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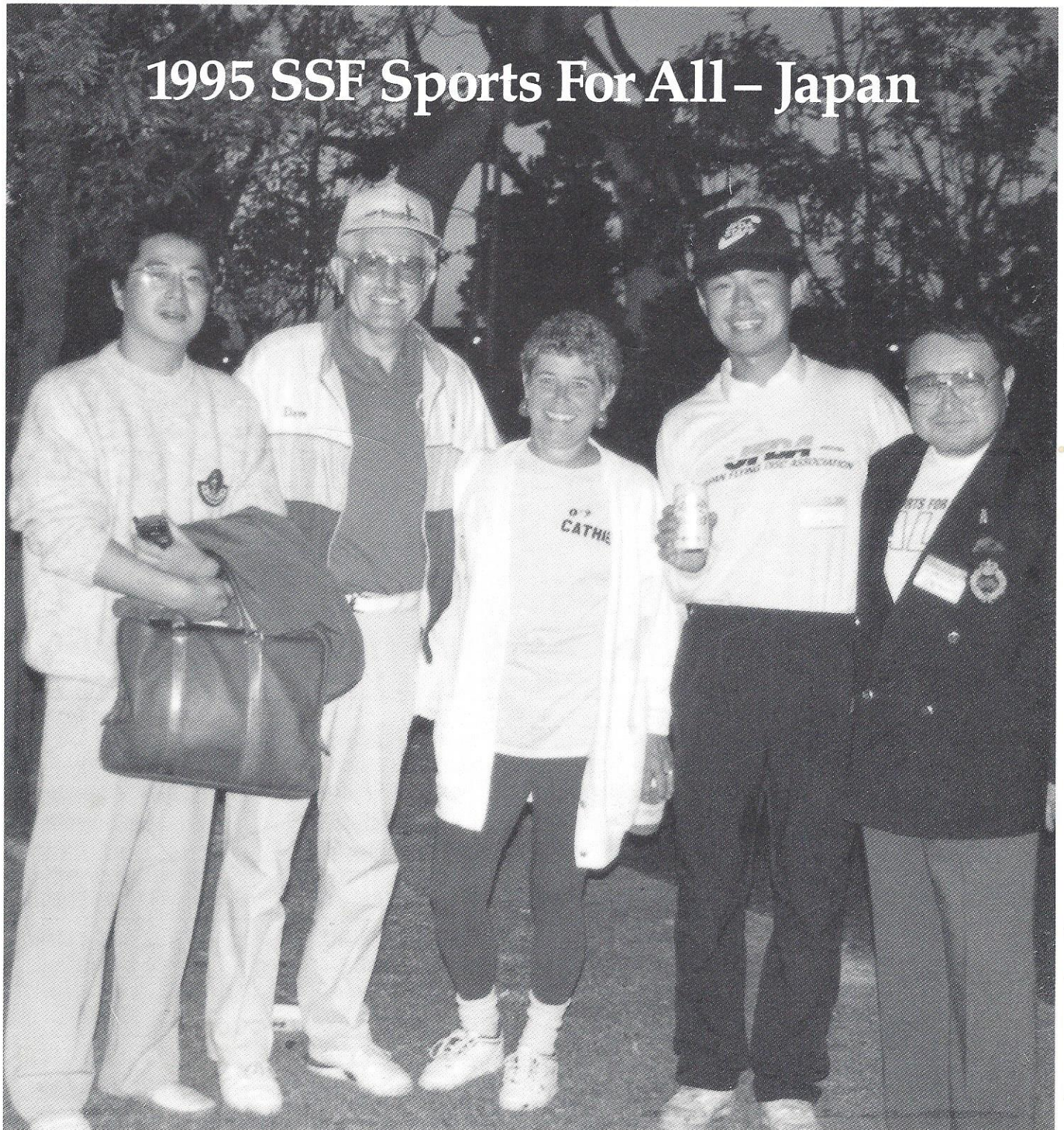


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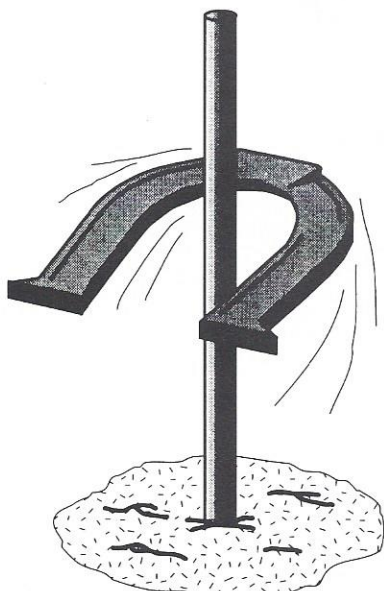
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*Left to right: Masanobu Yoshida, Dave and Cathie Loucks, Fumio Morooka, Kazunobu Fujimoto*

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# President's Message

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**W**e are into the second *Newsline* issue of the year and weather continues to be a big topic around the country. Stories about unusually heavy snows, ice, cold, rain and flooding seem to have dominated our news media and I'm sure, have affected some of our membership. Some charters will no doubt be forced to delay the start of their 1996 pitching season, especially if tournaments are scheduled outdoors. Hopefully, not too many members planning on a trip to the World Tournament in Gillette will be forced to change plans because of failing to get in the necessary four sanctioned events. An entire year is plenty of time to find those tournaments, but I imagine some who have waited until now may be affected by weather delays. Sorry, but the NHPA will not make an exception on the four event rule for any U.S. member.

I have been asked, "what about the man who just this year has moved up and become a short distance pitcher. Do they have to have four sanctioned tournaments at the new shorter distance?" The answer is Yes and No! A member who changes his distance category (70+ age man moving up or junior boy moving to 40' adult status) still has to have four sanctioned events, one of which can be sanctioned league, in the preceding 12 months, but only two events have to be at the new distance. Charter secretaries and tournament directors are reminded to be sure to notify NatStats of any change of distance for male members.

Preparations for the Gillette World Tournament are going well. The NHPA trailer with the portable courts, scoreboards and rubber mats has already been moved from Perry to Gillette. I'm told that RV parking and motel reservations are up to expectations which seems to confirm, at this time, a large entry turnout. In this issue, you will find the World entry form with a brief of the tournament format and prize list. There is no entering window this year—just a mailing deadline of May 7, 1996. Tournament directors will have until May 21st to get their results into the hands of NatStats, who will update all files and use the latest average of record for

seeding all entrants. Results received after May 1996 cannot be used for the World. It is worth noting that while a postmark of May 7 is the entry deadline, tournaments played after that date and reported to NatStats by May 21 will be counted for average and the required four events.

All entries with fees are to be mailed to the NHPA Secretary in Wisconsin. He shall check them for correctness of fees and age to entering Division, make a copy and send it on to NatStats. They will electronically sort all names by Division and by average after the last tournament results have been input. The final numbers will be given to me and it will take about three days to develop the pitching schedule as I have done for the past several years. Once the class breakdowns have been determined, NatStats shall printout the breakdown, pitching times, labels and the schedules will be mailed from California. If we can have all this done by the 10th of June, schedules will be mailed to entrants using the *Newsline* bulk mail permit which will save the NHPA an estimated \$800 in postage. If we are later than this, the more expensive mode of First Class mail will be used.

The NHPA will not refund any entry fee for any reason after June 3rd, the anticipated date of putting the schedule to print. Once printed, all entry fees are committed 100% to the prize fund even if you drop out after this date. So please, don't ask for a refund after June 3rd.

Pitchers will each pay scorekeepers 75 cents per game this year. All participants will be required to show their 1996 NHPA or Canadian memberships cards prior to play. This will most likely happen at the time your horseshoes are weighed and you are checked for name and state on the shirt and meeting the dress code, primarily, no cut-off shorts, no sleeveless shirts, closed toe shoes on your feet and a generally clean appearance. Pitchers requesting a printout of their class or individual play from the computer room will have to fill out a form and pay in advance, one dollar for each printout requested. Such requests will be handled as time permits.

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## Dave's Court Report

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■ NHPA Publicity Director Bob Champion is home recovering from surgery for an Esophageal Hatal Hernia. I'm pleased to report that Bob is doing well and should be back to par by March 10th.

■ World Champion Alan Francis had an accident at work where it was reported that a saw badly cut into two of his fingers on his right pitching hand. We all wish Alan well and a full recovery with no adverse effects to his game. Alan expects to start pitching again sometime in April.

■ Canada is putting into effect a Canadian computerized stat program under the direction of Sam Tomasevic in Burnaby, B.C. Reported to be called *Canstats*, the program should interface very well with NHPA average keeping because they requested and we approved the use of our NatStats program. While the two centers will maintain separate country files, the data will be shared and will be computed the same way

which will assure uniformity for all World entries by 1997.

■ NatStats informs me that 1,486 tournaments and 240 sanctioned leagues were reported for 1995. In tournaments, 58,233 participants entered for an average number of 39.18 players per event. 6,126,075 ringers were made for 17,674,130 shoes pitched, a national pitching average of 34.66%. Sanctioned league had 5,735 participants who averaged 26.44% while hitting 2,318,866 ringers for 8,770,310 shoes pitched. As of the 1/13/96 information, 82 1995 scheduled tournaments had not yet been reported to NatStats.

■ In the last issue, we published a suggested News Release in Promotion Jottings column. At least one person saw the potential and used the form to develop a Press release for his charter. Thanks to Cal Cordes, NHPA Regional Director

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# Subscribers Take Notice

July 1996 marks the month that the U.S. Postal Service expects to roll out a total reform in mail classification. We don't know too much about it yet, except that Third-Class mail becomes Standard Mail and Second-Class mail becomes Publications Service. First-Class remains First-Class.

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## Dave's Court Report *cont...*

for Arizona, horseshoe pitching is getting an added boost due to his efforts to involve newspaper public service announcements.

■ The New Melle Horseshoe Club in Missouri is once again scheduling the Six Pac Invitational scheduled for April 28, 1996. Eighty of the top male pitchers by average have been sent invitations to enter this event which promises a \$4,000 purse. The top 16 averages will play in two 8 man groups with the winner from each and the next 4 best percentages pitching off for the money.

■ Horseshoe Pitching and the NHPA is "on-line." Thanks primarily to Terre Haute, Indiana, member Terry Sears, information about our sport and organization can be found by surfing the Net. I've asked NHPA 2nd VP Casey Sluys to assume the task of interfacing with Terry and reporting to *Newsline* any and all new information he gets about our sport on the net. Casey has provided an article to the members which can be found in this issue.

■ The Music City Team Tournament held last november in Joelton, Tennessee, had twelve past or current World Champions, five NHPA Hall of Fame members and three recipients of the Stokes Award participating. The indoor Jack Freeman courts seem to draw some big names to its events.

■ It has been decided that the *Newsline* subscriber mailing list will remain the responsibility of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. New subscriptions and renewals with fees are to be mailed to him in Wisconsin. Article contributions, requests for back issues and ad inquiries are to be sent direct to the Editor in California.

is a publication, I'm told to expect the rate to increase as it becomes Second-Class. We have a wait-and-see game here as the Postal Service pushes Computer Automation and appears ready to punish mass mailers with higher rates, especially if they are not set up with computer programs to do automatic bar code imprint, plus meet four other criteria obtainable only through a certified software program. I realize this doesn't mean much to any of you, but it is going to become more important than ever for all of us to do our part in keeping *Newsline* mailing costs in line.

Starting with this issue, I have made a change to help keep some incidental costs down. On the back cover the statement "Forwarding and Return Postage Guaranteed" used to appear. With this issue, that has been changed to "Address Correction Requested."

Currently, the bulk rate mailing cost for a 32 page issue of *Newsline* is about 27 cents. With the former statement on the address page (back cover), when a subscriber moved and had given the post office a new forwarding address, the magazine followed and the NHPA was charged some \$1.35 to be notified of the new address and have the magazine forwarded. If a subscriber failed to leave a forwarding address, the magazine was

returned to us at the First-Class rate of \$1.01 times a factor of 2.472, which resulted in a charge of \$2.50 to find out nothing more than that the magazine was undeliverable.

Typically, we've incurred total charges of \$25.00—\$40.00 per issue to have magazines forwarded or returned. All this additional cost could be eliminated if subscribers would only give us their new address in advance of the move. Unfortunately, many of you do not. The association cannot continue to bear the costs of forwarding or return when you fail to give an address change. Therefore, the new statement "Address Correction Requested" will cost us only 50 cents if the Post Office has it. But, you won't get your magazine. It will be thrown away by the Post Office.

