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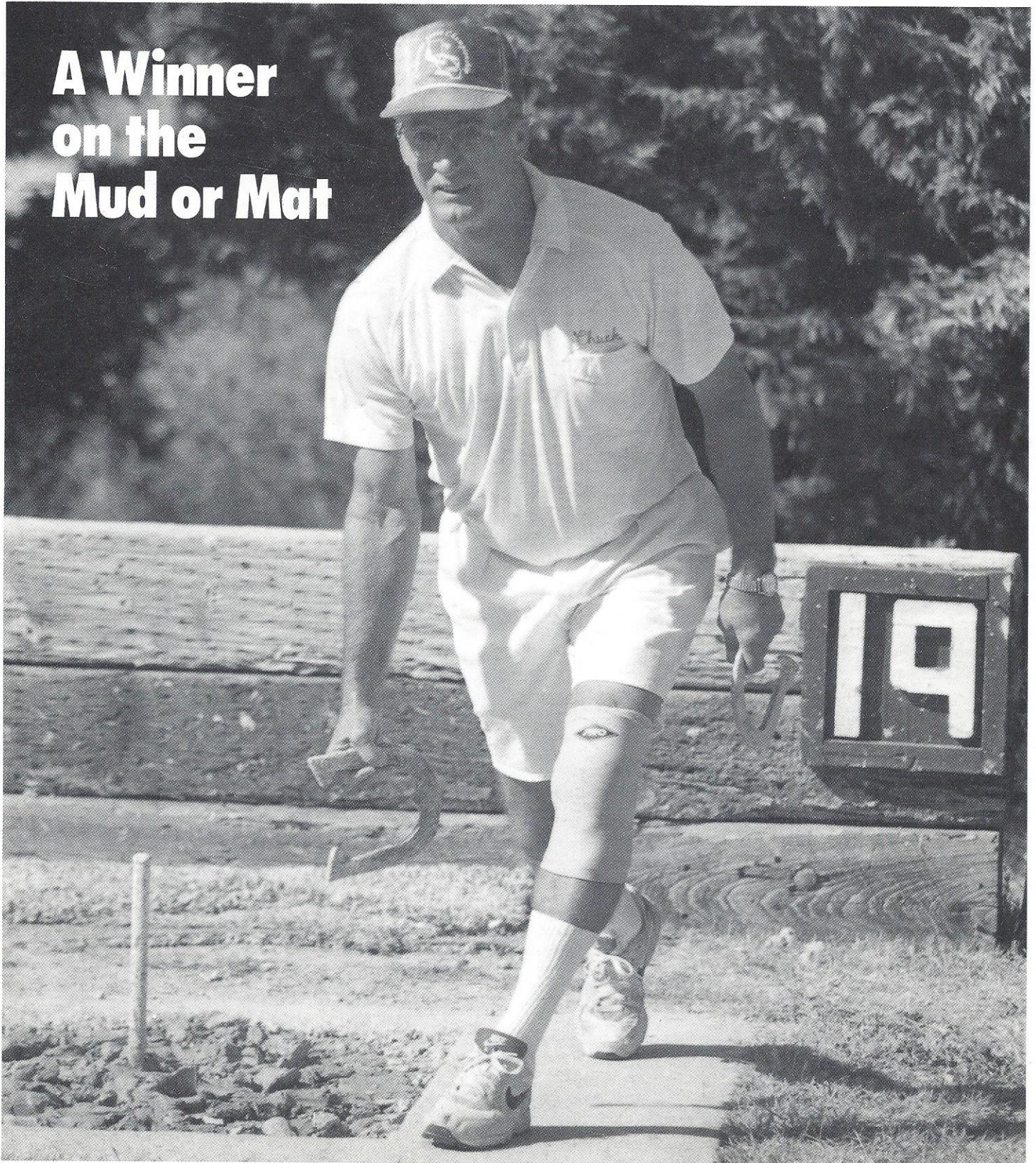


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Chuck Seal



# President's Message

Promotion of horseshoe pitching is a subject many talk about but few actually do. The subject itself can take on many different faces. Basically, anything that is being done to raise the level of awareness of the sport is promotion. It could be as simple as handing out some NHPA or charter literature or talking to a potential newcomer about the game. It might also be as involved as seeking sponsors to increase prize money so the image of the sport might gain more media and spectator attention.

Regrettably, not all NHPA members are supportive of seeing the sport grow. Many are reluctant to see change, perhaps fearful that the old game they now enjoy will somehow disappear. This is evident every year at convention when the delegates debate member proposed Bylaw and Rules changes, most of which have been suggested to further the well being of the sport and NHPA. Perhaps the sport of horseshoe pitching will never become a regular item in the sports pages or capture the interest of spectators. Many sports will never achieve that end. But, does that mean we shouldn't try? I think not, and therefore urge the membership to be receptive to new promotion ideas, to different formats of tournament play within NHPA Bylaws & Rules that your charter wants to try. Some things may work and some may not. But, growth will not come about without testing change that might improve the status quo.

About a year ago, I wrote in this column about why horseshoe pitching lags in media coverage. My observation brought a very interesting and informative reply from one of the Canadian Associations who not only tried something different, but found it very beneficial in promoting the sport. Let me share with you the following letter.

Dear Dave,

With great interest I read your President's Message and your explanation of why the Sport of Horseshoe Pitching has never gained TV prominence. I feel you are exactly right regarding the basic horseshoe contest being lacking of action, non-colorful and the field of play being non-picturesque. TV directors will

not film these negative aspects of our sport, so without change "Horseshoes" has been at a TV stall.

I have found that it is a waste of time to try and entice a major TV network to produce a Horseshoe pitching series-playoff. In Nova Scotia we have started from the bottom with a local cable station producing our show "Jack Pot Horseshoes." In 1995, five small channels have beamed our show to 300,000 viewers. We had a total of 24 hours of TV showing, but not without implementing many viewing changes. Many of these color additions were suggested and helped put in place by the appeal wise channel's program directors. Some of the criteria are:

- (1) Inside Clay Courts with construction totally colored with appealing and strong vinyl or plastic.
- (2) Attractive grandstands totally filled with enthusiastic spectators and situated across courts from the cameras.
- (3) Colored walkways between stakes, being either carpet or flooring, and being a total printed advertisement for the major sponsor.
- (4) All filmable walls being filled with logos and advertisement for the secondary sponsors.
- (5) The installation of a 6-inch high buffer on the camera side of the courts, colored, extending 34 feet and identifying the program. "Jack Pot Horseshoes," as well as the logo and advertisement of the major sponsor.
- (6) Most important of all is the psychedelic coloring of all items identifying each contestant.
  - (a) Their totally colored horseshoes.
  - (b) Their scoring devices either electronic or pins.
  - (c) Their wearing apparel colored patch.
  - (d) Their 2 ft. long name tag with color coding on both sides.

Without these contrasts to our basic horseshoe contest, our sport would still be non-colorful and non-picturesque and consequently non-televised. The major sponsor and the professional announcer are the responsibility of the TV Channels and we, the NSHPA, supply the players, the interpreter and the secondary sponsor.

In 1996 our indicated Jack Pot is \$5,000. to \$10,000.

**Jack Whiting**

**President, Nova Scotia Horseshoe Players Association**

## Dave's Court Report

■ We are saddened to announce the death of NatStats Director, Oliver Smith on April 1, 1996. Oliver succumbed to cancer which he had been fighting for over a year. NatStats will be taken over by Glenn Jamieson of Pleasanton, CA, who has World Tournament computer room experience and had provided Oliver part-time assistance maintaining NHPA pitching averages. Glenn's address and phone number can be found on the contents page of this magazine.

■ Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Paige Pennington were married in Las Vegas on March 11th. It must have been the right time because Walter went on to win the PBA Showboat bowling tournament and \$37,000 prize money for the second time. Rumor has it that Paige also won big at the tables and slots to complete an exciting and special week for the couple. Congratulations from all the NHPA.

■ Texas horseshoe pitchers are a hearty bunch. Their State

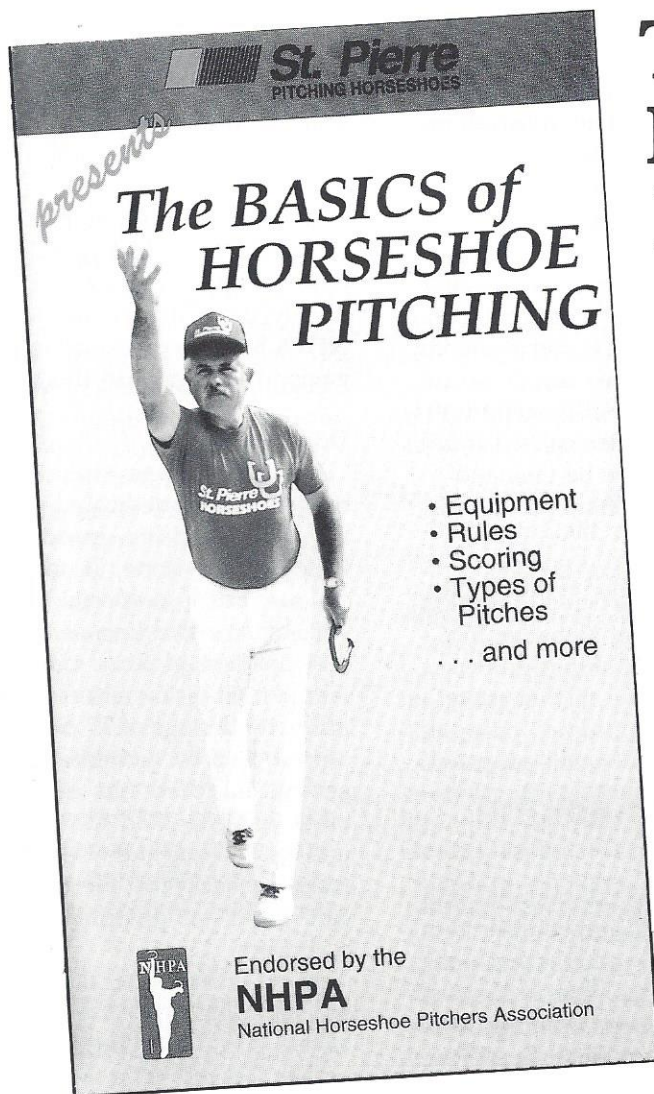
Mixed Doubles Championship was held in Bastrop on March 9, 1996. Seventy-two teams were entered and all but three showed up, despite the bone chilling 20° temperature. That may not be cold in some parts of the country but in the middle of Texas, *that is cold!*

■ 1995 NHPA membership totaled 14,200—down 1.4% from 14,308 in 1994. Leaders in NHPA membership for 1995 were:

State	Adults	Jrs.	Total	From '94
1. California	1042	49	1091	-114
2. Missouri	956	27	983	+39
3. Minnesota	729	157	886	-33
4. Ohio	763	17	780	+42
5. Pennsylvania	550	29	579	+12
6. Illinois	510	24	534	-23
7. New York	499	28	527	-31
8. Wisconsin	467	46	513	-19
9. Colorado	470	28	498	-30
10. Texas	431	46	477	-47

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# Letters to the Editor

*Newsline Editor,*

I wish to give my opinion on one of the "1996 Proposed Changes to Bylaws," (March/April, 1996 *Newsline*, pg. 29).

Proposal I—the last part of the sentence that reads, "... include at least two Sanctioned events pitched in that State in the last 12 months (tournaments or leagues.)"

Most charters hold their State Tournament around Labor Day. Let's say that my job, (I'm an employee of a big company) is relocating to another state. I've pitched in my State Tournament for ages, and I intended to this year. Now I get word that I'm being relocated to say, CA. I've pitched in 14 NHPA tournaments this year, and I'm forced to move the first of August. It takes me two or three weeks to get settled in at my new place and job; but, I sent my entry

fee to the Charter Secretary the 2nd of August. Imagine my disappointment when I'm told that I can't pitch in the tournament because I've not pitched in 2 tournaments in this State this year!

I just don't believe the NHPA should mandate these requirements to the Charter. If a Charter wants to do this, I believe they can do so on their own (Article VII, Section 10, first sentence). If they can't, I think the wording should be changed to make it legal for a Charter to do this, if they so choose.

