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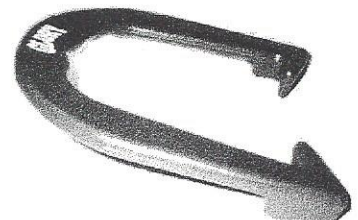
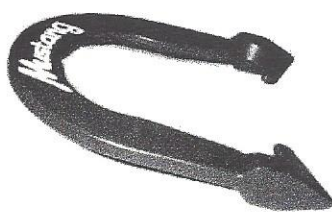
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Music City Team Tournament Champions: Lois Webster, Bobby Brooks, Sue Snyder, KY. *See story on page 18.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The NHPA Executive Council held their annual Winter meeting in Greenville, Ohio over the first weekend in December. Five of the Council were able to drive while two flew from the West Coast. Normally held in Las Vegas during the annual tournament, this year's Vegas event was scheduled too late to take care of the normal decisions and printings related to the World Tournament. As it turned out, the visit to Greenville was very beneficial for the Council who will each have the responsibility of directing daily pitching shifts at the World Tournament. Everyone had the opportunity to preview the facility, walk the buildings and get a general feel for how things are intended to flow once the tournament gets underway.

Once again, the Greenville Tournament Committee members were out in force to welcome and show us around. Their commitment to the success of this event may be unequalled, at least to the number of volunteers that are working together. The weather cooperated as the temperature hung around a beautiful 70 degrees, unseasonably warm and clear for the area in December.

After our morning visit to the Fairgrounds and City Park, the general business of our annual meeting got underway about noon and continued for some seven hours at the Greenville Inn. Much of the first few meeting hours centered on more than 20 World Tournament topics that needed decisions. Several that primarily concern the pitchers will be briefly covered here.

There will be only one date on the entry form (May 13th) for both registration and the last day for NatStats to accept

tournament results to count for the World.

Entry fees have been increased to \$100 for adults, \$25 for Juniors. This entry, however, includes all scorekeeping fees and the cost of a semi-permanent name paddle which we will return to using. Scorekeepers will receive a special token from a "Pit Boss" after they turn in their game scoresheet to them. This token can later be redeemed at the NHPA office for \$2.00 cash per game or put into a donation barrel as a contribution to the NHPF. Pacers will continue to "pay to play" by depositing \$5.00 when they pick up a "pacer paddle." In addition, part of the entry fees will be used to increase over last year, the total prize money in a class. This year we will pay the first seven positions in a class of 16, the first 6 positions in a class of 14 and five positions in a class of 12. In each case, first place shall be \$300, last \$100.

There will be a total of \$50,000 divided among the seven Championship Divisions. Men and Women shall have 20 players advance to the Championship Finals, Senior men and Elders 12, Senior Women and Junior Boys 8 and Junior Girls 6. Each adult finalist advancing to the Championship group shall pay \$50. The full prize list will be printed in the March/April issue of *Newsline*.

Because of the anticipated entry count of 2000 or more, some groups may be scheduled to pitch on days different from previous World schedules. As before, all lower percentage Open Men will pitch the first three days with some Women and Juniors also going that week. While we will do our best to follow past schedules, no promises can be made, so you would do well to allow some flexibility in your travel plans.

DAVE'S COURT REPORT

■ Ralph Dykes, NHPA President 1967-72, died December 8th. See *Toll of Time*.

■ Did you know 92 tournaments were pitched prior to the 1998 World Tournament entry deadline that were not reported to NatStats and thus couldn't be used by those pitchers needing them. If you plan to pitch in Greenville, make sure your tournament director or statistician is reporting timely to NatStats.

■ Currently reported are 498 sanctioned court locations around the charters comprising a total of 5,981 pitching courts.

■ Master statistician Bart Sargent has completed the 1998 edition of the NHPA Record Book. This book contains virtually every player who ever pitched in a World Tournament from 1909-1998. It lists, by name, the years played, ringers, shoes pitched, and percentage. The cost is \$100 including shipping. Order from Bart Sargent, 127 Edgewood Rd., Westwood, MA 02090-3124.

■ From West Virginia comes word that Alyssa Poindexter, eight month-old daughter of Valerie and Les Poindexter of Dunbar, WV, is the State's youngest NHPA member. Her dues were paid in the new 12 court Southern Hills Club located in Wyoming County which was formed and built by her uncle Jim Cook.

■ Has your club or charter scheduled a tournament as a 1999 fund raiser for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation?

If not, talk it up. The NHPF needs your support every year and what better way to introduce the uninformed. The NHPF is a charitable organization dedicated to the promotion and growth of horseshoe pitching around the country. The NHPF will one day build and maintain a Hall of Fame, make grants to clubs for court construction or improvement, fund amateur pitching instruction, issue scholarship awards to pitching youth and generally assist wherever help is needed to grow the recognition of the sport. This can't be done without an adequate endowment fund which needs your contributions to grow.

■ Special thanks to Wanda Helsby (above) of Stockton, CA who crocheted an American Flag which was raffled off in a tournament fund raiser for the NHPF. The flag brought donations of \$150 to the Foundation. Thanks Wanda, for supporting the NHPF and showing how innovative thinking and a home project can pay off.



NHPP CONTRIBUTION UPDATE

by Dave Loucks

As we go to typeset in early December, I can report that another \$2,222 was received and deposited to the NHPP since our statement in the last 1998 issue. Compared to this time last year, we have seen a definite increase in the number of people donating. Unfortunately, we still remain well below the monthly average needed to begin our building and grant projects. I can only hope that the word about the NHPP is beginning to spread and that more members are coming to realize the benefits of contributing to the NHPP. You may send your tax deductible contribution to: NHPP, 140 Sierra Blanca Ct., Grass Valley, CA 95945

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Hey *Newsline*! Happy Birthday!! You're ten years old. Congratulations!

It's often said that horseshoe pitchers are the best. But how can that be true when so few support the NHPA by subscribing to *Newsline*?

Now that you've proven yourself, issue after issue, maybe you'll get more subscribers. Wouldn't that be a well-earned and much-deserved reward?

C'mon folks, let's *all* pitch in and become better informed.

Wishoe The Best,
Ed Quigley, NJ

Dear Editor,

Looking forward to receiving your publication! Should have done it four years ago.

Thanks,
Bob Stephens, TX

Dear Dave,

The Sebring Horseshoe Club in Florida believes in the NHPF as a terri-

fic idea, so we have scheduled an extra tournament on March 17, 1999 as a NHPF Fundraiser Open, with all proceeds being donated to the NHPF.

We also challenge every horseshoe club in America to do the same thing. They could raise a fair amount of funds for a worthy cause.

Sincerely,
Howard and Helen Field
Sebring Horseshoe Club
Sebring, FL

Newsline Editor,

In reference to an article in the Reader Forum in the July/August issue of *Newsline*, about the promotion of horseshoes...I do agree that more could be done on the national level to get news and TV exposure, especially of the World and major regional tournaments. But I do not agree with giving support, monetarily or otherwise, to any outside organizations which are determined to be in direct competition with NHPA and its charters. To do so

would not be prudent or wise.

Furthermore, the referenced article could easily be taken to be the consensus of the FSHPA. The views of the FSHPA were expressed in 1996 when it voted 19-4 not to endorse USA Team Tuff-E-Nuff's goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Roop, 2nd VP, Florida State HPA

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the membership of the Riverside Horseshoe League, I am forwarding a check for \$25 to the NHPF.

There are many "Bar Leagues" in this area and very few pitchers are aware of the NHPA and its activities. As the Secretary of the Riverside league I am working to educate our pitchers on the importance of being active state and national card carrying members.

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Sincerely,
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FROM THE EDITOR

This first issue of 1999 marks the start of the eleventh year for *Newsline* and my time as editor and publisher. The past ten years have been relatively good ones for *Newsline*. We achieved the goal of making the magazine self-sufficient and not dependent upon financial support from the NHPA general fund, as was the case with our forerunner.

While subscription and advertising fees now completely cover the costs and bring a modest profit to the NHPA, *Newsline* has not reached our growth expectations. Yes, subscriptions are higher than for any previous NHPA magazine, but they could be a lot better than the current 20% of membership we now reach.

Newsline is the only national magazine devoted entirely to the sport of horseshoe pitching. It is supposed to be your magazine, one that all our members can read, support and even criticize. I have done my best these past ten years to make *Newsline* interesting. There have been some outstanding issues and some poor ones. Some large issues and some thin ones. We've had some months with many reader contributions and some with

none. While those issues without reader contributions are the most difficult to put together, I have throughout attempted to publish a magazine that is informative of our sport and organization, that seeks to enlighten and even sometimes provoke you. Much like our daily lives, not everything in our sport and association is always blue skies and clear sailing. Members need to know the good and the bad if we are to be able to make the best decisions for the sport and the growth of the NHPA.

I therefore encourage and challenge all of you to dedicate yourselves to make an effort to increase your contributions to the game, physically, administratively, and financially. Bring a friend into the NHPA. Encourage fellow members to subscribe to *Newsline*. Support your club, charter and NHPA beyond just entering tournaments—get involved in the organization and do more than just pitch or bitch. If you can't give your time, at least give a financial contribution to the NHPF so others who have the time, energy and desire to improve things have the resources to do so. Remember, your donation to the National Horseshoe

Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) is fully tax-deductible.

Most of you should be able to recognize some changes to this issue of *Newsline*. A slightly revised masthead, different fonts and a theme of bold words in article headings. After ten years, it was time to inject some subtle changes that will hopefully bring new life to *Newsline*. As always, we not only appreciate but enjoy hearing from you. Let us know what you think. Your comments and articles are welcome. Please double space and type, if possible. It certainly helps the editing process.

DEADLINES APPROACHING

There is still time to submit your announcement of candidacy for NHPA office prior to the March 15th deadline. If you are interested, don't be afraid to run against an incumbent. Jump in, get your feet wet. March 15th is also the deadline to receive World Tournament bids for the year 2001. We've had some inquiries but none seem too interested yet. Information on all of the above can be obtained from your NHPA President or Secretary/Treasurer.



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Quite often in the Missouri newsletter I do a column called *I Remember When*. In it, I relate stories of events that happened some time ago. I thought you might enjoy a story involving two pitchers at the World Tournament in Murray, Utah in 1952. Both later became Hall of Famers, but people newer to our sport may not even recognize the names. I am referring to Fernando Isais (CA) and Dale Dixon (IA).

The scoring devices in those days had been invented by Elmer Beller (CA), who served the NHPA as President and also as Secretary during his lifetime, and who was also destined to become a Hall of Famer. Elmer had fashioned a scoring device consisting of a long black tape with numbers up to 50 printed in white. The scorekeeper rolled the tape by turning a crank.

It was the fifth day of competition and I was walking on the outside of the courts admiring the new scoring devices when a game between Fernando Isais and Dale Dixon caught my eye. They were pitching from the south end and the score was Fernando 44 and Dale 32. Fernando was pitching first after a four-dead call and I thought to myself that Dale was about to lose to a perfectionist, as Fernando did the unbelievable and missed one shoe on the left and one on the right. Dale threw a double and climbed to 38 points.

Going back to the other end, Dale threw a double and Fernando again missed both shoes. This can't be happening, I thought. Fernando could always be counted on to have at least one ringer on the stake. Now he had missed 4 shoes in a row. The score was now 44 and Dale threw another double. I couldn't leave then, I had to watch the finish. Fernando missed again and I thought he surely will put the other shoe on, but he didn't. I had just witnessed the great Fernando Isais blow six shoes in a row. As the pitchers were walking to the other end to retrieve their horseshoes, Fernando put

his right arm around Dale's shoulder and I heard him say, "Dale, don't ever let me hear you say I never gave you anything," and he was laughing as he said it. Just goes to show that even the greatest can have their off moments and be good sports about it.

Some of you may be wondering who is currently on our list of nominations that the Hall of Fame committee will be considering in the Spring. We have three categories to consider.

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 Roland Kraft, KS
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 Glenn Riffle, OH and CA
 Clive Wahlin, UT

There is still time to add names to this list of nominations before the 1999 ballot is taken. If you have a candidate you feel is worthy of nomination, who has achieved recognition or has contributed service to the NHPA on the national level, here is what you must do. Verify that your nominee has been an adult pitcher for at least 10 years, or has contributed service to the organization as an adult for at least 10 years. Send a neatly typed resumé giving the accomplishments of your nominee and tell the committee why you think this person is deserving of the honor of being inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. I must be able to photocopy any material that you send, so that I can share it with all of my committee members. Nominations should be send to me and you will find my address in the front of this magazine. All nominations must reach me by March 1, 1999 to be considered in the 1999 voting. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Also, it is important to have a place where the history of our sport can be preserved if future generations are going to be able to recognize the names I have mentioned in this article, as well as others of the past and present. Please support the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. Many records and much history have already been lost because there was no system in place to preserve the information. This is something that horseshoe pitchers are going to have to do for themselves, as no one else is going to do it for us.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS **REPORT**

by Paul Stewart

Thanks for another wonderful year in horseshoes and I wish all of you a very prosperous and happy New Year and Good Pitching in 1999.

We have three Regional Director changes to report in this issue. **Earl Vansant** from Ohio has stepped down and his replacement is **Dan Sanders** from Columbus. **Len Lipovsky** from Minnesota, who has served as RD for 15 years says, "that's enough." His replacement is **Ward Lutz** from Rochester. **Ray Matlock** from Maryland has stepped down as RD for Maryland and Delaware. His replacement is **Don Lawyer** from Lusby. Thanks to the outgoing Regional Directors for their service and dedication to the NHPA and welcome to the new Regional Directors.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Pat Wemhoff, Nebraska RD reports Mr. **Walt Sackschewsky** is Nebraska's latest Hall of Fame member, and will be in the Hall of Fame booth at the new Library Museum in Madison, NE. Walt is "Mr. Horseshoes" in York County. With no help from his local government, he developed nineteen outdoor courts and two indoor courts at Thayer, Nebraska. During the summer months, he sponsors tournaments at his famed Rose Horseshoe Garden, named after his late wife Rose.