We will put your new address into our file for the next mailing but if you want a copy of the issue you missed, you will have to send \$3.00 to get it or any other issue you missed because of renewing your subscription late. All these back copies have to be sent out First-Class mail at \$1.01 for regular issues and nearly \$2.00 for the World Tournament issue which is larger. At current subscription rates, the NHPA cannot continue to eat these additional costs. Do your part. Renew early and give us advance notice of any address change. Thank you.

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Dave,

Since word of my injury began traveling the horseshoe grapevine, I have received so many nice phone calls and cards. I just wanted to let everyone know how much I appreciate their thoughtfulness and concern.

The bone in the upper part of my left arm was badly shattered and surgery was done to insert a steel rod to stabilize the bone. Everything seems to be mending well at this time, but as of this writing I am still not allowed to use that arm. At least it isn't my pitching arm, so someone has already told me I'd not be able to use that as an excuse this year.

Renewing friendships each year is one of the highlights of the pitching season, so I hope to be seeing many of you at the World Tournament in Gillette. In the meanwhile, please know that your well wishes have

helped to brighten the days during this very long winter.

Sincerely,  
**Earl Winston**  
NHPA 1st VP

Dear Editor,

There has been much discussion here in Central Illinois as to whether or not there is a minimum requirement for the number of shoes pitched in a Sanctioned Tournament. The bylaws (Article XII, Section 3, Subheading a.) clearly state that 400 shoes must be pitched if a Sanctioned League or Club is to be included in the computation determining an NHPA member's average. It appears, however, that nowhere is there a definition of any kind as to just how many shoes are required to be pitched in a Sanctioned Tournament.

Having only been a member since

1989, if this matter has been addressed in the past, I missed it. Is there a rule covering this situation, or is it purposely vague, giving tournament directors the discretion to decide on the format that best suits their needs?

Your assistance is greatly appreciated,  
**Bill Marvin**  
Secretary/Treasurer, ILSHPA

FROM THE EDITOR:


NatStats has not required a minimum number of shoes pitched, so long as the tournament was assigned a sanction number by the Regional Director. A proposed change to the Bylaws to be considered at this year's Convention does take a step in that direction by requiring a minimum number of games. If approved, the number of shoes per game will still be a tournament director decision.

Hi Dave,

I've been a *Newsline* subscriber since the beginning and read all the articles on how to improve the game and make it more interesting for the spectator. My feeling is that the games need to be shortened to the old limit of 21 points for cancellation and/or a maximum of 40 shoes for count-all. I love the game, but like many others, get bored watching two players throw ringer after ringer for 30 minutes or more.

People who don't know a thing about the game may watch for awhile but move on after 10 minutes or so if the game isn't progressing. A quicker game will be more appealing. Further, for major events like the World and State championships, blue jeans should not be allowed. No other sport played before a public audience allows the wearing of jeans. Horseshoe pitchers should take a little pride in how they look to others. Dressing better would help the image of the sport as would shorter games.

**Charles Kertz**  
Barnhart, MO



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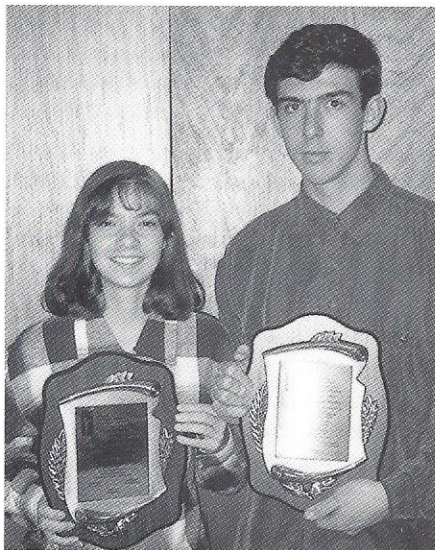
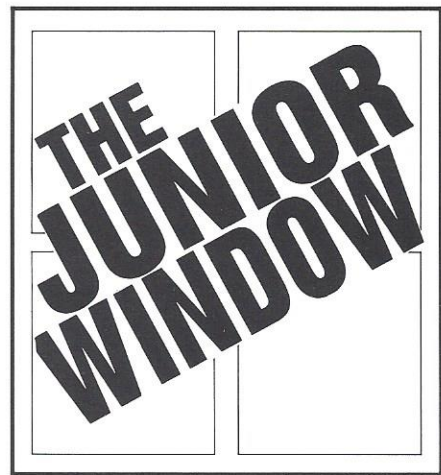
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# 1994-95 School Term Junior Scholar Pitchers

*Last issue we announced the three winners of NHPA trust awards for their scholastic performance. From South Dakota we have brother and sister Michael and Michelle Newton of Rapid City, both winners of this award last year. Joining them this year is Branson Miller of Middletown, Virginia. Here is what each of them had to say about themselves.*



## **MICHAEL NEWTON:**

I am currently a junior at Douglas High School in South Dakota. During my sophomore year, I participated in golf, basketball and track. I was also on the Knowledge Bowl (2nd place in the region) and Science Bowl teams (5th place state finish). I did very well at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Math Contest and the Chadron, Nebraska Scholastic Contest, winning 1st place in the Advanced Mathematics Division in both competitions. I was a league bowler on the weekends as well.

My vacation to Perry, Georgia for the World Tournament was very exciting. I had a lot of fun sight-seeing and collecting some butterflies and moths. I pitched excellent at the tournament, throwing my highest ringer percentage ever and taking 2nd place in Championship class.

During the rest of the summer, I played baseball for the local Babe

Ruth team and defended my South Dakota State horseshoe titles in singles and doubles.

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

## **MICHELLE NEWTON:**

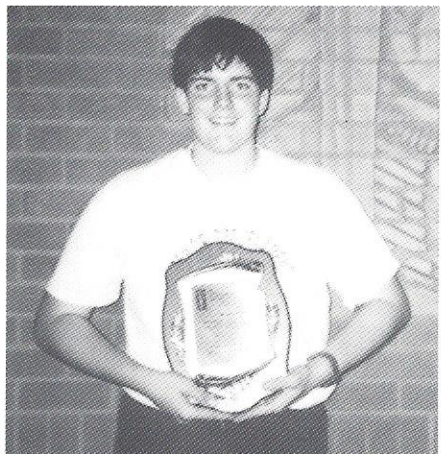
At the present time, I am a freshman at Douglas High School in South Dakota. Last year, in addition to bowling on weekends, I was involved in many sports such as: cheerleading, volleyball and track. I was also on the staff of our school newspaper and yearbook. One of my first honors of the year was being appointed Student Director for Drama. Due to all my hard work and dedication throughout the school year, I was awarded the American Legion Award. This is a very prestigious award given to one eighth grade girl and eighth grade boy.

As first chair clarinet in band, I helped conduct the class and select music. At the annual solo/ensemble contest held in Spearfish, South Dakota, I received a superior rating for my solo.

At the start of the summer, I completed a driving course that our high school offers, and had my drivers license before departing for the World Tourney.

At the World Tournament in Perry, Georgia, I placed 6th in the Championship Division. Getting to the Championship class wasn't easy. There was a three-way playoff for the sixth slot in the class. Luckily I threw much better in the two playoff games than I did earlier in the day and came out on top.

I appreciate the opportunity the NHPA has afforded me to receive this scholarship award.



## **BRANSON MILLER:**

Hi. I am Branson Miller. I live in Middletown, VA and attend Shernando High School. Some of my interests are playing the trumpet and tuba in the Shernando Jazz, Marching and Concert bands. When at home I play the piano a little and also enjoy playing basketball, hunting and fishing.

I love horseshoe pitching because it is basically the only thing I am good at in sports. I pitch almost every day for about 2 to 3 hours, to stay ready for competition. I belong to the Winchester HS club where I pitch in their sanctioned league.

I have an older brother, a twin brother and one sister. My parents back me all the way through horseshoes and everything else. A lot of my other family members pitch, which is how I became interested. I have six dogs, six turkeys, one gerbil and one cat.

I would like to thank the NHPA for giving me the scholarship and nice plaque. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the World Tournament.

# FOCUS ON PROMOTION

## A Message From Our Director of Senior Promotion

by Bob Dunn, NHPA Promotion Director

### EDITOR'S NOTE

For years, for decades, one of the leading promoters of our sport has been Don Titcomb. He has invested considerable effort to develop promotion techniques and programs, and to encourage other members to join in on the recruiting process. Few pitchers have ever developed skills to put on exhibitions to match his style and none have ever mastered the combination of pitching skills and the enthusiasm for promotion and recruiting as Don. He once wrote, "Promotion is just organized enthusiasm." Now as Don is giving time to serve as Senior Promotion Director, this is indeed an opportunity for the NHPA; we all need to grant our full attention and respond to his guidance and requests.

### TO: Our NHPA Clubs and Members

**1.** For those clubs and members interested in promoting the game of horseshoe pitching, send me your names and addresses. A file will be established for sending of correspondence and communication on "How To" promote the game.

**2.** Interested clubs are asked to begin a program of mobile home parks and senior centers recruitment. Here is a simple notice to post on a bulletin board at the park office or recreation room of these facilities:

"The \_\_\_\_\_ Horseshoe Club invites you to visit our horseshoe courts on \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ Our club consists of beginners, intermediates and advanced players. We offer lessons, league competition and open play. If interested in more information put your name, address, phone number on our sign-up sheets. We invite you to pitch with us and join the fun.

Contact person

Club name

Phone number

Make a return visit each week to pick up names of those interested and to leave a new sign-up sheet. The total time is minimal and is well worth each new member.

**3.** Your local newspaper, radio and TV stations carry a community events calendar; call or visit them so your club message is delivered. Please report process and successes so we can record promotion results for reporting on to others in the promotion file.

**4.** There are so many promotion programs that will work, IF: **A.** Your club wants new members. **B.** You will spend a little time in helping promote this game. **C.** We take our program a step at a time.

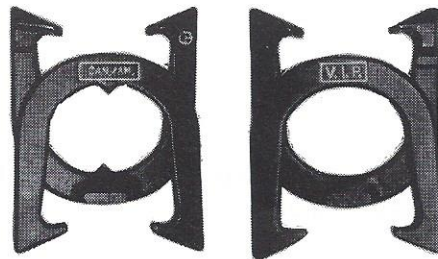
**5.** There are many success stories out there that have not been told or shared for others to learn about and utilize. Please send in ideas as to recruiting programs you have accomplished. Recruiting is important to our sport. If each club doubles its membership, we will be a recreation force to be reckoned with.

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Don Titcomb

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# PROMOTION JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

■ Welcome new Junior Program Director for North Carolina:  
**Sheila Bolick**

■ A proposal has been made to both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts organizations, where the NHPA would support a horseshoe pitching merit badge. It looks good so far that some arrangement will be agreed to, especially with the Girl Scouts. The Orange County Horseshoe Club (CA) suggested that this issue be pursued, and thanks to their thought, something may be gained.

■ Some members have asked why a bit of history is included in today's promotion articles. The response is basic. To most, it is interesting to read what took place some 70 years ago. What we need to learn from these pages of our past, is to adopt the love and enthusiasm to the game that our pioneers had. We can respect the efforts they made developing our sport and for presenting the sport to us. Then, we can continue to make efforts to im-

prove the sport for future generations. This issue features the state of Florida as written in 1920 by Art

## Horseshoe Pitching In Sunny Florida

The game of horseshoe pitching became popular in Florida in 1909 among the winter tourists who visit the south in the winter months. There are several horseshoe clubs whose membership represents nearly every state in the union. Active clubs are located in St. Petersburg, Alond, St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Lakeland and Miami.

Perhaps the most active is the Sunshine Pleasure Club of St. Petersburg which was organized in 1909 with Samuel E. Clement its first president. The club increased its membership to 600 in 1920. On December 21, 1916, a re-organization took place, with Dr. E.C. Beach as president; from that time on, the club took on new life, devoting much to the game of horseshoe pitching.

Headlough in his efforts to have each state form an organization and then join the NHPA.

Although the greatest boosters of the horseshoe game in the United States have wintered in Florida, and two national tournaments have been held within the state, no state association has been organized. Horseshoe pitching is one of the leading sports in the state, with a dozen or more active clubs. It should not be a big problem to organize one of the strongest associations in the country.

One of the chief drawbacks to such an association is that nearly all those who are active in the game live in the north. Many good pitchers are to be found in Florida, the most notable being Zeke Barns who is 81 years old, and Mr. D. Hayes, both of St. Petersburg. Through Dr. E.C. Beach of St. Petersburg, plans are under way to organize a state association.

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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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*Siding Boxelder Road are two back to back motels.*

**DAYS INN (307) 682-3999**, must ask for M.P. or Debra. 140 rooms have been blocked through 7/1/96 at a special rate of \$50.00 for a single, \$60.00 for a double. Smoking or non-smoking rooms. No pool or restaurant.

