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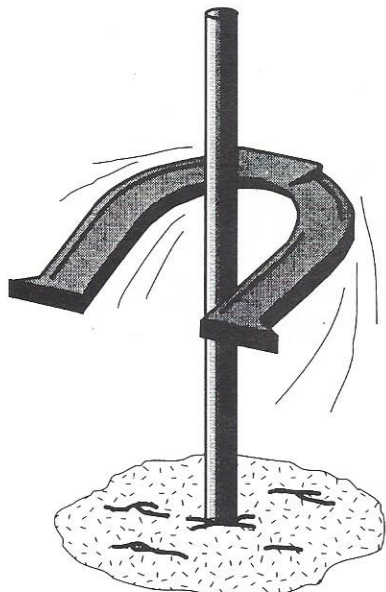
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The Tennessee Twins, Max Griffith and Mar Ray



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# President's Message

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**D**onnie Roberts, NHPA Secretary-Treasurer has resigned. Poor health in recent months has prevented Donnie from giving the time necessary to keep up with the job and for the good of the organization, he felt it best to step down.

Replacing someone with 20 years experience in the position is not always an easy thing to do. Fortunately, NHPA 5th Vice President, Dick Hansen has stepped forth and will assume the Secretary-Treasurer responsibilities. Dick has been on the NHPA Executive Council for two years and for many years has been the Wisconsin State Charter President. He has now given up the State Office position to have more time to devote to the NHPA.

Dick Hansen will do a good job for the NHPA in the Secretary-Treasurer position. He is experienced in both charter and national needs and well respected throughout the organization. While Dick is taking over the last year of the two year secretary-treasurer's term, he has announced his intention to run for the office at this year's election. For the next six months, Dick will be able to give only evening and weekend hours to the Secretary job. His wife Paulette will assist him. If elected, Dick will retire from his day job and devote all his efforts to the NHPA. The Executive Council unanimously supports Dick Hansen in his bid for the Secretary-Treasurer position and asks the charter delegates to vote for him in Gillette. I realize this request is outside the norm because the Council usually does not vocally support any candidate over another. However, in this instance, Dick is stepping in at a time of need and many important functions must be transferred to him—bank accounts, tax-

ation reporting, membership and such. The Council believes we have to maintain continuity in this position for at least one elected term to be cost effective. We therefore urge you to support Dick in the election bid. If he wins the Secretary-Treasurer position, he will step down from his 5th VP job and I will name a replacement after the election.

1996 membership cards were late in being ordered. They are now available from your charter secretary. Many *Newsline* subscriptions and renewals were also delayed in processing. Our current subscriber mailing list may not be up-to-date. It will take some time before we can get on top of everything needed due to this change. Please be patient if you have been affected.

As *Newsline* editor and publisher, I intend to take over the mailing and subscriber lists which in the past had been generated by the Secretary-Treasurer. This means that new subscriptions and renewals should be sent to me for processing. This will somewhat ease the administrative work of the Secretary-Treasurer. However, this transition will take a few months, as the mailing list has to be updated and put on different software than the Secretary has been using.

There will probably be some other changes in our administrative procedures, but these will come over time and probably be noticed only by the charter secretaries. With your cooperation and perhaps some extra effort, this change in office can take place without any significant problems.

To Donnie Roberts, I wish only the best and a speedy return to good health. I'm sure all the membership joins me in thanking you for the 20 years of dedicated service to the organization.

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## Dave's Court Report

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■ Wow, World Champion Alan Francis has moved to Ohio and Missouri may, in 1996, crown a new State champion for the first time in years. Seems that romance started to bloom at the 1995 World in Perry between Alan and Amy Brown, who finished 3rd in the Women's Championship group. Amy lives in Ohio where Alan now resides and the two have announced wedding plans for the last weekend of April 1996. Congratulations to both of these fine young people.

■ Not only is he going to get married, but Alan Francis has accepted the position of National Junior Promotion Director for the NHPA. He will report to National Promotion Director Bob Dunn who previously held the Junior Promo position.

■ West Virginia pitcher and promoter Charles Bunner took it upon himself to contact the United States Postal Service Stamp Development Office to lobby for a commemorative stamp honoring horseshoe pitching. Unfortunately the Advisory Committee voted against recommending issuance of a horseshoe stamp. They state that many worthy subjects are recommended but the vast majority, including many meritorious and meaningful subjects, are declined in favor

of a few selections based on national interest and historical perspective. Thanks for trying, Charles.

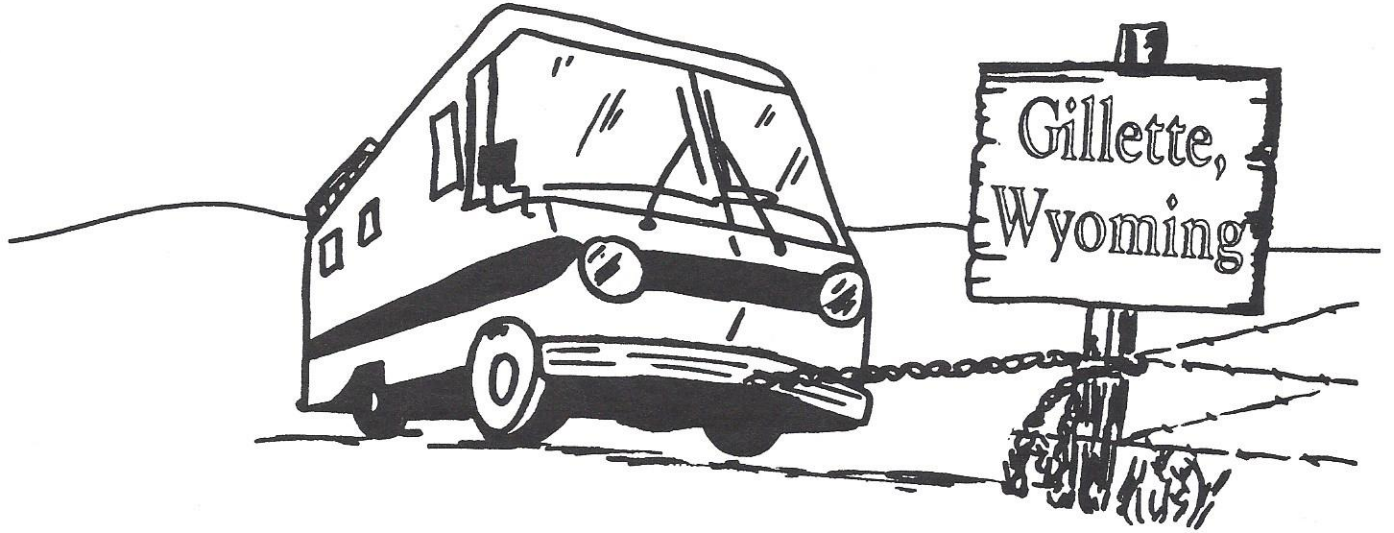
■ Those of you in attendance during the last three days of the Perry World Tournament might have noticed a writer and photographer from *Sports Illustrated*. They had come to do a feature on Walter Ray Williams Jr. Well it finally got to print. The November 27, 1995 issue of S.I. ran a very good article on Walter entitled "A Dead Ringer for a Bowler." If you missed reading it, try to locate a copy or send a stamped self-addressed envelope to me and I'll return a photocopy of the two page article.

### LATE BREAKING NEWS.....

As we go to press, word has been received that NHPA 1st VP Earl Winston is recovering from a gunshot wound to the left arm and side, inflicted by an unknown assailant at his home early on the morning of December 20th. Few details are known at this time, but Earl is expected to be in the hospital only a few days. I'm sure the entire membership joins me in wishing Earl a complete and speedy recovery.



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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Since the NHPA voted in the 30' rule, I positively cannot remember an issue of *Newsline* that has not had some argument on this subject. What is so puzzling to me is why it was voted to allow guys to move a full 10' when they could no longer pitch 40'.

In the World Tournament, this doesn't matter, as they have their own group. At small local tourneys and leagues however, I find it very frustrating to pitch against someone 8-10 years younger who is pitching a full 10 feet closer. This could be avoided if the 30' distance were cut back to 35'. I would like to see the delegates vote on this.

I'm also against the 50 shoe deal being considered for the World and being put into effect by some charters. When you are 70 or 80 years old, a round robin of 50 shoe games in mixed play becomes an endurance contest against guys and gals 20-50 years younger. If it is hot or humid, I ask you, "who is going to fade the quickest?" Let's keep 40 shoe games and vote to stop allowing men to move up a full 10' just because they reach seventy years of age. Physical handicapped O.K. but for a healthy elder man who has been pitching 40', a move to 35' would be more than enough.  
**Don Dean, Apache Junction, AZ**

Dear Editor,

Horseshoes could be escalating if we, the members, would put forth some effort ourselves. Unfortunately, most pitchers are takers, not givers. How many give the time to get and keep their club courts in good pitching condition? How many water, turn, and cover the courts if they are the last pitcher to use them? If only the last 15 minutes would be used to care for the courts, they would be back in shape for the next day of pitching. This is giving back to what the courts gave us.

The condition of your club courts speak well of the amount of care they get. Good courts draw more horseshoe pitchers to tournaments than poor courts. I would like to suggest that clubs who hold sanctioned tournaments charge an extra dollar per entrant. Put this money aside and at

the annual State meeting, take a vote of what club maintained the best courts for their sanctioned tournaments. The winning club would then get all this extra money to hold a banquet or whatever as a reward for their members who obviously worked harder than the members of other clubs on court maintenance.

This program would help motivate other clubs to improve their courts, which in turn would bring more tournament entries and escalate the game of horseshoe pitching. Perhaps the following words about the game as I see it will help some others.

#### *What Horseshoes Mean To Me*

1. People & Friendship
  2. Relaxation & Winding Down
  3. Satisfaction & Contentment
  4. Desire & Competition
  5. Winning & Losing
  6. Giving & Taking
1. Have met a lot of good people & have made a friendship with them.
  2. Going to the courts, at the park gives me a relaxation & helps me to wind down from a frustrated day.
  3. Satisfaction comes when you pitch many ringers & contentment is having a good ringer percentage.
  4. A desire to be a better pitcher & pitch against our best competition of pitchers.
  5. Using & putting all of your techniques into harmony brings winning & losing the art of knowing your right and wrongs for corrections.
  6. Giving is putting back the care to the courts & taking is using its courts.

**"Crocodile Lundee" Blevins  
Ashland, KY**

Dear Editor,

I had a dream. In that dream the game of horseshoes somehow became human and took on a human voice. That voice was heard to say,—How unfair I have been all these years by not allowing everyone who plays my game an equal opportunity to pitch to a peg that has no shoes on or around it. No matter how long or short a game may last or who was playing who, everyone should have been given a chance to go first 50% of every game. Even though a player was behind 28-6 in a 35 point game

and a "six" had just been thrown against him, it was his turn to go first and "hope springs eternal." But then—"Bang!"—whatever it was woke me up and reality set in with the words. I got the point, I go first!

Oh well, at any rate, for awhile it was a pleasant dream. But still the question lingers on. Why should the better pitcher on that particular day pitch first more than 50% of any horseshoe game?

I am, of course, talking about Alternate Pitch. So if you find yourself pitching against a really "hot" pitcher and you get to pitch first no times or at best, a few times, you have no one to blame but yourself.

As Casey Stengel has said, "you can look it up." And what do you look up?—the *Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching*. Rule 9, Section A, Article 2, Alternate Pitch.

It's in the rules—let's use it more.  
**Don Schmidt, Plainfield, NJ.**

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# FOCUS ON PROMOTION

## Growth—The Result of Promotion

by Bob Dunn, NHPA Promotion Director

Membership growth is important—to our sport—to our organization. Growth is the result of appropriate promotion. Over the last 2-3 years, we have not experienced significant growth, membership being fairly constant. This plainly says that promoting efforts put forth have resulted in merely maintaining membership levels. We have managed to replace departing members, but not resulting in growth.

Why is growth important to the NHPA? Growth proves that our organization is not stagnant. Growth is the indicator we are doing what the NHPA is about—to promote the sport of horseshoe pitching.

When there is no growth, signals are set off—there should be concerns: Are we not promoting our organization? Is our promotion not wide-spread enough? Are we trying to sell something that lacks over-all public appeal?

Growth in membership has little to do with generating more revenues. It has to do with bringing in people to the finest level of organized horseshoe pitching that is available. There are over 20,000,000 Americans that pick up a horseshoe sometime during a given year. If just 1% of those these individuals belonged to the NHPA, we would enjoy a membership of

over 200,000. With all those people in our county who have some casual interest in our sport, why wouldn't we want them to belong to our fine organization, and expand our leagues, start new leagues, and build our future?

Is thinking of membership of 200,000 when our present enrollment is 15,000 realistic? There are 20,000,000 people in the United States that at least occasionally pitch horseshoes. Surely a goal of 1% or 2% of those people is a reasonable objective. All of us should accept the responsibility to invite them.

Our process of promotion needs some upgrading, our tools of promotion need revision, our interest in promotion needs rejuvenation. The image portrayed by the NHPA must also be a priority. The general public views our sport as little more than a picnic activity. For the most part, the general public is not even aware that the NHPA exists, let alone associate it as the governing organization of the sport, or that we maintain the finest of all sanction league programs. We really have a job to do here. With some success in making the public aware of our organization, we stand a stronger chance to find results from our promotion investment.

