



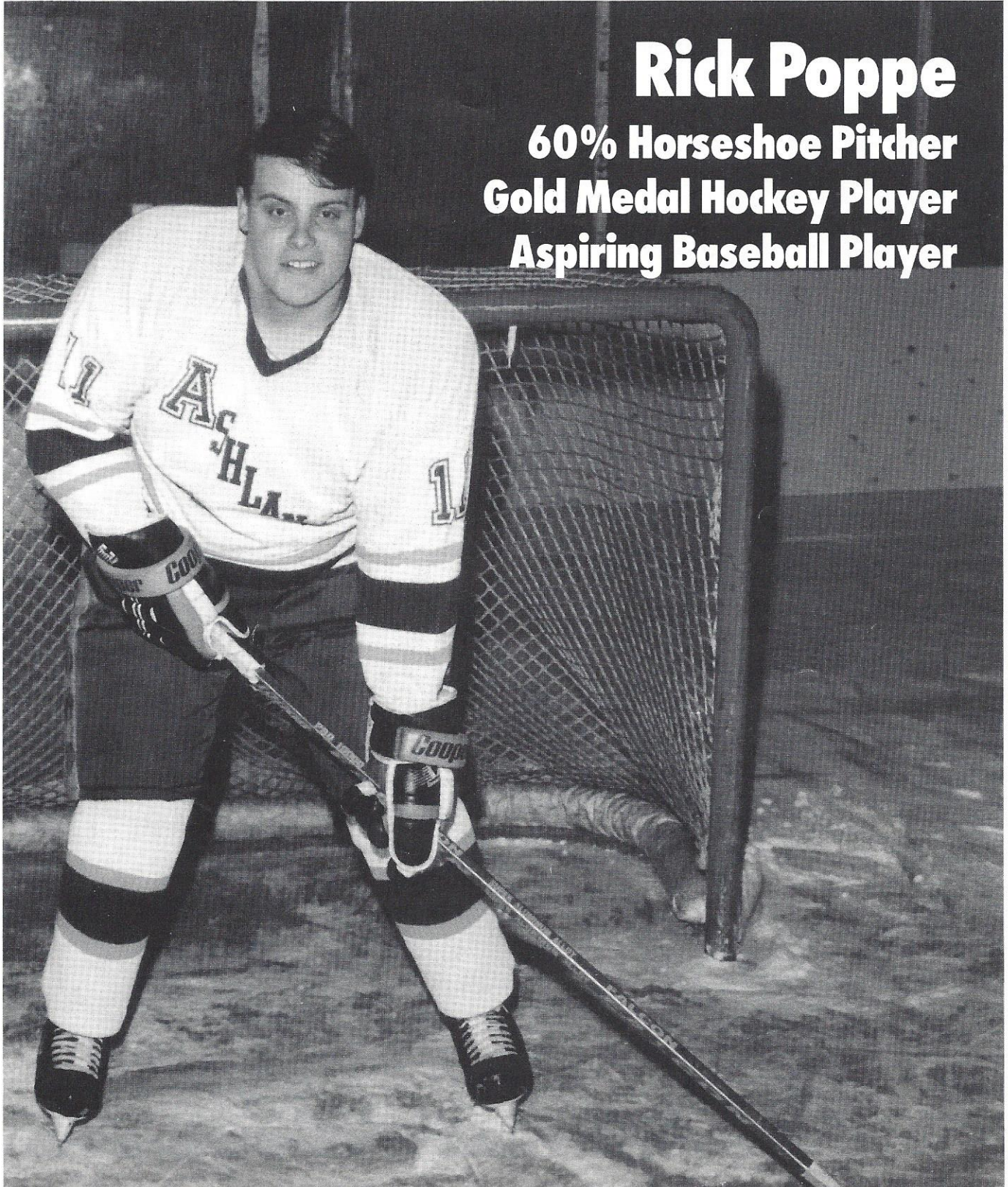
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Rick Poppe *see cover story on page 15.*

President's Message

NHPA business has kept me quite busy the last month and won't let up until the middle of June and then only for a couple of weeks when it's off to Gillette for the World Tournament. I plan to be there 5 days in advance of the start to tie together all the last minute loose strings. We are going in with 1,536 entries which is the second highest number ever, exceeded only by the 1,700 in Columbus in 1992. That record will most likely be broken next year in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

The first weekend of May, Cathie and I flew to Chicago where we met three other California teammates who had flown in from different points. We rented an auto and drove to Beloit, Wisconsin for the Team World Tournament. As always, the event was fun and full of strong competition. We finished 10th out of 24 teams. You can read full details of the Tournament elsewhere in this issue.

Back to Chicago Sunday night after Team World to catch a flight to Toronto, Canada. Took two days to visit some relatives in North Bay and then down to Kitchener on Wednesday for a three day visit and site inspection of the Memorial Auditorium Complex which will host the 1997 World Tournament. Site inspections are more than just getting a general idea of what's there. We have to evaluate the proposed court layout to see if all will actually fit and still allow proper spacing and spectator viewing. The curved concrete ice arena floors of the Auditorium present a challenge for proper layout, especially with the hoped for 64 courts. It may be that we will have to settle for 56 courts.

Horseshoe Ontario is building the courts and scoreboards to be used at the World. They are very similar to the NHPA owned portables but are fabricated with metal sides rather than wood. I inspected and pitched on the courts while visiting the K.W. Khaki Club in Wellesley. Found them and the clay to be excellent. They should work very well for the World.

The Kitchener Memorial Auditorium is a large complex that actually has three arenas. We will be using the smaller Kinsmen and Kiwanis Arenas which are side by side but separated by several dressing rooms, above which is a viewing lounge which will be available to spectators. Permanent bleachers are set up on one side of the Kinsmen Arena while portable seating will have to be brought into the Kiwanis Arena. On the second level of the complex, several rooms will be made available to the NHPA for office, computer, press and game related product sales. Booths for future bidders, pitcher registration, results posting and such will be set up in the lobby between the East and West entrances. RV parking with partial hookups will be provided in the Northwest section of the grounds.

Kitchener is a friendly city with many motels and restaurants covering a full range of prices. U.S. residents will find prices comparable to stateside and should not

be concerned by what initially looks like a larger amount. The Canadian dollar is currently converting to about 70 cents U.S. so if you charge on plastic as I did, you'll get a lower total than expected when your monthly charge card bill comes in the mail. Many places take U.S. dollars but you don't do too well when converting at individual businesses. You'll want to pay Canadian dollars where you don't charge and the Auditorium plans to set up a courtesy money exchange booth at the tournament site.

After many hours of phone and fax exchanges with the NHPA auditor, our March 31, 1996 year end financial statement has been completed. There were no big problems even with the December change in Secretary/Treasurer and moving more than 20 bank accounts to a new financial institution. Much of the credit must go to Dick Hansen who stepped in at a critical time and has done a wonderful job. The year end report is printed in this issue.

Glenn Jamieson has also done a great Service to the NHPA by taking over NatStats after the death of Oliver Smith. Things had gotten behind due to Oliver's extended hospitalization and Glenn has brought them current and had the World Tournament entries confirmed by June 1st. I did the World schedule based on the total entries given me and met with Glenn on June 4th to take receipt of his printouts. I then took that info, cut and pasted, added the schedule and had everything printed and mailed First Class by June 7th. All entrants should have received their schedule by the 15th of June, a full five weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

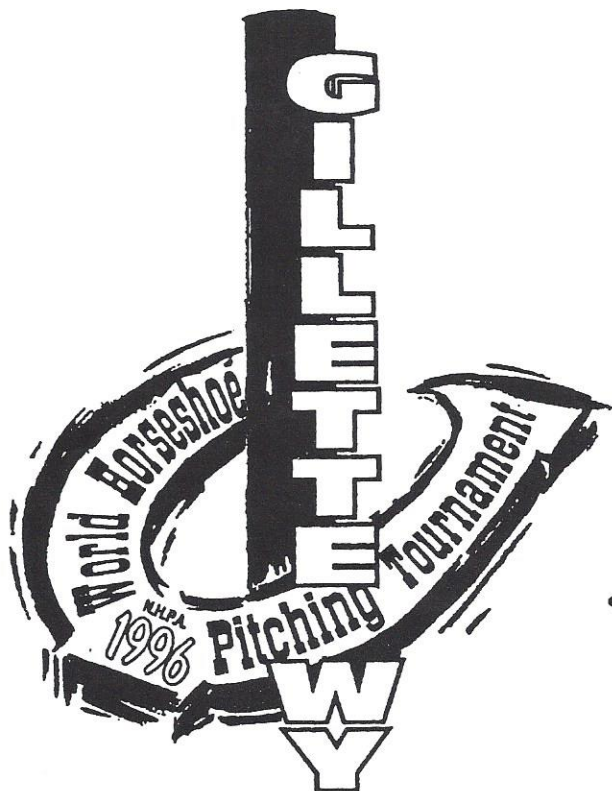
On June 11th I flew to Nashville to meet with Jack Freeman and the attorney who is setting up the charitable foundation that should enable us to take over the Joelton horseshoe complex developed by Dr. Freeman. If all the legal and tax provisions can be met, the NHPA may be able to take control of the complex by 1997. I hope to have further details to report to the delegates at the Gillette convention.

The NHPA phone number for the World Tournament office in Gillette will be activated by July 21st. The phone number is 307-689-1026. Some 270 RVers have signed up for space at Cam-Plex making it the biggest gathering of motorhomes, trailers and campers ever at a World Tournament.

The September/October issue of *Newsline* will be devoted entirely to the results and activities of the World Tournament. Check the expiration date on your address label. If it expires with this issue, rush your renewal to the NHPA secretary/treasurer so you do not miss out on the enlarged and interesting World issue. The November/December issue will carry all the 1996 State Tournament results that have been reported to *Newsline* by October 1st. If you are the statistician or tournament director, please mail your State results to me prior to this date.



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Promotion—A Job Never Done

by Bob Dunn

As was stated in the last *Newsline* issue, "promotion has many faces," and indeed includes a vast array of efforts. There also are two categories in which our efforts can be identified with Internal and External. Sometimes various efforts will produce impact in both directions, but by and large, promotion efforts will target one area or the other.

Tournament and league directors provide a distinctive internal promotion effort, where their efforts are primarily providing activity and entertainment to existing members and also in most cases, trying to improve on existing programs. This is good and certainly necessary.

Those who provide the internal promotion efforts, especially those who have given time and effort for several years, probably never receive appropriate recognition and appreciation for their involvement. The best way to give genuine respect and thanks, is to offer to help and assist in either conducting a league season or the annual tournaments. And then prepare yourself to run for a league office.

What is external promotion? Reading Don Titcomb's and Alan Francis' articles in the two previous *Newslines* gives us perfect examples. External promotion will primarily include; seeking out agency involvement and support to pitching venues; obtaining sponsorship; the recruiting of new members and exposing our sport to more organizations and schools. We need more efforts in the area.

No one can say that one form of promotion is better than or more impor-

tant than the other, they all piece together and support each other. However, there is not the balance that should be, we need more of you to help provide external promotion.

Now there is another item that needs to be addressed.

The Age of Youth

One of the issues to be considered by the delegates at the 1996 NHPA Convention is a proposal to reduce the age guideline for Junior membership—to the year of the 16th birthday. To approve this proposal would be devastating to those who work with youth programs and to those youngsters who are our Junior membership.

In 1994, the age guideline was changed to the year of the 18th birthday to allow the Junior program to better parallel the years of high school students, as nearly every other sport does. This was helpful in many areas of promotion and certainly for those youngsters who have joined our sport more recently and are just gaining skill level to compete for Junior state and national titles. It is only reasonable that youngsters of high school age be eligible to compete for Junior championships, Junior National Top Ten Awards and the Scholar Pitcher Program.

An age limit of 16 may seem reasonable to some, but let's take a closer look at the impact. My daughter, Jessica, was a Junior member when the age guideline was the 17th birthday. Her final season of Junior eligibility was the summer following

her sophomore class in school. She could not compete for the state Junior championship or in the World Tournament during the summer following her junior class in high school. She could not receive a Scholar Pitcher Patch for her junior year in school. She graduated salutatorian in a class of 600 students, but could not even be presented a Scholar Pitcher Patch for her senior year, for she was no longer a Junior member.

To reduce two years from a Junior career would mean that 40% of our youth would have their Junior careers end during the summer after their freshman year of school. No Junior career would extend past the summer following their sophomore class.

The proposed change is ill-advised and would be unfair to our Junior promoters and our Junior members. Youth is a very short period of one's life. There is no good reason to make the age of youth shorter within our organization. Many youngsters are just gaining higher level skills in the 10th and 11th grades, there is no good reason to take away their opportunities.

No purpose has been stated for why this change is even being proposed, but one might surmise that there are those who find fault with 6' tall Junior boys pitching from the 30' line. Well, that is an entirely different issue and why would we want to penalize Junior girls because of the height of some Junior boys, or even penalize shorter Junior boys.