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## Approximately 5 miles from Cam-Plex

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# 1996 World Tournament Information

The pitching format as voted on by the delegates at the '95 Convention shall be the same as last year. Everyone will pitch three days in evenly scheduled time frames. All class play shall be 40 shoe games. The Council has put aside the request to pitch 50 shoes as it would require so much additional time per shift as to add 3-4 hours to every pitching day.

## Class Play

All entrants will be seeded by their NatStats average into a class of 16. We will start with the highest percentages in Class "A" and run down to the lowest. It is possible that the last class or two might not have 16 players so the total of their games could be something other than 15. Each adult class of 16 will have a total of \$800 in prize money paid to the five highest positions. There will be trophies for the top 3 positions.

## Open Men and Open Women

After class play, the 16 highest percentages from all the classes shall advance to the Championship finals of their Division. Each shall be required to pay a \$50 finals fee. Championship play will be 40 point games. All will receive a cash prize, trophies to the top 3.

## Senior Men

After class play, the ten highest percentages will advance to the Championship Finals where 40 point games will be played. Each shall pay a \$50 Finals fee and receive a cash prize. Trophies to the top 2.

## Elders

After class play, the 6 highest percentages will advance to the Championship Finals and pay a \$25 fee. Play will be 40 point games. Cash prizes to all six with a trophy to the top 2.

## Senior Women

All ladies who enter the Senior Women will be mixed in with the

Open Women for class play and prizes. They shall carry an asterisk next to their name and the top six percentages shall advance to the Senior Women Championships. They will pay a \$25 Finals fee and play 40 point games. Cash to all six, trophies to the top 2.

## Junior Boys and Girls

Class play shall be mixed boys and girls. All positions shall get a trophy. After class play, the top six percentage boys and the top six percentage girls will advance to their Division finals where each will be awarded a Trust Fund with trophies to the top 2.

## 1996 World Tournament PRIZE LIST Championship Divisions

MEN & WOMEN	SR. MEN	ELDERS, SR. WOMEN JR. BOYS & GIRLS
1. \$3,300	\$1,400	\$350
2. 1,800	1,000	275
3. 1,400	750	240
4. 1,100	600	225
5. 900	500	210
6. 750	450	200
7. 700	400	
8. 650	350	\$1,500
9. 600	300	
10. 550	250	
11. 500		<b>EACH CLASS OF 16</b>
12. 450	\$6,000	1. \$250
13. 400		2. 175
14. 350		3. 150
15. 300		4. 125
16. 250		5. 100
\$14,000		\$800

**Total Purse for Championship Divisions.....\$40,000**

**Note:** 1) Men, Women and Senior Men advancing to the Championship Finals will be required to pay a \$50.00 finals fee.

2) Elders and Senior Women advancing to the Championship Finals will be required to pay a \$25.00 finals fee.



# Regional Director Activities

by Dick Hansen

As many of you know by now, I have assumed the duties of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. I am also still the NHPA 5th Vice President and Chairman of the Regional Directors. The last month has been a very busy one, to say the least, but we are getting through it and there is a light at the end of the tunnel, as they say. I am still taking patch orders and sanctioning courts that the Regional Directors send me, although it now takes a little longer to get them out.

During this time of change I will be asking the Regional Directors to take on more of a work load and help us all through this time of change. I have no doubt that they will come through for the NHPA as they have in the past. I would like to take this time to say thanks to all those that gave their support and their assistance to both this office and the NHPA.

**Regional Director Dave Shreve, Illinois**, reports on a letter he received from Don Bailey of Springfield. Don tells of some new courts that were built in the Springfield area. A new facility was opened by Fred O'Conner in a building he leased for storage needs for his nearby business. Fred found enough room to install two pits with backboards. The pitching platforms are carpeted and the ceiling is 14 feet high with fluorescent lighting.

Complimenting it all is a built-in AM/FM stereo radio, 12 padded chairs and a soda machine. The cost is only four dollars a session with monthly rates available. Sounds like Fred and the guys have a good thing going for some pitching during those cold and snowy Springfield winters.

**Bud Schardine, Regional Director from Utah**, reports that he has been asked to teach a six week horseshoe pitching class for the Nebo School District. Bud agreed on the condition that he do it for free. Four people signed up before the schedule or booklet were out. Bud reports that they had a very healthy year in 1995 and that their clubs are all in good hands in both the North and South Charters.

**Regional Director, Harold Mineer of New Mexico**, reported that all he did was make one phone call. That one call led to a full page article in the Albuquerque *Tribune* on the Albuquerque Singles Championships held at Los Altos Park. The article, complete with pictures, also carried a plug for the local club that pitches at the Los Altos Park. Sometimes all it takes is a phone call.

The following is just a sample of what the Regional Directors have or will be doing. They are a busy group.

**C. Leo Buell, RD Iowa**, has assigned Iowa RDs to contact 1994 members and find out why they did not renew for 1995. They hope to make some adjustments for the better and increase membership by 10 percent.

**Jim Haupt, RD from Wisconsin** has been busy doing all the ground work and prep for the upcoming Team World Tournament.

**Paul Stewart, RD from North Carolina**, is once again pushing the Dogwood Tournament, one of the best tournaments of the year.

**Jim Shilling, RD from Indiana**, just completed helping and promoting an invitational tournament attended by some of the best pitchers in the world.

**Don Weaver, Nevada RD**, just completed hosting and directing another very successful Las Vegas Open with 380 plus entries.

**Ron Deckard, Florida RD**, found the time to sanction 12 more Florida courts and has more to come.

And **Regional Director Earl Waggy from Virginia**, I hope by now has found a way to get out from under four feet of snow.

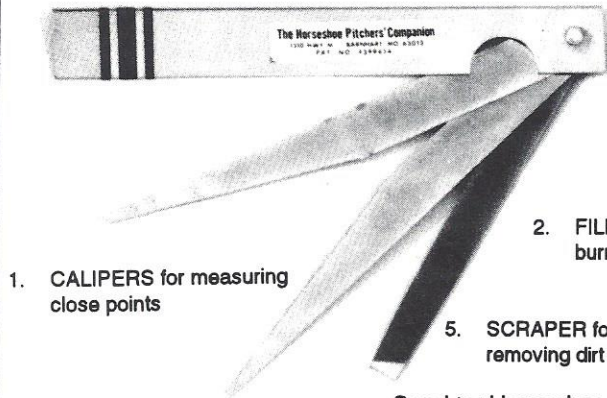
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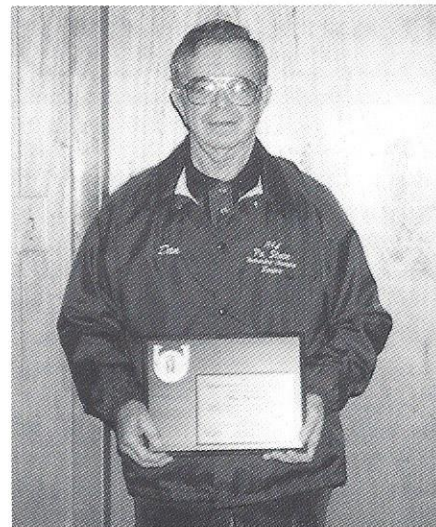
NEW CUMBERLAND HSC

The New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, Horseshoe Club is proud to have its director of 25 years selected as the 1995 NHPA Director of the Year.

Dan Beshore, the Eastern Pennsylvania Charter Secretary/Treasurer for some 20 years, has been the stabilizing force in that charters horseshoe activities for longer than most people can remember. Dan has been an NHPA member for 25 years, the same length of time he has devoted to directing New Cumberland Club activities. In 1975, he was elected to the

York County Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and in 1987, to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame as a West Shore Chapter Inductee.

Dan is not only a fine administrator of horseshoe activities, but an excellent pitcher as well. He won the 1993 Senior World Class "A" Championship in Spearfish and the Pennsylvania State Senior Championship in 1994. After 37 years with Gulf Oil/Chevron Corp., Dan retired in 1987. Married 50 years in October, Dan and wife Doris have raised five children—



Dennis, Dana, Deloris, Delmer and Douglas. They obviously like names that start with the letter "D."

Congratulations Dan, the NHPA appreciates all your fine work.

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## News Releases

### RAYNHAM HORSESHOE CLUB Sanction #85C63 1995 Report

1995 was a turning point for the Raynham Horseshoe Club. It was the last year we will play on our original five courts and the fall of 1995 marked a major transformation in an area of Lakeville, MA called the "old Ted Williams Camp." Since we needed more courts and there was no area available in Raynham, and since the Lakeville Park & Recreation Dept. wanted some more adult activities in their recreation areas, we all worked together to build 16 beautiful courts.

The area is situated under trees and near a pond, with bathroom and shower facilities, areas for RVs, and a banquet and/or meeting hall. They are moving a small building closer to the courts for our use. The courts have been christened by our very dramatic and changeable weather of 1996 and have tested well.

We're very excited about the 1996 season, looking forward to bigger and more leagues, and even a tournament. As for the 1995 season, the doubles league ended up with exactly the same team as winners. Ernie Correia, Dave Gagne, and Scott Marques won in a squeaker over 2nd year players Ron Harris and Dave Boyd. Perennial favorites, Dad (Don) and

Son (Dennis) Proto won third place. In the singles leagues, Ron Medeiros who won the high average award in doubles made his first year in singles a winning one as he defeated Debby Michaud in the playoff. The high average and third place went to Roy Robertson, who also serves as statistician for the singles league. Rookie of the Year was Dave Nourse and Sportsmanship Winners were Ray Scanlon in singles and Dave Mancuso and Ron Harris in doubles. For high game, Bob Driscoll just missed a 100 pt. game with a 96 pt. effort in singles (50 shoes) while Steve Sisson concentrated for a 77 pt. effort in doubles (40 shoes). Ron Harris and Ray Scanlon each improved over 8.0% ringers to win Most Improved while Roberta Aiello in doubles and Darlene Sisson in singles captured the high game over average awards.

I can't say we'll miss the courts in Raynham but they did serve us well be getting us started. Now we will change our venue and our name and look for some great progress!

### PRESCOTT, ARIZONA Pitching Shoes For Everyone

I want to encourage all men, women and youth in Arizona to pitch horseshoe against people of the same

ability level as their own. Categories are set up for each level of pitching by percentage of ringers made.

Many areas of Arizona have accommodations for pitching. All of the courts are open to the public. Many backyard pitchers can become winners by coming to tournaments around Arizona.

The NHPA has sanctioned courts in Prescott, Mesa, Yuma, Tucson, Quartzsite, Salome and Cottonwood. One more facility will be sanctioned in Havasu City in the near future. All individuals, regardless of their ability, are welcome to come and pitch.

Prescott's Central Arizona YMCA Horseshoe Club has facilities for year-round pitching: winter season indoors at Yavapai County Fairgrounds, and Spring and Summer at the YMCA. The horseshoe club will provide some people to give lessons and supply videos to watch for instructions.

Pitching horseshoes is a game which can be enjoyed by any age group. Bring your kids and yourselves over to our facilities for fun and friendship with many good horseshoe pitchers. You may surprise yourself at the ability you have.

Hope to see you at any of the horseshoe complexes in AZ. Who knows how good you can be? Give it a try.

# NHPA Council Meeting

The NHPA Council Meeting was held January 26th in Las Vegas. The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with 6 council members present. Meeting was chaired by NHPA President Dave Loucks.

This was an informal meeting with no set agenda. The following items were discussed:

The promotion of the NHPA and that of horseshoes was discussed as to the best way for the Charters to help in the promotion of our sport. It will be placed on the State Officers Meeting at the World Tournament, which will be chaired by Bonnie Seibold.

The World Tournament Awards Banquet was brought up as to seating capacity, entertainment, location and cost. Earl Winston will chair and investigate all possibilities.

There was some talk that we start a Junior Hall of Fame. It was decided that Junior years should be taken into consideration for Hall of Fame induction.

Dave Loucks asked for comments and suggestions as to compensation for National Promotions Director Bob Dunn. A suggestion of \$250 was made and approved.

Two member complaints, one from Michigan and one from Western Pennsylvania, were discussed and correspondence read. Dick Hansen will follow up on both and copy back to council.

A member letter was read that asked for special recognition for members with over 50 years of membership. A suggestion to leave it as it is, lifetime membership and patch, was approved.

The use of the NHPA logo by both Charters and/or members was discussed. It is a registered logo and because of liabilities and legalities, there should be some guidelines for its use. Dave Loucks offered to draft the guidelines and all agreed.

A decision was made on the Georgia shortfall to offer them a one time \$10,000 cash payment settlement and bring it to convention for a vote. In an effort to clear it off the books. Motion carried.