What is the reason for this proposed addition to Article VII, Section 10? Could it be that someone lost a class or a championship to someone that recently moved to their state?

I highly recommend that *all* delegates vote *NO* on this proposal.

**Johnny Davenport, Post, Texas**

*From The Editor:*

Johnny...As a fellow member and NHPA President, I cannot agree with your point of view on this proposed Bylaw change. Yes, the individual member who moves may not have the opportunity to pitch in a State Championship, but a primary function of any State Tournament is to recognize those members *who supported the State during the year*. Fortunately, many state charters already have minimum eligibility requirements relating to tournaments played and time of residence within the state. California, which you used as an example, requires 60 days residence, an NHPA card issued by the state, at least three NHPA sanctioned tournaments (no league) pitched in the state and pre-registration by August 1st.

The bylaw proposal to require at least 2 sanctioned events, one of which could be league play, is a good suggestion. It would prevent non-member walk-ons from showing up, throwing 100 shoes to qualify, taking a position and perhaps prize money from a long-time member and then

not be heard from until the next year. That is now happening in some charters and it is not right. A player who has not supported the charter with some minimum participation during the preceding year should not have an opportunity to win a Class or Division Title in that state. The NHPA Executive Council urges delegates to vote *YES* on this proposal.

*Dear Dave,*

I would like to share with the readers what a dedicated player and my best pitching buddy, Alfred Wheeler has done. It may not be unique, but it is special because of Alfred's age and love of the game.

A resident of Rock Camp, Ohio, Alfred built his own horseshoe court at the tender age of 75. Starting out, Alfred had to gather and lay out several hundred old tires along a creek bank to hold the tons of dirt and rock he dug and wheel-barrowed from his backyard. He then poured full concrete pitching pads and walkways.

In the second year, at age 76, working by himself, Alfred set posts, rafters, roof and siding to enclose the court. He put in a wood burning stove and cuts all his own firewood. In the third year, at age 77, he completely insulated the building, added a small picnic table and nice scoreboard.

My friend is a go-getter. He still pitches 40 feet, averages around 48% and travels to 10 or more tournaments every year. Over the 4th of July, he is here in Ashland working with me at a Kentucky tournament. Wouldn't it be nice if all of us had such a hard working, dedicated friend of the game?

**Crocodile Lundee Blevins  
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Right now, *Newsline* continues to absorb added charges from the Postal Service primarily for the failure of subscribers to keep us informed. For this past March/April issue, we were notified of 56 magazines that couldn't be delivered. It cost us 50 cents per notification. The biggest portion of these were because the subscriber was temporarily away and didn't request the post office to hold their bulk mail. Others were because the subscriber had moved and not provided *Newsline* with a change of address before the magazine was mailed. Bulk Mail will not be forwarded unless the mailer pays for First Class forwarding and in the last issue we told you why the NHPA cannot absorb this additional cost.

Some are more and some are less, but on an average it costs the NHPA about \$1.50 per printed copy, per issue. We then pay a bulk mail rate of about 30 cents each. Not counting time and labor, we have spent about \$1.80 to get each magazine in the mail to U.S. subscribers. Even more to our Canadian and Foreign readers.

When the magazine can't be delivered because of one of the above mentioned reasons, the postal service returns to us a copy of the back page mailing label with the reason *Temporarily Away, Box Closed or Moved*. For each of these notifications, we are charged 50 cents. If the post office has a new address, they will give it to us, but will not forward the magazine because it went out Bulk Mail. The NHPA has now paid about \$2.30 to learn that a magazine was not delivered.

What generally happens next is that the subscriber soon realizes they missed their magazine. They write or phone us and request that we send them the missed copy. Well, no other subscription magazine I know of does this without charge and we can't either. If you want a missed or back issue, you will have to send us \$3.00 for each. This covers first class mailing and handling. This will also

apply to subscribers who are late in renewing because they failed to check the date on their label and take notice of the caution note on the renewal form printed in each issue.

I realize that not everybody will heed this message, but the incidental costs of making up for subscribers' inattention to renewal and address change notices will no longer be borne by the association. Please do your part to help keep your magazine costs down. Thank you.

## New NatStats Director

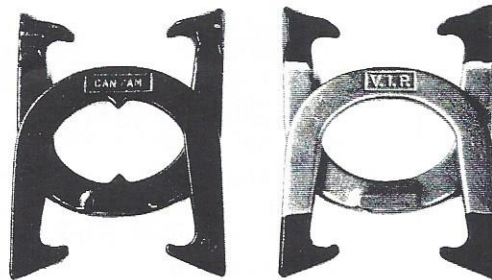
Glenn Jamieson of Pleasanton, CA is the new NHPA NatStats Director. He takes over for Oliver Smith who passed away. Charter statisticians, secretaries and tournament directors are all requested to immediately start sending results to:

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## Junior Promotion 1996

by Alan Francis

### EDITOR'S NOTE

*Our organization can feel most fortunate to have a member such as Alan Francis stepping into the position of Junior Promotion Director. Alan, the current Men's World Champion, is a graduate of our Junior Program with four Junior Boys' World Championships.*

*We may never fully realize if this is just our organization's good fortune to have such a gentleman come out of our Junior ranks and continue to excel as a member and a player, or if this is an example of the potential of our Junior program. Possibly it is some of each, but nevertheless, beyond that question, it is now time to recognize the opportunity of having the experience of Junior membership now heading up our Junior Promotion Program, and also a tremendous role model for our youth to look up to. Welcome, Alan Francis.*

The title of National Junior Promotion Director was first introduced in 1990. The main responsibilities of the holder of this position are 1) To provide information to any individual or organization who is interested in running Junior tournaments or organizing Junior leagues in their area, 2) To offer new ideas that will hopefully spark a newfound interest in our great sport of horseshoe pitching, and 3) To keep all NHPA members informed of happenings across the United States, and abroad, through articles published in the *Newsline*.

Since its founding in 1990, the position has been headed by Bob Dunn of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who has done an excellent job of Junior promotion. Junior membership has increased from 739 in 1990 to 896 in 1994, with a high of 911 in 1992. Junior membership in Bob's home state has increased from 81 members in 1990 to 148 in 1994. Wouldn't it be great if each of our own charters could say the same?

Shortly before the new year Bob contacted me to see if I would take over his duties as National Junior Director. I gladly accepted the position, realizing this would give me the opportunity to become involved with the NHPA and its members in a manner other than just on the courts.

When taking on a task of any kind, I think it is important to set goals for what you are trying to achieve. My main goal is to increase Junior membership steadily from year to year. Each charter or league can set individual goals of their own based upon what they believe is realistic. Debby Michaud writes that Massachusetts has set a goal of five Juniors for every league in that state. Perhaps this would be a good starting point for every charter.

Anyone with information, ideas or suggestions on Junior promotion can write me at this address: 830½ South Clinton St., Apt. B, Defiance, OH 43512, or call (419) 782-0810.

*The following suggestion comes from Colorado Regional Director Allen Baptist:*

"Getting Juniors interested and involved in the sport of horseshoe pitching has always been a tough and trying job, although the NHPA and local charters have been doing a great job in promoting Junior horseshoes, and getting more kids involved in the sport by introducing horseshoe pitching in schools and with special events such as Junior tournaments.

Getting Juniors involved is hard to do due to the sports they are exposed to at school and through their local recreation departments. One particular problem I have noticed is the lack of younger kids—10 years or younger. I know they would like to pitch horseshoes, because they have been exposed to horseshoes either by their parents or older siblings. But physically they can't pitch from 30', so they can't enter competition with other Juniors. If they can pitch the 30' distance, they are pitching with all of their strength and then they have no control of the shoe and cannot try to work on their skills, whether a turn or flip.

It's the same principle of letting men that are 70 years or older pitch at 30' because they cannot physically pitch from 40' any longer. My suggestion is to have Juniors that are 10 years or younger pitch from 25 foot. I think this would create a lot of excitement with the younger pitchers and also their parents. I think this should be initiated at the local level to see how it works, and then work out the bugs if there are any.

These younger pitchers are the future of horseshoe pitching and will make this sport stronger and more popular in the U.S. and other countries in the years to come."

*Thank you, Allen, for your observations. All opinions and suggestions are welcome.*

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# PROMOTION JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

■ While efforts are being made towards a working relationship with the Scouting organizations, some clubs and charters are doing well in working with local councils in their areas. First is an article from the Florida newsletter: The Brevard County Horseshoe Pitching Club is currently working with the local Boy Scout Troop 224, as a possible solution to the perennial problem of enough scorekeepers for local tournaments. Bob Jolley, tournament director at Melbourne, has been working with Jim Harwood, Assistant Scoutmaster, toward the possibility of using the Boy Scouts as scorekeepers at local tournaments.

The Assistant Scoutmaster and several of his Scouts kept score for the Melbourne Sunday Horseshoe League and did well. As a result of this trial the Boy Scouts agreed to work with the BCHPA at the tournament of December 16th. It is noted that with at least seven tournaments scheduled at Cocoa and Melbourne this season, the Boy Scouts could earn \$1,500 for their treasury.

It was reported that the Moose National Horseshoe Tournament used Boy Scouts as scorers and all went well.

■ Steve Hatch, Iowa JPD, provided a fine update to the IHHPA covering their involvement with the Scouts: The Mid-Iowa Council 1995 Camporee was held at Waterworks Park in Des Moines on October 6-8.

On Saturday morning, there was a Skills and Thrills program. Many crafts and sport demonstrations were in this program. Around 1,500 Scouts were able to pick the events they were interested in. Horseshoe was part of this program. About 200 Scouts came through the pitching area. Six stakes were set up and we brought pitching shoes for the boys to use. The Scouts seemed to like the event, in fact, some boys came back for a second try. We hope it sparked some interest and planted a seed for the future. Chet Foster was the one that organized the pitching program for the Scouts. President Mic Wilson and Don, Slim Allen and Bob McKee were there to help also. We thank them for the help.

■ Indiana Regional Director, Jim Shilling, reports that Junior activity is definitely on the rise in the Hoosier state. In 1994, there were 23 Juniors pitching in Indiana; in 1995, 61. By March 1, 1996 the number has grown to 92. The increased interest in Junior pitching in Indiana is due largely to the work of two individuals—Homer Keen and Terry Sears, Sr.

For the 2nd year, northeast Indiana, the Classic City Horseshoe Club is sponsoring three Junior sanctioned tournaments. Roger Schimmoller is the club president; Homer Keen is the tournament director. In the January tournament, 44 Juniors competed. The number grew to 53 in February. Special two pound horseshoes are available for some of the younger beginners. A local Lions Club has made a donation of money to help support the program. Every pitcher takes home a plaque made by Homer Keen. Horseshoe medallions are placed on each plaque.

Another success story is taking place in the central part of the state, near the Illinois border. Terry Sears, Sr., president of the Terre Haute Horseshoe Club, has started the state's first Junior sanctioned league at South Vermillion High School where he teaches. The league has 26 NHPA members. Their newly elected president is Michael Mazura II. Some members of the club were planning to travel to the Classic City Junior Tournament at the end of March.

Jim and Cam Shilling, owners of the Classic City Indoor Courts, feel that timing may be one reason for the success of the Junior tournaments. They are held during the first three months of the year as there is a bit of a lull in school activities.

■ Jean Davenport, 4th Vice President for Texas HPA West, and JPD for that region, reports the start of a new Junior scholarship program. The four clubs in west Texas have agreed to increase all tournament entry fees by \$1.00. The dollar will go directly to set up a Junior scholarship fund. Also, a traveling trophy will be presented to the club that achieves the most new Junior members. Prizes are also being planned for the Junior members who brings the most new members into the sport.

■ This article was received from Allen Baptist, Colorado Regional Director, and certainly is good advice for value-added promotion efforts. What do you do when you recruit members—per Allen, "Help them." This extra involvement will make for better members and bring more players into tournaments:

It is important that pitchers make some improvement in their game to increase interest and possibly make the difference whether they continue to compete either at a league level or tournament competition. Some type of training program would make them receptive to improvement and increase their interest.

I have been pitching horseshoes for over 10 years, and one thing I have noticed in our sport is that clubs don't have coaches. If you look at other sports such as tennis, golf, wrestling, etc. they all start out with some formal instruction in grade school, high school and college. Youngsters receive bowling instruction at local lanes. Most beginning horseshoe pitchers have started in the back yard and are self taught.