What can we do? Advertise. We

need to get the name *National Horseshoe Pitchers Association* out before the public's eyes. Charters and clubs should run an ad. As part of this article, a print-ready draft is provided for every member, every league, every charter to simply photocopy, type in contact names and phone numbers and take to the local newspaper office. Most local papers will run this ad at no fee to clubs, simply as a public service announcement. Some major papers may require a fee, but this is where the charter officers can come forward with state association funds to cover the cost. Just think, if this ad ran two times across the entire country and in local and major papers, there would be a response in new members.

What else can we do? Improve our image and change public perspective of our sport. There have been very few charity events or efforts by our sport to benefit others rather than our membership. A couple of benefit events were mentioned in our last *Newsline*, but we need more tournaments across the country being conducted to provide charity funds to local worthwhile agencies. The media will be more likely to give our sport coverage and publish photos and a statement of a club representative presenting a check to a local worthy cause. This type of media coverage will do us a world of good and imagine now the opportunity for following events to draw in sponsorship to support charitable efforts. This, in time, will change the public perspective of our sport.

Charter officers can take a leadership role in this area and take steps to designate one or two major tournaments as charitable events. Once or twice each season, pitchers will participate without the expectation of awards. In time, this effort will do more than anything else we can do, to uplift our public image.

These very basic steps are what our organization needs. Hopefully our membership will accept the challenge to do a few things differently. We are not going to achieve growth by continuing to do things the very same. Seventy-five years of history shows that to be true.

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# PROMOTION JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

*Sometimes looking into the future is not so easy or appealing, but to take a look back into our history is always enjoyable. Here are a couple of portraits of early-day promoters and a most interesting view of the sport in California as written by Art Headlough in 1920.*

## Horseshoe Pitching in California

"Horseshoe pitching is one of the favorite sports in the Golden State. For a number of years the game was played under no standard rules. The southern part of the state is the hotbed for the game and is given to horseshoe pitching more than any other part of the Pacific Coast.

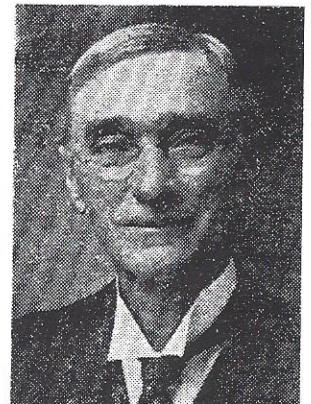
In 1900, the Long Beach Tourist Club was organized, Mr. W.S. Montgomery, an attorney, its first president being the moving spirit. Its 600 membership extended to 25 states and Canada. No special matches or tournaments have ever been held on the Pacific Coast, but the interest in the game has been kept alive by some fifteen or more clubs including Pasadena, Pomona, San Bernardino, Redlands, Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Glendale, Whittier, Mouroria, South Park, Los Angeles and Fullerton. Many excellent scores have

been made and several good horseshoe pitchers developed.

The game has never been played by the national standard rules, but the distance of 40 feet is played; 4-pound shoes are used and to score, a pitched shoe has to be within 6 inches of the stake, which is more than a foot above the level of the ground; all scoring rules are the same as the national. (In 1920, most states were playing with an 8 inch stake and had 12 inch guideline for close shoes). Many of the players have their own ideas of the game and did not seem to favor the national method of horseshoe pitching until, through the efforts of Mr. George E. Krimbill, secretary of the Long Beach Tourist Club, a state association known as the Golden State Associa-



W.A. Hoyt



George E. Krimbill

tion of Horseshoe Pitchers of California was organized June 12, 1920, and perfected the following 26th day of June, electing the following officers:

W.A. Hoyt, president, Long Beach; George E. Krimbill, secretary, Long Beach; H.L. Smith, assistant secretary, Pasadena; T. Holman, treasurer, Glendale. All the officers are good live horseshoe boosters and it is intended to hold the first state tournament ever held in California. The Golden State association promises to be one of the most active in the United States. They are looking forward to the time when they can hold a national tournament in their state."

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## National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Sanction Leagues are forming.

Horseshoe leagues are fun, inexpensive, and are available in your area. Leagues use handicap scoring methods so beginning pitchers can be competitive. All ages are invited as leagues include Juniors, Seniors, Ladies and Men. To receive more information about the league closest to your location contact:

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# Gillette World Tournament LODGING GUIDE

*Gillette, Wyoming, a city of about 20,000 enjoys a busy influx of summer travelers which can often make motel rooms scarce. The NHPA negotiated special room blocks and rates with the following properties which you are encouraged to support. Make your reservations as early as possible by calling the following recommended properties direct. In all cases, be sure to ask for the special horseshoe pitcher rate which applies July 21-August 4, 1996. All rates subject to tax.*

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# Regional Director's Report

by Dick Hansen

As of Nov. 1, the Regional Directors have submitted and I have sanctioned 4,876 courts at 359 different complexes across the U.S.—all of which were done this year. I now have compiled a list, by Charter, of every sanctioned court complex within that charter, with useful information on each. There is still work to be done on this before it will be ready for publication, but with the help of the Regional Directors it is actually ahead of the time schedule I had hoped for. I get phone calls asking where to find sanctioned courts. I can now give an answer.

There have been five new Regional Director appointments made. Wayne Minnick has been replaced by **Cal Cordes** in AZ; Keith Thompson has been replaced by **Allen Baptist** in CO; Bob Walters will be replaced by **Leo Buell** in IA; Richard Senger is replaced by **Ron Deckard** in FL; and Phil Zozzaro has resigned with **Ron Vogel** taking over in NJ.

To all the outgoing Regional Directors, I thank them all for their service to the NHPA and to the new Regional Directors. Your willingness to accept your positions and your enthusiasm will help the NHPA grow.

## RD Reports

**Elwyn Cooper, RD for Missouri**, reports that he was asked to demonstrate horseshoe pitching at Shawnee Mission Park in Overland, KS before a gathering of 90 international military officers at their annual picnic. There was not a lot of interest, but Elwyn did pitch shoes with approximately 20 interested persons and also handed out NHPA information.

Elwyn also reports that the owners of the Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO asked Vicki Winston to set up horseshoe pitching demonstrations for a 7 week period from the middle of Sept. through Oct. She contacted Austin Ott, who accepted and began contacting pitchers to appear. First to appear was World Champ Alan Francis and Amy Brown from Ohio. They put on an outstanding exhibition. Elwyn reports that when he arrived, the attendants on the Trams were still announcing that they could see a pitcher who had not missed a

ringer all week! Alan, of course.

Vicki and Earl Winston appeared the second weekend and also put on a show for people at Silver Dollar City. Bill Waisner from Crane, MO also helped out. Austin Ott did a fine job and was the right person for this exhibition. He knew how to get the faint of heart pitchers to throw a few ringers and passed out literature and promoted the NHPA. Austin stated they were already talking about doing this again next year.

**Nebraska RD, Pat Wemhoff**, reports on the Jack McKinney Invitational Tournament this past Sept. The Championship included the following greats: Jesse Gonzales, CA; Richard Pintor, CO; Spud Napier, CA; Paul LaCrosse, CO; Elwyn Cooper, MO; and Dave Hughes, MN. The first day was a singles sanctioned tournament with four 8-man classes. The second day the low man tagged up with the man with the highest ringer percent and on down the line for a fun tournament. Jack also supplied food and refreshments for all. It was a real fun time for all.

**New England States RD, George St. Pierre**, reports that since Labor Day he has been involved with setting up a 5-day horseshoe charity event involving the public at Brad Park's Sports Plex. George is also organizing a demonstration event with John Kapnis and Debby Michaud with the City of Peabody, MA. The people he is coordinating with want to build some new horseshoe courts in the area. George reports that things are looking up for our sport in the northeast.



One of my new Regional Directors, **Ron Deckard, Florida** sent me this post card of his home courts in Clearwater. The back of the card gives

information on the courts. (18 covered courts, bleacher seating for 250, home of the Florida Hall of Fame, leagues Tues.-Thurs.). It is said to be the finest outdoor pitching complex facility in the east. The postcard is a good idea and advertising for their club and something other clubs may want to pick up on. The Clearwater Club has something they can be proud of.

**Gail Sluys, RD for Northern California**, reports that once the rain finally stopped, Northern California held 136 successful tournaments during the 1995 pitching season. They hosted the State championship Labor Day Weekend at the Yolo Club in Davis where Teddy Guillotte beat out the ladies and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. regained the men's championship.

It was an exciting year with 5,408 tournament entrants for an average of 40 per tournament. Almost all of the tournaments were made up of mixed groups (short and full distance pitchers) providing better group equality percentage-wise and left only a few tournaments to be handicapped.

The N. California 1996 schedule is 155 tournaments. They start pitching in February, if the weather allows. If you are planning a trip to the sunshine state in 1996, please give Gail a call, I'm sure she will be able to find a tournament in the area you are visiting and they would love to have you join them.

In November and December, I asked the Regional Directors to check up on Sanctioned Tournaments that did not get their results sent to NatStats. NatStats Director Oliver Smith sends me a list of all unreported tournaments and I send each Regional Director a list of tournaments in their Charter that have not been received. It works as a crosscheck so that each and every sanctioned tournament has a positive report.

The response from the Regional Directors has been overwhelming. They have found and reported many tournaments in a short time, and I thank them for their cooperation in this matter. With all the work I have been giving them lately it is more than likely why I received so few RD reports this time around.



# Sanctioned Club News Release

## SODBUSTERS HSC #83-C-84 BRISTOL, VERMONT

Our club ended their year with a Banquet on Saturday night, October 21, at the Squirrels Nest Inn in Vergennes. After a social hour and delicious buffet meal, our President Roger Forgues handed the awards to the members of our two leagues. After a winning play-off on the Tuesday night league, between Ken Downer and Bev Forgues, Bev came out first and Ken second. Reid Brewster took third and fourth went to junior pitcher Chris Bearor. Debra

Brown received high Game and High Over Average. High Average went to Liz Downer. William Shattuck took Rookie of the Year and Most Improved Player, with Sportsmanship going to Roger Forgues.

On our Thursday league, placing in order, 1st through 4th, were Lorenzo Gagnon, Connie Selleck, André Bergeron and Shirley Coffey. High Game, High Average, and High Over Average were all taken by Connie Selleck. Scott Selleck earned Most Improved, Bernie Bergeron was Rookie and Marshall

Hoagland received the Sportsmanship award.

Most Improved plaques went to Junior Chris Bearor; Men's Ken Downer; and Bev Forgues received this award for her improvement in 1994.

A special presidential Recognition Award was also given to Junior Chris Bearor, for his leadership and hard work on many work details.

Anyone in the area is invited to come out next Spring, in May to join us for great times and good friendly horseshoe pitching competition. Call Bev Forgues at 802-453-3128.

## NHPA Income and Expenditures: June, July and August 1995

### INCOME

Membership Dues .....	\$ 408.00
Newsline Subscriptions .....	1,218.00
Newsline Advertising .....	400.00
Patch and Misc. Sales .....	120.00
1995 World Entry Fees .....	1,280.00
Bank & Affinity Card Interest, Collections .....	1,263.00

**Total 3 Month Income \$4,689.00**

### EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production and Mailing .....	4,309.00
Newsline Editor Allowance .....	930.00
Sanctioned League Office, Supplies, Phone .....	500.00
Sanctioned League Director Allowance .....	450.00
Regional Directors Chairman Allowance .....	330.00
World Entry Refunds .....	300.00
World Tournament Awards .....	93,300.00
World Administrative Costs .....	150.00
World Banquet & Awards .....	825.00
World Bidder Refund (St. Louis) .....	5,000.00
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies .....	301.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repairs .....	2,605.00
NHPA Postage .....	1,182.00
NHPA Officers' Phone .....	733.00
NHPA Officers' Travel .....	200.00
Vice President Allowances .....	2,790.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance .....	4,650.00
President Allowance .....	1,395.00
Publicity and Promotion .....	225.00
NatStats Administration .....	695.00
Year End Auditor Fees .....	3,450.00
Misc. Bank Charges, Refunds, Fees .....	65.00

**Total 3 Month Expense \$124,385.00**

## NHPA Income and Expenditures: September and October 1995

### INCOME

Membership Dues .....	\$22,647.00
Newsline Subscriptions .....	584.00
Newsline Advertising .....	176.00
Patch and Misc. Sales .....	69.00
1995 World Entry Fees .....	50.00
Donation to Junior Scholarship Fund .....	300.00
World Portable Court Rental .....	5,000.00
Bank & Affinity Card Interest, Collections .....	620.00

**Total 2 Month Income \$29,446.00**

### EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production and Mailing .....	6,105.00
Newsline Editor Allowance .....	620.00
Sanctioned League Office, Supplies, Phone .....	67.00
World Tournament Awards .....	378.00
World Administrative Costs .....	6,242.00
World Banquet & Awards .....	644.00
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies .....	673.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repairs .....	7,097.00
Regional Director Postage, Phone, Supplies .....	149.00
NHPA Postage .....	622.00
NHPA Officers' Phone .....	442.00
NHPA Officers' Travel .....	3,338.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance .....	3,100.00
President Allowance .....	930.00
Publicity and Promotion .....	569.00
NatStats Administration .....	1,013.00
Legal Fees .....	99.00

**Total 2 Month Expense \$32,088.00**

**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.



# Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

Time to again give my congratulations to those pitchers making the '95 Top Ten, Junior Scholar/Trust Fund and to announce the Director of the Year, Mr. Dan Beshore. Dan has been the Director of the New Cumberland HSC in Pennsylvania for the 12 years it has been sanctioned. He has always been dedicated to doing an excellent job for his club members and this program, with timely, neat and accurate reporting. Thank you, Dan, for all you have done for horse-shoes and for making my job easier. Dan will send a picture and tell you all about himself in the next issue.

