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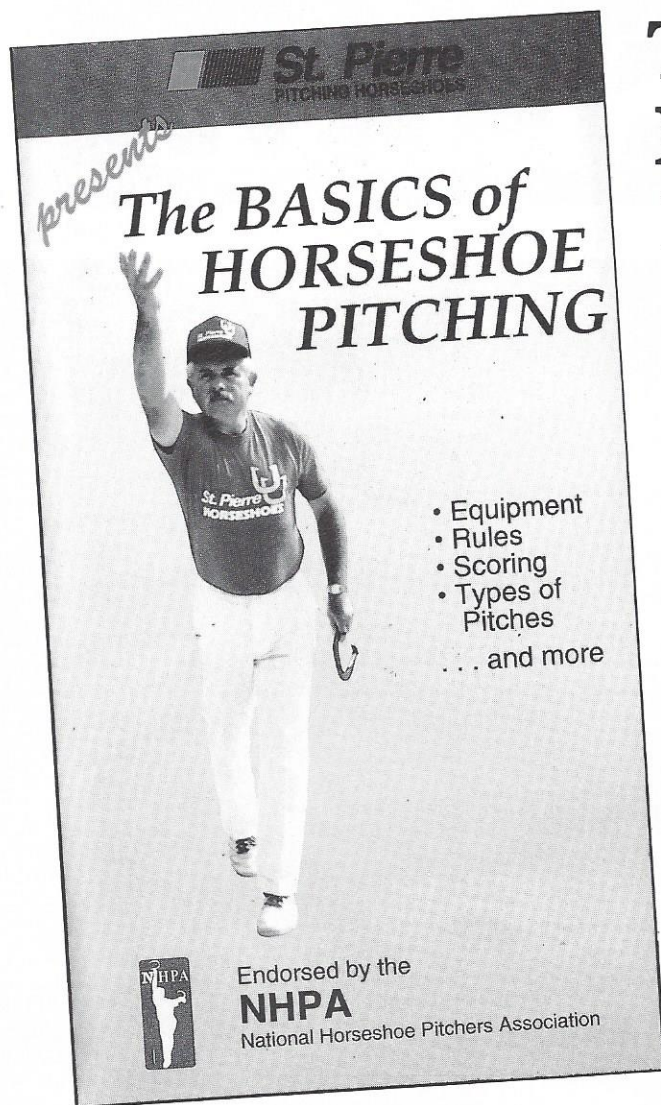


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President's Message

The NHPA is an association of charters who, for the most part, operate independently of the national body. Yes, we have bylaws and playing rules for all to follow, but these are the basic operating documents between the association and the members. There are some bylaw stipulations for Charters but by and large they have a great deal of latitude in how they run their state associations.

Any association, whether it be 200 or 20,000 members, will have operating difficulties if it lacks dedicated, experienced officers who are not afraid of the responsibilities and problems of leadership. In non-professional associations such as ours where a great deal of volunteer time is expected, experienced individuals who may be best suited to lead are often reluctant to step forth. As a result, associations can end up with officers who are eager but may lack the self-confidence needed to be a strong leader.

Every association can benefit from an assessment of its organizational strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. An effective way to provide meaningful leadership opportuni-

ties is to use the officers below the presidency as discussion facilitators. They can serve this capacity in meetings or focus groups with the intent of getting member views on issues that could result in a change of direction for the association.

The role of a facilitator is to explore, bring out ideas, and define problem areas rather than find solutions. This is somewhat different than chairing a group discussion or meeting. The officer who chairs a meeting, such as I will do at the Perry Convention, wants discussion to be channeled toward a definite consensus or action within the shortest possible time. For that reason, a chairman is rarely neutral in the sense that the association must be pointed in a general direction. That is a role of leadership. Officers given the opportunity to act as facilitators will gain valuable experience and self-confidence that will make them more effective leaders. Charter associations that utilize officers in this manner will find them more willing to serve longer terms and assume increased responsibilities. Keep that in mind the next time your association officers come up for election.

Dave's Court Report

■ At the Best of the West tournament in Beatty, NV, the first weekend of May, the NHPA received a very generous donation. John Bass, operator of the Burro Inn and host of the tournament, presented this writer a \$250 check as a contribution to the NHPA Junior Scholarship fund. Thanks, John.

■ Pat Brady, who sometimes contributes to *Newsline* under the nom de plume of Pat Brandy, reports that the horseshoe club at Wilson Park in Torrance, CA will be holding a second annual fundraiser for the Special Olympics. It is set for June 24th. This is a very fine, rewarding way to provide a community service, something other clubs should consider.

■ Don Faiss is Warehouse and Receiving Manager at Bally's Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. He is also a horseshoe pitcher who, along with wife Jeannie, has become very involved in the sport. Both are officers of the Nevada HPA and both won State championships in the "B" division. Don got the horseshoe bug about 10 years ago when he participated in the Las Vegas Corporate Challenge.

■ The days of long games have pretty much disappeared except for an occasional event where two top pitchers get paired. Such was the case in Kentucky in early April when Current Women's World Champion Sue Snyder and former Men's World Champion Don Titcomb got into the swing of an old fashioned game. Playing cancellation to only 35 points, the match didn't end until 110 shoes when Sue won 37-31. Along the way Sue threw 94 ringers while Don found the stake 93 times. 187 ringers in a total of 220 shoes for both players represented a combined 85% average, believed to be a Kentucky record.

■ Congratulations are in order to some NHPA members who will receive awards at the annual banquet in Perry. Inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame are pitchers Kevin Cone and Dale Lipovsky. Both are former World Champions and still at the peak of their game. Past NHPA vice president Vince

Yannetti is being inducted into the Hall for his service as an organizer while in the prior-to-1954 Player/Organizer category, Louis Dean will be honored. The Stokes Award will go to Vicki Winston, the Presidential Award to Bob Dunn and Achievement Awards to Jack Adams of Canada and Elmer Otnes of Oregon. Rick Rebman has been selected Regional Director of the Year.

■ Sol Berman, who provides videotapes of many top NHPA players and legends, has several available. 1) the final nine games of the 1994 World Championship. 2) 1994 Junior girls playoff game between Heidi Sternberg and Crystal Curtis. 3) *The Art of Horseshoe Pitching* with slow-motion pitching by many top all-time players. 4) *Legends of Horseshoes #1, #2, #3*. 5) *Horseshoe Highlights #1 1948-1984, and #2 1984-1990*. All tapes are \$30.00 postage and handling included, or 2 for \$55, 3 for \$80, 4 for \$100. Sol's address and phone can be found on page 3 under Video Sales.

■ Sanctioned Club/League Director Bev Born reports that 44 of the 50 states have active club or league programs being reported. Only Alabama, Delaware, Maine, Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington have no sanctioned clubs or leagues as of the mid-February 1995 report.

■ Leaders in NHPA membership for 1994 were:

	Adults	Jrs.	Total	From '93
1. California	1133	72	1205	+6
2. Missouri	919	25	944	-181
3. Minnesota	771	148	919	-19
4. Ohio	718	20	738	-95
5. New York	536	22	558	+13
6. Illinois	534	23	557	-30
7. Wisconsin	477	55	532	+87
8. Colorado	493	35	528	+58
9. Texas	450	74	524	-6
10. Indiana	425	23	448	-25

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I started playing horseshoes only last year, but in that short time I have heard so much bickering about the 30 foot rule. Yes, I am a 30 footer.

Recently I went to a tournament and overheard two men talking, one about 55 years old, the other near 70 years old. The older man was pitching from 40 feet and was having a hard time reaching the peg. The other man said "Why don't you move up to 30 foot?" and he said "Oh no! I'll never go to 30 foot." I thought to myself, if there wasn't so much bickering that man would probably go to 30 foot and be a happier and better pitcher.

I think the 30 foot rule is great because:

1. There are lot of women that can't pitch 35 feet much less 40 foot.
2. Children can start pitching at an earlier age.
3. There are a lot of elder men that could pitch a lot longer if they would just move up to 30 foot.

I play horseshoes because it's a lot of fun and there are so many good people. So let's just have fun!

Connie Spurgeon, Selma, CA

Dear Newsline Readers,

While our national publication *Newsline* seems riddled with controversial issues lately, I'd like to relay a short story on the lighter side. It's about honesty, integrity and camaraderie—qualities which most horseshoe pitchers already possess.

Just last April 22nd and 23rd, the Southwest Pacific Regionals were held in Davis, CA at the Yolo Horseshoe Club. Having pre-registered for the event, my buddy Paul Hopkins and I headed north on I-5 April 21st arriving at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Stockton courts—home of the however-many-times-it-is-now current men's World and State Champion, well you know who I mean. So we thought a couple of quickies, (25 point games), would un-stiffen the kinks attributable to the monotonous seven or so hour drive we'd just

made. We covered the clay when finished and off we went to Paul's mobile on the Sacramento Delta.

Saturday morning, scheduled to pitch in a half hour, I scoured the trunk of the little Honda that could, but couldn't find my horseshoe hook. "Must have left it at Stockton," Paul said. So I wrote it off and began my warm-ups. Suddenly from out of nowhere, a nice looking fellow in a black golf shirt was talking to Paul and pointing at me. Paul said "Yes, we were there yesterday."

So to shorten this up a bit, it seems that Dr. George Davis, a dentist from Stockton, drove *quite* a bit out of his way on the off chance he'd see us at Yolo and be able to return the beat-up, bent-up hook I've had since the 1992 World at Columbus, Ohio. It was made by Charlie Twig and given to me by Elbert "Shifty" Shifflett, from Maryland. It has a lot of sentimental miles in it.

Thanks for being involved, Doc, you're a real back saver! (and a good dentist I'm sure).

Yer Pal from So. Cal,

Steve Wyrill, Lakeside, CA

P.S. The good doctor has also joined the NHPA recently, and is sporting about a 40% ringer average.

Dear Editor,

In the May/June 1995 *Newsline* under Dave's Court Report, you refer to the NHPA bylaws providing opportunity for all 30' and 40' NHPA entrants in a sanctioned tournament without citing the provisional Article and/or Section. You mention only two methods of providing a pitching opportunity for all such 30' and 40' pitchers:

- (a) The recommended method is to mix all entrants into classes by percentage.
- (b) Mix all short-distance pitchers into separate group by percentage. (Therefore, you would have a 30' and 40' division.)

Apparently the governing bylaw provision is contained in Article VII, Section 11. This section is silent

regarding divisions. The only bylaw I can find regarding divisions is Article VII, Section 8 and Article X, Section 2 regarding state and world championships respectively.

Therefore, I would respectfully disagree with the last sentence of paragraph 1: "You cannot decide to mix one category of short distance pitchers and keep another separate." Since Section II of Article VII is silent regarding divisions it would appear to be permissible for the tournament director to have a competitive 40' championship class and a 30' championship class and mix all lower classes by percentage. This method would also provide an opportunity for all 30' and 40' pitchers.

Further, I do not find in the rules or bylaws, a specific definition of "mixed play," "Mixed tournaments," etc., although it is generally understood to mean mixing of 30' and 40' pitchers within a given class.

Therefore, if limiting the pitching opportunity for all 30' and 40' pitchers to only the two methods you mention, we need to make our bylaws specific in this respect.

Respectfully yours,

Elwyn Cooper, RD For MO

FROM THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the letter of May 19th and your comments on my Court Report article as published in the May/June 1995 *Newsline*.

It is true that NHPA bylaws don't define "mixed play." You correctly state that the interpretation and general meaning is to mix players of different pitching distances, not gender. You say that I mention only two methods of forming play. I actually mentioned three.

Several complaints have come to the NHPA officers about charters and/or tournament directors who discriminate against a division or a certain percentage range of players by always forcing them to pitch by themselves or with a particular group while others are treated differently in the tournament. Your suggestion to

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Art Tyson - Prospect

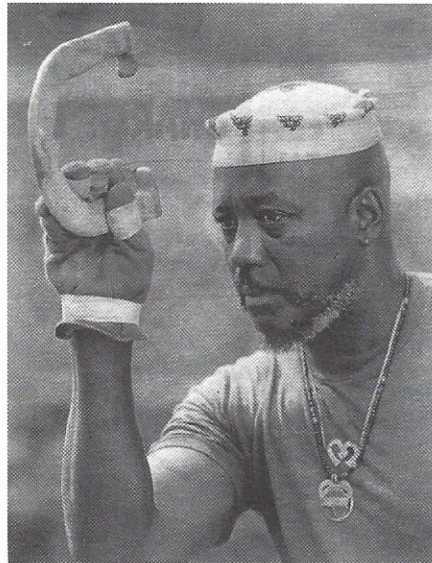
by Stewart M. Snyder

Art is no ordinary horseshoe pitcher, no newcomer to winning laurels on court. Eight-time New York State Champion horseshoe pitcher—elected to the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1993—received by Japan's Sports Federation in 1994 as the NHPA representative in a ten-day program in which outstanding performers of twelve different U.S. sports were invited to attend—all expenses paid.

Art, on phone, spoke freely to me in gratitude for having been selected to represent horseshoe pitching in the U.S.A., on this special occasion, "a once-in-a-lifetime happening," Art said, "Highlight of my pitching days."

Japanese people were wonderful, courteous in reaction to me, impressed with the ease of my 80% ringer display."