An effective training program could be instituted by the better pitchers in the club for the beginners. Others could join the "How to Pitch Better" group coached by the best pitchers in the state.

In Colorado, we plan to have a four week program in May and early June in one of our indoor facilities. We plan to purchase three video instruction tapes for use in these sessions. Extra copies will be available for personal and club use. Four instructors will be available with a group of 20 being split into small groups after the initial general instruction. The coaches will include 30 and 40 foot pitchers with knowledge of the turn and flip pitches.

There are pitchers who could reach top percentages with a little encouragement and more enjoyment of the sport. There may be some pitchers who have some hidden talent, just waiting for the proper instruction.

■ With the pitching season now under way, don't forget the Presidential Sports Award Program. All sanctioned league and tournament play



# PROMOTION JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

can count towards the 50 hours required to earn your award. Brochures and recording sheets should be available from your Regional Director, or write direct to the Presidential Sports Award, P.O. Box 68207, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

■ This issue's bit of history covers the early-day promotion, in Michigan as printed in NHPA Secretary, D.D. Cottrell's 1929, *Horseshoe Pitching—How To Play The Game*.

## Michigan

This state has a large number of horseshoe pitchers and has had many good players entered in National Tournaments, but never had a State Association until 1928.

A number of representative men from different parts of the state interested in the sport and enthusiastic in its development, met at Battle Creek, MI on April 15, 1928, and organized the Michigan State Horseshoe Pitchers Association with the following officers: President, H.E.

Smith, 124 No. Broad St., Battle Creek; First Vice President and Tournament Manager, Harvey Rizer, 3018 Lathrop Ave., Detroit; Vice President and Promotion Manager, Carl Stenzborn, 1037 Chestnut St., Port Huron; Secretary, T.M. Howard, Battle Creek; Treasurer, Fred O'Melay, Savings Bank Bldg., Hillsdale.

The game is played in many parts of the state, being a particular favorite sport of the many campers and vacationists who spend the summer around the lakes and resorts. There is a summer and fall horseshoe pitching club at Mackinac Island, made up of visitors to that resort. Mr. A.K. Kinley of Cleveland, OH is secretary and treasurer.

At Albion is an enthusiastic bunch of players organized into a club. Fred Peckham is secretary and treasurer.

Battle Creek has a large club with the following officers: President, Lew Harrison, 859 W. Main St.; Vice President, C.W. Van Arman, 28 N. Michigan Ave.; Secretary, E.F. Bretz,

11 S. Jefferson Ave.; Treasurer, Donald Ross, 683 Maple St.

On the Grand River in the Northwestern play field between Wrenford St., and W. Grand Blvd., in Detroit, MI, are the courts of the Northwestern Horseshoe Club, one of the largest, if not the largest club in the state.

Hillsdale, MI has a strong booster for the game in Fred O'Melay, who is president of the Hillsdale County Horseshoe Club, S.T. Eversole is the secretary.

Fred W. Cook is the secretary of the Ionia Horseshoe Club. The Ionia Free Fair holds horseshoe pitching tournaments each year.

Carl Stenzhorn, 1037 Chestnut St., is the livewire president of the Port Huron Horseshoe Club. He is always doing all he can to promote the game in that part of Michigan. He also has interested himself in building up this sport in Sarnia, Ont. and in that section of Canada around this city. Herber Anderson is Secretary-Treasurer of the club.



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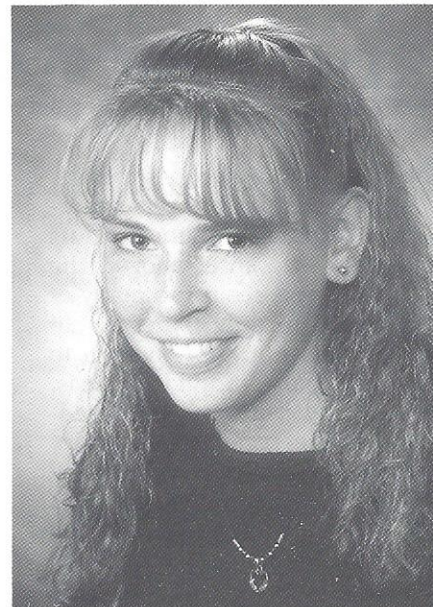
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# Junior Profile

# Penny Steinke

by Alan Francis



The state of Wisconsin has produced some very good horseshoe pitchers in the past, and continues to produce them today. In fact, it can boast its very own World Champion. Last year, Penny Steinke made her home state proud by capturing her first world title in Perry, Georgia.

Penny is the daughter of Tom and Sharon Steinke. Their home is in Waukesha, WI which is located between Madison and Milwaukee. Penny is a senior at Waukesha South High School where she is a member of the school soccer team and enjoys a visual arts class where she learns the different aspects of photography. After graduation from high school

she plans on attending U.W. Waukesha, a local technical school.

Penny got started pitching horseshoes in 1989 at the age of 10. Like many juniors, she gives her dad credit for getting her started. She is a member of the Muskeys Moose Horseshoe Club. When asked what it is she enjoys most about pitching horseshoes she responded "The competition, I love the competition." That desire for competition is what has helped her realize the two main goals that she had set. Her first goal was to win the Wisconsin state tournament, which she did for the first time in 1994 and then again in '95. Reaching this goal only made Penny

even hungrier. At the World Tournament in Perry, Georgia her ultimate goal came true—World Champion. Penny looks forward to the opportunity to defend her world title this summer in Gillette, Wyoming. We wish Penny the best of luck.



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# Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

Floyd and I had a great time before, during and after the Las Vegas tournament. Although neither of us pitched well, we sure enjoyed the fine weather and seeing so many of our friends. Our only regret is that there just was not enough time to spend on a more individual basis. The event went very well, on schedule and at the banquet, entertainment was good and the meal was the best ever. Mr. Weaver—*You did good!* Thank you. Am sure we are all anxiously awaiting news of this event for 1997.

I have often been asked who has the largest sanctioned cl/lg membership. In answer to this I have compiled a list of the top ten. These figures are for reports received for 1995.

1. New Melle, MO	174
2. Denver Metro, CO	123
3. West St. Paul, MN	123
4. Golden Triangle, MO	106
5. Greater Danbury, CT	99
6. Classic City, IN	91
7. Lockhart, SC	87
8. Bullocks Creek, SC	84
9. Pioneer, NY	80
Tie 10. Festus, MO	77
Tie 10. Central Mass., MA	77

Total members reported for '95 were, Men-4,999, Women-1,047, Boys-284 and Girls-89, giving a total of 6,419, an increase of 375 over the 1994 total of 6,044. As you can see by the summary below, our junior members are continuing to decline and adult members have come up from 1994, but are still below what they were in 1993.

	1993	1994	1995
No. of States	42	44	44
No. of Clubs	209	198	209
Adult Members	6,180	5,656	6,046
Junior Members	411	388	373
Total Members	6,591	6,044	6,419

The following received 5, 10 or 15 year plaques for their years of dedication to this sanction program. My thanks and congratulations go out to all of them.

## FIVE YEARS 1991-1995

1. Central Arizona, AZ	#91A003
2. S.W. Arkansas, AR	#91A001
3. Stone Mountain, GA	#91C010
4. First Capitol, MO	#91C005

5. Socorro Dbl. Rngs., NM	#91C014
6. Carrollton Clinkers, TX	#91C007
7. Central TX Jr. Lg., TX	#91Jr21

## TEN YEARS 1986-1995

1. Cobb Area, GA	#86C143
2. AVF Downers Grove, IL	#86C144
3. Classic City, IN	#86C132
4. Brooklyn Park, MN	#86C132A
5. West St. Paul, MN	#86C151
6. Montgomery, MN	#86C225
7. Chadron, NE	#86C135
8. Jolly Ringers, NE	#86L142
9. Glenburn, ND	#86C149
10. Tumbleweed, TX	#86A136

## FIFTEEN YEARS 1981-1995

1. Waterloo Metro, IA	#81C28
2. Dan Patch, MN	#81C70
3. Cheyenne County, NE	#81C41
4. St. Louisville, OH	#81C41
5. Corn Palace, SD	#81C38

## 1995/96 States with Sanctioned Cl/Lgs as of February 1996

State	No.	State	No.
Alabama	0	23. Montana	1
1. Alaska	2	24. Nebraska	8
2. Arizona	1	25. Nevada	1
3. Arkansas	4	26. N. Hampshire	2
4. California	8	27. New Jersey	4
5. Colorado	15	28. New Mexico	3
6. Connecticut	2	29. New York	4
Delaware	0	30. N. Carolina	2
7. Florida	7	31. North Dakota	10
8. Georgia	6	32. Ohio	14
9. Hawaii	4	33. Oklahoma	2
10. Idaho	1	Oregon	0
11. Illinois	11	34. Pennsylvania	3
12. Indiana	3	Rhode Island	0
13. Iowa	5	35. S. Carolina	3
14. Kansas	2	36. South Dakota	6
15. Kentucky	5	37. Tennessee	1
16. Louisiana	4	38. Texas	14
Maine	0	39. Utah	2
17. Maryland	2	40. Vermont	1
18. Massachusetts	6	41. Virginia	5
19. Michigan	2	Washington	0
20. Minnesota	16	42. West Virginia	2
21. Mississippi	1	43. Wisconsin	7
22. Missouri	15	44. Wyoming	2

Anyone who wishes a list of any State/Charter's club, please, write to me, Bev Born and request one. I will be happy to send you a list of all those in your State and their contact people or any other State if you should be moving or need help in

forming a new cl/lg in your area. Would sure make me pleased if we could get the six missing states to have at least one sanctioned club. Perhaps some of you in those areas could lend me a hand in seeing this becomes a reality.

The following figures are for number of patches given out in 1995. For adult/mixed leagues, Lg. Champ 680, Class Champ 495, High Avg. 352, High Game 385, Hi Over Avg. 355, Sportsmanship 277, Rookie 255, Most Improved 328, Cert. of Achiev. 4,512. High Game Percent patches were 0-5%-18, 6-9%-62, 10%-358, 20%-441, 30%-535, 40%-576, 50%-494, 60%-300, 70%-142, 80%-46, 90%-9 and Perfect Game-2. For a total of 6,110.

All junior leagues were sent 65 total percentage patches and 92 combined A through H and 124 Cert. of Achiev. There were a total of 10 active Junior leagues in '95, plus three new ones for the late '95/'96 season and one put on hold for '95 due to no league play records kept—hoping they can regroup in 1996.

There were 200 adult/mixed leagues active in '95, with a couple others being put on hold while they regroup or find new pitching facilities and only six mandatory cancellations. Three other cancellations, by their request, were made due to complete lack of interest, loss of pitching facilities and/or not enough pitchers. Sadly, my club here in Shattuck is one of them. Guess I am pleased to have had it hold together for 10 years in this small community, but still feel extremely bad about it folding and 12 very nice courts in a beautiful shady setting going to waste.

Forced cancellations, due to no reports and no answers to any notices or letters written are:

Tucson HSP, AZ  
San Jose Golden Eagles, CA  
Nutmeg Indoor, CT  
West Side Spinners & Poipa Ringers, HI  
Kingston Moose Ldg., NY  
Cedar City, UT

This could be the least number of cancellations in any given year, and it pleases me. Thanks to ALL!

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# Regional Director Activities

by Dick Hansen

It's that time of year again, time to put in my annual plea for all of the entrants of the World Tournament to have their horseshoes checked before you leave for the tournament. The number of shoes that did not pass last year was down considerably from the year before, but there is still room for improvement. Remember, if your shoes do not pass, it is your responsibility to correct them and make them legal or you will not be allowed to use them.

It should also be pointed out that if your shoes do not meet NHPA World Tournament requirements, they should not be used for any NHPA sanctioned tournament. Checking every shoe that is used in the World Tournament is a big job, and I am very pleased with the offers that I have already received from Regional Directors to work at this year's tournament. Paul Stewart, Bud Schardine, Earl and Pat Waggy, and former Regional Director John Decker and his wife Jan have all volunteered their time. More RDs and ARDs will be needed to help, so if you are planning on attending this year's tournament, give some of your time so a handful doesn't have to do it all.

