



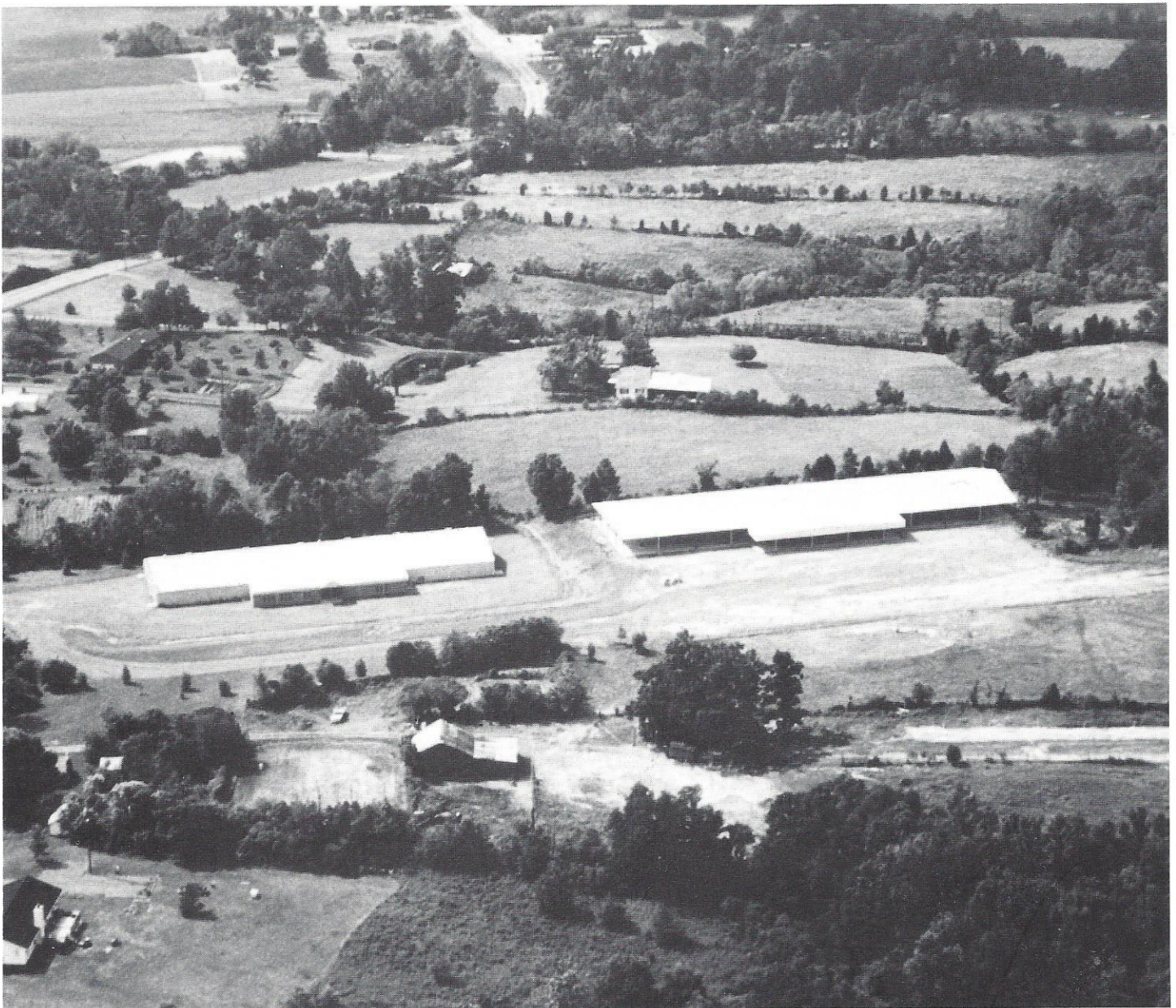
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President's Message

In the last issue, I wrote about mixed pitching and the controversy it brings in some parts of the country. It pained me a bit to make mixed pitching the subject of my message, because I knew that this issue and perhaps the next would also have to address the subject as members expressed their feelings on the subject and my proposed amendment to the Playing Rules. I heard from 9-10 members who took the time to write. Most were supportive of the idea or at least trying something. They, as I, feel the controversy will continue to fester as long as the NHPA continues to look the other way hoping the situation will go away.

I realize my suggestion would not be an absolute cure-all, and hoped that other suggestions would be offered. Some were. It's time the NHPA and convention delegates address the controversy head-on. Yes, our Bylaws specify that all full and short distance pitchers shall be given the opportunity to play, but they do not say that shall be in mixed distance groups. That decision should be, as it is, the decision of the tournament director or those respon-

sible for formulating the tournament. These people, however, are in many areas, apparently not often considering the wishes of the majority. It seems that they will either force mixed pitching or mixed 30' groups regardless of the number of entrants in each division. Charter officers and tournament directors have to come to the realization that they cannot force feed their entire membership the same meal without some variation. If the Charters put enough variation into their tournament schedule, i.e. some fully mixed, some short distance mix and some by division only, I don't believe there would be any need to consider a change to the rules. Players would have the opportunity to select the tournament format they like and stay away from the ones they don't like. But, when the entire schedule is pretty much the same format, members have little choice and will grow discontent. Some will voice their feelings while others will just leave the game. As a small organization that has seen a decline in membership parallel the push of mixed pitching, it is incumbent on all of us to be alert to the possible relationship between the two.

Dave's Court Report

Georgia Charter Pays Debt. As reported in the Sept./Oct. issue of this magazine, the Georgia Charter, after stopping payments against their 1990 W.T. debt, was given the choice of paying \$10,000 by 12/31/96 or face a five year suspension. I'm very happy to report that a \$10,000 check was received on November 25th.

This office was contacted during the second week of October by a concerned member of the Perry, Georgia Horseshoe Club, who indicated that many members were unaware of the Charter commitment. He requested, and received, copies of the many exchanges of correspondence. Within two weeks thereafter, I received word that a special meeting had taken place and payment would be sent. There would be several fund raisers throughout the Georgia Charter, but the bulk of the money would initially come from member Jim Haley, who in fact sent a personal check. The NHPA wishes to extend sincere thanks to Jim and the other concerned members who came together to pay this debt. With this \$10,000 payment, the NHPA is forgiving \$18,249 and considers the matter settled with no further money owing.

NHPA Declines Team Tuff-E-Nuff Endorsement. In the World Tournament issue, it was also reported that the NHPA had reached an agreement, in principle, with Mr. Fred Rich. We had worked out some details on a promotional agreement pending receipt of further paperwork from Mr. Rich and the review and comments of the NHPA attorney. It was determined that Team Tuff-E-Nuff filed for 501(c)(3) status of the Internal Revenue Code, the exact same status as the NHPA applied for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF). According to our attorney, this puts both corporations competing against one another for the same funds and sponsors, all in the name of promot-

ing the sport to the same educational, youth and amateur organizations. As such, Mr. Rich has been advised that the NHPA will not enter into a working promotional agreement with him or issue an endorsement of the team Tuff-E-Nuff concept.

NHPF Now Incorporated. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) was officially incorporated in the State of Tennessee on September 25, 1996. We now await the IRS to rule on our request for a tax exempt charitable status. This could take 1-3 more months. In the meantime, 4 of the 5 directors of the Foundation held a Board of Directors meeting on 11/1/96 at the office of the NHPA attorney in Nashville. Officers were elected to one year terms and arrangements were made to transfer approximately \$155,000 from the NHPA Hall of Fame time deposit account to the Foundation where a new account will be opened. Dr. Jack Freeman, who is both a Director and Officer of the Foundation, will be donating the Joelton land and improvements to the Foundation in accord with plans agreed to by his Tax Accountant, the NHPF attorney and the IRS.

March 15, 1997 an important date. All sites wishing to bid for the 1999 World Tournament and all members interested in running for NHPA office must have submitted their bid or announcement by 3/15/97. Bids must be accompanied by a check for 1/3rd of the total amount bid and sent to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. Candidates wishing to run for NHPA First, Third or Fifth Vice President or NHPA President, must send their announcement to the *Newsline* editor by 3/15/97. Incumbents Earl Winston, Bev Born, Paul Stewart and Dave Loucks are all running for re-election. Alan Baptist of Colorado has announced his intention to run for First VP. Full announcements and statements of candidacy will appear in the next *Newsline* issue.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I believe that the foul lines should have been moved up 5" or 6" on the courts at Gillette. Foul line adjustment for elevated courts has been removed from the rules, but perhaps it should be reinstated. The increase in distance is so small (.036" for a 6" raise) that it should be disregarded. Even throwing from the wrong side only gives about a 1/2" increase.

After pitching so badly, I started looking for an excuse when I got home. Perhaps there are others wondering why they didn't do so well also. I discovered, after doing some drawings, that the reason the shoe falls so short is not the small increase in distance, but because the raised pit intercepts the shoe's trajectory at the same distance the pit is raised. That is, assuming the shoe comes in at a 45 degree angle which is probably about right for an average pitcher. One that throws a high arching shoe, say 60 degree angle would only fall 3.47" short, while one throwing a low hard 30 degree would be 10.39" short.

I hope those math whizzes who remember their trig. will check this out. I can't believe I'm the only one making this discovery, as it is so easily seen after drawing a picture or plotting it on graph paper.

Five or six inches could have made a difference for us old fellers that have a tendency to throw short anyway. There should be a rule to take this principle into account. Does a study need to be made to determine what the average angle of approach would be? Obviously there couldn't be a different foul line for each pitcher based in regard to the height of his arch.

Thanks to all those involved for a well run tournament. It was great to see all our old friends and make new ones.

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To Editor,

This is in reference to your article in the Nov./Dec. 1996 issue, *30' & 40' Pitchers in Local Tournaments!*

I went 30' in 1995, simply because

40' was too far for me. I agree there is an advantage for 30' pitchers, especially on a windy day.

Your suggestion that 40' pitchers move past the 37' foul line when pitching 30' pitchers is a good idea.

I suggest one other advantage for the 40' pitcher—give the 40' pitcher first pitch all the time. This will keep the 30' pitcher from distracting the 40' pitcher, plus the advantage of pitching first.

Thanks,

Don Parkes, Front Royal, VA

Dear Dave,

I enjoyed your President Message in the Nov./Dec. issue of the NHPA *Newsline* and appreciate your concern regarding the 30' and 40' mixed pitching controversy.

Your proposal in solving this debatable issue appears very reasonable and fair. Why not try it for one year and get the feedback you need for a permanent resolution?

Allowing the 40' to go over the foul line when pitching in a mixed tournament might help stop all the bickering that takes place among the two groups. Another proposal made by Orville Lokken of southern California sounds reasonable, too. Give the 40' pitcher 4 points for a ringer and give the 30'er the regular 3 points.

As a 73 elder (30') with glaucoma, I would like to see the day when we can all enjoy the competition and eliminate the controversy between the two groups.

Ralph G. Carter, Sacramento, CA

Dear Dave,

I read your proposal in the *Newsline* magazine about letting 40' pitchers move up to pitch 30' pitchers in a mixed tournament. The only question I have is how this might affect the 40' pitcher's ringer percentage? With practice, the 40 footer will pitch a better game if he moves up from the 37' line. Bringing up his average by pitching closer could affect his tournament play when faced with only 40 footers. Most affected will be in major tournaments such as the World Tournament. Outside this concern I think that this is the best solu-

tion I've heard trying to help the 30'-40' controversy.

Allen A. Baptist, RD, Colorado

Dear Dave,

We are all aware of the increased number of 30' pitchers that are competing in the game of horseshoes, and are also aware of the number of fine 40' pitchers leaving the game because of the controversy.

Many say that there is no problem because the ringer percentages are all that matters, but there is a problem, because the shorter distance is a softer shoe and will stay closer to the stake, scoring more points and allowing more first pitches.

A simple solution could be implemented which would not affect a normal tournament in any way, that is when a 40'er and a 30'er are pitching against each other their game would automatically be ringers only alternate pitch.

There are probably some eligible 40'ers who would go to 30' knowing that they wouldn't be taking advantage of their 40' opponent with this system in effect.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Bouscal, Livermore, CA

Dear Dave,

I have never written about 30-40' before, but your President's Message in the Nov./Dec. '96 issue inspired me to do so.

When the NHPA Rules Committee considers your proposal to allow 40' pitchers to move up when playing a 30' pitcher, there are a couple of things they might also want to think about:

1. The statistics might get a little messy. We have a 40' pitcher who pitches around 20% and can beat most of the 30' pitchers in our club when pitching at their distance. He pitched in an 8 player class with six 30' pitchers in a tournament in '96. If he moved up for 6 of his 7 games, what would we do with his percentage? Would we count this as one of his 3 high 40' tournaments, drop those games, or try to keep track of them separately? Would we have less controversy or more?

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Letters to the Editor *continued...*

2. You mentioned eliminating a major excuse to grumble, but what about those six 30' pitchers with a 20% average? They might think they had a pretty good excuse to grumble.

Missouri is one of the states you mentioned where mixed pitching has been accepted quite well. We had 48 local tournaments in 1996 and 43 were announced as mixed on the schedule. The schedule has been similar for several years and participation is excellent. I think most feel it has been a plus to our charter by giving more participation in local tournaments and providing more even competition for everyone.

Back when we only had 1 or 2 mixed tournaments per year, a young male tournament director made a motion to require all local tournaments to be mixed. He was almost laughed out of the meeting by many 40' and women pitchers and the motion failed. Maybe some of the states who are fighting mixed pitching might also like it if they really gave it a chance at most of THEIR tournaments for a couple of years.

What do you think?

Greg Craven, Liberty, MO

Dave Loucks,

I read your article about the 30 and 40 foot pitchers in the last *Newsline*, and I can't say I agree with you. I can understand that you are at least trying to find a solution that will satisfy most everyone which will probably be impossible. I'm sure we have some pitchers in Missouri that feel the same way about mixed pitching, but we really haven't had any real problems. I'd like to offer another alternative.

