looking over the latest Alabama newsletter, the complete 1994 percentages were listed for the 64 members in the State.

Three pitchers are very close at the top with Jack Henderson 65.6, Mickey Connally 65.4 and Debbie Tidwell 65.3. Just think what one more ringer would do.

The list revealed that Ottie Reno and Bob Stowe joined the charter in 1957 and the threesome of Carl Baker, Fred Betterton and Bill Calhoun joined in 1976. I didn't think Judge Ottie was that old.

Debbie Tidwell competed in 26 tournaments in 1994 to top the list, followed by Jack Henderson 25, Michael Byram 24, Bobby Holland 23, Connally 22, Jim Harris 21, with Mangum and Ed short pitching in 20 each.

CALIFORNIA

Jim Gibbons won Class C and Dean Zollinger captured Class D at the annual Las Vegas tournament in January.

In the 1994 highlights Tim Johnson was the most improved man with a plus 20.39. Mate McBride was plus 12.83% for the 30-footers and Gail Kane improved a whopping 31.05 for the women.

Williams had two biggies in the state tournament—a 26 for 26 perfect game and a 97.50. Jeff Williams nailed an 88.0.

The state has many tournaments and Lowell Parnell pitched in 61. One tournament behind was Chet Carter with 60 with Jeff Williams in third spot with 52.

CANADA

The British Columbia Horseshoe Pitchers Association is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1995. The present newsletter editor and president of the association is Sam Tomasevic. Wendy Tomasevic is the secretary.

They have 26 clubs and 700 plus members all belonging to one organized association.

The top five pitchers in each division were included in their excellent *Ringer Round-Up* newsletter. Jim Ball from Central Park heads the men with 65.02, followed by Walter Kinakin 63.47, Lloyd Reyklin 60.94, Jerry Millisa 60.58 and Dennis Mustchin 58.0.

Bernice Busch, Nanaimo, tops the women with 70.71. Next in line are Maryse Atkinson 66.20, Lucey Bryce 63.24, Linda Prentis 58.05 and Joyce Jeffered 57.52. Senior Men leader is Pat Mackie, Chilliwack, 65.52, followed by Tom

Loza 61.33, Bud Price 56.58, Emil Gustafson 51.78 and Bob Faulconer 51.27. Ryan Baldwin heads the Juniors with 75.33.

CONNECTICUT

The state is celebrating 50 years of organized horseshoe pitching and their recent newsletter included percentages of all pitchers in the state as of January 1, 1995.

Topping 50% are thirteen pitchers headed by Norm Rioux with 78.5. The other dozen listed in alphabetical order are Ron Beck 56.4, Pete Bochese 51.9, John Buzik 56.9, Cliff Costello 61.0, Bob Eaton 56.6, John Forti 62.9, Cathy Hansen 56.0, Elaine Hansen 65.7, Al LaTouche 61.5, Dave Lick 55.1, Don Maine 58.5, Joe Peshcko 53.6.

Beck and Maine pitched in 24 tournaments followed by Forti plus Lick and Don Nieto with 18 each.

COLORADO

The Happy Mex and Merry Mex Rich Pintor is now known as the "Cool Mex" following his exciting Class A victory at Las Vegas in January.

Paul LaCrosse, who plans to be in Norway during the Grand Junction Regional in July, will be pitching in the other regional at Socorro, New Mexico. Maybe Colorado can have two at the Nationals in Gillette, Wyoming in 1996. 30-footer Ken Raymond of Rawlins, Wyoming will be trying for the Regional title at Junction. Ken spends a lot of time pitching in Colorado.

The Denver Metro Club purchased eight pits from the Eau Claire, Wisconsin club following the 1987 World. Recently they cut into the concrete floor at the Pitchin' Post to make the pits level with the concrete.

FLORIDA

President Jerry Michalek notes about the new format introduced into the Brevard County Horseshoe Club play in particular for sanctioned tournaments in Cocoa.

It is a handicap event based on 40 or 50 shoe games, double alternate pitch, count-all scoring. Order of finish is based on total points scored. Most tournaments consist of 6 games with no bye.

One of the main attractions of this format is the prize list, made possible by this type of event. Because it is not a class oriented tournament, your prize money is not limited due to number of entries in the class.

There is added prize money from sponsors for this tournament, making it a very lucrative event. Bob Hiltner cashed \$375 plus trophy and second place Pete Peterson nailed \$275 plus trophy.

Including the high game awards and the Nassau, Hiltner walked away with \$491. Peterson won \$357 and Bill Bridges won \$230.

GEORGIA

Plans are in the works to provide 12 practice courts indoors for the World Tournament in Perry, Georgia. They also have the well-manicured 12 courts outdoors. Evening practice is scheduled.

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Georgia continued...

Three familiar names are listed as 1995 tournament directors for Georgia tournaments—Iris Sandham, who is a World Tournament co-record holder in the Senior Women's Division in several single game categories; Larry Morton, who holds the World record for single game, individual in the Intermediate class; and Glen Portt, former NHPA president and two-time World Senior champion (1980 and 1984).

ILLINOIS

For years the NHPA has been trying to find out the first names of some of the World champions in the women's open class. From 1921-1929 they were all listed by "Mrs." Now only one remains unknown.

Bob Dunn from Minnesota located Mrs. C.A. Lanham's (Bloomington, IL) first name as Laura and now only the first name of Mrs. J.R. Mathews is missing. She was from Minneapolis and Dunn is working on this project. Maybe someone else can solve the mystery and give the women some special identity.

The state has initiated something new on their newsletter mailing labels. The pitcher's current ILSPA average is in the top right corner of the label. Mine is listed 0.0. I'm not from Illinois, but the percentage is close.

INDIANA

In an attempt to introduce the game of horseshoes to juniors, Classic City Indoor Courts held a Halloween party. Homer Keen, Northeast Indiana's Junior promoter for NHPA, organized the event. To the surprise of Cam and Jim Shilling, court owners, 34 juniors and several parents attended.

The 6-court facility was filled with juniors. They were given instructions regarding safety and pitching tips, and the pitching continued all afternoon. The activity ended with plenty of food and beverages for everyone. Ages of the boys and girls ranged from 8-15. For most, it was the first time they had ever had a horseshoe in their hands.