Along with the above congratulations, go the same, to two club directors who were inducted into the North Dakota Hall of Fame. Barrie Campbell of the Glenburn Club and Mavis Olsen of the Bismarck Women's Club and all Junior league. Mavis was the first lady to ever receive this honor in North Dakota.

Seems along with good and happy news, there is always bad and sad, as we lost Paul Mongerson, a past Director of the Reynolds HSC of IL. Paul will be missed and I send my deepest condolences to his wife, family and friends.

Am writing this at the end of November, my deadline for this issue, and am being held up from announcing or printing the list of 23 clubs due to receive their 5, 10 or 15 year plaques.

This is due to having 2, out of this 23, that have not sent any reports for '95 nor replied, as of this date, to the notices sent to them earlier. Therefore, these awards cannot be ordered in time to get them out before the end of this year. Another big reason why

I ask, again, that ALL membership reports be submitted to this office, as early as possible, each year. Please!

My husband Floyd and I want to wish everyone, your family and friends, the very best, good health and happiness in this year.

## 1994-95 Junior Scholar Pitchers

The number of juniors submitted for these honors has shown a good drop from 1994, when there were 16 student pitchers submitted, compared to only 10 for 1995. Three submitted last year, two of which received Trust Funds, didn't even continue pitching in '95 and one pitched only 280 shoes over the entire league.

Makes one wonder if this scholar program is doing what it should be or is really a worthwhile expense for the NHPA Cl/Lg program. I would like to think that it is, but it does not seem to be giving our juniors an incentive to continue pitching nor to improve on their academic levels.

Nonetheless, I am still proud of and give congratulations to the pitching students who have made this list, for their work at both their pitching and education.

By a phone and written vote of the NHPA council it has been decided to give three junior trust funds for the '94/'95 school term. Both Michael and

Michelle Newton will again receive trust funds in the amounts of \$275.00 each, the same as they received for last year. The third trust fund amount will be for \$250.00 and will go to Branson Miller, a first time recipient.

Please remember that the DEADLINE for those being submitted is November 1, 1996, for the '95/'96 school term. Forms for this can be requested from my office.

### On a scale of 0.00 to 4.00

1. Michael Newton, 16, Rapid City, SD ....4.00
2. Michelle Newton, 14, Rapid City, SD ...4.00
3. Branson Miller, 14, Winchester, VA .....3.85
4. Maggie Koppes, 12, Brooklyn Pk, MN..3.60
5. Matthew Kiefat, 15, Red River Valley, ND .3.54
6. Autumn Miller, 14, Winchester, VA .....3.14
7. Nathan Miller, 14, Winchester, VA.....3.07
8. David Mead, 12, Brooklyn Park, MN ...3.00

### On a scale of 0-100%

9. Rachel Luckey, 12, Glenburn, ND .....93.0
10. Jeremy Umphries, 15, Kilo Bay, TX .....85.9

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# Music City Team Tournament

by Jim Haupt

Alan Francis and Amy Brown needed Fred Brown's lower percentage for legal entry. Combining two super-pitchers proved to be the winning edge for the Music City title. While Fred won just one game, Francis won all 17 and Amy lost only two.

Jack Freeman played the complete host at the Music City Team Tournament this year. His pitching arm is mending from two operations and although his range of motion is better, he is still unable to pitch.

Undaunted, Freeman invited others to fill the indoor courts for two days of team action early November—two sections of "A" class; one "B" class, one "C" class—24 teams.

This Music City format calls for each player on a three-pitcher team to play one game with each team member within the class. Classes were six teams. Extended it comes to 15 games—ten games Saturday, five

Sunday and Sunday afternoon the top five teams from the two A sections began a stepladder play-off.

Some teams had homes—Tennessee, Connecticut, Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Ontario, Kentucky—others were mixed. The percentage cap (215) being prevalent. The mixed sixth place team, for example, was: Mark Seibold of Indiana, Don Titcomb of Kentucky, and Dave Loucks from California.

On the play-off ladder, in fifth place, were the Tennessee twins, Max Griffith and Mar Ray with their apparel designer, Paula Hunsicker. The flashy team with high average won the best dressed award but lost their first match to World Champion, Sue Snyder. Ron Meredith (both Kentucky) and Ralph Guffey (Indiana).

Second game. Snyder and company won again, trading positions with the team of Ron Powell, Charlie

Meredith (both Kentucky) and Al Morris (Indiana).

In the third ladder game Snyder went head to head with another World Champ—Alan Francis of Missouri. Francis won. His partner, Amy Brown of Ohio won. They carried Fred Brown, also Ohio, into the final match against the tournament leaders.

The team with a name (Tuff-E-Nuff) of, Art Tyson, New York; Phil Fleshman, and Pete Shomete, both Maryland, could not hold up against the combination of Francis and Amy Brown. This last time they gave Fred a ride all the way to an engraved spot on the Music City Team trophy for 1995.

Alabama teams took first in the other two classes. Claiming the top spot in "B" were Jack Henderson, Debbie Tidwell, and Mike Henderson. The best team winning record in the house (32 wins in 45 games) was posted by "C" leaders Jim Harris, Bobby Holland, and Michael Byram.

Adding near \$2,000 to the purse, Music City Team paid cash awards exceeding entry fees not only in "A" but in all classes. Six teams cashed in "A." The top three in "B" and "C" also cashed.

Thirty-five teams or team fragments attempted to enter. Twenty-four were accepted. That fact has prompted Freeman to issue fair warning to prospective entrants for 1996.

Only entries submitted in writing will be considered. A phone call won't do it. And, to effect an early entry, percentages will be based on a September 1st NatStat report.

Next year, 1996, the length of the game may be changed to 40 shoes. Freeman is also considering a game time limit. In a wrap-up message Freeman said, "Thanks to all of you for participating in the Music City Team Tournament. Things went well and I hope all of you got the percentage you were hoping for."

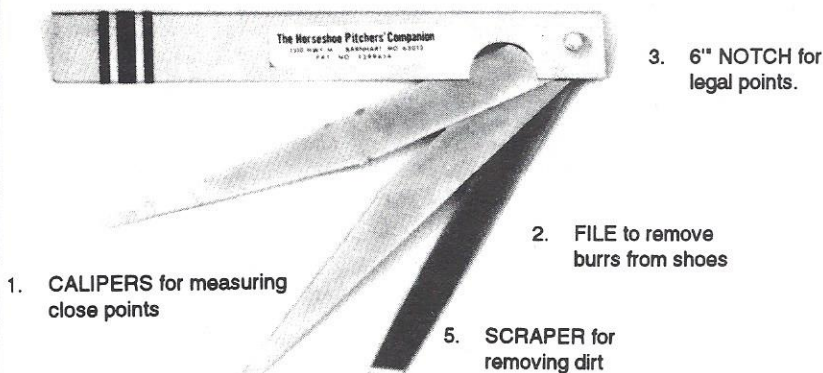
(The winners may be an all-Ohio entry next time—Francis, Francis, and Brown. Alan said it. She said yes. How about Fred? "Oh, that's my dad," she said. The Alan Francis-Amy Brown wedding is planned for April 1996.)

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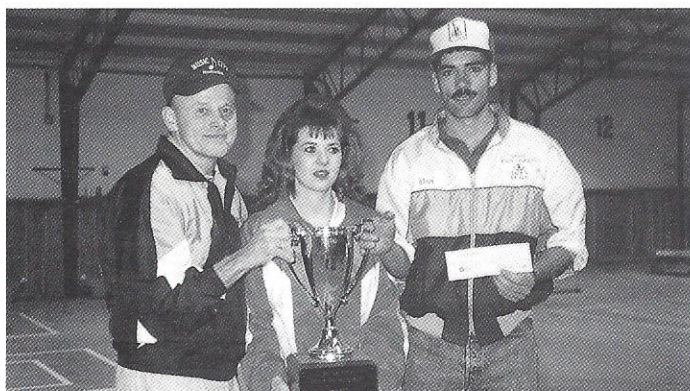
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# Hall of Fame

by Earl Winston



## "A" CLASS

Place	R	S/P	R%
<b>1st Place (33)</b>			
Alan Francis	730	850	85.88
Amy Brown	646	850	76.00
Fred Brown	393	850	46.24
<b>2nd Place (31)</b>			
Art Tyson	653	800	81.63
Phil Fleshman	567	800	70.88
Pete Shomette	453	800	56.63
<b>3rd Place (28, *wildcard)</b>			
Sue Snyder	746	900	82.89
Ralph Guffey	589	900	65.44
Ron Meredith	524	900	58.22
<b>4th Place (29)</b>			
Ron Powell	564	800	70.50
Charlie Meredith	603	800	75.38
Al Morris	480	800	60.00
<b>5th Place (29)</b>			
Maxine Griffith	614	800	76.75
Marlene Ray	608	800	76.00
Paula Hunsicker	471	890	58.88
<b>6th Place (23)</b>			
Mark Seibold	542	750	72.27
Don Titcomb	471	750	62.80
Dave Loucks	481	750	64.13

Place	R	S/P	R%
<b>7th Place (21)</b>			
Sandy Janssens	591	750	78.80
Steve Hohl	545	750	72.67
Karen McLachlin	406	750	54.13
<b>8th Place (20W, 64.49%)</b>			
Randy Rein	457	750	60.93
Lorraine Sternberg	545	750	72.67
Mark Stevens	449	750	59.87
<b>9th Place (20W, 64.27%)</b>			
Kevin McLachlin	489	750	65.20
Sheila McGrath	313	500	62.60
Stan Leis	539	750	71.87
Tom Stroh	105	250	42.00
<b>10th Place (17)</b>			
N.A. Moore	489	750	65.20
Paul Stewart	468	750	62.40
Tommy Gann	516	750	68.80
<b>11th Place (16)</b>			
Oscar Manns	511	750	68.13
Gary Roberts	476	750	63.47
Elden Sarbaugh	475	750	63.33
<b>12th Place (15)</b>			
Chad Hyatt	501	750	66.80
Dale Henry	449	750	59.87
Bill Ungetheim	449	750	59.87

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## "B" CLASS

Place	R	S/P	R%
<b>1st Place (31.5)</b>			
Jack Henderson	455	750	60.67
Debbie Tidwell	460	750	61.33
Mike Henderson	410	750	54.67
<b>2nd Place (26.5)</b>			
Milton Vinson	447	750	60.93
Iris Sandham	459	750	61.20
Eileen Giselbach	412	750	54.93
<b>3rd Place (23)</b>			
Al LaTouche	457	750	60.93
Ron Beck	381	750	50.80
Dave Lick	388	750	51.73
<b>4th Place (21)</b>			
Amy Monday	517	750	68.93
Ricky Hall	438	750	58.40
Marvin May	330	750	44.00
<b>5th Place (16.5W, 53.29%)</b>			
Don Maine	388	750	51.73
Elaine Hansen	384	750	51.20
John Forti	427	750	56.93
<b>6th Place (16.5W, 52.53%)</b>			
Jim Culver	382	750	50.93
Monty Roberts	409	750	54.53
Walter Mullins	391	750	52.13

## "C" CLASS

Place	R	S/P	R%
<b>1st Place (32)</b>			
Jim Harris	421	750	56.13
Bobby Holland	353	750	47.07
Michael Byram	377	750	50.27
<b>2nd Place (26)</b>			
Charles Perkins	441	750	58.80
Shannon Banks	451	750	60.13
Melvin Cooper	192	750	25.60
<b>3rd Place (24)</b>			
James Sears	378	750	50.40
Joe Daniel	311	750	41.47
Walter Sexton	328	750	43.73
<b>4th Place (18W, 42.27%)</b>			
Mary Nalley	376	750	50.13
Fred Pizarro	237	750	31.60
Jim Henderson	338	700	45.07
<b>5th Place (18W, 39.64%)</b>			
Jim Haupt	338	750	45.07
Terry Sternberg	288	750	38.40
Ken Kosky	266	750	35.47
<b>6th Place (17)</b>			
John Passmore	322	750	42.93
Hazel Fleshman	375	750	50.00
Fred Rich	221	750	29.47

This is just to remind all horseshoe pitchers that the Hall of Fame is a year 'round active enterprise and that from time to time some very interesting items pertaining to our beloved sport are sent to me for safekeeping.

In visiting with a player from California at the World Tournament in Georgia, I learned that a friend of his in California might make a contribution. Upon arriving home, I phoned Mr. George Greeott about a pair of original Mossman shoes and the longer we talked the larger the donation got to be. After a letter or two, we were both elated at what had happened.

The package, sent by George for Hall of Fame display, included a shoe of his original pattern for the Greeott Grabber. It was handmade of white brass. Also included were one pair of original Detroit Flyers, of which I had none to that point. There was a pair of original Greeott Grabbers and one pair of Diamonds "Duluth, Minn." with no hooks. A real prize was one pair of Putt Mossmans (large hooks) pitched little or not at all. Last, but not least, was one pair of T.J. Octigans—the original round shoe with no hooks. T.J. Octigans added hooks in later years and then during World War I, their plant in Chicago was purchased by a foundry in the northeast and that brand of horseshoe then ceased to exist. What a valuable addition this has been to the NHPA collection and we thank you, George Greeott, for your generous donations.