At ninety-three, Walt continues to involve himself in the sport recruiting others to play. He has taught skills to grade school, high school, and college students. Walt says "I play horseshoes because it's fun" and "pitching horseshoes is good exercise for me and keeps me in good physical condition."

Nebraska's Ralph Fleaharty Award winner this year is Western Charter President **Doc Roberts**. This award is given each year to the person who has done the most for the sport of horseshoes during the previous year.

The Glen Hodge Memorial Trophy, given to the state's Most Improved Jr. Pitcher, was awarded to **Sara Angel**.

Leo Buell, Iowa RD reports that membership for 1998 was 282, down from last year. This may be true for most charters. The only reason I can give is that the nation's economy is very good and people find more expensive things to entertain themselves.

Iowa had 52 sanctioned tournaments, including 14 which were indoor. There was an average of 33 pitchers per tournament. The State Championships were held at the Iowa State Fair this year. **Leland Wiges** from Traer and **Cathy Carter** from Council Bluffs are Champions. This was Lee's third and Cathy's ump-teen.

A new event at the fair was Team Region, patterned after the Team World. A maximum of 170 combined percentage and the scoring was count-all. Seven of the 10 regions participated. The Des Moines team won the traveling trophy plus cash. Northwest Region took second place. Plans are being made for next year.

There was horseshoe pitching all ten days of the fair. During the week was open pitching and weekends were sanctioned events. Also, Junior champion pitchers **Joe Smith** and **Richy Boll** put on exhibition on the Bill Riley stage, in front of about 200 people. Narrator **Dennis Smith** explained the different turns and scoring. **Lee Wiges**, state champion and President **Stoney Jackson** also demonstrated pitching, and each spoke to the crowd about the sport of horseshoes. Afterward, Mr. Smith invited the juniors in the crowd to come up on stage to pitch a few horseshoes. The person who scored the most points would receive two pair of horseshoes. Twenty or so kids mounted the stage to vie for the prize. A 13 year-old girl walked away with the shoes. She threw 3 ringers out of 4 shoes.

Clay County Fair at Spencer sponsored a two-day sanctioned tournament. The fair board put up \$500 for added prize money. There were pitchers from MN, SD, NE and IA. This event can only accommodate 60 pitchers. **Marvin Engstler** from Garner, IA took home the big prize.

Elwyn Cooper, Missouri RD reports that at the State Tournament and their meeting, **Stan Griggs** was inducted into the State Hall of Fame along with five others. Stan was sitting next Elwyn at the meeting and kept whispering he knew who (that was in attendance) was going to be inducted. Elwyn knew that Stan was coming in, but since he is the one that issues the certificates, Stan had no clue he was to be inducted. He was shocked, to say the least.

We have a man, **Dan Hobbs**, in Mountain View, MO who has built five state-of-the-art horseshoe courts, and plans to build at least six on his own property.

Gail Sluys, Northern California RD reports they have a new President. **Casey Sluys** stepped down after 6 years of dedicated service to that office. **Doug Sattler** was elected the new President.

The 1998 season had 121 successful tournaments with another 20 rained out. Let's hope La Niña is nicer to everyone than El Niño was. Now we'll all take a short break and look forward to starting the 1999 season (scheduled 140 tournaments) in February.

The Sonoma County Club in Santa Rosa refurbished their courts. They now have sixteen clay courts with full walkways and green grass in between. The club members put in many hours ripping up blacktop by hand, laying forms for the walkways, digging trenches for the sprinkler system and much more. Congratulations to the club membership for all of their hard work. They did a beautiful job and we hope everyone will come out to try out the new courts.

Ken Schulze was presented with the President's Award at the annual meeting. Ken earned this award with all of his dedication to the sport. He not only contributed funds to help the Sonoma County Club refurbish the courts but pitched in 53 tournaments in Northern California this season. He averages around 59% and is a true gentleman and fun to pitch with. All this at 78 years young.

Allen Baptist, Colorado RD reports they now have 19 sanctioned courts. He just sanctioned six nice courts in Washington Park in Denver. The court area is all concrete, with lights, clay courts and a fence all around. The indoor Knaub arena in Milliken just got a face lift. What used to be eight courts with concrete walkways and the rest dirt, is now all concrete. Another door was installed at the back of the building for easier access. The work was all volunteer from CHPA members.

Bill Calhoun, Alabama/Mississippi RD reports that Alabama now has six indoor courts located in Huntsville. This is a first for Alabama. For the schedule contact Bill Calhoun, address listed on page 35.

So hard to believe another year has come and gone. I suppose that years flying, so fast, has something to do with getting older. "Surely not me!" I prefer to blame it on our busy, fast-paced, life-styled world. Not enough hours in a day, days in a week, etc., or maybe too many! It is all bound to be better, if we would catch our breath, take time for some R & R, family and friends. "Smell the roses" which on this second day of December are still blooming. Hate to think what will happen when mother nature does decide it is time for winter. For now though, I love it, being a warm weather person.

Congratulations to all eleven juniors who made the honor list. All will receive certificates and patches. The top four will also receive nice plaques and trust funds in various amounts. Take pride in yourselves as the NHPA does.

There are still 15 to 20 clubs that have not submitted their annual, mandatory membership reports for 1998. Hopefully, they will have done this before December 31. Would be sad, for me, to cancel that many sanctions, especially in this, my last year. It has never been a pleasant task. On the average most have reported earlier than in past years. Would like to ask that ALL report as early as possible in 1999 and before mid-August as this is when I plan to leave office. Early member reports would make it much easier on both me and my successor.

I commend ALL those who made 5, 10, 15 and 20 year awards. And, of course, the 8 of the original 13 for their 21 years.

Congratulations also go to those who made the Top Ten. An accomplishment that seems to get a little harder each year.

Floyd and I wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. Bless y'all.

CONTINUOUS YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

Only 28 eligible for continuous years of being in the sanction program this year. Pleased to say, though, that all eligible did report on time. There were two that I had to call, because of not receiving the 1998 membership report

by the September 15 deadline. Again, need to remind all that have one of these awards earned, the Director *must* submit the annual, mandatory membership report before September 15 each year. For 1999 those will be ones with sanction numbers beginning with 95, 90, 85 and 80—5, 10, 15, and 20 years. There will be a new NHPA 3rd VP handling this in 1999 and I am sure whomever it might be, would much appreciate your help on this. In fact, all club/leagues should have at least member report number one submitted before this date, even if they do not have this award due them. 40 notices were sent out to non-reporting ones in early October. It is now (11-9-98) down to 20 left unreported. Sure hope I have received all of these missing ones before this issue comes out.

My sincere appreciation goes to all of the following, for their years of participating and supporting this great program. It has been my pleasure to work with and for each of you. May you all still be active to receive the next 5-year award.

5 YEARS 1994-98

Panhandle, FL
Colorado Springs CO
Kenosha, WI
Dixie, UT
Thursday Singles, NY
Cedar Rapids, IA
Western Colo., CO
Papa Kahua, HI

10 YEARS 1989-98

Try County, OH
Danville, IL
Troy, OH
West Essex, NJ
Well Park Thurs., IL
San Luis Obispo, CA
Ault, CO
Kona, HI
Kilo Bay, TX
Central Texas, TX
Winchester Moose
Lodge, VA
Gulf Coast, MS

15 YEARS 1984-98

Bridgeport, NE
New Cumberland, PA
Close Doesn't Count, WI

20 YEARS 1979-98

Minneapolis, MN
Albany, GA
Bloomington, MN
Mountaineer, WV
Bradenton, FL

NEWS RELEASE

The Sodbusters Horseshoe Club held their annual picnic and awards party at their clubhouse on September 27, 1998. There were about 40 members and guests present. We played doubles in the morning and afternoon

we had a round robin of singles. After a nice picnic of hot dogs, hamburgers, casseroles and desserts, our president, Roger Forgues, handed out the awards for our league and club. The league champion was Liz Downer with 36 wins and 10 losses.

Second place was a tie with Bev Forgues and Debbie Brown with 33-1/3 wins and 12-1/2 losses. Third place went to Sharon Hurlburt with 30-1/2 wins and 15-1/2 losses. Fourth place went to Tim Far with 29-1/2 wins and 16-1/2 losses. Fifth place went to Ray Barrows with 28-1/2 wins and 17-1/2 losses. High Game went to Bev Forgues. High Average went to Liz Downer and High Over Average went to Shirley Barrows. The Most Improved went to Melissa Bigelow and our Rookie was Richard Lathrop and Don Chamberlain received the sportsmanship award.

Sharon Hurlburt, Mike Brown, Scott Selleck and Meagan Bigelow all received Most Improved awards for 1997. After the awards were handed out, we finished the day with more horseshoe pitching. All in all, the day was beautiful to end the season. Hope we see all of you next year.

1997-1998 JUNIOR SCHOLAR PITCHERS

Name	Club	Age	Shoes	%	GPA
Ramaiya Hursha,	Sheyenne Val.	ND			
		15	600	4.00	4.00
Molly Koppes,	Brooklyn Park,	MN			
		13	600	2.17	4.00
Janae Arledge,	Arledge's,	OH			
		15	5650	18.7	3.88
Elizabeth King,	Pike,	NY			
		14	960	25.5	96.6
Emily Lemke,	Brooklyn Park,	MN			
		14	720	3.06	3.83
Christopher Blanford,	Bureau Val.,	IL			
		13	1180	2.68	3.80
Erin Hatlestad,	Glenburn,	ND			
		14	1050	9.14	3.67
David Mead,	Brooklyn Park,	MN			
		16	480	18.3	3.59
Maggie Koppes,	Brooklyn Park,	MN			
		15	720	7.08	3.56
Tenesia Mayer,	Pike,	NY			
		13	1240	29.4	90.6
Heather Haubrick,	Brooklyn Park,	MN			
		16	1170	4.44	3.43

SANCTIONED LEAGUE
**DIRECTOR
 OF THE YEAR**

*Jane
 Smith*



What a pleasant surprise and wonderful way to come home to a phone message from Bev Born stating my selection as Sanctioned League Director of the Year! It is truly an honor to be chosen from the many directors who give countless hours of time promoting, organizing, and mentoring smooth running horseshoe leagues.

Our own Close Doesn't Count league began in 1984 as a result of a World Tournament convention decision that required participation in a certain number of "NHPA Sanctioned" tournaments to pitch in future World Tournaments. Our league was named "Close Doesn't Count" because the ten lady original pitchers were from all parts of Polk County and we all know that close does NOT count in horse-

shoes! Our league grew over the years and we even allowed "real men" to join our league!

Our club is small with about 25 very dedicated pitchers. We have just received our 15 year plaque and our Junior league received their ten year plaque. Horseshoe pitching is a great activity in northern Wisconsin as there are many tavern and community leagues not affiliated with the NHPA... maybe in time.

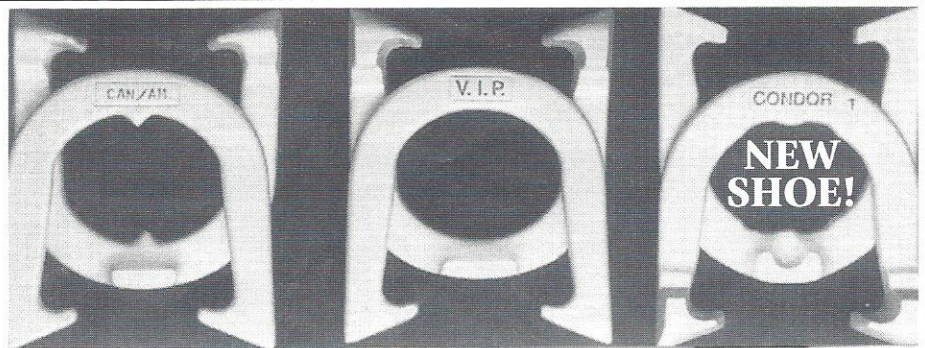
Our school district is a leader, offering horseshoe pitching instruction in high school physical education classes. Our summer school program offers a three-week program of horseshoe pitching for youngsters ages 9-14. Several of these summer school pitchers have joined the Junior league and have pitched in our local tournaments

as well as venturing on to the State Tournament. Unfortunately, as these students get older there are other "more exciting" activities like softball, baseball, soccer, etc. Hopefully, these same pitchers will return to our sport sometime later in life. They may find, as I did, that eventually it "gets too far between the bases!"

Though my husband Kirby supports horseshoes, he believes there is life beyond summer tournaments and league nights! In Wisconsin (October to March) there is life beyond horseshoes as the snow and cool temperatures make it difficult to play year-round!!

Thanks to all of our league pitchers and junior league parents who have made my job a pleasure!

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NHPF: An Unprecedented Opportunity to Advance Our Sport

by Bob Dunn

There is over 75 years of history of our sport to review and to coach us on what we should be doing in lines of promotion. We should be able to gain wisdom from those 75 years so we know specifically what are the steps to take to better promote our sport and hopefully learn what are mistakes or weaker ways that can be avoided.