## Regional Director Reports

**Colorado RD, Allen Baptist**, reports that their '95 State Tournament had a couple of firsts. First of all, they mixed the 30' and 40' pitchers in the same classes, except the championship class. They did this to make the classes more competitive. This was done in 6 classes and 3 were won by 40 foot pitchers and 3 by 30 footers.

There were no complaints by using this format. Jim Tulk from Lasalle, competed in his 44th State Tournament in 45 years. The one he missed was in 1968 because he had broken his hand the previous week at work. He also won class B in the State Tournament at age 15 from 40 feet.

Allen also reports that Canon City, who recently got their courts sanctioned, already has a tournament planned for the 6th & 7th of July and Greeley has plans for 12 new courts with room for 4 more. Steamboat Springs also has 6 new courts that they would like sanctioned as soon

as the snow melts. If it melts! Colorado has a **new ARD, Don Cook** from Fort Collins, Don joins **Bill Ostrom** as the other ARD to help handle the duties of the Regional Director. In 1995 Colorado had 38 sanctioned tournaments with a Regional in Grand Junction. They had 27 pitchers in the Las Vegas Open and have a goal of 150 pitchers in attendance at the World Tournament in Gillette.

**Bud Schardine, Utah RD**, reports that he hosted the annual Valentine's Invitational Tournament February 10, in the basement of the Springville High School with 2 classes of 6 each. Sherlyn Feltenbarger won Class AA and her husband, Del, won Class A. Both received a horseshoe pitching cowboy trophy and \$25 for 1st place. More invitationals are being planned.

The following report was sent in by **Earl Waggy, Virginia RD**, with help from **VaHPA President Steve Eppard**.

Rivers and streams rose. Lying in the path of the raging South River was Grand Caverns Regional Park in Grottoes. The park sustained an estimated \$85,000 in damages. Of this, approximately \$4,000 was done to the 12 chain link enclosed horseshoe courts, constructed by the Shenandoah Valley Horseshoe Club in 1988. The water ran 4 feet deep in the building that housed essentials such as scoreboards, shovels and chairs.  $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood that covered the courts was found  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down the river with others not found at all.

What remains now are the light poles and backwashed slabs of cement with pegs. Pegs that were consistently struck by Alvin Perry, who won his 11th consecutive state championship in 1990 on these courts with an 11-0, 77% tourney.

**H.C. Eppard, President of the SVHP** has been working with the park authority in hopes of rebuilding



The snowstorm of 1996 that blanketed the Shenandoah Valley will be remembered in more ways than one. 47 inches of snow covered the valley, horseshoe pegs were not seen for a couple of weeks. Two weeks after the snow the sky opened up once again. This time instead of snow it was rain. More than 25 inches of rain fell in a 24 hour period. It did not take long for the horseshoe pegs to appear.

the courts with money set aside for flood damage by the State. Churchville horseshoe courts also were under water, but sustained only minor damage, such as washing and settling of concrete and dirt areas.

Come warm weather, horseshoe pitchers around the state will definitely clean up, pickup and once again try to better their percentage over last year's. Have a good year pitching, and we'll see you in Gillette.





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# NEW MELLE Music City Open

**A**t approximately 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 1996, a huge Mid American tour bus pulled into the parking lot at the Jack Freeman Courts in Joelton, Tennessee. Sixty-one pitchers from Missouri entered the courts ready to begin the New Melle-Music City Open. Jack Freeman, Tournament Director, Mary Ella Bastian, and twenty-one pitchers from Tennessee, Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio were on hand to greet them. Joe Faron, Sr., in charge of the Missouri group, quickly had all pitchers in line to pay their entry fees and then onto the courts for practice.

Sixteen pitchers, eight from Missouri and eight from Tennessee and environs, were matched up for a head-to-head tournament. All other pitchers were placed in Classes A through I. Two flights were pitched on Saturday and one flight on Sunday morning. The Saturday flights were finished by 5:00 p.m., in order to allow time for the Missourians to be able to visit the Grand Ole Opry, the Wildhorse Saloon and other places of interest in Music City.

On Sunday morning, two eight-person classes filled eight courts. Jim Culver of Kentucky and Dale Henry of Indiana who drove down Sunday morning hoping to get to pitch found



eighteen others who wanted to do the same. Thus, all eighteen courts were filled on Sunday.

After a catered lunch of famous Tennessee barbecue, white beans, slaw and cornbread, there was an awards ceremony. With Donnie Roberts of Ohio manning the microphone, Jack Freeman presented checks to the winners. After final remarks by Jack Freeman and Joe Faron, Sr., the Missouri pitchers vowing to return next year boarded the bus for the long trip home.

While keeping score, Elwyn Cooper, regional director and pitcher from Missouri asked that an announcement be made for the caterer to save him some food. When asked later if he had gotten enough to eat, he replied yes, and showed the group the package of cornbread he had

stuffed in his jacket pocket.

Harvey Wobbe, designer, owner and manufacturer of the new Six Pac horseshoes, was present to pitch and promote his horseshoes and the Six Pac Invitational Tournament.

During the tournament there were eleven 80% games pitched. Sue Snyder, 1995 Women's World Champion, had a 92.5% game as did Maxine Griffith of Tennessee, who pitched 92.5% against twin sister Marlene Ray who pitched 82.5%. Chad Hyatt of

Indiana had an 82.5% game. Maxine Griffith had the tournament high percentage of 84.2%. Joan Elmore from Tennessee, who was pitching in her fourth sanctioned tournament had a high game percentage of 77.5%. Kenneth Pogue in B Class also had a high game 77.5%.

Records were also set for the Sunday Special which ran concurrently with the New Melle-Music City Open on Sunday. Dale Henry pitched an 80% game. Joan Elmore had an 85% game and Bobby Holland of Alabama had a 70% game.

Tennessee won the Match Up 31.5 games to Missouri's 24.5 games. A traveling trophy is being designed and will be kept in Tennessee until the next Match Up with Missouri in March 1997.

## New Melle-Music City Open—Jack Freeman Courts, Joelton, TN • Feb. 10-11, 1996 Sanction #33-96-003

### Championship Match Up Class

Joan Elmore (TN)	7-0	65.36%
Bobby Holland (AL)	6-1	55.00%
James Sears (KY)	5-2	50.00%
Jeannette Class (MO)	4-3	53.57%
Ron Hassler (MO)	4-3	50.71%
Pat Richardson (TN)	4-3	50.71%
Jim Howard (MO)	4-3	44.29%
Mary Ell (MO)	4-3	45.36%
Marlin Wells (IN)	3.5-3.5	45.71%
Clifford Collins (MO)	3-4	44.29%
Michael Byram (AL)	3-4	42.14%
Carol Martin (MO)	2.5-4.5	42.14%
Jerry Francis (MO)	2-5	41.07%
Floyd Maxwell (TN)	2-5	37.50%
Mick Gillette (MO)	1-6	50.36%

Joe Daniel (KY)	1-6	40.00%
A Maxine Griffith (TN)	6-0	84.17%
A Marlene Ray (TN)	4-2	80.83%
A Sue Snyder (KY)	4-2	76.67%
A Chad Hyatt (IN)	4-2	71.67%
A Sam Carter (MO)	2-4	66.25%
A Rose Diekamp (MO)	1-5	56.67%
A Don Titcomb (KY)	0-6	52.08%

B Elwyn Cooper (MO)	7-0	66.79%
C Donnie Roberts (OH)	7-0	56.43%
D William Brown (MO)	6-1	38.21%
E Sharon Gilliam (MO)	6.5-.5	41.79%
F Joyce Rehm (MO)	4.5-.5	29.50%
G Lloyd Buchheit (MO)	5-1	21.82%
H James Elmore (TN)	7-1	31.00%
I Rich Montgomery (MO)	6.5-.5	20.95%

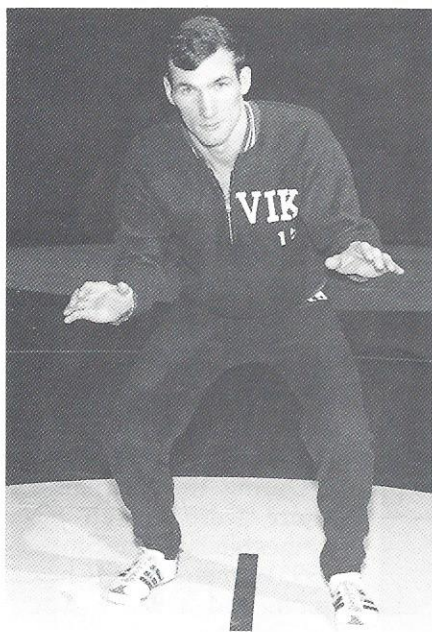
## The Sunday Special—Jack Freeman Courts, Joelton, TN.

### February 11, 1996 Sanction #33-96-004

A Dale Henry (IN)	7-0	67.86%
A Joan Elmore (TN)	6-1	63.21%
A Bill Ungetheim (IN)	5-2	60.36%
A Bobby Holland (AL)	3-4	51.79%
A Jim Culver (KY)	3-4	41.43%

A Ron Hassler (MO)	2-5	54.29%
A Michael Byram (AL)	1-6	41.07%
A Clifford Collins (MO)	1-6	41.07%
B Mary Beeson (MO)	5-0	43.00%
C Bob Cutright, Sr. (MO)	5-0	35.50%





# Wrestling Horseshoe Pitcher Inducted into Hall of Fame

by Dave Loucks

**F**orty years ago, a tall skinny high school freshman competing in only his second varsity wrestling match, suffered a close one point loss. That happened to Clarence Seal, a lanky 6-footer in the 123 pound category wrestling for Redmond High School in Redmond OR. Never again in four years of high school wrestling did Clarence lose. And rarely thereafter did anyone call him by his given name. Chuck was the name he preferred and as his wrestling prowess grew, few dared to address him otherwise.

Chuck Seal led Redmond to the 1959 State Wrestling Championship and graduated in 1960 as a 3-time state champion. Only a broken wrist prevented him from seeking a state title in his freshman year. The wrestling coach said he probably could have won with one hand, because Chuck was the strongest kid he had ever seen on a wrestling mat. He could wrestle at any weight, it didn't matter. His strength and uncanny balance enabled him to take on and beat opponents in much heavier weight categories.

After graduation, Chuck worked construction for five years before starting college at Portland State in 1966. Portland State was gaining a reputation in NCAA college division wrestling (now called Division II) and Chuck just pushed things along as he went on to a standout collegiate career. As a freshman, Seal compiled a 23-3 record in 1966, but due to eligibility rules, could not compete in national tournaments.

In 1967 at 152 pounds, he won the NCAA College Division National Championship while Portland State won the national team title. As a junior in 1968, Chuck wrestled at 145 lbs. and finished second at the College Division Nationals. In 1969, still at 145 pounds, Seal won his second College Division National title and fifth All-American honor. By graduation,

Chuck Seal had compiled an overall college wrestling record of 110-14-1.

Since college, Chuck Seal, now 54, has made a career of teaching. His wrestling skills have slowed with age but never left him as he has coached the sport in high school for years. Always an aggressive competitor, Chuck also coached football and competed in masters (35-over) wrestling tournaments. Along the way, as the knees began to wear, Chuck took up horseshoe pitching which today, along with fishing, is

*...not just a  
pitcher, but a  
"good pitcher."*

his current sports love. Chuck is not just a pitcher, but "a good pitcher" who throws a beautiful controlled 1¾ turn. He has won many tournaments in California and Oregon and a few years ago introduced the game to the Physical Ed classes at the middle school in Reedley, California, where he now lives and teaches with his lovely wife Louise, who also pitches.

In March, Chuck and Louise traveled to Greeley, Colorado, where the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships were being held on the 15-16th. The NCAA had invited past Division II champions to this year's national championship. For Chuck, it was not just old home week but a special occasion as well. The NCAA was inaugurating a Division II Wrestling Hall of Fame and Chuck Seal was one of eight prominent college wrestlers being inducted. The *Greeley Tribune*, the NCAA programs and hometown newspapers in Redmond and Reedley carried the announcement. Chances are, not too many horseshoe pitchers had any idea of what Chuck had accomplished in another sport. While he likes to talk about horseshoes and analyze his game and that of the juniors he coaches, seldom does he mention past accomplishments. Chuck Seal may not yet be a candidate for the NHPA Hall of Fame, but he has reached an athletic plateau few of us can claim.