The next find was when Bill Henn, of Kentucky, sent Dave Loucks a few old Horseshoe Worlds and Dave forwarded them to me. I sent Bill a thank you letter and later he sent me more news clippings, some 1942 photos of the Schultz sisters in exhibition, and seven large 8 x 10" photos of the championship classes of the World Tournament. They were dated 1940, 1946, 1947, 1949 and one was not dated, but included most of the women players. This is the only World Tournament photo I know of that included the women. Most of these photos numbered the players and the name of the player is written on the back of the picture. What a historical find these are for future reference. Thanks again, Bill!

Anytime you come across old scrapbooks, photos or anything that pertains to our sport, if you don't know what to do with it, don't throw it away! Instead, mail it to the Hall of Fame Chairman—my address is listed at the front of *Newsline*. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

## Dick Hansen Announces Candidacy for Secretary/Treasurer

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Secretary Treasurer of the NHPA. If I am elected I will give the NHPA 100 percent, as I have done as the NHPA 5th Vice President.

My position as NHPA 5th Vice President has made me increasingly aware of the day to day workings of the NHPA and has only made me want to do more. I will be able to give the NHPA the undivided attention that it needs at this point in its long history.

The NHPA will be going through some major changes in the years ahead, with the formation of the charitable organization and the possible ownership of property and I wish to be a part of these changes and ask for your support in 1996.

Thank You, Dick Hansen



# 1995 TOP TEN

## NATIONAL DIVISION—MIXED MEN & WOMEN

### HIGH POINT AVERAGE

Pos.	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	126.33
2.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	124.09
3.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	119.12
4.	Loran Coy	Darke County, OH	118.92
5.	Jim Cooper	Whetstone, OH	117.71
6.	Gene Reno	Northwest Arkansas, AR	117.69
7.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	115.92
8.	Robert Dean, Sr.	Shenandoah Valley, VA	114.73
9.	Richard Williams	Paulding County, GA	114.08
10.	Noah Roach	Claudius Crozet, VA	112.94

### HIGH POINT GAME

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	143
2.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	143
3.	Loran Coy	Darke County, OH	141
4.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	138
5.	Gene Reno	Northwest Arkansas, AR	138
6.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	137
7.	Richard Williams	Paulding County, GA	137
8.	Jim Cooper	Whetstone, OH	134
9.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	134
10.	John Walters	Troy, OH	134

### HIGH POINT OVER AVERAGE

1.	Dan Jaramillo	Socorro Dbl. Rgs., NM	+66.25
2.	Mary Ann Zamora	Socorro Dbl. Rgs., NM	+64.73
3.	Carl Zamora	Socorro Dbl. Rgs., NM	+59.98
4.	Joe Zamora	Socorro Dbl. Rgs., NM	+51.60
5.	Jim Poquette	Goldendale, WI	+50.52
6.	Donna Alswager	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+44.78
7.	Virgel Warren	Socorro Dbl. Rgs., NM	+44.03
8.	Gerald Thomas	Independence, MO	+41.93
9.	Beth Hill	Southwest Arkansas, AR	+40.93
10.	David Svehla	AVF Downers Grove, IL	+38.88

### HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	81.11
2.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	77.45
3.	Rick Bolick, Sr.	Blue Ridge, NC	72.36
4.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	72.09
5.	Loran Coy	Darke County, OH	71.05
6.	Gene Reno	Northwest Arkansas, AR	70.61
7.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	70.50
8.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	70.11
9.	Jim Cooper	Whetstone, OH	70.10
10.	Shannon Foster	Blue Ridge, NC	69.83

## MEN'S DIVISION

### HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

		%	
1.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	77.45
2.	Rick Bolick, Sr.	Blue Ridge, NC	72.36
3.	Loran Coy	Darke County, OH	71.05
4.	Gene Reno	Northwest Arkansas, AR	70.61
5.	Jim Cooper	Whetstone, OH	70.10
6.	Shannon Foster	Blue Ridge, NC	69.83
7.	Paul Stewart	Blue Ridge, NC	69.03
8.	Elwyn Cooper	Heart of America, MO	67.00
9.	Noah Roach	Claudius Crozet, VA	66.50
10.	Normand Rioux	New London County, CT	66.28

### HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	94.0
2.	Loran Coy	Darke County, OH	92.0
3.	Rick Bolick, Sr.	Blue Ridge, NC	90.0
4.	Gene Reno	Northwest Arkansas, AR	88.0
5.	Richard Williams	Paulding County, GA	88.0
6.	Normand Rioux	New London County, CT	86.1
7.	John Walters	Troy, OH	86.0
8.	Jim Cooper	Whetstone, OH	84.0
9.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	84.0
10.	Shannon Foster	Blue Ridge, NC	82.5

### HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Jim Poquette	Goldendale, WI	+41.72
2.	Phil Groski	Greater Danbury, CT	+37.44
3.	Dean Heng	Brooklyn Park, MN	+36.93
4.	Albert Schirmer	Greater Danbury, CT	+36.56
5.	Gerald Thomas	Independence, MO	+36.30
6.	Pat Moran	West St. Paul, MN	+36.14
7.	Vern Boldac	Dan Patch, MN	+34.88
8.	Ra Straiton	Greater Danbury, CT	+33.53
9.	Dave Crooks	Classic City, IN	+32.74
10.	John Walters	Troy, OH	+32.64

## WOMEN'S DIVISION

### HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	81.12
2.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	72.09
3.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	70.50
4.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	70.11
5.	Lu Cave	Tri County, MN	68.00
6.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS	67.02
7.	Lisa Maille	Nashua, NH	66.07
8.	Marlene Cooper	Classic City, IN	66.03
9.	Connie J. Filley	Red River Valley, ND	65.10
10.	Liz Downer	Sodbusters, VT	64.80

### HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	94.0
2.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	88.0
3.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	88.0
4.	Marlene Cooper	Classic City, IN	86.0
5.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	84.0
6.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	84.0
7.	Mona Winn	Classic City, IN	83.0
8.	Lisa Maille	Nashua, NH	82.5
9.	Lu Cave	Tri County, MN	82.0
10.	Jane Smith	Close Doesn't Count, WI	82.0

### HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Mona Winn	Classic City, IN	+39.30
2.	Nita Schimmoller	Classic City, IN	+31.98
3.	Sheila Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	+31.19
4.	Connie Selleck	Sodbusters, VT	+30.85
5.	Judith Auston	Central Mass., MA	+30.83
6.	Pat Strain	Harahan, LA	+30.51
7.	Minnie Gawthreay	Harahan, LA	+30.45
8.	Donna Alswager	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+29.78
9.	Beth Hill	Southwest Arkansas, AR	+29.63
10.	Jennie Hill	Pioneer, NY	+28.88



# 1995 TOP TEN

## NATIONAL JUNIOR DIVISION — MIXED BOYS & GIRLS

### HIGH POINT AVERAGE

Pos.	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	106.57
2.	Bradley Dean	Shenandoah Valley, VA	101.75
3.	Lee Presley	Paulding County, GA	101.52
4.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	81.25
5.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	80.81
6.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	69.24
7.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	67.40
8.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	66.40
9.	Matt Melchert	Kilkenny, MN	66.36
10.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	66.30

### HIGH POINT GAME

1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	133
2.	Lee Presley	Paulding County, GA	131
3.	Bradley Dean	Shenandoah Valley, VA	120
4.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	112
5.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	106
6.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	105
7.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	100
8.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	97
9.	Matt Byrdwell	Millville, KY	97
10.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	95

### HIGH POINT OVER AVERAGE

1.	Matt Byrdwell	Millville, KY	+50.05
2.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+36.76
3.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	+34.75
4.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	+32.60
5.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+30.75
6.	Matt Kiefat	Red River Valley, ND	+30.70
7.	Lee Presley	Paulding County, GA	+29.48
8.	Stacy Sanders	Whetstone, OH	+27.98
9.	Matt Routledge	Glenburn, ND	+26.87
10.	Lance Bertch	Spearfish, SD	+26.80

### HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

		%	
1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	64.38
2.	Ricky Bolick, Jr.	Blue Ridge, NC	62.89
3.	Michael Newton	Rapid City, SD	61.50
4.	Lee Presley	Paulding County, GA	60.48
5.	Bradley Dean	Shenandoah Valley, VA	59.00
6.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, MN	44.93
7.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	42.59
8.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	42.45
9.	Chris Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	40.68
10.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	33.73

## JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION

### HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	64.38
2.	Ricky Bolick, Jr.	Blue Ridge, NC	62.89
3.	Michael Newton	Rapid City, SD	61.50
4.	Lee Presley	Paulding County, GA	60.48
5.	Bradley Dean	Shenandoah Valley, VA	59.00
6.	Allan Keen	Classic City, IN	52.90
7.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, MN	44.93
8.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	42.59
9.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	42.45
10.	Chris Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	40.68

## HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	84.0
2.	Allen Keen	Classic City, IN	83.0
3.	Ricky Bolick, Jr.	Blue Ridge, NC	80.0
4.	Lee Presley	Paulding County, GA	80.0
5.	Bradley Dean	Shenandoah Valley, VA	74.0
6.	Michael Newton	Rapid City, SD	72.5
7.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, MN	68.0
8.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	68.0
9.	Brent Keen	Classic City, IN	66.0
10.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	60.0

### HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Matt Byrdwell	Millville, KY	+34.34
2.	Travis Thompson	Classic City, IN	+30.84
3.	Allan Keen	Classic City, IN	+30.10
4.	Brent Keen	Classic City, IN	+27.22
5.	Joel Schroeder	Classic City, IN	+27.07
6.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+25.41
7.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	+24.27
8.	Trent Fiechter	Classic City, IN	+24.21
9.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	+23.34
10.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, MN	+23.07

## JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION

### HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	32.66
2.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City, SD	30.31
3.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	26.08
4.	Sally Dronen	Red River Valley, ND	24.13
5.	Stacy Sanders	Whetstone, OH	21.05
6.	Jenny Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	20.66
7.	Kara Hyder	Blue Ridge, NC	18.33
8.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	14.44
9.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	13.75
10.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	8.52

### HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	62.0
2.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City, SD	47.5
3.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	45.0
4.	Stacy Sanders	Whetstone, OH	44.0
5.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	40.0
6.	Sally Dronen	Red River Valley, ND	38.0
7.	Jenny Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	36.0
8.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	26.0
9.	Kara Hyder	Blue Ridge, NC	22.5
10.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	22.0

### HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	+31.25
2.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+29.34
3.	Stacy Sanders	Whetstone, OH	+22.95
4.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City, SD	+17.19
5.	Jenny Sellden	Red River Valley, ND	+15.34
6.	Sarah Milne	Platte Valley, NE	+14.56
7.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	+13.92
8.	Sally Dronen	Red River Valley, ND	+13.87
9.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	+13.48
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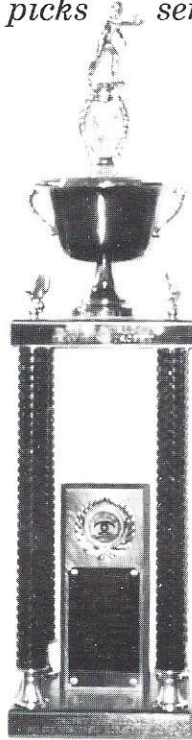
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# Tennessee Twins Break Into World Championship Class

by Jim Haupt

Two guesses. What, or who, has two blond pony tails, tall and slender, are easy to look at, often wearing a red top, black shorts, always seen in duplicate, pitching a ton of ringers? You should have two answers—the Tennessee twins, Maxine Griffith and Marlene Ray.

Maybe you saw them in Perry, Georgia. The pair drew lots of attention pitching in the Women's Championship class.

This was not their first World Tournament but it was their first World Championship Class appearance. "We are just tickled to be in the Championship class," bubbled Max, or was it Mar. "But," one of the fair-haired girls continued, "It was our goal of a year ago. We pitched the '94 World at Syracuse in "B" class placing 4th and 5th." (For the record, Max was 4th with 55% and Mar finished 5th with 61%.)

Back home in Tennessee, the girls have the luxury of a personal indoor court. To make good on their goal they began practicing every day, at least six days a week. The twins were not new to the sport. Although their main competition has been each other they have won the Tennessee state title fourteen times—seven each, of course.

The advent of Jack Freeman's courts near Nashville had much to do with the rededication to the game. Still it's a three and one-half hour ride from their town of Covington. Max and Mar credit Jack Freeman for encouragement and opportunity and Dexter Stallings for his interest. Coaching and tips came from their top flight competitors Lois Webster, Sue Snyder, and Don Titcomb contributing. Obsessive practice linked with twelve tournaments just last year at the Tennessee complex steadily improved their game.

By World Tournament entry time the twins had raised their averages, exceeding 70% and earned a seed into the Women's A2 class. Max and Mar did the rest on site, moving up and qualifying as two of the top 16 in the Championship Class. Max



finished 13th with a 74% average. Mar took 11th pitching 70.3%. When they write the book on the most improved horseshoe pitchers for the year of 1995, the two leading characters will be the Tennessee twins, Maxine Griffith and Mar Ray.

Horseshoes has been a part of the family interest over the years. Unknowingly, their grandfather put the sport in their genes many years ago when the family lived in the state of New York. Grandfather, George Tweedy was a pitcher. The twins' father, Walter Shackelton and their mother also pitched. All three boys of the family played the game.

At a New York State tournament many years ago, Grandfather George took on the then 16 year old Carl Steinfeldt who had been winning. When the young Steinfeldt lost a tough game and began exhibiting some irrational behavior, Grandpa Tweedy walked him over to the fence saying, "Carl, someday you may become a great horseshoe pitcher, but you also have to learn how to lose gracefully." Carl Steinfeldt, a grand old man of horseshoes, went on to become State Champion of New York 18 times and vividly recalls the incident to this day.