Art Tyson is a colorful member of the horseshoe sport, colorful in many ways. Always extends a free hand in relaxed greeting with all pitchers, his equal or not, a gesture that puts a friend at ease. Colorful in having been the first Black man inducted into the NHPA's elite Hall of Fame—colorful in performance as his high 1¼ turn shoe, or his 1¾ one, makes a clean circle around the stake.



Mr. CLEAN is Art's byname, originating from his window cleaning profession. Why not extend the word CLEAN to horseshoe ringers? ('Tis said DEADEYE Williams got the cognomen—DEADEYE—early on as a boy because of his outstanding accuracy in pitching ringers.)

Art feels that he is in his prime—has beaten many of the game's best pitchers and hopes that one of these years soon to make a *Clean-Sweep* and realize his true ambition to become the first Black man thusly titled *World Champion* horseshoe pitcher.

Letters *continued...*

have a 40' championship group and a 30' championship group while mixing lower classes falls into the area of complaint.

My article mentioned the word "division" only twice and each time it was in conjunction with a State Tournament. Men, Women, Seniors, Elders and Juniors playing among themselves would constitute "division" play. We have this in the World and State Tournaments. While allowed, most charter sanctioned tournaments don't have separate division play but just 40', 30' or mixed class play.

The top group of the Men and Women's division in a State Championship and the top 40' and top 30' group of a Regional Tournament are the only events that the NHPA says cannot be mixed, the World Tourney excepted. This is probably considered by some to be discriminatory but our goal in these special events is to crown specific champions. Regular sanctioned tournaments are different. Because of the selective discrimination of some categories of players that have been reported as happening in charter play, a majority of the NHPA Executive Council agreed that if one category is mixed in a regular tournament, all shall be mixed unless a waiver is requested and granted by the NHPA under the provisions of Article XI of our bylaws.

Therefore, charters have three normal options in setting up classes for their regular sanctioned tournaments, the same three mentioned in my article.

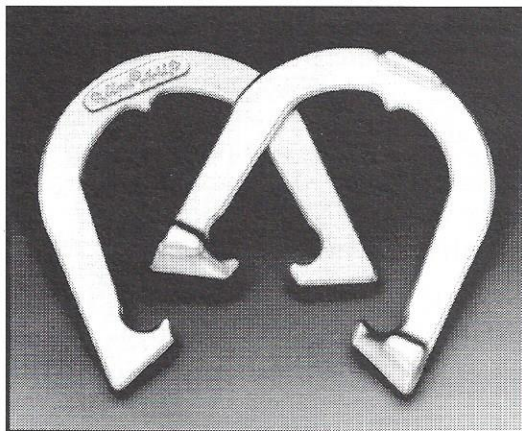
1. Classes within separate divisions, each formed by percentage.
2. 40' classes and 30' classes, each formed by percentage.
3. Mixed classes of 40' and 30' pitchers, each formed by percentage.

A member should be able to determine from the charter schedule, before they ever enter a tournament, how play will be conducted. This will allow members to avoid events with formats they don't like.

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FOCUS ON PROMOTION

by Bob Dunn

Promotion of our sport, promotion of the NHPA, is not new. In fact, it can easily be tracked back to 1920. Why, for years it has been the stated purpose of the NHPA. From Article II of the NHPA Bylaws, "Purpose—The purpose of the NHPA shall be to foster, develop and promote the sport of horseshoe pitching on all levels—local, state, regional, national and international—both as a recreation pastime and a competitive sport." What is new, is our approach and the emphasis of promotion.

President Dave Loucks has established a new staffing to concentrate on the promotion efforts by the NHPA. This truly sets new opportunities and focus. It is the focus that needs to be addressed in this initial promotion article.

While promotion has been a long-time part of our association, an ongoing effort in each charter and in each league, the doing and the effort has been the priority, without true focus of results and planned outcomes. We have little problem thinking of ways to promote our sport and repeating the promotional steps that have been done for decades. The task before us is to determine the results desired—the necessary outcomes that should occur out of our planned promotion program.

There is a saying, "If you don't know where you're going, any path will take you there." Some may add, "What do we want to be when we grow up?" What this means is that we should make some determination of what we wish to accomplish, what specific needs does the NHPA have and where do we want the NHPA to go in the next year, two years, five years? Once we determine our destination, it becomes a rather simple process to establish the plan and the priority of steps to take us there.

Where should we go or what should we be, can be a big question. But it's not all that difficult when we

Promotion—What's New?

sit back and try to view our future by asking various questions such as:

- *Do we want to increase our membership? By 10%? By 20%? Should we double our membership?*
- *What are our needs in sponsorship?*
- *Do we want to look forward to someday having a Pro-Horseshoe Pitchers' Tour?*
- *Do we want our sport to be a routine school sport activity?*
- *Do we want our fair share of media coverage?*
- *Do we want to stay the very same?*

Certainly, there are many more questions to be asked and you are all invited to join in on the asking and the answering. You may send your input direct to my address. During the remainder of 1995, we need to respond to all these questions and determine what we want to change, to improve and what do we want resulting out of our efforts. Then in 1996, we can begin a planned approach, with objectives, and knowing better what we want to accomplish.

Hopefully this planning and visioning process can be part of the agendas at the various committee meetings that will be conducted during the World Tournament at Perry, Georgia. Remember, this is your invitation to directly participate in the planning of our future.



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PROMOTION JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

■ We all welcome Don Titcomb as Senior Promotion Director. Don is one of our most well known members. A former World Champion and a superb veteran in promotion. We all look forward to hearing from Don in future articles.

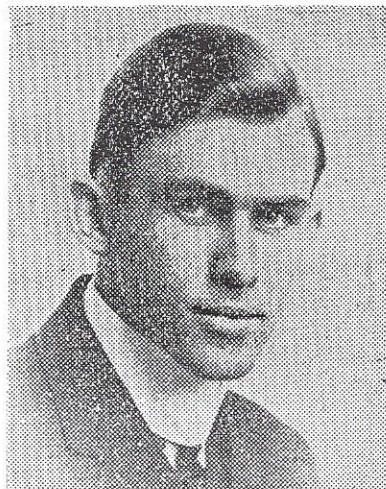
■ There is presently an opening for Junior Promotion Director. The most simple way to fill this position is to review the many requests from volunteers who wish to be our new Junior Promotion Director. If you think you would like to join our promotion team as JPD, please write me and tell some of your thoughts on what you bring to this position.

At present, the responsibilities include: preparing material for our Promotion articles such as—incentives to promote Junior membership, profiles of youth in our sport; provide information to support those establishing Junior leagues and maintaining data to measure and describe progress in our promotion program. Let's hear from those interested so we can fill the position very quickly.

■ Welcome to new charter Junior Program Directors Wayne Mauer, Louisiana; and Larry Hoyt, North Dakota.

■ As a periodic feature in our new "Focus On Promotion," we will spotlight a leader in efforts to promote our organization. As earlier

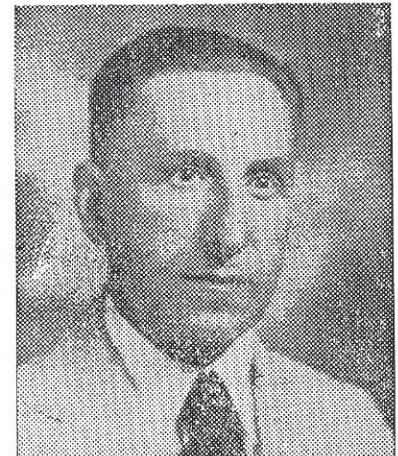
stated, promotion is a longtime effort in the NHPA, so our first spotlight is of the two individuals most responsible for the establishment of our NHPA. Whatever we enjoy about our organization and our sport, we owe to these two individuals, for they gave us the NHPA. They both should be common names in our conversations and we each should feel an obligation to continue the promotion efforts that they began some 70 years ago.



Ben G. Leighton

Ben Leighton, as an employee of the Minneapolis Park Board, got the sport of horseshoes organized by forming the Minnesota State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association in 1919. Leagues began forming through the

promotion by Leighton. Over 2,000 pitchers participated in the 1919 league season in Minneapolis alone. There were over 70 individual leagues throughout Minnesota by 1924. Ben Leighton served as NHPA President 1921-1925.



Art L. Headlough

The Buckeye Horseshoe Pitching Association of Ohio was formed on October 29, 1919 with Art Headlough as Secretary. Through his direction and promotion efforts other state organizations were established. In 1920, the state organizations of Minnesota and Ohio combined efforts to form the NHPA. By 1921, all other horseshoe organizations joined in to have the NHPA as the sole governing agency of the sport. Headlough served as NHPA Secretary-Treasurer in 1920 and 1922.

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Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

As we reflect on the past, it makes us wonder about our visions for the future. The majority of us have visions of health, happiness and prosperity and of course "more ringers." Good health must always have top priority, for without this we have nothing. More ringers, along with all of our other many blessings, will surely bring happiness.

Prosperity, always on our minds, does not necessarily always have to mean financial wealth. Webster defines To Prosper (prosperity) as "Good fortune, wealth, thrive, grow, to succeed in a vigorous way." To succeed (a synonym of prosper) is another wish that we all have. We, the NHPA, even with some loss of members in the past two years, are prosperous, in that we have succeeded and grown in strength as a unified and vigorous organization.

Large numbers look good on paper, although they do not always reflect the strength, growth or prosperity of an association. The NHPA has a strong, dedicated Council and body of great individuals, with the majority's interest being in your pleasure, contentment, your ideas and striving to do their utmost for your NHPA. Having your support, dedication, hearing your views, watching many of you spend long hours working for our sport, on various levels and having a bonding friendship with so many. This is TRUE prosperity for all of us.

The number of clubs in the cl/lg program jumped in the first 10 years from 13 to 165, in the next 6 years (1994) to 198. In the next 4 years, can we see as large an increase as was shown in the first ten? Perhaps not, but I still feel we have a strong and fine program, which is a great influence for total NHPA participation.

It seems in all things there is a rush of beginning growth, somewhat of a peak is reached and then things begin to level off. The good things, due to unity and dedication, will again begin a slow ascent to reach higher goals, which may or may not mean greater numbers, but a greater organization as a whole. I firmly believe we will see these goals accomplished in our sport as all of us reach

out to new people with our companionship and willingness to help, to teach, to show and share the enjoyment and feeling of prosperity we have among ourselves. It will take a whole-hearted effort from all of us, to increase and hold our numbers. The same that is required to reach any goals we set for ourselves in everyday life. So, please, don't just sit back and wait for only the leaders to accomplish what you want. (It doesn't happen that way.) Dive right in and do your part.

In seeking the best we can have and/or growth, let's not forget our unity. As a FAMILY sport, we must all work harder for us to be that—"A Total Family Sport." As a start and to do this, we all must stop the constant bickering and controversy about short and long distance pitchers. I know, especially when money is involved, some have a tendency to think "Winning is the name of the Game." Of course we all like to win, it's our competitive nature. But aren't you really defeating yourself, when all you can concentrate on is that you hate pitching against anyone who pitches from a distance other than your own?

These adverse feelings do not help you win and they do take away a good possibility of your winning and definitely destroy the enjoyment of the game for both parties. When this happens to me, it hurts my feelings, it makes me feel not wanted in this sport and even gives me thoughts "is it really worth this hassle?" Is this really a Family sport or a showing of good sportsmanship?

I personally—win, lose or draw against any opponent—strive only to pitch each game to the best of my ability, pitching only against myself and the stake, trying always to maintain or improve my average and still, above all, enjoy the competition and the game. If I happen to win, GREAT, if I lose (which is usually no one's fault but mine) I'll try harder the next time. Regardless of the outcome if I have a good average, this to me "is the name of the Game." Remember, if you are thinking about the weather, court conditions, your opponents pitching distance or just

mad at your own pitching, you are, in reality defeating yourself.

There is never any reason or need to blame anyone or any condition for failure to win. Both of you, in any game, are pitching under the same conditions. Do and think, only the best and wish the same to all others. Stay relaxed and enjoy. You will win a share of all you deserve.

I'd like to thank Vicki Winston for her fine article and support of this program. The Missouri Charter, along with many others, is a tremendous asset to this program's prosperity and that of the NHPA. "I appreciate you all."

This subject has been presented in previous issues by both myself and Russ Bartle of Colorado. It concerns a concept started by the Colorado Charter of having a statewide, annual Sanctioned League Championship tournament, which they have been holding for many years. Neither Russ nor I have had any inquiries from any other Charters about this concept.

We both feel it would be good if other Charters would hold an annual event like this. The winning teams/person from each sanctioned club within the Charter would compete for the State league Champion title. The event would be sponsored by the Charter. They have a great time and each individual in all of the clubs has the incentive to vie for their chance to represent their club. It doesn't matter if your Charter has two clubs or more. Everyone could become better acquainted, more united and the Charter as a whole could prosper from any event of this kind.

Who knows, this could grow into a Regional event and some day maybe even a National event. Give it some thought, poll your clubs and try it. For suggestions of how to get started and formats of play, Russ will be happy to help. You may contact him with a letter or call:

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Regional Director's Report

There have been two more Regional Director appointments made in the last month. **Omar (Blackie) Blacketer** is back as the Regional Director for Kentucky and **John McCormack** will be the new Regional Director for Hawaii. I feel that both will do an outstanding job for the NHPA and their respective Charters. I, as we all, should welcome their dedication to the NHPA and the work they will do for the sport of horseshoe.