# 1994 NHPA Membership List

by Bob Zeman

Because I am a charter officer, the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer sent me a copy of the 1994 NHPA Membership List in the summer of 1995. The purpose in distributing the list was to identify the number of delegates each charter was entitled to for the 1995 NHPA Annual Convention. Because the delegates are determined based on the charter's NHPA membership total, that information was also provided in the list. Also included were the winners of various membership awards for 1994. The November/December 1995 issue of *Newsline* also contained an article about membership awards.

For all the awards that I have read about, the basis for determining the winner is the same, simple head count. While not unusual in determining award winners, such a simplistic evaluation will overlook the efforts of those charters with comparatively small populations. I would suggest the NHPA consider membership recognition by charter population in addition to, or, in place of, simple head count.

The membership list shown at right has a column added for the 1993 census by state. NHPA charters have been combined into entire states to coincide with the census data. A column entitled Members/MIL. has also been added which portrays the state's NHPA members per million of population. The final column ranks all states by the number of NHPA members per million of population. The final line of the attached calculates that the 14,297 NHPA members represent 55.56 members per each million of the U.S. population. As can be seen, twenty-five states had membership per million of population above the national average, and, twenty-five states were below. Those top twenty-five contain only 25% of the population yet make up 55% of the NHPA's membership.

North Dakota and Wyoming have not, and most likely will not, receive any membership awards based on the present head count method of determining award recipients. However, how can their respective Members/Mil. of 546.46 and 436.17 respectively, go unrecognized. If North Dakota's average was the

national average, the NHPA would have 140,607 members, almost ten times its current membership.

Missouri was the winner of the 1994 Robert Pence Award for the charter with the largest adult membership (919). However, Missouri ranks sixth in Members/Mil. of population, or approximately one-third the membership ratio of North Dakota. I do not wish to minimize the wonderful accomplishments of the Missouri charter, but how can North Dakota's best-in-the-nation membership ratio go unrecognized? North Dakota, like many other charters, does not have the population base to compete head-to-head with the CA, NY, PA, TX, FL, IL, etc. charters.

I am requesting that the NHPA executive board review the criteria currently used to determine membership awards. With the capabilities built into most software programs, comparisons can be generated around just about any criteria imaginable. I would volunteer my assistance.

Your consideration of the above proposal will be greatly appreciated by us little guys. Thank you.

*Thanks Bob, for the suggestion and work compiling your charts. I have requested the Executive Council to consider your idea. We will at the same time evaluate the current membership awards and perhaps make some changes."*

**Dave Loucks**

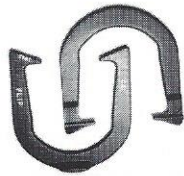
STATE	1994 NHPA MEMBERS	1993 POPULATION	MEMBERS/MIL.	RANK
ND	347	0.635	546.46	1
WY	205	0.47	436.17	2
NE	335	1.607	208.46	3
MN	919	4.517	203.45	4
SD	139	0.716	194.13	5
MT	160	0.839	190.70	6
MO	944	5.234	180.36	7
HI	193	1.171	164.82	8
ID	179	1.099	162.88	9
VT	92	0.576	159.72	10
CO	528	3.566	148.07	11
IA	395	2.814	140.37	12
NH	154	1.125	136.89	13
CT	393	3.277	119.93	14
WI	532	5.038	105.60	15
AK	59	0.579	101.90	16
KA	226	2.531	89.29	17
WV	151	1.82	82.97	18
NM	128	1.616	79.21	19
IN	448	5.713	78.42	20
ME	97	1.239	78.29	21
UT	145	1.86	77.96	22
OR	210	3.032	69.26	23
OH	728	11.091	65.64	24
NV	89	1.389	64.07	25
NATIONAL AVERAGE			55.56	
AR	131	2.424	54.04	26
WA	268	5.255	51.00	27
KY	184	3.789	48.56	28
IL	557	11.697	47.62	29
PA	567	12.048	47.06	30
AZ	172	3.936	43.70	31
MA	253	6.012	42.08	32
LA	178	4.295	41.44	33
OK	128	3.231	39.62	34
VA	251	6.491	38.67	35
CA	1145	31.211	36.69	36
SC	133	3.643	36.51	37
MD	170	4.965	34.24	38
NY	558	18.197	30.66	39
MS	79	2.643	29.89	40
TX	524	18.031	29.06	41
TN	132	5.099	25.89	42
NJ	202	7.879	25.64	43
MI	239	9.478	25.22	44
FL	296	13.679	21.64	45
NC	144	6.945	20.73	46
GA	119	6.917	17.20	47
AL	65	4.186	15.53	48
DE	3	0.7	4.29	49
RI	3	1	3.00	50
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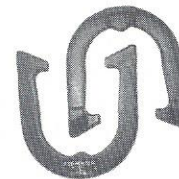
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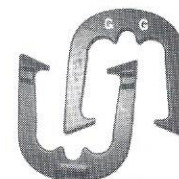


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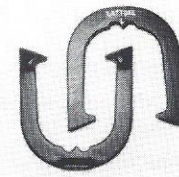
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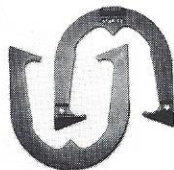
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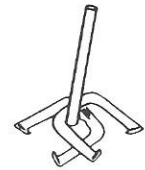
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Bob Champion's

# Charter Chatter



The World is not waiting for the sunrise...Horseshoe pitchers are waiting for the World Tournament to be held in Gillette, Wyoming July 22 to August 4.

If former entry figures for the tournaments in this neck of the woods are any indication, expect a large turnout for the 78th annual showcase of horseshoe pitching talent.

Over 100 pitchers in Colorado have indicated they plan to compete at Gillette, and challenge other states to top this figure.

Please send those newspaper clippings (or copies) to me anytime. They become a permanent record in the NHPA scrapbooks.

## ALABAMA

The Winter 1996 Newsletter from Alabama featured a story about Fred Betterton. It is believed that Fred was one of the original Huntsville members. He joined the NHPA in 1976 and has been active in competing through 1994. He finished first in Class B in 1985 and 1987 in State.

Fred will be eligible to pitch from 30 feet soon and his ringer percentage should improve. He pitched in three World Tournaments, 1980, 1982 and 1984. He finished second in the state tournament, 1983 and 1988 in Class A.

The 25 tournaments held from March 23 through October 19 will be held at just five facilities—Scottsboro, Huntsville, Eva, Montgomery, and Gadsden.

## ARIZONA

Regional Director Cal Cordes from Prescott has sent out a press release encouraging people to join horseshoe pitching. It reads in part: You pitch horseshoes against people of the same ability based on ringer percentage...All the courts are open to the public. Many backyard pitchers can become winners and have fun by coming to tournaments around Arizona.

The NHPA has sanctioned courts in Prescott, Mesa, Yuma, Tucson, Quartzsite, Salome and Cottonwood. All individuals regardless of your ability are welcome to come and pitch.

Prescott's Central Arizona YMCA Horseshoe Club has facilities for year-round pitching. The Horseshoe Club will provide some people to give lessons and supply videos. Pitching horseshoes is a game that can be played by any age group. Bring the kids and have some fun. You may surprise yourself at the ability you have.

## CALIFORNIA

The 1995 Northern California Club Team Champion is the San Jose Team #1—Daniel Espino, Dennis Freemyer, Jim Barnes and John Wisinski.

Inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame for 1995 are Elmer Wilson of the Yolo Club and Billie Sue Pennington from Stockton. California is proud of the World Senior Women's Champion Teddy Guillotte from the Tuolumne County Club.

Statistician Glenn Jamieson has compiled 11 pages for the Northern group including beginning average, number

of tournaments, games won and lost, high games and closing average...what else could you want?

It is no secret that Walter Ray Williams, Jr. heads the list with a beginning average of 90.09 and closing percentage of 86.47. The California pitcher can bowl, too.

The President's Day Eliminator was held February 17-18. After 2 days of qualifying, the top 8 pitchers in both groups advanced to the 16-person single game eliminator. John Stockstill from the Stockton Club defeated J.C. Hayes from the Shingle Springs Club in the final game to win the \$150 first prize. 18 of the 36 contestants received money.

After an absence of a couple of years, California will once again field a team at Team World in Beloit, Wisconsin. Traveling a greater distance than any other team and paying their own way will be team members Dave Loucks, Steve Wyrill, Gail Sluys and Teddy Guillotte.

## COLORADO

Regional Director Allen Baptist is proposing a training program for the State including four once a week sessions under the direction of two 40 and two 30-foot pitchers.

The Annual Weld Food Bank benefit tournament raised over \$850 plus 107 pounds of food. Colorado has two other special benefit tournaments, one in Strasburg for the senior citizens and one at the Pitchin' Post to benefit the Commerce City Lions Club.

Over 100 pitchers in Colorado have signed up to compete at the World Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming. They brought back nine World class titles when a large number visited Spearfish in 1993.

Colorado will send a foursome to the Team World Tournament in Beloit, Wisconsin for the second straight year. The state's team will be composed of Rich Pintor, Paul LaCrosse, Don Schneck and Allen Baptist.

## FLORIDA

Since 1961, Florida has had only 11 state Class A Champions. In fact, through 1992 they had only eight, but new champions have reigned supreme the last three years.

Heading the list, of course, is Carl Steinfeldt from Largo, who won consecutive titles from 1980 through 1992. His high percentage was 84.0 in 1984. He won the World Championship in 1976, the Senior Men's title at the World three times in 1988, 1990 and 1991, and the Intermediate crown in 1978.

In state competition John Rademacher from Plant City won 10 titles and Jon Clingan, Apopka, and Levi Miller, Sarasota each won two.

Paul Scheub is the Florida State Horseshoe Pitchers Association's selection to the Hall of Fame for 1996. Paul moved to Florida from Gary, Indiana in 1972. He was the state president in 1979 and held offices of vice president, Chairman of the Hall of Fame and Constitution and By-Laws committee. He served as Regional Director.

He attended 11 World Tournaments and qualified no lower than Class B at the World.

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## CHARTER CHATTER

### ILLINOIS

Mike (Green Dog) Green went 5-0 with a 50.5 to win Class A in the annual St. Valentine Day Massacre. Don Bailey finished second.

Other class winners were Nelson Blakely (5-0, 42.5) in Class B, Ed (Bud) Bell (3-0, 33.3) in "C" and Joe Beneky (5-0, 19.4) in "D."

Charlie Webb finished two games in front of Jerry Dumstorff to capture Class A in the Taterdome February Open. Webb closed with a 7-1 record and 65.9 percentage. Jerry had 5-2 mark and 67.8. Dennis Griesbaum had a 77.0% high game.

Dennis Davis, Leslie Dickerson and Verna Ramirez took the B, C and D crowns.

### INDIANA

We suppose this happens in every charter. That's why a lot of people pitch horseshoes and never complain. They have no right.

Only 42 members (and 17 guests) attended the Fall meeting of the Association. That means that 433 members have no right to complain.

It also could mean that everyone is perfectly happy with Indiana horseshoes and feels no need to attend. What would it take to get a larger participation at the annual meeting? What if someone started the rumor that dues would increase to \$20. Bet that would bring a crowd out for the meeting.

Percentages in the state through the 1995 state tournament in the Men's top five are Chad Hyatt 76.83, Mark Seibold 73.69, Dale Henry 67.73, Ralph Guffey 67.55 and Bob May 65.85.

Top five for the Women are Amy Tipton 61.45, Barbara McMonigle 61.11, Dorothy Pittman 58.60, Phyllis Yates 58.26 and Tammi Cunningham 57.60.

Junior Boys leaders are Allen Keen 66.82, Brent Keen 47.14, Jeremy Burgett 42.03, David Bradley 31.59 and Travis Thompson 25.16.

### KANSAS

Mary Ann Penninger and Jerry Holt finished one-two in both the New Year Mixed Open and the Valentine's Day Mixed Open. Mary Ann closed with a 73.12% figure in the Valentine event.

Dennis Edgington and Gregg Turner entertained eight children on Saturdays back in December. Instead of getting up an hour later and watching cartoons, these brave souls were venturing out in the cold to bring their horseshoes down to Midway Center for a little early morning pitching. The instructors started them out at a distance they could safely pitch and still hit the pit.