I assume that the biggest gripe about playing in a mixed tournament is that a 40' pitcher probably won't win first place. Other than that, I can't understand why someone would have a problem with mixed play.

A solution would be to raise the entry fee a couple of dollars and in a mixed tournament, award first place to the 40' and 30' champion of each class. What if you have only one 30' pitcher in a class? This pitcher would have had to have a record that would put him/her in a first or second

place position in that class. Most tournaments award prizes to first, second and third place winners. In this way, if you awarded prizes to a 30' and 40' pitcher, just have first and second place prizes, and this would do away with the need to move up.

Just possibly you wrote this article hoping someone would come with another idea or two. I'm sure you've thought of all kinds of ways, but just take a minute about what I've written and see if it would work.

Respectfully,

Kent Armstrong, Kansas City, MO

Dave,

Your President's Message article in the November/December 1996 issue of *Newsline* does a good job of detailing most of the complaints in the mixed 30'/40' pitching controversy. However, I feel your suggested solution misses the real point of this controversy.

For me (a 40' pitcher), and I believe for the overwhelming majority of 40' pitchers, being "allowed" to step up when pitching a 30' pitcher represents no solution at all. What we 40' pitchers really want is to be assured that in every open sanctioned tournament we enter we will be competing against pitchers who are as much as humanly possible facing the exact same conditions and circumstances that we are.

My suggestion for accomplishing this would be for the NHPA to fully recognize and accept the fact that the 30' and 40' games are distinctly different and revise the pitching rules and regulations to prohibit mixed 30' and 40' pitching in open sanctioned tournaments.

Permitting the mixed pitching of Juniors, 70+ men and women at the 30' distance with an appropriate NHPA approved handicap system should provide adequate pitching opportunities for everyone in all but the most isolated of tournaments.

One exception to the above suggestion might be "in open sanctioned tournaments where 3 or less 30' pitchers are entered in the tournament, the 30' pitchers must be integrated appropriately into the 40' pitching classes."

Although my suggestion is certainly not new or unique I believe it has the potential to restore some of the respect and integrity that the game of horseshoe needs and will have a positive affect in the promotion of the game.

Walt Davis, Lincoln, NE

Dear Mr. Loucks,

I am writing this letter in response to the article in the Nov./Dec. issue of the national *Newsline* letter, regarding the 30' and 40' players. The grumbling and discontent that have been present for the past 5 or 6 years have become a reality in Utah, resulting in a huge decline in participation.

I feel your suggestion for 40 and 30' tournament pitchers that would allow 40 foot players to pitch in their comfort zone, between 30 and 40 feet is a sound one. I would also like to make a suggestion. When this situation occurs, ringer percentage for the 40 foot should not count on their record, only when 40 foot pitchers play against each other would it appear on their record.

In all sports—golf, bowling, tennis, etc. they are growing in popularity, where as horseshoe pitching seems to be on the down slide. I believe a major reason for this is mixed pitching. We should have them pitch separately.

If in any given tournament there are not enough 30 foot players (which is generally not the case, 30 foot players far out number the 40 foot players, the handicap system should apply. An example of this problem is our '96 State Championship. Only 6 women entered: 1-58%, 1-48%, 3-26 to 28% and 1-18% with A, B and D classes already decided. As a result everyone was thrown into one group with very little competition for A and B players. C class being decided by win, loss record which was fine, but our Class A winner shows 9 wins, 0 losses, no handicap. This does not seem the correct way this should have been handled. For some players these situations are unpleasant, and a possible reason so few entered.

You, as the National Horseshoe

Letters to the Editor

Pitching Association, have to make a decision, perhaps changing the rules on some of these, I feel, very important issues. Left up to our tournament directors, there will be no change, most are quite comfortable with things as they are. We must have a change to enable this wonderful sport to grow.

I feel that the NHPA should make the rule changes and that all states must abide by them, as in State and World Championships.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Allred, Richfield, UT

What Happens When the Desire to Win Turns Ugly?

There's nothing wrong with a little *healthy* competition. Competition motivates people to excel, inspires creative thinking and is the impetus for innovations and breakthrough technologies. But, as they say, too much of anything can be bad, and competitiveness is no exception. Mental health experts say that the desire to win can become an obsession. When this happens—when people start defining who they are by their wins and losses—the competitive drive has gone too far, and burnout or worse may be imminent.

Don't view every situation in life as a competition. Don't try to win every argument with a spouse or a co-worker or try to outmaneuver every potential customer at the negotiating table. Instead, try to work out a solution that makes everybody happy. Otherwise, your win today may ultimately lead to loss in the form of alienation from your co-workers, marital problems, or the loss of a friend down the road. Cooperation and collaboration often help everyone come out a winner.

The game of horseshoes is a competitive sport. As such, we sometimes let the real reason for playing the game get lost in the will to win. Our sense of fair play can become distorted by our own personal goals. The rules are such that everyone that plays the game has the same opportunity to enjoy the game. We cannot

allow the game to get changed so that a certain group gets pushed aside just so it makes it easier for others to win. The issue of women of all ages and men over seventy pitching at less than the full distance and being dispersed throughout the various classes according to ringer percent, is threatening the very fiber of organized horseshoes. Good sportsmanship is in danger of being displaced by the will to win.

We need to put all of that nonsense aside. We need to work within the framework of the game to make it fair and equitable for everyone. At times, separation of classes according to pitching distance is feasible. At other times it is impossible. Tournament directors would be well advised to separate the classes, but only if it is still possible to maintain the competitiveness. A competitive atmosphere must be maintained in all classes to retain the interest of the pitchers. If that means mixing short

distance pitchers in the regular classes, so be it. Things like handicapping and alternate pitch should be implemented in certain cases where large ringer percentage differences appear. All pitchers have to give a little to make sure that the game is fair for everyone.

Remember, "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." Strive to give your personal best in every endeavor, and try to be happy with that. That's all you can ask of yourself. Make personal improvement—not winning at any cost—your top goal. You won't win every raise, every promotion or every game, but you should sleep better at night knowing that you gave it your best effort. Your self esteem should rise, too, since it won't be directly linked to wins and losses.

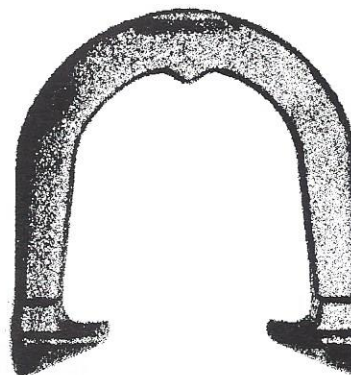
At the end of the day, horseshoes is just a game.

Ken Kosky, Schofield, WI

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FOCUS ON PROMOTION

Our articles often address the recruiting of new members, but not much has been said about what we do once they sign up. Many of our new members are unaware of tournament entry procedures, few are aware of state tournaments or that there is even a World Tournament. Few are aware of charter newsletters, how to subscribe or that there is even a NHPA *Newsline* available.

This lack of information can exist into a second and third season, until some individual takes it upon themselves to visit and explain all of this to the new member—who isn't new any longer, or the member, on his own initiative finds out the process and information. How many times have you asked a league member who has been around for more than a season, "Are you pitching in our state tournament?" only to hear some comment about being not good enough or not aware of how to sign up. There is a bit of a learning process to know all about our newsletters, tournament formats, and much more, that should all be provided up front as part of a new member introduction to each charter as they join the NHPA.

We can applaud the N. California Horseshoe Pitchers' Association and the Wolverine State Horseshoe

Starting Our Members Out on the Right Foot

by Bob Dunn

Pitchers' Association for recognizing the need to provide program information to new members and developing new member packets. Some of the information is generic to any charter and is available upon request. Other parts of the information is specific to their own charter, such as tournament schedule, club rosters, etc. To develop a new member packet would be a big step of improvement for any charter which hasn't done so, an effort that surely all new members will appreciate and certainly deserve. There is time for all charters to put this process in place for 1997.

NHPA brochures are available through Regional Directors for your New Member Packets and are also suitable for use in recruiting efforts. Following is a listing of the information in the New Member Packets as developed by the NCHPA & WSHPA:

NCHPA

- Welcome letter that includes tournament structure, host club responsibilities in conducting tournaments.
- NCHPA brochure
- NHPA brochure
- How To Pitch instructions
- Establishing contacts with the media
- Court etiquette
- NHPA Game Related Sales information

- Game Rules brochure
- NHPA *Newsline* subscription form

WSHPA

- Cover letter by charter president
- Welcome by Regional Director
- Roster of charter officers
- NHPA Game Related Sales information
- History overview of our sport
- Charter constitution and ByLaws
- Dues structure
- All-time list of state champions and Hall of Fame inductees
- Booklet of clubs, club contacts, maps of court locations
- State tournament information

Publicity Announcement

from Bob Champion

As I have said for the past ten years, publicity is everyone's business, and I hope that all the Charters are becoming conscious of this fact.

I trust that every newsletter editor has placed all other publications on their complimentary list along with newspapers in communities where sanctioned horseshoe pitching is scheduled.

In Gillette, Wyoming, the Publicity Committee published 16 daily newsletters. Members of the Committee are Clair Harris, South Dakota; Paul Stewart, North Carolina; Don Koso, Nebraska; Allen Baptist, Colorado; Art Sperber, Washington; Stu Snyder, California; Bart Sargent, Massachusetts and Charles Bunner, West Virginia.

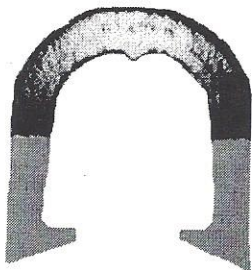
This year the Publicity Committee has published the *NHPA Media Guide*, prepared record pages for the Annual Program and manned the press headquarters during the World Tournament.

Every year I urge Charter officers, publicity chairpersons and newsletter editors to send clippings to me for the NHPA scrapbooks, which eventually will be placed in the NHPA Hall of Fame. The number received has been disappointing for several years. We measure success one clipping at a time. Thousands of clippings (or copies) eventually could be a break toward more recognition of our sport.

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PROMOTION JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

■ Larry Hoyt, North Dakota JPD, provided a new perspective in review of their Junior program. North Dakota is very proud of the accomplishments their Juniors have made in the past years at the national level. For 1995, North Dakota Junior pitchers held 18% of the top NHPA pitching awards granted nationwide. To cap it off, they placed 2 of the 10 highest grade point averages in scholastic categories.

Their state association feels that scholastic achievement is important for their young members and has established a charter scholar pitchers awards program. Scholarship awards of \$400 will be presented to the Junior pitcher who meets eligibility requirements and has the highest grade point average. All other Juniors meeting the requirements of a B average or better, NHPA membership and participation in a minimum of two-thirds of the states scheduled tournaments, shall also be recognized.

■ Charles Brunner, VP—WVHPA, is

making great progress in establishing a horseshoe program as part of the Marion County School's physical education program and to have the effort extend into summer Junior horseshoe leagues. On October 31, Brunner was invited to meet with physical education instructors from 11 schools to discuss the program and how it may be implemented. Considerable material, horseshoe pitching rules, league formation and program benefits were distributed. Approval was received to conduct demonstrations at East Fairmont High School, scheduled for Nov. 6-7. Hopefully other clubs of West Virginia and surrounding areas are willing and preparing to follow suit. With the World Tournament coming to Morgantown in 1998, the timing is right for promoting youth programs.

■ Our focus on promotion efforts of the past are still popular with many readers. A request was even received from a member that his state's history be presented. Here it is as printed

in D.D. Contrell's 1929 *Horseshoe Pitching—How To Play The Game*.

ILLINOIS

The first record the writer has found of state tournaments in Illinois was the one held at Fairbury, Sept. 7, 1926, at which Walter Torbert won the championship. On Aug. 21, 1927, another state tournament was held at the State Fair at Springfield and Mr. Torbert again won the state championship. The third state tournament was held at the Fairbury Fair, Sept. 9, 1928. Gaylord Peterson of Zoluca won the championship.

The State Horseshoe Pitchers' Association of Illinois, Inc., is affiliated with the NHPA. These tournaments have been held under the sanction and direction of this state association whose present officers are: President—L.E. Tanner, Anchor; Vice President—O.G. Addleman, Springfield; Vice President—A.W. Houston, Gibson City; Secretary—George J. Hilst, Green Valley; Treasurer—S.G. Smith, Anchor.

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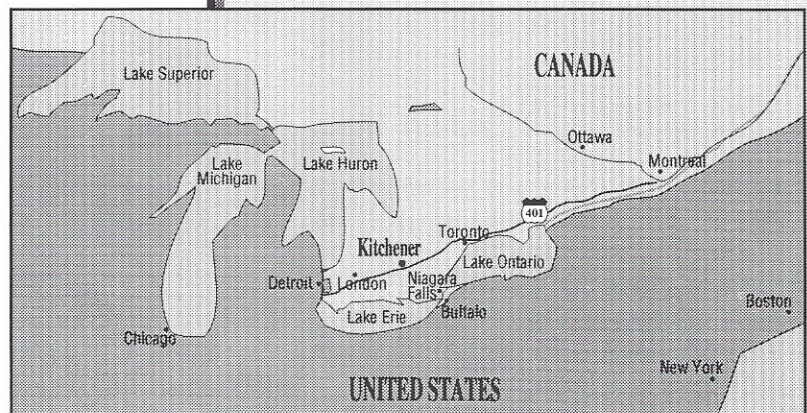
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Junior Profile: Joseph Smith

by Alan Francis

The state of Iowa has produced some great horseshoe pitchers in past years, a few names that come to mind are seven-time world champion Frank Jackson, World Champion Putt Mossman, Glen "Red" Henton, 1992 World Champion Kevin and 1993 World Champion Cathy Carter. The Hawkeye state has another champion to brag about...1995 Junior Boys World Champion, Joseph Smith.