With the help of the Regional Directors I am compiling a list of every sanctioned court complex in the United States. To date that list has grown to over 250 with just over half of the Regional Directors reporting. I expect it to be over 500 when complete and cover every state. I will have it with me at the World Tournament if you would like to know if the courts you pitch on are on the list or where there are courts in other states you may be planning a visit to.

Johnny Davenport, ARD, Texas reports that they will have ten sanctioned tournaments in the Panhandle and Texas South Plains area. Just four years ago there was only one sanctioned tournament in that same area. If you lived in Lubbock there was one tournament six miles away at Buffalo Springs Lake. The next closest tournament in Texas was at least 340 miles away. Now if you live in Lubbock there are eight sanctioned tournaments within 35 or 40 miles and two more 150 miles north. Johnny adds that he is sure proud of all the horseshoe pitchers out in West Texas. They are all great people.

Pat Wemhoff, RD, Nebraska, reports that Tom Durham is reconstructing the Madison County Courts located at Ta-h-zouka Park in Norfolk. Tom is receiving assistance from the City on this project and completion is set for July 1, 1995. In David City, Eugene Andel has been granted a plot of land for new courts at the new Baseball Complex. The construction is scheduled to begin June 1st.

Steve Summerlin, RD, Michigan, is pleased to report that the WSHPA is a solid and growing association.

This year they are adding two new clubs and even though they are not requesting sanctioning at this time, due to continuing construction at their site, league play will be starting this year. Steve also reports that former Regional Director, John Decker, is doing very well following his surgery this past winter. (If I know John he will be in Perry at the W.T. helping check shoes again this year.)

Just a short note and request from **Gail Sluys, RD, Northern California.** Who ever took the SUN out of California, would you please bring it back, we miss it, and as long as you're here, come join us in a tournament.

Jerry Kahle, RD, Arkansas, reports that Ira Scott and Bill Webb of Hot Springs have been promoters of the Senior Olympic movement in Arkansas for years as a service and for possible recruitment of members for the NHPA. Jerry reports that both he and Scott are perennial Arkansas gold medal winners in their age groups and both competed in the U.S National Senior Olympics V in San Antonio, Texas, May 17-24. Ira won a gold in the 75-9 age group and Jerry won bronze in the 65-69 age group, in horseshoe pitching of course.

As Regional Director Chairman I am pleased to report that the patches ordered for the NHPA Tournament Patch Program will be much closer to the actual number of patches needed. This year I ordered 14,000 patches of which I have just over 2300 remaining. Last year at this time I had over 5,000 and was left with over 1000 at season's end. This should relate to an over-all savings of about \$800 and far less waste.

It would be unrealistic to order patches in September and expect to have none left over by December of the following year. There are too many variables in over a year's time. I am not stating that I am for or against having the year on the patches, I only wish to inform you, as members, of the cost. I hope to see many of you at this year's W.T., and good pitching.

Dick Hansen

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Team World '95

by Jim Haupt



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*Kentucky Team
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MIDDLE

*11 Current and former
World Champions.*

Top (l-r)

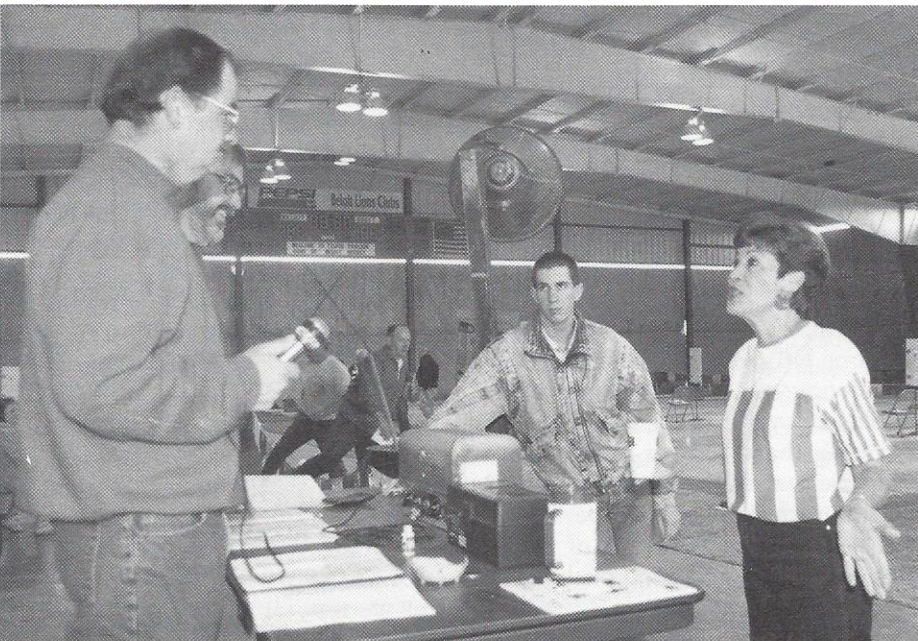
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Vicki Winston
Steve Hohl*

Ray Hill

Dale Lipovsky

Bottom (l-r)

*Don Titcomb
Debby Bestul
Sandy Janssens
Sue Snyder*



BELOW

*No, Phyllis,
you can't protest
the Kentucky win.
Three in a row
for Minnesota
was enough.*

One day after the Kentucky Derby, four horseshoe pitchers of that state claimed the Team-World Cup at the Beloit, Wisconsin Tournament. Sue Snyder, Charlie Meredith, Ron Powell, and Don Titcomb repaid the Minnesota team with their own version of a photo-finish. In 1994 the same Minnesota team won the final game by a nose over Kentucky.

This time the same two competitors, Don Titcomb and Lu Cave, last on the courts with the title on the line, dueled as their teammates tracked the hopeful flight of those last shoes. Titcomb had to win by two points. Courtesy of Cave, he did it with seven points to spare.

Twenty-two teams played a round robin pre-lim starting Friday morning leading to the Sunday afternoon finals. Seven made the final play-offs.

The ladder-type finals began with four teams vying for the fourth position. A strong Quebec team with the tournament high average pitcher, Sylvianne Moisan (81.6%) lost to the second team of Minnesota. On the adjoining courts the top Missouri team dropped a close match with the number one team of Wisconsin.

In the second bracket the home state team won again outpointing the other first game winner, Minnesota-2. In the losers bracket it was Quebec over Missouri-1 by 3/1 games.

Wisconsin, now fourth on the ladder just held their position as the defending champion Minnesota-1 team stopped the Badgers assent. The formidable Ontario-1 team ranked second with likes of Sandy Janssens, Kevin McLachlin, Stan Leis, and Steve Hohl, became next the conquest of the number one Minnesota team to set-up that fateful final match with Kentucky.

Highest ringer game of the finals happened when Mark Bauman (77.5%) met Sylvianne Moisan (92.5%).

New entries this year included the family team from Quebec. The Leclerc-Moisan plus Bourdreault group drove seventeen hours to reach the horseshoe rink in the town with the French sounding name of Beloit.

Colorado played sponsored by Allen Baptist. Rich Pintor and Paul Lacrosse reportedly asked for sweet rolls so Baptist brought Schneck—Dan Schneck.

Rod Tanner brought one 'Upper' and three 'Lowers' from Michigan. Experiencing top competition, the team allowed him to pitch just one game. "Wait til next year," Tanner declared, "We'll come with two teams—I *am* going to pitch."

Solidarity is catching on. Teams are taking on the look of real "teams" with custom shirts. Both Colorado and Michigan dressed with specially embossed "Team-World" uniform shirts—neat. Harvey Wobbe had his Six-Pac team from Missouri looking sharp. Bill Vanderburg of Ontario hawks his many shoes on shirts. The other Ontario team seemed to be showing mostly "Ontario." It may be the "middle ground" between Kevin McLachlin and Steve Hohl, both with an interest in marketing horseshoes.

Gus Schram of Wisconsin, now pitching his new one hook shoe, is considering "Ringle Single" shirts for next year.

No team from Saskatchewan this year after many consecutive years of competition. Fellow players say, "Wish you were here." To field an even number of teams, the Team-World Committee assembled a 22nd team appropriately called T-W Dream Team, made up of three Indiana pitchers and one from Tennessee. The T-W team played as unannounced pacers preserving a bit of mystery for the scoreboard.

The first weekend in May was a few days later this year and brought the warm weather the Telfer Park pitchers yearn for. Although the twenty-four courts are set-up inside, the outside walls of the huge structure are canvas. Outside temperature becomes inside tem-

perature. Lacking the rays of the sun, it's like pitching in windless shade—really nice on warm days.

Historically, the Team-World has sometimes been facetiously viewed as a Minnesota benefit event. Winners five times in eleven years including the '92, '93, '94 run indicates their domination.

Kentucky
ends the
three year
Minnesota
reign.

*The power
of Kentucky
remains
every team's
concern.*

Phyllis Negaard and Dale Lipovsky played on every winning team. The Gopher State has a gang of top pitchers. This year Minnesota lost but in a close match while their #2 team starring Mark Bauman was also in the finals. Look for Minnesota to be back in '96 trying to reclaim "their" title.

The power of Kentucky remains every team's concern. Note, Sue Snyder has moved to Kentucky. Lois Webster, in school, did not pitch. The state has pitchers on the waiting list—enough to field two teams.

TEAM-WORLD '96
May 3-4-5

Team World Scores on next page ►

Team World '95 Scores

KENTUCKY 81 wins	%	WISCONSIN-2 51 wins	%
1 Sue Snyder	79.55	12 Mark Mauthe	60.12
1 Charles Meredith	72.39	12 Gus Schram	54.88
1 Ron Powell	70.11	12 Larry Barber	64.05
1 Don Titcomb	62.84	12 Arnie Walton	47.98
MINNESOTA-1 74 wins		MISSOURI-3 51 wins	
2 Beverly Nathe	79.58	13 Ron Hassler	37.26
2 Dale Lipovsky	71.56	13 M O Turner	62.74
2 Phyllis Negaard	66.98	13 Lou Rector	69.17
2 Lu Cave	62.71	13 Bob Diekamp	55.48
ONTARIO-1 74.5 wins		MICHIGAN 47.5 wins	
3 Steve Hohl	75.00	14 Kent Rundell	59.05
3 Sandy Janssen	73.18	14 Ray Hill	63.10
3 Stan Leis	65.91	14 Jim Wiltse	54.75
3 Kevin McLachlin	68.86	14 Larry Kemp	57.75
		14 Rod Tanner	47.50
WISCONSIN-1 64.5 wins		IOWA-1 42.5 wins	
4 Lorraine Sternberg	67.79	15 Wilbur Foelske	58.57
4 Randy Rein	67.74	15 Stoney Jackson	46.42
4 Clayton Gage	65.56	15 Leo Buell	57.02
4 Ralph Maylahn	64.08	15 Bob McKee	47.98
4 Don Kangas	63.75		
MINNESOTA-2 63.5 wins		ONTARIO-2 41.5 wins	
5 Mark Bauman	74.02	16 Frank Weaver	57.86
5 Edie Holland C.	65.71	16 Shelia McGrath	59.81
5 Gerald Stangland	63.82	16 Andy Kutsch	53.57
5 Don Jakel	59.17	16 Bill Vanderburg	57.86
5 Wilfred Korpela	58.42	16 Tom Stroh	42.50
QUEBEC 65.5 wins		WISCONSIN-4 34 wins	
6 Sylvianne Moisan	82.07	17 Heidi Sternberg	54.64
6 Andre Leclerc	65.22	17 Jim Larson	53.69
6 Angeline Moisan	68.70	17 John Barden	52.26
6 Marcel Boudreault	58.80	17 Tony Scrima	40.44
		17 Jerry Nordlee	34.38
MISSOURI-1 70.5 wins		ILLINOIS-2 32.5 wins	
7 Vicki Winston	71.20	18 Dennis Reid	62.71
7 Don Harris	76.08	18 Hallie Romanelli	40.00
7 Sam Carter	62.17	18 Thomas Reid	45.00
7 Stan Griggs	61.20	18 Rich Andrysiak	46.32
		18 Ron Hopman	48.03
ILLINOIS-1 59.5 wins		WISCONSIN-3 31.5 wins	
8 Cliff Baker	67.94	19 Edie McKinney	60.36
8 Charlie Webb	65.74	19 Jane Smith	57.50
8 Jerry Dumstorff	57.77	19 Debby Bestul	45.36
8 Bunny Ward	58.67	19 Bil Schaaf	35.95
8 Larry Knop	65.29		
MISSOURI-2 58.5 wins		MISSOURI-4 23 wins	
9 Elwyn Cooper	64.40	20 Charlie Kertz	41.20
9 Tim Henderson	56.55	20 Jerry Francis	43.57
9 Rose Diekamp	69.40	20 Ron Deno	48.33
9 Rick Stockamp	60.95	20 Jeff Mudd	36.43
INDIANA 54.5 wins		IOWA-2 18 wins	
10 Mark Seibold	68.69	21 Russ Martin	45.48
10 Chad Hyatt	74.52	21 Herb Hasen	33.69
10 Bill Ungetheim	50.83	21 James Jackson	33.93
10 Ralph Guffey	56.90	21 Harold Garner	36.79
COLORADO 53.5 wins		T-W DREAM TEAM <i>pacers</i>	
11 Paul Lacrosse	75.60	22 Paula Hunsicker	47.26
11 Rich Pintor	62.74	22 Bob Wolfinger	58.45
11 Dan Schneck	58.45	22 Joe Graber	40.60
11 Allen Baptist	30.36	22 Darrell Taulbee	40.83

Would You Believe?

"Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades." That's not what inveterate horseshoe pitcher Pat Brandy says. Close may not be good enough in horseshoes and he offers these anecdotes to "prove" his point.

I have seen a pitcher in a game throw a ringer with each of his 2 and ½ pound horseshoes at the regulation distance of 40 feet and not score even one point, eleven times in a row. In horseshoe parlance, the players had 11 "four deads" in a row. Skeptical? Brandy says he witnessed this event in South Gate Park in the year 1975, give or take a couple. And he says it happened when they were playing a cancellation game (which means, for the uninitiated, that if one player throws a ringer and the other one does too, the ringers cancel each other and there is no score. If they each throw 2 ringers that's known as "four dead." If the opponent does not throw a ringer, then the other player's ringer is worth 3 points, or if the player's shoe is within 6 inches of the stake, it's worth one point.) Brandy says he saw it with his own eyes—11 four deads in a row. The players were Terry Early and Ron Simmons.

Well, I believe him.

He went on to "prove" his point. He saw Vito Filleccia accept a challenge for a modest wager that Vito could not throw 4 ringers one on top of the other using only 4 shoes. Brandy says Vito got 3 straight ringers under that pressure but missed the next one—then he called for a double or nothing chance to get even. He got 3 again. Naturally he wanted another double or nothing. At the point where Vito was in the hole an amount approaching the national debt, although he continued to get 3 out of 4, Vito got his 4 out of 4, and gratefully retired from his gambling exploit. Well, I believe him.

Having been around this national but little-known game for more than a few years, Brandy says he saw trick shooter Jimmy Risk, who performed at the White House for President Truman, tie a match to the bottom of the stake and light it by throwing a perfect ringer.

Well, I believe him.

Still not quite sure that I was convinced, Brandy told me about Risk's best trick with horseshoes. Risk would take a wristwatch and place it on the stake. He would then proceed to throw a ringer around the stake without breaking the watch. Well, about that time, Brandy hastened to add that he, Brandy, could also do that trick, providing that it was someone else's watch.

Well, I believe that.

Remember Guy Zimmerman, the many-time California State Champion? Yes, of course. He is a legend among those of us who enjoy this friendly outdoor game. Brandy swears that this is true. Zimmerman's wife would stand halfway between the 2 horseshoe stakes with a cigarette in her mouth. Guy would throw that 2 and ½ pound horseshoe for a perfect ringer, knocking the cigarette from the lady's mouth along the way. And when he did it, he was blindfolded. Well...I'll drink to that. By the way, Brandy plays at Torrance's Wilson Park, in case you need further proof.

A Tribute To **GLEN PORTT**

by Dave Loucks

*I*t was 1984 when Glen Portt, then the NHPA President, asked me to become the Statistician and Historian of the Organization. Glen had been elected president the prior year and despite accepting the office for only one two-year term, he was committed to see this organization grow and prosper and was not afraid to make change if he thought it necessary.

Though not widely known throughout the NHPA, Glen brought to the job an impressive background with the strong quality of leadership. Born in Lansing, Michigan, he grew up in Mayville and after graduating High School, went to Central State Teachers College in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan where he received a teaching degree. He taught in a country school for five years before joining the Army Air Corps in 1941 where he trained as a navigator. When War broke out in December that year, he was sent to Spokane, WA, where he flew patrols off the west coast as part of a B-17 crew.

In 1942, Glen was sent to Monroe, Louisiana as a squadron commander over 600 cadets in a navigation school. Gaining combat crew training in both B-17s and B-29s, his assignments for the most part stayed clear of major combat regions as he later ferried aircraft to Europe via Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland.

In his first year of the military, Glen met and married Jane Cook of Albany, Georgia. After getting out of the service in late 1945 but maintaining a reserve status, Glen returned to Albany, going to work for Southern Wholesale Distributors as he and Jane began raising their family. In January 1952, Glen was called back to active military duty where he remained until his retirement



as Colonel in 1969. During this second hitch of active duty, Glen served in many capacities at several stations including Madrid, Spain, where he was closely involved from the beginning with the funding of the U-2 spy plane.

Having picked up further college courses at the University of Maryland and Advanced Management at Harvard University, Glen and Jane returned to Albany where he again went to work for Southern Wholesale Distributors, this time as manager of their two facilities in Macon and Albany. He remained in this capacity until the business was sold.

Glen first pitched horseshoes in 1924 at the age of 10 and reported touring Michigan with the legendary Jimmy Risk as the fall guy for the pitching tricks Jimmy performed. Except for an occasional fun opportunity, schooling and the military kept Glen away from horseshoes until his retirement. However, when he became involved, it was with the same zeal and drive that had no doubt carried him to his success in the military.

Joining the NHPA in 1974, Glen won his first Georgia State Championship that year and by 1987, had won the title nine times. In 1980 and 1984,

he won the World Senior Men's Championship. Glen served the horseshoe pitchers in Georgia as the state publicity director for six years and president for two. He was the NHPA Regional Director in 1982 prior to becoming NHPA President in 1983. In 1990, he was inducted as the Charter member in the Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and in 1992 he was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame.

Glen told me he loved the game and never backed away from a challenge. The competition of one on one, the socializing and the meetings with old friends were what he liked best about the NHPA. On the flip side, Glen said it was really hard to accomplish things at both the State and National levels because there were too few people willing to work. That's one of the reasons Glen committed to only one term as NHPA President. I felt honored that he recommended me to replace him and while I must admit that we still don't have enough workers, a greater number have become involved.

Glen and Jane had three children and were married 52 years before Jane's death in November 1994 of Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Like everything else, Glen devoted himself to taking care of Jane during the last years of her extended illness. Their love was strong and when she died, part of Glen seemed to go with her. It was only a short time later that Glen had a mild heart attack. While in the hospital for some tests he suffered another attack and died on April 19, 1995.

It is often difficult to take the measure of a man, but for those who knew Glen Portt and looked up to him, there can be no doubt that he stood tall.

Old Glory Is My Hero

*Old Glory is my hero
As She waves across our lands
Not the fabric, nor the flare
But the Honor for which She stands.*

*Honor to make the stand for right
Courage to fight the wrong
Pride in preserving Freedom
By fighting hard and long.*

*Our battles to preserve Freedom
Are not without high cost
Families are separated, blood is shed
Brave soldiers' lives are lost.*

*The cost of freedom we call it
One may give more than another
But with every life lost, we all pay
For each one is our sister or brother.*

*But our grand country does not stop
Because the price is high
Without Freedom, all is lost
Honor and Pride soon die.*

*Our country chooses to pay this price
With yellow ribbons, our flag unfurled
We are proud to pay our dues
For freedom throughout the world.*

*Let the protestors march the streets
Shouting their demands
They may burn Her fabric
But not for what She stands.*

*She stands for Peace, Honor and Truth
As Freedom reigns nationwide
Tears roll down cheeks of Americans
Like me, so filled with a sense of pride.*

*Yes, I'm proud to be an American
I salute our soldiers so brave
I stand behind Old Glory
Long may our banner wave!*

*Joye Willcox Portt
3/3/91*

Here and There



Donation for Horseshoe Regional

Jack "Hardrock" Bunner (left) makes a donation to Charlie Bunner (center) and Cliff Powell to help sponsor the NHPA Northeast Regional July 14-16 at Worthington Park. The event, hosted by the Affiliated Horseshoe Pitchers—Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission is one of eight annual regional tournaments that qualify a 40-foot pitcher (adult man) and a 30-foot pitcher (a junior girl or boy, woman or man age 70 or over, or a physically handicapped person) to compete in the NHPA Championships at Gillette, Wyoming in 1996.



Flash's Passion

Fred "Flash" Lavett of Seaside, CA, age 74, was once a pretty fair baseball and softball player. That's when he received his nickname—for flashy plays. But for 60 years, since tossing them in his backyard, horseshoes have been his passion.

He didn't get serious about the sport until his early 40s when in

1962 he entered his first tournament. The very next year he won the Northern California D-class championship. In 1967 he won another Nor-Cal title with 70%. He has since won two senior state titles.

Flash loves to tell about competing in the 1973 World Championship, where he finished 24th out of 36 with 77%. He beat 10-time World Champion Ted Allen in a match in that tournament.

"I've beaten a lot of those big wheels," Flash said. "They know me from coast-to-coast when I go on the courts."

Horseshoe Pitching A Real Sport

This letter was submitted to a New Jersey newspaper in May 1995.

Dear Sports Editor,

I have a feeling that horseshoe pitching is the Rodney Dangerfield of the sports world. Dictionaries reveal that the game of horseshoes most definitely comes under the realm of "sports."

I, myself, have been a pro baseball pitcher from June 1946 when Yogi Berra won my first game with a homer in the bottom of the 10th for the Newark Bears right up until the end of the 1953 season. In my career I have been a teammate of Joe DiMaggio (7th Air Force Baseball Club, Hicham Field, Oahu, April-Aug. 1944) and Henry Aaron (Jacksonville Braves, April-July 1953).

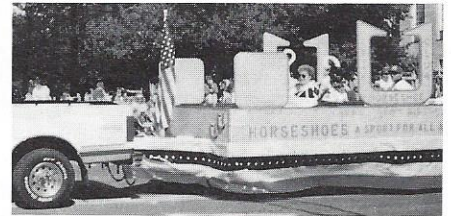
My son, Peter, played 4 years of baseball for Notre Dame and one in the pros. My other son, Don competes and sometimes wins 15, 10, and 5K races in Florida. My granddaughter, Kelly, competed in the Eastern Zone swimming event representing Massachusetts in the "10 and under" class at Princeton.

My point for saying this is that I know competition. I can humbly say that one can get all the competition that one can handle in the horseshoe tournament play.

One of the best kept secrets in the *Courier-News* area is that there are 24 horseshoe courts at Mountain View Park in Middlesex and they are open to all.

A final note for golfers to try horseshoes. It's a great feeling when you're throwing ringers. You don't have to get up a 5 in the morning and there is no waiting.

Don Schmidt. Plainfield, NJ



Erie, PA Celebrated Its 200th Birthday in May

On May 27, 1995, the city of Erie, PA celebrated its 200th birthday with a Bicentennial Parade. The parade was five hours long and drew around 100,000 spectators.

The Erie Horseshoe Club built and entered a float in the parade to promote the sport of horseshoes. The spectators were from PA, Canada and other states. Riding on the float were Steve Kuchcinski, the present PA State Men's Champion and the first PA Indoor State Champion (held at Uniontown, PA in May); Aileen Drayer, the present PA State Women's Champion and the first PA Indoor State Champion; Frank Bohun, the present PA State Elder 30' Champion; and Keith Hayes, the present Erie County Jr. Champion. On the side of the float we had "Horseshoes: A Sport For All Ages."

Our club president Tom Roberts, did all of the lettering on the float and helped to design it along with one of our members, Larry Difiori. The parade was shown on all of our local television stations.

The Erie Horseshoe Club has been chosen to hold the 2nd annual PA Indoor State Tournament and the PA Outdoor State Tournament in 1996. They bought a piece of land next to

Dave Loucks reports happenings around the NHPA

the Glenwood Horseshoe Courts, hoping to build their own indoor courts. Right now they rent part of a building where they hold four winter sanctioned indoor tournaments.

A Dramatic Finish To An Almost Impossible Probability

On February 25, 1995 the New Melle Horseshoe Club traveled to the Greater St. Louis Horseshoe Club's courts to play for the "Bragging Rights Trophy" between the two clubs. This was the third time for this event.

The NMHC had won the two previous tournaments. The first two contests were very, very close! However, what determined the outcome of this tournament just doesn't get any closer than this.

After 72 games were played and a total of 7200 shoes pitched the two teams tied with 36 wins each. We had a pitch-off format planned just in case this improbably situation might occur.

Each club selected their six top pitchers that were available. On court #1 for St. Louis was Bob Thompson and Jerry Francis—their opponents from NMHC were Jeanette Claas and Tim Henderson. On court #2 for St. Louis were Steve Schuck and Ron Deno—their opponents for NMHC were Rich Altis and Rick Stockamp. On court #3 the St. Louis team would be John Setzer and Terry DeClue to oppose the NMHC team of Mary Ann Ell and Tony Rohe.

Then the tie-breaking pitch-off was underway. On court #2 after 25 shoes, the game ended up in a tie; to break this tie each player threw two shoes. Rich Altis lead off with a double and Steve Schuck countered with one ringer; New Melle was up by three points. Ron Deno threw four points and Rick Stockamp countered with a double; New Melle wins by four points on court #2.

On court #3 St. Louis wins by one point! However, by a close mea-

surement on the last shoe pitched by Tony Rohe, his ringer was not quite on to give St. Louis the one point win!