They all learned the flip, to keep good body balance and footwork while swinging their arms in rhythm. They practiced a lot.

In addition, they practiced proper safety techniques, including a safe distance behind other pitchers.

They concluded with a team effort in watering, turning and leveling the courts. Then everyone grabbed a broom and shovel to help clean up, having a ball doing this and feeling like they accomplished a major task.

### LOUISIANA

The Cajun Horseshoe Club has been busy installing eight new courts at their Welsh location and expect to have ten courts by the end of 1996 or early 1997 and are interested in hosting a State Tournament upon completion.

Four sites are now available for the State Singles, and/or Doubles. In 1997 Louisiana will begin a rotating schedule through 2000. Welsh will host the 1997 singles, Harahan the doubles.

Harahan and Welsh will host the two tournaments in 1998, Morgan City and Shreveport in 1999 and Shreveport and Morgan City in 2000.

The Cajun Club held their annual awards banquet at the end of the season. Awards were presented to the following members: O.S. Sid Plott Award for an outstanding member went to Bobbie Richard, The Pitcher of the Year and League Champion awards went to Rick Richard; the Sportsmanship Award went to Ricky Bergeron and the Most Improved pitcher was Lee Oliver.

At the Harahan Club, Rookie of the Year awards went to Bonnie Cannon and John Turbyne; Pat Strain and Mike Marshall were the Most Improved, and the Sportsmanship awards were won by Minnie Gauthreaux and George Spaulding.

This year the HHPA presented two special awards to people who are not members, but who contributed to the success of the club. They were Evelyn Smith and Nellie Hogan. The President's Award was garnered by Bill Smith.

### MICHIGAN

Many Wolverine pitchers are saddened by the passing of Canada's Merv Lichty. He was one of the organizers of the first Michigan-Ontario Friendship Tournament. More states should promote this type of team event with their neighbors.

Top five averages in four divisions in the state are as follows: The leaders for the men are Duane Govitz, Jr. 68.93, Dick Pelton 64.51, Jim Wiltse 63.88, Tom Williams 63.18 and Dean LeClair 62.90.

The women are led by Anne French 67.42, Judy Curtiss 65.61, Dorothy Falk 63.99, Kathy Yaworski 58.90 and Becky Perryman 57.10.

Kent Rundell tops the Elders with 66.03 followed by Claude Shannahan 63.48, Al Morris 60.20, Bob White 59.01 and Lowell Rollins 55.99.

The juniors are topped by Jim Urie 48.0, Frank Quillan 39.42, Diana Gore 29.52, Dale Gore, Jr. 28.09 and Collin Gibbs 26.42.

The four Class A winners in Jackson Tournament this year have been Dave Grambow, Marty Quillen and two by Kent Rundell.

### MINNESOTA

Four State pitchers were elected into the Hall of Fame. Short profiles of Dennis Carlson, promoter; Dean Heng, promoter; Lu Cave, pitcher; and Garland Goble, founder are as follows:

Carlson—From Little Canada, he has been a member of the MGSHPA since 1972. He has made a significant contribution to our sport as a state statistician for more than 10 years.

Heng—This Brooklyn Park resident was appointed



## CHARTER CHATTER

MGSHPA secretary-treasurer in 1990. At the time he stepped in to assist as co-editor of the *Ringer Digest* newsletter.

Cave—She is from Rice, and has worked her way up from being a State Class D Champion in 1978 to being a World class pitcher. Since 1992, Lu has qualified for the Women's World Championship Class, finishing in the top ten.

Goble—From St. Peter, Goble was the State's 1937 Champion, the first known and recorded 60 percent performance in the state tournament. There was no state association during the entire decade of his pitching activity, so we know little about his high ranking in the 1930s.

### NEBRASKA

How many horseshoe pitchers have collected antique tractors in their lifetime? How many horseshoe pitchers collect golf balls. Charter Chatter does.

Let's talk about antique tractors. Leonard Strobel, long-time horseshoe pitcher and supporter of the sport for many years, did collect antique tractors, but at the age of 83 he passed away February 19, 1996 at Central City, Nebraska.

He went to California in 1940, attended the Western Pipe and Steel Welding school and built ships during World War II.

Returning to Nebraska in 1946, he opened the L.W. Blacksmith Shop in Clarks, working there until his death.

Active in the community baseball program, he conducted four sanctioned horseshoe tournaments in 1995 in Merrick County. During his best pitching days, his sanctioned percentage was around 50. He actively promoted the sport during his lifetime. He had been battling cancer for the last several years.

### NEW JERSEY

Happy Birthday to the *Jersey Jargon*. They begin their 20th year of publication with the Spring issue. The popular newsletter was started in 1977 by Claude White. He continued as editor for 10 years and was forced by ill health to resign in 1986.

The banner was picked up by John Danco, then the secretary-treasurer of the state. He continued on the job until he relocated to North Carolina in 1990. The present editor is Anne Marie MacIntyre, wife of the state president Bill MacIntyre. I was told she volunteered for the job, and is publishing an outstanding newsletter.

Phil Zozzaro has stepped down as Regional Director for New Jersey and former State president Ron Vogel was chosen by the executive council to replace him.

The state had an all-time membership in 1995 of 220 adult members. In Las Vegas in January, Jim Reed finished 10th in Class F with a 7-4 record and 35% average. Ron Vogel in Class K, pitched 26%, finishing 6th at 8-3.

### NEW YORK

Lorraine Thomas is back on the courts. If you have only been pitching horseshoes for the last few years, then you might think Lorraine Thomas is a newcomer. She's been an important part of women's horseshoes in the state from the beginning, when she was the first woman to win the state woman's title in 1963.

Lorraine has amassed some impressive statistics during her pitching career and holds, or has held, many records since that first title in 1963. In 1964, she started her quest

for the World title and won it just four short years later in 1968 in Keene, New Hampshire. She won her second title in 1974.

Starting in 1965 and for the next 9 years, Lorraine either won the World title or came in second or third in the Championship Class at the World Tournament

During that period of time and somewhat beyond, four or five women dominated women's horseshoe pitching at the World level, and two of the were from New York State—Lorraine Thomas and Ruth Hangen from Getzville. Between them they won the World title seven times.

### NORTH CAROLINA

Chatter wonders how many states have honored someone from their Parks and Recreation Departments. In the latest newsletter from the state *Down and Back*, they focused on their last Hall of Famer coming from their City Parks Department.

He is John Goins, who has been involved in directing horseshoe tournaments over a period of time longer than any other person in the history of N. Carolina horseshoes.

Although he is involved in promoting other sports such as softball, football, golf and tennis, John continues to promote horseshoes on his own time with no extra pay.

He still directs three of their largest tournaments, and did team up with Joe White in getting the horseshoe courts in Miller Park named in honor of Randall Jones.

He describes horseshoes as the greatest sport for several reasons: It is simple, requires no great strategy, represents one on one competition with pressure, and allows a lower player to get hot and knock off a top pitcher.

### OREGON

The pitchers of the Oregon City Horseshoe Club are faced with the annoying task of digging their pits out of 1-3 inches of mud...and we don't mean the clay you frequently call "mud."

The waters have receded from Clackamette Park in Oregon City. "We knew the flood was gonna get it again," says Elmer Otnes, co-founder of the club. "There's not much a person can do about it but wait for it to be over and clean it up."

The club's seen it all before in 1974, the year after their first tournament. They were covered by 10 feet of water. It will be April before they can attack the mud. "All of our club will help," says Otnes, "plus volunteers from other horseshoe clubs." They will have the courts in order by the time they host the Old Timers Open on May 26.

The Newberg Club is working on a plan to cover and enclose eight of their 16 courts. If the plan is approved, George McLeod will be recruiting a lot of volunteer help.

### PENNSYLVANIA

The State's historians have been working overtime through the years. They have come up with a list of firsts from 1899 through 1995. Chatter is limited to space so we will cover the first 70 years and proceed in future issues to cover all the years.

The first organized league in the World was in Meadville in 1899. The first pitchers in the World tournament were A.D. Morgan and C.A. Grant in 1919. The Pennsylvania

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## CHARTER CHATTER

HPA was organized in 1927 and Melvin George was the first State Champion.

In 1955 John Fulton was the first to win 5 State Championships in a row. The first Junior champion was Larry Thompson in 1963. Number one as the Women's Champion was Opal Corbett in 1965, who also was the first woman to be inducted into the State Hall of Fame in 1977.

In 1967 Dan Kuchcinski was the first PA World Champion and in 1969 the first World Championship held in Pennsylvania was pitched in Erie.

Two men, Herb Pinch and Joe Abbott, were given the first NHPA Achievement Award in 1969. *(Continued next issue.)*

### UTAH

The figures presented below represent lifetime money winners.

Topping the top money winners is Dennis Ohms from Cedar City with \$1,900.78. Lorin Condie collected \$1,782.71, John Bracken was third with \$1,628.28, followed by Cleo Wardle \$1,448.72, Glen McAllister \$1,440.36, Shirley Steffen \$1,366.09, L.D. Aldredge \$1,303.00, J.J. Steffen \$1,157.17, Cal Sorensen \$1,082.61, and Leo Irvine \$1,035.02.

Ohms also leads the state in victories with 740, followed by McAllister with 689, Condie 638, J.J. Steffen 615 and Shirley Steffen 606.

Four of the Ohms children figured in the top 15 on games won with Abe heading the state with 210. Seth and Jenny are tied with 133 and Amy had 50 in 14th place.

At the Las Vegas tournament this year, Gary Wood placed in the money. The rest of the group—Bob Miller, Cleo Wardle, Leola Peterson, Dennis Ohms, and Bud Schardine had lots of fun making money keeping score. Each game paid \$2.00, \$1.00 per player...much more than 25¢ in Utah.

Bud Schardine sponsored two invitational Sweetheart Valentine Tournaments in the basement of the Springville High School Feb. 10 and 17. The courts are permanent with good lights and fencing. The first place winner in each class received a horseshoe pitching cowboy trophy.

In the February 10 event Sherlyn Feltenbarger captured the Class AA title with Del Feltenbarger taking the Class B crown.

Bud Schardine won Class AA on February 17 with Lamont Gardner winning in Class A. Del took second in the Class A event on the 17th.

### WASHINGTON

The cover picture on the Washington State newsletter *Shoe News* depicts Vi and Verl Webb of the Olympia Club. Verl was a 1995 WSHPA Hall of Fame honoree.

This popular couple celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on January 28th. Verl is feeling better now that his medication is at half dosage. Vi has recovered from her eye surgery and will have the other one done later.

Lee Wallace from Dallas, Oregon was the 1995 "Mr. Horseshoe" last Fall at the Pacific Northwest Championship Tournament at Yakima. One of the friendliest pitchers around, Lee has a collection of horseshoe memorabilia that has amazed those who have seen it.

Herb Criss (6-0, 58.6) won Class A in the Washington Winter Classic in Seattle, one game in front of Herb Pidde (5-1, 58.3). Bill Van Egdome won Class B (6-0, 53.6), John

Lockhart captured "C" (6-1, 55.0), and Marion Smith took Class D (6-1, 34.0).

### WEST VIRGINIA

The big news coming out of West Virginia centers around the fact that Morgantown, WV has bid for the 1998 World Tournament.

Spearheaded by Charles M. Bunner from Fairmont who, by the way, sends a packet of newspaper clippings for the NHPA scrapbooks every three months, they have located a building large enough to house 46-48 courts. The building measures 175' by 307' and allows for portable bleachers on each end.

It is expected that 2000 entries are a possibility since the city is in Northern West Virginia, 77 miles from Pittsburgh, 205 from Columbus, 219 from Cleveland, 384 from Ontario, Canada, and 155 from Charleston, WV.

Bunner has been working hard for horseshoes. Eleven years, plus the lobbying efforts at the local, county, state and federal levels of government, have finally resulted in the bid.

### WISCONSIN

Chatter admires those statisticians who labor long hours to furnish up-to-date percentages for the pitchers in their state. Several newsletters publish these averages, and if you remember "names make news" these percentages make a lot of people happy, except those on the bottom of the list.

For the Men, Randy Rein tops the list with a 72.59, followed closely by Don Kangas with 72.14. Completing the top five were John Udelhofen with 64.54, Mark Mauthe 64.11, and Larry Barber 64.10.