But we may actually learn more by taking some view of other sports that have demonstrated far more growth and successes. What becomes very clear immediately is that the amateur sports that are thriving, follow on the coat-tails of a popular profession sport. Also, very obvious, is that those sports have Halls of Fame on public display. Also, there is far more financial involvement by participants and sponsorship. Finally, the media coverage of the professional aspect of the sport, greatly enhances the amateur aspect to promote and recruit. Some of these issues need to be long range objectives for our sport but the National Hall of Fame and the financial involvement by the participants can be addressed immediately for present-day advancement and for future growth.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Foundation (NHPF) gives our sport an unprecedented opportunity to change

from the historic pattern we have and build a Hall of Fame museum for public witness. The NHPF gives us an opportunity to move toward professionalism and can serve in a sponsorship role in providing financial support to clubs, schools and libraries, taking a leading role in promotion toward youth and recruiting adult members.

The amateurism maintained in horseshoe pitching for so many years, decades actually, is merely the result of our sport maintaining such a minimal financial cost to participants. The players, the whole membership, has never invested to a point to allow for substantial growth and improvement.

This issue is maybe more clear at the club level. Annual dues are set to be the lowest amount necessary to manage through a season. If those dues were doubled or tripled, the cost to participants would still be very affordable and far below cost levels of other amateur and recreational sports. If the amount of funds available to any club were increased, would that club be able to do more in improving the sport to its members? Would that club be able to expand its involvement in recruiting and promotion? The answer is clearly—YES.

The NHPF can do exactly that for our sport on a national basis, which will allow the sport to grow and thrive

at the local and charter level. For this to happen it is necessary for our participants, our members, those that enjoy the sport, to express their appreciation and enthusiasm for horseshoe pitching and invest in the future of our sport—financially. Donate money. The progress in growth and thriving will be in our lifetime and the initial progress can be as near as 2-3 years.

As little as \$15-\$20 per member each year, would establish the fund to build our Hall of Fame museum, and begin the promotion steps to provide videos and books to libraries and schools, generating exposure via school systems and libraries. As little as a \$15-\$20 tax deductible donation from each member can begin a whole promotion program. All other sports have outdone us because they have had more financial backing by their participants. It is fair to ask that our sport and our organization have that same opportunity. It must start with our own members—and it is voluntary.

Isn't it unfortunate that this article and this issue of *Newsline* is going out to only 20% of the NHPA membership? That means that each one of us needs to speak to four other members (non-subscribers), so this message reaches our total membership. The mission is so worth while that we need to accept this responsibility. Charter editors could be a tremendous assist in this task.

The voluntary donation is an opportunity for each and every member to contribute to the promotion of our sport. There is not one member who would not like to pitch in and assist to better our organization and our sport. Time constraints, work or career constraints or family involvement are all common reasons and examples why many are not available to conduct tournaments, accept club or charter offices or serve actively in a promotion role. Here is an opportunity for each individual member to be directly involved and participating in the promotion of our sport. Send your donation to the NHPF. That amount will go 100% directly to further our sport. Mail to: NHPF, 140 Sierra Blanca Ct., Grass Valley, CA 95945.

HORSESHOES 101!!! by Don Titcomb

Hopefully, in 1999, I will publish my 2nd book entitled *Horseshoes 101*. There seems to be a real need for pitchers to have a detailed blueprint on how to pitch horseshoes. I'm sure all of us want to improve and pitch better. The book will contain

- (1) pitching tips and techniques
- (2) promoting the game
- (3) club organization
- (4) mental and health aspects of the game, and
- (5) a section of humorous anecdotes that have happened to you.

If you have an amusing incident that you have experienced I would like you to send it to me to be included in *Horseshoes 101*. Give me names and particulars, as each of you will be credited in the book. Send to

Don Titcomb (916) 797-0744
9060 Auburn Folsom Rd., Sp. 4, Granite Bay, CA 95746

PROMOTION JOTTINGS

■ The video *The Basics of Horseshoe Pitching* is an excellent video for new members and lower average pitchers. Many pitchers at the 1998 World Tournament in Ainsworth, commented on how it helped them improve their game. Several of those had won their class championship. The video presents considerable information about our sport, including tips on how to pitch ringers. Even still, sales of the video have been very slow. Everyone should have the experience of viewing this tape. When you are finished with the tape, donate the video to a local school or library. If you donate the video to a local library, think of the promotion value in your effort. Once the tape is at the library, all your fellow club members can sign it out, including yourself when you want a refresher course. If you think this is a good idea, order your copy today before it slips your mind!

■ Much history of early-day promotion has been reprinted in this series, from D.D. Cottrell's 1929 *Horseshoe Pitching—How To Play The Game*. There are still several states to be recognized. Most of the history excerpts remaining are rather short, so three or four states will be reviewed at a time over the next few articles. This issue includes Arizona, Colorado and District of Columbia (as of 1929):

ARIZONA

There is a large horseshoe pitching club at Glendale of which S.V. Pullins is the President. He is also Champion of the state.

At Phoenix there is a horseshoe club of which A.F. King, formerly of Akron, Ohio, is the manager. Mr. King has been interested in the game and has been one of its biggest boosters for a good many years. He has spent a number of winters in Florida where he has acted as head scorekeeper in a number of National Tournaments. Since going to Arizona he has organized this club at Phoenix and put in four fine courts on the City Hall grounds in the heart of the city. The

courts are of ornamental design with green grass centers, gray gravel walks and plank platforms for the pitcher to stand on. He has installed a scoring system by putting in four sets of billiard buttons, such as are used over billiard tables, about 16 inches back of the foul line where the player can tally up his score without any trouble. This may be an idea that may be worked out for scoring by other clubs.

COLORADO

In Denver, there is a horseshoe club, of which A.S. Bonar is President, L.E. Cooper is Vice President and T.C. Clayberg, 125 Lowel Blvd., is Secretary-Treasurer. There is also a club at Fort Collins, of which F.T. Wood is President. E.A. Tabler is President of the club in New Castle. Pueblo also has a club, of which W.F. O'Neil, 116

Broadway, is Secretary. There are a few other places in the state where the game has good boosters but small clubs, if any.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

There are quite a good many horseshoe players connected with the different government departments. There is a horseshoe pitching club organized in the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, of which Ira E. Widmeyer is secretary-treasurer.

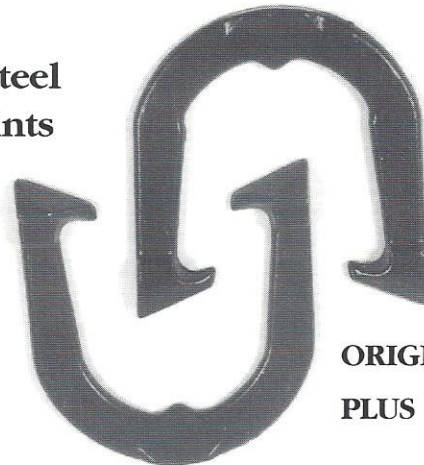
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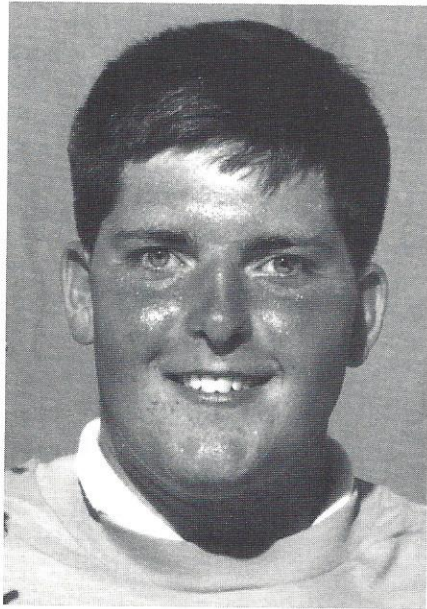
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After only 2 years, Becky Kemper of Pleasureville, KY won the 1998 World Women's Championship pitching Imperial Horseshoes.

THE JUNIOR WINDOW

Branson Miller Junior Boys' World Champion

by Lorraine Sternberg



At Ainsworth, NE, Branson Miller won his first World Title, a goal he had set for himself long before arriving at the World Tournament. This year, he was not about to settle for second place. With great concentration, he worked himself to first place with a record of 6-1 and an average of 75.9%, he hit his goal.

Branson pitched his high game of the tournament—95%, before getting into the Championship Class. Practic-

ing every day for 2 to 3 hours, he was well prepared. Branson's quest for a World Title first started at Perry, Georgia in 1995, where he placed 3rd in the Championship Class with a 78.48% average. The next two years he would place second in the Championship Class.

At the age of 17, Branson has been pitching for six years. He first started pitching when his uncle started a Junior league at the Winchester Horseshoe Club in VA. Branson set his goals early, after hearing that Lenwood Conner, Jr. was the best Junior pitcher in the state of Virginia. At that time, Branson decided that one day he would be that good and would be able to beat Lenwood. By his 3rd year of pitching, he did.

Branson is not the only member in his family that pitches. He has a twin brother, Nathan, who pitched in Class B at World, finishing in 8th place. He has lots of support from his whole family.

Pitching a 1-1/4 turn shoe with Imperials (original), Branson pitches with a low arc. His aim is at the bottom of the peg. His attitude is to win and he throws as good as it takes to win.

Not only does Branson pitch shoes, he also promotes the game that he loves. He has been trying to get horse-

shoes in the school that he attends and one day I'm sure he will succeed. He is also the league director for his horseshoe club with 44 people involved. His other main interest is band, where he plays the tuba and trumpet in the Honors Band in his high school.

When asked what advice he would like to share with other horseshoe pitchers, he said, "A game is a game, rather than thirty or forty foot, we are all there to throw a percentage to qualify us for the Big Tournament and if you let this bother you, you will never be good at horseshoes, because you are then hurting yourself."

Branson's future goals are to go on to the University of Virginia to pursue a career in law. And, from the sound of it, he plans on continuing to pitch horseshoes, as he is already practicing at 40 foot, averaging about 60%.

Branson has one more year in the Junior Division. His aim, to win a second World Title. He would like to wish everyone a good '99 season. I wish Branson good luck on his pursuit of another World Title.

If you have a Junior you would like to profile or a Jr. league to write about, drop me a line:

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Officer & Candidate Announcements

WINSTON · BAPTIST · STERNBERG · STEWART · ROBERTS

After giving it much thought, I am taking this opportunity to announce that I will not be running for re-election to the position of NHPA 1st Vice President. I will serve out my current term of office through December 1999. In making this announcement, I hope to give our membership a little notice in case there are those among you who would welcome a chance to run for NHPA office without challenging an incumbent.

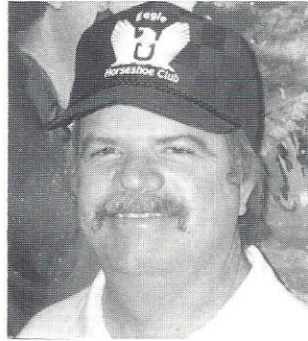
This is a step I'm taking with mixed emotions, as it will be hard to leave my position on the executive board where I was first elected to serve in August 1972. Horseshoes and the NHPA have been important parts of my life all of my adult years. The friendships that have been made are priceless and I have appreciated all of the support I have received each election. However, I believe the time has come to give someone else the opportunity to serve.

I will not be putting all duties aside, as I will continue to serve on the board of the NHPF and will remain as Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. Therefore, I'll still be working towards the goal of someday having a permanent building in which to display all of the material and items so important in preserving the history of our great sport. I would welcome your support in that effort and will look forward to seeing many of you in Greenville, Ohio. It has been an honor to serve you these many years.

Sincerely,
Earl Winston

ALLEN BAPTIST Candidate for 1st V.P.

I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of the First Vice President in the NHPA. I have been a member of the NHPA and CHPA for the past 14 years, and currently serve as Colorado Regional Director and CHPA Secretary. I am also Secretary/Treasurer of the Eagle Valley Horseshoe Club. I have competed in the last 10



World Tournaments and 3 Team World Tournaments. I am a member of the CHPA Hall of Fame committee. I have access to and read many charter newsletters. I am a very enthusiastic NHPA member and if elected I will give 110% to the NHPA and the members.



LORRAINE STERNBERG Candidate for 3rd V.P.

I wish to announce my candidacy for the position of 3rd Vice President. I have been an NHPA member since 1986 and have been involved with the sanctioned league program for the past 23 years.

I have been the Sanctioned League Director for the Goldendale Horseshoe Club for the past five years. I strongly support the Sanctioned League Program and feel it is one of the best ways to bring in new members to our organization.

For eight years I was the Jr. Scholarship Director for the WHPA. I am currently the NHPA Jr. Promotion Director.

I have attended all but one of the World Tournaments since 1987. Horseshoes has been a family sport for us as my husband and three daughters

all pitch. As a family, we have been very active in promoting the game of horseshoes.

I work part-time with my own business and feel I have the time it takes to do the work of the Sanctioned League Program. I would appreciate your vote at the 1999 convention.

PAUL STEWART Candidate for 5th V.P.

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for re-election to the office of the NHPA 5th Vice President. It has been a pleasure to serve you over the past three years as a member of the Executive Council and Chairman of the Regional Directors Program. Also serving as the NHPA website administrator, I believe we have come a long way in two years on the NHPA website. With the help of several website volunteers we plan to do even more. I ask for your support so I may continue to serve as your NHPA 5th Vice President, and would like to thank the rest of the NHPA Council, Regional Directors, and all my website volunteers for making this position so enjoyable.