KANSAS

One of the new members in Kansas is Jerry Holt, who will be a thorn in the side of Class A pitchers in the state. They are very glad to have Jerry in Wichita. He is the pastor of Crusader Baptist Church, so if the local pitchers are without a church, or just would like to visit, he would welcome you.

Buzz Jones, wife Vonnie and Ron Frederick from Woodward, OK placed third in the three-person team tournament at Jack Freeman's Joelton, Tennessee facility. Buzz reports it was truly beautiful—18 indoor courts and at least that many outside covered by a roof. Jack says "come on down sometime." Maybe the World will be there someday.

Mary Ann Peninger is listed as number 41 in the list of top women pitchers in the World.

MICHIGAN

Kent Rundell was the 14th highest NatStats for ringer average (as of 3/31) for Elder 30-foot pitchers. Kent's average was 67.8%. Maybe it's time for him to compete at the World.

Steve Summerlin is Michigan's new regional director. Steve replaced John Decker who resigned due to health problems and a new work commitment.

Duane Govitz and Dick Pelton are the Class A doubles champions with a 7-1 record and a 58% figure. Winning Class B are Ralph Matchko and Jerry Miele with 5-0 record and 44.8%. The Class C top duo is Jim Urie and Bob Warner, 5-0, 41.20. Richard Jaskot and Tammy Tanner took Class D with 28% and 4-1 record.

Michigan's membership meeting was a busy day for the members. It included a bowling tournament at 9 a.m., potluck lunch at noon, the membership meeting at 1 p.m. and the scheduling meeting at 2 p.m.

MISSOURI

Vicki Winston, Missouri secretary, writes in a recent newsletter: "Have noticed lately that more husband and wife duos are taking part in our sport. We have one couple who takes their love of horseshoes to Arizona every winter. Charles and Nadine Rough, of the Kansas City Heart of America Club, tell me that when they are away they have competed in the Senior Olympics the past three years. Nadine has won the gold medal all three years. Charles won the gold in 1992, a silver in 1993 and a bronze in 1994. They were told that 1992 was the first year that a husband and wife have won the gold.

Of course, we know that when it comes to longevity in horseshoes the team of Earl and Vicki Winston have a handle on all the husband and wife combinations—Vicki is a 10-time World Champion and still is giving the top pitchers fits on the World Tournament courts.

MINNESOTA

Vance Harren will not take advantage of the new rule allowing juniors to pitch until they are 18 years old. The 17 year old flinger from Badger won the 1994 World Junior Championship last July in Syracuse.

Bev Nathe, St. Stephens, headed up a list of Top Ten pitchers and received the Pitcher of the Year Award at the 1994 Awards banquet at Hibbing. Runner-up was Dale Lipovsky, three points behind Nathe. Both are state champions.

Other Top Ten honors and plaques went to Gerald Stangland, Mark Baumann, Bud Gedatus, Mike Dowling, Bill Larson, Mary Matuke, Ed Ackman, and Edi Holland.

Five Minnesota pitchers, individuals who were involved in horseshoes prior to 1940 were inducted into the Founders Hall of Fame. They are Ben Leighton, Alex Cummings, Allen F. Hay, Minnie Hay and the John Dahl Family.

The late Frank Stinson appeared in 40 State tournaments, winning 8 from 1925-1980. Dale Lipovsky has appeared in 23, winning 15. Stinson had 283 wins in those 40 tournaments. Lipovsky now has 184.

NEW JERSEY

Eight West Essex pitchers qualified for the NHPA percentage patches during last season, provided the member has pitched a game in the next higher 10% bracket over the previously earned patch. Those receiv-

CHARTER CHATTER

ing patches were Paris (60%), Nate Shelton (58%), Hobart Shelton (42%), West (40%), Hopler (26%), Vnencal (24%), Flavelle (20%) and Dodgson, Jr. (16%). It would have been nice to have first names, but they were not available.

Club members who won major tournaments during the year were Nate Shelton, who won the Class C State championship and the World Class N Championship; Ron Ballinger, the Class C-2 World title, and Hobart Shelton the Class D State crown.

Additional lights were recently installed at the West Essex courts. Things are looking brighter.

NEBRASKA

Tom Durham of Madison won a gold medal in the horseshoe event of the Nebraska State Senior Olympics last year at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney.

Durham plans on printing a newsletter in 1996 to include news about the State. He writes that he may have a new shoe out later.

Five pitchers from Western Nebraska came home with first place honors in the 1994 State Tournament. The winners were Bill Turechek in Class A, Sid Dubbs in Class F, Bill Hayward in "G", Margaret Kleich in Women's Class B, and Jeff Johns in Boys' Class A.

NORTH CAROLINA

Thanks to Randall Jones, North Carolina became the 38th state to join the NHPA. Tournaments held before 1959 were associated with the National Amateur Athletic Union (NAAU) of which horseshoes was a very small section.

The NHPA *News Digest* once reported that "Jones of Winston Salem is a hard working organizer who knows how to get things done." Randall is credited with submitting the best formula to solve the problem of triple ties. His suggestion was later adopted and included in the NHPA By-Laws.

After forming the NC chapter, Randall served as secretary-treasurer and southeastern regional director from 1959-1967.

LOUISIANA

The LSHPA will continue the practice of furnishing matching funds up to \$500 to any state approved club or association for improvement of their court areas. The chairman in 1995 is 1st vice president Skip Greco.

Captain Bob Scully reports that ten new courts have been installed at Kemper Park in Patteson. These courts have paved walkways the entire width and length of the court area, and are furnished with standard angle welded pegs and filled with sand. The latter may have some inducement for those who still resist clay.

The Annual Harahan awards banquet was another gala affair with numerous awards to the winners. Rookie awards went to Sandy Marino and Tony Roussell. Most Improved awards went to Wayne Martinez and Darlene Bye. Sportsmanship winners were Gail Guidry and Bruce Gunter. Award winners received attractive navy blue jackets with an NHPA patch. The President's award was given to Skip Greco by Bob Hogan.

OKLAHOMA

Before Jerry Holt departed for Kansas with a stop in Iowa, he was several times Oklahoma State Champion. They have now inducted him into their Hall of Fame.