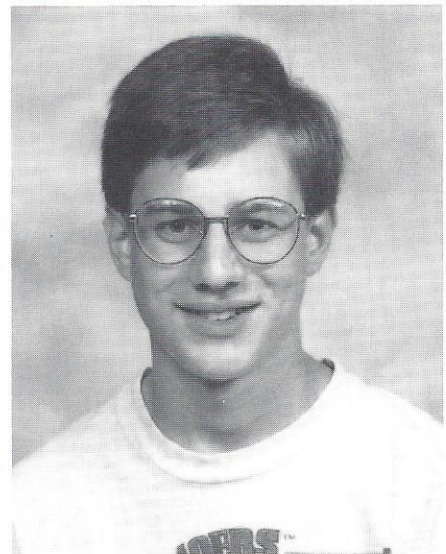
Joseph is the 15 year old son of Dennis and Barb Smith. They reside in the small town of Gladbrook, population 881, located about 80 miles northeast of Des Moines. He attends Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School where he is carrying a 3.3 grade point average.

Like many young horseshoe enthusiasts, Joseph was introduced to the sport by his dad who had been pitching a few years before Joseph began pitching in 1987. Once a week he enjoys "Practice with the gang from the 'Moose' on Thursday nights in

Marshalltown." When asked what he enjoys most about our sport, "I enjoy the competition, but also the pressure." The most influential person in his young career was Rick Voshell, a fellow Iowa pitcher, "Who really helped me when I first started out and believed in me."

All horseshoe pitchers dream of one day becoming World Champion and Joseph was no exception. His drive toward that goal started in 1992 when he won his first state title. He repeated as champion the next four years with a high average of 78.5% in 1994. Joseph continued to practice hard with his ultimate goal in mind. That goal was finally realized at the 1995 World Tournament in Perry, Georgia where he was unbeaten while carrying a 76 ringer percentage.

When not pitching horseshoe, Joseph enjoys watching all sports, along with playing basketball and football with his younger brothers Daniel and Gage. His horseshoe idol is Glen "Red" Henton, "Because he



taught me how to throw a turn shoe and was one of the best ever." Joseph believes we can improve the appeal of the game by advertising horseshoe tournaments in our local newspapers prior to the event.

Joseph missed his bid for a repeat world title in 1996, but he has 3 more years of Junior eligibility in which to continue his quest.



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Regional Directors' Report

by Paul Stewart

Thanks to all the RDs for their prompt response to my request to update the Assistant Regional Director list. I've heard from almost all of you and have the list up-to-date. I also updated the Court Sanction Book. I plan to list both of these files on my Home Page on the Internet soon. I'll put my home page address in the *Newsline* as soon as I finish setting my page up. My e-mail address is nhpa5th@abts.net.

We have had only one Regional Director change since the last issue of *Newsline*. **Charles Knotts of New Mexico** has replaced Hal Mineer. Hal has moved to Utah. Thanks to Hal for his service to the NHPA and we wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors.

From the Mail Bag

C. Leo Buell, RD for Iowa, reports that Clinton, IA has 12 new courts, complete with concrete pads for 40/30 footers, chain link fence and shaded by many giant oak trees. The first tournament was in June, the Mayor of Clinton pitched the first shoe. **ARD Phillis Von Thun** was responsible for this accomplishment.

New **RD Kevin Snelgrove** from Virginia reports that Hurricane Fran took its toll on courts in Churchville and Grottoes. These courts were wiped out last January by heavy rains and snow thaw. Both clubs worked hard to rebuild by May, and were in action again, but Mother Nature struck again with 14" of rain in the Shenandoah Valley. Hensil & Steve Eppard are working with County and FEMA authorities in hopes of having these courts ready for the 1997 season.

Kevin also reports that Virginia welcomes the Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club and the construction of their 12 new courts. Currently 10 pits are in the ground, two more are in the process of being built with handicap/wheelchair accessibility.

RD Steve Summerlin, Michigan, reports that their memberships are up by more than 10% in 1996. 29 adult members and 7 juniors. I wish we all could have the same good news. Steve also points out that Michigan would be a great place to take in a few tournaments on your way to the World Tournament this year.

Jack Adams, RD for Canada reports that the Canadian Championships

were held at the beautiful indoor facility in Calgary, Alberta. Total entry—236. The Calgary Horseshoe Club in conjunction with the Alberta Horseshoe Association were excellent hosts. A busy four days were enjoyed by all. The '97 Canadian Championships will be held in Saint John New Brunswick. This will be the first time they have hosted the National Championships.

Gail Sluys, Northern California RD, reports that Northern California completed 139 tournaments of the 157 on their 1996 schedule. They had some early rainouts and a couple canceled, but most were held and well attended. At the State Tournament, Walter Ray Williams Jr. donated bowling balls to be raffled off, with the proceeds going to a fund to help defray expenses for juniors attending the 1997 World Tournament in Canada. It was a great start to the fund raising \$368.00. Gail says "I wish more people knew how much Walter Ray does behind the scenes for horseshoe. Last year Northern California raised \$1,257., helping 9 juniors be able to attend the World Tournament. This was the best showing since the Williams' boys were Juniors. All have said they had a wonderful experience meeting the other Juniors and getting to pitch in the World Tournament. The 1997 fund will help defray cost for both northern and southern California Juniors attend the 1997 World.

Nevada RD, Don Weaver, has been busy lately getting everything lined up for the Las Vegas Open Tournament, Jan. 19-23. Don says "Wouldn't it be nice if each of you brought in at least one new member this year?"

RD Elwyn Cooper from Missouri, reports that the Heart of American Horseshoe Club is working with the Kansas City, MO Parks & Recreation Dept. getting the courts modernized by taking the old ones out and replacing them with new ones with 30' platforms. To date, 10 of the 12 have been replaced. The last two will be replaced as soon as the rain stops.

Cooper says he is sure other clubs have experienced what we have, in that it takes a lot of patience, guidance and frustration in getting things done in a timely fashion through the Parks & Recreation Dept. But the efforts will be worthwhile when the job is done. One

club member who has demanded that the courts be constructed properly is Mr. Carl Tresler. Without his guidance and perseverance, we surely would have had some second class work.

Ron Vogel, RD for New Jersey reports that the NJSHPA hosted "Walk-in Horseshoe Pitching" at the Flemington Agriculture Fair. The pitching was held for four afternoons during the fair. The highest three pitchers, each day, were given trophies. Literature on the NHPA, NJSHPA, and New Jersey Clubs was given to all. This is the second year for the "Walk-ins" and they are hoping to pick up several new members from this promotion. Ron also reports that the NJSHPA organized the horseshoe pitching at the 1996 New Jersey Senior Games.

RD Pat Wemhoff from Nebraska reports that the first Indian National Doubles Horseshoe Tournament was held at the Omaha Casino in Onawa IA. Coke Bowker and Dan Webster took the \$500.00 first place prize put up by the Omaha Casino.

Allen Baptist, RD for Colorado reports that Colorado sent 106 participants to the World Tournament in Gillette, WY. Out of these 106 pitchers 11 were World Class Champions and 44 placed in the top 5. Paul LaCross and Rich Pintor placed 5th and 10th respectively. Paul LaCross won his 13th state championship with a record 80.4%. Colorado held a record 31 sanctioned tournaments with as many planned for 1997. They also sanctioned 2 new horseshoe courts in Cortez and Bennett, CO. CHPA president Hal Sheppard designed a state Hall of Fame patch which was distributed to all past Hall of Famers.

Ohio RD Earl Vansant reports that the Union Chapel Church of God near Bryan, OH installed two horseshoe courts, and requested a horseshoe pitching demonstration. State President Larry Woolace, contacted champions Alan and Amy Francis, who led the well attended demonstration. Earl also reports that Napoleon, OH has made great improvements to their horseshoe courts. They now have 9 courts and have asked to host the Ohio State, Northwest District Tournament in 1998.

Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

The following clubs listed have earned their plaques for 5, 10 or 15 years of being in the sanctioned cl/lg program. 1997 will be this program's 20th anniversary.

My sincere thanks to all of the many members and Charters who participate and the dedicated work of their cl/lg directors. Without each and every one of you, these 20 years and the program's success would not have been possible.

FIVE YEARS 1992-1996

1. Soo Area, SD
2. Bullocks Creek, SC
3. Rapid City, SD
4. Black Swamp, OH
5. Fannie Mae, TX

6. New Melle, MO
7. Festus, MO
8. Lions Park, MO
9. Greater Danbury, CT
10. New London County, CT
11. PWS Pointers, HI
12. Madison County, KY
13. Music City, TN
14. Baltimore Metro, MD
15. Tri-Valley, CA
16. Mercer County, WV
17. North Star, MN
18. West St. Paul, MN
19. Bureau Val. Jr. Lg., IL

TEN YEARS 1987-1996

1. Sheyenne Val. Jr. Lg., ND
2. Sheyenne Valley, ND
3. Glenburn Jr. Lg., ND

4. May-Port, ND
5. Platte Valley, NE
6. Spearfish, SD
7. Yukon, OK
8. Gold Country, CA
9. Joliet, IL
10. Marion, IN
11. Waggaman, LA
12. Sweetwater County, WY

FIFTEEN YEARS 1982-1996

1. Greater Houston, TX
2. Boulder, CO
3. Pioneer, NY
4. Red River Valley, ND
5. Scottsbluff, NE
6. Golden Triangle, MO
7. Peoria, IL
8. Dormont, PA
9. Indian Valley, CA

News Releases

BROOKLYN PARK HSC #86-C-32 ENJOYS SIXTEENTH SEASON

The Monday league winners beat the first place team from Tuesday in the championship playoff. The club champions were Mary Matuke, Colin Cisslen and Dean Burow.

Champions in the class tournament: Class A—Jerry Larson, Class B—Roger Tripp, Class C—Earl Peterson, Class D—Art Halverson, Class E—Pete Morberg.

Three new members in '96 made their presence known. Dean Burow contributed well to the championship team with a 35-17 season record. Pete Moberg was a tournament class champion and Greg Stumpf had 19 wins and earned a 30% patch.

Pitcher of the Year honors went to Jim Beyer. Cliff Hill raised his average +8.5% for Most Improved. Arnie Johnson had the best win/loss record of 43-13.

Jerry LaBrosse was the Thurs. Straight-Away league champion with 103 points, high game of 72.5, season average of 51.6 and a win/loss of 39-9. Thursday class champions were Class A—Art Moran, Class B—Arnie Johnson.

Our awards night was held Sept. 27, with State Association President, Dick Dvorak present to acknowledge

BPHC for its accomplishments at the '96 State Tournament. BPHC was tied with the host club Litchfield as the State Championship Club. BPHC State Class Champions were Jerry LaBrosse, Jerry Larson, Roger Tripp, Bob Knudtson and Mary Matuke. Jerry LaBrosse and Bob Knudtson also won their classes at World. The BPHC is grateful to Marlene and Bob Knudtson for coordinating our awards night. Thanks to Dave and Pat Senger and Steve and Mary Matuke for a very generous supply of door prizes. Dean Heng collected a huge assortment of tools and handyman accessories for a raffle to benefit our Junior league. Over \$130 was raised and Pat Moran was the lucky winner.

In spite of his tremendous work with the State Association, our State Tournament, and our club, Dean Heng was the subject of our club roast and recipient of the '96 "Unfortunate Pitcher of the Year" award.

The officers for '97 are President—Jim Beyer, Vice President—Pete Moberg, Secretary—Marlene Knudtson and Treasurer—Mike Kloster.

Anyone interested in joining our adult mixed club or our all junior sanctioned leagues may contact: Cl/Lg Director Bob Dunn, 6417

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SODBUSTERS HSC #83-C-84 MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

The Sodbusters Horseshoe Club held their annual banquet this year at the Dogteam Tavern in New Haven, with about thirty members and guests in attendance. After a fine meal, president Roger Forgues handed out our league awards.

The league champion was Lorenzo Gagnon. Second place went to Bev Forgues, third place Roger Forgues and fourth place went to Glen Norris. Our Rookie was Melissa Bigelow. High Game and High Average went to Debbie Brown. High Over Average went to Mike Brown. Our Most Improved went to John Bergeron and our Sportsmanship award went to Bill Shattuck.

We gave a Special Recognition Award to Glen Norris for his many years of service to the club. Connie Selleck received an award for being the most improved woman. Roger Forgues received an award for the Most Improved Man and Scott Selleck was Most Improved Junior for the year. Hope to see all of you again next year.

To join our fun club or for further information, please, contact Beverly Forques 802-453-3128.

1995-96 Junior Scholar Pitchers

A slight deviation from the norm was made this year. Because of an exact tie for 4th place and because of some generous World Tournament contributions from a few dedicated members toward junior promotion, it was decided to give an extra award.

Instead of breaking the fourth place tie with ringer percent averages, to give only 4 places, and a maximum of \$1,000, we will award 5 places. This year's deviation is special and was made possible only by the above mentioned circumstances.

The top two trust funds again go to Michael and Michelle Newton, for their outstanding straight A/A+ records. They will each receive plaques and trusts of \$275. For 3rd place, Maggie Koppes will receive a plaque and \$250. The 4th place ties, Matthew Kiefat and Jamie Edgington will each receive plaques and \$200 each. All listed below will receive Scholar Certificates and patches.

The NHPA is proud of all of these youngsters and wish them continued success in all endeavors.