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FOR
NHPA 3RD
VICE
PRESIDENT**

1998 TOP TEN

NATIONAL DIVISION—MIXED DISTANCE

High Point Average

Pos.	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY	133.48
2.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	128.23
3.	Elbert Allen	Paulding, GA	123.94
4.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	120.92
5.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	119.00
6.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	118.39
7.	Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	117.00
8.	Don Wild	Loveland, CO	117.00
9.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	116.50
10.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	115.30

High Point Game

1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY	145
2.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	140
3.	Elbert Allen	Paulding, GA	140
4.	John Martin	Arledge's, OH	138
5.	Tina Tonnous	Try County, OH	136
6.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	136
7.	Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	135
8.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	135
9.	Darrell Brock	Shenandoah, VA	134
10.	Gene Sierks	Platte Valley, NE	134

High Point Over Average

1.	Sondra Cooper	Heart of America, MO	+42.00
2.	Stan Banner	Syracuse, NY	+41.13
3.	John Luckhurst	Syracuse, NY	+39.75
4.	Debbie Harris	Liberty, MO	+38.69
5.	Claud Hanes	Ault, CO	+37.70
6.	Richard Raasch	Loveland, CO	+37.64
7.	Julian Romero	Denver Metro, CO	+37.48
8.	Stan Dodson	Try County, OH	+37.37
9.	Joe Rossi	Denver Metro, CO	+36.67
10.	Gary Mattison	Rochester, MN	+36.28

High Ringer Average

1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY	85.81
2.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	80.00
3.	Elbert Allen	Paulding, GA	77.63
4.	Joan Elmore	Joelton, TN	74.85
5.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	74.77
6.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	74.26
7.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS	74.14
8.	Brad Barger	New Cumberland, PA	74.12
9.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	73.17
10.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	72.60

MEN'S DIVISION—MIXED DISTANCE

High Ringer Average

1.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	80.00
2.	Elbert Allen	Paulding, GA	77.63
3.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	74.77
4.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	74.26
5.	Brad Barger	New Cumberland, PA	74.12
6.	Tommy Gann	Blue Ridge, NC	72.00
7.	Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	71.44
8.	Andy Nave	Blue Ridge, NC	70.19
9.	Don Wild	Loveland, CO	69.80
10.	Robert Wilsch	Syracuse, NY	69.00

High Ringer Game

1.	Rick Bolick, Sr.	Blue Ridge, NC	91.7
2.	John Martin	Alredge's, OH	90.0
3.	Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	90.0
4.	Elbert Allen	Paulding, GA	90.0
5.	Brad Barger	New Cumberland, PA	88.0
6.	Gene Sierks	Platte Valley, NE	88.0
7.	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	86.0
8.	Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	86.0
9.	Stan Griggs	Heart of America, MO	86.0
10.	Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	86.0

High Ringer Over Average

1.	John Luckhurst	Syracuse, NY	+35.55
2.	Roy Privott	Yukon, OK	+34.06
3.	Bill Dembickie	Classic City, IN	+33.98
4.	Willie Lothamer	Classic City, IN	+32.69
5.	Dick Bragoon	Jim Styles, NH	+32.04
6.	Glenn Chamberlain	Syracuse, NY	+32.00
7.	John Jashinsky	Goldendale, WI	+31.57
8.	Norm Saucier	Greater Danbury, CT	+31.45
9.	Gary Shull	Classic City, IN	+31.22
10.	Russell Cook	AVF Downers Grove, IL	+31.21

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY	85.81
2.	Joan Elmore	Joelton, TN	74.85
3.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS	74.14
4.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	73.17
5.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	72.60
6.	Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND	66.96
7.	Tina Tonnous	Try County, OH	66.61
8.	Edi McKinney	Close Doesn't Count, WI	66.53
9.	Sherri Burgess	Ft. Collins, CO	62.79
10.	Velma Smith	Platte Valley, NE	62.25

High Ringer Game

1.	Becky Kemper	Millville, KY	96.0
2.	Mary Ann Peninger	Sunflower, KS	92.5
3.	Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	88.0
4.	Joan Elmore	Joelton, TN	88.0
5.	Tina Tonnous	Try County, OH	86.0
6.	Lorraine Sternberg	Goldendale, WI	86.0
7.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	85.0
8.	Lisa Maille	Nashua, NH	85.0
9.	Pam Henderson	Independence, MO	84.0
10.	Phyllis Negaard	Tri County, MN	84.0

High Ringer Over Average

1.	Sheila Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	+34.46
2.	Debra Fleming	Waggaman, LA	+32.78
3.	Linda Brink	Classic City, IN	+32.48
4.	Sondra Cooper	Heart of America, MO	+32.00
5.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	+31.39
6.	Kim Hyman	Waggaman, LA	+31.11
7.	Mae Miller	Winchester, VA	+30.49
8.	Christy Cave	Tri County, MN	+29.29
9.	Tammi Cunningham	Marion, IN	+28.90
10.	Gail Guidry	Waggaman, LA	+27.73

1998 TOP TEN

NATIONAL JR. DIVISION—MIXED BOYS/GIRLS

High Point Average

1.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, MN	99.80
2.	Ricky Presley, Jr.	Paulding, GA	93.22
3.	Allen Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	91.26
4.	Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	90.90
5.	Rick Ferreira, Jr.	Kona, HI	86.93
6.	Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	86.40
7.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	85.41
8.	Rudy Mockchew	Kona, HI	77.95
9.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	76.50
10.	Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	75.72

High Point Game

1.	Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	124
2.	Allen Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	121
3.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, MN	120
4.	Rick Ferreira, Jr.	Kona, HI	117
5.	Rudy Mockchew	Kona, HI	112
6.	Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	111
7.	Ricky Presley, Jr.	Paulding, GA	111
8.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	105
9.	Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	102
10.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	102

High Point Over Average

1.	Janae Arldedge	Alredge's, OH	+38.32
2.	Rudy Mockchew	Kona, HI	+34.05
3.	Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	+33.08
4.	Jared Graber	Riverside, TX	+32.07
5.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	+31.22
6.	Dean Abernathy	Glenburn, ND	+30.92
7.	Blake Graber	Riverside, TX	+30.42
8.	Rick Ferreira, Jr.	Kona, HI	+30.07
9.	Allen Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+29.74
10.	Scotty Keene	Ark. Valley, AR	+27.80

High Ringer Average

1.	Allen Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	60.00
2.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, MN	58.09
3.	Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	51.14
4.	Rick Ferreira, Jr.	Kona, HI	50.96
5.	Ricky Presley, Jr.	Paulding, GA	49.69
6.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	46.50
7.	Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	46.10
8.	Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	42.89
9.	Rudy Mockchew	Kona, HI	42.30
10.	Brian Bloms	Glenburn, ND	39.19

JUNIOR BOYS' DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1.	Branson Miller	Winchester, VA	82.89
2.	Allen Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	60.00
3.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, MN	58.09
4.	Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	51.14
5.	Rick Ferreira, Jr.	Kona, HI	50.96
6.	Ricky Presley, Jr.	Paulding, GA	49.69
7.	Marcus Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	46.50
8.	Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	46.10
9.	Todd Brown	Classic City, IN	45.49
10.	Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	42.89

High Ringer Game

1.	Branson Miller	Winchester, VA	96.7
2.	Rick Ferreira, Jr.	Kona, HI	76.0
3.	Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	76.0
4.	Allen Stenzel	Pawnee Ringers, NE	76.0
5.	Randy Albrecht	Rochester, Mn	72.0
6.	Rudy Mockchew	Kona, HI	70.0
7.	Lance Albrecht	Rochester, MN	66.0
8.	Ricky Presley, Jr.	Paulding, GA	66.0
9.	Todd Brown	Classic City, IN	63.0
10.	Chris Orndorff	Winchester, VA	60.0

High Ringer Over Average

1.	Dustin Godsey	Classic City, IN	+30.17
2.	Walter Wayne	Baltimore Metro, MD	+29.65
3.	Rudy MockChew	Kona, HI	+27.70
4.	Kevin Sturch	North Weld, CO	+25.56
5.	Rick Ferreira, Jr.	Kona, HI	+25.04
6.	Levi Blevins	Crane Creek, MO	+24.86
7.	Chris Orndorff	Winchester, VA	+23.67
8.	Nick Capps	Denver Metro, CO	+21.20
9.	Dean Abernathy	Glenburn, ND	+21.12
10.	Joshua Chakarian	Jim Styles, NH	+20.00

JUNIOR GIRL'S DIVISION

High Ringer Average

1.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	38.26
2.	Tenesia Mayer	Pike, NY	29.35
3.	Elizabeth King	Pike, NY	25.52
4.	Autumn Miller	Winchester, VA	21.74
5.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	21.00
6.	Janae Arldedge	Arldedge's, OH	18.65
7.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	17.90
8.	Anne Melchert	Kilkenny, MN	17.81
9.	Raylynn Marlow	Ark Valley, AR	17.00
10.	Meagan Bigelow	Sodbusters, VT	16.40

High Ringer Game

1.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	58.0
2.	Elizabeth King	Pike, NY	55.0
3.	Janae Arldedge	Arldedge's, OH	52.0
4.	Tenesia Mayer	Pike, NY	47.5
5.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	45.0
6.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	38.0
7.	Autumn Miller	Winchester, VA	35.7
8.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	34.0
9.	Raylynn Marlow	Ark Valley, AR	34.0
10.	Collette Cave	Tri County, MN	32.0

High Ringer Over Average

1.	Janae Arldedge	Arldedge's, OH	+33.35
2.	Airel Bolick	Blue Ridge, NC	+30.00
3.	Elizabeth King	Pike, NY	+29.50
4.	Collette Cave	Tri County, MN	+23.89
5.	Misty Pierce	Danville, IL	+19.74
6.	Tenesia Mayer	Pike, NY	+18.10
7.	Rachel Luckey	Glenburn, ND	+17.00
8.	Raylynn Marlow	Ark Valley, AR	+17.00
9.	Jana Conley	Independence, MO	+16.10
10.	Autumn Miller	Winchester, VA	+14.35

KENTUCKY TEAM WINS



Tournament Champions: Lois Webster, Bobby Brooks, Sue Snyder, KY



B Class Winners: Buck and Rivers Prewette, NC; Nathan Davis, VA

Twenty-four teams from eleven states traveled to Joelton, Tennessee to compete in the November 7-8, 1998 Eighth Annual Music City Team Tournament held at the Jack Freeman Indoor Horseshoe Courts. Seventy-two pitchers played fifteen games each, plus the ladder finals, fighting for \$3,000 in cash. Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin were all represented. Ohio had the most pitchers present with nineteen closely followed by Kentucky's seventeen.

The Kentucky team of Sue Snyder, Lois Webster, and Bobby Brooks captured first place in Class A during the five-team ladder finals. Second place went to Cliff Baker, Jerry Dumstorff and Charles Webb of Illinois. Clayton Gage of Wisconsin and Missourians Sam Carter and Kenneth Pogue took third. The Indiana team of Robert Logan, Chad Hyatt, Al Morris with alternate Jim Hyatt finished fourth. Last year's championship team of Becky Kemper and Charlie Meredith of Kentucky, and Robert Outt of Missouri were 5th place finishers this year.

Rivers and Buck Prewette of North Carolina and Nathan Davis of Virginia won the Class B title. The team from Alabama—Bobby Holland, Jim Harris and Michael Byram finished second. Georgians Milton Vinson, Iris Sandham and James Haley placed third. Bill Garrett, Greg and Roger Nalley, representing Kentucky, were the Class C Champions. Donnie Roberts,

Gerry Wycarver and Fred Brown of Ohio took second. Jan Kreienkamp, Rich Altis and Roy Evans, representing New Melle, Missouri, placed third.

Many high games were the order of the two days. Class A tossed 87 games above 80% and 17 above 90%. Class B pitched 27 games of 70% or better, four of which were 80% or better. Class C hit 19 games 70% or better, six of which were 80% or better. Lois Webster pitched a perfect game in the ladder playoff. Becky Kemper had two 97.5% games and had the tournament high average of 88.13%. Clayton Gage had the Men's high tournament average of 79.38%. Clayton Gage and Sue Snyder each had a 95% game. Rivers Prewette had the Class B high game of 87.5%. Greg Nalley had the Class C high game of 87.5% and won all fifteen of his games.

Jack Freeman and Mary Bastian were tournament directors. Donnie Roberts did the public address work and the Horseshoe Pitching Pro Shop sold game-related items. Bobby Cook and his assistants Sally Mullins and Rita Sarbaugh ran the computer and provided immediate results for everyone.

Fifty-six toys and \$50 in cash donations were presented to Toys For Tots representatives Jim and Nancy Vaden and Marine Corporal James Clark by facilities director Jack Freeman. This event will continue to be part of the November Team Tournament.

This event used official NatStats averages as of September 1, 1998 to place pitchers and accepted only twen-

ty-four teams. The twenty-four selected by Jack Freeman were the twenty-four who would create the best tournament possible. When the twenty-four teams were selected, the top twelve were divided into A-1 and A-2. The next six teams were in Class B and the next six teams were in Class C. The total percentage of the three players on a team could not exceed 215% with no minimum. All games were 40 shoe cancellation.