Four OHPA members won medals at the State Senior Olympics in Tulsa and some of them will compete in the National Senior Olympics in May in San Antonio. They are Zan Nelson, Leon Bowling, Bob Reese and Ted Williams.

The Sure Ringers Club is creating much interest in horseshoe pitching in the state and several new members have signed from that area. With new horseshoe pitching facilities in eastern Oklahoma at Ada, Sand Springs, Wright City and Glenpool and rumors of some to be built by the city of Keifer, the OHPA membership is holding its own.

Larry Fordyce is a one-man gang trying to keep the sport of horseshoe pitching active in summer and winter. Winter games are held inside the large Myriad Center in Oklahoma City and the summer competition at the Edmond courts, which Larry is essentially keeping in playing condition by himself.

OREGON

The "Play Dough" (bread dough) experiment at Wren ended in January after a poll of the Corvallis members indicated that the majority would rather return to clay. It seems that the inability to control the moisture content and an oily residue from the dough, was the reason. Dough from three of the courts was removed to a landfill while the fourth court's dough has been retained for further experimentation. It is hoped that some insight from those who are using dough in other parts of the country can provide additional hints for improving it.

Three Oregon pitchers are among the top ranked by NatStats. Ben Wiedrich in the Men, Patty Sapp in the Women and Lowell Davis in the Elders.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Norman Kelley of Greenville and Cecil Williford of Rock Hill were inducted into the State Hall of Fame last November.

Plans are in the works for 18 new courts at the complex in York. These courts will be state of the art with concrete walks, bleachers, a picnic shelter, paved parking and a nearby playground for the kids. Ken McRae and Ron Taylor will be heading up and directing the work on the courts. The city of York plans to make a bid for the State Tournaments and other tournaments in the future.

The state's newest club is in Lockhart. Much work is being done at the courts, including a shelter and benches along with the addition of four more regulation courts before summertime. The effort is being helped by Assistant Regional Director Keith Queen who was instrumental in the organization of the club.

NEW YORK

Jimmy Gee, one of 10 NYSHPA pitchers in the 408 entries at Las Vegas, won the Class G ladder finals. He faced Marlys Timm from Minnesota, who was undefeated
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New York *continued...*

in the prelims, in the final game, nailing nine ringers in the last 12 shoes to walk away the champion.

A few charters are feeling pinched for the lack of sanctioned tournaments to meet World and Regional qualifications. New York is among them and President Jack Stenberg is working on several solutions including some mini-sanctioned events.

UTAH

The Southern Utah Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc. will have several awards to be presented at the Ice Breaker Open.

Winners are Cleo Wardle for the most wins—John Bracken, High Ringer Percentage; Kent Pendleton, Most Improved; Stacey Glendon, Top Junior Ringer Percentage, Most Wins and Most Improved.

Also the Sportsmanship and Player of the Year awards will be presented. The "I Tried" award will be presented to the pitcher who lost the most games.

One wonders who keeps track of all the money won in horseshoe tournaments, but it is done in Southern Utah. They have listed the top 100 money winners with Lorin Condie pocketing \$1,742.71. Dennis Ohms nailed \$1,644.28, John Bracken won \$1,430.78, Glen McAllister \$1,310.67, L.D. Alldredge \$1,260.50, Shirley Steffen \$1,236.09, Cleo Wardle \$1,157.15, J.J. Steffen \$1,065.67, Cal Sorensen \$993.56 and A. Lee Jones \$958.99 to mention the top ten.

TENNESSEE

Kendra Lee, a ten-year old fourth grader from Chattanooga, pitched in her first sanctioned tournament January 7. Sue Snyder, the Women's 1994 World champion, was on hand to help Kendra with her game. She is the first girl in Tennessee to pitch in a sanctioned tournament and be a member of NHPA/THPA.

Jack Freeman has appointed Jim Adkerson, Willis Grant, Roger Norwood, Dexter Stallings, and Don Ward to the Hall of Fame Committee for 1995. Guidelines have been set to select a Horseshoe Pitcher of the Year for 1995. Points will be awarded for all positions in all classes.

Freeman, the driving force behind the fine courts at Joelton, underwent surgery for a herniated disc in his neck on March 2.

At the Mid-winter Open held January 21, the 8-person "A" class finished in the same order in which they started. This doesn't happen very often, in an 8-person class. Sorry, we didn't have any names.

VIRGINIA

Ceil Monday received the Longevity award for 42 years of NHPA membership. Ceil won his first state singles title back in 1963.

Player of the Year awards for the most games won in their class were given to Dave Moser in the Men's division, 48 wins; Amy Monday in the Women's division, 54 wins; Lenwood Conner, Jr. in the Junior class, 66 wins; and Carl Staton in Men's 30-foot, 34 wins.

The State championship produced a new Class A winner. Denny Davis of Buena Vista won over 12-year perennial Alvin Perry, who was runner-up and Lane Foley in third place.

Seventeen-year old World class pitcher Lenwood Conner, Jr. in the Junior division entered the tournament with an 85% average and nailed a cool 87.5 to win in an 8-person class.

WASHINGTON

Alice Van Egdom from Lynden was the State's Hall of Fame honoree in 1994. Husband Bill received the honor in 1990.

Each year they honor Francis "Winnie" Winetrout in Washington for his unending support of horseshoe pitching in the state. As Winnie approaches 90 years, we should all hope to be as active and interested in our sport as he continues to be.

Each year Winnie draws from his savings and donates \$10,000 to WSHPA for supporting the Winetrout series and the junior scholarship fund. Pitchers are urged to visit him at Winetrout number 6. He received the Stokes Memorial Award at the 1993 World Awards Banquet.

WEST VIRGINIA

An all-mixed junior sanctioned horseshoe league is forming in Marion County. Juniors must be between the ages of 12 and 18 and have passing grades during the 1994-95 school term.

An outdoor pavilion at the East Marion Recreation Complex will be built with the assistance of \$75,000 from the National Park Service. The county commission was awarded the money in a 50/50 match to build the 20,000-square-foot pavilion.

WISCONSIN

Madison pitchers tell of a new indoor horseshoe house called "Soccer World." Within the soccer building are 2 soccer playing fields. They have installed four nicely fenced-in courts with "Chenoa" clay.