NAME	AGE	CLUB	SHOES	R%	GPA
Michael Newton	17	Rapid City, SD	1100	66.90	4.00
Michelle Newton	15	Rapid City, SD	1200	31.33	4.00
Maggie Koppes	13	Brooklyn Park, MN	690	2.46	3.97
Matthew Kiefat	16	Red River, ND	1500	36.66	3.75
Jamie Edgington	12	Sunflower, KS	480	3.95	3.75
Jeremy Umphries	16	Kilo Bay, TX	1000	75.50	3.60
Katie Losey	15	Bureau Valley, IL	720	2.50	3.60
Geff Purdy	15	Fannie Mae, TX	1358	39.98	3.60
Heather Haubrick	13	Brooklyn Park, MN	920	3.21	3.57
Katie Eckel	13	Brooklyn Park, MN	420	1.91	3.45
Andrea Thatcher	14	Brooklyn Park, MN	780	1.79	3.23
Rachel Luckey	13	Glenburn, ND	1050	19.00	3.07
Amanda Thacher	12	Brooklyn Park, MN	540	2.78	2.91
Cody Johnson	16	Fannie Mae, TX	1650	42.66	2.80

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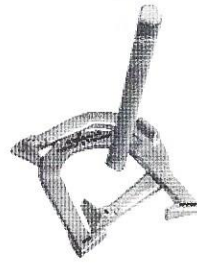
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2.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	122.09
3.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	120.35
4.	Curly Seibold (30')	Marion, IN	118.46
5.	Gene Sierks	Platte Valley, NE	116.33
6.	Frank Smith	Troy, OH	115.02
7.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	114.24
8.	Bob Lautenschleger	West Geauga, OH	112.98
9.	Robert Wilsch	Pioneer, NY	112.68
10.	Gene Reno	Northwest Ark., AR	111.57

HIGH POINT GAME

1.	Gene Sierks	Platte Valley, NE	140
2.	Connie Filley	Red River, ND	137
3.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	136
4.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	135
5.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	135
6.	Frank Smith	Darke County, OH	133
7.	Bob Lautenschleger	West Geauga, OH	133
8.	Loran Coy	Darke County, OH	132
9.	Harlan Jensen	Platte Valley, NE	132
10.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	131

HIGH POINT OVER AVERAGE

1.	Rita Sarbaugh	Try County, OH	+45.83
2.	Melba Watts	Northwest Ark, AR	+42.49
3.	Harman Cadet (30')	Northwest Ark, AR	+41.14
4.	Debbie Carpenter	Franklin, OH	+39.62
5.	Barrie Campbell	Glenburn, ND	+38.52
6.	Jack Melvin	Painesville, OH	+38.12
7.	Steve Sager	Sweetwater County, WY	+37.88
8.	John Fraaken	Central Iowa, IA	+36.74
9.	Dan Martinez	Ault, CO	+36.46
10.	Greg Roach	Claudius Crozet, VA	+35.91

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri County, MN	80.46
2.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	77.09
3.	Connie Filley	Red River, ND	76.10
4.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	74.00
5.	Shannon Foster	Blue Ridge, NC	73.91
6.	Lois Webster	Madison County, KY	72.58
7.	Clayton Gage	Close Doesn't Count, WI	72.15
8.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS	71.80
9.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	71.73
10.	Norman Kelley	Blue Ridge, NC	70.98

MEN'S DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

		%	
1.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	77.09
2.	Shannon Foster	Blue Ridge, NC	73.91
3.	Clayton Gage	Close Doesn't Count, WI	72.15
4.	Norman Kelley	Blue Ridge, NC	70.98
5.	Nehemiah Moore	Blue Ridge, NC	70.53
6.	Gene Sierks	Platte Valley, NE	69.00
7.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	68.88
8.	Normand Rioux	New London County, CT	68.06
9.	Frank Smith	Darke County, OH	67.15
10.	Robert Wilsch	Pioneer, NY	67.12

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Shannon Foster	Blue Ridge, NC	97.5
2.	Gene Sierks	Platte Valley, NE	90.0
3.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	88.0
4.	Clayton Gage	Close Doesn't Count, WI	88.0
5.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	86.0
6.	Bob Lautenschleger	West Geauga, OH	86.0
7.	Frank Smith	Darke County, OH	84.0
8.	Tony Hankins	Millville, KY	84.0
9.	Robert Wilsch	Pioneer, NY	84.0
10.	Loran Coy	Darke County, OH	84.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	John Gregorich	Wauakee Classic, WI	+36.89
2.	Herb Mattson	Greater Danbury, CT	+36.81
3.	Ken Lentz	Goldendale, WI	+35.90
4.	Sam Johnson	Greater Danbury, CT	+35.87
5.	Wayne Peters	Classic City, IN	+35.35
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7.	Jim Parks	Classic City, IN	+34.95
8.	Lawrence Wooster	Stroh Palace, IN	+34.80
9.	Darrel Taulbee	Classic City, IN	+34.29
10.	Ralph D'Agosta	Greater Danbury, CT	+34.29

WOMEN'S DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri-County, MN	80.46
2.	Connie Filley	Red River, ND	76.10
3.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	74.00
4.	Lois Webster	Madison County, KY	72.58
5.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS	71.80
6.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri-County, MN	70.27
7.	Joan Elmore	Music City, TN	69.41
8.	Edie McKenney	Close Doesn't County, WI	64.44
9.	Lu Cave	Tri-County, MN	62.46
10.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	61.96

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Beverly Nathe	Tri-County, MN	98.0
2.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS	92.5
3.	Connie Filley	Red River, ND	88.0
4.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	88.0
5.	Lu Cave	Tri-County, MN	88.0
6.	Edie McKenney	Close Doesn't Count, WI	86.0
7.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	84.0
8.	Lois Webster	Madison County, KY	82.5
9.	Joan Elmore	Music City, TN	80.0
10.	Sue Helene	Close Doesn't Count, WI	80.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Rita Sarbaugh	Try-County, OH	+34.75
2.	Neita Schimmoller	Classic City, IN	+33.00
3.	Mona Winn	Classic City, IN	+32.35
4.	Carolyn Stittleburg	Wauakee, WI	+28.79
5.	Bev Grose	Tri-County, MN	+28.53
6.	Ginger O'Brien	Tri-County, MN	+27.77
7.	Rosie Leyk	Tri-County, MN	+27.50
8.	Marlene Cooper	Classic City, IN	+26.92
9.	Jean Scharbach	Darke County, OH	+26.85
10.	Lu Cave	Tri-County, MN	+25.54

1996 TOP TEN

NATIONAL JUNIOR DIVISION — MIXED BOYS & GIRLS

HIGH POINT AVERAGE

Pos.	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	120.90
2.	Michael Newton	Rapid City, SD	111.81
3.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	84.26
4.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	82.47
5.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	77.15
6.	Matt Kiefat	Red River, ND	72.30
7.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	72.13
8.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	71.78
9.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	68.11
10.	Josh Farley	Spearfish, SD	64.76

HIGH POINT GAME

1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	136
2.	Michael Newton	Rapid City, SD	124
3.	Allen Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	112
4.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	112
5.	Matt Kiefat	Red River, ND	100
6.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	100
7.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	98
8.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	96
9.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City, SD	88
10.	Robbie Shepherd	AVF-Downers Grove, IL	85

HIGH POINT OVER AVERAGE

1.	Cole Seppie	Sweetwater County, WY	+30.44
2.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Ark, AR	+29.53
3.	Sarah David	Montgomery, MN	+29.36
4.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City, SD	+28.80
5.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	+28.22
6.	Jake Rudman	Edgewater, CO	+28.00
7.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+27.74
8.	Matt Kiefat	Red River, ND	+27.70
9.	Eric Solbakken	Glenburn, ND	+27.62
10.	Chuck Costa	Goldendale, WI	+27.56

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

		%	
1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	75.50
2.	Michael Newton	Rapid City Ringers, SD	66.90
3.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	45.48
4.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	43.65
5.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	40.25
6.	Shane Posey	Blue Ridge, NC	40.00
7.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	39.88
8.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	39.75
9.	Chris Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	38.66
10.	Matt Kiefat	Red River, ND	36.67

JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	75.50
2.	Branson Miller	Winchester, VA	71.57
3.	Michael Newton	Rapid City, SD	66.90
4.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	45.48
5.	Nathan Miller	Winchester, VA	43.71
6.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	43.75
7.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	40.25
8.	Shane Posey	Blue Ridge, NC	40.00
9.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	39.75
10.	Chris Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	38.66

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Jeremy Umphries	Kilo Bay, TX	90.0
2.	Branson Miller	Winchester, VA	90.0
3.	Nathan Miller	Winchester, VA	80.0
4.	Michael Newton	Rapid City, SD	76.0
5.	Allan Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	68.0
6.	Anthony Griggs	Northwest Arkansas, AR	64.0
7.	Chris Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	62.0
8.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	60.0
9.	Matt Kiefat	Red River, ND	60.0
10.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	58.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Nathan Miller	Winchester, VA	+36.29
2.	Troy Fiechter	Classic City, IN	+27.57
3.	Trent Fiechter	Classic City, IN	+24.30
4.	Chris Carter	Northwest Ark, AR	+24.00
5.	Joel Schroeder	Classic City, IN	+23.77
6.	Matt Kiefat	Red River, ND	+23.34
7.	Chris Bearor	Sodbusters, VT	+23.33
8.	Robbie Shepherd	AVF-Downers Grove, IL	+22.58
9.	Allen Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+22.52
10.	Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	+22.00

JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION

HIGH RINGER AVERAGE

1.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	39.88
2.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	36.44
3.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City, SD	31.33
4.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	29.17
5.	Autumn Miller	Winchester, VA	20.40
6.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	19.05
7.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	17.60
8.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	14.21
9.	Sonya Foster	Blue Ridge, NC	10.86
10.	Kara Hyder	Blue Ridge, NC	8.33

HIGH RINGER GAME

1.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	56.0
2.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	56.0
3.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City, SD	54.0
4.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	50.0
5.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	42.0
6.	Autumn Miller	Winchester, VA	36.0
7.	Sarah David	Montgomery, MN	26.0
8.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	24.0
9.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	24.0
10.	Kara Hyder	Blue Ridge, NC	15.0

HIGH RINGER OVER AVERAGE

1.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	+32.40
2.	Michelle Newton	Rapid City, SD	+22.67
3.	Jennifer Machacek	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+19.56
4.	Sarah David	Montgomery, MN	+19.04
5.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	+16.31
6.	Autumn Miller	Winchester, VA	+15.60
7.	Heather Tignor	Independence, MO	+12.83
8.	Elie Knutson	Close Doesn't Count, WI	+9.99
9.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	+9.79
10.	Tiffany Haubrick	Brooklyn Park, MN	+8.71

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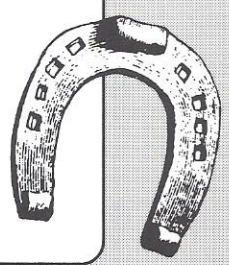


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NHPA Hall of Fame

by Earl Winston

It came to mind that a lot of horseshoe pitchers might be thinking that our Hall of Fame is almost as old an institution as the pitching of the annual World Tournament. Such is not the case, so I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a brief history of how the Hall of Fame was born and who some of the people are who have kept the committee functioning through the years.

The idea of establishing a Hall of Fame was discussed for several years and finally a committee was appointed to lay the groundwork, establish guidelines and bring their proposal to the NHPA Convention in 1965. The committee chairman was Carl Steinfeldt of New York. His committee members were Elmer Beller (CA), Leland Mortenson (IA), Marvin Chrisman and Bob Pence, both of Indiana.

In July 1965, the NHPA president, Harold Craig, commented that these gentlemen had come up with the finest set of suggestions and rules possible and their proposal would be brought before the delegates in August 1965. The delegates approved their proposal and the NHPA Hall of Fame was born.

That first Hall of Fame committee then asked the NHPA membership to provide some nominees to be considered as the Charter Members of the Hall of Fame and those people would be inducted in 1966. The nominees could include players or non-players, active or inactive, living or deceased. The committee would then select three players and three non-players for induction. I can't find records as to the election procedure used by this committee, but some early records indicate they may have used a voting system of 3 points, 2 points and 1 point, with the candidate getting the most points declared the winner. I can't find that a candidate had to achieve a certain percentage of the total possible vote, as the current Hall of Fame Committee now requires.

Whatever system they used, that early committee did come up with three players as charter members, but when they counted votes for the non-players they had a tie for the last posi-

tion, so decided to induct four non-players as Charter Members. The Charter Members in the player category were Ted Allen (Boulder, CO), Frank Jackson (Kellerton, IA) and Fernando Isais (Los Angeles, CA). The Charter Members in the non-player category were Archie Gregson (Crestline, CA), David Cottrell (Cohocton, NY), Roy Howard (London, OH) and Arch Stokes (Salt Lake City, UT). Roy Howard published *Horseshoe World* magazine for many years.

As some of the original Hall of Fame Committee were distinguished persons within our sport, some had been nominated and had received votes from fellow committee members. It was felt that perhaps eligible candidates should not be serving on the Hall of Fame Committee, so the committee was reorganized in 1967 and Marvin Chrisman was appointed chairman.

For three consecutive years two players and one non-player were inducted, even though the committee continued to undergo changes in chairmanship. James Johnson (KY) and then Carl von der Lancken (NY) kept the committee functioning. It was under Carl's leadership that the first women were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Vicki Winston was first (in 1970) and then Laura Lanham of Illinois.

Elections continued with two or three individuals being inducted each year until an Old Timers category was added in 1975. This category has since undergone some revision. The numbers of persons serving on the Hall of Fame committee was increased from the first total of five to the present total of fifteen.

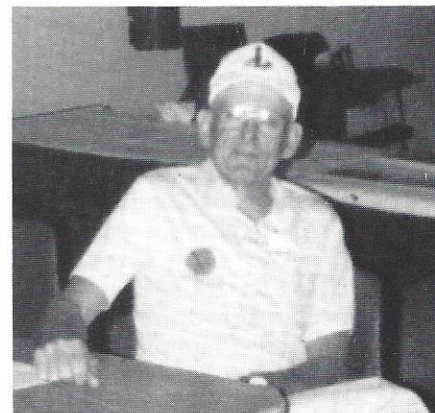
Following Carl von der Lancken as chairman was Bernard Herfurth (MA). Then came Ruth Hangen (NY), Barry Chapelle (OR) and now myself. With all of the years of pitching history and the tens of thousands of players that have come and gone, there have been 122 inductions into our Hall of Fame. Sixteen of these are women and a few of our inductees are from our neighboring nation to the north—Canada.