Clayton Gage tops the Seniors by a small margin over Ralph Maylahn, 74.87 to 74.26. In third place is Harold Bestul with 64.41, Merwyn Sorensen has 60.49 and in fifth was Felix Kubly 55.30.

Two more Reins are in the spotlight with the Boys figures. Shannon has 42.03, Jason Goldsmith was second with 39.26, followed by Lee McFarlane 38.25, Wesley Rein 37.40 and Erik Bottley 33.24.

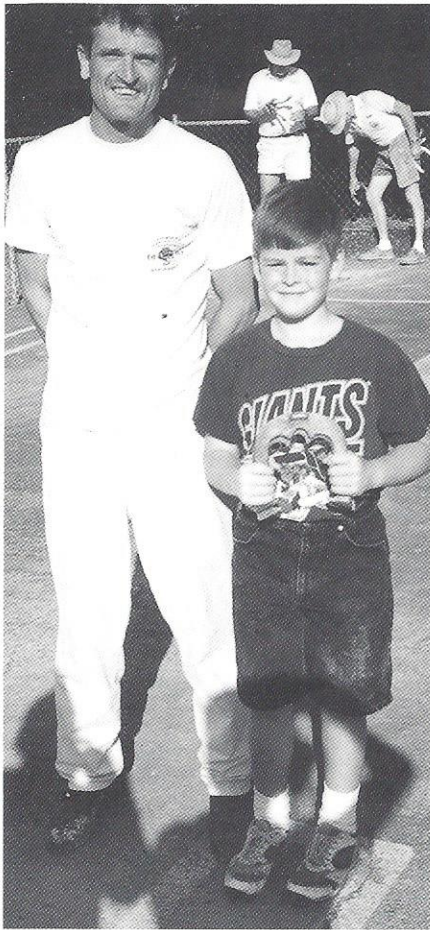
Lorraine Sternberg is far out in front in the Women's list with 79.94. Second in line is Edith McKinney 68.78, followed by Jane Smith 66.48, Pam Steinke 65.44 and Suzanne Helene 57.84.

1995 World Champion Penny Steinke tops the Girls with 57.99.

### What Exactly Do People Do On Vacation?

- They spend more money than they can afford;
- Sleep in unfamiliar, uncomfortable places;
- Eat strange food that makes them sick, and
- Get up at 5:00 a.m. to spend twelve hours wandering around looking at things too big, too old or too puzzling to understand, all the while wanting nothing more than a good night sleep at home in their own bed.





## Lend A Hand to the Young

Jeff Williams is not old in age, but is horseshoewise. Jesse Englert is young, eager and hopeful, but not horseshoewise. The two met in late October 1995 on the courts of the Sonoma County Club in Santa Rosa, California. Young Jesse surely thought to himself, as he shook Jeff's hand, *this guy won a World Championship when he was as small (young) as me. Maybe I too can do it.* Wishful thinking, maybe, but our juniors dream, and look to the experienced for help.

Jeff, one of four brothers in the renown Williams horseshoe pitching family, smiled confidently as he shook Jesse's hand. Perhaps he was reflecting upon his early day pitching prowess, back to that day in 1973 at the World Tournament in Eureka, California, when he dethroned his older brother Walter Ray. Jeff was a small youngster then, who set an enviable pace of left-handed pitching, while upsetting the current cham-

panion, his equally skilled brother, in a close game of four-dead cancellation that thrilled the audience. A tournament average of 85.5% could be reflected upon as could another Jr. World Title in 1976 at an even better percentage of 87.8%. While most of us reflect on the past, youngsters dream of what could be. Let's help those dreams along Lend your hand and help to a junior. (The Editor wishes to thank Stewart M. Snyder for the basis of this article.)

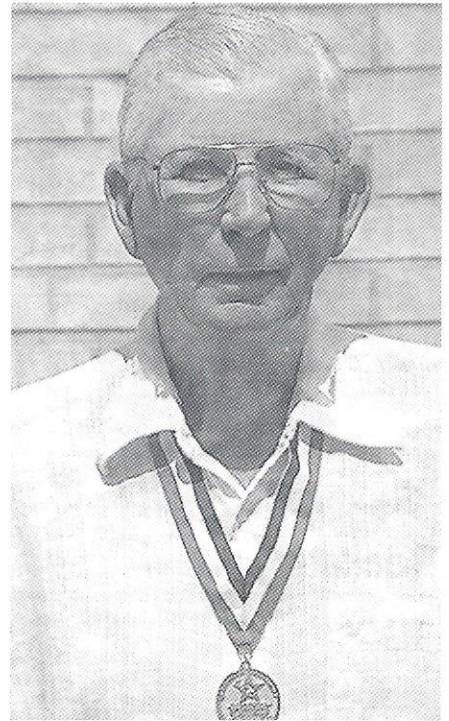
## Nova Scotia HPA Supports Special Olympics

For the past 14 years, the Nova Scotia HPA has organized and conducted all the horseshoe pitching activities of the N.S. Special Olympics. They supply the portable courts, horseshoes, direction and needed support to those less fortunate.

Over the years, the association has adjusted formats and distances to make horseshoe pitching an attractive and fun event in their Special Olympics. Apparently, they have done extremely well and the word got out. In 1995, the unexpected happened. Registration for horseshoe pitching was so high that they had to put a cap on entries in order to accommodate and provide the individual attention needed to complete a successful program. Nova Scotia would like to hear from any other regions that also conduct Special Olympics horseshoe competition. In particular, to obtain a comparison of successful programs, techniques and formats. Even if you haven't yet gotten involved with Special Olympics but have just been seeking a way to get started, why not get in touch? Write to Jack Whiting, 37 Oakwood Ave., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada B2W 3C8.

## Arkansas Pitcher Senior Olympic Champ

Ira Scott of Hot Springs is 78 years old and can't seem to get enough of horseshoes. Growing up in Illinois, he first threw horseshoes while in the 7th grade and held Ellis Griggs, the state champion, as his idol. Involved with sport of one kind or another



most of his life, Ira put horseshoe pitching aside after college, while he became involved with track and basketball as a coach and athletic director at the high school level. After retirement in 1977, he moved to the Hot Springs area where he and wife Louise live on Lake Catherine.

Together with Bill Webb, they built the courts at Malvern City Park and formed the Arkansas Horseshoe Pitching Association in 1979. Additional clubs in Ozark, Fayetteville, Mountain Home and Dierks have followed. Ira has been the Arkansas charter president, secretary and statistician. Currently, he is the president of the Hot Springs league.

A year ago, May, in San Antonio, TX, Ira won the 75-79 year old category at the National Senior Olympics. His 70% pitching average was too much for the other seniors to handle. Ira is justly proud of his horseshoe accomplishments and the NHPA and Arkansas HPA are equally proud of him.

## Oregon Outfits Mobile Horseshoe Museum

The idea of a museum was presented at the OHPA winter meeting in 1990. In 1991, Frank and Clara Moan

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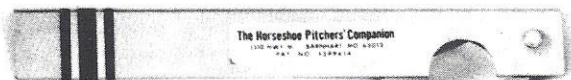
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donated a 19-foot travel trailer. As the trailer was housed at Bill Graham's home in Bend, the Bend club did the majority of the remodeling.

The horseshoe memorabilia contributions from Bob West, an Oregon State Champion for many years, and well-known at World Tournaments as well, helped immensely. Other donations followed and at this writing 48 different people or families have contributed. We have over 40 different makes of horseshoes, old, picnic, and modern—not to compare with Earl Winston's NHPA collection—but very interesting.

Another program started in 1992 features photo albums for the clubs in the State. We try to get pictures of an entire class plus the winners at each tournament. Those pictures go into each club's album and becomes a yearly record of participation and winners.

Last year's display at the State Tournament in Oregon City produced two "finds" for the year—a lady, Ellen Forslund, who won the Women's Championship at age 14, back in 1941, and a former men's State Champion from 1937. The year also produced one of the 1969 State Doubles Champions—1969 was the first year Oregon came out with a Doubles trophy (now on display in the museum).

We exhibit plaques, plates, ribbons, trophies, albums (both donated and individual clubs) horseshoes, caps, t-shirts, jackets, framed pictures, paperwork, old posters, our hall of fame and honor roll plaques, two horse horseshoe donated items (one a chair, and the other a magazine stand), plus other items. Two plaques being worked on at present: one will be an OHPA logo mounted at the rear of the museum, and the second will be a plaque honoring the workers. The museum is presently residing in Dallas, Oregon.



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# Candidates for 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.*

## 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.*

## DICK HANSEN

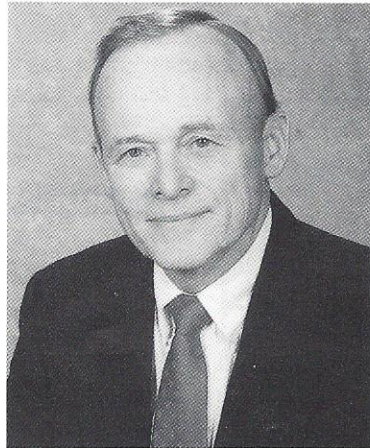
### Announces Candidacy for Secretary/Treasurer

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.*



## J. Fred Brown Candidate for NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Having been a NHPA member for 26 years and holding many positions within civic and private organizations, I'm qualified to serve the NHPA members as their Secretary/Treasurer. Let the people have a choice. Let me be your voice.

*I ask for your support  
in the 1996 election.*

Thank you. Fred

# Two Bids for 1998 World

The 1998 World Tournament had interest from three sites but we ended up with two bids.

**Ainsworth, Nebraska**, site of the 1986 World, is inviting the NHPA to return. Ainsworth has 24 inground courts and would set up 16-18 NHPA portables in East City Park. The proposed dates are July 20-31, 1998. The bid was the basic \$15,000 plus \$6,000 to the NHPA for the trophies, which Ainsworth wants us to buy. This is a normal option of the World Contract open to any bidder. Ainsworth is located in the North/Central part of the state on Hwy. 20 between Valentine and O'Neill.

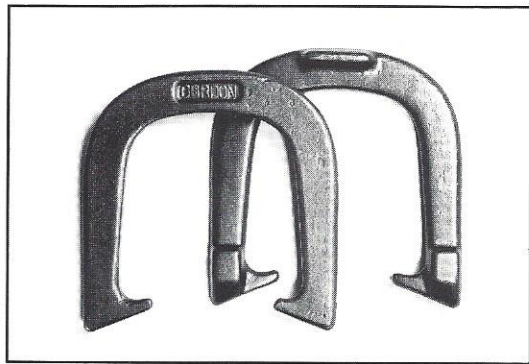
**Greater Morgantown, West Virginia** bid \$15,000 plus they will buy the trophies. They propose July 27-August 8, 1998 in the Shell Building at the WV University, where many major NCAA sporting events are held. This is an indoor facility which should accommodate up to 48 courts and seating for 1000 spectators. The building is not air-conditioned but does have large exhaust fans for cross ventilation which allows use of this building in any season. Morgantown is located in North/Central WV at the junction of Interstate 79 and 68, one hour south of Pittsburgh.

## Special Reminder To All Charter Presidents

If your charter is to be represented by voting delegates at the 1996 Convention, you must first comply with an action specified in NHPA Bylaws. It says, "the Charter President must provide to the NHPA President, at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention, a written and signed list of delegates, naming the delegation Chairman."

Some Charters have already sent their list. Don't overlook this important requirement. Your delegates won't be seated and allowed to vote if they are not on the pre-admission list.





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# Special Events Calendar

## 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.

## AUGUST 1996

- 2-18 Ohio State Fair Open**—Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH. \$8,000 or greater purse. Pre-register by July 2nd. Entry \$20, juniors free. This is a mixed event. For details and forms contact Ohio State Fair, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus OH 43211, phone 614-644-4040 or contact tournament director Donnie Roberts, 1240 S. 17th St., Columbus, OH 43206, 614-444-2127.