Another new facility, the Jack Pine in Friendship is a former bowling establishment remodelled into four horseshoe courts. Lots of room. It also has the great "Chenoa" clay.

WYOMING

Don Laurin from Cheyenne, who has been the Director of the Cheyenne Open for many years, will add the Laramie Open to his leadership. RD Harold Koch writes that Wyoming is fortunate to have people like Don and Beverly Laurin interested in horseshoes.

Wyoming is also proud of Ken Raymond from Rawlings, who has directed the Cowboy Open for many years. Ken has had lots of leg problems and has switched to 30 feet and carries a 72% average.

Rick Hytrek, Jr. from Casper and former junior champion, was the first adult pitcher to win back-to-back championships in five years. He's only 19, and has a lot of pitching in his future.

A suggestion from Harold—"I think tournament directors should charge pitchers \$1 per game, keeping in mind that pitchers will only have to score 1/2 the games to get their money back. It might get more pitchers into the scorekeeping seats."

NatStats Updates Top Pitchers

After finally getting most of the 1994 tournaments reported, we are able to update the list of top pitchers in the country. Previously, we had listed the highest average for 50 men, 40 women, 30 elders, 20 boys and 10 girls. We are broadening the list somewhat by adding more players to each category as we see more pitchers improve their average.

There are now 60 men at 70% or better, 54 women at 65% or better, 43 elders at 60% or better, 30 boys at 50% or better and 10 girls at 35% or better.

Two new names broke into the top 10 Men. Former World Champion Dale Lipovsky from Minnesota and

Connecticut State Champion Norm Rioux made it while dropping out of the Top 10 were Rick Cale of W. Virginia and Don Titcomb of Kentucky.

Two new names also broke into the Top 10 of the Women's category. Olive Tait of Ontario, Canada and Lorraine Sternberg of Wisconsin made the elite group while Myrna Kissick of Canada and Amy Monday of Virginia dropped down a bit.

In the Elder division, three new names appear in the Top 10—John Reedy of Washington, Clayton Gage and Ralph Maylahn, both from Wisconsin while Henry Hostetler, Ohio; Ed Risley, New York; and John

Bracken, Utah dropped into the pack.

In the Junior Boys, only one change to the Top 10—Carl Zamora from New Mexico increased his average 10% and replaced Karl Hix of VA. Junior Girl Shannon Rein of WI made the Top 10 with an 18% ringer improvement while Jennifer Machacek of Nebraska dropped down to 33%.

Prior to final seeding for the World Tournament, many of these averages will be jockeyed around a bit as more tournaments are reported. However, it looks like some keen competition is in store for all the Championship groups. As of 3/31/95, the top averages are as follows:

TOP MEN

NAME (Last, First)	State	Avg.	T
Williams Jr., Walter Ray	CA	90.09	12
Francis, Alan	MO	85.18	6
Tyson, Art	NY	83.11	20
Simmons, Brian	ME	82.50	7
DiMartino, Mike	NY	80.16	7
Kapnis, John	MA	80.10	11
Lipovsky, Dale	MN	79.14	9
Meredith, Charles	KY	78.69	8
Rioux, Norm	CT	78.54	14
Fleshman, Phil	MD	77.92	7
Lacrosse, Paul	CO	77.74	7
Cale, Rick	WV	77.47	21
Kuchcinski, Stephen	PA	77.32	7
Walters, Jim	OH	77.13	7
Cone, Kevin	IA	77.12	7
Harris, Don	MO	77.06	10
Seibold, Mark	IN	76.87	9
McCrink, Joe	NJ	76.87	7
Baker, Cliff	IL	76.74	12
Powell, Ron	KY	76.47	15
Rein, Randy	WI	75.50	19
Wiedrich, Ben	OR	74.72	9
Carter, Sam	MO	74.62	12
Perry, Alvin	VA	74.57	8
Schultz Jr., Joe	NY	74.40	21
Bolick Sr., Rick	NC	74.32	14
Baumann, Mark	MN	74.04	5
Williams, Richard	GA	74.01	19
Manns, Oscar	OH	74.01	10
Clark, Peter	WA	73.49	17
Napier, Willard 'Spud'	CA	73.48	12
Criss, Herb	WA	73.46	7
Titcomb, Don	KY	73.41	20
Kelley, Norman	SC	72.61	19
Foley, Roger Lane	VA	72.41	12
Guy, Matt	KY	72.35	11
Meredith, Ron	KY	72.34	6
Thomas, B.J.	NC	72.34	7
Burris, Glenn	PA	72.10	6
Greene, Gale	VT	72.10	11
Leclerc, Andre	PQ	72.00	1
Mathys, John	PA	71.97	8
Hyatt, Chad	IN	71.91	12
Smith, Frank	OH	71.88	9

Durando, Sonny	NJ	71.77	10
Shifflett, Elbert	MD	71.65	7
Hohl, Steve	ON	71.57	3
Gregson, Don	AZ	71.53	14
Erbe, Danny	KS	71.53	5
Hoff, Jake	NC	71.43	12
Hatten, Bob	IL	71.12	8
Webb, Charlie	IL	71.11	7
Fox, Van	TN	71.03	7
Kienia, Doug	ME	70.72	7
Knisley, Jim	OH	70.64	9
Ward, Lloyd 'Bunny'	IL	70.58	10
Ward, Don	TN	70.49	7
Moore, N.A.	NC	70.27	25
Griggs, Stan	MO	70.21	10

TOP WOMEN

Snyder, Sue	KY	84.76	14
Tait, Olive	ON	84.58	1
Nathe, Bev	MN	82.94	11
Cantin, Diane	PQ	79.51	1
Webster, Lois	KY	78.78	17
Winston, Vicki	MO	78.77	8
Filley, Connie J.	ND	78.48	12
Sternberg, Lorraine	WI	77.40	17
Moisan, Sylvianne	PQ	76.40	1
Sapp, Patty	OR	76.35	21
Brown, Amy	OH	75.99	7
Monday, Amy	VA	75.37	12
Brooks, Gerry	ME	75.31	8
Michaud, Deborah	MA	74.89	11
Cooper, Marlene	OH	74.56	26
Twyman, Sue	NY	73.94	7
Pickering, Debbie	NH	73.76	4
Paddock, Sharon	CA	73.73	14
Negaard, Phyllis	MN	73.41	8
Moisan, Angeline	PQ	73.33	1
Alexander, Debbi	NH	72.46	9
Kramer, Mary Ann	TX	72.39	6
Cave, Lu	MN	72.31	11
Reno, Opal	AR	72.13	4
Janssens, Sandy	ON	72.06	3
Guillotte, Teddy	CA	71.72	25
Baillargeon, Bertha	MA	71.25	12
Kissick, Myrna	AB	71.03	4
Smith, Jane	WI	70.73	12