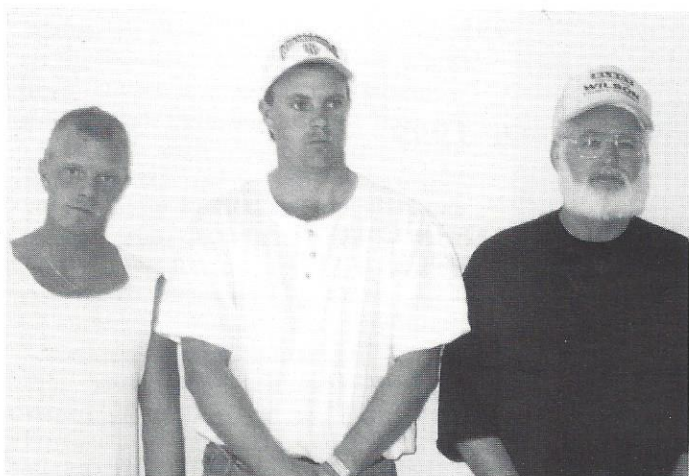
The entry fee was \$100 per team with twenty-five dollars of each team entry being court fees collected by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, who leases the facility from owner Dr. Jack Freeman. A check in the amount of \$600 has been sent to the NHPF treasurer for the Hall of Fame endowment fund. Additional donations to the NHPF, totaling \$160 were given by individual pitchers. NHPF Directors Jack Freeman and Paul Stewart explained the purpose of the Foundation to the group and answered questions. The payback for the Music City Horseshoe Tournament will remain \$3,000.

The Kentucky team of Walter Mullins, Monty Roberts and Jim Culver continued their tradition of paying their next year's Music City Team Tournament entry fee before leaving the courts on Sunday. The weekend of November 6-7 is the date for the 1999 Music City Team Tournament

Tournament Director Jack Freeman summed up the tournament this way:

"I believe this was one of our better

Music City Team Tournament



C Class Winners: Greg Nalley, Roger Nalley, Bill Garrett, KY



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team tournaments. It seemed to go smoother, the players appeared to be more focused, and seemed to enjoy themselves more. It may have been because we tried a '25-minute per game' schedule this year, and were pretty well able to stay with it. We got through each day a little earlier than usual which may have contributed to the good spirits.

"The pitching was superb. Alan and Amy Francis were here as were Becky Kemper and Sue Snyder. We had our usual number of 90% and 95% games and Lois Webster had a perfect game in the ladder playoff. She hit 40 straight ringers. It appeared she was 'set' for about 80 straight, if she had to. This was her second perfect game at the courts."

Music City Team Tournament Results

CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
1st Place					
Sue Snyder, KY	15	1	548	640	85.63
Lois Webster, KY	13	3	507	640	79.22
Bobby Brooks, KY	5.5	10.5	324	640	50.63

2nd Place

Cliff Baker, IL	8	9	453	680	66.62
Jerry Dumstorff, IL	11	6	477	680	70.15
Charles Webb, IL	12	5	435	680	63.97

3rd Place

Clayton Gage, WI	15	1	508	640	79.38
Sam Carter, MO	7	9	386	640	60.31
Kenneth Pogue, MO	9	7	421	640	65.78

4th Place

Robert Logan, IN	12	2	493	680	72.50
Chad Hyatt, IN	7.5	6.5	350	680	66.18
Al Morris, IN	1	9.5	187	320	58.44
Jim Hyatt, IN	5	4	189	360	52.50

5th Place

Becky Kemper, KY	14	2	564	640	88.13
Charlie Meredith, KY	10	6	462	640	72.19
Robert Outt, MO	3	13	331	640	51.72

6th Place

Alan Francis, OH	14	1	477	600	79.50
Amy Francis, OH	11	4	415	600	69.17
Melvin Miller, OH	2	13	236	600	39.33

7th Place

Shannon Foster, TN	10.5	4.5	431	600	71.83
Joan Elmore, TN	11	4	436	600	72.67
Paula Hunsicker, TN	1	14	254	600	42.33

8th Place

Tommy Gann, NC	10.5	4.5	452	600	75.33
N.A. Moore, NC	8	7	392	600	65.33
Paul Stewart, NC	3.5	11.5	320	600	53.33

9th Place

Jim Cooper, OH	7	8	390	600	65.00
Gary Roberts, OH	9	6	392	600	65.33
Roy Lyons, OH	3	12	323	600	53.85

10th Place

John Brown, OH	9	6	412	600	68.67
Doug Crawford, OH	6.5	8.5	389	600	64.83
Levi Miller Jr., OH	2	13	291	600	48.50

11th Place

	W	L	R	SP	%
Bill Ungetheim, IN	7	8	397	600	66.17
Dale Henry, IN	6	9	381	600	63.50
Marlin Wells, IN	0	15	253	600	42.17

12th Place

Marlene Ray, TN	7	8	412	600	68.67
Maxine Griffith, TN	2	13	328	600	54.67
Jack Freeman, TN	2	13	273	600	45.50

CLASS B

1st Place

Rivers Prewette, NC	13.5	1.5	410	600	68.33
Nathan Davis, VA	11	4	336	600	56.00
Buck Prewette, NC	5	10	293	600	48.83

2nd Place

Bobby Holland, AL	12.5	2.5	364	600	60.67
Jim Harris, AL	7.5	7.5	329	600	54.83
Michael Byram, AL	6	9	313	600	52.17

3rd Place

Milton Vinson, GA	13.5	1.5	393	600	65.50
Iris Sandham, GA	10	5	378	600	63.00
James Haley, GA	2	13	249	600	41.50

4th Place

Robert Garber, OH	11	4	359	600	59.83
Jack Baldwin, OH	6	9	274	600	45.67
Paul Burkitt, OH	5.5	9.5	299	360	49.83

5th Place

Walter Mullins, KY	7	8	347	600	57.83
Monty Roberts, KY	6.5	8.5	304	600	50.67
Jim Culver, KY	7	8	303	600	50.50

6th Place

Elden Sarbaugh, OH	2	2	95	160	59.33
Donna Dodson, OH	5	10	329	600	54.83
Dave Rose, OH	1	14	161	600	26.83
Stan Dodson, OH	3	8	190	440	43.18

CLASS C

1st Place

Bill Garrett, KY	12	3	352	600	58.67
Greg Nalley, KY	15	0	437	600	72.83
Roger Nalley, KY	0	15	174	600	29.00

2nd Place

Donnie Roberts, OH	12	3	372	600	62.00
Gerry Wycarver, OH	6.5	8.5	273	600	45.50
Fred Brown, OH	6	9	222	600	37.00

3rd Place

Rich Altis, MO	12	3	380	600	63.33
Jan Kreienkamp, MO	8	7	286	600	47.67
Roy Evans, MO	4	11	229	600	38.17

4th Place

Bobby Fields, TN	10.5	4.5	323	600	53.83
Het Birchfield, TN	9	6	301	600	50.17
Jim Haupt, WI	4	11	221	600	36.83

5th Place

Doris Lewis, KY	8.5	6.5	304	600	50.67
Vicki Scott, KY	7.5	7.5	256	600	42.67
Jim Scott, KY	5.5	9.5	250	600	41.67

6th Place

Jim Henderson, KY	6	9	276	600	46.00
Fred Pizarro, KY	4.5	10.5	257	600	42.83
Ralph Sharp, KY	4	11	226	600	37.67

ENTRY FORM

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World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
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Entry Deadline May 13th 1999

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All Entries Must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than May 13th 1999. Entries received with a postmark after May 13th shall be put on a waiting list and pay an additional 20% penalty if accepted into this event. NATSTATS files must substantiate that you pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior May 13th 1999, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering average. Participants will be required to show their 1999 NHPA or Canadian membership card.

REGISTRATION FEES: ALL Adults—\$100.00 • ALL Juniors—\$25.00 • U.S. Funds Only

NEW FOR 1999: Entry fee includes scorekeeping fees.

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 27th, 1999 • Canadian entries use money orders.

You may enter at anytime prior to May 13th, but no entries will be processed until after April 1st.

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching 40 feet may enter the Open men's Division regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the Open Women's Division. To enter the Senior Division, you must be 60 years or older as of July 18th, 1999. Any individual 70 years or older as of July 18th, 1999 or physically impaired person of any age, all of which must pitch less than 40 feet, may enter the Elders Division. Junior Division entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 1999 calendar year.

You can enter only one division. PLEASE CIRCLE THE DIVISION YOU ARE ENTERING;

1. Open Men (40') 2. Senior Men (40') 3. Open Women 4. Elders (30') 5. Junior Boys 6. Junior Girls 7. Senior Women

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby wave, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Please indicate what you think your three (3) high average should be _____ % Circle how many sanctioned events you

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We reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NATSTATS CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form.

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For confirmation that your entry was received and your average at time of entry. please include a self addressed, stamped postcard

One may think it is the greatest when a 20-year-old horseshoe pitcher wins the World Title against all those "slightly" older ladies in the Women's Division of the World Tournament. It is the greatest when the percentages necessary to win now are compared with those figures established forty years ago. Amazingly, young Becky Kemper met all the challenges from several former World Champions to win the 1998 title at Ainsworth, Nebraska last July.

However, youth was previously served many years ago when it seemed that "youngsters" had taken over the World. In 1962, Sue Gillespie from Portland, Indiana was only 15 when she captured the Women's crown, then added two more in 1964 and 1965 while still a teenager. The modern-day youngster was Sandy McLachlin from Ontario, Canada, now Sandy Janssens, who at 16 won the World Title at Eau Claire, Wisconsin in 1987 in a playoff against Diane Cantin from Quebec. Sandy had an overall 88.2 ringer percentage, a new record at the time, while Diane posted an 88.1 in the same 16-person competition.

And let's not forget Vicki (Chapelle) Winston, who won the first of her ten titles when she was 17 and 17-year-old Gertsy Lou Selby, who nailed the crown in 1957.

Whoa! Stop the presses! This is a story about Becky Kemper, the present-day champion from Pleasureville, KY. Now that you have read about the former youth movement, it is time to turn our attention to this Kentucky phenomenon, who now looms on the horseshoe pitching horizon and will carry the torch into the 1999 World championships at Greenville, Ohio in July. She'll battle the top pitchers in the World with a solid grip on her future in our sport.

Presently, the going rate for percentages in both the Men's and Women's divisions is in the lower 80% bracket with most classes sporting at least 16 pitchers. Back in the '50s most of the Women's championships were 8-person classes and the winning percentages varied from 41.2% to 60.9. However, they have gradually improved to a point where it takes, with few exceptions, over 80% to win. In the past 15 years, the figure was lower than 80% only twice.

Let's look at Becky's record! She paid



Becky Kemper

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

by Bob Champion

her dues in the Girls division at the World for five years, finishing from second through sixth and coming close to winning in 1995, when she was one game out with a 55.1 ringer percentage. Perhaps her showing the Girls division prompted Becky to improve quickly with super determination and practice. It paid off!

What happened between 1996 and 1997 was astounding. Becky improved her overall percentage from that 55.1 in 1995 and 52.5 in 1996 to finish third in the Open Women's competition in 1997, missing second place by percentage to Canada's Sylvianne Moisan. Bev Nathe from St. Stephen finished in first place. Kemper closed out the 1997 tournament with an impressive 83.1% and a 16-3 record and the feeling in horseshoe circles that this newcomer to the top echelon was a force to be reckoned with in the future.

This steady improvement from her

Junior days proves that determination and lots of practice really pay off. "Through the years, I have watched my dad pitch and make a special effort to get lots of practice," Becky commented. "He gave me the impetus to rely on concentration and positive mental attitude and to never give up."

Of course, Becky's greatest accomplishment was at Ainsworth where she competed against four World Champions, defending champion Bev Nathe, and former champions Sue Snyder, Opal Reno, and Sandy Janssens.

Becky's mother, Sue Kemper was on hand for the "show" and admitted she was more nervous than her cool-pitching daughter. "I only got two hours sleep Friday night before the finals," she volunteered. "Becky slept eight hours. I'm the nervous one."

Becky recalled after the final game: "Winning the championship is unbelievable. The clay was excellent and it was the best I have pitched on during my 22 tournaments against top competition this past year." Kemper and Snyder posted almost identical overall percentages for the tournament. Becky had 82.53%, Snyder 82.55%.

Unlike many former Junior pitchers, both boys and girls, Becky has continued her program to practice and improve every year. This has been the case in Kentucky where she holds seven Junior titles, has participated in seven World Tournaments as a Junior and two in the Open Women's class.

In the past several years, 16 women have qualified for the finals, better known as the "Sweet Sixteen." Sportsmanship in horseshoes is among the best of all professional sports, but when it comes to the finals in the championship classes at the World, keen competition takes over. Concentration and determination prevail and all competitors are all business from the opening pitch to the final handshake at the end of each game.

Like six-time World Champion Walter Ray Williams, Jr. from Florida and Alan Francis from Ohio, the current Men's champion, who has won four straight titles, Becky Kemper parlays that determination and hard work into championship form when it counts.

Becky drives 40 miles each week to pitch her light Imperial horseshoes with a 1-1/4 turn and medium height in a league at Millville. She has pitched

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Becky Kemper *continued...*

many tournaments at Joelton, probably the finest horseshoe courts in the world.

This young ten-year "veteran" has pitched two perfect games during her career. The first one was recorded April 26, 1997, a 24-shoe effort against Randy Hankins in Louisville, KY and the second a perfect 20-shoe game against Tony Hankins at Richmond in 1998. In November, at the Music City Team Tournament, Becky nearly had two more perfectos, hitting 39 out of 40 twice for 97.5%.

The Kentucky 1998 Pitcher of the Year, Kemper received a rare honor when the September 1998 *Sports Illustrated* magazine listed her in their "Faces in the Crowd" feature. It read: "Becky Kemper, a senior accountant clerk, pitched 751 ringers out of a possible 910 to defeat three-time World Titlist Sue Snyder, 51, of Madisonville, KY and win the Women's crown in the World Championships in Ainsworth, NE. Kemper finished third in her first World event in 1997."

If one ever needed proof that practice and determination becomes improvement, just review Becky's pitching performance for the past ten years.