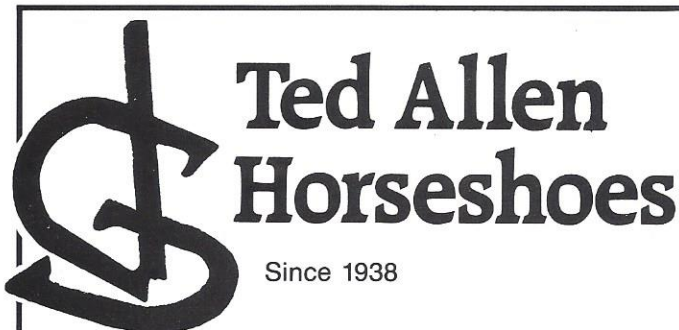
## SEPTEMBER 1996

- 21 Wally Shipley Walking Doubles**—Bakersfield, CA, 26 courts in Beach Park. Pick your own partner, combined ringer percentage not to exceed 100%. Wally adds \$500 prize money to be evenly divided between all first place team winners in each group. For details, contact Mike Kingenberg, 805-831-8241.

## NOVEMBER 1996

- 2-3 Music City Team Tournament**—Joelton, TN at the Jack Freeman indoor courts. Three pitchers per team, maximum 24 teams, mixed play, no juniors. Entry fee \$75. per team, deadline October 14, 1996. Cash prizes about \$3,000 based on 24 teams. Contact Mary C. Bastian, 3730 Old Charlotte Pike, Franklin, TN 37069. Phone 615-794-5620.

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# Rule Proposal Deadline

We have received a number of rule change proposals already. The deadline for submitting rule changes is December 31, 1996—they need to be sent to me, Casey Sluys, and post-marked by that date.

In previous years many proposed rule changes were not considered due to lack of specifics. By lack of specifics I mean actual Rule numbers, the sections, and the paragraphs you wish to change. One cannot expect the Rules Committee to interpret what was meant by a vague phrase or a poorly written proposal. Please be very specific when submitting your proposals. Each Rule has a number, there are 13 rules, each rule is divided into sections, then paragraphs, and finally sub-paragraphs. i.e. Rule 13, section A, number 1b. If the change that you wish to propose is an addition, then try to find the best location within our rules for this addition. If there is some question as to where you think the best fit is, then the rules committee will decide where to insert it.

As usual, there is a proposal to change the score calling method. The primary reason there are so many different calls throughout our organization is the continuous changing of the "official score calling methods."

We really should leave this alone for four to six years to see if we can get the charters to comply to what is stated in the rules. The following is how the *Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching*, Rule 8, section A, number 2a1 through b3 states the score should be called: *no score, 1 point, 2 points, 1 ringer 3 points, 1 ringer each 1 point, 3 ringers 3 points, 2 ringers 6, one ringer each no score, and 4 dead.*

It's in the rules. Let's all begin using this for the next few years and see if we can effect a change toward a standardized score calling method. It will improve the image of the game when there is consistency throughout the organization. Other sports have rules they must adhere to—why couldn't we use proper score calling methods?

# The Toll of Time

## PATRICIA ALLREAD

The Ohio HPA lost a good friend and supporter of the game February 17, 1996 with the untimely death of Pat E. Allread of Greenville. Pat, a member of the Darke County Horseshoe Club died at the scene of an automobile accident on Ohio 49-South near Abbotsville. Mrs. Allread was born October 22, 1934 and married in March 1958 to William Allread. They had a son and two daughters, all who will miss this kindhearted person.

## OLIVER SMITH

Northern California and the NHPA were saddened by the April 1, 1996 death of Oliver Smith. Born April 18, 1928, Oliver was a resident of Alamo, California and a long-time member of the Tri-Valley Horseshoe Club in Pleasanton. Oliver Smith was the Director of NatStats, the NHPA center for maintaining pitching averages. Since the beginning when he, with the help of his son Peter, developed the computer program to maintain averages, Oliver worked tirelessly for the membership both at home and in the computer room at recent World Tournaments. Always the optimist, Oliver fought a losing battle against cancer, which finally took him about a month after surgery in an east coast hospital. Oliver is survived by his wife Marge and three sons, Todd, Bryan and Peter.

## CHARLIE STRAIN

Louisiana and Harahan Horseshoe Club member Charlie Strain died suddenly February 12, 1996 from a massive heart attack. A friend to all who knew him, Charlie was always there to help others and assist in the running of tournaments. In 1993, he took charge of the oldest groups at the Senior National Olympics in Baton Rouge, directing them through the tournament process.

The NHPA was fortunate to have Charlie and wife Pat as office workers at recent World Tournaments where they were always willing to lend a hand. More than 50 horseshoe friends were in attendance at the funeral service, testimony of how much this gentleman was respected.

*Newsline has heard of the recent passing of the following other members, but few details are known.*

## EARL BLANTON

Age 86, Northern California and Mosswood Club member, died March 19, 1996.

## MERVIN LICHTY

Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, died February 19, 1996. Merv was the statistician for Horseshoe Ontario.

## LEONARD STROBEL

Central City, Nebraska, died February 19, 1996 at age 83.

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Membership Dues .....	\$56,555.00
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Patch and Misc. Income .....	87.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees .....	3,400.00
1990 Georgia World Shortfall Payment .....	627.00
1995 World Fees Collected .....	245.00
1997 World Payment against bid, Kitchener .....	5,000.00
1998 World Bid Deposits .....	17,000.00
Pitney Bowes Postal Meter refund .....	468.00
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Bank & Affinity Card Interest .....	1,248.00

**Total 3 Month Income   \$253,767.00**

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Sanctioned League Office .....	198.00
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1995 World Junior Trust Accounts .....	1,425.00
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**Total 3 Month Expense   \$194,308.00**

**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.

## A Poem To Share

My name is Don Pratt. I have been a member of your organization since 1990. Since then I have very much enjoyed the sport of horseshoes. I have seen a different side of the game. I, like many people, thought that horseshoes was something you only did at picnics and in your backyard—boy was I wrong. I have competed in the last 2 World Tournaments finishing 1st in my class in '94 and 4th in '95 in a much higher class. I hope to make this year's W.T. in Wyoming, the good Lord willing. I have competed in many other tournaments and have done very well. The thing I like best, though, is the quality of people who are involved with the sport. They are the best!

I just wanted to let other people know that horseshoes is a great sport, so I wrote this poem, *More Than A Picnic Thing*, and put it in my weekly column in the local newspaper. I thought that it might be good to put in *Newsline*, so other players could use it to show people in their areas. We need to get folks more informed about this great sport of ours.

### *More Than A Picnic Thing!*

*Some say the game's a silly one  
and not a sport at all.*

*No players draft, no contract deals  
no use of any ball.*

*We don't have big ole stadiums  
or booster clubs for cheers.*

*Nobody wants our autographs.  
No self funded careers.*

*The fans don't fight to get a seat  
or stand in line all day*

*"It's really just a picnic thing,"  
I heard somebody say.*

*Well, speaking from experience,  
I know that it is more.*

*The game of horseshoes is a sport  
and one that I adore.*

*Some hold the shoe so it will flip,  
while others make it turn,*

*It's up to all the athletes  
and what they've come to learn.*

*There's tournaments around the world.*

*A class for everyone.*

*The atmosphere is really great  
and it's a lot of fun.*

*So, check it out, when time allows,  
and see what's happening.*

*As horseshoes is a super sport,  
not just a picnic thing.*

 **By Don Pratt**



# State Tournament Results

## COLORADO, Milliken STATE DOUBLES

Feb. 3, 1996 Sanc.#13-96-003

CLASS A	W-L	%
Dan Martinez	7-0	55.7
Jim Tulk	7-0	50.0
Rich Pintor	5-2	58.7
Pete Pintor	5-2	28.8
Larry Riley	4-3	45.1
Janie Thompson	4-3	46.1
Don Schneck	4-3	49.5
Richard Pintor	4-3	40.5
Marcos Munoz	3-4	46.9
Tony Gentry	3-4	27.8
Allan Withrow	2-5	37.8
Don Wild	2-5	50.0
Bob Engel	2-5	47.3
Clarence Garner	2-5	32.4
Paul Lacrosse	1-6	62.0
Ken McKenzie	1-6	15.0
B Darlene Shirley	6-1	51.2
B Dave Shirley	6-1	35.3
C Jerry Jaramillo	7-0	48.4
C Cliff Huff	7-0	28.0
D Stan Bonnes	8-1	25.4
D John Petraitis	8-1	25.9
E J.R. Ewing	6-2	23.8
E Bob Walker	6-2	19.3

## NEW JERSEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Flemington Fair

Aug29-Sep3, '95 Sanc.#51-95-030

ELDER CLASS (70+)	W-L	%
Ray Shober	4-0	42.6
Don Schmidt	2-2	40.0
A. Waisempacher	0-4	26.7

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS	W-L	%
Joe McCrink	15-0	75.1
Bob Brown	13-2	60.1
Bob Manzoni	11-4	57.7
Geo Patrick	10-5	47.8
Ron Ballinger	9-6	50.3
Lou Testa	9-6	47.5
Gil Franke	9-6	47.3
Matt Hardy	8-7	50.3
Bryan Schneider	8-7	47.5
George Egal	7-8	47.0
Wayne Harrison	5-10	52.4
Charles Oakes	5-10	44.0
Nate Shelton	5-10	41.3
Paul Prouty	4-11	45.0
B. Urban	2-13	44.0
Charles Davis	0-15	27.0
A Hobard Shelton	6-1	49.7
B Frank Paris	5-2	37.4
C Jeff Brown	5-2	33.3
D V. Drouin	7-0	34.3
E Gene Lupo	7-0	22.8
F Al Birchler	6-1	34.7
G Ken Bulmer	7-0	35.2
H Jaimie Thomason	6-1	30.4
I Arnie Penn	6-1	22.1

## NEW JERSEY DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP Flemington Fair

Sep. 3, 1996 Sanc.#51-95-027

CLASS A	W-L	%
Bob Manzoni	8-1	46.6
Tom Skinner		

CLASS B	W-L	%
Paul Tumey	5-2	40.2
Harry Lucas		

CLASS C	W-L	%
Jeff Brown	8-0	27.8
Gene Castner		

CLASS D	W-L	%
Larry Murphy	7-0	26.1
Ken Bulmer		

## TENNESSEE, Joelton INDOOR STATE TOURNAMENT

March 30, 1996 Sanc.#33-96-008

A MEN	W-L	%
Jack Conner	4-1	61.6
Shannon Banks	3-2	55.2
E.T. Hensley	3-2	54.8
Pat Richardson	2-2	47.7
Tom Price	2-2	47.7
Frank Jones	0-5	46.4

A WOMEN	W-L	%
Maxine Griffith	4-1	79.2
Marlene Ray	3-2	74.8
Joan Elmore	0-4	64.0
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Carolyn Boehnemann		47.1

Paul McCreery	3-4	62.7
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Hazel McCall		46.2
Tommy Valenta	2-5	47.2
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F Kim Holt		15.7
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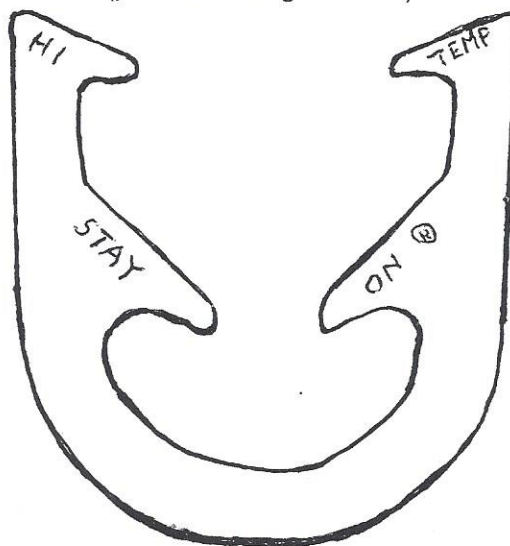
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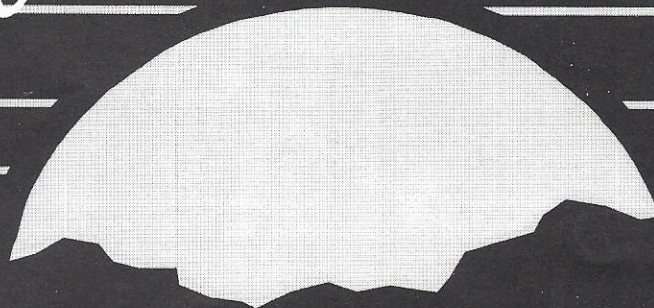
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