Carpenter, Carrie	FL	70.57	13
Holland, Edi	MN	70.38	11
Downer, Liz	VT	70.34	9
Drury, Karen	AK	70.17	8
Griffith, Maxine	TN	69.16	10
Ives, Michelle	WA	68.94	3
Ray, Marlene	TN	68.78	10
Maille, Lisa	NH	68.46	12
Drayer, Aileen	PA	68.24	8
Cowan, Renee	VA	67.61	15
Walters, Jenny	OH	67.42	3
Peninger, Mary Ann	KS	67.02	7
Rice, Carolyn	OH	66.92	10
McKinney, Edie	WI	66.89	10
Chalberg, Virginia	AZ	66.83	8
Ryan, Mary	MA	66.07	11
Brown, Debra	VT	66.06	3
Hansen, Catherine	CT	66.02	11
Diekamp, Rose	MO	65.97	19
Hansen, Elaine	CT	65.76	15
Donnelly, Carlene	SD	65.67	19
McLaughlin, Brenda	WV	65.41	4
Morris, Wanda	OK	65.33	9
Henry, Lupe	CA	65.22	19
Mauzey, Yvonne	CA	65.05	18

TOP 30' MEN

Van Dyken, Andy	MT	79.16	12
Bohun, Frank	PA	78.67	5
Reedy, John	WA	75.11	13
Santana, Ray	CA	74.77	14
Raymond, Ken	WY	71.48	12
Noble, Jim	KY	71.25	7
Gage, Clayton	WI	71.12	10
Green, Charles 'Bud'	KS	70.60	13
Maylahn, Ralph	WI	70.42	17
Vinson, Milton	GA	70.06	24
Rebman, Pete	NE	69.61	8
Sierks, Gene	NE	68.86	7
Garcia, Eddie	CA	68.77	5
Rundell, James (Kent)	MI	67.86	7
Risley, Edward	NY	67.60	7
Dean Sr., Bob	VA	66.48	4
Miller, Irv	CA	66.26	8
Davis, Lowell	OR	66.23	19

Delegates To Consider Rule Changes

by Casey Sluys

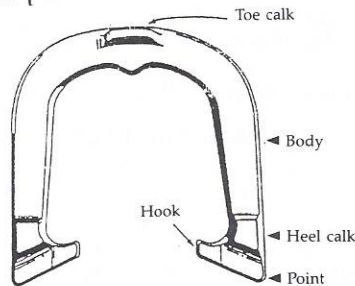
The following are the proposed rule changes that will be presented to the delegation at the 1995 World Tournament Convention. Although there are only 5 this year #5 is a complete rewrite of the existing Walking Doubles. It would be beneficial for everyone to read and understand these.

As you make up your mind about these proposals, the voting should be done club by club within a Charter. Then the Charter needs to instruct their delegates how to vote at the convention. Keep in mind there may be amendments to the wording from the convention floor. If that occurs the Charters need to allow their delegates enough leeway to vote their conscience.

The next deadline for rule changes is December 31, 1996. Those of you wishing to make a rule change proposal may do so between now and then. Please be specific with your rule change, such as Rule number, section, and paragraph. We need this information to accurately present your proposal to the Rules Committee. You may send them to me (address on page 3).

If there are any questions regarding rules or their interpretation, please send me a note, and I'll respond as quickly as possible.

1. Add a picture of a horseshoe, naming its parts.



2. In Rule 7, after the first sentence in 1. POINT LIMIT, insert—40 points is the suggested amount. After the first sentence in 2. SHOE LIMIT, insert—40 shoes is the suggested amount.
3. Rule 6 (B) 1, change the word "points" to—heels or any part of the heel calks.
4. Rule 6 (C) 1, add after the second sentence, the sentence—A contestant

shall pitch the entire tournament with the same hand or arm, except in the case of a medical emergency.

5. Proposal to change Section B of Rule 10, WALKING DOUBLES, cancel present Section B and re-establish as follows:

In walking doubles all contestants pitch their own shoes. The highest rated contestants will decide first pitch and pitch their four shoes from the official designated starting end to start the game. A single scoresheet shall be used that clearly shows the ringers and shoes of each contestant.

1. When a shoe limit game is scored after each eight (8) shoes (double inning), the lowest rated contestants will decide first pitch and pitch their four (4) shoes. After all eight (8) shoes have been pitched contestants walk to the other end, decide on the scoring, and pick up their shoes. The highest rated contestants always pitch first and their score is recorded first after each set of eight (8) shoes. The decision on which contestant pitches first in subsequent innings is contingent upon the scoring system being used following the rules of singles play. This procedure continues until the game is over.

2. When a point limit game is scored after each inning four (4) shoes, the lowest rated contestants determine the score of the four (4) shoes their partners pitched. The partner of the scoring contestant (or the last contestant who pitched in case of a no score situation) calls the score and pitches first. After all eight (8) shoes have been pitched the contestants walk to the other end. The highest rated contestants pick up their shoes (already scored) and step back. The score of the last four (4) shoes pitched is determined and called to the scorekeeper. The contestant calling the score always pitches first. This procedure is continued until the game is over. For safety or other reasons, the tournament director or committee may effect an alternative walking sequence as long as the proper scoring sequence stays the same.