We continue to urge our member-

ship to submit nominations of worthy individuals who should be recognized for what they have accomplished on the national or World Tournament level. (Outstanding individuals, who have been active only on a state or local level, should be submitted to their own state Hall of Fame.) To nominate a candidate, do some research and write up a history of their accomplishments in a form suitable for photocopying. Your nominee must have been an active adult NHPA member for at least ten years. Give the reasons you think they are worthy of nomination and include outstanding pitching performances if applicable. If you have a photo available, send it along.

Mail this material to me (Earl Winston) so that I receive it before March 31, 1997, if you want your nominee considered on the 1997 ballot.

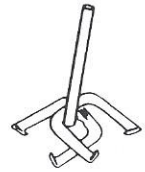
Each year we have a display at the Iowa State Fair, but we are looking forward to a permanent home for our Hall of Fame and Museum, where there will be room to properly display the items pertaining to the history of our sport and to honor those who have been inducted into our Hall of Fame. Although I continue to receive donations of rare and historic items, I'm sure that many more donations will be forthcoming when we have a permanent home for them. I will be submitting my name for re-election as your NHPA First Vice President and Hall of Fame Chairman and would welcome your support in the upcoming election, so that I might continue to work toward the achievement of our goal of establishing a permanent Hall of Fame location.





Bob Champion's

Charter Chatter



This is the second request for states to send me an up-to-date list of state champions and Hall of Fame inductees by categories and posted by years honored. Also, please indicate whether your state has a Hall of Fame building to display the memorabilia and the year it was initiated.

Two years ago a special survey indicated that only 12 states had buildings to display their items. Many excellent news items can be written about those important pitchers honored by winning state titles or being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Please send your lists to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, CO 80301. In case you have questions, please call me after 1 p.m. at (303) 449-8395. You may also reach me weekday mornings at (303) 426-6352.

COLORADO

A steady, consistent Boulder team won their first state League Championship in the tenth year of the unique-type event held this year in Fort Collins. Twelve teams competed in the tournament. Members of the Boulder team were Don and Lou Conklin and Jeff Howat. Each team competing in the tournament are the winners in each of the cities competing.

Walter O'Dell has now won his sixth straight junior title and is eligible to compete again next year, if he wishes. Only Paul LaCrosse who is a 12-time state champion, has won as many as six straight during state competition.

In 1996, LaCrosse registered the highest overall percentage of 80.4 in the eight person class. Single game percentages have been recorded by LaCrosse, an all-time high of 96.7 shared with Arvey Oschner plus two 87.5s. Of the ten top overall championship figures, Paul claims five of them.

FLORIDA

Earl Winston, NHPA 1st Vice President and NHPA Hall of Fame committee chairman, has entered into an exchange program with the FSHPA Committee Chairman Norm Gaseau, whereby they have exchanged copies of NHPA newsletters published in the 1920s and 1930s. The first ever national news publication was known as *The Horseshoe World*. The first issue was published in the mid-1920s by R.B. Howard of London, Ohio. He was editor and publisher. Yearly subscription to this monthly publication was \$1.00. In later editions, advertisers Ted Allen and the Ohio Horseshoe Company listed their horseshoes at \$2.25 per pair, postpaid.

Publication of *The Horseshoe World* ceased in 1943 and at the conclusion of World War II, Pop Woodfield, who lived in Washington, D.C. and well known in the world of horseshoes, started publishing *Horseshoe News* at an annual cost of \$1.00. This publication continued until 1950.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

The three finalists from the Canadian Ladies Championship Class were Champion Bernice Busch, B.C., runner-up Myrna Kissick, Alberta and third Shirley-Ann Fisher, Manitoba.

After being one of the top percentage players in the province and never going to the big dance, Lloyd Reyklin put his game together to win the men's championship.

Bernice Busch recaptured her title after losing it to Mayrse Atkinson last year. She has won every tournament she entered this year.

The boys title went to Ryan Baldwin, who was undefeated and pitched the high game of 86.39%. He is 15 and certainly will be at the 1997 World. Erin Topp continues to be the dominating junior girl in the 90s. Erin also is the 1996 Canadian Girls Champion.

Ed Nickel from Winfield has steadily improved his game over the past couple years and came through with flying colors to win the Elders 30-foot championship.

NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

In the strongest Nova Scotia Championships ever staged, Ken Hatfield from Truro came through in the top seed games to defeat Barry Slaunwhite and newcomer Duncan McKenzie to take the singles title.

Judy Vickers won the women's title by percentage after the 3-player playoff round robin ended in a tie. Vickers had 41.94, Karen Oickle 41.15 and Ruth Walters 41.94 at the final tally.

Wilfred Edward's competition gets better each year, but the 4-time consecutive Seniors singles champion seems to escalate to new heights to overcome the competitors. Going undefeated again (6-0), Wilfred has usually won easily, but Victor Mosher made sure the contest was not a pushover.

Mark Harrison, the nine-year old brother defeated his twin sisters, Lisa and Laura and the other contestants, Barry and Stanley Mitchell to become Nova Scotia's youngest champion.

Larry Harrison and Gus O'Quinn combined to win the Class A Doubles, winning their first title with a 6-0 record.

ONTARIO, CANADA

President Bob Fanjoy has announced to Ontario pitchers that they can purchase 1997 World courts in advance. Send money to one of the executives.

The M & M Horseshoe Company donated \$3 to Horseshoe Ontario for every pair of M&Ms or Pythons sold to Ontario residents between May and October of last year.

Coaches Corner: If your game is not improving, and you are doing your darndest to try to improve, and you practice, practice, practice, but try as you may, your game is the same, then the only answer is that you have become very good at practicing your problem. Now where would you be if you had been practicing the right things?

Sandy Janssens leads the women with top three tournament averages with 80.14. Stan Leis is the high man with 75.83 and Adam Ellis tops the juniors with 74.66.

IDAHO

Idaho's high five percentage pitchers for 1996 is topped by 1996 State Champion Bill Rust of Lewiston with a 57.51 mark. In second is Clyde Marquez, Idaho Falls with 55.47

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followed by Gary Kollman, Nampa 53.46, Jim Taylor, Caldwell 52.07, and David Spears, Boise 50.86.

High five top pitchers in the 30-foot division is led by Clarence Webb with 69.27 percent. Don Moser is second with 65.34 followed by Linda VanGorder 62.17, Bill Brown 61.5 and Howard Homme 60.40.

Bob Riley from Boise is the 1996 top winningest pitcher in the state with 29 victories. Clarence Webb, New Plymouth is second with 26; followed by Harold Lewis, Fernwood 23; Linda Van Gorder, Fairfield 19; Bill Brown, Pocatello 15; Tony Apodaca, Jerome 13; Mel Benham, Post Falls 12; Dean Valentine, Rupert 12; Mont Lewis, Pocatello 9; and Bob Zausch, Pocatello 9.

Clarence Webb won both the Ringer Shootout and the Fall Roundup tournaments and Nick Piva won both the Dave's Wood Works Classic and the Fall River Open also in Class A.

IOWA

Lee Wiges, 8-1, 69.30, edged out Kevin Cone for the 1996 State title. Kevin won off his game, closing with a 7-2 record and 64.6%. Former World Champion Cathy Carter won the Women's title (6-0, 64.2), 1995 World Junior Champion Joseph Smith won the junior championship.

C. Leo Buell is the NHPA Iowa Regional Director, and hails from Iowa City. Listed in the Iowa newsletter are ten state Regional Directors. Sometimes one wonders what all these people do. Talked to Iowa President Stoney Jackson and he answered the question. They are appointed so they can help tournament directors in their areas conduct their annual event, and assist any way they can.

The Class A winner in the Ellis Park Open was Joe Smith (4-0, 73.7). Winning Class B was Bill Harder (5-0, 51.9) followed by Walter Behnke (C), Ed Savery (D), Ernie Benda (E), Roberta Dvorak (F), John Vlcan (G) and Bob Bli (H).

ILLINOIS

Charter members of the Illinois Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame were Ellis Cobb of Aurora, Ralph Dykes from Lombard and Henry Franke, Centralia.

World Class Pitchers on the list which started in 1977 in part have been Ray Martin, Philo; Tari Powell, Rossville; Ellis Griggs, Plainsville; Milton Tate, Peoria; Truman Standard, Canton; Nelson Vogel, Sterling; Cliff Baker, Sheldon and Abe Austin, Oak Park. There may be more, but some memories do not date back to the early years.

Class A winners in August and September tournaments are as follows: Fun Days at Sheldon: Phyllis Yates (6-1, 62.8); State Warmup at Downers Grove: Dennis Reid (5-1, 55.9); Green County Days at White Hall: Mel Ruch (6-1, 55.4); and Mystery Tournament at Springfield: Dan Judd (3-1, 29.0).

KANSAS

There was a fine article in the Wichita Eagle about 92-year old Marines "Pop" Tamboer. Pop, a local legend and NHPA Hall of Famer, was featured in an article by Kollen Long. Kollen indicated he just couldn't get over how many ringers Pop was throwing that day. He should have been around when Tamboer was in his heyday. Then he could have really seen some ringers.

The Sunflower Horseshoe Club has added more dough to their indoor courts—Del Rohn and one of his friends

brought a cement mixer and it was a lot easier to mix this time. Helping in the project were Dennis Edgington, Gregg Turner, Ron Martin, Bill Whitley, Chet Grabinski and Francis Grady.

LOUISIANA

For the first time Louisiana had Elder men's 30-foot competition for a state title. Billy Goodwin and James Walker played a best out of five in Class A. Billy took the title, 3 games to 1, and finished with a 64.4%. James closed with 52.2%. Goodwin nailed the high game with an 82.5%. Bob Rotach won Class B on a forfeit when his scheduled opponent Ted Kopecky was unable to attend.

On Saturday morning a player, who was pitching on Court 7 was told by his coach to get his shoe up in order to improve his performance. He listened real well and got it up high enough to get tangled in the branches of a tree alongside the court area. Some other players had a similar problem, and it was decided to trim the tree. However, it is nice to have a little shade in the court area.

James Walker won the Shreveport Singles tournament in Class A with a 4-1 record and 58.7%. Don Holland finished second. Other class winners were Jim Williams in Class B (6-1, 31.4%) and Judy McDaniel in Class C (4½-½, 10.0%).

MICHIGAN

Since the World Tournament will be held just across Lake Michigan, state officers expect to have many pitchers competing at Kitchener, Ontario.

One of the ways to make extra money are the 50-50 drawings held in many states. Michigan's treasury was increased by \$1,200 this year with the popular drawing.

Bob Mullenhour from Union City has been appointed Assistant Regional Director and Duane Gillin from Blissfield has been named chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Most Improved pitchers in 1996 are as follows: For the men it was Don Stremick up 13.32%, Paula Summerlin for the women, up 10.50%, Bob White in the Elders division, up 9.46% and Daniel Tanner for the juniors, up 21.28%. All of the above are from the Brighton Club. They must have an excellent coach.

MINNESOTA

Dale Lipovsky from Bloomington had the high average in the West St. Paul Club with a whopping 80.79. This is probably the highest nationally for league play. The team of Dick Dvorak, Ray Volkers, George Toth Dwayne Oberg and Ken Oney was first place winner.

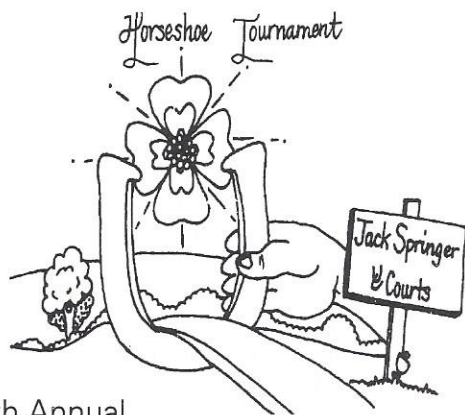
Minnesota is another state that has many Assistant Regional Directors. They now have nine and I'm sure Len Lipovsky, the NHPA Regional Director keeps them busy during the year.

The state holds a Junior Open, held this year on the West St. Paul Courts. The Class A winner was Randy Albrecht (5-0, 64.0%), Adam Mead was the Class B winner (4-1, 25.0%), Dustin Dorma topped Class C (10-0, 10.0%) and Anita Nelso won the started group Class A (6-1, 62.%).

The 1996 Pitcher of the Year Awards were named at the banquet in Litchfield. The awards are based on points earned by pitchers participating in tournaments during the year.

The top point getter, who was presented the Frank Stinson Memorial Award, was Mark Bauman.

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MISSOURI

If you didn't attend the meeting at the State Tournament, you missed something short of a miracle. During the meeting the members voted to purchase a trailer to be used for stats during state tournaments and then a discussion began on how to pay for it, the total price being around \$3,300. About this time someone took some money and threw it in front of Joe Faron and Kent Armstrong, State President and another pitcher brought up his first place money and then 80% of the audience came forward and began throwing money on the table, including some coins from scorekeepers.

When it was all over, \$1,351 had been collected and then on Monday another \$165 was donated. Our trailer will have our name on it and it will go where we need it, and maybe even to Branson where we went last year.

Wouldn't it be nice to have visitors from all over the United States to see our trailer. Armstrong is asking state pitchers to send at least \$5 so they can reach the full purchase price, can insure and license it.

The 1996 nominee to the Hall of Fame is Sam Carter from St. Clair. He is a 22 year member and has been an outstanding pitcher for many years. He was State Champion in 1983.

OREGON

The Iron Swinger newsletter, published by the Emerald Horseshoe Pitchers Association, has a unique list for members of their club. It is called "The Totem Pole" and lists the highest game pitched during the year. The current leader in 1996 is Patty Sapp with a 90% game.