The following additions or changes for the World Tournament were voted on by the Council and approved.

**1.** All games in class play will remain

40 shoes, not 50, as suggested at the '95 convention. Reason: 50 shoes will cause daily pitching schedules to run in excess of 18 hours a day.

**2.** Confirmation of entry and average will be sent back if SASE or postcard is enclosed.

**3.** Entries to be sent to NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, but NatStats will sent out schedules with cover letter.

**4.** Late entry fee will be changed to 20 percent of entry, making it \$10 for adults and \$2 for Juniors.

**5.** A member proposal that all juniors that average 40 percent or more be given a Trust Fund was discussed. It was voted down by the Council.

**6.** The fees paid to the scorekeepers was discussed, Dick Hansen suggested making it 75 cents per game, a dollar was suggested by Casey Sluys. 75 cents was approved.

**7.** Championship and class prize money for the 1996 World Tournament was discussed. Total championship prize money will remain at \$40,000 based on 1995 membership and class money will remain at \$800 with 1st place in each class raised to \$250. The complete breakdown of prize money will be published in *Newsline*. All changes were approved by the Council.

Casey Sluys gave a report on the addition of horseshoes and the NHPA on the World Wide Web. Casey will do follow-up and report his findings in *Newsline*.

Bylaws proposal changes were then discussed.

**1.** Proposal to require all tournament directors to use NatStats, proposed by Walter Higginbotham, was accepted and will be placed on the convention floor.

**2.** Proposal by Don Van Hagen to randomly check shoes in all tournaments was felt better placed in the rules and will be held until next year.

**3.** Proposal by Ron Weiss on minimum tournament play will be brought to the convention after some rewrite of the proposal.

**4.** Proposal by Ron Weiss to change all reference to men and women be changed to 40 and 30 foot pitchers in all but World tournament play was rejected.

**5.** Proposal by Charles Bunner on the minimum requirement for the State Tournament entry was reworded and will come to the convention floor.

**6.** Proposal by Bev Born to change the Junior age from 18 to 16 will be voted on at convention.

All changes that were accepted by the Council will be printed in *Newsline* and voted on at the 1996 convention by those delegates in attendance. Those changes submitted after the December 31 deadline were not considered. Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

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# SPORTS For All

by Dave Loucks

**W**e have long promoted horseshoe pitching as a sport that can be enjoyed by all ages, both male and female, while providing active, but mild recreation to improve health and fitness. This is much the same message and goal of the Sasakawa Sports Foundation (SSF) established in 1991 in Tokyo, Japan. The purpose of SSF is to promote, foster and advance all forms of sports in Japan that will contribute to the sound physical and mental development of the Japanese people.

With that in mind, it becomes clear why horseshoe pitching was one of the many sports SSF wanted to showcase at its 1995 Sports For All International Fair held in the Tokyo and Osaka areas over two weekends in October.

I was more than pleased to accept the invitation of Masaru Ikeda, acting President of NHPA-Japan, to represent and demonstrate horseshoe pitching at the '95 Fair. My travel and accommodations were provided by NHPA-Japan, while I paid for Cathie, who accompanied me. Here is a diary of our trip.

## Friday, October 12, 1995

Had 4 hour drive from home to San Jose Airport. Boarded American Airlines flight that departed 1:05 p.m. The flight landed in Tokyo at 12:30 p.m. the next day, Friday the 13th. It was nearly a twelve hour flight and we lost a day by crossing the International date line.

We were met at the airport by Masanobu Yoshida, Executive Director of NHPAJ and the President of Sunlucky Inc., a prosperous Japanese company that, among other things, fabricates the portable horseshoe courts and imports the St. Pierre Horseshoes used by everyone throughout our visit.

After a long train and cab ride, it was 8 p.m. before we reached our hotel and met Mieko Hirai, who would act as our translator and guide for much of the next 10 days. Mieko, who lives in the Los Angeles area and is a representative of NHPAJ, had flown over a few days earlier.

## Saturday, October 14

Early wake-up call as we must leave by 8 a.m. on one hour bus ride to Urayasu City where  
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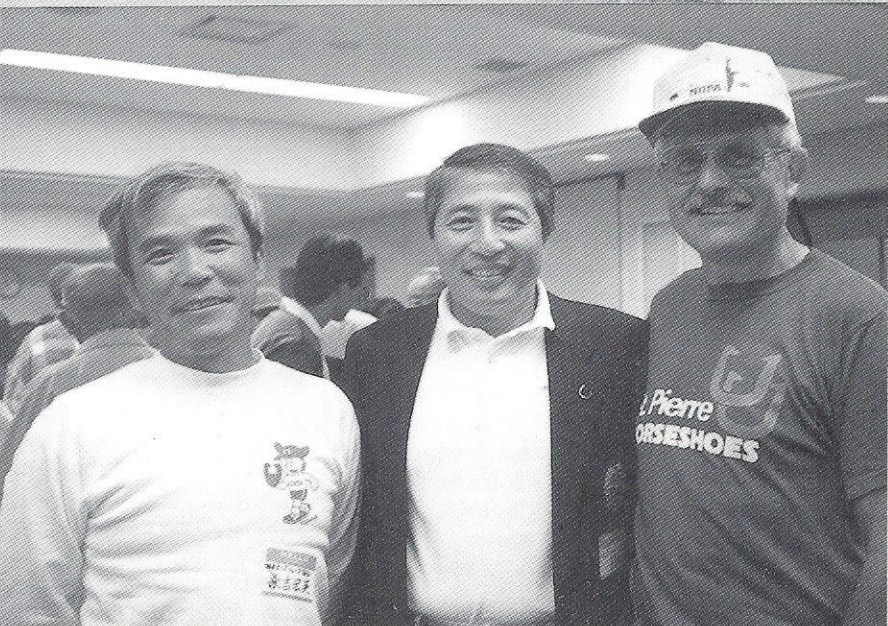
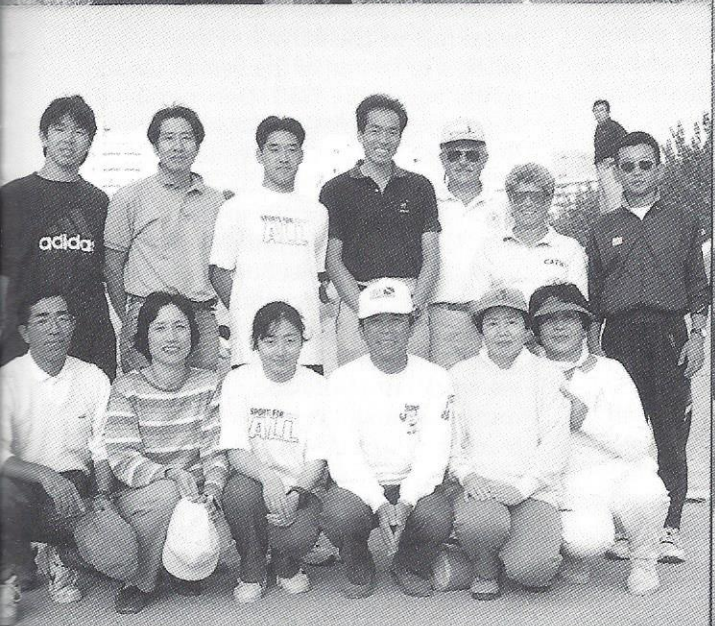
**Top (l)** Opening Day Urayasu City, **(c)** Masaru Ikeda, President NHPAJ **(r)** Itami school children

**Center (l)** TV films Dave, **(c)** Our Japanese pitching instructors, **(r)** Hide Nagayoshi, Itami Club, Kazunobu Fujimoto, Managing Director, SSF

**Bottom (l)** Hiroyuki Gondoh helps handicapped, **(c)** Dave signs autograph, **(r)** Masanobu Yoshida and his wife with Cathie and Dave.







## Sports... (continued from page 16)

Sports For All Fair opens. More than 30 different sports are represented. I am honored to be one of just seven special dignitaries and/or champions of their sport invited from other countries. As such, I am one of a few who sit with the Japanese Directors on stage during both the opening and closing ceremonies. All sport activities are set up on acres of grass, concrete and baseball diamonds. It is free to the public, who come to actually try the various sports.

Everyone who participates and is shown how to play the sport must be recorded, as the popularity of each game is of interest to the Japanese officials. With Disney World just across the street, both Cathie and I give mini clinics to some 650 people this day. In addition, I do a special filmed demonstration in which I was fortunate enough to make 14 ringers in 20 shoes.

Uotani Tadashi, President of the Tokyo Horseshoe Club did the microphone work during my demonstrations. Before taking a train back to the hotel that evening, all sports guests and officials joined in for an hour of food, drink and socializing, an important part of the Japanese goodwill.

### Sunday, October 15

Another early bus ride to the Fair. Weather continues to be beautiful. Double the crowd is expected today and my demonstration is moved up to 11 a.m. We end up helping 936 people, some of which show a lot of promise for the game.

### Monday, October 16

Slept in a bit, as this is a day of no pitching. Spent about 4 hours walking around the immediate area of Tokyo, visiting department stores and viewing all the traffic and activity in this capitol city of 12 million people. Passed a McDonald's and noticed that a burger, coke and fries cost \$9.00 American. Our luggage is packed and goes with us by cab to a 6 p.m. "Welcome" gathering that we leave at 7 p.m. to catch the Bullet Train to Kobe. We arrived in Kobe at 11:30 p.m., 400 miles in 3.5 hours with two stops on the way.

### Tuesday, October 17

Kobe, the city that was hit by a monster earthquake in January, shows little sign of the great damage that killed 6000 people. The Japanese are very industrious and hardworking people. 80% of what the quake destroyed has been rebuilt, in less

than one year. Took a tram ride to get an overview of the city and the busy port. Visited historical flower and spice gardens as the tram stopped part way up the mountain.

With Mieko, we leave Kobe about 5 p.m. by train for Kakogawa. We are met there by Mr. Yoshida of Sunlucky Inc. and three other gentlemen, city officials and the Senator of the Hyogo prefecture. All of us go to an authentic Japanese restaurant for a meal prepared at your table just about a foot above the floor where you sit or kneel. There were many different foods to try and wash down with tea, beer and hot Sake, all of which our hosts insisted we try. Gifts were exchanged and we were then taken to a Pachinko Parlor (Japanese style slot machines) where we lost very quickly. Tonight our lodging is in a dormitory style hotel. No shoes past front door, sleep on the floor and share community baths.

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### Wednesday, October 18

Take cab to city park where the President of Kakogawa Horseshoe Club, Hiroyuki Gondoh, has set up two portable courts in the sand among some beautiful pine trees. We give demonstrations and clinics for two hours to 37 people who have never pitched before. After lunch, we took a train for a short visit to view the Himeji Castle and then another train back to Kobe for the night. Mieko has gone to visit her parents, so Cathie and I eat dinner in the hotel restaurant. We have a small steak, some veggies, rice and a glass of wine. Cost—\$145 American. Wow, how do the Japanese do it when things are so expensive?

### Thursday, October 19

Morning is free, but we have another clinic this afternoon. Hide Nagayoshi, Professor of Sport and Recreation at Osaka University meets us at the hotel and we take the train (actually 4 trains) to Itami where Hide is the President of the Itami Horseshoe Club. Here we meet several club members, some of whom we recognize from past World Tournaments. Portable courts are set up on the playground of a local school and the

two hour clinic begins. I work with the adults and Cathie with about 25 children, who are very enthusiastic.

### Friday, October 20

11 a.m. we leave with 2 students sent by Professor Nagayoshi to escort us. We take the Bullet Train for Osaka, a short ride of 20 minutes, standing room only. A cab ride of nearly an hour and then check into the Miyako Hotel, where most of the 30 sports participants have assembled for another two day Sports For All Fair. We are again joined by Mr. Yoshida who, in his car, takes us for a night sightseeing trip and to the top of Cosmotower in the World Trade Center Building. At 55 stories, it is the tallest structure in Japan.

### Saturday, October 21

Finally had an American style breakfast in the Miyako Hotel, considered to be one of the best in Osaka (with rates of \$250 per night, it should be). Professor Nagayoshi and his wife meet us at the hotel and we depart at 9 a.m. by subway, then a train and taxi to arrive at the Sports For All Fair in Nishinomiya. Three portable courts are set up in the sand and after another opening ceremony, the day-long pitching clinic begins. This is a school day for children and we work with only about 300. I spent more than an hour with a high school teacher, who will become a horseshoe pitching instructor. He mastered a good 1¾ turn and by the end of the Fair tomorrow, he is throwing 25 percent ringers. We have another reception tonight and later accompany Hide and his wife to a Kareoke Bar.