NatStats Top Ten *continued...*

Christopher, Russell James	SK	66.08	3
Hostetler, Henry	OH	65.57	3
Pringle, Charlie	KS	65.25	12
Moreno, Tony	CA	65.05	10
Jacobson, Bob	CO	65.01	8
Smith, Roy	KS	65.00	6
Condie, Lorin	UT	64.44	17
Wolfinger, Bob	IN	64.42	18
Fouts, Cliff	IN	64.09	3
McMullen, Charles	CA	62.95	17
White, Bob	MI	62.68	7
Jones, A. Lee	UT	62.63	6
Martin Sr., Paul	NM	62.63	6
Grosenbach, Les	CO	62.38	8
Fill, Mike	CA	62.26	9
Spilseth, Les	WA	62.06	17
Morris, Albert	MI	61.83	12
Zoglman, Joe	CA	61.81	10
Bracken, John	UT	61.33	3
Messer, Troy	NC	61.03	15
Beracey, Rudy	MI	60.73	6
Stewart, Jack	CA	60.71	19
Tomlin, Austin	KY	60.28	1
Gedatus, V.K. 'Buba'	MN	60.28	9
Lyons, Roy	OH	60.10	14

TOP JUNIOR BOYS

Conner Jr., Lenwood	VA	85.57	15
Harren, Vance	MN	73.17	3
Moore, Damien	TX	72.76	10
Smith, Joseph	IA	72.03	17
Bolick Jr., Ricky	NC	69.17	18
Francis, Brett	MO	69.10	6
Presley, Lee	GA	68.08	21
Zamora, Carl	MI	67.50	6
Newton, Michael	SD	65.93	19
Goldsmith, Jason	WI	65.38	10
Keen, Allen	IN	64.05	9
Rosson, Chris	VA	60.77	4
Miller, Branson	VA	60.21	7
Dean, Bradley	VA	58.64	4
Morris, Stephen	PA	58.36	9
Broome, Dean	SC	57.94	7
Harren, Chris	MN	57.93	2
Umphries, Jeremy	TX	57.56	12
Hernandez, Luis	CA	56.63	14
Boll, Richie	IA	56.46	7
Gillett Jr., Robert	CA	56.21	8
Gough, David	NM	54.23	4
Urie, James	MI	53.90	8
O'Dell, Walter	CO	53.83	9
Albrecht, Randy	MN	53.00	2
Escareno, Luis	CA	52.95	17
Hix, Karl	VA	52.48	12
Wilkinson, Keith	NY	50.63	2
Thurber, Timothy	NY	50.63	3
Roberts, Ryan	OH	50.55	4

TOP JUNIOR GIRLS

Curtis, Crystal	AB	67.75	1
Sternberg, Heidi	WI	63.70	8
Steinke, Penny	WI	61.57	10
Kemper, Becky	KY	59.55	10
Sternberg, Heather	WI	46.15	7
Moore, Elaine	TX	40.65	11
Rein, Shannon	WI	40.00	7
Hanson, Teri	NE	37.52	5
Newton, Michelle	SD	36.63	12
Edenloff, Sarina	MN	36.00	1

NHPA Officers Seek Re-Election

Election of Officers at this year's convention shouldn't take much time at all.

Only the incumbents have announced their candidacy.

Dave Loucks For President

Serving the NHPA membership as President has been an interesting and at times, a trying experience. The challenges and problems of holding this office are greater than most know, but they provide for me, the drive to make a better NHPA.

Not everything I've done or every decision I've made has pleased everyone. But that in itself is what the office means—to be able to make the decisions that will benefit the greatest number and keep the NHPA moving ahead. With that in mind, I seek re-election as NHPA President and ask for your continued support.

Thank You,
Dave Loucks

Earl Winston For First Vice President

I am announcing my candidacy for re-election as your NHPA First Vice President. Having come up through the ranks as an official judge, a member of the NHPA Rules Committee, a member of the NHPA Bylaws Committee, a member of the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee and now the chairmanship of that committee, I feel I have a grasp of what the membership wants and demands of their elected officials.

For the past several years, I have been able to secure free space for the NHPA to have a small Hall of Fame exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. This has given exposure of our

sport to many who otherwise know very little about our organization. I'm still receiving old scrapbooks, horseshoes and other game related artifacts from all over the nation to preserve our history for future generations when a permanent Hall of Fame becomes a reality.

I'd welcome the opportunity to be able to serve the sport of horseshoe pitching with integrity and enthusiasm for another term. Your vote will be appreciated and I thank you for your support.

Earl Winston

Beverly Born For Third Vice President

Being your Club/League coordinator since December 1987 and Third Vice President since 1989, it would be


a great honor and my pleasure to continue serving you for another two year term. I have the experience and program expertise needed to benefit the majority and the desire to work for my fellow members. I thank you for your past support and vote this year.

Bev Born

Dick Hansen For Fifth Vice President

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for re-election to the office of NHPA Fifth Vice President. I would very much like to continue working for the members of the NHPA and have enjoyed my first term. I look forward to '95 as a year of growth for the NHPA and with your support would like to remain a part of that growth.

Dick Hansen



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Perfect Game Trivia

by Dave Loucks

Perfect game records are compiled for the NHPA by Walter Ray Williams, Jr. Bob Champion prints the data he gets from Walter in the World Tournament Media Kit each year. We have only partial data on 1993 and just verbal reports on 1994. Starting with the year 1941, we have received to date, confirmation of 90 perfect games pitched.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. has an astounding 10 perfectos reported including the longest of 56 shoes. Additionally, Walter has two 50 shoe perfect games. Alan Francis is second on the list with 6 perfect games, the longest being 32 shoes. Carl Steinfeldt has 5 perfect games, one of which is 50 shoes. Sandy McLachlin Janssens has recorded 4 perfectos while Jim Knisley, Jim Walters and Tari Powell are each shown with 3 perfect games. It is interesting to note that these seven players account for some 38% of all the perfect games recorded.

With the data available to this writer, it looks like 5 or 6 perfect games were pitched in 1993. We've heard of a couple in '94. Unfortunately, the reporting of perfect games often lags a year or two behind the actual event. While the number of shoes pitched in a perfect game is known, data does not always show whether the perfect games were made in shoe or point limit contests. However, with the exception of the Ohio State Fair, where they pitch 20 shoe games and have recorded some 15 perfectos, since 1987 only three perfect games show up for 40 or 50 shoes. All the others are low and various numbers which indicate some point limit game, not necessarily 40 points.