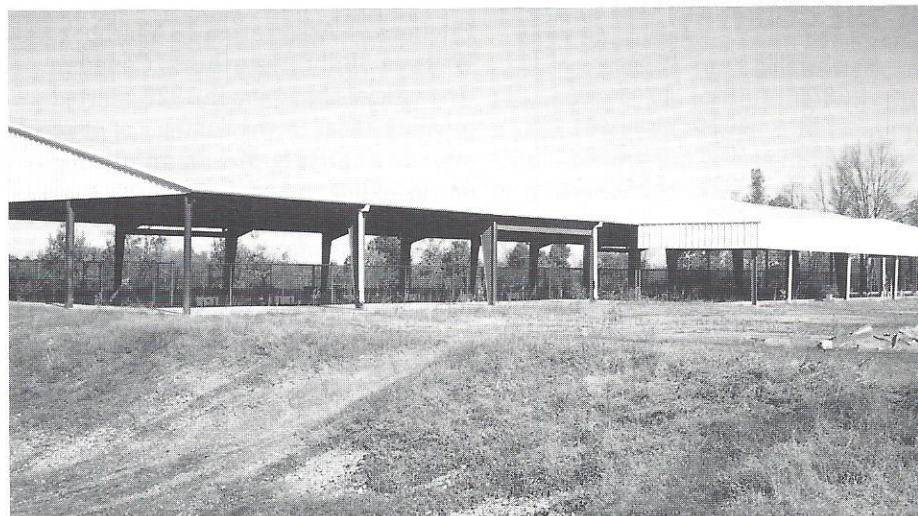
The top ten behind Patty are Lowell Davis 88.4, Jerry Gorton 86.6, Bill Trohom, Sr. 80.7, Joanne Loy 75.0, David Gorton 63.0, Jim Postell 60.0, Betty Cholewinski 55.5, Ron Heckman 52.5, and Warner Kirlin 50.0.



NHPF To Receive Extraordinary Gift



The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) will, in early 1997, take over ownership and control of the complex known to many as the Jack Freeman Courts in Joelton, Tennessee. Dr. Freeman is donating the improvements and some 65 acres of land, appraised at over \$1,000,000, to the NHPF, a new charitable foundation and corporation that will operate separate from the NHPA. In later issues, we shall report on some of the ByLaws, Purpose and Goals of the new foundation.



These 3 photos will give you an idea of the building improvements on the land. The first photo and second photos show the outside and inside of the building housing 18 blue clay courts. The third photo shows the structure that covers an additional 20 courts. The NHPA plans to construct the NHPA Hall of Fame building nearby.

HORSESHOE



CANADA

by André Leclerc

With the 1997 World Tournament coming up to Canada, this is a great opportunity to introduce you to our beautiful Country. There is a lot to say but I'll confine this "first" to an overall portrait of Canada and its horseshoe organizations.

The French were the first Europeans to establish a permanent colony (Port Royal - Acadia and Quebec City were founded respectively in 1604 and 1608). Most of my ancestors were among the first 3000 to settle along the Saint.Lawrence seaway from 1615 to 1660. A few decades after the French Regime ended in 1763 with the Paris treaty, two Governments were formed, Upper and Lower Canada. This later led - in 1867 - to the formation of Canada, a Confederation now regrouping (*Ad mare usquae ad mare* or from a sea to another!) 10 provinces plus the Yukon and North West Territories. Each have their own government and most have their own ...horseshoe organization.

Some of the first traces of our favorite sport found in Canada date back to 1878-1883 when Alex McKinley, who worked on the "St-Boniface to Emerson" railroad construction in Manitoba, formed a horseshoe league! From West to East: B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario all held provincial championships (equivalent to your state championships) as far back as 1929-30 (intensive researches should tell us which province was first!).

Agricultural Fairs were a common site to hold the major horseshoe events. The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in Toronto, where the Royal Winter Fair was held, was home to the first Ontario and Canadian Championships that were staged for years at the CNE.

The impact of **Ed Murray's** Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers Yearbook (which started in 1976) and the untiring efforts of **Jack Adams** (who took over as chairman of the association in 1975) helped the provincial organizations to regroup and led to the formation of Horseshoe Canada at the 1979 Annual General Meeting in Ottawa (our Nation's Capital).

Horseshoe Canada is the continuation of the Canadian or Dominion association which was founded in 1929 by Walter Kane. Since 1979, Horseshoe Canada has had 6 different presidents: Jack Adams (1979-85), Laurence Johns (1985-87), Ross Stevenson (1987-88), Ed Murray (1988-91), Sharon Ellison (1991-1993) and Bob Fanjoy (1993-...).

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Something started in 1926

According to an article from the 1931 Dominion of Canada Horseshoe Pitchers Association Yearbook, **William "Billy" Struthers**, Canada's first official champion in 1929, started pitching shoes in the summer of 1926 after seeing **Putt Mossman** putting on an exhibition of fancy and stunt pitching. Struthers: "I never took any interest in the horseshoe game until I had the honor of seeing Putt Mossman, world champion pitcher, giving an exhibition on St.Paul's courts (Sarnia, ONT.) and showing how to hold the shoe so to be able to control it and get the open shoe."

MEMBERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Province	Association	Membership	Year	Population*
Ontario	Horseshoe Ontario	974	1995	10,084,885
British Columbia	B.C. Horseshoe Association	743	1994	3,282,061
Québec	Fédération des clubs de fers du Québec	406	1995	6,895,963
Alberta	Alberta Horseshoe Pitchers Association	307	1995	2,545,553
Saskatchewan	Horseshoe Saskatchewan	298	1995	988,928
New Brunswick	N.B. Horseshoe Players Association	270	1994	723,900
Nova Scotia	N.S. Horseshoe Players Association	173	1996	899,942
Manitoba	Manitoba Horseshoe Players Association	75	1995	1,091,942
Yukon	Yukon Horseshoe Association	14	1995	27,797
Pr. Edward Island	P.E.I. Horseshoe Club	10	1995	129,765
TOTAL		3270		

* Population is based on the 1991 Canada census. Year "1994" when indicated means that no datas were available for the year '95. Adding to these figures the province of Newfoundland (pop. 568,474) and the NorthWest Territories (pop. 57,649) it gives Canada an overall population of 27,296,859.

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The goals of the association are to promote and foster the game of horseshoe pitching in Canada. The main activity to achieve that is the holding of the annual Canadian Horseshoe Pitching Championship. The Championships were held every year since 1929 except for a break during and after World War II (it was back in 1949). Since 1979, the championships are held East and West in alternance. Nine of the ten provinces plus the Yukon Territory have horseshoe organizations, combining for a total of close to 3500 members. Besides the national and provincial levels, there are major annual regional events such as the Western Canada Classic (since 1986), the Eastern Canada Classic (since 1996) and the Maritime Championships (since 1971), involving players from the concerned regions. The Maritime Horseshoe Players Association regroups members from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Horseshoe Canada also developed other projects since 1979 such as the National Hall of Fame, the National Awards Program and the recent "CanStats" center. An Executive Council formed with volunteers from various provinces, is elected at the AGM which is held in conjunction with the Canadian National Championships. During the year, most of the communication is done through the provincial representatives which are determined by their own provincial association. The annual Canadian Horseshoe Pitchers Yearbook is now edited by Andre Leclerc who took over from Sharon Ellison.

Until I write again in the Newsline (I'll try to do it regularly), if you can't stand the wait, you can always purchase a copy of the Yearbook! It is a great source of information and souvenirs from the sport we love...

André Leclerc

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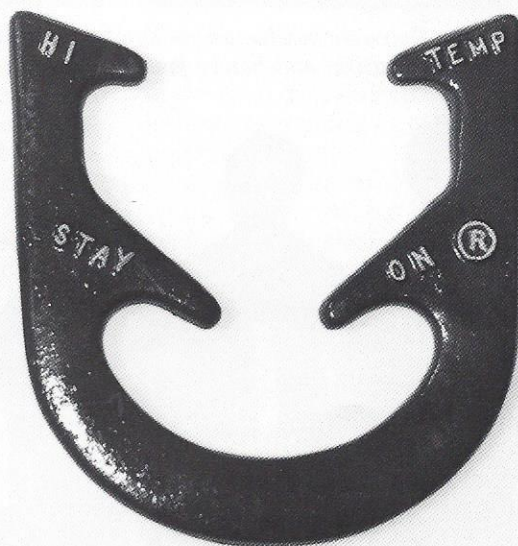
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Music City Team



1996 Music City Tournament Champions Tom Stroh, Sylvianne Moisan, Karen McLachlin and Sandy Janssens.



B Class Winners Tina Tonnous, Dave Rose and Donna Dodson



C Class Winners Jack Henderson, Debbie Tidwell and Mike Henderson

An all Canadian team starting in low position in the ladder finals walked right through their matches to become 1996 Music City Team Champions. The team of Sylvianne Moisan, Sandy Janssens and Karen McLachlin with Tom Stroh on the sidelines proved to be the winning combination.

Because they carry such imposing averages, the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec had to share the wealth. (Entry is limited to a 215% cap.) The other Canadians: Angeline Moisan, Steve Hohl, and Kevin McLachlin kept Andre LeClerc on hold. A team was three pitchers. LeClerc never saw any action.

As luck had it, both Canadian teams finished the 45 preliminary games in a dead heat, tied in wins at 24 each and ringer percentage with an identical 69.11%. Emcee Donnie Roberts breathed a sigh of relief. No need for a play-off; they would meet each other first game in the ladder finals.

It was, of course, the first finals win for the Canadian ladies. They went on to win each match in order by a 2-1 margin. Next victim was the Tennessee team of Max Griffith, Mar Ray, and Frank Jones, who has the distinction of "The last *man* in the finals." Lois Webster, top pitcher in the house, together with Joan Elmore, and Paula Hunsicker were next to bow to the Canadians. A pattern had developed. When either Sandy or Sylvianne would lose, Karen would win!

Finally, they met the Minnesota gals, tournament leaders and heavily favored. Edie Holland came through but Phyllis Negaard, on the top of her game, lost to Sandy while World Champion Bev Nathe dropped it to Sylvianne. (Apologies for all the first names, but we thank Le Canadians' for at least being unique on the front end).

The Music City Team entry gets tougher by the year. Class lineups this year found some "A" regulars in "B." Mary Bastian, tournament executive secretary and the club publicity director noted that there was just a 14% drop off separating classes. The Doc, Jack Freeman, wonders about his safety traveling through Kentucky after he disallowed some entries, although credible, did not fit. He was true to his word—to make the classes as competitive as possible within the team percentage limits.

This tournament saw a total of 138 games with an 80% or better average pitched and 16 games of 90% or better. The high game was 97.5% by Angeline Moisan of Quebec who actually pitched a perfect 40 shoe game only to see one of her ringers bounce off. The best percentage game was between Alan Francis and Sylvianne Moisan. Both had 36 ringers out of 40 shoes for 90%. Alan won the game 10-9.

The team horseshoes theme and the game itself got a big time boost this year as a result of the November Music City event. The club has engaged an upbeat publicity agent resulting in air-time interviews on Nashville radio, a really cool commercial, a try at a celebrity pro-am event, and live radio on-site of the team event. WTVF Channel 5 ran spots at 5:30 and 10:30 p.m. The newspaper *The Tennessean* carried a nice article about the tournament and the pending NHPA Hall of Fame.

The Nashville radio station WSM650AM, known as the

'A Tough Tournament'

by Jim Haupt

"Voice of the Grand Ol' Opry," ran spot ads about the event, carried a segment on a morning talk show hosted by a guy and a gal, interviewing Jack Freeman and the Music City Club president Paula Hunsicker. This promotional effort, some time before the event, was followed with remote broadcasts from the tournament itself where the radio personalities set up outside the horseshoe building to create interest with a live show and more interviews.

Willing sports, the radio couple tried their hand pitching horseshoes. It was a laugher. They adequately fulfilled the amateur part of the demonstration. Freeman and Hunsicker were the "pros." They kept score just for bragging rights when back on the air. Nashville horseshoe people are hopeful that this station connection with the Grand Ol' Opry may provide other celebrities from country music-land for more of these publicity ventures.

It is not known to what degree the Music City publicity director contributed to this recent rush of raves or will contribute in the future, but it is invigorating to know that a small but progressive horseshoe club has some very dedicated members who know how to get things done. It should be mentioned that a Toys for Tots drive was held in conjunction with the tournament and the pitchers were very generous to this charity.

The taped spot commercial featuring horseshoes and

pumping for participation has the sound of a Class A professional act. If it brings some results the sport will benefit in a place where it is most needed—the Jack Freeman house, soon to become the heart of NHPA competition.

Fred Rich, Mr. Tuff-E-Nuff, the hands-on promoter, had two teams sponsored and/or signed up in the A division and offered \$500 to a team winning any class if they were "Tuff" enough. His own team cashed to the tune of \$75 whereupon he became the first to enter next year's fracas.

Fourteen of the twenty-seven pitchers in the "A" groups were female. Twelve of the fifteen finalists were female. Three of the final teams were entirely female—they prefer their own kind. It's a fact. We have to admit it, females can maintain their averages better. Art Tyson took the public address system for the departing remark, "Ladies, ladies...I will never ever lose to a woman again." It seemed a noble effort representing all mankind but a lady's voice popped up with, "Ya, ya, Art, that's what you said yesterday."

They are talking about adding another day next November, when this event goes again, to accommodate the entries expected with more classes. A safer bet is, it will stay two days until more workers are recruited. Entering teams will have to be stronger. More will be turned away. Music City Team entry gets tougher by the year.