### Sunday, October 22

This morning we are taken to the Fair by personal car. This, the last day, is very busy. We work with more than 900 people today and I did a pitching demonstration for Japanese TV. Fortunately, I was again able to throw 70% ringers.

### Monday, October 23

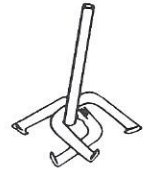
Masanobu Yoshida and his wife pick us up at the hotel and drive to the Osaka airport where we take a plane for Tokyo. Three hours later we are on our way back to San Jose, arriving 8 hours before we left due again to crossing the International Dateline and gaining a day.

My thanks to all the wonderful Japanese people who assisted us and made our visit enjoyable. I hope horseshoe pitching prospers in Japan and that we can continue to work together.



Bob Champion's

# Charter Chatter



This is the "short" part of the horseshoe season, and many charters ease off on news when they do not have indoor facilities. It would be helpful if state officers and publicity directors send some news notes for the next "Chatter."

By the way, if any newsletter editors need some help designing headings for their publication, I'll be glad to help. Just send your copy suggestions and logos and I'll present a layout for approval.

## CALIFORNIA

Highlight in the 1995 season for the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association was the perfect game pitched by Walter Ray Williams at Stockton Aug. 11, 20 shoes.

The women's high individual game was a 92.50 by Sharon Paddock. Ray Santana had an 87.50% in the 30-foot group, and Louis Escarano nailed a 77.50 for junior boys and Chrissie Adams, a 50% game.

In the most improved category, Chris Moore improved 17.15 while 30-footer Mel Roberts nailed a 28.56% increase. Ruben Duran topped all pitchers with a 41.91% single game over average.

Chet Carter led all pitchers in number of tournaments entered with 61. Lowell Pamell had 50. Hugh Gilland topped the 30-footers with 54, Gail Sluys topped the women with 41, junior Larry Hoelscher entered 25 and Chrissie Adams entered 16.

## CANADA

British Columbia's top pitchers are headed by Lloyd Reyklin from Central Park with a 62.62%, followed by Vic Vallee, Prince George (61.48) and Jim Ball, Central Park (60.29) in the men's group.

Bernice Busch, Nanaimo, leads the women with 70.48. Maryse Atkinson, Ladysmith, is second with 64.81.

Bob Faulconer, Prince George is top man in the Senior men's group with 55.91 followed by Emil Gustafson, Maple Ridge (55.68).

For the Juniors, Ryan Baldwin, Victoria, boasts a 68.86, followed by Shane Harvey, also from Victoria with 46.33. Erin Topp, Central Park has 42.55. Interesting to note that seven of the top ten are from Victoria. Maybe we'll see some of these pitchers at the 1997 World in Kitchener, Canada.

## COLORADO

Allen Baptist from Eagle is the new Regional Director for the state, taking over from Keith Thompson on January 1, 1996. Keith became the RD after he retired as President of Colorado after six years in 1991.

Baptist is one of few people with an indoor court in his basement. He built the single court with 14 foot ceilings and wall mural in 1991. A *Newsline* story in 1992 covered this popular Colorado pitcher's enthusiasm for horseshoes.

Colorado is closing in on 100 entries for the World Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming in July.

Former Regional Director Dale Boss is recovering from prostate cancer surgery in Nov. Colorado pitchers pitched in to donate over \$2,200 to help defray medical costs.

1,338 pitchers participated in 1995 tournaments, an average of 46 per tournament.

## CONNECTICUT

George St. Pierre, New England Regional Director, reports that they have 12 new indoor courts in New Medford, a city close to Danbury and the New York area.

The area is thankful to the super effort of the Housatonic Valley Horseshoe Club and George Wooster, who have made this facility possible. They schedule eleven tournaments from November 25-26 to the Spring Fling in April at the new dozen courts.

## FLORIDA

The data sheet from state secretary-treasurer Marvin Grubb holds some interesting figures.

The current men's champion is Robert Harrold. The Senior titleholder is Robert Downey and Linda Kaercher topped the women. Harrold's percentage was 67.6, Senior men's high percentage was posted by Russell Lobuzzetta of 58.4. Linda's closing figure was 60.2%.

215 members have pitched in five or more tournaments from a total membership of 421. The average pitching percentage is 32.1 and 70 tournaments are scheduled this season.

The 1996 State closed tournament will be held April 19-20 at Beverly Hills, Florida. It is limited to Florida residents that have participated in a minimum of 5 FSHPA Inc. sanctioned tournaments since April 4, 1994 and excluding the 1995 State closed tournament.

In November tournaments, the Class A winners were Ron Deckard, Tampa, (5-0, 59%) in the Don Olson Tire and Auto Open; Randy Combs, Palm Bay (4-1, 48%) in ECHPA Open, Melbourne; Deckard (6-1, 61%) in the Veterans Appreciation Day Open; and John O'Connell, Key Largo (6-0, 47%) in the Linda Rains Open.

## ILLINOIS

Here is a note from the State newsletter which applies to every horseshoe pitcher. This is the opinion of Bill Marvin from Mechanicsburg.

"Horseshoes is not offense and defense, one of trying to make the other player 'mess up,' but a game of skill and ability that encourages everyone to do their best. This is the one that sets us apart from other sports. Trash talking, shucking and jiving might be okay on the basketball court, baseball diamond or football field, but those types of behaviors are clearly out of place on the horseshoe court.

"I want and like to win as much or more than the next competitor, but if I get whipped, my hand of congratulations is always out. Our sport has a long tradition of gracious winners *and* losers. I, for one, hope Illinois continues this tradition."

Steve Denault went 5-0 with a 61.6% to win Class A in the Taterdome Open in November in Columbia. Dave Shreve won Class B, and Bill Potter nailed the Class C title.

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## CHARTER CHATTER

### KANSAS

Buzz Jones from Kansas mentioned an item from the Tulsa, Oklahoma tournament. Jerry Holt, that's right, the Kansas State Champion, threw one shoe so high it stuck in the ceiling tile and they had to get the step ladder to get it down. nobody teased him about it. Yeah, right! Nobody at all.

Tom Swain of Hutchinson, Kansas is relatively new to horseshoes, but a veteran fisherman, who very seldom stops for lunch when he is after the big ones. He once made an outboard motor from a Briggs and Stratton lawn mower motor. He is president of the Diamondback Horseshoe Club in Hutchinson and a prime mover in getting the Parks Department to build 18 new courts, complete with fences, walkways, lighting and a Gazebo.

Tom is real active in the church and Buzz Jones, newsletter editor considers it an honor to call Tom and his family, friends.

### MICHIGAN

Lee Jacobs is the dean of Michigan horseshoe pitchers. A state champion in 1933 and 1934, times when the legend Ted Allen was starting his famous career, Lee has been awarded his 70-year patch by the NHPA.

The Belleville iron flinging artist has not pitched for three years, but manages to attend upwards to eight tournaments each year and still sings the national anthem at many state tournaments. Lee is 89 years old, and has been a favorite in Michigan circles many years.

Thirty year patches have been awarded to Floyd Bartley, Oscar Hope, Ken Jensen, Frank Penterics, Pat Smith and Oz Williams.

Twenty-one pitchers have received or are eligible for twenty year patches. They are Tom Bracey, Bernie DeGroat, John Decker, Dick Frakes, Duane Gillin, Howard Hahn, Dewey Howard, Vern Howard, Vic Jacobs, Wally Koski, Bob Ouellette, Irv Pasch, Dick Pelton, Jus Peticone, Jim Schneider, Fred Smith, Moses Smith, Jean Warthout, Stan Swarthout, Bob Wells and Henry Wozniak.

### MINNESOTA

Dale Lipovsky, Bloomington, has won the state title 16 times beginning in 1973. Since that time only three other pitchers have won the state championship. Layre Ambrose in 1977, Jack O'Connor in 1985, 1987 and 1988 and Mark Bauman in 1993 are the trio of title holders.

Frank Stinson won the boys' 40 foot championship two years in 1923 and 1924 then copped the men's State championship five times in 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970 and 1971.

Vance Harren went undefeated in winning the Junior 30 foot title seven times. He won his first title in 1987, then won six titles in a row after brother Chris took the 1988 crown.

It has been "all in a family" for the women since 1976 with Phyllis Negaard and sister Bev Nathe taking all the titles. Phyllis won 12 straight crowns from 1976 thru 1987.

### MISSOURI

In the 1995 state tournament there were 16 state records broken or tied. Heading the list is a perfect game pitched by 10-time World Champion Vicki Winston.

Don Mercier pitched 412 shoes in the tournament in the

Seniors Division and the longest game of 76 shoes was pitched by Oden Sullivan and Clifford Collins.

In the 70+ 30-foot division Don Harris was in on five records. He had a single 89.3% and a tournament high 80.1%. He shared three marks with Williams "Lou" Rector: single game, both players Ringer percentage 72.3%, total ringer 81 and "Four Deads" 8.

In doubles play, Vicki had the individual high percentage 70.8, Charles Killgore and Ken Pogue combined for a 64.1% and single game mark of 76.2%. Rector had a single game figure of 86.4%. The "both players longest game" was 76 shoes by Elwyn Cooper and Dick Cotter; and Rose Diekamp and Bill Waisner.

Single game, both players' ringer percentage honors went to Killgore and Pogue, Cooper and Cotter, and the single game, both players' total ringers record of 91 went to Diekamp and Waisner, Pam Henderson and Jan Kreienkamp. "Four Deads" mark of 7 was established by Vicki and Earl Winston, Henderson and Kreiekamp.

### NORTH CAROLINA

The figures show that 1995 was the best year ever for North Carolina horseshoes. The most members signed up (165) including 52 first year members; the most entries in the State tournament (67); the most entries in the World tournament (41); the best overall results in the World tournament, two in the Men's top 16, one in the Senior Men's top six, four class champions.

The good year is not the result of anything any one person has done, but the hard work and time spent by State officers and tournament directors. This can apply to all charters in the NHPA.

Clyde Southern pitched in the most tournaments (17) and, of course, won the most games (65). Earl Caudill was the Most Improved Pitcher in the NCHPA, came up from a Class B pitcher in 1994 to a Class A pitcher and the Championship class in 1995.

Ricky Bolick, Sr. and son Ricky, Jr. won the 1995 walking doubles State championship. Class A went to a brother act, Ronnie and Randy Joines, and finishing second in Class A was a husband and wife combo, Troy and Judy Brittain.

### OREGON

Lowell Davis reports that the Upper Willamette Valley has a new facility of interest to pitchers. The Game Center (spelling correct) opened in Cottage Grove. It is a 10,000 square foot building housing a tavern and all sorts of games.

Sand-filled horseshoe courts, complete with bleachers are available for \$2 per hour. Other games include billiards, table tennis, golf putting, cribbage, checkers, chess and a wide-screen TV for couch potatoes.

Barry Chapelle explained the Washington plan at the State meeting—a plan for hosting players who drive long distances to pitch in a tournament. It amounts to opening your home to these players to spare them the cost of a motel. The player(s) would then reciprocate by opening their home to you when you visit their part of the state.

Patty Sapp is up to her usual prowess, winning first place in Class A in the Gilchrist Opens 1 and 2 and the Connolly Classic in September. When you're good, you're good. She had percentages of 73.13, 75.28 and 75.83.

## CHARTER CHATTER

### UTAH

Amiable Shirley Steffen from Monticello won her third SUHPA championship at the St. George courts, with a 5-0 record and 60.8%. Shirley and husband J.J. came to Colorado's State tournament in Grand Junction last year just to help out with the work involved with such an event.

Lorin Condie, one of the outstanding pitchers in the state passed away on Nov. 11, 1995, the same day of the Memorial Tournament of which Lorin had been the director and the builder of the memorial for players in the association.

Lorin served as the vice president of the SUHPA four years and has been the champion four times. In 1989 and 1991 he led the association as the best pitcher.

### WASHINGTON

The 31st Annual Winetrot Winter Classic is underway. This series of six tournaments started by Francis "Winnie" Winetrot in 1966, serves a dual purpose. 1. To encourage early renewal of State and National memberships and 2. Give those hardy souls a chance to brave rain, wind, sleet, snow and sometimes sunshine, and hone pitching skills year round.

For those six tournaments only, scoring consists of counting all ringers made by each pitcher. No single points are counted. Class winners are determined by win/loss record.

Phyll Quist urges state pitchers to go to Gillette for the World in July. She is compiling a list of pitchers who plan to make the trip. At this writing she has 54 names and her goal is 100. This is one list you should get on right now. She also encourages everyone to stay the full two weeks and really get a taste of horseshoe pitching at its best.