Jr. State Tournament Record

1988 First 7.6%	1994 First 43.3
1990 First 14.4	1995 First 61.4
1992 First 42.2	1996 First 74.7
1993 First 48.6	

Women's State Record

1997 Second 74.6%	1998 Second 82.4%
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World Tournament Jr. Record

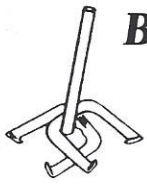
1992 2 3 39.6	Fifth
1993 1 9 48.5	Sixth
1994 9 5 54.3	Fourth
1995 4 1 55.1	Second
1996 3 2 52.5	Third

World Tournament Women's Record

1997 16 3 83.1	Third
1998 14 1 82.5	First

1998 WOMEN'S DIVISION

1. Becky Kemper	Opponents	Score	R	SP	%
	1. Marion Thomsen, NE	45/10	44	52	84.6
	2. Shelia McGrath	41/7	38	44	86.4
	3. Marlene Ray	44/9	41	48	85.4
	4. Rivers Brewette, NC	43/9	40	44	90.9
	5. Edi Holland, MN	40/17	34	42	81.0
	6. Myrna Kissick, AB	42/17	42	54	77.8
	7. Sandy Janssens, ON	40/6	31	38	81.6
	8. Joan Elmore, TN	40/26	67	84	79.8
	9. Judy Curtiss, MI	40/16	47	58	81.0
	10. Connie J. Filley, ND	42/22	63	74	85.1
	11. Opal Reno, AR	42/15	52	62	83.9
	12. Amy Francis, OH	42/27	49	62	79.0
	13. M.A. Peninger, KS	35/40	82	102	80.4
	14. Bev Nathe, MN	42/28	60	70	85.7
	15. Sue Snyder, KY	42/31	61	76	80.3



Bob Champion's

CHARTER CHATTER

Even during the "Off" season, state secretaries and publicity personnel are urged to send Charter news by letter. It is important that all the states are represented in Charter Chatter throughout the year, and most of the news is gathered from state newsletters. Only about 60% of the states have newsletters, and it seems that every charter should have someone who has enough interest in our sport to "tackle" this important publicity position.

Your news is welcome. Send the news and comments to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, CO 80301. (303) 449-9395.

ALABAMA

Debbie Tidwell won her 13th women's state title and would you believe she has not been inducted into the Alabama Hall of Fame? At their annual meeting during the state doubles tournament, Hall of Fame director Oattie Reno mentioned that five names were discussed by the committee members but none were recommended for induction into the Hall of Fame for 1998.

CANADA

Bob Richie from Nova Scotia was inducted into the Horseshoe Canada Hall of Fame. Bob, a true gentleman, has done a lot for the province of Nova Scotia and horseshoes in general and certainly was deserving of the award.

In the Men's 1998 Canadian Championships at Victoria after regulation play, Stan Leis from Ontario and Howard Weitzel from Saskatchewan were tied for third. Leis was the winner of a playoff and advanced to the final three along with 2nd place finisher Colin Finnie from Saskatchewan and 1st place finisher Tom Galena from Ontario.

In the first semi-final Colin won and advanced to the best two-out-of-three against last year's defending champion Tom Galena. It took Tom only two games to retain his title as the Canadian champion.

COLORADO

The McGrady bunch—Ray, Kristi and Ray D.—breezed through four straight matches to win the 12th annual Team League tournament held this year at Fort Collins. The McGradys represented the Denver Summer League in the bracketed championship event.

Duane and Margaret Tarket are the top husband-wife combo, having the highest combined percentages during state tournament play since records have been kept in this category beginning in 1980. In 1983, Duane posted a 53.5% while Margaret nailed a 63.6 for a total of 117.1%. In second place are Gene and Virginia Sandoval with a 113.4 total plus a 111.4% for third honors, established in 1998.

In 1950, Colorado had 15 members and the dues were 50 cents, the same as the NHPA. Colorado now has 514 members and the dues are \$6. The National dues are \$12., but that includes \$5. for insurance and a set aside for W.T. prizes.

We have kept pace.

The *Double Ringer* newsletter covering Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska is financed through subscriptions and advertising. The publication begins its 18th year in January.

FLORIDA

In 1981, the Clearwater Club conducted the first Men's and Women's World Champion Invitational Tournament. Competing were former World Champions Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Mark Seibold, Dan Kuchcinski, Jim Knisley, Opal Reno, Elmer Hohl, Carl Steinfeldt, Vicki Winston, Ruth Hangen, Lorraine Thomas, Phyllis Negaard, and Debby Michaud. Others competing were Al Zadroga, Pennsylvania; Bonnie Seibold, Indiana and Ralph Simon, Iowa.

The chief sponsor was Charley Haag, owner of Chief Charley's Restaurants in Clearwater who provided \$2,500. NHPA donated \$1,500 and the Clearwater Club raised \$2,000 by way of a national lottery. Entry fee was \$50. \$1,000 went to the men's winner, \$400 to the women's top pitcher. Mark Seibold won the men's crown and Opal Reno nailed the women's title.

Coverage included 3 local TV stations plus cable TV.

ILLINOIS

1998 saw the induction of one individual and one couple to the state Hall of Fame. For the first time in the history of the award, a team was given the highest honor in their organization. Jim (posthumously) and Marilyn Korte, along with Ron "Pete" Rankin are now members of the hall of Fame.

Marilyn and Jim most likely hold the record for hosting the most horseshoe tournament in Illinois. In addition to holding weekly events in Highland, Jim served as president of the league for many years. Together, their efforts have helped the Illinois charter grow to one of the most respected in the NHPA.

Rankin is a fixture in Illinois horseshoes. Pete has served as state president and is one of the driving forces in the Shelbyville Association. Ever an optimist, he is always encouraging others, smiling and his energy is contagious. He has recently helped procure the official pin for the ILSHPA.

Mary Hodges of Danville on her second state title, defeated Vida Marit in an exciting playoff game.

KANSAS

The state charter is nearing the magic number of 200 that would gain them their third delegate to the NHPA convention at Greenville. Their October newsletter mentioned that the figure of 199 was expected to increase soon so that the extra delegate can be added. By now they are probably over the hill.

Jack Chinn didn't like it much when Bill Whitley bragged about catching the "big one." So he upstaged him the next time they went fishing. Jack caught a 4-1/2 pound bass and

also caught two eight-inch bass on one plug with one cast. He also accidentally hooked Bill's hat off his head, and threw it into the lake. I guess there isn't a dull moment when fishing with Jack.

The hottest item at the State Tournament was the "mist tent." At any time, a half dozen people could be seen sitting in the mist to cool off from the devil heat that the pitchers experienced at Hutchinson.

LOUISIANA

Rodney Fromenthal set a new league record while playing

in the Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Summer League. He shot 29 ringers out of 40 in his second game for a 72.5 percentage. His performance beat the record of 70% set a month earlier by Jimmy Perle.

Rodney shot a total of 77 ringers out of 120 shoes in his three games for an overall 64.2% on the night. He also had a high scratch score of 91 points in his 72.5% game. It is also the highest scratch score for a 40-shoe game ever shot in Morgan City.

Fromenthal has been a top horseshoe player in the state for many years and has claimed several championships. He currently holds the highest average in the local association and is rated as one of the top pitchers in the state.

Due to the damage done by Hurricane Georges, Louisiana's neighbors in Mississippi asked to cancel the annual LA-MI challenge tournament, knowing full well the danger involved with these storms and how it could have been us instead of them, Louisiana obliged, and will host the 1999 tournament.

MICHIGAN

Seventy-seven year-old Bob (5'5") Mullenhour of Union City lives the game of horseshoe pitching. Bob has been instrumental in building courts in five cities where he directs tournaments every year.


Bob began his pitching career at age 62 and has been an NHPA cardholder for 11 years. In 1997, he approached the superintendent of schools in Union City about involving students in horseshoes. His idea was welcomed and to start, seven students participated in the program. Five of them joined the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitching Association. In the Spring of 1998 the program grew to 180 pitchers. Busses carry the kids to and from the courts.

They have a class for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Each session involves about 30 students, who are rotated to accommodate all 180. Now a total of 17 are NHPA cardholders.

Bob, who is the new Michigan publicity director, has held every office in the Union City Club. All of his activities is quite a feat for a person who has had ten hip and knee replacements over the past 18 years. Bob's wife Arlene is his right arm. She runs errands for supplies, cooks and keeps the coffee hot at his tournaments. She says: "Bob is worth it all."

MINNESOTA

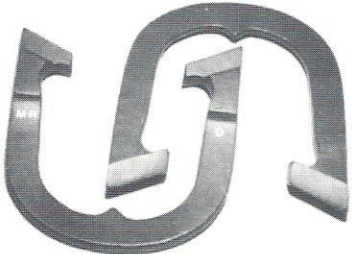
Joy Sandquist, of Cokato, won the 1998 girls state championship in a playoff game against Tina Bussey of



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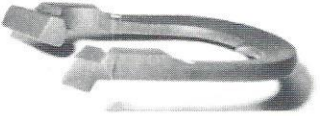
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Chisholm, and became the first girl to win three state titles.

Her dad, Rich Bussey, won the Boys title in 1961. Frank Stinson and Frank, Jr. are the only other parent/child combination to make such an achievement in Minnesota history.

It was announced at the State Tournament that the traveling Hall of Fame exhibit had been approved. The project, started last Fall, has progressed and will be continually updated.

MGSHPA President Dick Dvorak was the recipient of the 1998 Achievement Award at the awards banquet in Sleepy Eye in September. The award is presented to the individual who, during the past year, has provided a major contribution in service and effort to the association.

Recognition awards were presented to Rick Nelson, and Bob and Marlene Knudtson for their efforts of support to the MGSHPA. Special recognition was given to the Hibbing Horseshoe Club and Len Lipovsky for 15 years of service as Regional Director.

MISSOURI

The Independence Horseshoe Club is real proud of 11-year-old Gavin Hughes. His dad has pitched in the club for 3 or 4 years, and Gavin started this year. He won the Sportsmanship Award, the Rookie award and was champion of the Thursday Night League. He is a real trooper.

The club is proud of all their Juniors. In 1998, with the help of Sondra Cooper, their Junior Director, they held their first Junior tournament.

Joe Beem is one of the premier horseshoe pitchers in the midwest. He's also 85 years young. One of the founders and former officers of the Independence Horseshoe Club, he won two 1998 tournaments and spends his Thursday evenings at the club's perfectly manicured courts at McCoy Park. He became interested in the sport about 22 years ago. His biggest win came in 1995 when he won the Missouri State 70-and-over championship.

Several months ago, State Secretary-Treasurer Vicki Winston received word from the family of the late Woodrow Shepard that they wanted to send a gift of \$1,500 to the MOHPA in Woodrow's memory. This gift to purchase a computer could not have come at a better time since Vicki has been spending endless hours at a typewriter.

NEW JERSEY

Joe McCrink won his ninth State title with a 15-0 record and 72.4 ringer percentage topped with a high single game of 85.7%. The "Old" lefthander, Ed Quigley, was the Elder's headliner with a 5-0 record and 56.5 ringer percentage.

Down memory lane and reporting the Class A winners every ten years are as follows: 1938-Larry Mahoney, 5th title; 1948-Larry Mahoney, 9th and last title; 1958-Doug Fogal, 2nd title; 1968-Jack Giddes, 2nd title; 1978-Sol Berman, 8th title; 1988-Bill MacIntyre, 4th title.

The 1998 Sportsmanship award went to Bob Mazoni. The Most Improved pitcher was Charles "Buddy" Short, up 6.32%. No election was made to the NJSHPA Hall of Fame.

Anne Marie MacIntyre, editor of the state newsletter, *Jersey Jargon*, was honored at the annual banquet with a plaque for outstanding performance as an organizer and promoter. Her contributions are always done with patience and a warm

friendly smile. Through Anne Marie's computer expertise, she created the NJSHPA's own web page on the Internet.

NEW YORK

The State's two newest inductees into the NYSHPA Hall of Fame were honored in a ceremony at the State Tournament. Charles Reigles and Ernie Hiperstshauer, both past presidents of the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association were feted for their many contributions to our game of horseshoes.

They both have been active at the State and local levels of our sport. Both Charlotte and Joan, wives of the inductees, were on hand for the ceremony and helped their husbands into the Hall of Fame jackets.

The 1998 Ernie Graham/Dave Scott Award was given to Steve Mayer for his encouragement and support of New York's Junior horseshoe pitchers. This past summer they organized a sanctioned Junior league and hosted a tournament.

Art Tyson won his 11th title in 21 years in the State championships, and Sue Twyman surpassed one of the records held by Ruth Hangen and Lorraine Thomas by winning the ladies title for seven consecutive years.

NORTH CAROLINA

Tommy Gann was the top pitcher, August-October, with four tournament wins and one second place finish. His four victories were in the Southeastern at Winston-Salem, the Cedarock at Burlington, the NC State Championship at Winston-Salem and the Autumn Leaf Open at Marion. His top percentage in the 4 was an excellent 82.3% in the state.

Gann and Ricky Bolick, Sr. were inducted into the NCHPA Hall of Fame. They both mean alot to their organization and represent it well.

If you would have asked anyone back in April if N.A. Moore, who has had a heart problem, had any chance to compete in the 1998 World Tournament in Ainsworth, they would have said "slim to none."

Well, N.A. has beaten the odds. Not only has he pitched in the 1998 World, he pitched very well. He again made the championship class for the fourth year-in-a-row and pitched much better than anyone had expected.

He finished in the Top Ten in Class A with a ringer percentage high enough to qualify for the championship class. N.A. finished a very respectable 11th. Congrats to N.A., a very good horseshoe pitcher and a tough nut to go with it.