A Ladder Teams		%	A CLASS		B CLASS		C CLASS				
1st	32 games won	69.83	6th	24 ga. won	66.06	1st	27 ga. won	60.61	1st	28 ga. won	52.17
	Sylvianne Moisan	82.46		Sue Snyder	79.00		Dave Rose	47.00		Jack Hendersen	60.33
	Sandy Janssens	77.24		Art Tyson	81.50		Donna Dodson	65.33		Mike Hendersen	52.17
	Karen McLachlin	55.56		Fred Rich	37.67		Tina Tonnous	69.50		Debbie Tidwell	44.00
	Tom Stroh	44.50	7th	22 ga. won	66.72	2nd	23 ga. won	56.83	2nd	25 ga. won	53.17
2nd	34.5 ga. won	75.94		N.A. Moore	69.50		Milton Vinson	64.17		Jan Kreienkamp	53.50
	Bev Nathe	81.06		Tommy Gann	73.33		Iris Sandham	62.00		Rich Altis	63.00
	Phyllis Negaard	76.72		Paul Stewart	57.33		Jim Haley	44.33		Roy Evans	43.00
	Edi Holland	70.00	8th	20 ga. won	67.72	3rd	23 ga. won	55.50	3rd	24.5 ga. won	45.44
3rd	31 ga. won	68.96		Cliff Baker	72.83		Amy Monday	72.83		Walter Mullins	61.33
	Lois Webster	82.66		Jerry Dumstorff	64.83		Ricky Hall	56.00		Monty Roberts	56.00
	Joan Elmore	65.31		Bob Hatten	65.50		Marvin May	37.67		Jim Culver	43.50
	Paula Hunsicker	58.91	9th	20 ga. won	64.44	4th	22.5 ga. won	58.39	4th	23.5 ga. won	51.44
4th	25.5 ga. won	69.64		Ron Powell	72.17		Al Morris	61.17		Bobby Holland	57.50
	Maxine Griffith	78.75		Charlie Meredith	76.33		Bill Ungtheim	63.50		Jim Harris	50.00
	Marlene Ray	78.13		Dave Loucks	44.83		Marlin Wells	50.50		Michael Bryham	46.83
	Jack Freeman	47.50	10th	20 ga. won	64.28	5th	20 ga. won	57.33	5th	17 ga. won	48.11
	Frank Jones	54.09		Alan Francis	76.33		Rose Diekamp	67.50		Clayton Gage	75.33
5th	25 ga. won	69.06		Amy Francis	73.17		Robert Diekamp	60.17		Jim Haupt	37.71
	Angeline Moisan	74.38		J. Fred Brown	43.33		Calvin Jaeger	45.83		Ken Kosky	32.50
	Steve Hohl	66.09	11th	15 ga. won	61.61	6th	19.5 ga. won	60.61		Dick Hansen	32.19
	Kevin McLachlin	66.72		Chad Hyatt	64.00		Rich Pintor	71.83	6th	17 ga. won	45.44
	Andre LeClerc	no play		Dale Henry	55.67		Steve Wyrill	58.50		Marvin Bastian	48.33
				Ralph Guffey	65.17		Allen Baptist	28.83		Pat Richardson	49.67
				12th	13 ga. won	65.33				Floyd Maxwell	38.33
					Jim Cooper	67.00					
					Gary Roberts	67.83					
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DiMartino Captures Syracuse Pioneer Open

by Dave Harnden

Mike DiMartino, the "Churchville Charger," captured the annual Pioneer Open, held June 1st and 2nd at the NY State Fairgrounds. Mike blitzed State Champ Art Tyson 41-9, with an eye-popping 87.5% to take the Class A title! "Iron Mike" finished with a mark of 7-0, and 77.1%. Second went to the mighty one from Mt. Vernon, Tyson, with a record of 6-1, and 77.2%. Battling Bob Hayes rounded out third at 5-2, and a solid 70.7%, in his best showing in the Open.

The Class A 30' title went to Sylvianne Moisan from Quebec, Canada. She blistered the peg for 78.5% and a record 7-1! To take first place, she won a hard fought play-off with her mother, Angeline Moisan. Angeline finished 2nd with a fine 6-2, and 75.2% record. Rounding out the top three was state champ Sue Twyman, with a 5-2, and steady 72.8 % performance.

Ken Fraser did his usual excellent job as Open Director, as over 130 players participated in the tournament. The pitchers came from Canada, New England, Pennsylvania, as well as numerous places in New York. Our tournament is unique, in that Pioneer Club members don't pitch in the tournament unless a participant fails to show up or can't play due to sickness or injury. The club members, instead, volunteer to keep score, judge, dig pits, run concessions, coordinate scorekeeping, and publicity, and help Ken with the stats! This makes our Open one of the most successful tournaments held in New York every year.

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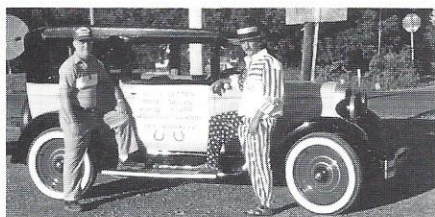
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New Jersey Horseshoe on TV

The West Essex Horseshoe Pitching Club was scheduled to have ABC, Channel 7, television coverage on November 8 over a four hour period starting at the very early time of 5 a.m. Confirmation has not been received, but if the weather permitted, it probably came off. The live TV coverage was to have been shown 28 different times over the four hours and focus on the art of horseshoe pitching and the 1996 NJ State Champion, Joe McCrink.



NY Members in Parade

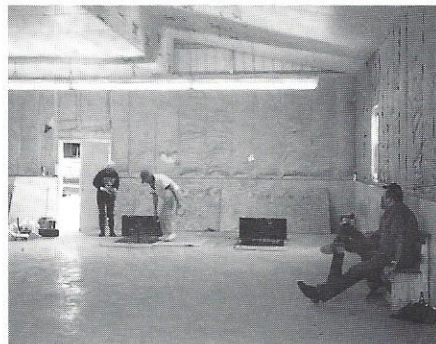
August 23 marked the day of the Firemen's Field Day Parade in the Port Byron area. Two time World Class Horseshoe Champion Dave Reynolds and Bill Herrmann promoted the 18 courts in Conquest, NY by riding in a 1928 Chevrolet and 1968 Corvette with signage on the side.



Courts Among Best in State

The Torrance Horseshoe Club now has what may be the best courts in the state. A six foot wire fence surrounds the 8 courts which contain Corona gray clay. In 1995, the city installed lights and in 1996, updated all with wide cement walkways and installed a sprinkler system for the lawn area that can be manually operated by the members. The club is part of the SCHPA Charter, sponsors 3 tournaments a year and in

1996, held a six week instructional course on pitching horseshoes and was the site of the California Police Olympics horseshoe competition. If you're in the area, phone Art Kopatz at 310-326-6759 for a game.



Promoter On The Move

Don Titcomb, one of the NHPA former greats and still an outstanding promoter of the game, has recently moved back to Florida from Kentucky. Before leaving the Bluegrass State, he saw the completion of a new indoor building with 3 courts and the formation of a club with 20 new members. Darrell Halsey of Campton was the force behind the building and the new club with Don providing the horseshoe expertise and instruction. Don, who will go the last mile in the name of Horseshoe will be missed in Kentucky, but undoubtedly will continue his promotion efforts in Florida.

Meeting with Norwegian Champ Benefits Oregon

This is a sequel to a Vol. 3, No. 5, 1991 *Newsline* article by Dave Loucks concerning Inge Byrkjeland. We were given the opportunity to meet and enjoy visiting with this gentleman from Norway. Because here in Oregon we have a museum and a growing collection of horseshoes, it was only natural that a Norwegian horseshoe should be added. He gave us a run-down of Norway horseshoe particulars. In addition, he gave a talk at a WA state potluck one evening, plus giving his one-on-one contributions throughout the tournament.

Inge placed first in Class Q-1 at Biloxi in 1991; pitched in Columbus, Ohio in 1992; in Spearfish, SD in 1993; then repeated as champion in

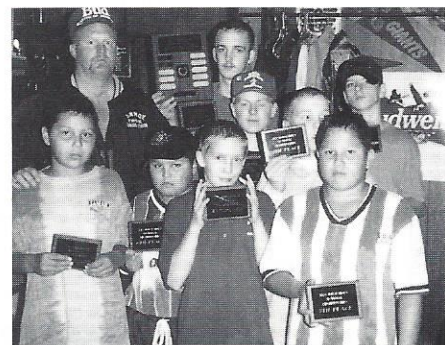
Class Q-1 at Gillette, WY in 1996. He has been President of the Norway HPA since 1992, was the Norway "cup" champion in 1992, and the Norway champion in 1994. The difference in "cup" champion and champion is: the "cup" champion is based on the four major tournaments. One needs to win at least one and place in some of the others to win the "cup."

He came a long way to pitch. We hope to see more of him.

Lee A. Wallace

Quartzsite To Get TV Coverage

Quartzsite, AZ, home of the main Event Tournament, will get some additional publicity one week after their annual tournament. On Superbowl weekend, NBC TV will cover the many activities that take place in Quartzsite. Howard Armstrong, sponsor of many events, including the horseshoe tournament, has arranged for a "Post" Main Event Tournament on Jan. 25-26. Pitchers on the Quartzsite courts at that time may find themselves included in some of the TV footage. It is believed that on-site registration will be taken at 8:30 a.m. Contact Gary Chalberg 520-342-0426 with questions.



Jr. Pitchers Compete in NY

Dave Reynolds, NHPA Youth Director for NY, directed the annual State Youth Sectional Championships Sept. 22. Youngsters representing the East, Central and West sections of the state got together to "pitch it out" for the State Sectional title. For the 3rd year, the youths from the Central section won the crown. Dave, pictured with 8 winners reports that NY Junior membership is up from 14 in 1993 to 43 in 1996. Great job, Dave!

Internet Update

by Casey Sluys

WOW! Can you believe it! In just a matter of 15 months there are over 155 pages of horseshoe pitching information on the internet. In October of 1995 we had next to nothing on the net and now we have a wealth of information.

The individual who began this effort is Terry Sears of Terre Haute, **Indiana** e-mail address is:
tsears@holli.com

Thanks go to Duane Goodrich too for putting together such nice graphics on his **Kansas** page. Duane's e-mail:
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Texas has their own page also. The person responsible for this page can be reached by e-mail:
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There are quite a number of state schedules, all the rules, some interesting history of our sport, pictures of World Tournament winners, *Newsline* information, names and addresses of all Regional Directors and National Officers, on the Internet.

If each Charter could create their own Web Page, then

anyone could contact them locally. There are books and magazines by the bundle that you could research to accomplish this.

There are also people who will create a Web Page for you, some for free, some for a fee. The ones that do this for free will want to advertise their services on your page though. The local library will have all the necessary information a person would need to create a Web Page.

If you decide to create your own Charter page, please be sure to include the name, address, and phone number of a knowledgeable person in the Charter that could answer questions a person might have. Remember, not everyone that views this information has e-mail. When the computer whiz in your Charter decides to create this information, be sure to link it to the other horseshoe pitching sites. The names of some of them are: Terre Haute Horseshoe Pitching Club, the NHPA, Kansas HPA, The Texas HPA, Deep River Horseshoe Club, Official Court Layout, Official Rules, M&M Horseshoes, and Horseshoe Ontario.

To reach any of the above sites, all you need is a "search engine." This is a program that allows you to type in a word or phrase and search for all available information on that subject. There are 50 million sites so the more specific you are the quicker the response. Some favorite search engines are:

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and **Web Crawler:**

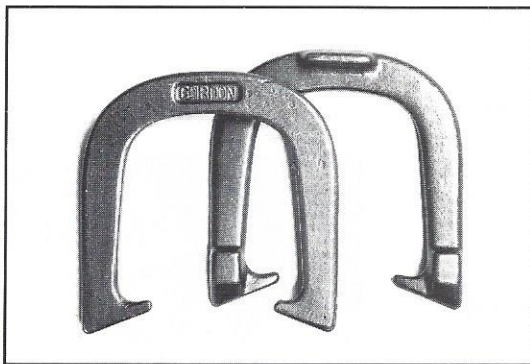
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When you are asked for a word or phrase, type in "horseshoe pitching." If you just type in horseshoes you will get anything from Horseshoe Campground, Horseshoes and Hand Grenades, to numerous farier companies. The word pitching skips over that information. Look at them closely and choose the one you wish to visit.

There is a distinct possibility some of us might have a computer set up at this year's World Tournament in Kitchener. This will be prominently displayed so each of you can see how easy accessing *any* information can be.

Most of all, have fun this winter creating your very own Web Page, browse around to get ideas of what can be done. Remember, when you have created your page, let me know so I can make a hard copy. I am collecting them for publicity purposes and to show them at the 1997 World Tournament.

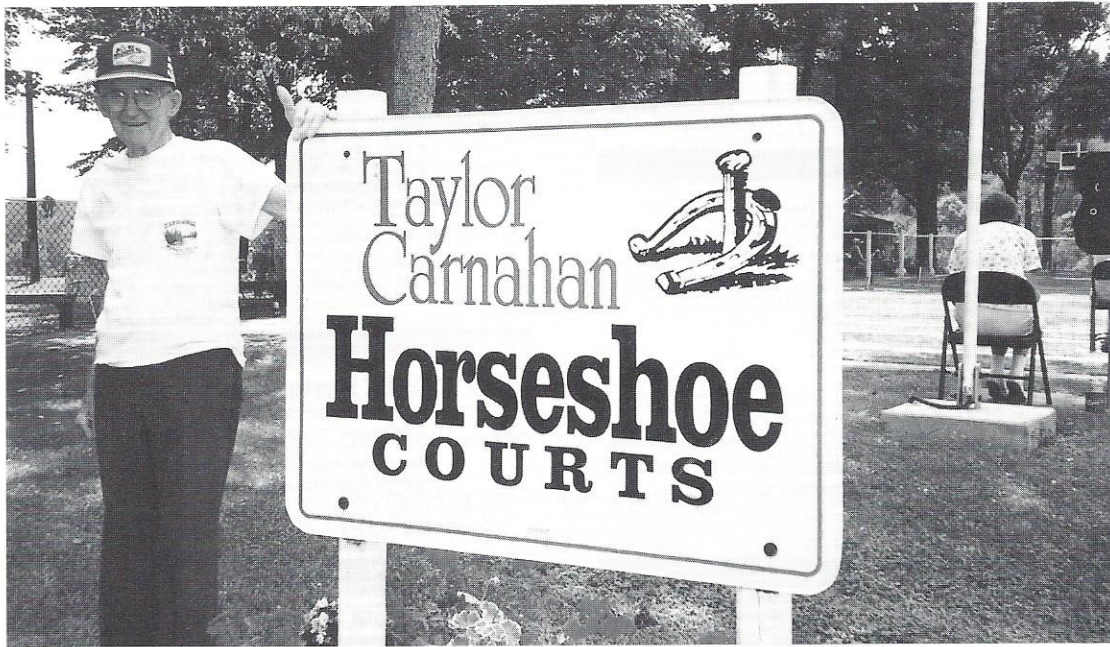
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Nonagenarian Has A "Shine On His Shoes"

by Betty Lapping

Taylor Carnahan of Shelocta, Pennsylvania has some advice for senior citizens who want to live active, full lives.