Sports have always figured in the lives of the twins. They have the distinction of being honored as the first two girls inducted into the New York State Hall of Fame for high school athletes. Most times they competed together and finished lock step. In 1972, however, Max won the New York State archery title—alone.

Somewhere along the way Mar's bow broke.

The twins played four years of college volleyball and basketball, mostly together. For three years they confused opponents of the University of Tennessee. Max then transferred to Lambuth College for her final year. It was 1976 and Mar, with the UT team, defeated Lambuth to qualify for the National Intercollegiate Volleyball Tournament.

Today, they coach teams and referee games, high school and college, staying active in their environment—teachers. Naturally they are both math teachers. Mar teaches pre-algebra in junior high and Max gets the same class the next year. This year they claim to be retired gymnastics coaches heavy into coaching basketball. When interviewed recently by a newspaper, *The Tennessean*, Mar admitted it, "We're sort of jocks at heart."

Twins, jocks, girls at heart, but both have families to look after. Max has a 9 year old daughter, Rayna, or "Shack." Eddie Griffith is dad, operates his own construction company and that's the source of their indoor court. Mar is married to Bill Ray, an assistant director at the vocational school. They have two boys, Will Walter, 13, called "Dub", and George 6, tagged "Kane." (While nicknames abound, the name "Will Walter Ray" asks a real question among horseshoe pitchers.)

The identical twins can safely be addressed as, "Hi, MaxorMar," but pity the befuddled scorekeeper when they pitch each other. Actually they are mirror twins. Mar tosses her flip right-handed; Max is a lefty flipper.

Regardless, their purpose has been singular—to become World Class horseshoe pitchers. Having attained that goal at the Perry World, they were asked, "What's next?"

Without a hesitant glance towards each other they answered in near unison, "To be World Champion." Like, of course...

but who will be first?



## CORRECTION

The North Eastern Regional results in the last issue had some incorrect percentages listed for 5 individuals. *Newsline* is sorry for this oversight, but it is very easy for such errors to occur when results are not sent to us in the proper format. The 5 corrections are: 40'A Bill Bullman, WV, 62.4%; 40'B Robert Stewart, PA, 43.2%; 40'C Jim Wilcoxin, WV, 32.1%; 40'D Paul McIntire, WV, 30.8%; 30'A Sharon McIntire, WV, 41.6%.

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# 1909 World Tournament (Summer) Bronson, Kansas

Perhaps it is fitting that, as human beings, we do not remember our own birth and must rely on stories handed down as to the circumstances surrounding that important event. With this in mind, let us try to assemble the known facts of Year One of the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament before we allow ourselves the luxury of conjecture.

It is known that an unnamed promoter of a Colt Show brought this event about by advertising it as a World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. With the winning of this tournament was to come the title of Official Horseshoe Pitching Champion of the World and the awarding of a World Champion Belt. It is also known that this was a single elimination event.

The number of pitchers and their names are unknown except for Frank Jackson of Blue Mound, Kansas, who won the tournament. It is quite likely that this event drew a large number of entries, necessitating a one loss and out format. The only known person still alive to witness the 1909 World Tournament is Clarence Townsley, also of Blue Mound, who later became Frank Jackson's father-in-law.

Horseshoe Pitching was quite popular in Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. Earlier records show matches being played in 1900 in Independence, MO at their Convention Hall. (Perhaps this is where President Harry S. Truman developed his love of the game.)

Team matches were often staged in the years prior to 1909. An individual tournament was held at Kansas State University in Manhattan in the year 1907. Frank Jackson won that also.

Horseshoe clubs were known to exist in Long Beach, California; St. Petersburg, Florida; East Liverpool, Ohio and Meadville, Pennsylvania. Meadville is reputed to be the oldest in the land having a club prior to 1900. Students at the University of Pennsylvania were pitching during the 1800s, according to their 1922 student newspaper, when they were trying to revive the game.

Horseshoe pitching was also known to be in existence during the Revolutionary War. Ben Franklin was thought to be a pitcher.

It has been said that an annual World Tournament was held every summer in Kansas City, Missouri from 1910 to 1919. Hopefully, if after

further investigation this proves correct, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association will graciously sanction these tournaments so that these also will take their rightful place in the archives. This will also bring into recognition other of our earliest members who helped the sport expand and organized Horseshoe Pitching to survive.

**Editor Note:** Recent information from the author Gary Kline establishes that the above excerpt from his book requires some updating. Gary reports...

### NO WORLD IN 1909 by Gary Kline

Those with the book *The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament 1909-1980*, be alert and find you a copy machine! Put this in your book! The first recognized World Horseshoe Tournament *didn't occur in 1909*. It happened in 1910.

While publishing the book, research was still going on. Contact with the Kansas State Historical Library resulted in someone reading the *Bronson Pilot* 1980 through 1911. What did we find? At 10:40 a.m. September 10, 1910 the first World Horseshoe Tournament began. \$5.00 was to be split between the two winning pitchers. The only two known rules were a stake distance of 38½ feet and bring your own shoes. The games were 21 points. There were 34 participants with Bronson having the most.

When competition was completed, the two survivors were Frank Jackson and Lonnie Wilson. Both were from Blue Mound, KS and each received \$2.50. Lonnie also earned \$5.00 for winning the fiddling contest. With only one championship belt, a play-off was required. Frank Jackson was the winner and can be seen wearing the belt in the book. The newspaper reports Jim Hunnel challenged Frank and was easily defeated both games.

This tournament was created by Colonel Lucky D. Long, an auctioneer. The main event of the day was a colt judging contest and auction.

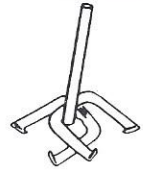
The first women's championship was the 1920 Akron, OH event. Marjorie Vorhees of NJ, a Frank Jackson protégé, was the winner. She beat Miss Pillmore of Akron, OH. Miss Pillmore was trained by Hughie Palmer known as the "Grandfather of Horseshoe Pitching." Marjorie won the match three games to one.





Bob Champion's

# Charter Chatter



If you are wondering why your state is not represented in Charter Chatter, it means that your state does not have a newsletter or your publicity officer does not reply to our appeal for news from your state.

It so happens that the NHPA Publicity committee has received more clippings from pitchers in 1995 than any other year. The best year for clippings from pitchers competing in the World Tournament was 1994 when the tournament was held at Syracuse.

Please make an effort to contact your local newspaper and send those clippings and news stories to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, Colorado 80301.

## ALABAMA

The State officers for 1996 are as follows: Jack Henderson, President; Bobby Holland, 1st VP; Jackie Gary, 2nd VP; Michael Byram, 3rd VP and Jim Harrie, secretary-treasurer.

Gadsden will host the State singles tournament in 1996, September 21-22. Saturday qualifying will count  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the ringer percentage and the regular ringer percentage will count for  $\frac{2}{3}$  for Sunday finals.

## CALIFORNIA

The State produced an excellent State Tournament program, and in the "A" Group, Walter Ray Williams Jr. was listed as the Defending Champion. His percentage was not listed but believed to be in the neighborhood of 86%. This group listed 12 pitchers down from that 86% to 57.48. Looks like a lot of "cannon fodder"!!

A familiar sight at almost every home match at Doyle Park is Bob Mauzey keeping score at court number 1. He's usually watching over his wife, Yvonne, a lovely lady with a keen eye and 66.5% average. She is a tough competitor.

Bob, who retired from pitching in 1986 because of physical ailments, sports a warm sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and a desire to tease. He started horseshoes in 1972, Yvonne in 1978, but she kept stats commencing in 1975. Both Bob and Yvonne have served as officers of the Sonora County Club, and are members of the NCHPA Hall of Fame.

## CANADA

Interested in Jackpot Horseshoes? The Nova Scotia Horseshoe Players Association has an 8-page instruction sheet available plus a V.H.F. videotape explaining the rules and action. Please write Jack Whiting, President NSHPA for the 8-page folder. His address is 37 Oakwood Avenue, Dartmouth, N.S. Canada B2W 3C8. Video costs \$12. Checks to be made out to NSHPA.

Steady Barry Slaunwhite finished the 1995 tournament with a 9-1 record followed by Jim Vickers and Ken Hatfield. The final game between Barry and Ken could have resulted in a 3-way tie in the Nova Scotia tournament.

Ruth Walters dethroned five-time consecutive winner Judy Vickers for the women's title. Walters' record was 4-2, with Vicker's 3-3 mark taking second.

The team of Jim Vickers and Slaunwhite finished with a 5-1 record to win the Labatt N.S. open doubles. Eric Otterson and Hatfield were second with 4-3.

Cloverdale's Dennis Mustchin knocked off 4-time defending champion Jim Ball to win the B.C. Class A Championship. Maryse Atkinson is the ladies champion.

## COLORADO

A steady, consistent Denver Summer League team defeated Edgewater, 6-3, in the finals to win the ninth State League Tournament at Edgewater. Ten teams from all over the state competed in the two-day event.

Members of the winning team were Colorado Statistician Mel Yockstick, Marge Snyder and Bob Goodhue. Goodhue won 10 games, Yockstick nine and Snyder eight in the single elimination event.

As of November 1, fifty Colorado pitchers had declared they would pitch in the 1996 World Tournament at Gillette, Wyoming. The state's goal is 150.

Regional Director Keith Thompson has sanctioned the new eight courts in Canon City. The Royal Gorge Horseshoe Pitchers Association has been formed. They plan a sanctioned league and weekend tournament in 1996. Frank Lauer from the city has been the driving force for the project.

Colorado now has 14 active clubs in the state.

Paul LaCrosse and Rich Pintor finished 1-2 in the Annual Jack McKinney's Invitational event at Jack's Place in Lincoln, Nebraska.

## IDAHO

The State's High Five for 1995 finds Charlie Ault, Richfield on top with a 55.80 percentage. In second place is the 1995 State Champion Gary Kollmann, Nampa with 55.55%. Rounding out the top five are Dean Curry, Lewiston 55.28; Jim Taylor, Caldwell 52.89; and Clyde Marquez, Idaho Falls.

Idaho's 1995 30-foot best pitchers are topped by Don Moser, Inkom 65.31 followed by Clarence Webb, New Plymouth 61.29; Bill Brown, Pocatello; Howard Homme, Wilder, 58.07; and Linda Van Gorder, Fairfield 57.70.

Clyde Marquez won Class A in the Ralph Warthen Classic with a 7-1 record and 51.17 percentage, then followed in the Salmon River Open with 6-0 and 52.77% at Challis. Wyoming Regional Director, Harold Koch, from Gillette took the Salmon River Open the following day at Salmon with 1 5-1 record and 49.13 ringer percentage. Don Moser won the Gate City Open at Pocatello, 7-0, 63.33% and Clarence Webb took the 30-foot Ralph Warthen Classic with 8-2 record and 68.40%.

## ILLINOIS

Class A winners during September tournaments in the state finds a different winner in each event.

James (Bill) Pruitt went 5-1, 53.6 in the Greene County Days at Whitehill; Mike Green won the Fall Classic at Galesburg 5-1, 50%; Robert Schaver was the first in the Octoberfest at Reynolds, 5-0, 61.8%.

Cliff Baker went undefeated, 7-0, 73.9% to win the Chenoa Hog Roast Invitational; Walter Meeker was first in the Vernie Brant Invitational at Danville, 3-0, 51.0%; and Ron Silakowski took the After State Special at Lisle, 6-2, 42.1%.

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In October action Harry Price from Iowa won the Fall Fling at Moline with 5-0 record and 44.6%. Ken Reid topped the Lincoln Park Open at Springfield, 5-1, 50%; Dennis Greisbaum nailed the Octoberfest at Jacksonville, 5-2, 56.1; Earl Shire won the 26th Houby Fest, 5-1, 54.5; and Luke Thompson headed the Class A with 4-0 record and 40.5%.

### KANSAS

Mary Ann Penninger continues to be tough, winning the Winter Opener Tournament with a 7-0 record and then taking Class A in the "Pop" Tamboer event with a 7-2 record and 65.31 ringer percentage. Roy Smith and Elwyn Cooper finished second and third. Reverend Jerry Holt was second in the Winter Opener.

The family of "Bucket Man" Harvey Washburn is still active in horseshoes in Kansas. They haven't won many tournaments, but have fun with wife Letta and sons Marvey and Robert seeing weekend action.

Buzz Jones, newsletter editor, reports that Howard and Ruth Cochran celebrated their 50th Anniversary Nov. 13.

The Hutchinson Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of building 18 new clay courts in the city. The Sunflower Horseshoe Club in Wichita has 118 members, one of the largest in the area. Out of the \$360 prize money in "Pick Pocket Doubles," \$154.34 was donated back to the club. Nobody got rich but everyone had a good time.

### LOUISIANA

The Annual MDA benefit tournament was sponsored by the Harahan Horseshoe Pitchers Association. 30 entries were received from the Baton Rouge area, Morgan City, Waggaman and Harahan. Along with raffles, auctions, 50-50's and contributions they raised \$1,076 for the Muscular Dystrophy Drive.

Ron Latiolais won the Class A title with a 5-1 record and 64.6 ringer percent; Jack Atchley took Class B, 4-1, 33.0; Al Dodson was the Class C winner with 5-0, 18.5%; and Nathan Sylvestine captured Class E, 5-0, 12.5%.