### WEST VIRGINIA

Fairmont has been designated an official Homecoming '96 community. As part of the celebration will be a mixed Open NHPA sanctioned singles tournament at Worthington Park, the site of the 1995 NHPA Northeastern Regional.

Charles M. Bunner, the top promoter for horseshoes in the West Virginia area, is the tournament director. Bunner received the NHPA Achievement Award in 1991.

Bunner related to *Chatter* that Morgantown might be interested in hosting a World Tournament. It is in the early stages of discussion, but there is a building 307 feet by 175 feet available and they express some interest in the project.

### WISCONSIN

Beloit is the 1995 Club of the Year. All tournaments considered, they have entertained more pitchers than any other location in Wisconsin. The Club team, the Beloit Encore, the Team World, the Beloit Spring Singles, the Southern Wisconsin Open, the Beloit Doubles plus the 1995 State Tournament and the Club Mini Tournament are all listed. A great contribution to the WHPA!

NOTE FROM THE WORLD: Tom Steinke planned to be up and out early in the morning, so not to awaken his daughters. He placed his pants outside the camper for the night. Next morning after a shower he donned his pants. About the time the belt was buckled, Steinke felt strange sensations and quickly began jumping around like the man on a fuzzy tree. Quickly, he put everything in reverse. Belt open! Zipper down! Pants off! To his befuddled audience he exclaimed: "Ants! They must have built a nest in my pants!"

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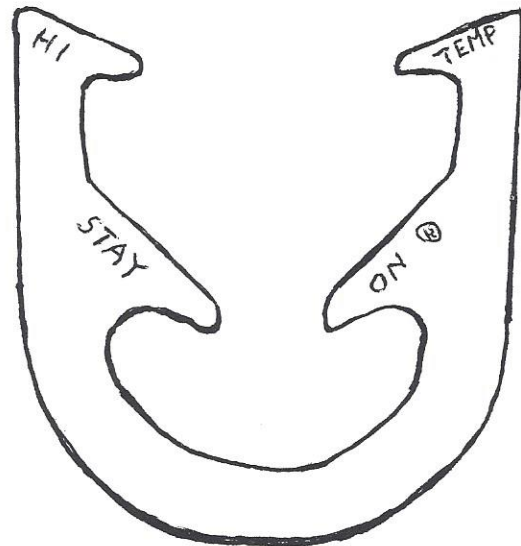
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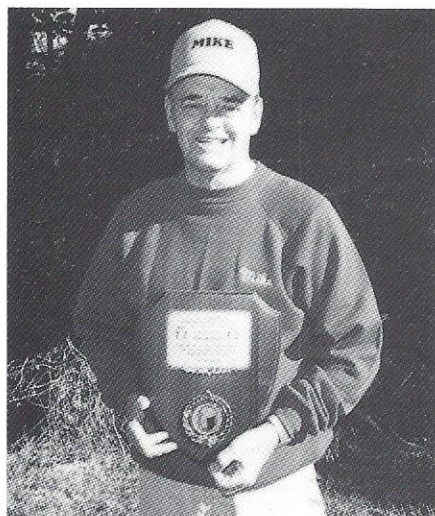
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## NH Hall of Fame Inductee

The New Hampshire Horseshoe Pitchers Association held its annual State Horseshoes Tournament in Nashua, Saturday, August 12, 1995. At its State meeting, the Association was pleased to induct into the Hall of Fame, Mike Donovan, of Manchester. Mike was presented with a plaque honoring him for his outstanding achievements in tournament horseshoe pitching. He has been competing in horseshoe tournaments for many years. His outstanding performance has earned him a number of Class A victories. He won the State Class A Championship in 1987 pitching 65.9% for the tournament.



## VA Hall of Fame Inductee

The Virginia HPA inducted Charlie Price into VA Hall of Fame. The induction was made by NHPA Regional Director Earl Waggy.

Charles L. Price, better known as "Chase," by many of his horseshoe friends throughout the Commonwealth and surrounding states, has

been involved in horseshoe pitching close to half of a century. He has held a National card in excess of 32 years and is still active in tournament play, usually being seeded in "A" class. "Chase" resides in Stanley, Virginia with his wife Hilda Mae and they have one child Timmy Lee. Besides horseshoe pitching "Chase" also enjoys bowling, rabbit hunting, and fishing. "Chase" always stands out in the crowd with his relaxed pitching style and his gentle personality.

Among his many accomplishments in horseshoes, one of his largest was in 1969. "Chase" won the 1969 Virginia State Championship, with an impressive 13-0 record. He finished this tournament with a 70.4 ringer percentage for 13 games.

He also won the VAHPA Doubles championship with Paul Good in 1972, with Bob Dean in 1977, and with Cecil Monday in 1980. He has set records with most shoes pitched in one tournament, 1054, and most ringers for one tournament, 760.

"Chase" has been, and still is, an inspiration for all horseshoe pitching enthusiasts.

## More Virginia Happenings

NHPA RD Earl Waggy was called upon to install a horseshoe court at the home of Willard Scott, the well-recognized weather forecaster on the NBC TV "Today Show." Willard, who lives in Brownville, VA, had television footage shot as Earl installed the court last August. They talked about the NHPA and horseshoes in general and cable viewers can view the segment as it is scheduled to be shown throughout this year on the Home & Garden Show channel.

## Charles Bunner Promotes Horseshoes in W. Virginia

West Virginia horseshoe promoter Charles M. Bunner of Fairmont has succeeded in obtaining a \$500 Grant from the Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau which may be used at their Homecoming Tournament in July. The MCCVB approves funds for any activity that directly supports efforts to attract overnight visitors who will support the local economy in some tourist manner.

Charles has lobbied hard and long to bring some major NHPA activity to West Virginia, either a Regional or World Tournament or the NHPA Hall of Fame. No other individual in the NHPA generates more newspaper coverage on horseshoe activities than Mr. Bunner. His tireless efforts may be about ready to pay-off as he has succeeded in generating interest in a World Tournament bid by the city of Morgantown, possibly at the site of the University of West Virginia. They have contacted me for the details and we hope that a bid can be put together.



The photo above shows the large West Virginia Hall of Fame traveling display with Charles Bunner, Rick Cale and Cliff Powell (l to r). The photo was taken in Princeton, WV, site of the 1995 State Tournament and is currently under the control of Mr. Bunner as Marion County will host the 1996 State Tournament.

## "Spring Ring" in Florida

Details arrived too late for advance notice in *Newsline*, but another major Horseshoe Promotion is taking place in Florida under the direction of Fred Rich, National Director of USA Team Tuff-E-Nuff. Scheduled for March 8-10 in Orlando is the First Annual Pro-Am Invitational "Spring Ring" with a prize fund exceeding \$5,000. Preliminary play is scheduled for Friday and Saturday with \$1,000 to be awarded each day. Sunday the Championship finals get underway for both men and women with the potential for the top finisher in each division getting \$1,000. Altogether, more than \$3,000 in prize money is up for grabs on Sunday.

# Vegas Rules

by Dave Loucks

Las Vegas...slot machines clang. Black Jack and Crap tables beckon. Neon signs litter the outside skyline and huge flashing billboards try to outdo one another with low price all-you-can-eat meals, along with the latest in slick and sometimes sexy entertainment.

Vegas is a city in a constant state of change. If the time between visits is more than a few months, you have difficulty believing the change that has occurred. New resorts are constantly rising, the last always bigger than the others. The pace of development is dizzying. Las Vegas is the nation's fastest growing metropolitan area, with a population topping the million mark, and now home to the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River. This is a city that is fun to visit whether you come to gamble, be entertained, see the sights, or pitch horseshoes.

Horseshoe pitching in Las Vegas? Absolutely, with all the other things thrown in for good measure. The 12th Annual Las Vegas Open Horseshoe Tournament concluded January 25th at the Hacienda Resort and Hotel Casino located at the end of the Strip. The Hacienda may not be the biggest resort casino, but it has been home to the Las Vegas Open for 11 of the 12 years the event has been played.

This year some 382 entrants made their way to the indoor courts. Some came to break the rust off their shoes and shoulders, some came wearing their serious game face and others came just because it was a fun way to escape the cold weather and humdrum of winter. If you came and didn't have fun, you didn't try or couldn't accept the "Vegas Rules" set up especially for the slightly undersized portable courts used for this event.

Host and tournament director Don Weaver welcomed everybody at the pre-tournament cocktail party where a trio of trumpet players in marching band regalia entertained along with some magic by a local showman who didn't quite equal World Champion



magician Lance Burton who just happened to be starring at the Hacienda during the tournament. Anyway, Don Weaver made sure the pitchers were entertained not only before the event, but after as well, when the Awards Banquet took place.

There were 16 classes broken into 2 sections each, both with 12 pitchers who played a round-robin over two days. From each class of 2, 6 players advanced to a ladder play-off. Each of these finalists, plus the next best 6 out of the two sections of each class finished "in the money." The 6 finalists in each group were as follows:

#### Group AA

	W-L	%
Loree Meier, MO	3-0	65.83
Rich Pintor, Sr., CO	0-1	57.50
Curly Seibold, IN	0-1	55.00
Edie Holland, MN	2-1	59.17
Claude Shannahan, MI	0-1	55.00
Laverne Ewing, AZ	0-1	65.00

#### Group BB

Dee Powell, CO	2-0	60.00
Jim Gibbons, CA	0-1	50.00
Shirley Kooy, AB	1-1	53.75
Sally Grooms, NE	2-1	55.83
Larry Riley, CO	0-1	50.00
Marcos Munoz, CO	0-1	62.50

#### Group CC

	W-L	%
Betty McGregor, IA	3-0	58.33
Bud Schardine, UT	0-1	45.00
Eileen Giselbach, GA	0-1	55.00
Ronnie Frederick, OK	1-1	51.25
Ed Knaub, CO	1-1	52.50
Jim Eskelson, CA	0-1	50.00

#### Group DD

Bud Knudson, AB	2-0	38.75
Evelyn Moore, AB	0-1	35.00
Marlys Timm, MN	1-1	38.75
Jim Hill, OH	1-1	40.00
Thor Jensen, CA	1-1	43.75
Patricia Strain, LA	0-1	27.50

#### Group EE

Elise Atchley, LA	2-0	50.00
Wayne Jensen, CO	0-1	52.50
Robert Reese, OK	1-1	45.00
Marlene Carr, CA	1-1	43.75
Carol Hoppe, AZ	1-1	41.25
Jacqueline Ames, IL	0-1	40.00

#### Group FF

Elaine Annis, CA	2-0	61.25
Mary Lou Conklin, CO	0-1	52.50
George Weldon, MO	2-1	48.33
Ray Pollard, KS	0-1	35.00
Carol Sperber, WA	1-1	46.25
Wes Lambert, CA	0-1	37.50

#### Group GG

Robert Moulin, FL	2-0	43.75
Don Cook, CO	0-1	32.50
Darleen Wagstaff, AB	2-1	32.50

Adeline Lefley, AB	0-1	12.50
Raymond Sexton, WA	1-1	32.50
Mike Kloster, MN	0-1	32.50

#### Group HH

John Mulligan, CA	1-0	40.00
Gordon Morreira, HI	2-1	33.33
Hershel Walters, IN	0-1	35.00
Jeff Henkes, TX	2-1	40.00
Pat Smith, WI	0-1	22.50
Don Van Hagen, NV	0-1	40.00

#### Group II

	W-L	%
Oscar Pynnonen, AZ	1-0	35.00
Robert Orsua, CA	1-1	36.25
Bert Mannix, MT	3-1	38.13
Jeanne Gibbons, CA	0-1	12.50
George Steele, AZ	0-1	27.50
Don Tieggs, MN	0-1	20.00

#### Group JJ

Chuck Rodrigues, CA	1-0	35.00
Rudy Martinez, TX	3-1	30.00
Bob Limon, NV	0-1	20.00
Ray Grossaint, AZ	0-1	35.00
Lenard Pedersen, NE	1-1	30.00
Linda Roeder, ONT	0-1	25.00

#### Group KK

Ron Jenkins, UT	1-0	37.50
Frank Annerl, UT	2-1	30.83
Glen Werk, MN	0-1	25.00
Jacob Fehr, SK	1-1	32.50
John Pellini, CO	1-1	35.00
Ron Vogel, NJ	0-1	20.00

#### Group LL

Russ Grooms, NE	1-0	62.50
Tod Berridge, WA	3-1	31.25
Joyce Colling, NV	0-1	25.00
Ralph Carter, CA	0-1	22.50
Howard Kuehn, GA	1-1	27.50
Gene McCutcheon, OH	0-1	20.00