The game on court #1 is now in the 10th frame and they know the results of the other two games. Going into the 13th and final frame, each contestant has one shoe left to pitch with St. Louis leading by one point. Bob Thompson of St. Louis leads off with a ringer and Tim Henderson of NMHC tops it. Jeanette Claas throws a ringer with her last shoe. Now with the last shoe of the tournament (shoe #7508) Jerry Francis could mustard up one point, giving New Melle the one point victory.

The New Melle Horseshoe Club was very fortunate to retain the "Bragging Rights Trophy!" The tournament proved that handicap horseshoes works. Watching both clubs rooting and cheering for their fellow pitchers made in an exciting and fabulous finish to witness!

Congratulations to both clubs!

Washington

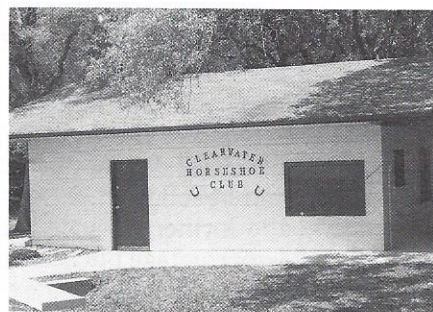
The 30th Anniversary of the Winetroutr Series in Everett, Washington was a huge success. There were a total of 489 pitchers taking part in the 6 tournaments that start in January and end the later part of April. There was an average of 80 players per tournament including 18 Juniors. The final games were also a tribute to Winnie Winetroutr's 90th birthday.

Winnie pitched in the World Tournaments from 1960 to 1970. In both 1968 and '69 he was the World's Intermediate Champion with a high game of 82.9%. He was also given the title of Mr. Horseshoes in 1972 and entered the Hall of Fame in 1974. At the conclusion of the final series each year Winnie serves his famous clam chowder.

The Traveling Trophy was presented to Charlie Moppet and the Most Improved went to Jim Friend. The Juniors were well represented by

Levi Wood, Champion and Ben Wood, 2nd place. The 3rd place went to Joe Beckman. Leading all the Elder men was Champion John Reedy.

Not to be outdone by her boys was Ladies' Champion Becky Wood. The overall Grand Champion was again Peter Clark from Port Orchard, WA. Pat Quinn, the State President, gave a short speech about the future of Horseshoes in Washington. The Tournaments were in charge of Director Margaret Byfield and her able assistants Phyllis Quist and Carol Lowitz.



Florida State Hall of Fame

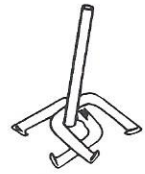
You may have heard that David Blevins of Pacifica, California is putting together a Hall of Fame Directory to be published by Facts On File, Inc. (New York). David contacted Norm Gaseau of the Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association concerning Florida's State Hall of Fame and asked that Norm provide him information concerning it.

The Florida State Hall of Fame (shown above) is now complete for all intent and purposes. Everyone is invited to visit the exhibit free.



Bob Champion's

Charter Chatter



Most of the news in *Charter Chatter* comes from newsletters sent to me by the 37 charters who publish them. A year or so ago, Chatter suggested that state newsletter editors exchange their publications with all the others, and asked them to place the newspapers in communities where tournaments are held on their newsletter mailing list. *Chatter* hopes this has been done.

Another suggestion is to list the home towns of tournament winners and other important people so that those newspapers who take the time to read newsletters may follow up on their local pitchers.

CALIFORNIA

The Sonoma Horseshoe Club held its annual meeting at the court's clubhouse in Santa Rosa in January. A new president, Steve London, takes the place of Casey Sluys, recently elected NHPA second vice president. Casey is also NHPA president—a busy fellow.

Among subjects discussed which should apply to all pitchers for the good of the game were: 1. The necessity of proper score calling during play. The rules established by NHPA should be followed. 2. A teaching clinic should be established to further advancement of new club members. Some low percentage pitchers could use a little help.

Stewart Snyder has donated to the club a copy of the new Teaching Manual developed by Paul Carriere for Horseshoe Canada. It is a good one.

High game over average certificates were given out to the following—Linda Hoelscher at San Jose, 41.09 average, pitched 72.5%. Ken Woolery at Yolo, 41.59 average, pitched 70%. Fred Lavett at San Jose 30.37 average, pitched 62.5%.

Steve Wyrill (40') and Teddy Guillotte (30') were the winners of the Southwest Regional at Davis, California on the Yolo courts. Steve closed with a 61.28%, Teddy 67.22%.

CANADA

Ed Murray, who has been involved with Horseshoe Canada for 25 years, writes in his newsletter column *From the Murray Den*, "Some words of wisdom never hurt anyone."

"During those 25 years I have seen many clubs organized, especially after 1976, and am amazed at how many of them withered and died.

"As I look back with hindsight, I find there are always one of two reasons why these clubs succumbed.

1. Improper meetings or 2. A bull-headed executive.

"I have noted that all organizations, regardless whether they be horseshoe clubs or any other club, go on and on forever if they hold regular membership meetings and the president keeps his mouth shut from giving speeches, and conducts the meeting as a chairman should and lets the membership debate each order of business before it is voted on. Many clubs have fallen apart because the general membership was not allowed to thoroughly debate a certain motion at the meeting.

COLORADO

Paul LaCross won the Championship flight and Jim Amack took Class A in the Annual Tournament of Champions at the indoor Knaub Arena in April. LaCrosse and Rich Pintor were tied after regulation play and Paul defeated the Merry Mex, 42-21 in a playoff. Amack also won in a playoff defeating Robert Engel, 40-19.

Gerry Labbe was the recipient of a 50-year patch from NHPA. The former State Champion now has 55 years of membership. He competed in three World tournaments. He won five state Class A titles.

Colorado now has 13 clubs and 23 leagues and is tied for second in the club total. Only Missouri has more (14).

Ed Knaub, who built the 8-court Knaub Arena plans to move, but will rent his present home so that Colorado pitchers will be able to use the facility. He built the arena in 1985 at a cost of \$30,000.

CONNECTICUT

Charter president Shawn Castleberry is predicting another good year with 10 sanctioned tournaments on tap for the 60th year of the Charter.

The state had 393 members, an increase of 54 last year. Tournament entrants increased from 580 in 1993 to 722 in 1994.

The other officers are Ron Beck, vice president; Ed Mancini, secretary; Don Maine, treasurer; George Wooster, junior director; and Dwight Hansen, public relations.

IDAHO

Eleven pitchers started the 1995 season with percentages over 50 led by state champions Charlie Ault with 60.52%.

The other ten in order are Robert Thackery 59.01, Bill Brown 57.65, Linda Van Gorder 56.25, Jim Taylor 54.78, Nick Piva 54.09, Wayne Moore 53.25, Howard Homme 52.93, Dean Curry 52.86, Jesse Jyda 52.14, and Clyde Marquez 50.53.

Names make news and those people who direct tournaments should get some credit for their efforts. Tournament directors in the state are Dave Spears, Ralph Warthen, Nick Piva, Tim Stephens, Berle Riese, Clyde Marquez, Don Scarrow, Henry Reid, Don Heidt, Don Sacz, Kirk Jacobson, Gary Kollman, Jim Price, Bonnie Stutzman, Lynn Johnson, and Harry Chapin.

KANSAS

The green was out for the St. Patrick's tournament with the biggest laugh coming from Bill Whitley's green nose. Dennis Edgington has the maintenance down pat on "play dough" as they had several pitchers having extra good days. Priscilla Hedges had a new career high of 62+ percent. She went from Class B to A and now the championship in three months.

Mary Ann Peninger was one ringer short of 70 percent. John Beat was moved up a class to fill in, shot the best

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percentage in his life, but found the going rough. He did win two games, however.

Harvey and Letta Washburn live in Alton, Kansas. He is known as the "Bucket Man" at the nine World Tournaments he has pitched. Alton is a small town, so if Harvey hollers "four dead" you can hear it clear cross town.

At Ainsworth, Nebraska in 1986, your *Charter Chatter* writer shot 58% against Harvey in the opening game in a 35% class. He spent two hours jawing about the fact I should be in another class until he found out I toss 58% once every ten years. He is a good friend now.

LOUISIANA

Representing our state at the National Senior Sports games in San Antonio, Texas in May were State Champion Landry Camardelle and his wife Jenny in the 55-59 age group in both horseshoes and shuffleboard. Results were not available at press time.

The ten new courts at Kemper-Williams Park in Morgan City were dedicated in May including newspaper and TV coverage. New phases of improvements include permanent fencing and lighting in 1995. League play is also on the agenda.

Ron Latiolais went 5-0 with 58.5% to win Class A in the Harahan Newcomers tournament. Glenn Schmidt took Class B, Larry Hill won Class C, Mike Stevens won Class D, and Dean Marks nailed Class E.

Latiolais and Schmidt won first in A and B in the Wes Terrebonne Memorial.

MICHIGAN

Darrin Howard reported that his city's Junior High School scheduled a tournament on June 3. From 100 to 200 students were expected to pitch in the tournament.

Claude Shannahan defeated Dave Grambow in play-off to win the Class A division of the Pop Gentry Club indoor tournament. Carl Diepak took Class B with a 7-0 record.

Marlene Cooper had a 6-0 record and 69.92% to win the Class A division in the Jackson indoor tournament. Her high game was 82.35. She also won the March 11 tournament with 6-0, 77.53 and the March 25 event with 5-1, 67.97. On the 11th she had high game of 87.50 and 80.77 on the 25th. Have we seen her at the World?

MINNESOTA

Not many charters can come up with the figures for All-Time victory lists, but the Gopher State can boast such lists.

In Class A Frank Stinson tops the list for men with 283 wins in 40 appearances. In 17 tournaments Ron Cherrier has 185, followed by still active Len Lipovsky with 184. Andy Paglarini is fourth with 163 in 24 events.

It's a three sister act in the women's division for All-time wins, headed by Phyllis Negaard with 132 in 19 tournaments. Bev Nathe holds 82 in 15 events and Sandy Karash has won 65 in nine events.

Vance Harren heads the boys with 44 wins in 8 tournaments followed by Alden Sandquist with 34 in 7

events. Chris Harren is 28 in 6 state tournaments. Tiffany Gage tops the girls with 26 wins in 7 events. In second spot is Boni Boser with 23 in 5 outings.

Ralph Marks has nailed 24 wins in 6 tournaments with Clayton Peterson second with 21 in 4 appearances. Both are still active in the 40-foot class. Hjalmer Johnson is the 30-ft. leader with 31 in 7 events.

MISSOURI

Charter members are excited about the bid to hold the 1997 World Horseshoe tournament in St. Louis. The tournament would be put on by the St. Louis Sports Authority and the Civic Center but also hosted by the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Brett Francis may be moving back to pitch with the adult crowd. If that's so, one popular junior will be doing a lot of practicing between now and the big title tournaments. There have been a lot of Francis's on the horseshoe scene in the past.

Chatter now knows how he gets all the special information needed for the annual NHPA World program and other items. It's from Earl Winston, NHPA 1st vice president, NHPA Hall of Fame chairman and Missouri Historian. Earl is a mountain of information. He's been around horseshoes, *Chatter* calls him "Antique" and Earl the Pearl.

The New Melle Club retained the "Bragging Rights" trophy in February with a victory over the Greater St. Louis Horseshoe Club. Winning team members were Jeannette Claas, Tim Henderson, Rich Altis, Rick Stockamp, Mary Ann Eli and Tony Rohe.

NEW MEXICO

Several members of the Albuquerque Horseshoe Club—Robert Schuck, Fred Romero and wife, Bobby Landrum, Tom Phelan and Hal Mineer had several meetings with the city Parks and General Service Department on the Mariposa Park project. If and when courts would be built in the park, they would be correct to NHPA standards.

They should have 12 courts with at least a four foot fence and the club will request a storage building when the third phase of the project becomes in effect.

Sandy Zuschlag the Mariposa project manager, was instrumental from the start and insisted that the courts be built.

Their first Regional was scheduled for June 3 and 4, plus 17 other sanctioned tournaments. The Regional Tournament director was Joe Zamora from the New Mexico Southern Association.

NEW ENGLAND

There are 39 tournaments scheduled around New England this summer and with the membership of almost 1,100 pitchers, you can be sure to find some excellent competition.

Congratulations to Brian Simmons of Maine, who is the New England champion the past three years, plus John Kapnis of Massachusetts, Norm Rioux from Connecticut

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and Gale Green from Vermont for being ranked among the top 50 men pitchers in the World.

Congratulations also go to the eight women from New England who are ranked in the top 40 female pitchers in the World. They are Debbie Alexander of New Hampshire, the 1994 New England Champion; Gerry Brooks of Maine; Debby Michaud of Massachusetts; Bertha Baillargeon of Massachusetts; Debbie Pickering of New Hampshire; Liz Downer of Vermont; Elaine Hansen, Connecticut and Debra Brown from Vermont.

NEW JERSEY

Tip of the hat to Ron Vogel as a statistician. It was recorded in the *Newsline* that NJ was one of only 15 charters to have all their tournaments fully reported to NatStats in a timely manner.

Congratulations to Gene Castner and the Warren County Club, who, in a short three week span, negotiated with the Farmer's Fair people to get a building for indoor winter pitching. Castner, Doc Wasser and Lou Mecsey negotiated a 9-year lease, enrolled pitchers, got a loan from the NJSHPA, transported the courts from Pottersville, enclosed the building, installed doors and insulation and brought in some kerosene heaters. That's a lot of work. There are 4 courts for now, with room for eight.