Jim Percle (6-2, 38.4%) and Charles Savoy (6-1, 32%) were Class A and B winners in the Cajun Open. Congratulations to Jimmy Percle for a MVP type season, increasing his ringer percentage to over 40%. Another player to be recognized is Nathan Sylvestine, a new player in the area who, at this writing, has competed in five tournaments and has captured three first places and two seconds.

### MICHIGAN

Bob and Tom Williams teamed to win the State Doubles Championship in Class A with a 6-1 record and combined 55.14%. Jim Schneider and Dewey Howard won "B" (5-1, 43%); Ed and Kathy Yaworski took "C" (5-0, 42%); Bob and Mary Rutherford won Class D (5-0, 32.40%); and Fred Antes and John Stephenson captured Class E (4-1, 30.40%). Top averages as of October 28 for 1995 members are led by Duane Govitz, Jr. for the men with 68.93% followed by Dick Pelton 64.51 and Jim Wiltse 63.88.

Ann French's 67.42 leads the women, Dorothy Falk is second with 63.16 and Judy Curtiss 65.61. Elder Kent Rundell has 66.03 with Claude Shannahan second with 63.48 and Bob White third with 59.01.

Jim Urie tops the juniors with 49.05. In second place is Frank Quillen 39.42 and George Quillen is third with 37.30.

Three members were inducted into the WSHPA Hall of

Fame during the 1995 State Championships—Dorothy Falk, Bronson (Pop) Gentry and Al Morris.

### MINNESOTA

Dale Lipovsky and Mark Bauman teamed to win the doubles Class A title at the Genola Arena in September. Bauman had an 80% tournament and Lipovsky 68.02, as the winners closed with a perfect 7-0 record. Bev Nathe and LuCave finished second. Nathe had a 75.28%, Cave 68.18%.

Highest ringer percentages have been compiled by MGSHPA statistician Dennis Carlson for the past 6 years. Phyllis Negaard from St. Joseph topped the field with 77.68 in 1990. In 1992 Lipovsky from Bloomington had 77.81% and Bev Nathe, St. Stephen has led the last four years as follows: '92—81.05; '93—81.28; '94—83.52; and '95—83.79.

1995 was the first year that the Pitcher of the Year is the recipient of the Frank Stinson Memorial Award. The winner was Mark Baumann from Madelia. Also receiving plaques for the Pitcher of the Year Top 10 were Bob Knudtson, Dale Lipovsky, Bev Nathe, Marlene Knudtson, Bill Marschel, Edi Holland, Sig Armitage, David Haugen, Marlys Timm, Bill Larson and Mary Matuke.

### MISSOURI

The excellent State Tournament program lists the top pitchers in the state in four categories. You guessed it. The top man is three-time and now defending World Champion Alan Francis with 85.6%. Filling out the top five we find Sam Carter 72.8%, Stan Griggs 70.91, Elwyn Cooper 67.72 and Tim Henderson 67.56.

As expected, Vicki Winston again leads the women with 78.66. The top five: Rose Diekamp 69.42%, Loree Meier 65.0%, Pam Henderson 64.86%, and Mary Ann Ell 57.77%.

### NEW JERSEY

West Essex Handicap Horseshoe Club's William Penn from East Orange and winner in Class O at the 1995 World Tournament, is the State's Most Improved Player, raising his percentage from 17.10 in 1994 to 30.81. Hobart Shelton was second with an increase of 9.01%. Nate Shelton was third with 7.04 followed by Charlie Oakes up 6.13% and George Egel 4.66%.

It is no surprise that 6-time State champion Joe McCrink has the top percentage through the month of September listed as 74.57. Louis Durango is listed second with 60.73, followed by Bob Brown 60.13, Bob Manzoni 57.47, and George Egel 54.10.

Bob Manzoni and Tom Skinner teamed to win the 1995 doubles title with an 8-1 record and 46.6%. The Class B duo on top were Paul Tumey and Harry Lucas, 6-2, 40.2%.

### DECADE HIGHLIGHTS

Larry Mahoney wins 2nd title, 9-0, 48.4%; 1935. Doc Sol Berman wins 1st, 3rd and 7th titles in 1955, 1965, and 1975. Bill MacIntyre wins his 2nd title by playoff, 10-1, 71.4% in 1985.

### NEW YORK

Jim Sharkey from North Salem was inducted into the NYS Hall of Fame in the Promotion-Pitcher category during the 1995 State Championships. He had over 60 years of involvement in the sport of horseshoes, and as early as 1933 was helping his father build courts in Westchester and Long Island. Jim organized the New Rochelle Club in 1960 and served as its first president. He was rated as the best



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pitcher in the New Rochelle area for over 40 years. He has helped to promote horseshoes with his pitching and has fostered interest by teaching young and old alike the finer points of the game. In 1935, he was the Champion of the CCC and was a consultant for physical fitness during the term of John F. Kennedy.

Bob Hayes, 2nd VP and Lance Twyman, secretary-treasurer, were voted in for two more years. Lance will also continue as the editor of the State newsletter which comes out four times each year.

### OKLAHOMA

Introducing the King family, Sands Springs, OK. Glenn and Ardie (Ardie is for Ardith) King. They have three daughters—Crystal, 20 years old; Rachael, 19; and Rebecca (Becky), 13. Rachael is married and expecting her first baby late in January.

The whole family pitches horseshoes. Glenn was State Champion in 1994. Rachael has been Junior Girls' State Champion several years. Rachael and Becky took second and third respectively in the World Tournament in Spearfish, SD. Ardie took second in her class. Glenn has been going to World Tournaments 13 years.

Glenn is very active in the Tulsa area's Sure Ringers Horseshoe Club, and is always willing to help others.

Tom Goff won his second state title. He has finished second 4 times. He finished 6-1 with 60.0 ringer percentage. Kathy Green went 7-0 with 64.5% to win her first state title.

### OREGON

Each year Milwaukee's Ben Wiedrich gets on the Oregon Trail of the State Class title, and for 15 consecutive years has reigned as the champion. He had a 4-1 record and 67.8 overall percentage in his last performance to edge Rick Rebman (4-2, 56.73%) for the title.

Patty Sapp from Eugene nailed her third straight title with a perfect 6-0 record and a 73.22% effort. LaVerne Ewing of Salem was second.

Ethel Davis and Rick Rebman, who was honored as NHPA Regional Director of the Year at Perry, were inducted into the Oregon Hall of Fame during the State Tournament. Congrats to Art Lee on being selected Player of the Year in a program started by Lee Wallace and Lloyd Kilgore.

At the Northwest Championships this year Wallace was chosen as Mr. Horseshoes for 1995. Each year someone from Washington, Oregon or Idaho is selected for this honor.

### PENNSYLVANIA

Last October at the Schenley Park Oval in Oakland, Murfreesville's Clyde Martz was one of eight current or former World and/or State champions vying for \$1,300 in prize money in an exhibition match at the Pitchburgh-A Horseshoe Fall Fest.

In addition to Martz, the competitors were current women's Champion Sue Snyder, from Madisonville, Kentucky; NHPA Hall of Famer Art Tyson from Mt. Vernon, New York; Pennsylvanians Steve Kuchcinski, Erie; Glenn Burris, Bellfont; and Frank Bohun, Erie; Lawrence Miller, Ohio; and Rick Cale, West Virginia.

Organizer of the event was Ron Weiss, President of the Western Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Open to the public, the event kicked off the 30th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Wesley Institute,

a private non-denominational, non-profit agency providing professional services for at-risk youth and their families.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Bill Penland of York, who was voted in as the 9th member of the State's Hall of Fame, is a three-time state champion in the elder division and has supported horseshoe pitching for many years. PeeWee Murr was the elder statesman this past year, beating Penland, 3-1, in five game series.

In her first attempt, Naomi Williams of Lockhart, won the women's A-Class. Norman Kelly of Greenville, successfully defended his title in the open men's division winning his fifth tournament in six years.

The women's Championship was won by Barbara Taylor from Clover with the best of five, 3-0, over Shirley Feemster, her fifth win in six years. Dean Broome of Dacusville went 4-0 to win the junior title.

### TEXAS

News from the Tumbleweed Horseshoe Pitchers Association in Buffalo Springs Lake, reveals that the "Buffalo Classic" was a little too lengthy for such a small field, but was historical in the sense that junior pitchers won first place in each of the classes in the mixed competition.

This has never occurred here before, but shows the level of competition provided by juniors in the area.

Scott Johnson, a new pitcher this year in the NHPA, is to be commended for beginning an open juniors league at Buffalo Springs Lake. Scott is a Lake resident and has been encouraged by a number of juniors who are participating, most of whom also live at the Lake. The kids have even volunteered to cut the grass.

Winners of tournaments in the Fall in Class A include Rita Ridpath-Biggs in Buffalo Mixed Classic (5-0, 40.2%); Marie Young, Cactus Mixed Classic (7-0, 50.7); Ed Arionus, Jimmy Bryant Classic (7-1, 66.0); David Gough, Texas/New Mexico Classic (NM-7-0, 58.8); Hazel McCall, Jerry's Kids Mixed Classic (6-2, 56.8); and Cathy Richards, Heat Beater Mixed Classic (6-1, 58.0).

### UTAH

John Bracken, winner of the 30-foot championship at the Rocky Mountain Regional in Grand Junction, Colorado, is Utah's representative at the NHPA United States Open in Gillette, Wyoming in July. John has the highest average in the State with 69.6%. Gary Wood is second with 61.7. Others above 50% are Lorin Condie 59.6%, Shirley Steffen 59.1%, Mike Robinson 59.1%, Mike Robinson 59.0%, Gordon Lytle 52.9%, Bud Schardine 52.2% and Cleo Wardle 51.5%.

Jeffery Coulter tops juniors with 34.2%. The closest pitcher to him is Klerisa Newby with 18.8%. Jody King has 13.3.

Among the list of winners coming up frequently are some familiar names to pitchers in the State. Here are a few top pitchers through the years—Dennis Ohms, John Bracken, Lorin Condie, Shirley Steffen, Glen McAllister, Dallas Jackson and J.J. Steffen.

### WISCONSIN

The top family portrait this year puts the three Steinkes within the big horseshoe at Perry, Georgia where all the winners stood around with trophies for *Newsline* pictures.

Sister Pam Steinke and dad, Tom Steinke join champion Penny, for what is probably an NHPA first: father and

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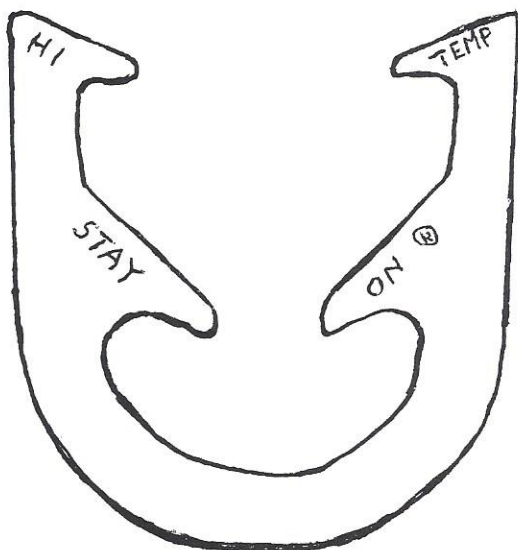
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two daughters, clutching their own first place trophy.

Tom won the first place trophy for Men's Class N2, and Pam earned hers in Women's C. Wisconsin owned Women's Class C. Pam Steinke pitching 65% was on top. Sue Helene from North of 8 was number two (58.8%), and Cy Srenaski took third with 53.5%. Racine lady, Geri Meistand, a little short of practice wound up tenth.

All in all, Penny Steinke was the World Champion! Yes, Wisconsin's Penny Steinke of Waukesha, took her championship class in straight games at the Perry, GA World Tournament.

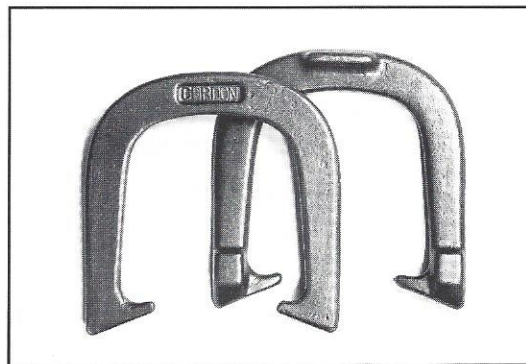
## WYOMING

Time marches on and Ken Raymond, a Wyoming rancher who has taken up horseshoes as a hobby, keeps rolling along, even though he now pitches his Allen iron from 30'.

Ken from Rawlins, Wyoming won 7 state titles from the 40-foot range and now, after knee surgery to his ailing pins, he has won 3 state championships from the shorter distance.

Ken enjoys pitching horseshoes all over the state and in Colorado. A friendly sort, this popular rancher shakes hands with all his opponents like we are supposed to, then rattles the stake and takes almost all the events he enters. He still makes the rounds to northern Wyoming, and northern Colorado, and plans to strut his talent at Gillette come July.

Chatter remembers the time back in 1989 when a tube of Ben Gay eased Ken's ailing knees during the World Tournament in Spearfish, SD. I think he uses Mineral Ice now. That's my brand, too.



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# Here & There

Dave Loucks reports happenings around the NHPA



## "Fashion Shoes"

Promoter, speaker and all-around nice guy Ed Quigley, Pompton Plains, New Jersey, has taken to putting on Fashion Shows. Actually, that's "Fashion Shoes" as Ed called his displays and speaking appearances at recent group luncheons. Ed, who loves to speak, is a member of the NHPA Speakers Bureau.