The age guideline for Junior Membership should be left just the way it is.

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PROMOTION JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

■ Don Titcomb, Senior Promotion Director, has this message to those serious about setting up a promotion program for their club or to start a new club: I don't claim to have all the answers, but I believe with our interchange of ideas we can work up programs to enlist aid for your club. Do some research and provide this information to me.

- a. Size of area for recruiting membership.
- b. Type of industry in area.
- c. Number of schools.
- d. Describe location and type of courts available.
- e. Number of current members and dues structure.
- f. Any media connections.
- g. Describe format of league play now being used.
- h. Describe any current arrangements with city or park departments.

Please send this information, meanwhile I will send you some outlines of different programs and related material and at a later date get back to you with some recommendations.

You can correspond directly with Don at: 151 Constitution Drive, Winchester, KY 40391.

■ Frank Yohn, Princeton (IL) Junior League Director, wrote in opposition to the proposed change of reducing the age guideline for Junior membership. In part, he addressed the disruption that would be caused in his work with some of the financially disadvantaged youth and a young learning challenged girl. As he stated, these youngsters are not ready to move into our adult program at 16, and should be able to remain in a Junior league.

■ Betty Lapping, longtime WPHPA JPD, wrote this delightful poem:

We're Proud Of Our Juniors

*When we look at our Junior Classes
We certainly are elated,
That in the sport of horseshoe
They have participated.
We are proud of you
Boys and girls, all twenty-five.
For our sport of horseshoe
It's you who will keep us alive.
We need you, we want you, we praise you
Although you might never hear us say,
We are happy to have you
And we'll support you all the way.*

*What shall we give our Juniors;
Love, respect, patience, praise, a more
sympathetic ear,
A little more time for laughter,
Or tenderly dry a tear.
If we give these things to our Juniors,
We'll be weaving a closer tie,
Knitting our lives together,
With gifts that money can't buy.*

■ And in taking a look back, here is the 1929 fascinating accounting by D.D. Contrell on the early-day activities in Kentucky.

"In 1923-1925 horseshoe pitching tournaments were held in Kentucky by different clubs, each club declaring the winner of their tournament the state champion. These various so-called state champions never playing each other to really decide the state championship.

The only record the writer has of these champions is that J.W. Nether-ton Sr. of St. Mathews, won the championship in 1923; L.P. Soete, Louisville, in 1924, and L. Miller, Louisville, in 1925.

In 1926, the newspapers and those most interested in the future of the game in the state urged the clubs to appoint a committee with representation from each state club to conduct a real state tournament. On August 11th, the delegates met and voted to organize the Kentucky Horseshoe Pitchers' Association for the purpose of conducting future tournaments and promoting the sport in the state. The first state tournament under this official sanction was held September 4, 1926, Edward Beckman, Louisville, winning the championship and S.B. Mattingly, Louisville, winning second place. Putt Mossman was present and congratulated the officials on holding such a successful tournament.

Mr. P.J. O'Brien, Louisville, was elected President of the Association in 1926 and under his leadership the game attracted attention of men in all walks of life and became a real sport for both young and old.

In 1927, another successful state tournament was held at Louisville on August 23, S.B. Mattingly winning the championship, Lloyd Hagen second and Edward Beckman coming up a close third.

The KHPA changed its name to the Kentucky Division of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America in May 1928 and elected the following officers: President, E.R. Patterson; Vice President, L.P. Sengel; Second Vice President, L.P. Soete; Treasurer, L.F. Gagner; Press Representative, W.B. Reynolds; Tournament Secretary T.R. Storey, all of Louisville.

The 1928 State Tournament was played at Shaconee Park, Louisville, September 23. Edward Beckman, the 1926 champion, again won the championship with a ringer percentage of .489; Lee Akers of Nolin, won second place and S.B. Mattingly, the 1926 champion, tied for third place with John Morris, a 16-year-old boy of Lexington, the place being decided by points gave the boy third and Mattingly fourth. J.D. Southworth champion of the Blue Grass Association, of Fayette County, fifth place; O.L. Daily, champion of the Standard Manufacturing Co., Louisville, seventh place; E.H. Fife, Kenwood, eighth place; J.L. Harris, ninth; and Dick Akers of Nolin, tenth place.

The association also classifies players according to ability. Class B players with ringer percentages between 20 and 30 percent; Class C players less than 20 percent. Class B champion in 1928 was W.T. Rainey, Beuchel, KY and Class C E.N. Beckman of Louisville.

There is a three-year loving cup belonging to the association that has to be won three times to belong to the winner. Mr. Beckman and Mr. Mattingly have each won once. The association also owns a cup that will be presented to the man winning the Louisville championship three times.

Hereafter the Kentucky State Championship Tournament will be held at the State Fair in Louisville. The association intends to have at least three hundred dollars in cash prizes to award besides the cups, etc.

The State Association has published a very neat booklet of 16 pages and cover, containing its constitution and Bylaws, in which they have also printed the National Horseshoe Pitching Rules.

Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

My friend and fellow horseshoe companion, Virginia and I went to a tournament in Wichita, KS in the middle of April. Not pitching since Vegas, we were very out of shape, to say the least. Saturday went pretty well, considering, but Sunday was a disaster for both of us. No one to blame but ourselves, still it was rather embarrassing. Sore bodies and all, we had a great time, saw several old friends and made some new ones.

Also pitched for the first time on bread dough! I could not find any fault with it. Like all substances, if it was worked and around the stake, it was fine. They have it in 8 indoor courts, which the club members prepared by hand. Quite a chore, but worthwhile for winter tournaments.

It was about 230 miles, one way, but a pleasant break and enabled us to get in two events in one weekend. We sincerely want to thank everyone there for their friendliness and hospitality.

Back to business, which I sometimes

feel is a repeat of things I have asked of everyone before. Some directors are still submitting membership reports with missing or no NHPA card numbers for the current year. Please, do not list anyone on these reports until you have actually seen their current year's card. Even if you know that all those listed have sent for their cards, do not list them on a member report until you know their number. You may either wait till all have their cards or send in report number one, followed by reports #2, 3, etc., keeping these reports and all members current and up to date throughout each year.

All pitchers should have their current year's cards no later than two to three weeks after your league play has begun. Please, remember that allowing anyone to pitch regularly that is non-NHPA, could lead to having your CL/LG sanction cancelled. Please, list each member, on only one report, per year, regardless of how many of your leagues they may compete in. Duplicating names on more than one report, makes it hard to check and for me to get an accurate count of your members. My having an accurate count is very important for my reports to the NHPA.

Also, please separate men, women, boys and girls (giving ages and date of birth for all Juniors) on all report forms and indicate any man that pitches from less than 40'. It is imperative that both NatStats and I have all of this information. You give me correct information and I will see that it goes to NatStats.

Many of you are now using computers and making your own forms instead of using the regular furnished forms from this office. This is fine and I encourage you to do this, if it makes it easier for you. But, I must ask that any substitute forms contain all of the information that is requested and that all columns be in the exact same order! Exact column order is extremely important to me when checking High Games, etc. on both final stat sheets and Top Ten forms. I need to be able to line these columns up and not have to jump all over a form to see if I have all of the right figures for the category I am working on. This order will perhaps

make for fewer mistakes.

Full names must be used, on all forms. Do not use initials for first or last names. Use the same name for each person, every time! It would be wise and a good thing, if the name that appears on a person's NHPA card was the name used on all reports and also at all tournaments. If you normally go by a nickname or Dick, instead of Richard, etc., then that is the way your name should appear on your NHPA card and the way it should be used on all reports, be they to me or to NatStats or your own local or charter secretary. Using the same name, at all times, will make it a lot easier for all of us who are responsible for keeping accurate records.

Although as NHPA President Dave Loucks has said, we the council, do not normally endorse any person who may be running for an NHPA office—like all things in life, there are sometimes exceptions to the norm. I, personally would like to see our current 5th VP, Dick Hansen voted into the office of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. Dick is very capable, dependable and honest. He has done a terrific job as our acting Secretary/Treasurer, getting all things caught up and transferred. Being both a charter and national officer for many years, very knowledgeable on the computer and ready to retire from his work to devote full time to the NHPA, I feel he will continue to do an exceptional job for the whole of the NHPA. Your charter's votes for Dick Hansen will be a vote for the continued success and betterment of our organization. This is my personal opinion, having worked with Dick and in no way is meant to cast doubt on his opponent who is a very reputable person and longtime NHPA member. His intentions in running for NHPA office are commendable.

Floyd and I are looking forward to World and Gillette. Neither of us will be entered in the pitching. Not pitching well is the least of the reasons. I wish to have more time to associate with everyone I possibly can and do a better job when working my shifts, without the added strain and time spent pitching. Good pitching to all.

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Regional Director Activities

by Dick Hansen

The annual meeting of the Regional Directors will be held in Gillette, WY July 26 or 27. The exact date and time will be posted at the World Tournament site. All Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors are invited. Plan on attending—it could be an interesting meeting.

Regional Director Reports

Ron Deckard, RD from Florida reports that the Beverly Hills Horseshoe Club hosted the 1996 Florida State Championships on April 18, 19, and 20. Thanks to Marvin Grubb and the rest of the FSHPA Executive Council, Florida held its first ever State Doubles Tournament, with 16 teams entering the Men's Division and 6 in the Women's Division. The doubles tournament was very successful and most of the players commented that they would like to have it each year from now on. A record 134 players competed in this year's State Championships.

South Carolina RD, Ron Taylor, reports on their newest horseshoe facility in York, SC. Planning on the 18 new courts began in the summer of 1994 when the SCHPA and the city of York began talks about a new location for pitching horseshoes during their festival and to try and make the tournament more successful. After a year of talks and planning, work began in November of 1995 and went on during one of our hardest winters to date. On March 1, 1996, the work was completed and the first tournament was held there the following week.

These 18 courts have 6' walks the entire length and are all clay filled with a nice chain link fence surrounding them. The parking lot borders the courts on one side so they are very accessible to the players, also this facility offers access for the handicap players, rest rooms, and a playground nearby. Future plans include the addition of shrubs, some seating for spectators, a picnic shelter and the possibility of lighting. This is the largest facility in the state and will host the 1996 State Singles Tournament in September. The York Parks and Recreation will direct all tournaments there except the State Tour-

namment. With the addition of these courts we now have a total of 64 sanctioned courts at six locations in the state, up from 12 courts that were at one location in 1989. We are very proud of this new facility and have expressed our appreciation to the City of York and all who worked on the courts through the winter.

Membership and participation are two of our highest priorities every year and this year started slow but now seems to be on a normal pace. We have shown an increase in our numbers since 1989 and it appears that this trend will continue.

RD Allen Baptist, Colorado, reports he is starting a horseshoe pitching training session at Earle Piper Horseshoe Courts. This session is limited to the first 24 pitchers and will cover everything from the very basics to the more technical aspects of horseshoe pitching. The sessions will be headed by some of Colorado's top pitchers. I am sure that Allen will let us know how this training works out.

Allen also reports that the Four Leaf Clover Tournament had a record 73 people entered, which was held at the Pitchin' Post that has 6 courts. It was the 3rd largest singles tournament held in Colorado besides the State Tournament and the Regional. Most of the credit has to go to our Charter President, Hal Sheppard for organizing and running this tournament.

Assistant RD, Johnny Davenport, Texas, reports that he has been working on the City of Snyder, TX to build some new courts for two years now, and it's finally come through, but not without some help from Don and Dorthy Duncan. They told Donna Fowler, Executive Director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, that they would donate \$1,000 towards the building of eight NHPA Sanctioned Courts. That did get things going. They are now building twelve courts in a good location next to motels, cafes and a very big RV Park. This is going to be something to be proud of.

Johnny adds that he won the Texas award for attending the most tournaments, 17. Now we all know that Texas is a very big state, but do you realize how many miles someone out in West Texas must travel to attend

that many tournaments? Seven thousand, three hundred and seventy miles went on the odometer to accomplish this. That's 433 miles per tournament, and a lot more driving time that pitching time.

John McCormack, RD for Hawaii reports that 1996 is turning out to be a great year for the Hawaii State Horseshoe Pitching Association. A membership drive started out real well in January, and is continuing even now, as more members are signing up, old members as well as many new ones.

The first tournament of the year was great with 35 players and 6 classes of play. Mitch Sabagala, David Tripp, Leo Lagadon, Chris Koanul, Eassie Miller, and Frank Hambaro Jr. all took first place in their classes with respectable ringer percentages.

The March Tourney, with 43 players and 7 classes was also fun. Mitch Sabagala (HSHPA Vice-Pres.), and a 6-1 record, again took first place. Hard man to beat these first two months. Al Edsman (HSHPA President) beat his class with a 6-1 finish for the first place honors. Leo Lagadon (7-1), also held on to his first place status in his class for the second month in a row. Jan Yu, Pedro Kekiihoomalu Jr., Joutten "Maka" McCoy, and Joseph Yu rounded off first place honors in their respective classes. Congratulations to all players, winners and losers alike.