Not only is Rivers Prewette a top pitcher in North Carolina, she has proved to be one of the top pitchers in the World, after her 11th place finish in the Women's Championship at Ainsworth.

OHIO

Francis Asher, Secretary-Treasurer for the OHPA, retired after 27 years of service to the State association and the NHPA. He was presented a gold watch for his dedication and service. Asher said after the presentation, "The gold watch is beautiful. I will hang it at my television chair. Do not forget to give Ken Walters, our new Secretary-Treasurer, the same help you gave me."

Francis started pitching when he was 12 and won his first tournament the first year. Later on he helped establish the

Piqua, West Liberty, Troy, Indian Lake and Greene County clubs. Also, he helped the NHPA with statistics for some 20 years prior to computers taking over. He is a member of the OHPA Hall of Fame, and currently is NHPA Assistant Regional Director in the Southeast District.

Jim Knisley, three-time World Champion from Bremen, is the second Ohio pitcher to win 300 games in the State Tournament. Congratulations to Jim. Can't wait to find out who the first one was.

OREGON

Six Oregon horseshoe supporters were honored at the State Tournament in September by their selection into the OHPA Honor Roll. Presented with certificates were Bob Hildebrant, a 31-year member from Tillamook; George and Marge McLeod, who have contributed greatly to the Newberg Club the past 13 years (Marge was Women's Champion from 1987 to 1990); Charlie Anderson, Rogue River Club President and promoter; Walt Sergeant, Grants Pass, ten year diligent worker at the Merlin and Rogue River courts; and Joanne Loy, 1992 Women's Champion and tournament director for Corvallis.

In 1987, Daisy Chapelle was elected, joining husband Cletus, daughter Vicki Winston and son Barry, to unite the entire family as OHPA Hall of Fame members. Daisy pitched a few shoes back in the 50s and 60s, but her biggest contribution has been as a rooter and supporter for the rest of the family and for her long years of faithful service as a tournament and behind-the-scenes worker.

PENNSYLVANIA

Frank Bohun, from Erie, won the Elders 30' State Championship for the fourth year in a row. He also had a perfect game of 20 shoes.

The *Pitchers Pulse*, the State's official newsletter, reported the top percentages in PA. Steve Kuchcinski tops the Men with 73.4, followed by Kurt VonKleist 73.3, John Mathys 72.5, Glenn Burris 71.2 and Ken Breisinger 70.6.

The Top Five Women are Kathy Burkett 63.0, Cindy McCullough 54.4, Mildred Boyer 52.9, Elaine Hammel 50.9 and Roxanne Maxson 49.6.

Frank Bohun's 84.4 tops the Elders, followed by Joe Rinehart 63.6, Jack Swyers 62.7, Wed Kuchcinski 58.4 and Dan Deshore 58.1.

The Top Juniors are Steve Morris 76.7, Brandon Petro 50.3, Shalee Sebastian 48.5, Billy Metts 39.5 and Justin Francart 34.4. Morris, from Darlington, won the State title for the fifth consecutive year.

TENNESSEE

Mary Bastian, the "wheel" behind activities at Jack Freeman's Joelton courts writes: "It has been a pleasure to add Becky Kemper to the list of top women who have pitched at Jack's courts. She has joined such top pitchers as World Champions Sue Snyder, Opal Reno, Bev Nathe, Phyllis Negaard and Sandy Janssens. You know Kentucky is



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lucky to claim three top women pitchers in Snyder, Lois Webster and Kemper."

Becky, along with all the other fine pitchers in Kentucky and Tennessee has helped to put the state on the map with horseshoe competition. Becky has competed in five tournaments in the past year at Joelton where she nailed 83.8 and 88.1 ringer percentages. She fired an 83.1 in the Joelton Open, 85.4 in the Sue's Invitational.

When competing in Tennessee, you can always find her in a scorekeeper's chair when not pitching. Her first tournament at the Jack Freeman courts was the 1997 Music Team Tournament with teammates Charlie Meredith from Kentucky and Robert Outt from Missouri. Becky had an overall 84.2 and collected three 92.5% games.

VIRGINIA

Earl Waggy, from Bridgewater, was inducted into the Virginia HPA Hall of Fame for service to the state.

Waggy has been involved in horseshoes for the past 20 years and has been a member of NHPA for 16 years. He was Regional Director of NHPA for four years, has attended nine World Tournaments and placed in two.

Waggy was State statistician for three years and started a statewide newsletter for the association. He also started the horseshoe competition at the Rockingham County Fair and held tournaments for 10 years at the Natural Chimneys campground.

Two years ago, Waggy constructed courts for Willard Scott, the weatherman, and appeared on Home and Garden television with Scott. "Horseshoe Earl" also appeared on WVPT radio and WSAV TV with Brian North, promoting horseshoes.

Earl has given pitching seminars at Montevideo Intermediate school and other locations around the state.

WASHINGTON

How many times in horseshoe history have a husband and wife won the State title the same year? In 1998, Art and Carol Sperber turned the accomplishment in Washington. *Chatter* turned to page 12 in the State newsletter *Shoes News* and there it was. The Sperbers repeated their 1997 victories. However, Art was pushed to win a three-pitcher playoff with Herb Criss and Stan Speers. Art has the distinction of one State championship with a 1-3/4 turn and one with 1-1/4.

Carol Sperber, who recently retired as editor of the newsletter, has turned over many old copies of the *Shoes News* to the new editor, Jim Link.

The Sperbers write: "We were surprised and honored to receive the WSHPA Hall of Fame Award for 1998. It's something we will always remember and treasure because it came from our fine friends in horseshoes."

WEST VIRGINIA

Rick Cale, from Masontown, won his seventh State Championship in the last eight years in a 12-person class where the top person and the 12th man have a 20% difference. Rick closed with a 11-0 record and 79.6%.

Charles Bunner, "Mr. Horseshoes" in the state, commented to *Chatter* that those pitchers on the low end of the standing just like to pitch against the big boys."

Rick has a long way to go to match the record set by Ralph

Maddox, who now lives in St. Albans, WV. From the year 1935 through 1989 Ralph won 31 State Championships and pitched the highest overall percentage with an 81% figure in 1965. The amazing figure in all those 31 years is the fact that Ralph lost only five (5) games in the championship class.

Eight world class pitchers competed in the Head of the Mon Tournament, won by Elbert Shifflett with a 14-2 record and 77.7%. Others in the order of their finish were Tommy Gann, Art Tyson, Walter Ray Williams, Rick Cale, Steve Kuchcinski, N.A. Moore and Eldon Sarbaugh.

The Top Five in ringer percentage in the state are Cale 80.7, Floyd Riggelman 66.6, Dave Holmes 64.6, Dan Jacques 63.6 and Jerry Wykle 63.3.

WISCONSIN

The 1998 Sportsman of the Year Award for the Beloit Club was presented to Carl Schliem. Several contributing members were considered by the committee. Carl must be highly thought of by members and officers. In addition, he was elected the new Secretary of the league. Long-time former Secretary Earl Paulson made the presentation to Schliem. Paulson will continue on the board as tournament director.

Special mention was given to Ken Lovaas, the member who spends the most time at the courts. Carl's father Al Schliem was cited for his work as statistician at tournaments. In a year's time, the Beloit Club sponsors five tournaments and hosts two more, and has been known to run a couple indoor tournaments in the winter. Beloit does it all with just 50 members. They sponsor seven leagues including some doubles. Leagues are small permitting a round-robin at each night's pitching.

NHPA Secretary-Treasurer Dick Hansen became the 43rd inductee into the WHPA Hall of Fame since its beginning in 1976. Casey Jones and Harvey Elmeron were the first inductees. Dick was President of the WHPA nine years and served as NHPA 5th Vice President before his election as Secretary-Treasurer.

WYOMING

Former Regional Director Harold Koch presented the Fireside Horseshoe Club with a beautiful 2' by 8' sign honoring three Gillette Pitchers. They were Marge McCormack, for having the dream of horseshoe courts behind the Fireside Cafe and Lounge; the Edwards family for the late Bob Edwards, who was represented by son Don Edwards, who contracted and paid for the installation of the 12 courts; and Harl Geer, who has taken care of the courts including mowing, replacing the stakes, weed eating, etc.

The Fireside Club purchased 13 trees which were planted by Harl, Jean and Jerry Geer and Phil Plotke. These trees and the four already there really add to the appearance of the horseshoe park.

The sign was part of the presentation at the Fireside Open Tournament in Gillette. Many pitchers competing in the World Tournament in 1996 used these courts for practice.

Three Wyoming pitchers were inducted into the State Hall of Fame at their annual State meeting. They were Evelyn Smith, Pitching Excellence; Tracy Maes for Service; and Diana Abney, Sportsmanship.

1999 World Tournament Camping

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THE HORSESHOE TRADER

Let's See Those Collections

by Bob Dunn

There are many individual horseshoe collections across the country and several charters that have started collections also. Some charters have shoes once pitched by players in their regions besides a line of old antique pitching shoes. For all, displaying is so important.

If a charter's shoe collection is stored in the corner of some member's garage, and never put out on display—the purpose for the collection is never served and the membership never gets to enjoy seeing it. The same goes for individual collections. An individual enjoys the hunting for old shoes and to find models new to their collection, but if never displayed and shared with the public or our membership—a greater purpose is lost and opportunities missed.

There are several reasons why our collectors should display at State Tournaments and other events. First is sharing. Just plain sharing through displaying, and let others witness the artifacts of our sport and how unusual the early-day shoes were. When a collection is on display, it is interesting to see how often opportunities arise where a fellow member has a pair or two of old shoes that all of a sudden become available to the collector. That may sound a little self-serving, but it is a fact.

Another reason for displaying is to make more people aware that old antique pitching shoes exist and there are collectors for them. Far too many of the beautiful artifacts of our sport have found their way to smelter or landfills and dumps. Those bits of our history will never be regained, but by more displaying we can affect a slowdown of the discarding of old pitching shoes and other game-related artifacts.

There is one specific horseshoe collection that should be mentioned. It, too, is tucked away in a member's home and it should be out in public display. The collection is our own NHPA collection. At present, it rests in the home of Earl Winston. Annually, part of the collection makes its way to Des Moines for a few days, due to Earl's effort to transport it up there. Our collection deserves the privilege to be on an on-going permanent public display in Joelton, Tennessee. All that is needed is the funding for the building for the NHPA

Hall of Fame exhibit. Our funding is still less than halfway home and we need a big push to complete the financial drive.

Here is where our individual shoe displays can serve another purpose. With each display, a donation container can be placed for our members to be generous or at least spare their pocket change. My display at the 1998 Minnesota State Tournament raised \$108. If all collectors set up to display their collection a few times each year, we can raise considerable funds for the NHPF and build our Hall of Fame exhibit. The \$108 was turned in under the name "Horseshoe Trader" and if each collector did the same, we could see how much total funds have been raised through our combined efforts. Collecting shoes is certainly interesting and entertaining, and can also serve another meaningful purpose.

All that's needed beyond this, is for all our members to be prepared to donate to the NHPF. If there are no horseshoe collections on display in your charter, please just mail your donation direct to: NHPF, 140 Sierra Blanca Ct., Grass Valley, CA 95945.

TRADER JOTTINGS

■ Horseshoe display stands are easy to make and are inexpensive. My stands cost about \$13.00 for materials. Now that I have put four together, they are also easy to assemble. Start with two heavy-duty 4'x2' pegboards and four 8' 2x2s for legs. Attach the pegboard on the legs with wood screws and then bolt the legs together at the top to form an A-frame display. Probably two pieces of 1"x2" should be cut and attached to the back of the pegboard for reinforcement, approximately 45 pounds of horseshoes will be on each panel. Cut the legs off about 2' below the bottom edge of the pegboard and then reattach with bolts so the top of the stand is about 75" high. A 1"x2" can be cut and attached as a cross-piece to keep the A-frame secure. The detachable legs allow for easier storage and transporting. Each panel side holds 18 horseshoes which can be wired on for security and neatness as the shoes stay attached ready for the next showing. That's all there is to it.



Bob Dunn's antique horseshoe collection on display at the 1998 Minnesota State Tournament.

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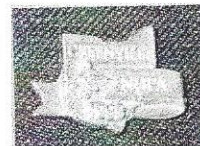
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What is it, you may ask, that prompts 100,000 visits to this website since April of 1997?

■ **First**, it is a common resource on the internet where one may find links to about any other website carrying NHPA horseshoe related information...specifically websites handling Charter information on local tournament schedules and results, local clubs and officials, and other local events and details.

■ **Second**, the publication of NatStats records on ringer averages for every NHPA member. updated approximately every two weeks.

■ **Third**, the publication of NHPA *Official Playing Rules* and NHPA Bylaws.

■ **Fourth**, court construction and care of pit material articles.

■ **Fifth**, other articles and aids concerning etiquette, spectator comprehension of the game, NHPA Officers, NHPA Regional Directors, tips on improving computer viewing, photographs and records from past World Tournaments, a live Website during World Tournament play, and...well, you get the picture.

The website is continually improving and expanding and the website's Guestbook, Message Post, ICQ message/chat program, and many e-mails give viewers interactive response opportunities for discussion and input to those of us who administer day to day publication and maintenance of the website. It is truly a treasure trove of useful information. And, it is FREE for viewing at any time, day or night. It is the fastest method of posting latebreaking news on horseshoe pitching. It does not replace or substitute for the NHPA's *Newsline*...it simply supplements it.