In the first indoor tournament at the Farmer's Fairgrounds in Harmony on February 5, the winners were George Patrick and Chet Smolenski with a 4-0 record. Tom Walker and Chet Brown finished second with 3-1.

Patrick and Bob Lobell went 5-0 to win the second indoor event on February 12. Chick Davis and Don Rowett were second with 3-2.

Lou Testa won the Gene Castner Invitational with a 6-0 record and 48.6%.

NEW YORK

Chuck Dickinson is the new assistant regional director in the state, covering the western part of New York. He has been a member of NHPA for over 30 years and a driving force promoting horseshoes in that area.

He was elected into the state Hall of Fame in 1988, and a member of the Falconer Horseshoe Club where he has served as president, vice president, secretary, statistician, state tournament director and whatever else was needed by the club.

The Southern Tier Horseshoe Club is featuring table tennis and horseshoes on their schedule during the winter months. Well, not really! But last winter while they were running a 10-week program for juniors, they decided to keep the parents busy playing table tennis while waiting for the kids. Great idea!! Sometimes when most of us are out on the courts, maybe we should be playing table tennis instead of horseshoes.

NORTH CAROLINA

The NC Charter was another one who reported all their tournaments to NatStats and from that list comes the top 25. Rick Bolick, Sr. 73%; B.J. Thomas 72.34, Jake Hoff 71.43, N.A. Moore 71.10, Joe Young 70.09, Ricky

Bolick, Jr. 69.21, Paul Stewart 69.05, Charles Cooper 67.71, Tommy Gann 67.28, Clyde Southern 67.25, Harry Beasley 64.66, Rivers Prewette 64.33, Becky Kemp 61.67, Calvin Motsinger 61.03, Troy Messer 61.03, Buck Prewette 59.89, James Coggins 58.47, Gerald Hammack 57.54, Mack Buchanan 57.32, Sheila Bolick 55.47, Lester Mannes 53.02, Bill Thore 52.10, Dufay Pearson 52.04, Cager Lawson 51.94 and Earl Caudill 51.85.

Newest club in the state is the Winston Salem Horseshoe Club. They have scheduled five tournaments for this season from March through November.

The Gaston County Parks and Recreation is working on a new recreation park. Plans are already being made for ten new lighted horseshoe courts, and maybe ten more next year.

OKLAHOMA

"Mr. Showtime," Leon Bowling didn't place in Wichita's Indoor championship division at his new 30-foot attempt, but he did display some "showtime" as he defeated 1994 state champion, Glenn King, with a 60% game.

The "Clutchman" Tom Gibson, went undefeated for the first time ever, 7-0, in Class B, winning a nice first place trophy and had an overall percentage of 47.5.

But the big story this time was Becky King, who played both Saturday and Sunday in the junior division where she had to spot 10 or more points to players. She went undefeated in both divisions to win two firsts in one weekend. A great performance!

The Wichita arena is beautiful, fully carpeted. I sure hope more Tulsa Association Sure Ringers start going to this lavish pitching spot.

OREGON

Ben Wiedrich of Milwaukee topped the Class A field at Bend's Donna Graham Memorial Spring Opener in April. Ben averaged 68.68% on his way to a perfect 6-0 record. Class B honors went to Roy Pomeroy of Irrigon, who was 8-0 in the double round robin event.

Marge McLeod of Yamhill holds the record for having pitched the highest game for women in Class A competition. Marge accomplished this feat in the Oregon Open tournament in Hermiston a few years back and the record still stands—a solid 95.45%.

Lloyd Kilgore from Albany pitched in the North Olmstead, Ohio 49th homecoming celebration. Count-all was used throughout four aqua-clay courts. He was 2-2 in the singles and team with Westlake's Chester Brand in the doubles. They finished third with 3-2.

Lloyd reports that earlier he met Frank Hiendlmayr, the 94 phenom from Westlake, who still pitches in the 50s from 40'. He was recently featured in a National publication.

Life membership cards have been issued to Bill and Marion Johnson and Fred and Stella Mae Biehle.

TENNESSEE

"World Warm-up" tournaments will be held at the Jack Freeman courts in Joelton on Friday, July 21 and Friday, July 28. These are designated for those who might be

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traveling through Tennessee on their way to the World Tournament in Perry, Georgia. The tournaments are also open to anyone even though you do not plan to participate in the World. These are pre-registered tournaments and the entry fee is \$11 per tournament. Entries are limited to 72 for each tournament.

Art Tyson was the winner of the 40' Championship at the second Music City South Central Regional at Joelton April 1-2. He has a 12-1 won-lost record and 75.23%. World Champion Sue Snyder, formerly of IN and now KY, won the 30' title with an 11-1 record and 76.50%.

Frank Jones of LaFollette is the 1995 Indoor Men's Champion. Maxine Griffith of Covington is the women's champion.

TEXAS

Ed Arionus has started the 1995 season off with a bang. He won the Lost Pines Classic, 7-0, 69.6, at Bastrop; followed with a win in the Shamrock Classic in San Antonio, 4-0, 67.0, and the Brazos Classic in Waco, 6-1, 72.4. Of course he's in Class A, where else?

In the Lost Pines Classic Betty Kramer defeated Mary Ann Kramr (correct spelling) for top honors. Betty had a 6-1 record and 47.7% average while Mary Ann was 5-2 with a big 72.7 percentage. How could this happen?

The latest sanctioned courts are in Dumas, a 20-court facility for the Moore County Ringers. League play began in April with Mark Young of Fritch as director. The club has 32 members. The courts are fenced in and lights are soon to be installed.

The Greater Houston Horseshoe Pitchers association's member Clyde Hetrick was awarded a 1994 Top Ten Award. The certificate and two patches for high game and high game average came from MHPA league director Bev Born. He was Number 3 in the country with 40 points over normal average.

UTAH

Lorin Condie was the Sportsman of the Year winner. A masonry worker, Lorin enjoys sports, horseshoe pitching being number one. He also plays golf and recently started bowling.

Overall he has 31 tournament champion patches with a high tournament average of 71.3%. He is the all-time leading money winner in the state with \$1,742.71.

The Player of the Year award went to S. McRay (Mac) Fuller from St. George. Mac has been active in other sports. He has never had a hole-in-one but has had a few eagles in golf. He is an avid hunter and will always remember his hunting days with his father and now his children. In horseshoes he had a high game of 50% last year and won a few class championships. Mac did have a bit of advice. If you are going to give a child an initial, make it the middle, not the first.

WASHINGTON

Peter Clark and John Reedy battled during most of the Winnie Winetrout winter tournaments in the Class A division, and both came out as winners in the Classic series. Clark was declared the 40 foot winner and Reedy for

pitchers under 40 feet.

Becky Wood captured the women's title, Levi Wood nailed the junior crown and the Taveling Trophy was awarded to Charlie Moppin from Chelan.

Winnie celebrated his 90th birthday and was given a lovely afghan made by Carolyn Ferguson. Winnie was also presented with a scrapbook of memorabilia compiled by Phyllis Quist plus a British Columbia horseshoe jacket from Sam and Wendy Tomasevic of the BCHPA.

Three of the Hall of Fame selectees for 1994 are Ruth and Ed Welsch of Spokane and Alice Van Egdom from Lynden.

Chuck and Lois Sackett from Olympia celebrated their 50th anniversary last December. It was quite a party since the couple have had seven children, 32 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

WEST VIRGINIA

Going through the usual pack of information, letters and news clippings received every three months from Charles Bunner from Fairmont, it is interesting to note that he continues to promote horseshoes in Marion County and NHPA. In 1991 Bunner was given the NHPA Achievement Award for his efforts.

The area has promoted several benefit tournaments furnishing money and food to the local Union Mission and the Scott Place Shelter.

Pastor Bob Thompson, Executive Director of the Union Mission in Fairmont, writes in February: "This is the month when most people think a lot about hearts and love. Most of us have family and friends to visit or call any time we feel like it. But some of the people who come to Union Mission do not have this luxury. Some of them know what it is to be completely alone."

Bunner gets news in the local paper every week, announcing upcoming horseshoe events.

WISCONSIN

The Sternbergs are certainly active in Wisconsin horseshoes. On the eve of Thanksgiving, Channel 6 TV out of Milwaukee, a CBS affiliate, concluded the 10 o'clock news with a segment devoted to a special gal, Heidi Sternberg of Richfield, the 1994 Junior girls World Champion.

It started with a shot of the wooden shoe box, opening to reveal her tools of the trade. Soon Heidi was winding that 1¼ and tossing ringers with regularity, making it look like she never misses. In the background the announcer told of Heidi's three State titles and her World Championship at Syracuse in 1994. The camera cut to mom, Lorraine, and then back to Heidi, who replied that Dad, Terry, introduced her to the turn shoe...and that her mom was the best pitcher in the family.

The Arena was the setting for the Junior Scholarship Fund Tournament. It was a success, raising \$170 for future scholarships. Heidi and Heather helped with the scorekeeping. By the way, Lorraine won Class A with a 6-1 record and 71.8 percentage. Against all those tough men, Heidi finished 7th and Dad was fifth in Class C. Heidi was right. Mom is the best.

PROLOGUE

To supplement my poems, I usually write a prologue as a synopsis of the subject matter. To increase my knowledge of the terms I would use, I contacted Charlie Tuttle and posed some technical questions, "What is a ringer" and What is "four dead"? Charlie said, "That's something that you and I never pitch." With this wealth of information, I proceeded to write this poem.

Some of the time I write poems about real life. This one, however, is fictitious in nature, and written as a parody of *Casey At The Bat*. It involves a popular local Independence, MO horseshoe pitcher and his struggle against an unnamed opponent. I possibly should clarify the reference to the use of a dollar bill as a measuring tool for determining the status of a ringer. If the shoe is close and requires special judgement, a dollar bill is inserted between the usual measuring tool and the peg. If it can be pulled out freely, a ringer is declared.

Wayne At The Stake

*Though no clouds were in the sky—the outcome could be dark
Players gathered at the pits for the match within the park.*

*Wayne waved warmly to his friends and threw a shoe or two
Each time he got a ringer—you could hear the crowd say "Oooo."*

*Both Wayne and his opponent had records of five and oh
First place was nearer to their grasp—with just one game to go.*

*Wayne called heads and won the flip and walked slowly towards the stake
From his opponent's look he knew he must make no mistake.*

*He cocked his arm and threw his shoe and "ringer" someone said
He threw another right on top—his opponent made "four dead."*

*The lead exchange several times—the margin never large
Each man would try to make his stand—but never could take charge.*

*Evening came—the hot sun dwindled—Wayne behind by four
He waited for his opponent now to open up the door.*

*But his most revered opponent had other things in mind
And when his turn was over—two ringers did Wayne find.*

*The tenseness of the crowd was sensed as they watched this grueling match
'Cause a double now was needed in Wayne's attempt to catch.*

*Wayne's smile was rather weak as he gazed down at the peg
And as he slowly threw the shoe, it slightly grazed his leg.*

*"Oh, no!", the crowd moaned and groaned as the shoe sped through the air
but wait...it circled 'round the peg and this I truly swear.*

*A muffled roar went through the crowd as the shoe fell on the peg
They thought that Wayne had missed it when the horseshoe hit his leg.*

*There was confidence in Wayne's manner as he stepped up to the peg
"Oh get another ringer," the crowd began to beg.*

*Wayne's smile again became sincere as he held his second shoe
In order to have the game go on, he must have ringer two.*

*As he threw his second shoe—the fever of the crowd he caught
The shoe arced nicely through the air and around the peg..he thought.*

*He walked towards the peg with his head down low—his pitching to survey
He knew from the look on the judge's face what he was about to say.*

*The judge would make a statement that Wayne would always dread
He measured the shoe & stared in the blue, "No ringer," he meekly said.*

*Some said the judge was wrong—the shoe had cleared the dollar
Justice then did they demand—"Kill the judge" they began to holler.*

*The crowd had murder in their eye as they edged towards the judge's stand
But Wayne, with his kind nature, stopped them with his hand.*

*"Today this man was the best—his pitching had no peer"
The crowd by now was silent—in each eye there was a tear.*

*There was no joy at McCoy—no need for the crowd to linger
Their hero, Wayne, had lost the game—by the judgement on a ringer.*

Sam Kidd, Raytown, MO 10/13/94

Special Tournament Results

1995 Valley of the Sun Horseshoe Tournament February 6-12, Mesa, Arizona

CLASS A	CLASS D
Steve Wyrill8-2	Jack Raymond8-2
Rich Pintor7-3	CLASS E
Frank Farley6-4	J.J. Steffen11-0
LADIES A	CLASS F
Beverly Nathe6-4	Bill Courtwright8-2
Shirley Steffen6-4	CLASS G
Emelene Pearce6-4	Eivand Eggen9-1
30' CLASS A	CLASS H
Andy Van Dyken10-0	Frank DuBoce9-1
Rudy Beracy6-4	CLASS I
Max McKissack5-5	Bob Wimer8-1
LADIES B	CLASS J
Jan Stewart7-3	Rob Howard7-2
LADIES C	30' CLASS B
Roberta McKee7-3	Marvin Reheis6-3
CLASS B	30' CLASS C
Ron Lipinski10-1	Richard Lowrey9-1
CLASS C	30' CLASS D
Robert Berger7-0	Paul Hilgenburg8-2