On March 23-24, the Kailua-Kona Division of the Charter on the Island of Hawaii held a sanctioned tournament at the Pueo Pits in Kailua-Kona. The pits were in great shape, and all the players who participated, from Oahu, Kauai, Kona and Hilo, had a great time. The food was ono too. Buster Makini grabbed first place honors with a 49.7%. Edward "Kosh" Horle was second with John "Jack" Frias a close third. Congratulations to all, and special thanks to Reggie Gomes, our Charter Director for the Island of Hawaii, for holding a memorable tournament.

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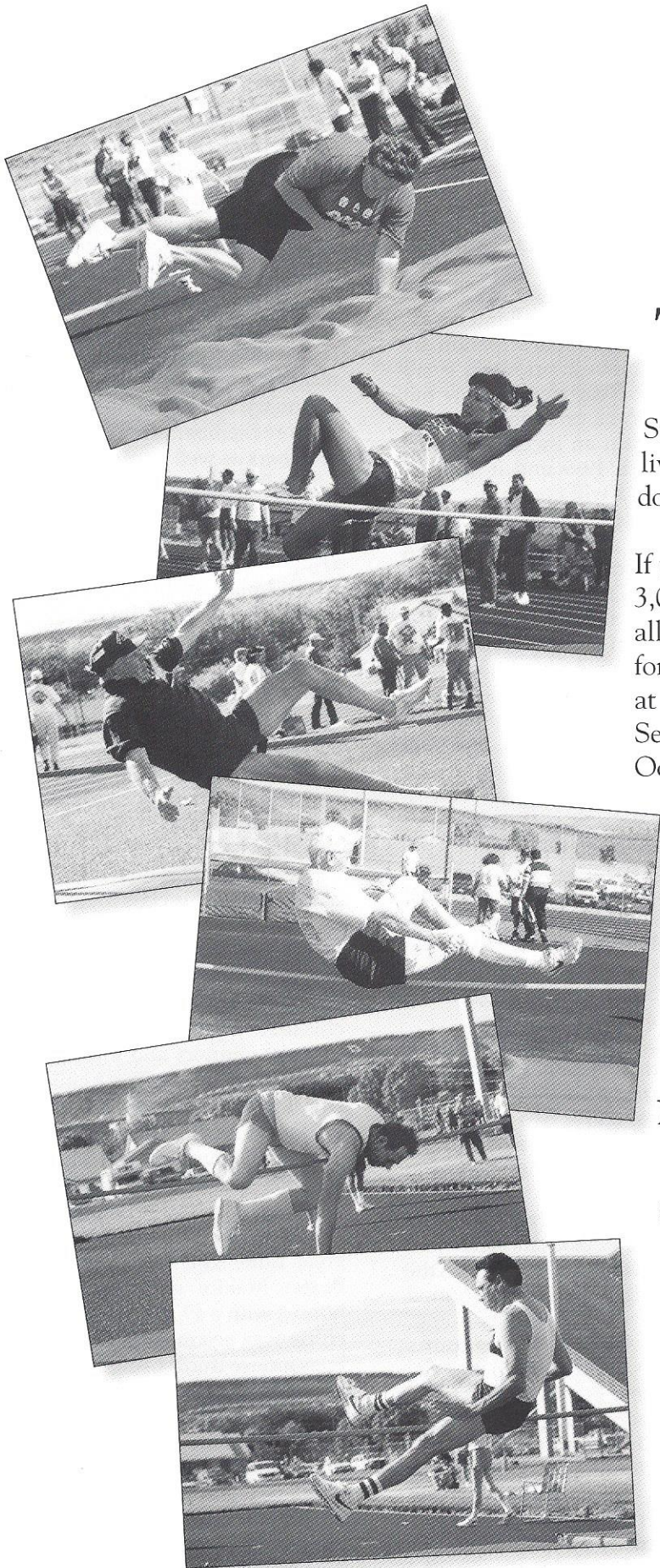
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NHPA Hall of Fame

by Earl Winston

In Perry, Georgia, the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee was pleased to honor four new inductees into our NHPA Hall of Fame. This year we will be honoring six new inductees at the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in Gillette, Wyoming. We do regret that five of these people are being honored posthumously.

The inductee into the Player/Organizer/Promoter category prior to the year of 1955 is W.J. Seas of Florida. Mr. Seas was a national officer for over ten years and served as treasurer for most of that time.

In the Player category we have elected a former pride and joy of Missouri, Alan Francis, who moved to Ohio in the fall of 1995. Alan just recently married Amy Brown. Although not very old in years, Alan has already won the Mens World Championship three times, plus amassing some outstanding pitching records both as a junior and an adult. The committee had to wait until Alan had been active ten years as an adult pitcher before his nomination could be considered. The nomination was resubmitted this year.

In our Organizer category for the years of 1955 or later, the committee has elected two persons. Lucille Hopkins, of Ottumwa, Iowa, was an active promoter and also served the NHPA as a lady vice president. Also being honored in this category is Jack Springer, a promoter and organizer from Statesville, North Carolina. Jack was largely responsible for the two World Tournaments that were held at Statesville, plus was the founder of the annual Dogwood Festival Tournament that has become a popular spring event in that same city.

In the Player/Organizer category for years of 1955 or later, the committee has also elected two persons. The first is Anna Lindquist of Morgantown, WV. Anna was another lady who served the NHPA as a vice president, but also won two world titles back to back in 1948 and 1949—the latter being won in a playoff. The other inductee in this category is Roy W. Smith, a left handed pitcher who resided in eastern Oregon before moving to California. Roy was probably better known for his writing

ability, having published two editions of a small booklet entitled *Science at the Stake*. The last of these was published in 1946. In 1947 through 1951 he helped rewrite the constitution and bylaws of the NHPA and he was also a prolific contributor to *The Horseshoe Pitcher* put out by Byron "Jake" Jaskulek of New York from September 1948 to September 1956.

Prior to the 1996 voting, the committee received the resubmitted nomination for Alan Francis, plus some other new nominees. Bob Dunn, of Minnesota, found a newspaper article and photo of a Mrs. Thomas Heenan, who entered the women's division of the 1921 World Tournament and who was elected VP of the NHPA in 1924. She may well have been the first woman to serve as the VP of our organization and is a newcomer to the ballot.

Herb Criss, of WA, has been nominated in the Player category and Walter Ray Williams Sr., California, has been nominated as an Organizer. Ray also served as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer for a few years. Updated information was also received on Loran May and Lucille Hopkins.

There might be those of you who have sometimes wondered why certain individuals have not been nomi-

nated in one category or another. The reason is that YOU, or someone else, have never taken the time to submit that individual for nomination to the NHPA Hall of Fame. The process is not that difficult. All you need do is research some information on your candidate, write it up in a neat manner that will be suitable for photocopying, and mail the resumé to the NHPA Hall of Fame chairman. Include a photo of your nominee if possible. Remember, the candidates must be persons who are worthy of notice because of what they have done on the national or World Tournament level.

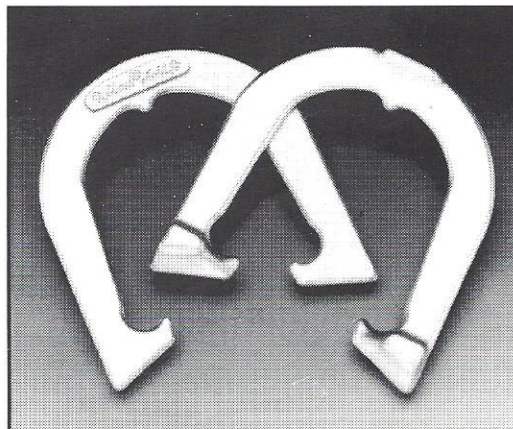
Of course, you may include records that they may have set on their state or local level as well. (For outstanding individuals who have only been active in your state or local area, please submit that information to your own state Hall of Fame.) For nomination to the NHPA Hall of Fame, pitchers must have been active NHPA adult members for at least ten years. In order for nominations to be considered on the 1997 ballot, they must be received by March 31, 1997.

I hope to see many of you in Gillette and if you plan to be there on July 28th, we'd be glad to see you at the banquet.

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Unknown Bits of Our World Tournament History

As *Newsline* editor, I sometimes have difficulty finding enough to fill the pages of an issue. For that reason, I am grateful for the occasional contribution of members who might have an interesting story, incident or specialty item to share with us.

One such contributor has an interest so special that he is believed to be the sole individual in the NHPA who takes his interest to such an extreme. I'm speaking of Lombard "Bart" Sargent of Westwood, MA. Bart has spent thousands of hours compiling all sorts of data and statistics on World Tournament play. He has researched and recorded for history just about anything you would want to know about NHPA World Tournaments. Printouts of his computerized data now occupy several volumes and will one day find a permanent home in our Hall of Fame.

In the meantime, Bart is more than happy to share with us some of the interesting but little known facts of World Play. To the best of Bart's knowledge and investigation, the information he has compiled is an accurate accounting of our history. If any reader should have data to the contrary or be able to fill in missing gaps, Bart would love to hear from you. Right now, he is seeking all the scores of the 1966 Men's Championship Class. If anyone out there can supply this data or even parts of it, please write Bart Sargent, 127 Edgewood Rd., Westwood, MA 02090.

First World Players From Each State

- AL— C.A. Grant 1919
woman—three players 1980
- AK—
- AR— Floyd Toole 1960
woman
- AZ— James Lecky 1933
Pat DeLeary 1949
- CA— Dennis Wilkinson 1920
Doris Dolan/Hope Isais 1949
- CO— Ted Allen 1940
Gertsy Selby 1953
- CT— Arthur McLean 1928
woman
- DE— Frank Priscoe 1919
woman
- DC—
- FL— B. Hayes 1919
Hardy Bryan 1922
- GA— Joe Dubie 1964
woman
- HI—
- IA— John Miller/James McKeon 1920
Nancy Henton 1962
- ID— E.J. Wiley 1956
woman
- IL— George Gunkle 1919
C.A. Lanham 1922
- IN— Vinston Stevens 1922
Esta McKee/N. Anderson 1960
- KS— Frank Jackson 1910
Marie Kampschroeder 1949
- KY— Jim Johnson 1948
Mary Steinhauser 1964
- LA— O.S. Plott 1927
woman
- MA— Jim O'Shea 1935
Doris Perkins 1928
- MD— Dale Carson 1964
woman
- ME— Clint Simmons 1965
Anita Pateneau 1968
- MI— Five players 1919
M. Francisco 1922
- MN— Mark Hunt/John Dahl/
A.J. Clifton 1920
Mrs. J.R. Mathews 1921
- MO— 13 players 1915
Vicki Winston 1960
- MS—
- MT— Irvin Kershner 1974
woman
- NC— many 1979
Betty Marsh 1979
- ND— Art Engebretson 1956
Ruth Anderson 1978
- NE— Frank Ames 1920
woman
- NH— D. Pickering/M. Barrett/
J. Howe/J. Stetson 1965
Gail Robinson 1961
- NJ— Henry Born 1919
Marjorie Voortheis 1920
- NM— Tom Towne 1970
Marilyn Hanes 1976
- NV— Waldo Hagy 1965
woman
- NY— Dr. Frank M. Robinson 1919
Betty Steinfeldt 1963
- OH— Four players 1919
Ione Gilmore 1920
- OK— man
Gertsy Sleby 1954
- OR— Cletus Chapelle 1951
Sarah Byers/Daisy Chapelle '51
- PA— A.D. Morgan 1919
Opal Corbett 1966
- RI— Henry Bourgeois 1964
woman
- SC— A.J. Nave 1977
woman

- SD— Chris and Verner Erickson 1921
Myrlene Schleiman 1969
- TN— L.S. Lyemance 1928
woman
- TX— Ed McFarland 1949
Marjorie Viles 1980
- UT— A. Thomas/W. Anderson/
G. Greener 1934
Helen Ohms/Delsa McCleary 1949
- VA— Clayton Henson 1940
Cindy Dean 1968
- VT— Maynard Brown/Chas. Church 1965
woman
- WA— John Monasmith 1950
Stella Luota 1958
- WI— Four players 1924
Mary Jones 1949
- WV— Arner Lindquist 1946
Anna Lindquist 1949
- CANADA— Dean McLaughlin
Mary Archer/G. Vanderberg 1976
- MEXICO— Fernando Isais 1940
woman
- NORWAY— Inge Byrkjeland 1991
woman
- JAPAN— 1992

First World

- 80% Game, Frank Jackson 32r/40sp 1923w
90% Game, Putt Mossman 1925w
100% Game, Guy Zimmerman 44r/44sp 1948
100 Shoe Game, Grover Hawley vs.
Bert Duryee 1933
100 Ringer Game, Ted Allen (129) vs.
Fernando Isais (130) 1941

First World Champions

- Men, Frank Jackson 1910
Women, Marjorie Voortheis 1920
Boys, Frank Stinson 1924
Girls, Bonita Seibold 1967
Intermediate, Wayne Winston 1967
Senior, W.O. Maxwell 1960
Senior Women, Cyrena Srenaski 1989
Elder Men 40', Henry Franke 1982
Elder Men 30', Sidney Anderson 1987
- Men's Class A, John Kapnis 1987
Women's A, Tari Powell 1987
Boys A, Chad Hyatt 1987
Girls A, Jenny Walters 1987
Intermediate A, Jesse Hobbs 1987
Senior A, Lawrence Miller 1987
Senior Womens A, Mildred Hahn 1987
Elders 40' A, Sol Berman 1987
Elders 30' A, Nial Beck 1987
- Men's Class B, Bob Bales 1935
Women's Class B, Dorothy Smith 1970
Boys Class B, Rick Crandall 1966
Girls B, Peggy Smith 1967
Senior B, Joe Foster 1966
Senior Women's B, Anna Harms 1989

Championship Men's Highest Total Combined Tournament Ringer Percentage 1941-1995

PL-No. of Players 80%-No. of Players averaging 80% or higher.