In recent years, he has been the

Emcee at the annual NHPA Hall of Fame Awards Banquet. Ed believes every horseshoe has a great story and he has been a guest speaker at Rotary clubs and some meetings of women groups which is how he coined his talks around "Fashion Shoes."

Many different models of pitching shoes are displayed in bright colors and a story about each is given. Ed must be pretty good, because he claims to sell at least 3 pair and some accessories after every luncheon. Somehow, I suspect NHPA members will get "Ed's pitch" at the '96 World in Gillette.

## Indoor Court Facility in New Milford, Connecticut

New England Regional Director, George St. Pierre has provided

data on a new indoor court facility in New Milford, Connecticut. Under the guidance of George Wooster who organized a search group of the Housatonic Valley Horseshoe Club, space was found and a rental agreement was signed.

Twelve indoor synthetic clay portable courts opened for play November 19, 1995 at the Fischel Marina on West Street in New Milford. Eleven tournaments were scheduled between Thanksgiving and the last weekend of April.

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- 12-18 Valley of the Sun**—Mesa, Arizona, Pioneer Park. Entries close January 20th. Send \$10.00 fee, card # and average to Harry Perry, 4860 East Main G18, Mesa, AZ 85205. Phone 602-830-3577.

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- 20-21 Dogwood Festival** 28th annual at the Jack Springer courts in Statesville, North Carolina. Entries limited to first 180. Pre-register by April 1, 1996. \$15.00 entry fee, extra for Championship groups and Men's A & B. Mail entry and 3 high NatStat average to Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville Recreation & Parks Dept., P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687-1111. For further info, call Paul Stewart, 704-528-5081.

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# NatStats Reports the Top 1995 Pitchers

It is always interesting to view how our top average pitchers stack up against one another. The top NatStats averages were last reported in the May/June 1995 issue. Now we have the lists of the best averages compiled by pitchers for the first 11 months of 1995. As usual, some tournaments were not reported by tournament directors and so some of these numbers may not agree exactly with what your charter has on file. However, if the World entries were closing tomorrow, these would be the averages used.

The top 58 men are all above 70%. Three new names, Steve Hohl, Steve

Kuchcinski and Ron Powell, broke into the top ten percentages.

50 women are listed, all above 67%. Here we find 4 new names in the top ten—Amy Brown, Sandy Janssens, Sue Twyman and Maxine Griffith.

In the short distance Elders category, 49 men age seventy or more are averaging better than 59%. five new names have cracked the top ten—Don Harris, Jim Pagliarulo, Wm. Lou Rector, Henry Hostetler and Pete Rebman.

There are 40 junior boys above 45%. Six are new to the top ten as some names of a year ago have moved on to adult status while a few boys made

significant improvement. New to the top ten averages in the boys' category are Branson Miller, Jeremy Umphries, Stephen Morris, Dean Broome, Allen Keen and Bradley Dean.

We have listed the top 14 junior girls though it appears this group has regressed a bit. Eight months ago we had three girls above 60% and ten above 36%. Now, we have only one above 60% and just five above 36% though there are four very close behind the 36% number. Looking for new names in the top ten of this category, we see Michelle Jarrett, Misty Pierce, Chrissie Adams, Kara Hix and Autumn Miller.

## TOP 58 MEN

Name	State	Avg.	Tourn.
Walter Ray Williams, Jr	CA	86.47	14
Alan Francis	MO	86.09	10
Steve Hohl	ON	82.23	8
Brian Simmons	ME	81.27	4
Art Tyson	NY	80.60	20
John Kapnis	MA	80.01	13
Dale Lipovsky	MN	78.86	11
Charles Meredith	KY	78.24	8
Stephen Kuchcinski	PA	77.89	10
Ron Powell	KY	77.87	11
Rick Cale	WV	77.72	21
Chad Hyatt	IN	77.51	17
Richard Williams	GA	77.39	16
Doug Kienia	ME	77.16	4
Kevin McLachlin	ON	76.87	14
Stan Griggs	MO	76.78	13
Mark Seibold	IN	76.52	10
Mike DiMartino	NY	76.42	11
Paul Lacrosse	CO	75.97	11
Elbert Shifflett	MD	75.84	7
Stan Leis	ON	75.21	14
Kevin Cone	IA	75.00	5
Joe McCrink	NJ	74.57	8
Mark Baumann	MN	74.07	6
Jim Knisley	OH	73.96	13
Frank Smith	OH	73.87	9
Nathan Williams	CA	73.78	5
Ronald Kuchcinski	PA	73.53	8
Charlie Webb	IL	73.52	6
Rick Bolick Sr.	NC	73.50	12
Norman Kelley	SC	73.40	28
Matt Guy	KY	73.34	9
Gary Roberts	OH	73.25	7
Shannon Foster	TN	73.17	11
Kevin Hollister	VT	73.14	9
Jim Walters	OH	73.09	10
Cliff Baker	IL	73.04	8
Roger Lane Foley	VA	72.77	9
Jerry Black	ND	72.49	3
Gus Martin	CA	72.41	27
Randy Rein	WI	72.39	19
Don Kangas	WI	72.14	8
Norm Rioux	CT	72.09	8
John Mathys	PA	71.92	9
Shannon Perry	VA	71.88	4
Ed Arionus	TX	71.87	9

N.A. Moore	NC	71.82	23
Willard "Spud" Napier	CA	71.78	14
Gale Greene	VT	71.60	12
Bob Hatten	IL	71.57	8
Jim Cooper	OH	71.31	25
Frank Farley	AZ	71.23	8
B.J. Thomas	NC	71.23	8
Phil Fleshman	MD	71.01	7
Ben Wiedrich	OR	70.95	6
Alvin Perry	VA	70.82	4
Loran Coy	OH	70.78	3
Joe Schultz Jr.	NY	70.71	16

## TOP 50 WOMEN

Sylvianne Moisan	PQ	83.71	5
Sue Snyder	KY	83.52	16
Bev Nathe	MN	80.74	9
Amy Brown	OH	79.87	8
Lorraine Sternberg	WI	79.87	17
Sandy Janssens	ON	79.85	6
Vicki Winston	MO	78.15	9
Diane Cantin	PQ	77.38	1
Sue Twyman	NY	77.27	8
Maxine Griffith	TN	77.15	14
Amy Monday	VA	76.55	16
Debbie Pickering	NH	76.45	12
Teddy Guillotte	CA	75.73	27
Patty Sapp	OR	75.50	20
Marlene Ray	TN	75.16	14
Lois Webster	KY	75.16	1
Debbi Alexander	NH	74.39	7
Opal Reno	AR	73.96	2
Sharon Paddock	CA	73.50	17
Myrna Kissick	AB	73.34	6
Gerry Brooks	ME	73.33	3
Deborah Michaud	MA	73.23	10
Lisa Maille	NH	72.19	10
Diane Silva	CA	71.59	14
Bertha Baillargeon	MA	71.28	9
Mary Ann Kramer	TX	71.09	4
Kathy Richards	TX	71.08	16
Carol Simpson	ME	71.08	4
Angeline Moisan	PQ	71.06	5
Ruth Rife	OH	70.63	10
Connie J. Filley	ND	70.51	14
Cathy Carter	IA	70.25	3
Rose Diekamp	MO	69.70	17
Lorraine Gerdes	NE	69.24	8

Carolyn Rice	OH	69.19	10
Shelia McGrath	ON	69.09	9
Phyllis Negaard	MN	69.07	5
Lu Cave	MN	69.03	8
Traci Hastings	NY	68.86	4
Edie McKinney	WI	68.81	14
Michelle Ives	WA	68.77	3
Brenda McLaughlin	WV	68.75	5
LaVerne Ewing	OR	68.39	25
Liz Downer	VT	68.26	9
Catherine Hansen	CT	68.16	7
Rivers Prewette	NC	68.02	7
Jeannie Manns	OH	67.99	5
Anne French	MI	67.67	18
Mary Ann Peninger	KS	67.64	7
Edi Holland	MN	67.60	8

## TOP 49 ELDERS

Frank Bohun	PA	87.17	4
Don Harris	MO	81.01	12
Andy Van Dyken	MT	79.16	9
Jim Pagliarulo	CT	77.92	8
Ray Santana	CA	76.03	10
William Lou Rector	MO	75.58	12
Henry Hostetler	OH	74.75	15
Charles "Bud" Green	KS	74.68	11
Clayton Gage	WI	74.25	14
Pete Rebman	NE	73.71	5
John Bracken	UT	72.87	13
Ralph Maylahn	WI	71.85	15
John Reedy	WA	71.39	28
Bob Dean Sr.	VA	70.29	9
Lowell Davis	OR	69.93	21
Jim Noble	KY	69.77	8
Milton Vinson	GA	67.23	21
Russell Christopher	SK	67.18	3
Eddie Garcia	CA	67.02	11
Jack Moore	WA	66.95	9
James (Kent) Rundell	MI	66.03	13
Bill Penland	SC	65.77	14
Irv Miller	CA	65.66	5
Bob Wolfinger	IN	65.45	19
Harold Bestul	WI	65.19	5
Ken Raymond	WY	64.87	12
Merwyn Sorenson	WI	64.16	2
Larry Lowitz	WA	63.78	24



# The Toll of Time

Name	State	Avg.	Tourn.
Gene Sierks	NE	63.70	5
Claude Shannahan	MI	63.47	12
Earl Vansant	OH	63.45	4
Don Moser	UT	62.93	2
Juke Basham	CA	62.77	17
Harlan Jensen	NE	62.57	11
Les Grosenbach	CO	62.47	5
Hensel Eppard	VA	62.40	5
Jim Amack	CO	62.36	10
Cliff Fouts	IN	62.33	3
Tony Moreno	CA	62.26	14
Albert Morris	MI	61.94	21
David Zilverberg	SD	61.86	6
Les Spilseth	WA	60.97	12
Bob White	MI	60.95	6
Omar Blacketer	KY	60.79	13
Bill Brown	ID	59.79	9
Paul Martin Sr.	NM	59.78	5
Ted Wright Sr.	SD	59.72	6
Charles McMullen	CA	59.58	13
Roy Smith	KS	59.32	4

## TOP 40 BOYS

Joseph Smith	IA	80.14	14
Branson Miller	VA	74.94	8
Jeremy Umphries	TX	72.61	18
Lee Presley	GA	71.77	18
Lenwood Conner Jr.	VA	71.75	11
Michael Newton	SD	69.58	17
Stephen Morris	PA	68.69	9
Dean Broome	SC	67.19	7
Allen Keen	IN	66.82	9
Bradley Dean	VA	66.59	10
Richie Boll	IA	65.66	5
Robert Gillett Jr.	CA	64.96	7
Ricky Bolick Jr.	NC	64.19	12
Brandon Lund	WA	62.77	13
Luis Escareno	CA	61.50	13
Cody Mitchell	TX	58.84	2
Luis Hernandez	CA	55.27	12
Brent Keen	IN	54.11	7
Neil Pablo	NM	53.11	3
Keith Wilkinson	NY	52.16	3
Donnie Hill Jr.	AR	52.02	3
Allen Stenzel	NE	51.78	6
Kelly Montgomery	TX	51.73	7
Cody Johnson	TX	51.61	15
David Gough	NM	50.92	4
Paul Butcher	PA	50.89	4
Frank Rodriguez II	CA	50.61	12
Ryan Roberts	OH	50.32	5
Tyson Langley	KS	50.24	10
Stephen Cale	WV	49.43	2
James Urie	MI	49.04	10
Joey Lehman	PA	48.25	14
Ted Cramer	PA	47.87	16
Chris Harren	MN	47.20	1
Jason Garcia	TX	46.81	6
Chad Michum	TX	46.28	5
Nathan Miller	VA	46.11	6
Keith Hayes	PA	46.00	4
Chris Afinowicz	TX	45.73	8
Sam Alexander	TX	45.08	2

## TOP 14 GIRLS

Penny Steinke	WI	60.48	9
Crystal Curtis	AB	57.48	1
Becky Kemper	KY	50.35	5
Teri Hanson	NE	42.55	3
Michelle Jarrett	OK	36.86	6
Misty Pierce	IL	35.96	6
Chrissie Adams	CA	35.86	16
Kara Hix	VA	35.81	7
Autumn Miller	VA	35.27	8
Stacey Sanders	OH	34.93	4
Michelle Newton	SD	34.65	9
Jennifer Machacek	NE	33.07	5
Bonnie Jean Robbins	CA	33.04	13
Rebecca King	OK	31.12	8

### CARL PFEFFER

The Wisconsin charter reports the death of Carl "Chuck" Pfeffer in October just a short time after his eighty-ninth birthday. This Milwaukee pitcher was a member of the Wisconsin HPA Hall of Fame, being inducted in 1981. His playing days go back many, many years. He won the State Championship at the Milwaukee Fair park in 1956 and 1958. His love of the game and the importance it had to him was well displayed at the funeral home by the many photos of Carl's pitching days and the pair of horseshoes that were tucked into the casket with him.

### RALPH RASMUSSEN

Ralph Rasmussen of Minneapolis, Minnesota passed away September 20, 1995 at the age of 84. He had worked 45 years for First Bank where he retired as Bank president. Ralph was 3 time Minnesota State Junior Champion, winning titles in 1923-

1925. The first title in 1923 was won in a play-off victory over NHPA Hall of Famer, Frank Stinson. Ralph gave up the game for some 40 years before he began pitching again in 1970 after retirement. He made his way up to a Class "A" pitcher in the tough Minneapolis Horseshoe Club and in 1993, Ralph was inducted into the State Hall of Fame in the Founders category.