State Mixed Doubles

March 11, 1995 Houston, Texas

CLASS A	Class C continued
Will Wade7-1 50.8	Steve Ehrig5-2 23.3
Jeremy Umphries49.2	Robbin Milford34.8
Tommy Valenta6-2 49.2	CLASS D
Betty Schroeder44.6	George Terry7-0 31.0
Paul McCreery5-2 51.9	Shirley Els32.9
Patsy Marburger44.8	Aaron Parker5-2 8.6
CLASS B	Susie Riemer43.3
Michael Riemer7-0 23.3	Art Hawes5-2 29.0
Vonnie Avila60.0	Shirley Odom19.0
Johnny Davenport5-2 32.9	CLASS E
Dean Davenport29.5	Billy Ray Hyman6-2 43.3
Glenn Phillips4-3 23.3	Sabra Red12.1
Carolyn Boehnemann46.7	Doug Dobbs6-3 32.2
CLASS C	Michelle Dobbs12.6
Woody Cerda7-0 39.5	Teddy Wade5-3 11.7
Cody Tomlinson36.2	Rose Wade18.8
Mark Bosse6-1 35.2	
Mary Maywald40.5	

New Melle Horseshoe Club Six-Pack Invitational April 23, 1995 New Melle, Missouri

GROUP A	CHAMPIONSHIP A
Walter Ray Williams, CA ..7-0 84.57	A. Francis86.59
Cliff Baker, IL4-3 69.14	W. Williams90.60
Charles Webb, IL4-3 67.42	C. Baker78.00
Don Titcomb, KY4-3 66.85	L. Ward59.59
Ken Pogue, MO4-3 65.42	CHAMPIONSHIP B
Stan Griggs, MO3-4 56.85	C. Webb74.53
Bob Hatten, IL2-5 62.57	K. Pogue64.17
Bob May, IN0-7 59.14	D. Titcomb67.46
GROUP B	B. Hatten64.15
Alan Francis, MO7-0 88.00	ROUND ROBIN & PITCH OFF
Sam Carter, MO4-3 60.57	Francis87.38
Jerry Dumstorff, IL3-4 55.71	Williams87.01
Lloyd Bunny Ward, IL4-3 68.00	Baker72.36
Elwyn Cooper, MO2-5 61.42	Ward65.52
William Ungetheim, IN ...2-5 57.71	Pogue61.36
Merlin Potts, KS3-3 57.33	Titcomb67.05
Glenn King, OK2-5 56.00	Webb70.10
	Hatten63.16

1995 Regional Tournament Results

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL

Joelton, TN April 1, 1995

40' CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS	W-L	%
Art Tyson, NY	12-1	75.23
Rick Cale, WV	11-2	76.31
Richard Williams, GA	9-4	73.54
Chad Hyatt, IN	9-4	73.54
Cliff Baker, IL	8-5	73.23
Charlie Meredith, KY	8-5	71.54
Dale Henry, IN	8-5	67.08
N.A. Moore, NC	7-6	69.23
Tommy Gann, NC	5.5-7.5	64.62
Jack Henderson, AL	4-9	67.23
Don Titcomb, KY	4-9	64.77
Ricky Presley, GA	3.5-9.5	59.23
Shannon Banks, IN	2-11	56.31
William Ungetheim, IN	0-13	63.23
40' A Robert Garber, Jr., OH	9-0	62.44
40' B Joe Daniel, KY	6-1	48.00
40' C Michael Byram, AL	8-2	41.22
40' D Bobby Cook, TN	5-0	34.40
30' CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		
Sue Snyder, KY	11-1	76.50
Maxine Griffith, TN	10-2	72.67
Marlene Ray, TN	9-2	71.64
Debbie Tidwell, AL	8-3	66.91
Iris Sandham, GA	6-5	65.82
Lee Presley, GA	6-5	65.64
Milton Vinson, GA	5-6	63.45
Mary Nalley, KY	4-7	50.18
Debbie Pickering, NH	4-7	62.00
Doris Lewis, KY	2-9	53.64
Paula Hunsicker, TN	1-10	55.27
Barbara Elliott, KY	1-10	55.09

DOGWOOD & SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL

Statesville, NC April 22, 1995

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS	W-L	%
Art Tyson, NY	6-0	78.57
Norman Kelly, SC	6-0	78.45
Lane Foley, VA	4-2	77.29
Chad Hyatt, IN	4-2	76.94
Jim Walters, OH	4-2	72.89
Rick Cale, WV	3-3	71.26
Oscar Manns, OH	2-4	69.55
Jack Baldwin, OH	2-4	66.33
Rick Bolick Sr., NC	2-4	65.57
James L. Cooper, OH	2-4	63.06
Jake Hoff, NC	2-4	62.42
N.A. Moore, NC	1-5	68.97
40' A John Bogardus, NY	6-0	69.95
40' B Calvin Motsinger, NC	6-0	60.91
40' C Gerald Hammack, FL	6-0	59.18
40' D, E, F, G Rain Out		
40' H Fred Brown, OH	6-1	47.14
40' I Rain Out		
40' J David Plowman, OH	6-1	45.00
40' K Frank Brewer, NC	6.5-0.5	44.29
40' L David Johnston, TN	6-1	33.21
40' M Jimmy Hedgepeth, NC	7-0	41.79
40' N Raymond Hall, NY	5.5-1.5	31.79
40' O Paul Kipp, WV	6-0	31.67
40' P Gene Argabright, NC	6-0	31.25
30' CHAMPIONSHIP		
Frank Bohun, PA	7-0	87.50

Amy Brown, OH	6-1	71.24
Lenwood Conner, Jr., VA	5-2	68.83
Milton Vinson, GA	4-3	66.47
Ricky Bolick, Jr., NC	3-4	65.61
Iris Sandham, GA	2-5	54.57
Elaine Hansen, CT	1-6	50.67
Renee Cowan, VA	0-7	46.45
30' A Harry Beasley, NC	6-1	63.93
30' B Starley Gustin, OH	5-1	54.17
30' C Avanelle Brown, OH	5-1	27.08
30' D Joanne Kennedy, GA	6-0	21.67

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC REGIONAL

Davis, CA April 22, 1995

40' CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS	W-L	%
Steve Wyrill	13-3	61.28
Harold Holbrook	11-5	58.90
Gus Martin	10-6	62.62
Foster Kenton Jr.	10-6	61.48
Bill Brown	9-7	57.87
Don Kies	7-9	56.09
Jeff Williams	5-11	58.13
Dave Shelton	5-11	54.53
Dave Loucks	2-14	50.62
GROUP 2 Ken Schulze	11-2	53.65
GROUP 3 John Silvester	9-2	44.75
GROUP 4 Walt Butcher	10-1	51.36
GROUP 5 Fred Lavett	10-1	49.77

GROUP 6 June Kincheloe	11-1	45.87
GROUP 7 Ben Brown	10-1	37.95
GROUP 8 Bonnie Jean Robbins	10-1	34.55
GROUP 9 Joe Summers	9-2	25.48
GROUP 10 Harvey Brown	8-4	22.83
GROUP 11 Chet Carter	9-2	20.23

30' CHAMPIONSHIP		
Teddy Guillotte	10-1	67.22
Ray Santana	9-2	75.51
Sharon Paddock	6-4	63.77
Gail Sluys	3-7	57.59
Charles McMullen	3-7	55.79
Jim Keyes	0-10	44.64

SOUTH ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL

Socorro, NM June 3-4, 1995

40' A CLASS		
Randy Preddy		48.6
Ken Jones		52.7
Louie Montoya		47.2
30' CHAMPION Paul Martin		60.0
CLASS B Bud Payne		
CLASS C Leonard Platero		
CLASS D Dan Haramillo		
CLASS E Andy Lopez		
CLASS F Helen Laumbach		
CLASS G Rose Warren		

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The Toll of Time

EDWARD DEVANEY

With sadness, the Massachusetts HPA reports the death of Edward Devaney, who died at his home on February 12 at the age of 83. In 1994, Ed was given his patch for being an NHPA member for 53 years and was inducted into the MA HPA Hall of Fame. Although most active pitchers did not know Ed well, he was revered as a completely unselfish player, more interested in coaching and encouraging new players than in winning his share of titles.

He built a court on the Common in Lowell, MA, instructed many new players and started a league there. His wit and sense of humor were always evident. A champion in checkers as well, he helped Ottie Reno by gathering information for Ottie's first book. He attended 10 World Tournaments, taking movies of many of the sport's greats, while reading everything he could find on the subject as well. Horseshoes has lost a great person and a good pitcher.

JAMES AND EMMA LONG

The Northern California HPA lost two very ardent supporters, husband and wife of 55 years, Jim and Emma

Long. Jim and Emma were both born in Grass Valley, California—Jim on July 16, 1918 and Emma on August 22, 1920. Married on March 9, 1940, they moved to the Sacramento area where Jim worked 31 years as a printer for the Sacramento Bee. Emma worked 17 years for the California Almond Growers.

Both joined the Sacramento Horseshoe Club in 1973. Jim pitched while Emma involved herself keeping score and maintaining the statistician's table. Horseshoe pitching truly became a family sport to Jim and Emma as son Mel Sr. and grandsons Mel Jr. and Joe joined the activities. Daughter-in-law Sharon followed Emma into all the administrative tasks of running a tournament.

Jim had to stop pitching in 1993 when he was diagnosed as having lung cancer. Emma still helped out at tournaments until January 1995 when she too was diagnosed with cancer. On April 10, 1995, Emma succumbed to the dreaded disease and two weeks later on April 25th, Jim died. They are survived by three children and six grandchildren. Both of these very fine and loving people will be sorely missed by their family and

horseshoe pitchers all across Northern California.

BUD HOTTLE

Our good friend of Iowa horseshoe, Bud Hottle, passed away November 25, the result of a heart attack. He was 81, survived by his wife, Mildred, who loved horseshoe as much as Bud.

Bud was a friend to everyone, quiet in nature but very knowledgeable about most everything, especially sports. His dry humor and wit reflected his very nature that made him the kind and gentle person he was.

As custodian of an elementary school, the kids knew "Mr. Hottle" long before they knew the name of their teacher. He was always there for them to find their coat or cap or share his lunch with them. They loved him. For those who knew Bud, he was always there for us horseshoe pitchers as well. He is now on the court in God's kingdom. We miss our horseshoe friend.

GLEN A. PORTT

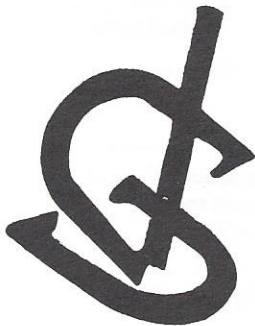
Glen Ardis Portt of Albany, Georgia died April 19, 1995 of a heart attack. He was 81 years old, having been born February 23, 1914 in Lansing, Michigan. Glen served one term as NHPA President having been elected in 1983. He was inducted into the Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1990 and NHPA Hall in 1992.

Glen's pitching skills carried him to two World Titles as he won the Senior Men's Championship in 1980 and 1984. He was nine times Georgia State Champion and won his last tournament less than 3 weeks prior to his death. He holds the record for high singles game in Georgia and has long been a guiding force for the sport which he worked tirelessly to promote.

Glen is survived by two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren. His wife of 52 years, Jane, preceded him in death by some five months. Glen Portt, a retired Air Force Colonel with 29 years of service to his country, was given a full military funeral with honor guard on April 22, 1995.

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Another Record Set in the "Show Me" State

On Sunday, April 23, 1995, the 150 member New Melle Horseshoe Club sponsored the Second Annual Midwest Six Pac Invitational Tournament. Sixteen top pitchers participated including current World Champion

Walter Ray Williams Jr. and two time World Champion and present Missouri State Title holder Alan Francis. The 16 players were divided into two divisions each playing a round robin. The two division win-

ners with two others met in a Championship round and in the final game, Francis and Williams, both undefeated, met for the title.

The result was the finest horseshoe match ever pitched in Missouri. It broke all state records and is believed to have set a World Record. When the game ended after 136 shoes, Williams had pitched 121 ringers and scored only 15 points in a losing effort. The 25 year old Alan Francis had thrown an incredible 129 ringers out of 136 shoes. His percentage of 94.85 and Walter's 88.97 combined for 91.91%, believed to be the highest single game combined percentage ever recorded by two players.