YEAR	RINGERS	SHOES	.PCT	PL	80%
1941	22,573	34,916	.64649	24	2
1946	25,051	37,768	.66329	24	2
1947	59,746	87,004	.68670	36	5
1948	51,881	71,112	.72957	31	5
1949	59,228	86,246	.68673	36	3
1950	63,855	91,752	.69595	36	3
1951	68,073	95,308	.71424	36	2
1952	61,765	89,548	.68974	36	3
1953	64,594	92,864	.69558	36	2
1954	21,993	30,328	.72517	36	5
1955	67,792	95,788	.70773	36	3
1956	64,540	92,370	.69871	36	3
1957	55,778	76,942	.72494	36	5
1958	48,104	67,170	.71615	35	3
1959	50,695	74,800	.67774	34	4
1960	69,143	94,182	.73414	36	6
1961	68,879	95,186	.72363	36	8
1962	70,354	94,782	.74227	35	6
1963	67,667	92,618	.73060	35	2
1964	76,692	99,584	.77012	35	12
1965	72,977	97,120	.75141	36	10
1966	63,900	83,964	.76104	35	7
1967	70,033	96,464	.72600	36	4
1968	85,649	111,052	.77125	36	8
1969	81,007	106,272	.76226	36	5
1970	70,849	97,412	.72731	36	4
1971	73,065	97,216	.75157	35	6
1972	78,658	103,888	.75714	36	8
1973	71,036	97,330	.72985	36	4
1974	72,590	98,154	.73955	36	4
1975	67,695	91,938	.73631	34	4
1976	94,048	130,008	.72340	48	6
1977	58,171	76,102	.76438	36	8
1978	57,111	81,440	.70126	34	2
1979	56,476	75,500	.74803	31	4
1980	51,097	71,982	.70986	32	2
1981	35,677	46,564	.76619	24	4
1982	24,341	33,316	.73061	24	3
1983	23,812	33,352	.71396	24	0
1984	23,832	32,700	.72881	24	1
1985	43,114	59,936	.71933	32	3
1986	38,070	54,812	.69455	32	2
1987	44,229	60,532	.73067	32	2
1988	42,043	57,420	.73220	32	1
1989	37,050	54,044	.68555	32	0
1990	32,802	45,524	.72054	28	3
1991	31,267	43,674	.71592	28	2
1992	45,849	62,214	.73696	32	2
1993	44,000	66,936	.65734	36	0
1994	20,756	30,128	.68893	48	3
1995	11,017	14,820	.74339	16	0

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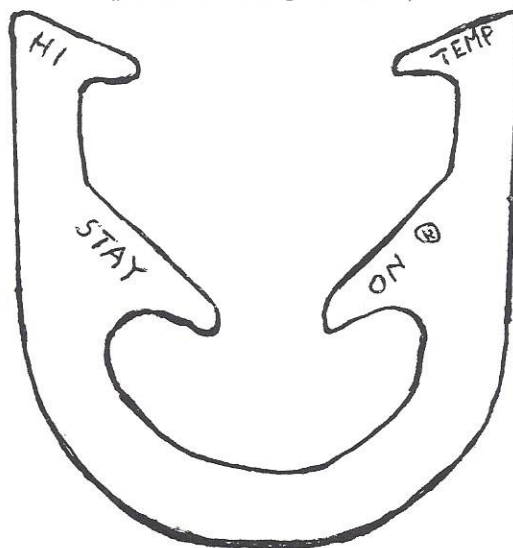
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When the original ten indoor courts were built, before the sign was put up, it was just a new pole barn being built on a farm. From time to time "strangers" would wander in and ask "What are they going to do in here?" Of course one of the fellows just couldn't resist and replied "They're going to have cock fights." (Cock fights in Tennessee are quite popular, but highly illegal). Needless to say, that's how rumors get started. One Saturday afternoon a group had gathered for practice when we heard another car pull in. It was not uncommon for someone to look out to see who was coming in. This time it was a Metro Police car. Since we had nothing to hide, we just went on

BUILDING A COURT

THE INSIDE STORY

by Paula Hunsicker

pitching. We all did look up, however, when he came through the unlocked door. His expression and his comment of "You're throwing horseshoes!" was priceless. Word then spread—they don't have cock fights in there, they pitch horseshoes. Shortly thereafter the "Tennessee Horseshoes" sign went up.

In 1993 the court expansion began. We needed five gallon buckets for the stakes, carpet to cover courts, etc. The list of "scroungable" items was endless. All dipsy-dumpsters were fair game!

For whatever reason, when you need something, it becomes scarce. Five gallon buckets appeared to have disappeared off the face of the earth

during that year. Maybe it was the fact we needed 58 of them for the eight courts being added to the indoor facility and the twenty outdoor courts. I found 12 in Michigan. They filled my back seat! The best source, however, seemed to be alongside the Interstate between Nashville and Springfield. Motorists thought

Jack Freeman a real litter conscious guy when he would stop and pick one up. NOT! There was a definite need for that bucket other than littering the side of the Interstate. Jack claims he can still spot a 5 gallon bucket on the side of the road a half mile away, traveling 65-75 MPH. I believe it. It took awhile, but we acquired the necessary 58 buckets and a couple to spare!

We were also going to need lots of carpet to cover the clay in the courts when they were finished. Periodically Jack would drive his truck by a carpet place in Nashville to see if they had pitched out any sizable pieces of used carpet in the dipsy-dumpster. One day he went by on his way home in his car and discovered the goldmine of used carpet. Could he get home, get the truck and get back before anyone else? When he got back, the carpet was still there and he began to load it up.

About that time, another truck pulled up and a guy about six foot-four and three hundred pounds got out. "You gonna take all that carpet?" he growled with a definite scowl. As he continued to load, with a nervous smile, Jack indicated that he planned to. The man watched and waited until Jack finished. Little did the man know, if he would have made a move toward it, Jack would have let him have it all, even help him load it.

He told us as we helped unload it "I could just see the headling, 'Local pathologist killed at dipsy-dumpster over used carpet.'" With what we already had, that trip provided enough carpet to cover all the courts. Jack still drives by just in case we need to replace some.

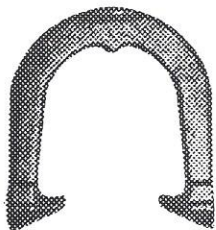
Next time you come to Joelton, I'm sure many of you will get a chuckle now that you are aware of some of the "history" of the courts.

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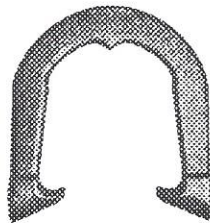
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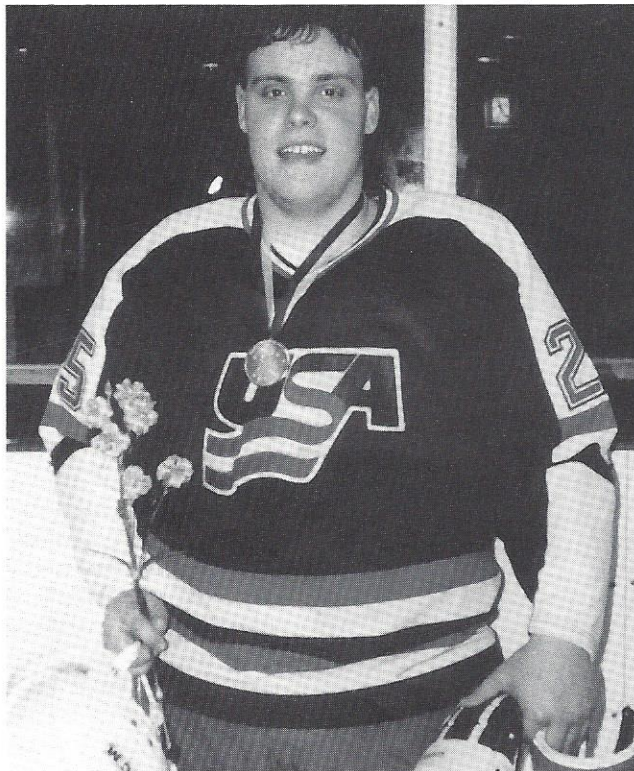
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Rick Poppe



Horseshoes and Hockey

Here's an ex-Junior who had no trouble moving back to 40 ft. His easy jump from the juniors to the open division was probably planned. Other pitchers noticed in his last year as a junior he began to move back a few more feet. Another reason is, commitment. I believe he looked forward to further competition. Finally, this guy Rick Poppe was introduced to the horseshoe game by his uncles who are, naturally, a little older. Their friends became his friends. When he began pitching 40', it was with friends.

It was a kick to do this piece on Rick. Although we are years apart, I regard him as simply, my friend. —Jim Haupt

In these days of two-sport athletes, it should be no surprise to find a few horseshoe pitchers with other sporting talents. This time the other sport is the exciting, fast moving, rough and tough game of Hockey. Actually, this is an account of a young, already accomplished athlete who also plays horseshoes.

Rick Poppe, 20, of Benoit, Wisconsin is an outstanding hockey player.

He's also an up and coming pitcher for the Windy Hill Horseshoe Club in Ringle, Wisconsin.

If you're from Wisconsin, you may know of Rick Poppe through his uncles, Mark and Steve Stevens. Mark Stevens is a three time State Champion. Could be you know of Poppe as a recent junior pitcher who has successfully weathered the forty foot switch; or maybe you're beginning to notice the Poppe name on the top of a few result sheets lately.

Born just twenty years ago in Benoit, Wisconsin, near the shore of Lake Superior, Rick, the son of Ralph and Joyce Poppe, started playing hockey when he was just seven years old. The early imprint endured. Eventually he became captain of the high school hockey team in nearby Ashland, Wisconsin. Despite a year out for a knee injury, he made "All-Conference" two years. Could be the down time of the knee injury served to hone his skills as an excellent pool and dart player.

His horseshoe pitching days also started early. Influenced by the Stevens boys, Poppe played his first State Tournament as a junior in 1988. By 1993, his state entry average had developed to 54.5%. The

following year he made the switch to open men's division dropping back to a 35% average. Just recently he hit on his first 60% tournament, just two weeks after cracking the 50% mark.

In March, last year, Poppe traveled to Finland to play hockey at the World Winter Games for the Deaf. He was honored to be named the team "starter" at left-winger.

The team defeated Canada to set-up a final showdown with Russia. Their victory over the Russian team earned for them, the gold medal.

Poppe is currently a second year Marketing & Business student at North Tech in Wausau, WI. Education brought him to this central state location, a short distance from the town of Mosinee.

He became affiliated with the Mosinee Paper-Makers, a hockey team in the Badgerland Conference where he plays defense and left wing. He was not only team captain during this past season, but as leading scorer he was voted "Most-Valuable-Player." In their 15 game schedule, Poppe earned 32 points with 22 goals and 10 assists.

This summer, Poppe expects to attend try-outs in Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the hearing impaired baseball team. It may lead to a trip to the Pan-Am Games to be held in Venezuela.

Down the road, Poppe plans on being part of the 1999 World Winter Games for the Deaf in Davos, Switzerland.

Part of the plan is to be captain of the hockey team. So, good luck in your travels, Rick Poppe. Would you have the time for a little side trip to Gillette, Wyoming this summer?

Team World '96

Minnesota Steals Win from Quebec

by Jim Haupt



In the Team-World preliminary rounds it looked like Team Quebec would go all the way. Sylvianne Moisan, pitching near 80%, with Andre Leclerc at 73%, led the team to 81 wins going in to the finals completely outclassing the field. Minnesota won 73.5 times fed by the new combination of Mark Bauman and Dale Lipovsky. Wisconsin, with inspired team pitchers Don Kangas and Randy Rein, claimed 72 of the 92 preliminary games.