Looking at years 1984 through the data we have for 1993, 60 perfect games were reported, an average of 6 per year. More than 1/2 were thrown by short distance pitchers (30'). In fact,

since 1990, 17 of 24 perfect games reported were thrown by 30' pitchers.

1994 NHPA membership was 13,500 adults and 900 juniors. NatStats reported 1,790 sanctioned events were scheduled for 1994. The average entry level per event was 36. The average number of games per entry per event was about 6. That equates to an average of 108 games per event, two contestants per game. $108 \times 1790 = 193,320$ games. With an average of 6 perfect games per year, that says one is thrown every 32,220 games or one every 298 sanctioned events.

This is not proven scientific information, just some play on the data that was reported and available at the time of writing. However, it makes for interesting trivia questions. It could also be useful if your event is looking for insurance to cover a big dollar payoff for a perfect game, which is what prompted me to research the data in the first place.



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New Scoresheet Developed for Horseshoe Pitching

Donnie Roberts Explains...

This is the scoresheet that will be used for the 1995 World Championships in Perry, Georgia. It was used at the 1995 Las Vegas Open. The main reasons for developing this scoresheet were to eliminate scoring errors and to make life easy for the statisticians. The stats/computer room was extremely pleased with the results in Las Vegas. Errors were almost totally eliminated. This copy is being displayed in *Newsline* so you can become familiar with the sheet. The scorekeepers in Las Vegas became expert with the sheet in about ten minutes.

This scoresheet was designed by Genevieve Lavett and will be available to everyone very soon. The sheet is being copyrighted and thus cannot be duplicated without Genevieve's permission.

This scoresheet will handle count all and cancellation scoring plus it can be used with handicap. The sheet will handle any length game up to 100 shoes. The little arrows near the number of shoes are provided to facilitate alternate round first pitch should that method of play be used.


I think you can basically figure out the sheet just by studying it carefully. In the first two columns the dead and live ringers are separated rather than being in the same column. In the second two columns the ringer points and the close shoe points are separated rather than being in just one column. The circles and squares at the bottom are designed to allow the scorekeeper to immediately recognize errors so they can be instantly corrected. Also, the circles and squares are designed to let the statisticians pick out needed information by only looking at the circles. There is a spot at the top on each side to note handicap, a box just under score at the top to list handicap, and a square at the bottom to list handicap. At the top of each column are your choices of what is to be written in that column plus a complete way to write each call from the players is shown in the upper right hand corner.

This explanation is getting too long. You just need to look it over, study it a bit and not become intimidated because you have not used it before.

A thirty year veteran scorekeeper scored at Vegas with this sheet. Her first impression was total fright, but after a few pitches it was easy and after several games she thought it was the best thing since the mouse trap (smile). At Vegas, we had many

first time scorekeepers. The new scoresheet was a breeze for them.

This scoresheet will be available in NCR Triplicate like we use at the World Tournament and in single sheets in pads of one hundred. The single sheets will be printed on both sides.



GAME SCORE SHEET

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Date 4-22-95

Class A Section 2

Game No. 3 Court 4

Call	Ringers	Points
No score	-	-
1 ringer each no score	X	-
Four dead	XX	-
1 ringer each one point	X	-
1 point	-	-
2 points	-	-
1 ringer 3 points	-	0 3
3 ringers 3 points	X	0 3
1 ringer 4 points	-	0 3 1
2 ringers 6 points	*	0 0 6

HCP - # 3 - VS - # 5 HCP -

DAVE LOUCKS STEVE WYRILL

Name Name

Ringers					Points					Score				
CAN	LIVE	RNG	CLSH	HCP	CAN	LIVE	RNG	CLSH	HCP	CAN	LIVE	RNG	CLSH	HCP
XX-X	00-0	6-3	2-1	-	XX-X	00-0	6-3	2-1	-					
X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	←2	X	-	-	1
XX	-	-	-	-	XX	-	-	-	-	4→	XX	-	-	-
X	0	3	-	3	X	-	-	-	-	6→	X	-	-	-
X	-	-	-	-	X	0	3	-	4	←8	X	0	3	-
-	0	3	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	←10	-	-	-	-
X	-	-	1	8	X	-	-	-	-	12→	X	-	-	-
X	-	-	-	-	X	0	3	-	7	14→	X	0	3	-
XX	-	-	-	-	XX	-	-	-	-	←16	XX	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	00	6	-	13	←18	-	00	6	-
X	-	-	1	9	X	-	-	-	-	20→	X	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22→	-	-	-	2
X	0	3	-	12	X	-	-	-	-	←24	X	-	-	-
-	00	6	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	←26	-	-	-	-
X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	1	28→	X	-	-	16
XX	-	-	-	-	XX	-	-	-	-	30→	XX	-	-	-
X	-	-	-	-	X	0	3	-	19	←32	X	0	3	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	0	3	1	23	←34	-	0	3	1
X	0	3	-	21	X	-	-	-	-	36→	X	-	-	-
X	-	-	-	-	X	0	3	-	26	←38	X	0	3	-
-	0	3	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	←40	-	-	-	-

17 7 - 3

40 SHOES

24 TOTAL RGS

21 RGS PTS

3 OTHER PTS

24 SCORE

60%

17 7 - 5

24 TOTAL RGS

21 RGS PTS

5 OTHER PTS

26 SCORE

60%

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RAY "PETE" DONOHO

Ray Preston Donoho of Redding, California, died January 12, 1995. "Horseshoe Pete," as he was called, was 81 years old. Born in Mendocino, CA on October 20, 1913, he lived the last 40 years in Shasta County.

Pete was a former heavy equipment operator turned horseshoe pitcher who was best known in the NHPA for his unique and patented pitching horseshoe, the "Cal-Flip." This shoe has gained wide acceptance across the country and continues to be manufactured even though Pete is no longer with us.

The father to 7 children, Pete was very active in community work and especially enjoyed working with youth. He served the Boy Scouts, Little League, Parks & Recreation and the P.T.A. where he led work toward a positive focus on youth. Pete was an active member of the Northern California HPA and the Shasta Club.