#### Group MM

Earl Cummings, AZ	2-0	17.50
Roberta McKee, CA	0-1	15.00
Jan Knaub, CO	1-1	32.50
Pat Brotherton, CA	2-1	25.00
Robert Lefley, AB	0-1	30.00
Roy Stallsmith, NM	0-1	17.50

#### Group NN

Jack Elliott, NV	3-0	28.33
Bob Biesemeier, CO	0-1	12.50
Dan Nelson, CO	0-1	22.50
Mike Shreve, NM	2-1	21.67
Billy Walters, OK	0-1	20.00
Don Faiss, NV	0-1	10.00

#### Group OO

Ed Guyer, OH	1-0	27.50
Nancy Conover, IL	1-1	18.75
Phil Helbert, OH	1-1	25.00
Lawrence Makarowski, AB	1-1	22.50
Lawrence Robbins, IL	1-1	15.00
Neal Shultle, NV	0-1	15.00

#### Group PP

Gary Smith, OH	2-0	26.25
Mary Mosman, CA	0-1	7.50
Laurette Samain, FL	3-1	15.85
Jim Korte, IL	0-1	17.50
Mary Kelly, KS	0-1	9.09
Sandy Kelly, CA	0-1	10.00

# J. FRED BROWN

## Candidate for NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

**Family:** Married thirty-five years to Helen D. Brown

**Children:** Marv, Dan, and Amy Brown

**Employment:** General Motors for twenty-eight years

**Education:** High School Graduate  
College Classes  
Supervisor Training  
Computer Classes  
Dale Carnegie Training

**Job Experience:**

Ten years as departmental clerk which entails record keeping for production, inventory and overtime equalization for Powertrain, GM, Defiance

**Organizations:**

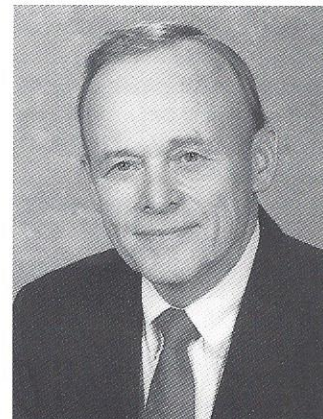
The following are positions which I have held in the past and present:  
Church Treasurer  
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Member of Men's Quartet  
PTO Vice-President  
Superintendent of Public Affairs—Oakwood Village  
Village Law Enforcement  
Board of Directors Local Oil Company  
President of Ayersville Water Board  
G.M. Bowling League Secretary  
NHPA Member for 26 years

**Objectives and Goals:**

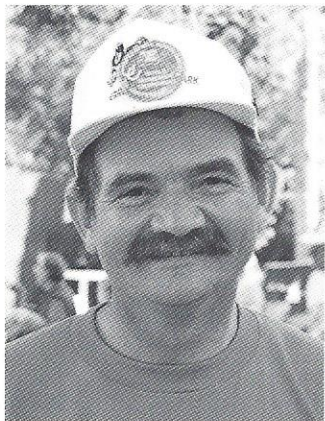
- To serve the NHPA members and be available for questions which may arise.
- To insure good record keeping of financial and NHPA business matters.
- To communicate effectively with NHPA Executive Council.

*If elected to the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer position, I will retire from General Motors before taking office in January 1997, and will be available full-time to serve the members and NHPA Executive Council.*

*I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election.*



**J. Fred Brown** 419-784-2262  
1204 Powell View Drive, Defiance, OH 43512



# DICK HANSEN

## Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

*As a candidate for the office of NHPA Secretary-Treasurer, I am ready, willing, able and qualified.*

*I have 34 years of service with AT&T and am looking to retire. I can think of nothing I would rather do than work full time for the NHPA and its members. As a computer technician, my number one goal would be to computerize the NHPA office for membership reporting.*

*I am married with four grown children and two grandchildren. I have been in horseshoe all of my adult life and the following will give you some idea of my background.*

- 2nd Term NHPA 5th Vice President
- Member of the NHPA Rules Committee
- Past member of the NHPA Minutes Approval Committee
- President of the WHPA for 8 years
- Member of the WHPA Hall of Fame Committee
- Member of the WHPA Bylaws Committee
- Past President of local Horseshoe Club for 12 years
- Tournament Director for 2 WHPA State Tournaments

- Rewrote the NHPA Regional Director Guidelines
- U.S. Government Clearance for IRS locations
- Have been a Delegate and have attended the past 9 conventions

*and would like your support at the 1996 convention for position of Secretary-Treasurer.*

*Thank you,*  
**Dick Hansen**



# Candidates for Election To NHPA Office

## CASEY SLUYS

### Candidate for Re-election of 2nd Vice President

It has been a fascinating two years as your NHPA second Vice President. This first term has literally flown by. It has been my privilege to serve the NHPA as your second VP, and chairman of the Rules Committee, and I look forward to another term as your elected VP.

Presently I am serving my fourth year as Northern California Association President. In 1995 I was fortunate enough to pitch in 44 sanctioned events, virtually every weekend. During my administration, in Northern California, we have developed a new member brochure, new member guidelines, tournament director guidelines, a set of Standard Operating Procedures for the NCHPA executive officers, and an information pamphlet on how to contact the media.

During my first term as Rules Committee chairman, the NHPA Judging Guidelines were developed. They will be available to everyone in Gillette.

As your second VP I will continue to chair the Rules Committee and conscientiously work with the other members of the Executive Council toward making the NHPA a truly fun, and growing organization. I would appreciate your consideration and your vote in Gillette for a second term.

*Thank you.*

Casey Sluys

## BONNIE SEIBOLD

### Candidate for Re-election of 4th Vice President

I will be a candidate for re-election at the 1996 Convention in Gillette, WY. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

I have enjoyed my years as your NHPA 4th Vice President. I think my years of experience would be very beneficial if I were re-elected.

I have, in the past years of office,

voted for the best interests of the NHPA, and would continue to do so if re-elected.

## J. FRED BROWN

### Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

I wish to announce my candidacy for the position of NHPA Secretary-Treasurer. I have been an NHPA member for 26 years and would retire from General Motors if elected.

I feel my work experience at G.M., along with positions held within other organizations to whom I give time, qualifies me very well for this position. I also believe the people need a choice rather than an appointed person to this important NHPA office.

Please consider giving me your support at the 1996 election.

*Thank you,*

J. Fred Brown, Defiance, OH

## 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

## 1996 Proposed Changes To Bylaws

**1. ARTICLE VII: CHARTERS**—Section 10—Change first sentence to read—*State Championship Tournaments are open to those NHPA members who legally reside (see ART. III, Sec. 7) in that State and meet the regular eligibility requirements for that championship which shall as a minimum, include at least two sanctioned events pitched in that State in the previous 12 months (tournaments or league).*

**2. ARTICLE XII: ALL NHPA TOURNAMENTS**—Section 3—Add to first paragraph—*All tournament directors in the United States in charge of any sanctioned tournaments shall use current National Stats no more than 30 days old.*

**3. ARTICLE XII: ALL NHPA TOURNAMENTS**—Section 4, para. f.—Change to read—*Junior Boys and Girls—all who will be 16 years old, or less, for the entire calendar year in which the tournament is played. The age limit of 16 shall be in force for all NHPA sanctioned events, including club/league play and eligibility in the sanctioned cg/lg program's scholar/trust fund.*

**4. ARTICLE XII: ALL NHPA TOURNAMENTS**—Section 5—Add—*Any division/class not receiving at least four entries can be cancelled, but the entrants shall be given an opportunity to pitch in another division/class. All division/classes shall have a minimum of two pitchers. All classes shall complete at least 50% of their scheduled tournament games to be recognized as an official tournament. In no event shall that be less than two games.*

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Our thanks go to Terry Sears of Indiana for making this happen! Now, "on-line," what does he mean by that? I'll explain briefly what that is. In cyberspace (computer lingo for information across the telephone line) the NHPA information is available through the Internet (International Network).

The Internet is an electronic media on which virtually anything can be found. Those of you that have access to the Internet can access the NHPA information. To accomplish this you can use Infoseek (free) <http://www.infoseek.com/> then do a word search on horseshoe pitching. You may also go to it directly by using Terry's address which is—<http://www.holli.com/~tsears/horseshoe-pitching.html>

There are approximately 13.5 million people with access capabilities and it is growing in leaps and bounds. The electronic media is a wealth of information and now horseshoe pitching is included in that information. Terry feels he may soon run out of memory for a non-commercial site. If that happens it will become necessary for another member to continue putting more information there. Each of you can do your own Charter if you would like? Every individual is allowed a certain amount of disk space, exactly how much I don't know.

If any of you decide to pursue the Internet and put information on it, would you please hard copy one copy of that information to me. I will attempt to coordinate our efforts and avoid any duplication of information.

If you wish to know more about the Internet there are plenty of magazines on the subject. One that sticks in my

## The NHPA Is On-Line!

mind is *Internet 96*. It proved to be a good informational source. The watchword is, of course, "buyer beware." There are literally hundreds of companies out there willing to sell you something related to the Internet, and they all have a terrific sales pitch. Be sure you know what you need before jumping into this—

you can spend a lot of money unnecessarily if you are not careful. I will not recommend any one particular item, primarily because I am still learning, and haven't yet committed to a system.

If you have access to the 'Net' you can start an Electronic Mail (E mail) chat group. Bounce ideas off one another such as tournament format, ways to make horseshoes more appealing to the public, special events and tournaments, methods of increasing membership, how to get your local media to publicize your events, etc. None of the NHPA officers are hooked up yet though, so if an idea that has merit comes across the 'Net' someone will have to copy and "Snail Mail" it to us.

Along with the NHPA info Terry has also included a few state schedules, and local charter information junior horseshoes, the World, the history of horseshoe pitching and there are pictures too.

This may not cause our membership to grow in leaps and bounds, but it is a source of free advertising, let's use it wisely. As of early February, 472 people had visited Terry's information. Terry's E mail is [Tsears@holli.com](mailto:Tsears@holli.com) Enjoy the information and please let me know what you think.

Casey Sluys, NHPA 2nd VP



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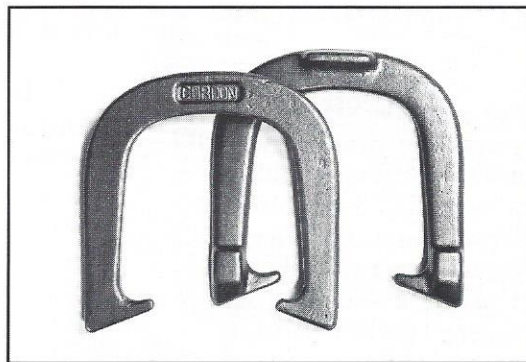
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# The Toll of Time

## HARLEY L. HARRIS, JR.

Harley L. Harris, a native and long-time resident of Stockton, CA, passed away in late December 1995. He was a member of the Stockton Horseshoe Club and had, in previous years, pitched with the Turlock Club while he was employed with the city of Modesto. In recent years, Harley had been working in the Stockton area rejoining their club in 1992. Harley was an NHPA member for 22 years.

## ELMER MASON

New Mexico members were saddened by the sudden and unexpected loss of our good friend Elmer Mason of kidney failure, at age 73, on December 24, 1995.

Elmer, a member in New Mexico since 1972 was a staunch supporter of the NHPA and served as State Secretary/Treasurer for several years. He believed more members should contribute more time in promoting our sport and acquiring financial support for the game. A quiet and

gentle man, yet very competitive in every game he pitched.

The sympathy of the New Mexico Horseshoe Pitchers Association members is extended to his loving wife Vivian and all members of the family.

## JOHN RADEMACHER

Ten time Florida State Champion John Rademacher died November 30, 1995. Active in all phases of the game, John was instrumental in reviving the Florida HPA in the early 1960s. He organized the Plant City Horseshoe Club and served as the Florida State Secretary/Treasurer for 10 years. In 1976, he was inducted into the Florida State HPA Hall of Fame.

John was an excellent pitcher who played in the Championship Class of many World Tournaments. His best finish was 5th in the 1973 Eureka, CA World Tournament. In the 1968 Keene, NH, World, he averaged 80.1% for 35 games and set a record that may never be broken by pitching 3,586 shoes. He served as NHPA 2nd Vice-President

for 10 years starting in 1973. In 1986 John was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. A tireless supporter of horseshoe pitching in every sense of the word, John left his mark in the game.

## HOWARD "H.P." COCHRAN

Howard "H.P." Cochran, 70, of Weslaco, TX, former Wellington, KS resident, died Saturday, November 18, 1995 at the Wellington Medical Center. H.P. was raised and schooled in the Geuda Springs community, attended Cowley County Community College and served 4 years in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was employed 40 years by Santa Fe Railway in Arkansas City and Wellington, retiring as a conductor in 1987. His wife, Ruth Gelvin Cochran survives. "H.P." pitched horseshoes as a recreation with his 5 sons and after retirement he became very active in NHPA sanctioned activities. He belonged to several horseshoe clubs and participated in several states. He attended 3 NHPA world tournaments.