With Quebec, Minnesota, and Wisconsin on the ladder the next four teams played-off for the final ladder position in elimination rounds. The celebrated coin flip used to determine pre-lim match-ups was gone. Finals teams matched-up head to head based on tournament percentage. Only winners were to stay in the race.

Sixth ranked Missouri led by Stan Griggs and Lou Rector, became the first victim to fifth ranked Ontario sparked by Sandy Janssens and Stan Leis by 3 wins. On the adjacent courts seventh ranked Indiana, Chad Hyatt and the Seibold men, lost to fourth ranked Kentucky, also by a score of 3 to 1. Kentucky, the defending champions, added a standout to the roster—Lois Webster.

Next game, Kentucky took care of Ontario, again winning 3, to earn the last ladder position while Indiana tied, but out-pointed, Missouri to settle the contest for sixth place.

On a roll Kentucky ended Wisconsin's hopes with a one point decision after a 2 game to 2 game deadlock—101 pts. to 100 pts.

One more game was the last for Kentucky as they were stopped by the Minnesota team, 3-1, to set up the last match—top ranked Quebec vs. Minnesota.

The match-ups paired the two tournament percentage leaders, from Quebec, Sylvianne Moisan vs. Minnesota's Lipovsky. Horseshoe Champion of Canada, Leclerc was pitted with Bauman while Angeline Moisan's opponent was Bev Nathe. Quebec's Marcel Boudrault matched with Lu Cave. Bauman and Leclerc took it to the final click. Each pitched 75% but Bauman managed a three point edge. Lipovsky won as did Nathe. Quebec managed just one game win by Boudrault.

Minnesota does it again. They have proven to be the team to beat. Team-World '96 belongs to Minnesota.

Illinois, a past winner, found eighth place—a repeat of 1995—one place out of the money. Cash awards: Minnesota \$2,000, Quebec \$1,000, Kentucky \$600, Wisconsin \$500, Ontario \$400, Indiana \$300, and Missouri \$200.

Spring is slow in coming to Wisconsin this year. The Beloit courts were cool—nice but cool. OK for the pitchers but cool for scorekeepers. To warm them a bit, the pitchers paid a dollar per game to keep those pencils moving.

"Moving" also describes the Team-World action. Announcer Dick Hansen, regularly had to wait for the clock to catch up before starting new groups of teams.

If there were any glitches, they passed by unnoticed.

Every year the Team-World roster changes, adding some new teams or team members. This year Team California revisited the event with a new player, Teddy Guillotte,

World Champion pitcher-lady of the senior division. She led the team of Dave Loucks, Gail Sluys, and Steve Wyrill. Lois Webster is back with a top percentage performance. Charlie Killgore, the Team-World man from Missouri, put a hold on spring fertilizer to play once again.

Among these top pitchers 80% games were common, fact is, there were seventeen games of 35/40 ringers (87.5%). Sylvianne Moisan had a 90% game and Dale Lipovsky had two 90%ers. Mark Bauman of Minnesota and Randy Rein of Wisconsin each stroked the stake 37 times—92.5%. Those were the big numbers, but Craig Zuehlke of the Illinois #4 team pitched one mighty game of 70% while carrying a 39% average.

Mark up team-World '96 as win number six for the Gopher State. Amazingly the Team-World Cup has resided in Minnesota four of the past five years! The Team-World Cup is a traveling trophy. It did travel to Kentucky for a year. This time had prospects of going all the way to Quebec, but the team—Nathe, Lipovsky, Bauman and Cave—thought it should go home again.

DOWN and BACK with Jim Haupt

Lorraine Sternberg is responsible for the WHPA Junior Scholarship Fund and diligently tries to pick up a couple of bucks at every opportunity. At Team-World, she enlisted Rick Poppe to sell raffle tickets on a fancy clock and with the handy cash box the tickets also sold on their own.

Scorekeeping at Team-World has climbed to \$2 total per game. The steady flow of volunteers were paid as the sheets were turned in. But what do you do when a visiting scorekeeper refuses the cash?

Dick Hansen had that problem with Illinois pitcher Charlie Webb. He would not take the two bucks. Paulette Hansen solved the dilemma. She was seen making periodic trips to the clock raffle. She invested all of Webb's pay in the Jr. Scholarship Raffle. Come Sunday, darned if Charlie Webb didn't just up and win that clock. Blessed are they who give of their time—may theirs be endless.

Even the most dedicated of horseshoe pitchers sometimes find it tough to gut it out and watch the final-final game. At Team-World, finals tiebreakers are in place. If teams end in a 2-2 tie, total team points are counted. Point margin has become part of the team effort. When points are even, ringers come into play—all to avoid another game.

The all-tie situation came close this year. The Wisconsin team lost to Kentucky by just one of the total points. Had they tied and gone to ringers this time, those totals were also tied. It seems to follow, an extra game would be in order. But how about a shootout?

A shootout in horseshoes could be an exciting moment. Down and back on a tie. It's not new. In team form, each pair would pitch down and back, at least one time or until the team tie was broken. Pairs pitching those extra innings in team order would hold the interest of many fellow contestants who are otherwise prone to hit the road.

Final Standings

Minnesota 73.5	1st pl team	69.83	Colorado 48	12th pl (tie)
Bev Nathe		73.40	Paul Lacrosse	71.52
Dale Lipovsky		75.80	Rich Pintor	73.80
Mark Bauman		75.20	Dan Schneck	53.80
Lu Cave		54.90	Allen Baptist	25.76
Quebec 81	2nd pl team	69.32	Missouri 3 44.5	14th pl team
Sylvianne Moisan		78.86	Jan Kreienkamp	54.78
Angeline Moisan		65.00	Loree Meier	55.43
Andre Leclerc		72.60	Ron Hassler	52.07
Marcel Boudreault		60.83	Randall Grady	55.98
Kentucky 71.5	3rd pl team	66.85	Michigan 41.5	15th pl team
Sue Snyder		59.48	Kent Rundell	58.15
Lois Webster		73.80	Ray Hill	48.70
Ron Powell		62.50	Jim Wiltse	48.37
Charles Meredith		72.22	Larry Kemp	57.61
Don Titcomb		61.25	Wisconsin 4 37.5	16th pl team
Wisconsin 72	4th pl team	69.27	Jim Larson	50.11
Lorraine Sternberg		70.42	John Barden	59.02
Clayton Gage		65.00	Marvin Huffman	53.91
Randy Rein		72.28	Tony Scrima	45.11
Don Kangas		70.76	Wisconsin 3 34.5	17th pl team
John Udelhofen		62.14	Pam Steinke	54.46
Ontario 68	5th pl team	68.90	Mark Mauthé	49.89
Sandy Jansen		73.20	Gus Schram	53.91
Steve Hohl		70.80	Heidi Sternberg	45.00
Stan Leis		68.60	Illinois 3 34	18th pl team
Kevin McLachlin		63.60	Steve Denault	52.28
Indiana 63	6th pl team	66.23	Mike Green	53.70
Chad Hyatt		70.40	Michelle Thornton	47.61
Mark Seibold		67.00	Leslie Dickerson	41.20
Curly Seibold		67.80	Iowa 26	19th pl team
Ralph Guffey		59.70	Leo Buell	42.50
Missouri 64.5	7th pl team	68.33	Marvin Engslér	48.26
Stan Griggs		70.80	Bob McKee	52.50
Lou Rector		70.70	Stoney Jackson	42.28
Sam Carter		68.40	Michigan 2 24.5	20th pl team
Chas Killgore		63.40	Al Morris	45.87
Illinois 58.5	8th pl team	64.35	Rod Tanner	46.85
Cliff Baker		61.63	Marty Quillen	53.26
Charlie Webb		67.28	Steve Summerlin	37.72
Jerry Dumstorff		65.54	Illinois 2 23	21st pl team
Larry Knop		62.93	Dennis Reid	62.32
Missouri 2 55	9th pl team	62.93	Thomas Reid	44.57
Rose Diekamp		63.48	Ron Hopman	50.00
Bob Diekamp		54.02	Rich Andrysiak	38.59
M.O. Turner		64.67	Joe Kolodziejczak	35.56
Tim Burkemper		50.87	Missouri 4 13	22nd pl team
California 51.5	10th pl team	51.5	Ron Deno	43.70
Teddy Guillotte		74.78	Jerry Francis C	32.61
Gail Sluys		54.78	Bob Thompson	37.61
Steve Wyrill		58.91	Jeff Mudd	26.74
Dave Loucks		53.04	Iowa 2 11.5	23rd pl team
Wisconsin 2 49	11th pl team	49	Harold Garner	27.61
Edie McKinney		59.78	Russ Martin	41.52
Mark Stevens		48.59	Herb Hansen	33.59
Larry Barber		57.39	James Jackson	35.43
Jane Smith		55.00	Illinois 4 10.5	24th pl team
Minnesota 2 48	12th pl (tie)	48	Hallie Romanelli	39.35
Edie Holland		61.63	Dalton Simmons	30.00
Sig Armitage		56.09	Luke Thompson	40.76
Gerald Stangland		58.59	Craig Zuehlke	39.35
Len Lipovsky		54.89		

Presidential Sports Award

by Dave Loucks

Want to add some meaning and reward yourself for all those hours of practice, tournament and sanctioned league play? Take part in the Presidential Sports Award program developed by the President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports in 1972. This program has aligned itself with over 60 sports and organizations, including horseshoe pitching and the NHPA. Its main purpose is to motivate all Americans to become more physically active throughout life and to do this, emphasizes regular sport exercise rather than outstanding performance.

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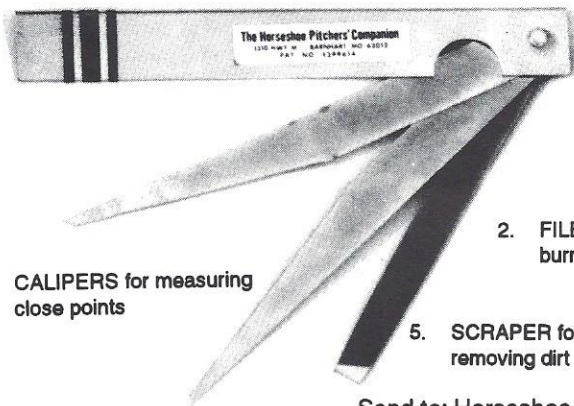
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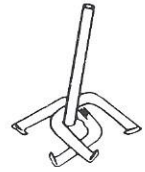


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Charter Chatter



Two years ago *Chatter* requested that state newsletters exchange publications with all the other state newsletters, and to place newspapers and other media on your complimentary list. Send copies to the media in communities that have horseshoe courts available.

In this way the media can pick up ideas and furthermore reach people who might be interested in pitching horseshoes. I hope this has been done.

Chatter is always looking for news to publish in *Newsline*. If your state does not have a newsletter, please urge your publicity chairman and your officers to send news on a regular basis. *Chatter* wants to publish your news.

ALASKA

Hulberts Indoor Horseshoe facility has opened in Anchorage and is designed to promote the game of horseshoes the year round, with an emphasis on teaching beginners.

The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week just in case you are vacationing in Alaska. The cost is \$5 per hour per person and they furnish the horseshoes.

Karen Drury, the state champion in 1985 and 1994 posted a high game ringer percentage of 80 and a tournament average of 70% to win the Class A title in the George Leaf Memorial tournament at Hulberts. Four other former state champions competed: Pete Imhof, 1994 and 1995; Myrtle Picard 1993, Dick Littlebear 1992 and Norm Rousey 1989 and 1991. Littlebear finished second in the Memorial (54.1) Rousey was third (47.9).

CALIFORNIA

Recent Group 1 winners in Northern California tournaments are as follows: Teddy Guillotte, Elmer Wilson's Elders Special (6-1, 72.5); Flash Mathenia (30), Spurgeon/Roberts Open (7-1, 53.7); Gail Sluys, Fred and Genevieve Lavett Open (4-0, 63.5); Jim Gibbons (30), Mystery Money Special (6-1, 61.4); Teddy Guillotte, Jerry and Diane Smith Open (6-0, 76.4) Matt McGrath, Jr., Greg Ellison Open (6-0, 16.2); Teddy Guillotte, Bill Virgen/Jake Steerman Open (6-0, 67.5); Bill Brown, O.H. Hanson Open (5-0, 58%); Ray Santana, Chuck Seal, Founder (5-0, 74); Luis Escareno, Jr. (5-0, 58.4); Sharon Paddock, Bud Grisaffi Open (4-0, 66.5); Sharon Paddock, Loretta Grisaffi Open (6-0, 72); Teddy Guillotte, Leo and Joann Wanner Open (4-0, 73.0); Gail Sluys, Spring Open (6-0, 61.6); Gail Sluys, San Jose Open (6-0, 59.5); Holland Payne (3), LaCasse/Botelli Open (6-1, 56.7); Bill Padgett (3), Cardinali/Hunt Open (4-0, 28.7); Harold Holbrook, Tri-Valley Open (4-2, 57.5); Mel Roberts, Tri-Valley Open (6-1, 58.1); Ray Santana (30), Ty Hoscher Open (6-0, 70.8); Glen Holt (30), Jr. Hernandez Open (6-1, 53.9); Gail Sluys, John Origer Open (6-0, 67.0); Gail Sluys, Frank Westbrook Open (5.5-1-5, 58.9); Teddy Guillotte, Clem Royeski, 80+ Honoray (6-1, 73.5).