FORM 50 HORSESHOE PRO SHOP
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NHPA National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
 Call Ringers Inning
 Columns Points
 No score X X
 1 ringer each no score XX XX
 Four dead no score XX XX
 1 ringer each one point X' X
 1 point 1
 2 points 2
 3 ringers 3 points O 3
 1 ringer 4 points O' 4
 2 ringers 6 points OO 6

Class A Date 4-23-95
 Game No. 3 Court 2

① Allen Francis vs ② W.R. Williams

Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
XX			2	XX		
XX			4	XX		
XX			6	XX		
XX			8	XX		
XX			10	XX		
XO	1	1	12	XX		
XX			14	XX		
XO	1	1	16	XX		
XO	1	1	18	XX		
XX			20	XX		
XX			22	XX		
XX			24	XX		
XX			26	XO	3	3
XX			28	XX		
XX			30	XX		
XX			32	XX		
XX			34	XX		
XX			36	XO	3	6
XX			38	XX		
XX			40	XX		
XX			42	XO	3	9
XX			44	XX		
XX			46	XX		
XX			48	XX		
XO	3	12	50	XX		
XX			52	XX		
XX			54	XX		
XO	3	15	56	XX		
XX			58	XX		
XO	3	18	60	XX		
XX			62	XX		
XO	3	22	64	XX		
XX			66	XX		
XX			68	XX		
XO	3	25	70	XX		
XX			72	XX		
XX			74	XX		
XX			76	XX		
XX			78	XX		
XX			80	XX		
XX			82	XX		
XX			84	XX		
XX			86	XX		
XX			88	XX		
XX			90	XX		
XO	3	28	92	XX		
XX			94	XX		
XX			96	XX		
XX			98	XX		
XX			100	XX		

SUMMARY
 Points 96+33 Ringers 90+31
 46+15 Doubles 40+13
 100 Shoes Pitched 100
 Percent Ringers
 Scorekeeper Julia Jagan

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XX			2	XX		
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XX			14	XX		
XX			16	XX		
XX			18	XX		
XX			20	XX		
XX			22	XX		
XO	3	3	24	XX		
XX			26	XX		
XX			28	XX		
XX			30	XX		
XX			32	XO	3	6
XO	3	9	34	XX		
XX			36	XX		
XX			38	XX		
XX			40	XX		
XX			42	XX		
XX			44	XX		
XX			46	XX		
XX			48	XX		
XO	3	12	50	XX		
XX			52	XX		
XX			54	XX		
XO	3	15	56	XX		
XX			58	XX		
XO	3	18	60	XX		
XX			62	XX		
XO	3	22	64	XX		
XX			66	XX		
XX			68	XX		
XO	3	25	70	XX		
XX			72	XX		
XX			74	XX		
XX			76	XX		
XX			78	XX		
XX			80	XX		
XX			82	XX		
XX			84	XX		
XX			86	XX		
XX			88	XX		
XX			90	XX		
XO	3	28	92	XX		
XX			94	XX		
XX			96	XX		
XX			98	XX		
XX			100	XX		

SUMMARY
 Points 41 Ringers 15
 129 Ringers 121
 61 Doubles 53
 136 Shoes Pitched 136
 94.8 Percent Ringers 88.9
 Scorekeeper Julia Jagan

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NHPA FINANCIAL REPORT

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
BALANCE SHEET
Years ended March 31, 1995 and 1994

ASSETS	1995	1994
Current Assets		
Cash in Bank		
Regular Account (Roberts)	194,790	145,579
Game Related (Domey)	70,393	80,300
Memorial Fund	2,511	2,458
Certificate of Deposit	147,245	142,741
Accounts Receivable (Domey)	2,204	4,467
Deposit on Inventory (Domey)	3,748	5,368
	Total Current Assets	\$ 420,891
	\$ 420,891	\$ 380,913
Inventories - (Domey)	62,910	55,412
	Total Assets	483,801
	483,801	436,325

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current Liability		
Accounts Payable (Domey)	\$ 581	\$ 7,223
Fund Balances - Undesignated, available for general activities		
Beginning Fund Balances	429,102	405,033
Net Fund Activities	54,118	24,069
	Ending Fund Balances	483,220
	483,220	429,102
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 483,801
	\$ 483,801	\$ 436,325

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedule of Revenue and Expense— World Tourney
Regular Account (Roberts)
Schedule (1) Year Ended March 31, 1995 and 1994

Revenue:	1995	1994
Payment against 1990 W.T. debt	\$ 772	\$ 789
World Tourney registration fees	64,687	72,083
World video and patch sales	112	117
Hall of Fame Banquet	2,848	—0—
1994 Syracuse World payments	—0—	10,000
1995 World bid (MO)	—0—	5,000
Perry World payments	5,000	5,000
1996 World bids (CAN, FL, WY)	15,000	—0—
Gillette World payments	15,000	—0—
1997 World bids (CAN, GA, MO)	15,000	—0—
	Total Revenue	\$ 118,419
	\$ 118,419	\$ 92,989
Expenses:		
Cash, trophy, patch and trust awards	\$ 107,731	\$ 110,839
Administrative expenses	7,475	10,481
Hall of Fame, awards, supplies	6,350	1,666
Refunds, and overpayments	10,050	6,475
	Total World Tourney expenses	\$ 131,606
	\$ 131,606	\$ 129,461
Net Revenue over Expenses	\$ (13,187)	\$ (36,472)
	\$ (13,187)	\$ (36,472)

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedule of Revenue and Expense—Sanctioned League
Regular Account (Roberts)
Schedule (2)
Year ended March 31, 1995 and 1994

	1995	1994
Revenue:	\$ —0—	\$ —0—
Expenses:		
Sanctioned League -		
Patches and awards	\$ 12,510	\$ 7,806
Office supplies, phone	4,195	3,026
Director allowance	600.	1,000
Jr. scholarships	1,000	400
	Total expenses	\$ 18,305
	\$ 18,305	12,232
Net Revenue over Expenses	\$ (18,305)	\$ (12,232.)
	\$ (18,305)	\$ (12,232.)

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedule of Revenue and Expense (Newsline)
Schedule (3)
Years Ended March 31, 1995 and 1994

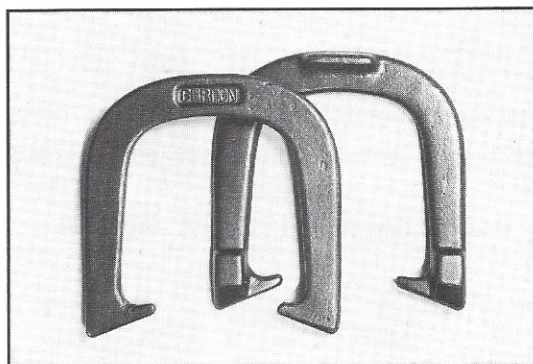
Revenue:	1995	1994
Newsline subscription income	\$ 36,888	\$ 30,632
Newsline advertising income	7,157	6,797
	Total Revenue	\$ 44,045
	\$ 44,045	\$ 37,429
Expenses:		
Printing, postage, supplies	\$ 25,849	\$ 27,937
Publication, editing and misc.	3,450	3,473
	Total expenses	29,299
	29,299	31,410
Net Revenue over Expenses	\$ 14,746	\$ 6,019
	\$ 14,746	\$ 6,019

Best World Tournament Lifetime Records

Of the more than 75 World Tournaments held, only forty eight (48) men have been good enough to pitch ten or more times in the Championship Class. 13, all members of the NHPA Hall of Fame for their pitching ability, have won 400 or more games in championship play. They are in order of wins:

Player	TN Games	Wins	W.Pct.	Avg.
Ted Allen	31 989	771	.780	79.410
Elmer Hohl	24 780	657	.842	82.626
Jim Knisley	25 770	566	.735	78.784
Fernando Isais	19 589	519	.881	81.323
Frank Jackson	19 606	517	.853	61.104*
Carl Steinfeldt	21 656	510	.777	80.288
Mark Seibold	22 673	506	.752	78.454
Curt Day	17 578	495	.856	82.660
Don Titcomb	19 623	466	.748	77.714
C.C. Davis	12 482	424	.880	64.374*
Al Zadroga	20 635	414	.652	76.413
Ralph Maddox	21 664	411	.619	77.579
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	18 494	400	.810	80.593

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Income and Expenditures:

April and May 1995

INCOME

Membership Dues.....	\$20,234.00
Newsline Subscriptions	5,447.00
Newsline Advertising	132.00
Patch and Misc. Sales	39.00
1995 World Entry Fees.....	52,220.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees.....	400.00
Bank & Affinity Card Interest, Collections.....	994.00

Total 2 Month Income \$79,466.00

EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production and Mailing.....	4,108.00
Newsline Editor Allowance	620.00
Sanctioned League Office, Supplies, Phone ...	128.00
Sanctioned League Patches and Awards	68.00
Regional Directors' Postage, Phone, Supplies ...	570.00
World Entry Refunds	350.00
World Patches	1,319.00
World Administrative Costs	441.00
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies.....	3,165.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repairs.....	916.00
NHPA Postage	1,396.00
NHPA Officers' Phone	1,594.00
NHPA Officers' Travel	2,100.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance.....	3,100.00
President Allowance.....	930.00
Publicity and Promotion	651.00
NatStats Administration	695.00
Misc. Bank Charges, Refunds, Fees.....	361.00

Total 2 Month Expense \$22,512.00

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

JULY 1995

- 1-3 North Rocky Mountain Regional**—Grand Junction, CO in Lincoln Park. Overnight parking not allowed, but RV parks close by. Pre-register by June 19. Entry fee \$25.00 payable to WCHPC. Mail with NHPA card # and NatStat average to Vic Magnus, 377 Rodell, Grand Junction, CO 81503. 303-241-6051.
- 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.

AUGUST 1995

- 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
- 19-20 Junior Only Open**—West St. Paul, MN, at Oakdale and Wentworth Avenues. This is the nation's largest Junior Only Tournament. Entry fee is \$5.00, pre-register by August 5. Top 12 averages are in Class A, after 5 preliminary games, reseeded in to Classes A & B. Boys and girls mixed in 6 player classes, top three earn trophies. Send 1995 average, NHPA Card # and entry fee to: Jessica Dunn, 6417 Georgia Avenue No., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

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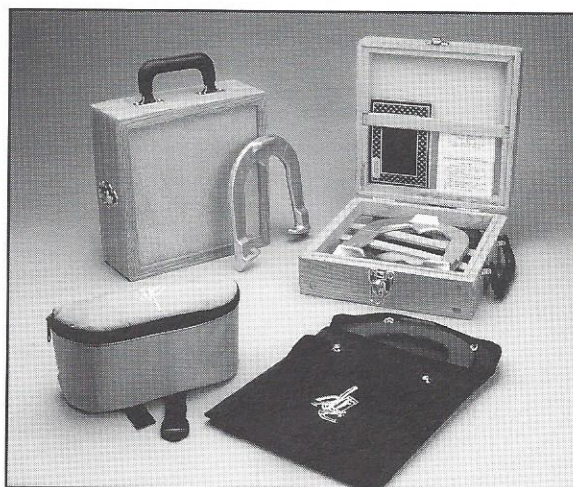
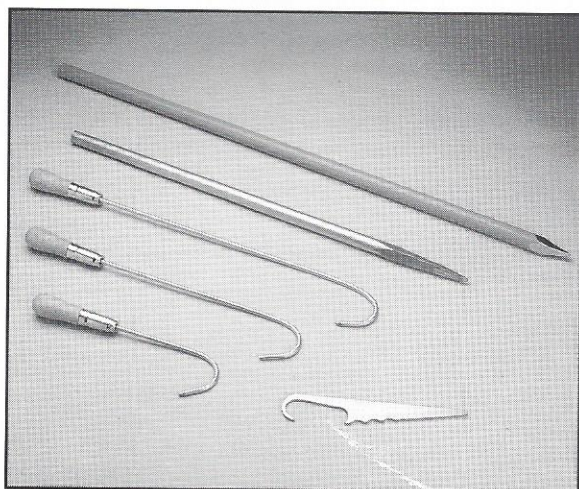
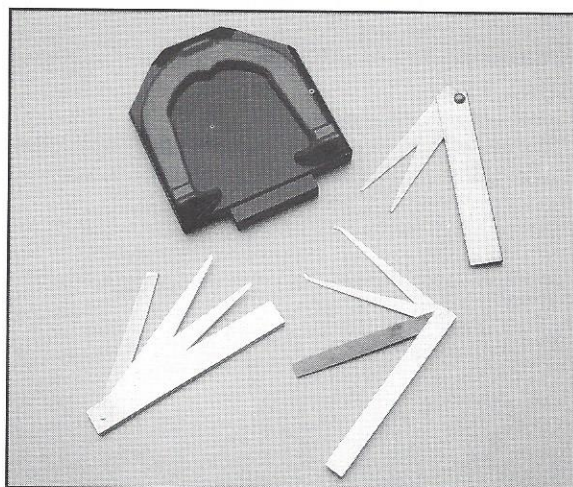
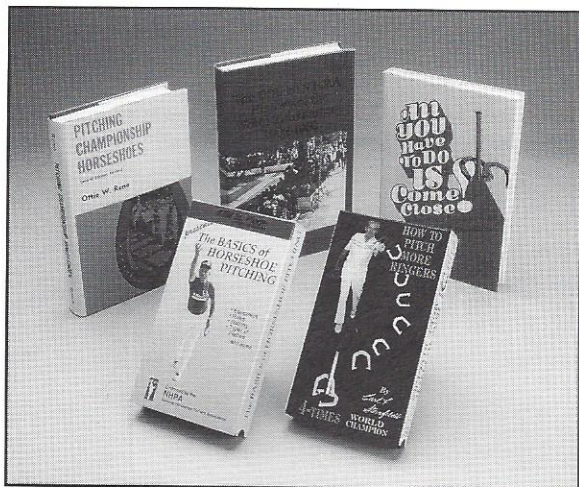
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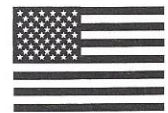


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