Survivors include his children, eighteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. "JOBEBY" WADE

William Wade of Englewood, Florida, formerly of Fairmont, West Virginia, died February 28, 1995. He was 77 years old, having been born in Fairmont on April 28, 1917. He retired from Fairmont Aluminum Co. in 1972 after working for them 30 years.

William served as the first elected president of the Monongahela Valley HPA. He played in three World Tournaments averaging about 50% but was better known for his promotion of the game by being the guiding force behind the construction of courts in at least four different locations in two states.

Survivors include his wife, one son, two daughters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

NHPA Income and Expenditures:

February and March 1995

INCOME

Membership Dues.....	\$38,926.00
Newsline Subscriptions.....	10,264.00
Newsline Advertising.....	1,426.00
Patch and Misc. Sales	31.00
1997 World Bid Deposits	15,000.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	3,100.00
Bank & Affinity Card Interest, Collections	1,297.00
Total 2 Month Income	\$70,044.00

EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production and Mailing.....	4,178.00
Newsline Editor Allowance	930.00
Sanctioned League Junior Scholar Trusts	1,000.00
Sanctioned League Postage and Printing	2,417.00
Sanctioned League Patches and Awards	2,449.00
Regional Directors' Postage, Phone and Supplies.....	945.00
Regional Director Allowances	4,798.00
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies.....	5,281.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repairs	5,266.00
NHPA Postage	1,555.00
NHPA Officers' Phone	1,102.00
NHPA Officers' Travel	1,140.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance.....	4,650.00
President Allowance	1,395.00
Publicity and Promotion	217.00
NatStats Administration	123.00
Professional Fees.....	165.00
Misc. Bank Charges, Refunds, Fees	295.00
Total 2 Month Expense	\$37,906.00

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

Special Events Calendar

MAY 1995

- 5-7 Team World Tournament**—Beloit, WI in the Telfer Sports indoor arena. Entry fee \$200 per 4 member team representing your state or province. Adults only. \$5,000 in prize money based on 24 teams. Pre-register by March 31. Send fee, team roster, NHPA card # and NatStats average to Team World, 108B W. Main St., Waterford, WI 53185. Phone 414-534-5838.
- 6-7 Best of the West**—Burro Inn, Beatty, NV. Rv park and motel at site. \$2,000 added purse. Limited to 120 pitchers. Pre-register by April 15. Entry fee \$25. Mail fee, NHPA card #, NatStat average to: Best of the West, Burro Inn, P.O. Box 7, Beatty, NV 89003. Phone 702-553-2225 or 800-843-2078 for info and motel/RV rates and reservations.
- 20-22 B.C. International**—Winfield, British Columbia, McCarthy Park. Entry fee \$10.00, additional to A & B classes. Pre-register by May 18th. Dress code enforced. No jeans, white pants preferred with club shirts. RV parking available at the courts, no hookups. Checks payable to Winfield Horseshoe Club. Mail to Doug Wilton, #188-720 Commonwealth Rd., Kelowna, B.C. V4V 1S1. Phone 604-766-2985.

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- 3-4 South Rocky Mountain Regional**—Socorro, NM in Sedillo Park. Pre-register by May 21. Entry fee \$25.00 payable to New Mexico Southern Charter HPA. Mail fee with NHPA card # and NatStat average to Joe Zamora, P.O. Box 1253, Socorro, NM 87801. Phone 505-835-2562.
- 11-12 Heart of Kansas Tournament**—Great Bend, KS, at the Cheyenne Horseshoe Club. Pre-register by May 21. Entry fee \$25.00 adults, \$5.00 for juniors. All classes mixed playing 2 days. Check payable to Cheyenne Horseshoe Club. Send with NHPA card # and NatStat average to Violetta Karst, 4111 Sandpiper, Great Bend, KS 67530. Phone 316-793-3175.
- 17-18 Northwest Pacific Regional**—Hermiston, OR at Weber Field adjoining Fairgrounds. RV parking available. Pre-register by June 10. Entry fee \$25.00 Class A, \$20.00 other classes. Checks payable to Hermiston Horseshoe Club. Mail with NHPA card # and NatStats average to Rick Rebman, Rt. 5, Box 5257, Hermiston, OR 97838. Phone 503-567-8560.

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- 8-9 Western Canada Classic**—Winfield, British Columbia at McCarthy Park. \$325 prize money paid to all classes split among first 4 spots plus special prizes. Entry fee \$25 payable to Winfield Horseshoe Club. Pre-register by July 5th. Mail fee with entry and average to Doug Wilton, #188-720 Commonwealth Rd., Kelowna, B.C. V4V 1S1. Phone 604-766-2985
- 14-16 Northeastern Regional**—Worthington, WV in Worthington Park. Overnight parking allowed, no hookups. Pre-register by July 5. Entry fee \$25 adults, \$5 juniors. Fees payable to Affiliated Horseshoe Pitchers of MCPARC. Mail with NHPA card # and NatStats average to Charles M. Bunner, 508 Ohio Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554-4155. Phone 304-366-7986.
- 24-Aug 6 NHPA World Tournament**—Perry, GA. Entries on NHPA form must be dated and mailed between April 3 and May 15. Entry fee \$50 to NHPA adult members, \$10 juniors and \$55 to non NHPA foreign players. Contact Donnie Roberts for details 614-444-8510.

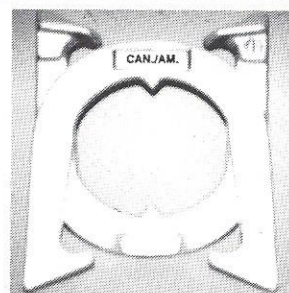
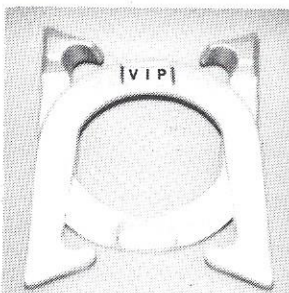
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- 19-20 North Central Regional**—Des Moines, IA, at the State Fairgrounds. Pre-register by August 5. Entry fee \$25.00 payable to IHHPA. Mail with NHPA card # and NatStats average to Russ Martin, 28585 205th St., Clarksville, IA 50619. Phone Chet Foster 515-964-0159

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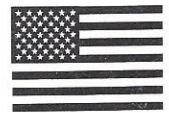


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