CANADA

The British Columbia Club director has the location with handy maps of the various clubs in the province. This certainly is a handy guide for everyone, especially the new

members in the Association.

Organized horseshoe pitching began in British Columbia in 1929 when a group of ardent pitchers from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island regions got together and organized the first-ever provincial championships.

The B.C. Association has been in existence for over 25 years and is a member of Horseshoe Canada. After many years of being asked by numerous players "How do I get to this club or that club, the directory is a reality. Terry Robinson from their promotions department spent many hours contacting clubs, gathering information and putting the directory together.

Note from Ed Murray, Vernon, BC: "A horseshoe goes where you throw it...it's mind over matter. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Then how come you can't pitch every shoe a ringer. We all have two frames of mind. (1) the conscious mind which is alert and hears everything going on around us. They seldom throw many consecutive ringers. (2) The subconscious mind which does not think of anything except what it has been programmed to think about...ringers. This is what you call the 'one-track' mind. This player hears nothing except a real loud "bang" of interfering noise—throws a lot of consecutive ringers."

COLORADO

1995 State Women's Champion Mildred Romero from Edwards, won the fourth Annual Tournament of Champions with a 6-1 record and 55.7 ringer percentage.

Orvan Bennett from Fort Lupton took the Class A crown (6-2, 52.0) followed by Lee Stevenson, Boulder in Class B (7-1, 39.9); Keith Thompson, Class C (7-2, 36.7) from Strasburg; Marilyn Whisenant, Broomfield in Class D (7-0, 26.9); Gordon Carlson, Conifer in Class E (6-1, 24.0); and Walt Murdock, Grand Junction in "F" (7-0, 29.0).

Ernie Coulyer from Commerce City teamed with Greeley's Joan Hightower to win the 12th Annual "Four Dead" bowling tournament. They closed three pins in front of the Mel Yockstick—Bev Lauer due with a high 1,235 total pins.

Coulter nailed the tournament high 621 actual total and 693 with handicap. Sheila Shepard had an even 200 high game for the women. This was Coulter's second straight win in the annual event.

FLORIDA

Top High 3 ringer percentages in three divisions in the state are as follows. Number of tournaments pitched in parenthesis.

MEN: Tom Fields (6) 64.9, Robert Harrold (7) 64.6, Glenn Rains (8) 62.8, Gary Gardner (10) 59.0, Glen E. Hoppes (9) 58.7, Edwin Fox (11) 58.4, Troy Harrison (7) 57.6, Ron Deckard (25) 57.0, James Browere (12) 56.4, and James Pete Peterson (10) 56.4.

WOMEN: Linda Kaercher (22) 58.7, Ursuella Sue Harrold (6) 50.9, Frankie Howell (16) 50.6, Judy Oliphant (5) 48.6, Maxine Hunt (6) 43.8, Phyllis Moore (6) 43.3, Linda Rains

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(6) 42.8, Claudia Moriarty (5) 41.0, Lois Hayden (10) 38.0 and Eileen Fox (11) 37.5.

SENIORS: Andy Opdyke (19) 57.5, Bob Downey (12) 56.8, George Becvar (5) 51.5, Russell Lobuzzetta (22) 51.1, Joe Morgan (18) 48.9, Ed Gorfy (13) 42.1, Eugene Rock (9) 41.3, Frank Schneider (6) 41.2, Cal Kaercher (23) 40.8 and Charles Dressing (18) 37.2.

ILLINOIS

Harold "Booty" Lange was awarded his 40-year NHPA patch. Coming in line for the 30-year patches were Abe Austin, Joseph Helbling and Jack Stout.

Coming under the 20-year banner for patches were Steven Denault, Joe Douchant, Larry Knop, Ray Mayhew, Hiram Nelson, Rex Swinson and Forest Woodworth. 37 10-year patches were sent out.

Mike Green captured the Class A title in the annual St. Patrick's Day Bash with a 5-0 record and 47 ringer percentage. Steve Denault and Clint Proffer teamed to win the Taterdome Doubles at Columbia with a 5-1 record. Steve closed with 60.1%, Clint had 41.9.

Ed Bell, Jr. topped the field in Class A in the Spring Fling with a 3-0 record and 52 ringer percentage.

Jay Larson went 4-2 with 45.8% to win Class A in the April Fool Open. Ken Pogue from Missouri won Class A with a 5-1 record and 68.3% in the April Open.

KANSAS

Arnie and Red Carpenter from Otis had a real scare last month. Returning home from Kansas City they ran into a snowstorm just 2 miles from home. They hit what is called a "white out" and ended up in a ditch where they had to spend the night. They got pretty cold but came through it great. They drive a little red Pontiac sports car and Arnie said "you can't hardly cuddle in it."

Jerry Holt, Bill Whitley, Gregg Turner and Dennis Edgington went to Tulsa's tournament on March 23. Jerry won first, only losing two games, one to Dennis and one to Louis Mouse in which he pitched 30 ringers out of 40 shoes. Jerry won 7, lost two and hit a 68.7 ringer percentage.

It was a "Big" tournament for "Pop" Tamboer on April 13 and 14. He is a special person, even beyond horseshoe pitching. The pitchers marvel at his spirit for the game, and envy his success as a true professional horseshoe pitcher. He is 90 and some change but you would never know it by the way he walks or throws a horseshoe.

MICHIGAN

Top ten percentages for WSHPA members finds Duane Govitz, Jr., Anne French, Kent Rundell and Jim Urie at the head of the lists.

MEN: Duane Govitz, Jr. 68.93%, Dick Pelton 64.51, Jim Wiltse 63.88, Larry Kemp 63.22, Tom Williams 63.18, Dean LeClair 62.90, Bob Williams Jr., 61.21, Rod Tanner 60.52, Dave Grambow 60.29, and Marty Quillen 59.71.

WOMEN: Anne French 67.42%, Judy Curtiss 65.61, Kathy Yaworski 58.90, Dorothy Falk 57.38, Becky Perryman 57.10, Judy Dennis 51.69, Sandra Gates 51.66, Margo Kohn 50.73, Paula Summerlin 48.07 and Norma Hansen 36.94.

ELDERS: Kent Rundell 66.03, Claude Shannahan 63.48, Al Morris 60.20, Bob White 59.01, Lowell Rollins 55.99, Rudy Beracy 55.14, Red Humphrey 54.53, Dick Wildey 49.06, Bob

Seaman 45.51 and Harold Morris 43.72.

JUNIORS: Jim Urie 44.64, Frank Quillen 39.42, Diana Gore 33.57, Dale Gore, Jr. 28.09, Collin Gibbs 26.42, Daniel Tanner 20.50, Trevor Turnbow 8.59 and Michael Gore 5.83.

MINNESOTA

The quartet of Lance and Leon Houde, Gerald Plasek and Butch Kubash downed 2,462 pins to capture the 7th annual horseshoe pitchers bowling tournament at Maple Lanes in Fridley.

Second place honors went to Colin Gisslen, Roger Olson, Stan Ervasti and Vernon Bolduc. The third place team was composed of Mac McMann, Lloyd Hendrickson, Jack Roubinek and Randy Hoppe.

Single event champion was Gordy Petrick with a 700 series including handicap and a 266 single game. Bev Grase nailed a 657 series including handicap and 220 game. 107 bowlers competed in the tournament.

In 1934 a young lad named Howard Ringham caught the attention of veteran pitchers, and a city newspaper found the accomplishments of this 13-year old phenomenon newsworthy. He still carried fond memories of his championship years and a love for the sport.

Howard has left his native Albert Lea and now lives in North Woods, Iowa, and still has a pair of shoes hanging in the garage. At the age of 14, young Ringham had a 50% ringer average and was taking championships from the veterans.

MISSOURI

World and State Champion Alan Francis will be missed in Missouri and it is Ohio and Amy Brown's gain as the couple were married in Defiance, Ohio on Saturday, April 27.

As you know, they are both World Class horseshoe pitchers and will add greatly to the Ohio pitching contingent. Cards or gifts may be sent to Amy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, 1204 Powell View Drive, Defiance, OH 43512.

Since moving to Ohio, Alan injured his pitching hand on a saw, but we have heard he started pitching again in April. We all wish the defending World Champion the best and wish him well. His move is for real, folks! His mother gave him a horseshoe shirt for his birthday with "Ohio" on the back.

NHPA first vice president Earl Winston is still recovering from the gunshot wound which shattered his upper left arm last December 20. This was courtesy of an unknown prowler. Meanwhie, Earl's face got in the way of a weaning calf's foot during loading in a cattle trailer, resulting in a broken left cheekbone. That has now been repaired and he is doing fine. Vicki says: "We are sure glad we live in the country where it is safe. Ha!"

NEW YORK

After the Hall of Fame committee met at the Spring meeting in April, it was announced by Rod Pratt, Hall of Fame chairperson that Sue Twyman had been selected as the newest member of the NYSHPA Hall of Fame.

Sue is the current New York State Women's Champion and will be officially recognized with this honor at the 1996 State Championships on Labor Day weekend in Waddington.

Pitchers from New York who participated in the 1996 Carolina Dogwood tournament were Chamiponship Class

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winner Art Tyson (10-2) and Bob Hayes 8th with 5-6 record. In Class A Bob Jones was 11th (2-8), Bob Yeomans won Class J with a 5-1 mark and Park Rauch was third in Class K (4-3).

Some pitchers are good bowlers, too. Fred Wright, Newberg, has thrown no less than two 300s this year; Larry Straub, Cuba, bowled his first 300 and a 717 series; Jack Sternberg, who carries a 210 and 215 average in leagues, had a 299 game and 796 series; Pete Newey, Lee Center, had his first 700 and Traci Hastings, Camden, is consistently in the 600s with her triples.

NORTH CAROLINA

Under a rain threatening sky, 200 pitchers competed in the 28th Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament. When all the game stats were completed, it was no big surprise as Elders' World Champion Franks Bohun from Pennsylvania had won his second in a row and his ringer percentage of 88.9 was not too shabby. Second place went to Milton Vinson from Georgia.

After 11 games in the men's Championship Class, Rick Cale from West Virginia and three-time winner Art Tyson from New York were tied for first with 9-2 records. In the playoff Rick took a commanding lead, 24-8, in a 25-point game and all Rick needed was one point to take the title. Well, it never happened. Art does what he has to do in this situation—keep two on. He did this to win the game 25-24.

Once again North Carolina squeaks out a few more entries for the Dogwood than Ohio. NC had 63 entries to 59 for the Buckeyes. West Virginia was third with 18. In the Championship Men N.A. Moore was 3rd, Tommy Gann 6th.

OKLAHOMA

Here is a heartwarming and money saving story: David Davis of Wright City reports that his employer—The Weyerhaeuser Company is going to pay his entry fee and motel expense for the 1996 World Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming. "I hope I do well to justify their assistance."

Oklahoma defeated Texas 53-47 in the Annual Shootout between the pitchers in the two states. Wanda Morris went 9-1 with a 64.97% to win Class A, Lloyd Shields was 8-2 with 44.59 to win Class B. The Class C winner was Jesse Lindsey, Sr. (7-1, 34.69) Dean Partee took Class D (7-1, 35.13); Berneda Capps won Class E (6-1, 28.57); J.L. Bowen nailed Class F (8-2, 26.11); Bobby Garland won Class G (5-0, 31.0) and Dwayne Lemmings completed the Oklahoma sweep in Class H (5-0, 19.0).

A 25mph wind kept the percentages lower except for Wanda, who raised hers. She has a new nickname—"Windy."

This tournament will be alternated between states with a traveling plaque being furnished by Tipton Trophy from Ada.

OREGON

Mayors are getting into the act in fundraisers for Family Resource Inc.'s Community Time Share Program.

Eight Willamette Valley community mayors will compete in the third annual Emerald Horseshoe Pitching Association's benefit for the Lane County Community Time Share Program. They will be heading for the Washington Street Bridge Courts on October 21.

Ben Wiedrich joins the very elite nationally with his 15th straight Class A men's title. The question under research is: "How many state champions in the 50 states have

equaled or surpassed this consecutive string?" Ironically Bob West has also won 15 titles dating from 1957 through 1979. His longest string was 7 from 1966-1972. West also has the highest ringer percentage for a tournament, 84.66 in 1970, and the highest single game figure of 97.50 in 1970.