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## WORLD TOURNAMENT WARM-UP

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Belle Fourche, South Dakota

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### CONTACT

Royal Adamson  
2062 10th Ave., Belle Fourche, SD 57717  
605-892-4925

or

Clint Bryson  
901 Custer St., Belle Fourche, SD 57717  
605-892-2195

# Special Events Calendar

## APRIL 1995

**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.

## MAY 1996

**3-5 Team World Tournament** —Beloit, WI at the Telfer Sports indoor arena. Four person teams representing your state or province. Maximum 2 short distance pitchers per team. Adults only. Pre-register by March 31. Entry fee \$200 per team. Mail check and entries to Earl Paulson, 7105 So. County Rd. H., Beloit, WI 53511. 608-879-2304.

**25-26 Elmer Hohl Ringer Classic**—Wellesely, Ontario, Canada. Pre-register by May 4th. Entry fees \$25 for Class "A," other classes \$15. Send entry with check and average to Jean Markle, K.W. Khaki Club, RR#1, Wellesely, Ont. N0B 2T0 phone 519-656-2271.

## JUNE 1996

**22-23 Dakota Sioux Casino** 2nd annual Horseshoe Tournament, Watertown, South Dakota. 80% entry fee payback plus \$1,000 added purse. Pre-register by June 15. Send \$25 entry fee with 3 high NatStat average to Clifford Ziehl, Box 1402, Mitchell, SD 57301-7402. 605-996-7986.

**29-30 & July 1 Eastern Canada Classic**—Blainville, Quebec. Pre-register by May 24th. Entry fee \$25 all adult Divisions: Open Men, Open Ladies, Senior Men, Elders, Intermediate Ladies; Juniors free. Good prize money to all classes. Entry fee payable to FCFQ. Mail with NatStat average to Richard Patenaude, 52 Principale #5, Delson, Quebec J0L 1G0 (514-635-5571), or K.W. Khaki Horseshoe Club, R.R.#1, Wellesley (Ontario) N0B 2T0 (519-656-2271).

## JULY 1996

**4-7 Greenville Ringer Classic**—Greenville, OH. A,B,C Men play July 6-7; A,B Women play July 6. Pre-register by June 22nd. Entry fee \$16. Mail to Joel Loy, 628 Southbrooke, Greenville, OH 45331 (513-548-4320).

**13-14 West Virginia Homecoming**—Worthington, WV. Added purse plus 80% entry fee returned. pre-register by July 2nd. 40' Division fee \$10-\$15; 30' Division fees \$10 payable to Affiliated Horseshoe Pitchers—MCPARC. Mail with NatStat average to Charles M. Bunner, 508 Ohio Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554-4155.

**20 Pre-World Ringer Toss**—Gillette, WY. Fireside courts, cafe and bar. Pre-register by July 17th. Entry fee \$15.00 + \$1.00 per game to scorekeeper. Send to Harold Koch, 801 Metz Rd., Gillette, WY 82718 (307-682-8688).

**21 World Tournament Warm-up**—Belle Fourche, SD. Moose Lodge courts. Limited to 64 entries. \$12.00 fee, Plaques to 1,2,3 of each class. Contact Royal Adamson, 2062 10th Ave., Belle Fourche, SD 57717 (605-892-4925) or Clint Bryson (605-892-2195).

**22- Aug. 4 NHPA World Tournament**—Gillette, WY. Entries on NHPA form only. Pre-register by May 7th. Contact Dick Hansen 414-835-9108.

# 1995 State Tournament Results

## KENTUCKY

CLASS A MEN	W-L	%
Charlie Meredith	9-0	75.7
Don Titcomb	8-1	73.3
Ron Powell	6-3	74.5
Randy Hankins	6-3	64.1
Ted Sauer	5-4	61.6
Stan Lovelace	4-5	58.1
Matt Guy	3-6	54.7
Jim Culver	2-7	54.7
Greg Nalley	1-9	57.7
Tony Hankins	1-9	54.2
<b>B MEN</b> Bill Garrett	6-1	55.4
<b>C MEN</b> Forrest Cooper	7-1	53.3
<b>D MEN</b> Lawrence Barrett	7-0	44.1
<b>E MEN</b> Don Glass	5-1	47.4
<b>F MEN</b> Jerry Elliott	6-1	35.6
<b>G MEN</b> Neil Burden	6-1	37.5
<b>H MEN</b> Ed Morguson	6-1	22.3
<b>I MEN</b> Wayne Thompson	6-1	22.1
<b>A WOMEN</b>		
Sue Snyder	5-0	86.6
Louis Webster	4-1	67.6
Doris Lewis	2-3	57.5
Karen Shuck	1-4	57.3
Barbara Elliott	1-4	56.6
<b>B WOMEN</b> Mary Nalley	5-0	56.6
<b>C WOMEN</b> Jenny Brown	5-0	36.9
<b>A SR. MEN</b>		
Omar Blacketer	5-0	57.3
Bill Litteral	4-1	47.7
Jim Noble	3-2	51.0
R.O. Harris	2-3	30.4
Bud Akin	1-4	36.6

## A JR. GIRLS

Becky Kemper 2-3 61.4

## A JR. BOYS

Kevin Smith 4-0 51.8  
Wesley Kemper 2-2 41.8  
Matt Byrdwell 0-4 19.6

**B JR. BOYS** Greg Shockley 5-1 21.0

## TEXAS East Bernard

Oct. 14-15, 1995 Sanc.#22-95-038

### CHAMPIONSHIP MEN W-L %

Bob Graham 7-2 64.8  
Coke Bowker 6-3 64.3  
Ed Arniou 6-3 65.8  
Paul McCreery 5-4 57.6  
Gene Meyer 3-4 56.7  
Chris Paul 3-4 55.8  
Bubba Frieda 2-5 51.8  
Tommy Valenta 0-7 48.9

### CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN

Mary Zander 7-1 54.9  
Brenda Englehardt 6-2 54.2  
Carolyn Boehnemann 4-3 45.9  
Dot Crane 4-3 45.9  
Doris Frieda 3-4 51.3  
Cathy Richards 3-4 43.0  
Marie Young 2-5 40.4

### CHAMPIONSHIP SR. MEN

Henry Carmichael 5-0 51.8  
Walter Lawrence 3-2 41.4  
T.P. Langner 3-2 39.4  
Wally Weiler 2-3 35.2  
Mike Nevins 2-3 31.1  
**B MEN** Jimmy Howell 6-1 46.1  
**B WOMEN** Betty Schroeder 6-1 49.6  
**C MEN** Florian Kana 7-1 44.6

**C WOMEN** Janell Berry 6-1 48.6

**D MEN** Sam Zuniga 6-1 42.1

**D WOMEN** Robbin Milford 6-2 30.3

**E MEN** Doug Macha 7-2 36.6

**E WOMEN** Rose Wade 6-1 34.6

**F MEN** Kyle Cornelius 6-1 34.3

**F WOMEN** Donette Sullivan 5-1 28.3

**G MEN** Salome Zuniga 7-2 41.7

**H MEN** Jimmy Bryant 7-2 27.5

**I MEN** Jeff Finke 7-1 41.1

**J MEN** Tommy Humphreys 7-1 35.9

**K MEN** Rudy Michum 7-2 32.2

**L MEN** Ben Duncan 6-2 30.3

**M MEN** Rickey Doty 6-1 27.1

**N MEN** Marion Alexander 7-0 19.6

**O MEN** George Gillihan 6-1 23.9

### CHAMPIONSHIP JR. BOYS

Jeremy Umphries 5-0 73.2  
Cody Johnson 4-1 56.9  
Chad Muchum 3-2 35.1  
Kelly Montgomery 2-3 49.4

### CHAMPIONSHIP JR. GIRLS

Che Welch 6-0 26.2  
Tria Davidson 5-1 12.5  
Michelle Dobbs 4-2 15.0  
Kelly Besada 4-2 4.3  
**B JR. BOYS** Geff Purdy 5-1 37.0  
**C J.B.** Justin Englehardt 7-1 29.7

## VIRGINIA Winchester

Sept. 2, 1995 Sanc.#38-95-017

### JR. BOYS A W-L %

Branson Miller 6-0 70.5  
Lenwood Conner Jr. 3-3 56.4  
Brad Dean 3-3 55.1  
Karl Hix 0-6 24.7

**JR. BOY B** Thomas Hix 6-0 15.0

**JR. BOYS C** David Cowan 6-0 8.1

## JR. GIRLS A

Autumn Miller 6-1 26.2

Kara Hix 5-2 27.8

**JR. GIRLS B** Charlene Hix 5-1 7.3

## SENIORS

Howard Carmichael 5-1 40.5

Marvin May 4-2 37.8

Jim Lemons 3-3 35.5

## MEN 30' A

Bob Dean Sr. 6-1 66.6

Hensel Eppard 5-2 63.4

William Bowyer 2-4 54.6

**MEN 30' B** Donald Parkes 6-0 32.3

**LADIES A** Amy Monday 6-0 69.6

Renee Cowan 4-2 55.2

Cindy Stickley 2-4 55.7

**LADIES B** Christina Alley 5-1 50.6

**LADIES C** Carol Fredriksen 5-0 37.6

**MEN A** Alvin Perry 9-0 70.7

Shannon Perry 8-1 68.7

Denny Davis 7-2 67.8

Ronnie Williams 6-3 62.3

Greg Roach 4-5 61.4

Darrell Brock 4-5 60.1

Charlie Price 3-6 59.0

Noah Roach 2-7 52.2

Lenwood Conner, Sr. 1-8 56.2

Jim Barr 1-8 51.6

**MENS B** Kenny Lam 5-0 55.4

**MENS C** Ray Barb 7-0 47.9

**MENS D** David Pullen 7-0 49.6

**MENS E** Buck Gentry 6-2 35.2

**MEN F** Eustice Perry 6-1 42.0

**MEN G** Mark Strickler 5-1 21.0

## NHPA Income and Expenditures:

### November and December 1995

#### INCOME

Membership Dues.....	\$65,555.00
Newsline Subscriptions.....	12,986.00
Newsline Advertising .....	162.00
Patch and Misc. Sales .....	223.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees.....	100.00
1990 Georgia World Shortfall Payment.....	668.00
1996 World Payment by Gillette.....	15,000.00
1995 World Fees Collected.....	2,345.00
1995 World Awards Banquet .....	480.00
Bank & Affinity Card Interest, Collections.....	436.00

**Total 2 Month Income \$97,955.00**

#### EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production and Mailing .....	4,257.00
Newsline Editor Allowance .....	620.00
Sanctioned League	
Office, Supplies, Phone .....	500.00
Sanctioned League Patches .....	6,348.00
Sanctioned League Director Allowance.....	450.00
Regional Director	
Supplies, Phone, Postage .....	346.00

Regional Director Allowances .....	330.00
World Tournament Administration .....	67.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repair .....	417.00
NHPA Sanctioned Tournament Patches .....	10,580.00
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies.....	216.00
NHPA Postage .....	403.00
NHPA Officers' Phone .....	846.00
NHPA Officers' Travel.....	3,752.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance .....	3,100.00
President Allowance .....	930.00
Vice Presidents Allowance .....	2,790.00
Publicity and Promotion.....	422.00
U.S. National Championship .....	132.00
NatStats Administration .....	695.00
NHPA Insurance Premiums.....	17,307.00
Misc. Bank Charge, Refunds, Fees.....	141.00

**Total 2 Month Expense \$54,649.00**

**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.

# Tournament Travel Contacts

The following is a list of all NHPA Regional Directors and the states or territory they cover. Those of you who travel and want to get out-of-area tournament information, are encouraged to contact the appropriate Regional Director. Each RD maintains a full list of all NHPA sanctioned tournaments in their area. If your travel plans call for stops in several states and you need multiple state information, you might want to write the NHPA 5th Vice President who is in charge of all RDs. He should have copies of all the state schedules. The address for the 5th VP can be found on page 3 of this publication.

## REGION REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|-------------------|---|
| 1. Washington          | <b>Rick Rebman</b><br>Rt. 5, Box 5257<br>Hermiston, OR 97838<br>(503) 567-8560         | 15. N. Dakota   | <b>Clint Bryson</b><br>901 Custer St.<br>Belle Fourche, SD 57717<br>(605) 892-2195        | 33. Tennessee     | <b>Dexter Stallings</b><br>731 Reed Drive<br>Powell, TN 37849<br>(423) 947-7865               |
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