### D.W. STRICKLER

D.W. Strickler of Staunton, Virginia died November 2, 1995. He had been pitching horseshoes with a friend when he was struck down with a heart attack. D.W. was president and founder of the Churchville Horseshoe Club, a member of the Crozet and Grottoes clubs and a 25 year member of the NHPA. D.W. was a Navy veteran and retired in 1976 from the Virginia Department of Highways. In 1993, he was inducted into the Virginia HPA Hall of Fame.

## Do's and Don'ts of Tournament Reporting to *Newsline*

by Dave Loucks

This issue, the first of the year, is the one that catches the late reporting State Tournament results, those that were not received by the editor in time for the November/December issue. Between the two issues I was able to publish State results from only 31 charters, some of which I had to dig out of newsletters. Unfortunately, it seems that many charters do not care if their State Champions are noticed or not.

Of the 31 State Tournaments published, only 10 were sent to me in what I can call a format reasonably suitable for *Newsline*. Three of those were perfectly correct and I thank the New York, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania charters for sending results to *Newsline* in the proper format.

Reporting results to *Newsline* has to be done in a different manner than reporting to NatStats. To maintain your correct NHPA pitching average, NatStats requires things that *Newsline* does not. In fact, too much data on your report to *Newsline* only confuses

the typesetter and causes me to spend hours deleting information we can't print. So, here is a list of things I do want and a list of things I don't want when reporting State results to *Newsline*.

### Do Provide (double spaced)

- State, Location, Date of Tournament and Sanction #.
- List Division Championship followed by descending classes.
- List all players in each Championship Group by order of finish.
- List only winner of each class below championship group.
- For each group provide in this order: First and last name, W-L, %.

### Do Not List

Card #, ringers, shoes pitched, high game, entering average, points scored, hometown, club, office held, age, forfeits, pacers, all entrants in alphabetical order, or any report that is not double spaced.



# 1995 State Tournament Results

## ARKANSAS Mountain Home September 2-3, 1995 Sanc. #21-95-016

CHAMPIONSHIP MEN W-L	%
James Melson	7-2 55.0
Orval Nichols	6-3 46.0
Bill McKay	5-4 50.0
Allan Clark	5-4 48.0
Archie Matheny	5-4 48.0
Dewayne Moody	5-4 44.0
Jerry Kahle	4-5 46.0
Robert Williams	3-6 44.0
Paul Davis	3-6 48.0
Ray Bailey	2-7 40.0

CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN	
Mary Cooper	7-1 48.0
Phyllis Archer	5-3 41.0
Beth Hill	4-4 47.0
Della Matheny	4-4 43.0
Wanda Davis	0-8 33.0

CHAMPIONSHIP JRS.	
Donnie Hill Jr.	8-0 52.0
Anthony Griggs	5-3 42.0
Jake Hill	4-4 37.0
Chase Battle	3-5 37.0
Shane Dossett	0-8 30.0

CHAMPIONSHIP 30'	
Claud Bray	6-1 60.0
Leslie Dixon	5-2 55.0
Ira Scott	2-4 44.0
Owen Carpenter	0-6 33.0

CHAMPIONSHIP W-A	
Mary Fredericks	8-0 41.0

CHAMPIONSHIP A MEN	
James Hill	6-1 45.0

CHAMPIONSHIP B	
Arthur Aeverman	9-2 36.0

CHAMPIONSHIP C	
T.K. Gibson	7-3 38.0

CHAMPIONSHIP D	
Johnny Henson	7-0 29.0

CHAMPIONSHIP E	
Jim Anderson	7-0 23.0

CHAMPIONSHIP F	
Cody Harrod	5-0 25.0

CHAMPIONSHIP BEG	
Luke Strickland	5-0 10.0

## LOUISIANA October 1, 1995

MEN'S CLASS A	W-L	%
Ron Latiolais	7-2	50.0
Don Holland	5-3	49.7
Bill Smith	5-3	43.4

MEN CLASS B	
Jim Percle	6-1 43.2

MEN CLASS C	
E. McCowen, Jr.	6-1 34.6

MEN CLASS D	
Mike Henry	7-1 27.5

MEN CLASS E	
Ken Stewart	7-0 28.8

MEN CLASS F	
J.B. Fuselier	7-1 30.0

MEN CLASS G	
Wayne Mauer	6-1 23.6

MEN CLASS H	
Kelly Shaver	7-1 24.6

MEN CLASS I	
Donny Sylestine	7-1 16.1

LADIES CLASS A	
Betty Boudreaux	7-0 41.2
Elise Atchley	5-2 42.6
Glynn Schmidt	4-3 40.7

LADIES B	
Ellen Hartley	8-1 23.3

JR. BOYS	
Bryan Carriere	3-0 15.8
Josh Richard	2-1 18.3
Allen Pisciotta, Jr.	1-2 17.5
Kyle Crochet	0-3 10.8

## NEW MEXICO Albuquerque September 23-24, 1995 Sanc. #14-95-016

WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP A	%
Ann Vigil	7-2 52.8

MEN CHAMPIONSHIP A	
Randy Priddy Sr.	7-1 49.0
Ken Jones	6-2 52.3
Daniel Martin	5-3 52.7
Harry Mariano	5-3 51.8
Jim Payne	4-4 42.4
Leo Laumbach	3-5 46.3
Louie Montoya	3-5 45.8
Carl Zamora	2-6 45.0
Leonard Platero	1-7 44.2

WOMEN CLASS B	
Gerry Adkins	8-1 38.1

MEN CLASS B	
Harrison Mariano	8-3 44.3

WOMEN CLASS C	
Helen Laumbach	4-0 18.0

MEN CLASS C	
Tom Phelan	8-1 39.9

MEN CLASS D	
Hank Nunez	9-2 33.0

MEN CLASS E	
Bill Garrett	5-1 18.8

MEN CLASS F	
Ted Chacon	3-0 11.0

SR. MEN CHAMPIONSHIP A	
Paul Martin	4-0 59.5

SR. MEN B	
Bobby Landrum	3-0 45.0

JR. CLASS A	
David Gough	6-1 48.9
Neil Pablo	5-2 56.1
Bobby Gough	2-4 37.5
Nalton Pablo	0-6 35.4

JR. CLASS B	
Nalton Pablo	4-0 42.5

## OKLAHOMA Ada September 2-3, 1995 Sanc. #20-95-013

CHAMPIONSHIP MEN W-L	%
Tom Goff	6-1 60.0
Ronnie Frederick	5-2 58.8
Glenn King	4-3 60.7
Loyd Shields	4-3 53.1
Tom Gibson	4-3 48.9
Louis Mouse	2-5 42.9
Jesse Lindsey Sr.	2-5 42.0
Chuck Arnold	1-6 43.8

CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN	
Kathy Greene	7-0 64.5
Wanda Morris	5-2 61.3
Barbara Goff	5-2 55.9
Lynda Frederick	3-4 49.4
Lucinda Frisbie	3-4 42.6
Ginger Cain	3-4 41.6
Katherine Johnson	1-6 40.8
Bev Born	1-6 30.7

CHAMPIONSHIP SENIOR MEN	
Larry Bates	5-0 54.9
Bob Reese	4-1 54.5
Karl Schmeackle	2-3 46.5
Scottie Lisk	2-3 42.9
Leon Bowling	2-3 37.7
Dean Partee	0-5 20.8

MEN CLASS A	
Louis Mouse	7-1 50.0

WOMEN CLASS A	
Berneda Capps	7-0 38.5

MEN CLASS B	
Bob Belden	6-1 36.3

WOMEN CLASS B	
Carol Afinowicz	6-0 13.3

MEN CLASS C	
David Davis	7-1 38.6

MEN CLASS D	
J.L. Bowen	7-0 28.9

MEN CLASS E	
Floyd Born	7-1 21.4

CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR BOYS	
Jesse Lindsey Jr.	4-0 42.0
Joshua Matthews	3-1 36.8
Justin Horton	2-2 27.1
Jacob Burk	1-3 22.0
John Burk	0-4 11.5

CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR GIRLS	
Michelle Jarrett	6-0 41.1
Rebecca King	4-2 36.1
Diane Frederick	2-4 15.0
Trina Burk	0-6 1.7

## NORTH DAKOTA Fargo September 2-3, 1995 Sanc. #15-95-009

CLASS A MEN	W-L	%
Jerry Black	7-0	75.1
Len Hofmann	6-1	66.5
Eugene Lykken	5-2	59.1
Garnett Rudie	4-3	58.9
Gary Erickson	3-4	45.4
Larry Smith	2-5	54.3

Wally Rislov	1-6	48.9
Curt Binstock	0-7	45.2

CLASS B MEN	
Don Bennett	6-1 48.0

CLASS C MEN	
Stuart Sipma	5-2 39.4

CLASS D MEN	
Greg Dronen	6-1 38.8

CLASS E MEN	
Harold Hoff	7-0 31.4

CLASS F MEN	
Richard Rober	5-0 21.2

CLASS G MEN	
Chester Van Zee	4-1 14.4

CLASS H MEN	
Lyle Anderson	5-0 19.2

CLASS A WOMEN	
Connie J. Filley	5-0 75.0
Donna Kiefat	4-1 47.0
Leona Tande	3-2 34.8
Carol Peterson	2-3 40.3
Nancy Husted	1-4 34.9
Frances Kylo	0-5 23.6

CLASS B WOMEN	
Lois Trangsrud	5-1 24.6

CLASS A ELDERS	
Lew Haskins	5-0 55.6

CLASS B ELDERS	
Carsten Haugen	5-0 18.8

CLASS A JUNIORS	
Matt Kiefat	5-1 42.5
Chris Husted	4-2 34.3
Brian Bloms	3-3 31.7
Richie Bloms	0-6 22.5

CLASS B JUNIORS	
Sally Dronen	5-0 33.0

## SOUTH CAROLINA Clover September 16-30, 1995 Sanc. #41-95-033

MEN CHAMPIONSHIP W-L	%
Norman Kelley	6-0 62.3
Stan Posey	4-2 59.7
A.J. Nave	4-2 57.7
Tom Westbrook	3-3 59.3
George Brown	3-3 49.3
Keith Queen	1-5 41.1
Chuck Myers	0-6 39.5

MEN CLASS A	
Bill Gibby	3-1-1 29.0

MEN CLASS B	
Bryan Queen	4-1 21.0

WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP	
Barbara Taylor	3-0 41.5
Shirley Feemster	0-3 28.8

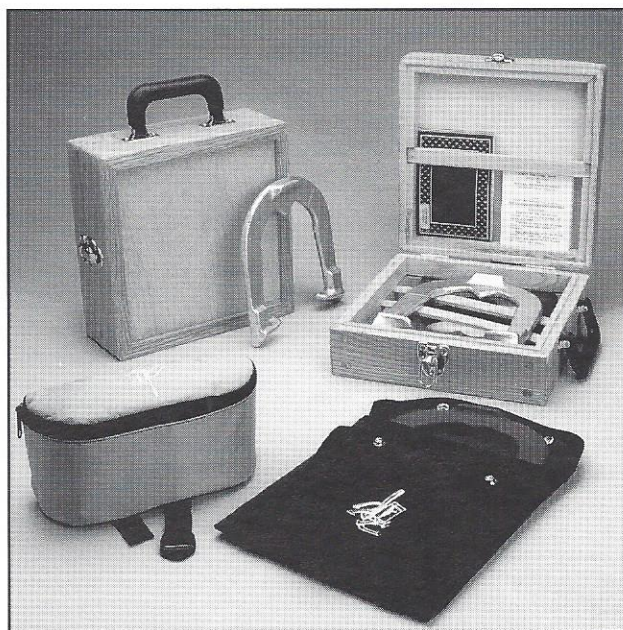
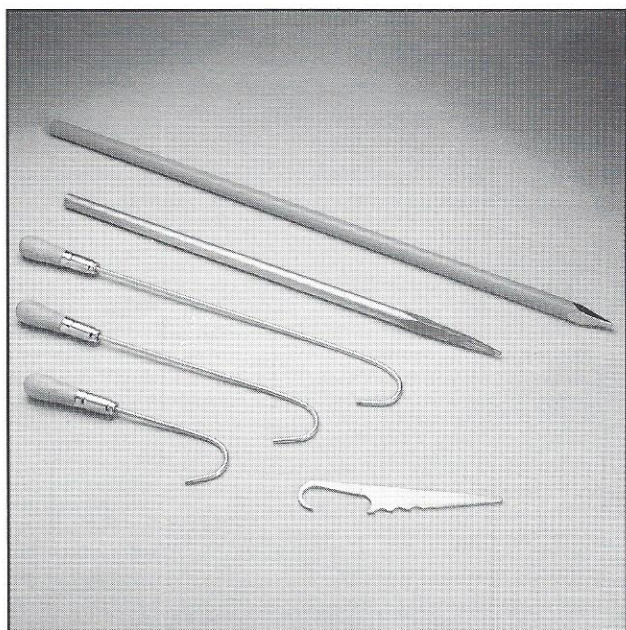
WOMEN CLASS A	
Naomi Williams	1-0 32.0

JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP	
Dean Broome	4-0 58.2
C.B. Dunson	3-1 36.6
Bobby Stewart	2-2 31.0
Jody Martin	1-3 25.0
T.J. Harris	0-4 12.8

ELDER CHAMPIONSHIP	
Pee Wee Murr	3-1 65.0
Bill Penland	1-3 57.2



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