"Keep moving!" said Carnahan, 91 years young, "If you don't use it, you'll lose it. That's how simple that is," he exclaimed.

The spry senior citizen with a magnetic personality, follows his own advice. He believes two activities in particular—horseshoe pitching and concentration of playing checkers—keep him physically and mentally fit.

"If guys who retire would get out of their rocking chairs and play horseshoe, they would live longer," said Carnahan, who didn't start throwing shoes in competition until he retired at 65. "Throwing horseshoe is good exercise, a lot of fun, and you meet a lot of real nice people at the tournaments. It is also a poor man's game, because you don't win a lot and it doesn't cost a lot to play." Carnahan is a good example that you're never too old to start pitching horseshoe.

Born May 25, 1905, Carnahan spent all his life in the Shelocta area. As a farmer, "I can remember throwing shoes up behind our farmhouse as a kid." He recalled about growing up on his father's farm, "We would throw shoes that were taken right off

sense enough to take the nails out of the shoes."

After his retirement, he and friends organized a horseshoe league, and in 1979 they built 17 courts at the Shelocta Sportsman Club. When you didn't see anyone else, you saw him working, working, working at the courts. In 1982, he was honored by his horseshoe friends with a shirt that was inscribed with "The best work horse in Shelocta," on it. A shirt he wore proudly, which definitely was a good conversation piece.

In 1984, he was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania State Horseshoe Hall of Fame, as an excellent promoter of our sport.

In 1990, he was honored again by the Shelocta Club, by changing the name of their facility to "The Taylor Carnahan Horseshoe Courts."

A lifelong resident of Shelocta, Carnahan is perhaps the best horseshoe pitcher competitor in his age group in Pennsylvania. "He won't pitch the shoes with senior citizens," exclaimed his daughter Eleanor and son John. "He competes with people, on an average, old enough to be his kids." He hasn't pitched against anyone older than himself. He won't move up and pitch with the elders. He still pitches a strong 40 feet.

Carnahan is a slender 5'9" tall, and spry as a kid as he swings his right

arm twice like a pendulum, takes a step and lets the shoe fly. The turn of the shoe was perfect as it wrapped around the peg, completed a double ringer—exclaimed his young competitors, "I don't know how he has the stamina to pitch so much, so well."

"I pitch horseshoe with all those younger fellas, I tell them I don't want to fool around, I want competition," said Carnahan, who is ready to pitch when there is an opponent to challenge.

Carnahan is proud to say, as father of seven children, three pitch horseshoes in sanction tournaments, as well as granddaughter Kelly, who is an excellent pitcher. He introduced horseshoe to a lot of his nephews, as well as other family members. In 1985, he was proud to share the spotlight with his great niece Michele, who became the first girl to be Pennsylvania State Junior Champion.

On September 21, he was honored by the twelfth annual Taylor Carnahan Open Horseshoe Tournament held in his honor. A non-sanction tournament friends and relatives alike to help honor him. Yes, Taylor will be pitching also, a strong 40 feet. He exclaims, "When I get old, and can no longer throw 40 feet, I'll quit." As a fellow horseshoe pitcher replies, "You've gotta love the game."

Special Events Calendar

JANUARY 1997

- 16-19 Quartzsite, AZ**—6th Annual Main Event Tournament. Entries close January 9. Entry fee \$20.00, additional for classes A-E. All fees returned as prize money plus \$2,000 added. Limited to first paid 192 entries. Send entry, NHPA or Canadian card # to Gary Chalberg 13118 E. 47th Dr., Yuma, AZ 85367. Phone 520-342-0426.
- 19-23 Las Vegas Open**—San Remo Hotel, 115 E. Tropicana Ave. Check-in Sunday, start play Monday, pitch two days. Six of every class of 24 advance to ladder finals on Thursday. Big cash prizes. Entry fee \$65.00 if you stay at the San Remo, otherwise \$85.00. Entrants playing at Quartzsite will be granted special check-in time. Contact tournament director Don Weaver 702-736-7348.

FEBRUARY 1997

- 10-16 Valley of the Sun**—Mesa, AZ. Possible new format and pitching site. Plan to separate full and short distance pitchers, everybody playing 2 days back to back. Entries close January 20, 1997. We want your feedback and would like to hear from you on this event with its \$1,000 added prize money. Contact Russ Martin, P.O. Box 21507, Mesa, AZ 85277. Phone 602-986-4634

APRIL 1997

- 19-20 29th Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival**—Statesville, NC. Jack H. Springer Courts, Lakewood Park. Limited to first 180 entries. Over \$2,500 in prize money. Entry fee \$20

(additional at tournament for Championship and Class A/B) Pre-register by April 1, 1997. Send fee, 3-high average, and Division (30' or 40') to Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville Rec. & Parks Dept., P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687-1111. Director Paul Stewart, 704-528-5081.

MAY 1997

- 16-18 Team World**—Beloit, WI. 4-person teams must represent your state or province. Maximum 2 short distance pitchers per team. Total prize purse exceeds \$3,000. Pre-register deadline April 12, 1997. Fee \$200 per team. Mail entry and fee to Earl Paulson, 7105 So. County Rd. H, Beloit, WI 53511. Phone 608-879-2304.

JUNE 1997

- 21-22 Dakota Sioux Casino 3rd Annual Tournament**—Watertown, SD. \$1000 added purse plus 80% payback of all entry fees. Free buffet and free \$10 gaming coins and Blackjack play. Pre-register by June 14, 1997. Send \$25 entry and NatStat average to Clifford Ziehl, Mitchell, SD 57301-1462. Phone 605-996-7986.

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INCOME

Membership Dues.....	\$19,265.00
Newsline Subscriptions	4,885.00
Newsline Advertising	981.00
Misc. Patch Sales and Income	100.00
Settlement of 1990 Georgia Shortfall	10,000.00
NHPF & Hall of Fame CD Maturity	160,353.00
Bank & Affinity Card Interest	939.00
Total 2 Month Income	\$196,523.00

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EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Printing and Mailing.....	4,328.00
Newsline Editor Allowance	620.00
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards.....	4,205.00
1996 World Refunds, Fees & Overpayments.....	50.00
Regional Director Supplies, Phone, Postage.....	83.00
NHPA Sanctioned Tournament Patches	3,207.00
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1995 Allowance due Donnie Roberts.....	2,018.00
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Special Event Costs	403.00
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Total 2 Month Expense \$23,651

1996 State Tournament Results

IDAHO

October 1996

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS		%
Dave Spears, Boise	8-3	54.9
Bill Rust, Lewiston	8-3	54.9
Nick Piva, Challis	8-3	51.7
Gary Kollmann, Nampa	8-3	50.8
Jess Lyda, Orofino	7-4	49.0
Kraig Allen, Post Falls	6-5	44.2
Lou Piva, Challis	6-5	42.4
Clyde Marquez, Ida Flls	5-6	48.1
Dean Curry, Lewiston	4-7	48.9
Charlie Ault, Richfield	4-7	46.2
Owen Randall, C d'A	1-10	39.7
Alan Hobdey, Lewiston	1-10	36.1
Final Standing - Championship		
Champion Bill Rust	10-8	55.2
Dave Spears	8-4	54.2
Nick Piva	9-4	50.3
Gary Kollmann	8-4	50.9
B Jim Price, Pocatello	8-2	41.3
C Tim Stephens, Cd'A	6-3	30.4
D Juan Hernandez, Poc	7-1	32.1
E Ron Willis, Fairfield	6-1	30.4

LADIES CLASS A		%
Linda VanGorder, Boise	5-1	53.7
Vicky McEnany, Pnhrst	3-3	43.1
Dona VanGorder, Corral	3-3	37.8
Ruth Anderson, Ida Flls	1-5	34.9
B Carlana Shove, Hydn L	4-1	22.0

JUNIORS		%
Eric Stephens, C d'A	5-1	28.3
Kyle McEnany, Pinehrst	3-3	22.4
Jason Loftus, Rathdrum	2-4	33.0
Ryan Lloyd McCammon	2-4	19.9

MEN 30' A		%
Bill Brown, Pocatello	6-0	63.1
Clarence Webb, Nw Ply	4-2	59.1
Howard Homme, Wilder	2-4	54.6
Mel Benham, Post Falls	0-6	37.0

KENTUCKY

CLASS A MENS		W-L	%
Charlie Meredith	6-1	79.2	
Randy Hankins	5-2	66.4	
Matt Guy	4-3	69.2	
Tony Hankins	4-3	60.9	
Walter Mullins	3-4	60.4	
Johnny Jones	3-4	54.3	
Ron Powell	2-5	69.6	
Forrest Cooper	1-6	51.8	
B Walter Mullins	6-1	58.6	
C Don Glass	6-0	49.2	
D Dennis McCubbins	6-1	46.9	
E Paul Lee	5-1	36.0	
F Jake Jacobs	5-1	38.8	
G Rocky Haney	6-0	33.2	
H Royce Williams	5-1	26.1	
SENIOR MEN A			
Jim Noble	6-0	69.1	
Omar Blacketer	3-3	57.7	
Bill Litteral	3-3	54.7	
R.O. Harris	0-6	35.5	
SR. B Bob Snider	4-0	15.7	
JUNIOR BOYS A			
Wesley Kemper	4-0	41.9	
B Greg Shockley	2-3	14.3	

WOMEN A		W-L	%
Lois Webster	5-1	83.3	
Sue Snyder	4-2	79.6	
Doris Lewis	2-3	56.7	
Vicki Crank	1-4	43.2	
Jenny Hankins	0-5	28.8	
B Vicki Crank	4-2	38.0	
C Jeanette Glass	2-2	20.6	
JUNIOR GIRLS A			
Becky Kemper	4-1	66.8	
B Bridgette Moody	5-1	41.4	

NORTH CAROLINA

Sept. 28, 1996 Sanc. #40-96-018		W-L	%
CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS			
B.J. Thomas	6-1	73.3	
Tommy Gann	5-2	65.4	

N.A. Moore	4-3	68.4
Jake Hoff	4-3	66.6
Clyde Southern	4-3	64.8
Calvin Motsinger	2-5	57.3
Joe Young	2-5	54.6
Rick Bolick	1-6	62.1
A Stan Ballenger	7-1	54.9
B Thomas Eaton	6-1	41.4
C David Johnson	7-0	39.2
D Eddie Talton	6-1	32.5
E Eddie Talbert	6-1	16.7

WOMEN'S CLASS		W-L	%
Rivers Prewette	5-1	63.2	
Becky Kemp	3-3	52.9	
Sheila Bolick	2-4	50.6	
Judy Brittain	2-4	45.8	

SENIOR CLASS		W-L	%
Frank Oldenburg	2-0	47.0	

JUNIOR CLASS		W-L	%
Ricky Bolick	2-0	64.0	

JUNIOR GIRLS		W-L	%
Airel Bolick	3-0	10.0	

JUNIOR A		W-L	%
Pam Adams	3-0	3.0	

TEXAS

Sept. 21-22, '96 Sanc. #22-96-035

A MEN		W-L	%
Ed Arionus	7-0	71.1	
Gene Meyer	5-2	66.6	
Bubba Frieda	5-2	64.3	
Bob Graham	3-4	66.3	
Chris Paul	3-4	58.4	
Paul McCreery	3-4	57.8	
Coke Bowker	2-5	62.2	
Tommy Valenta	0-7	54.1	
B Will Wade	7-2	50.6	
C Jimmy Howell	7-1	57.1	
D Pat Garcia	7-0	48.9	
E Randy Collins	7-0	42.2	
F Ray Kiepkamp	6-1	34.6	
G Al Heim	6-2	42.8	
H Rudy Martinez	6-2	30.4	

I Rennie Traweek	6-1	32.5
J Jerry Dudek	5-0	31.9
K Jimmy Sanders	7-2	31.4
L Jim Crosby	7-1	31.8
M Jerry Couch	7-0	31.1
N Roger Flinn	6-2	32.2
O Wiley Meadows	7-1	31.9
P Jim Gest	5-0	32.0
Q Joe Lanehart	6-1	20.7
R Hugh Traweek	7-1	18.9
S Gary Rolf	6-1	9.0

CLASS A 30' MEN		W-L	%
Henry Carmichael	5-1	55.3	
Terrell Wilkinson	4-2	47.4	
Walter Lawrence	3-2	44.5	
Wally Weiler	3-2	37.4	
Marvin Lippert	1-4	30.6	

CLASS A WOMEN		W-L	%
Doris Frieda	6-1	55.9	
Debra Odum	5-2	66.6	
Hazel McCall	5-2	57.7	
Carolyn Boehnemann	4-3	56.9	
Brenda Engelhardt	3-4	56.9	
Cathy Richards	3-4	48.8	
Mary Zander	2-5	42.8	

B Alice Chandler	7-0	49.6
C Lavern Wilcox	6-1	41.1
D Louise Jeffcoat	6-1	47.9
E Connie Michum	5-0	42.5
F Kim Holt	4-1	28.0
G Kathy Bolfig	5-0	12.5

CLASS A JUNIOR BOYS		W-L	%
Jeremy Umphries	5-0	77.3	
Cody Johnson	4-1	59.3	
Kelley Montgomery	3-2	53.1	
Doug Anderson	2-3	44.6	
Ronald Dorsett	1-4	20.3	
B Jay Landman	7-1	52.9	
C David Landman	5-0	35.6	

CLASS A JUNIOR GIRLS		W-L	%
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Jennifer Lanctot	4-1	6.9	

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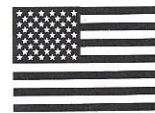


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