In case you didn't know The Legend, Ted Allen, has won state titles in three states: Oregon, California and Colorado.

State pitchers with percentages over 60% are as follows: Patty Sapp 75.57, Ben Wiedrich 70.49, Lowell Davis 68.27, LaVerne Ewing 66.61, Joanne Loy 64.79 and Jerry Gorton 64.68.

PENNSYLVANIA

Congratulations to 1995 Elders World Champion Frank Bohun, who pitched a perfect game Oct. 21, 1995 in the George Rhea Memorial tournament. He had 16 out of 16.

Through the efforts of a most distinguished member, horseshoe pitching may be getting some deserving recognition. Senior Judge John Brosky, State Superior Court (Dormont/H.O.P.E. member) has been working on getting our sport into the State Hall of Fame in Harrisburg. Hopefully they will get a permanent spot in the Hall in the future.

The Erie Horseshoe Club has a lot to be proud of in 1995. World Champion Frank Bohun, who also won Class A, set eight new records at the World. He also won the State 30-foot Elders with 89.4%, the Eastern Nationals 30-foot Seniors with 87.1 and was inducted into the Erie Chapter of the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame.

Point Challenge finals finds Ron Weiss on top with 176, 18 in front of second place Kurt VonKliest. Grace Rugg tops the women with 94 points, Emmas Stone has 86. The Junior leader is Ted Cramer with 114, 27 in front of second place Joey Lehman with 87.

TENNESSEE

Jack Conner is the 1996 men's indoor State Champion who won 4, lost 1 with a 61.6%, his second title. Winning the women's crown for the third time was Maxine Griffith with a 4-1 record and 79.2%.

Hank Irwin won B, Fred O. Perry took "C" and Waymon Edmunds won "D." Twenty-seven pitchers competed in the tournament, the 5th for the men and 4th for the women.

Joan Elmore of Mt. Juliet is the 1996 Winter Horseshoe Pitcher of the Year. Elmore played in her first sanctioned tournament on January 20 and did not miss pitching the rest of the season. THPA President Jack Freeman presented her with a plaque and a certificate of achievement at the Indoor Tournament in March. Joan also will have her 1997 NHPA/THPA dues paid and receive a one-year subscription to *Newsline*.

Freeman reports that "NHPA and I are moving along with bringing the NHPA Hall of Fame to Joelton. Our last meeting with the Metro Codes Administration was scheduled for June 10. Hopefully, all will go well so we can announce its success at the Convention in Gillette July 28.

UTAH

Leola Peterson from St. George has been awarded the 1995 Sportsmanship player of the year, winning the award after the membership voted throughout the year and the final ballot voted on by the officers. This award is presented to pitchers who best displayed sportsmanship during tournaments.

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Current ringer percentages above 50% are led by John Bracken's 70.2. Second in line was Gary Wood 63.4 followed by Shirley Steffen 62.7, Mike Robinson 59.5, Gordon Lytle 58.2, Bud Schardine 55.3, J.J. Steffen 52.0 and Cal Sorensen 50.5.

Klerisa Newby tops the juniors with 29.0%. Second place is held by Nathan Fawcett 13.8 and Eddie James 11.

Winners of some of the recent tournaments finds Don Moser (5-1, 59.4) winning the Spring Open; Mont Lewis (60, 55.4) taking the Ice Breaker and the Snowbird (4-1, 59.5); and Bud Schardine (5-2, 49.2) winning the Rebel.

VIRGINIA

The "Workhorse Award" for the year goes to Kevin Snelgrove, an award designated to go to an individual that demonstrates extraordinary dedication and efforts towards improving the Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Kevin spent a lot of his time and expertise on computer upgrade and program training.

Most games won from the 1994 State singles through August 1995 finds Ray Barb (41 wins) on top for the men. The women's winner was Amy Mondy with 79 wins. Junior Lenwood Conner, Jr. nailed 41 and Bob Dean, Sr. won 25 in the men's 30 footers.

Branson Miller is the new Boys Division Champion going undefeated with a 6-0 record and whopping 70.54 percentage. Conner finished second with 56.49% and much improved Brad Dean was third with 55.17.

WASHINGTON

Art and Carol Sperber from Bremerton were the top winners in the Annual Winter Winetrount Classic held January through March at the covered courts at Everett. Winners gain points by winning first or second in the six qualifying tournaments. The Sperbers competed in five of the events to gain their winning points.

John Reedy captured the Senior title in the 30-foot men's class and Brandon Lund won the junior championship.

Other class winners were John Perucca and Frank Woods in Class B, Bob Jewett in "C," Carol Sperber in "D," plus Lyle Calkins, Dick Lee, Don Sahlin, Len Huson and Dale Perry in the other five classes respectively.

Skip Schilperoot won the traveling trophy awarded to the pitcher who competes in the most tournaments and travels the longest distance to compete. Clyde Sweeney was awarded the Most Improved plaque.

A personalized chair was presented to sponsor Winnie Winetrount at his home as a token of their appreciation for all he has done for horseshoes. It was inscribed "Winnie Loves Horseshoe Pitching." Two hearts represented the word "Loves" and "Horseshoes" by two horseshoes.

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Leroy (Tip) Wipperfurth received special mention in the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter for his outstanding contribution to the sport in the state. He is from Waunakee and actually directs and hosts 8 to 10 indoor and outdoor tournaments every year.

John and Ann Opsteen from Combined Locks have celebrated 50 years of marriage. They have lived in Combined Locks since marriage. Ann is a member of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

Scholarship Fund and Junior Program Director Lorraine Sternberg has finished either first or second in recent tournaments. She finished first in Berg's Area Spring Singles with an 82.1%, first in the Freezeroo III with 71.07, and second in the Junior Scholarship Benefit Tournament with 69.3. Clayton Gage (72.2) won this last event.

Former World Champion Dale Lipovsky won the Close Doesn't Count Tournament with a 71.8% and topped the Close X Count Fall Spectacular with 75.0. Lipovsky, 16-time State Champion and Randy Rein, 4-time Wisconsin Champion hooked up in a 14 game shootout at the O.K. (O.Klare) Oakwood Mall Corral over a weekend with Dale winning 11, and averaging 77%. Randy had 66%.

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Court Etiquette

by Casey Sluys

A much talked about subject throughout our organization is court etiquette. Proper actions of you and your opponent, accepted conduct, etc., etc. It would be nice to see some of these in print and perhaps published for all members to read once in awhile.

How many times have you had someone back into you as you were stepping onto the pitching platform? How many times have you bumped into a short distance pitcher cutting across the court? How long have you waited between games for your opponent to stop chatting? All of these aggravations could be alleviated if everyone would follow these simple, but practical, etiquette guidelines.

Some of the following are rules and some are just plain courtesy. Give it a try folks, see if it doesn't make for a smoother running tournament. Ask your opponents if they saw the etiquette guidelines and what they thought of them.

1. A player is expected to stand at the back of the opposite pitching platform, out of vision range, while the opponent is pitching.
2. During Mixed Play (mixed distance) the short distance pitcher must walk to the rear of the full distance platform.
3. Exit the pitching platform in a clockwise rotation (unless pitching a lefthanded player). Enter the pitching platform from the rear of behind the player throwing first.
4. Harassment will not be tolerated, either by spectators or the opponent.
5. If the conduct of your opponent is other than acceptable, please do not put your "brand" on them—see the tournament director or the judge.
6. Loud profanity is not acceptable (we all mutter on occasion).
7. Stay within the boundaries of your court.
8. Do not pick up the shoes until the opponent has had time to observe the position of the shoes, and mutual agreement is reached on their value.
9. Be aware of the foul line.
10. Carry your own, accurate, measuring tools.
11. You are encouraged to settle point determinations, if you cannot agree on a point or a ringer please call for a judge.
12. The decision of the judge is final.
13. Please observe carefully before leaving your immediate court, it is discourteous to walk in the line of vision of another player.
14. Please do not take extended breaks during round robin play, go to your next court quickly.
15. There may be times when you disagree with the way the host club conducts their tournament. Please take the issue to the club officers, as there may be a reason not readily apparent.
16. Each player is expected to water (if needed) and turn a court prior to commencing a game.
17. Use proper scoring calls.

I'm A New Member

by Wally Shipley

*I see you at the courts
but you never say hello;
You're busy all the time you're there,
with those you already know.
I sit or pitch amongst the members
and yet I'm a lonesome person;
The new ones are as strange as I
but you old members pass us by.
But, darn it, you folks asked us in,
and talk of fellowship;
You could just step across the courts,
but you've never made the trip.
Why can't you nod and say hello,
or stop and shake my hand;
Then sit or pitch among your friends
Now that, I'd understand.
I'll be at your next tournament
perhaps a nice time to spend.
Do you think you could introduce
yourself?
I want to be your friend.*

How many of "US" are guilty of the above?

Dear Dave:

I recently talked to both Abe L. Austin and Ralph Dykes and thought Newslines would be interested in their condition.

Abe is currently at Fairmont Nursing Home, Room 421, 5061 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago IL 60630. 312-604-8112 Abe's son Deleno, said Abe would enjoy hearing from his horseshoe buddies.

I spoke to Ralph & Delores Dykes yesterday (May 1st) and found out Ralph is confined to his home. When I asked them both how they were doing—Ralph jokingly replied, "We're just getting older!" Ralph & Delores live at home—433 W. North Avenue, Lombard IL 60148. 708-629-1631. Ralph & Delores both said they would enjoy hearing from their horseshoe friends and associates.

I know they would truly appreciate a card, letter or phone call! I met Abe in the summer of '67 and became good friends ever since. He introduced me to Ralph Dykes and F. Ellis Cobb in 1968. I always will have the greatest respect for all three of them.

*Good Luck and Good Pitching! Sincerely,
Arthur V. Felgenhauer 708-985-4907
9004 Lemont Rd., Downers Grove IL 60516-5133*

NHPA FINANCIAL REPORT

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Statement of Activity and Changes in Net Assets
Regular Account (Secretary/Treasurer)
Years Ended March 31, 1996 and 1995

Revenue	1996	1995
Membership	\$165,399	\$176,649
World Tourney - See Schedule (1)	99,915	118,419
Horseshoe sanction fees	3,900	3,600
Miscellaneous, sales and charter dues	553	767
Visa card and miscellaneous income	1,185	1,221
<i>Newsline</i> - See Schedule (3)	36,208	44,045
Refunds	502	583
Donations - Memorial Fund	300	—
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Total Revenue	\$307,962	\$ 345,284

Expenses:

<i>Newsline</i> - See Schedule (3)	\$ 30,792	\$ 29,299
Sanction League Expense - See Sch. (2)	11,135	18,305
World Tournament Expense - See Sch. (1)	107,516	131,606
Regional Directors' Allowance & expenses	7,054	8,086
Tournament Patches	10,580	9,541
Equipment purchases, rentals, repairs	5,125	8,649
Printing, paper and office supplies	8,512	17,249
Postage	6,340	8,467
Officers' telephone	5,511	4,551
Officers' travel	13,614	9,087
Secretary's allowance	16,500	17,250
President's allowance	5,580	5,175
Vice President's allowance	4,650	4,250
Publicity, promotion, advertising	3,047	2,566
Professional fees, accounting, legal	3,549	3,315
Misc. fees, bonds, bank charges, refunds	826	2,297
Insurance	17,557	17,461
NatStats Administration	3,098	1,562
Awards - National Championships	1,682	1,355
Depreciation	1,469	—
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Total Expenses	\$ 264,137	\$ 300,071

Revenue in Excess of Expenses	43,825	45,213
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Other Income:

Interest income	11,134	8,553
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Net Revenue in Excess of Expenses	54,959	53,766
Net Assets, beginning of year	344,545	290,779
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Net Assets, end of year	\$ 399,504	\$ 344,545

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Statement of Activity and Changes in Net Assets
Game Items (Domey)
Years Ended March 31, 1996 and 1995

Revenue	1996	1995
Shipley	\$ 29,452	\$ 30,449
Seibold	14,838	18,291
Ohms	11,704	10,948
Pro Shop	30,066	41,535
Domey	49,373	44,321
Smith	14,497	15,805
Senger	9,450	12,083
NHPA	25,826	21,022
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Total Revenue	\$185,206	\$ 194,454

Expenses:

Office & miscellaneous expenses	\$ 3,217	\$ 6,170
Commissions	11,598	12,496
Horseshoes	120,910	137,242
Game related items	25,294	16,906
Telephone	736	785
Postage	568	433
Freight	10,140	8,802
Advertising	15	7,140
Shirts and caps	2,261	5,210
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Total Expenses	\$ 174,739	\$ 195,184

Net Revenue in Excess of Expenses before Other Income	10,467	(730)
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Other Income Interest Income	1,269	1,082
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Net Revenue in Excess of Expenses	11,736	352
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Net Assets, beginning of year	138,675	138,323
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Net Assets, end of year	\$ 150,411	\$ 138,675
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NHPA FINANCIAL REPORT

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Statements of Financial Position
 Years ended March 31, 1996 and 1995

ASSETS	1996	1995
Current Assets		
Cash in Bank		
Regular Account (Sec/Treas)	236,855	194,790
Game Related (Domey)	68,820	70,393
Memorial Fund	2,564	2,511
Certificate of Deposit	155,000	147,245
Accounts Receivable (Domey)	9,301	2,204
Deposit on Inventory (Domey)	—	3,748
Inventories (Domey)	64,061	62,910
Total Current Assets	\$ 536,601	\$ 483,801
Equipment at cost less accumulated depreciation	13,314	—
Total Assets	<u>549,915</u>	<u>483,801</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable (Domey)	\$ —	\$ 581
Net Assets - Unrestricted		
Beginning Net Assets	483,220	429,102
Net Fund Activities	66,695	54,118
Ending Net Assets	<u>549,915</u>	<u>483,220</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 549,915</u>	<u>\$ 483,801</u>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedule of Activity—World Tourney
 Regular Account (Secretary/Treasurer)
 Schedule (1) Year Ended March 31, 1996 and 1995

Revenue:	1996	1995
Payment against 1990 W.T. debt	\$ 1,295	\$ 772
World Tourney registration fees	56,140	64,687
World video and patch sales	—	112
Hall of Fame Banquet	480	2,848
Perry World payments	5,000	5,000
1996 World bids (CAN, FL, WY)	—	15,000
Gillette World payments	15,000	15,000
1997 World bids (CAN, GA, MO)	—	15,000
Kitchener World payment	5,000	—
1998 World bids (GA, NE, WV)	17,000	—
Total Revenue	\$ 99,915	\$ 118,419

Expenses:

Cash, trophy, patch and trust awards	\$ 93,492	\$ 107,731
Administrative expenses	6,855	7,475
Hall of Fame, awards, supplies	1,469	6,350
Refunds, and overpayments	5,700	10,050
Total World Tourney expenses	\$ 107,516	\$ 131,606
Net Expenses over Revenue	<u>\$ (7,601)</u>	<u>\$ (13,187)</u>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedules of Activity—Sanctioned League
 Regular Account (Secretary/Treasurer)
 Schedule (2)
 Year ended March 31, 1996 and 1995

Revenue:	1996	1995
	\$ —	\$ —
Expenses:		
Sanctioned League -		
Patches and awards	\$ 8,042	\$ 12,510
Office supplies, phone	1,393	4,195
Director allowance	450	600
Junior Scholarships	1,250	1,000
Total expenses	\$ 11,135	\$ 18,305
Net Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ (11,135)</u>	<u>\$ (18,305)</u>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America
Schedule of Activity (Newslines)
 Schedule (3)
 Years Ended March 31, 1996 and 1995

Revenue:	1996	1995
Newslines subscription income	\$ 29,039	\$ 36,888
Newslines advertising income	7,169	7,157
Total Revenue	\$ 36,208	\$ 44,045
Expenses:		
Printing, postage, supplies	\$ 27,072	\$ 25,849
Publication, editing and misc.	3,720	3,450
Total expenses	30,792	29,299
Net Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ 5,416</u>	<u>\$ 14,746</u>

Final Notice To All Charter Presidents

The last issue of *Newsline* carried the annual notice to remind charter presidents that they must

submit a written list of delegates

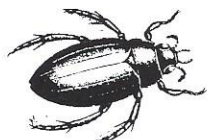
they have appointed to represent their association at the NHPA Convention in Gillette. This list must be presented to the NHPA president no later than 72 hours prior to the start of the convention. As of the writing of this second notice, only nine (9) charters had sent in their list of delegates.

*If you wait until the last minute,
don't make the mistake of mailing it to the
NHPA president's home.*

You will probably miss me as by July 12 I will be enroute to Gillette. If you're going to be late, it will be better that you personally bring the delegate list to Gillette or if you are not attending, give it to a pitcher who will be there the first 3 days and can turn it over to me. Don't forget this important requirement of our Bylaws. You need to present a signed list of delegates at least 72 hours prior to the start of the convention in order to

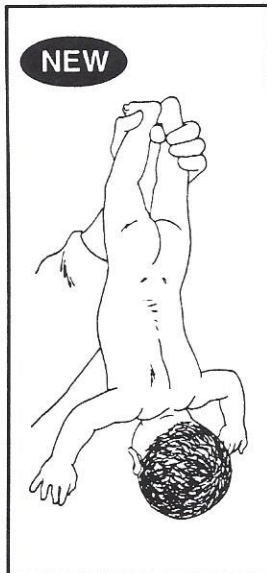
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The Game We Love

by Steve Summerlin, RD, MI

The Horseshoe Pitcher is a person from all walks of life. Although their jobs, education and lifestyles are very diversified, they all have one thing in common; the love of a simple game that requires a great deal of practice, and perhaps even more, an ability to concentrate. Most people that have become involved with the sport are dedicated to it, no matter what their abilities may be or how far they have been able to advance. There is never a completion of one's personal goals.

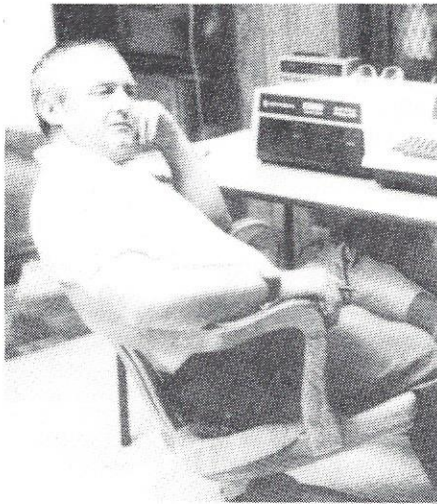
Once one goal has been achieved, a new goal is set and work begins all over again. Perfection in this sport is achieved only on rare occasions and by very few of us. Even then it cannot be maintained, so we keep on working to reach that next plateau. I have found that it doesn't matter how good a pitcher is or what titles they may have won in the past; there are always compliments if you are pitching well or advice when you aren't (maybe not until the game is over). But, in general, we are group of people that show true sportsmanship.

We probably play the most difficult individual, or even team sport, ever devised and as a Regional Director for the NHPA I have learned the difficulties we all face in promoting our sport to the multitude of clubs and leagues that are still playing the old game of 21. Most are not even aware of what the NHPA is, or what our state charters are all about, but we are slowly gaining membership and interest is on the rise. It is for this reason I would like to take this opportunity to tell my state charter, the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, to "keep up the good work."

I believe that promotion and communication are the only ways for our sport to continue its growth, and I would like to encourage each charter throughout the NHPA to consider an exchange of their charter newsletters so we can all learn what is being done in other charters to promote our sport.

One final note: Michigan has 79 sanctioned tournaments scheduled for 1996, so you might wish to consider the Great Lakes State as a vacation spot where you can enjoy the great sport of horseshoes every weekend and still keep the spouse happy just to be away from home.

The Toll of Time



MERVIN LICHTY

Horseshoe Canada and the Ontario HPA lost a true friend, worker and promoter with the untimely death of Mervin Lichty on February 19, 1996. Merv, who was 54 years old at his death, was for 20 years a common sight at all major horseshoe tournaments, almost always with his trusty computer. He was a pioneer in the field of computer use for tournament and player record keeping, having introduced computers to the game in the mid 1970s.

Merv was just an average horseshoe pitcher whose greatest joy and contributions to the game were in the organizational and statistical areas. He was a founder of the Golden Horseshoe League in 1973 which is still operating and has had as many as 34 teams. In the same year he, along with Fred Smith Sr. and Duane Gillin, established the Michigan/Ontario Friendship Tournament which has grown and continues strong to this day.

Merv was a Director of the K.W. Khaki Club, home of the Elmer Hohl Ringer Classic, a former Vice President of Horseshoe Canada, a member of Horseshoe Ontario Hall of Fame and for years, the statistician for Canadian national and provincial associations.

Though Merv was never comfortable receiving personal accolades, his contributions to the game had a profound effect and seem endless. Sadly, only now in death will many of his accomplishments which had been taken for granted, be recognized for their real worth.

HAROLD W. REED

Harold W. Reed, a native and longtime resident of Wauseon, Ohio, passed away on December 15, 1995 in Bradenton, Florida. He was a member of the Bradenton Club, the Fulton County Horseshoe Club and the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Harold was also past Vice President of the Ohio State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, having served from 1963 through 1967.

He averaged better than 50% much of his life. He was an avid promoter and financial supporter of horseshoe in Northwest Ohio and will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Jane, family and friends.

HARVEY KOHLENBERGER

The NHPA and Illinois HPA were saddened to hear of the April 15, 1996 passing of 81 year old Harvey Kohlenberger of Millstadt, IL. His death came as a result of congestive heart failure. A member of the Illinois NHPA Hall of Fame since 1980, Harvey was for more than 20 years a charter officer who devoted much of his adult life to the game he so dearly loved.

He was a member of the Millstadt Horseshoe Club, a civic leader for the community and a first rate horseshoe pitcher who once had a perfect game of 36 straight ringers. He pitched a

right handed 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ turn and many times finished high in the finals of the Illinois State Championships. He holds or co-holds, seven World Tournament records in the Intermediate Division and is tied for 20th place on the list of all time victories in that now retired division.

While his failing health prevented active pitching the last couple of years, he was still supportive of the game and local club encouraging all to work with school children so they might discover the fun and discipline of the game.

IRENE WIEDRICH

The Northwest lost an ardent supporter with the May 20, 1996 passing of Irene Wiedrich, who succumbed to cancer. Wife of 15-time Oregon State Champion and 1989 World Intermediate Champion Ben Wiedrich, Irene was the secretary-treasurer of the Oregon City Horseshoe Club for 15 years and a familiar figure at tournaments all across the Northwest and Arizona where they spent many winters. She was a willing and capable worker who always had a smile and friendly attitude. Irene also pitched in tournaments for many years until her illness prevented it. She is survived by husband Ben, four daughters, a son and several grandchildren.

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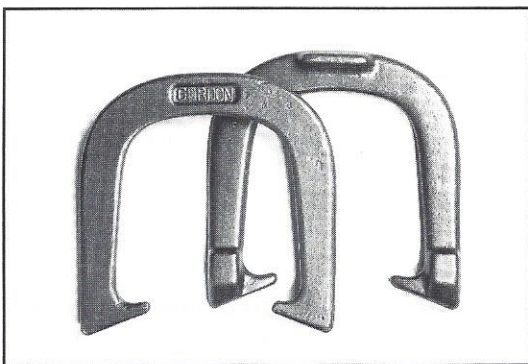
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NHPA Income & Expenditures: April 1996

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$15,207.00
Newsline Subscriptions.....	1,870.00
Newsline Advertising	1,850.00
World Tournament Patches	10.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	1,200.00
World Tournament Entries	35,070.00
Firstar Bank Interest	569.38
Bank Error.....	50.00

Total 1 Month Income \$55,826.38

EXPENDITURES:

Sanctioned League Junior Scholarships	23.45
Newsline Publication, Editing and Misc.....	317.30
World Tournament Junior Trusts.....	15.75
Regional Director Allowance.....	155.00
Regional Director Supplies, Phone, Postage	161.52
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repair	2,637.29
W.T. Cash, Patches & Trophy Award	1,957.73
Refunds	5,000.00
NHPA Officers' Phone	128.92
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance	1,586.50
President Allowance	475.95
Sanctioned League Director Allowance	62.85
N.O.F. Checks	150.00

Total 1 Month Expense \$12,522.26

From the books of NHPA Secretary Treasurer Dick Hansen.

Education

*"There are two educations. One should teach us
how to make a living and the other how to live.*

—John Truslow Adams

"A progressive discovery of our own ignorance. ."

—Will Durant, American historian

*"The Development of memory at the expense of
the imagination."*

—Owen Johnson

*"To develop the personality of the individual and
the significance of his life to himself and to
others."*

—Grayson Kirk, educator

Special Events Calendar

JULY 1996

- 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.

Promote your special event here. If you have a tournament of significant interest, distinguished by some special quality setting it apart from the usual, send details to the editor at least 90 days in advance.

Time & Timing

That a suitable interval may be required before an action is taken is reinforced by this story told by ABC Chief White House Correspondent Sam Donaldson, who was traveling with President Jimmy Carter.

We had been taken to a small village near New Delhi (renamed Carterpuri by the Indians for the occasion) to see how the village solved its energy problem. This was the height of concern over the energy crisis. Carterpuri solved its energy problem by throwing all the cow manure from its herds into a large pit, then siphoning off the methane gas to light the village lamps. So it came to pass that we all stood on the lip of the manure pit inspecting the process. "If I fell in, you'd pull me out wouldn't you, Mr. President," joked Donaldson. "Certainly," President Carter replied—(pause)—"after a suitable interval."



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