What, you may ask, does it take to view this "free treasure trove" of horseshoe pitching information? Ahh...glad you asked...Computers have never been cheaper and it does not take the very latest in technology to find suitable equipment. New equipment and software advances are occurring so fast that some equipment is "out of date" within three or more years...thus making availability of recently manufactured equipment prices very low. Recommended, but not necessarily limited to, the following guidelines may help understand what to look for. The CPU (central processing unit) is the functional center and control of any computer... usually labeled as a 286, 396, 486, *Pentium*, etc. The Microsoft *Windows* operating system (for PCs) are usually

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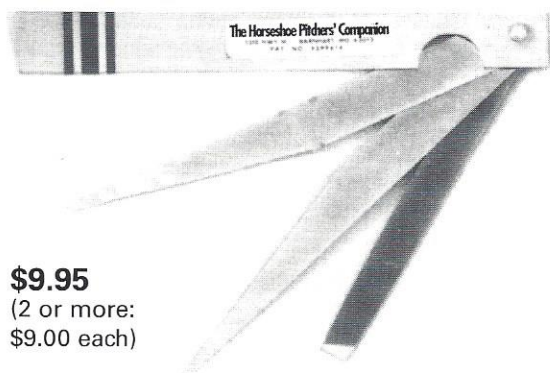
The **modem** (modulation/demodulation) interface device between computer and telephone line is usually labeled at *14,400 bps*, *28,800 bps*, *56,000 bps*, etc. For practical purposes, suitable internet operations work best with 486 and higher CPUs, *Windows95* and higher operating systems, and modem speeds of 28,800 bps and higher. There are Apple computers giving comparable service and WebTV computers that work in connection with your own TV set.

Information on all systems is available from your local computer equipment retail store. Internet provider service (IPS) is the system you dial up through your modem to connect to the internet. There are several IPS services, often one or more local services in addition to remote services like AOL (*America Online*), WorldNet, BellSouth, etc. Check your phone book yellow pages and with your local computer equipment retail store for names of services available in your area. If you buy new equipment, specify that it be "internet ready." All IPS's provide friendly, helpful assistance and instructions to complete your internet connection. Ask about parental control programming for your computer if children will be given free access to your internet connection.

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THE TOLL OF TIME

ELBERT ALLEN

October 1, 1927-November 9, 1998

Georgia was shocked by the sudden death of Elbert Allen on November 9. Elbert had been pitching with the Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers Association for the past 15 years. As a 40-foot pitcher, he had averaged in the 50-60% range, but since turning 70 last year he had moved to the 30 foot distance and excelled there. At the time of his death he held the highest average in the state and was ranked number 3 by NatStats for 30 foot pitchers.

In recent years, Elbert was a member of the Paulding Area Horseshoe Club. He seldom missed a state-sanctioned tournament. He participated in many tournaments in neighboring states where he was well known. He had been active in promoting horseshoes in his hometown of Carrollton and was tournament director of two tournaments each year in the local park which had 6 regulation courts.

His death came shortly after a surgery for cancer, but his surgery didn't seem to slow him down as he practiced daily in his backyard court and even won two tournaments just two weeks before his death. He leaves his wife Enda and two children and one granddaughter.

TED CHACON

New Mexico member Ted Chacon died August 9, 1998 at the age of 58. An NHPA member for the past five years, Ted enjoyed the sport of horseshoe pitching and was always ready to travel to the next tournament. He loved the competition involved and was quick to help other pitchers with their game. Ted was retired from the State Transportation system and is survived by his wife Carmen, daughter Natalie and one grandson.

RALPH DYKES

November 21, 1913-December 8, 1998

Former NHPA President, Ralph Dykes, died peacefully in his sleep on the afternoon of December 8, 1998. Born in 1913, Ralph had his 85th birthday on November 21st. A former resident of Lombard, Illinois, Ralph and wife Delores moved to Tavares, Florida in 1997 to live with their daughter. While his health had been failing in recent years, he was still one of the sharpest wits in horseshoes and had no compunction in speaking his mind.

Ralph served 20 years as the Illinois HPA President, 6 years as NHPA President and had been the recipient of both the NHPA Stokes and Hall of Fame awards. No one was better known for recording tournament results on charts. Ralph was the one who brought various colors to chart recording and always felt it was a better method than computer printouts. There is much that can be said about Ralph, who was indeed an interesting individual. You might want to read about some of his horseshoe life which was documented in the Jan./Feb. 1998 issue of *Newsline*.

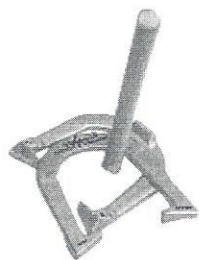
The entire NHPA extends its sympathy and heart-felt condolences to his wife Delores and daughter Jimmy-Joe.

GEORGE H. SUESS

February 19, 1912-October 28, 1998

George Suess, of Mankato, MN, earned the nickname "Giant Killer" by winning the 1948 Minnesota State Horseshoe Pitching Championship, in a class that included no less than six state champions and future MGSHPA Hall of Famers. Suess was inducted into the MGSHPA Hall of Fame in 1994.

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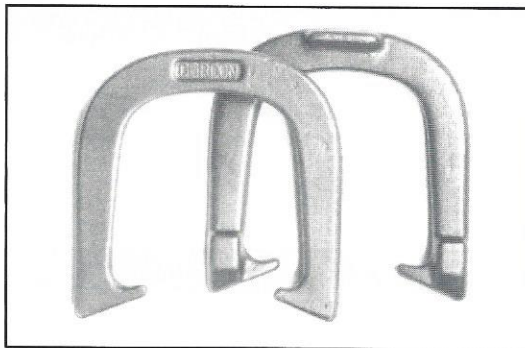
Income

Membership Dues	\$10,066
Newsline Subscriptions	4,999
Newsline Advertising	224
Misc. Patch Sales and Income	36
Bank Checking & Affinity Card Interest	2,597
Total Income	\$17,922

Expenditures

Newsline Printing and Mailing	\$4,799
Newsline Editor Allowance	616
Sanctioned League Postage	500
Sanctioned League Patches and Awards	6,285
Regional Directors Postage, Phone, Supplies	290
Equipment Purchases, Rental, Repair	155

NHPA Tournament Patches	10,683
NHPA Office Printing and Supplies	331
NHPA Postage	134
NHPA Officers' Phone	405
NHPA Officers' Travel	807
Secretary/Treasurer's Allowance	3,080
President's Allowance	924
Publicity, Promotion & Ads	26
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SPECIAL EVENTS **CALENDAR**

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FEBRUARY 1999

1-5 Las Vegas Open—San Remo Hotel & Casino. Check-in Monday, play starts Tuesday Feb. 2, ends Friday. Everyone pitches two days in groups of 12, class of 24. Mixed tournament limited to first 240 paid entrants. Play will be in same excellent tent as 1998. Twelve courts only, expect to pitch around the clock with maximum entries. Some groups may be handicapped. Top four in each class advance to ladder finals, prize money paid down to 10th position. Entry fee \$65, if lodged at San Remo, otherwise \$85. Contact Don Weaver for flyer and details. Phone 702-736-7348, be prepared to leave message.

7-14 Valley of the Sun—Mesa, AZ. Entry fee \$20, additional for classes A-D, close Jan. 27. Mail to: Russ Martin, 702 S. Meridian, Sp 432, Apache Junction, AZ 85220. Information phone 602-671-0665.

APRIL 1999

17-18 Carolina Dogwood—Statesville, NC, Lakewood Park. Limit 180 entries. Over \$2,500 in prize money. Entry fee \$20 with mailing, Championship and Class A/B pay extra at tournament. NatStat averages apply. Pre-register by April 1st. Send fee and Division entering to: Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament Rec. & Parks Dept., P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687.

MAY 1999

1-2 Beloit Encore—Edwards Activity & Sport Center, Beloit, WI. 24 indoor courts, singles, classes may be mixed. Deadline April 17th. Entry fee \$20, juniors free. Mail to: Earl Paulson, 7105 So. County Rd. H, Beloit, WI 53511. Phone 608-879-2304.

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19-31 NHPA World Tournament—Greenville, OH. Pre-register only on official NHPA form which must have postmark no later than May 13. Entry fee \$100 adults, \$25 juniors, scorekeeping fees included. Forms available Jan./Feb. *Newsline*, NHPA website, NHPA Secretary or Charter Secretaries. Mail form and check fee in U.S. dollars to NHPA, 3085 76th St., Franksville, WI 53126.

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Chick Davis	6	9	41.8
Rich Fisch	5	10	44.6
Wayne Harrison	5	10	43.3
Hobard Shelton	4	11	41.8
Dave Crichlow	1	14	38.8
Ron Ballinger	1	14	36.4
ELDER CHAMPION Ed Quigley			56.4
JR. CHAMPION Arnie Penn			36.2
CLASS A Jim Reed			39.5
CLASS B Carl Hansen			38.7
CLASS C Maurice Hartley			38.9
CLASS D Chuck Kulbacki			34.2
CLASS E Pat O'Connor			37.9
CLASS F Tom Jones			26.6
CLASS G Renny Dilks			20.4
CLASS H Greg Simpkins			17.5

NEW MEXICO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

CLASS A MEN			
	W	L	%
Harry Mariano	6	1	56.3
Ken Jones	5	2	55.7
Leo Laumbach	3	3	50.7
Daniel Martin	3	3	44.6
Randy Priddy	2	4	43.1
Harrison Mariano	2	4	42.4
Larry Gallegos	1	5	41.2
MEN B Leonard Platero			39.2
MEN C Jason Romero			38.1
MEN D David Valenzuela			34.0
MEN E Ernest Casias			27.5
MEN F James Angel			12.9
CLASS A WOMEN Ann Vigil			51.2
WOMEN B Helen Laumbach			31.8
WOMEN C Denise Romero			5.4
ELDER MEN A Paul Martin			49.5
ELDER MEN B Bobby Landrum			49.6
ELDER MEN C Tom Phelan			44.5
JR. BOYS A Urias Martin			70.0
JR. BOYS B Rollen Mariano			42.0
JR. BOYS C Robert Lopez			27.2

NORTH DAKOTA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP			
	W	L	%
Jerry Black	6	1	67.5
Larry Smith	5	2	56.6
Gene Lykken	5	2	55.3
Don Bennett	5	2	51.6
Len Hofmann	3	4	48.5

Greg Dronen	2	5	41.5
Bruce Hinkel	1	6	41.5
Chuck Schlecht	1	6	37.2
MEN B Gary Erickson	7	0	47.4
MEN C Floyd Preston	6	1	38.0
MEN D Don Pederson	7	0	49.7
MEN E Arlow Nelson	6	1	31.7
MEN F Paul Hagen	5	0	22.4
MEN G Todd Groven	4	1	13.2
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP			
Connie J. Filley	5	0	78.5
Nancy Husted	4	1	44.1
Frances Kylo	2	3	48.4
Dorinda Johnson	2	3	47.9
Carol Peterson	1	4	42.7
Lois Trangsrud	1	4	28.8
4	1	30.0	
WOMEN B Judy Sellden			
MEN'S ELDER CHAMPIONSHIP			
Lew Haskins	5	0	58.0
Wally Rislov	4	1	54.8
Wally Arndt	3	2	31.2
Norman Potter	2	3	42.0
Lyle Opland	2	3	37.2
Burton Clark	0	5	32.4
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP			
Adam Johnson	4	0	55.7
Brian Bloms	2	2	43.5
Rachel Luckey	0	4	32.8
JR. B Nick Eli	6	1	24.6

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP		
		%
John Mathys		68.8
Kurt Von Kleist		72.4
Glenn Burriss		68.7
Brad Barger		63.6
Steve Kuchcinski		69.3
Clair Bruce		60.5
Tom Decker		58.2
Darle Esh		56.7
Jerry Hoy		59.6
Park Barner		56.1
Donald Deitz		52.6
Frank McAllen		57.1
Dick Gosnell		50.4
Robert Reynold		52.2
Jack Strait		47.7
Glenn Brown		41.1
MEN B Dick Dart		56.9
MEN C Larry Bear		52.7
MEN D Ed Sell		45.0
MEN E John McKim		43.8
MEN F Dick Scott		44.7
MEN G Glenn Dennison		42.7
MEN H Bob Patton		37.6
MEN I Jack Hennessey Jr.		39.1
MEN J Paul Decker		30.3
MEN K Richard Watson Jr.		37.0
MEN L C. Wesley Young		24.0
MEN M Bernie Wierbowski		22.7
MEN N Donald Streeter		17.5
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP		
Roxanne Maxson		54.5
Elaine Hammel		54.4
Cherise Cunningham		48.0
Sandy Carnahan		41.4
Kathy Burkett		49.5
WOMEN B Rhonda Wech		43.3
ELDER MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP		
Frank Bohun		86.4
Joe Rinehart		67.3
Ralph Weigle		50.0
Wes Kuchcinski		49.5
Jack Swyers		47.0
50.5		
ELDER MEN B Joseph Pagnanelli		
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP		
Steve Morris		70.5
Shalee Sebastian		59.4

Brandon Petro			40.0
Billy Metts			21.8
JR. B Jeanne Metts			24.7
SR. WOMEN			
Patricia Wood			44.8
Mildred Boyer			46.4
Jean Reefer			34.6
SR. MEN			
Harold Clippinger			42.5
Clarence Discon			42.1
James Ritter			41.2
Al Yednock			15.9

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP			
Roland Kleinschmidt	7	0	56.6
Doug Fasthorse	6	1	41.6
Carl Chambers	5	2	37.6
Don Harmon	3	4	32.0
Clair Harris	3	4	36.6
John Monson	2	5	30.0
Ruben Martinez	2	5	27.0
MEN B Harlan Paulsen	6	1	21.6
MEN C Lloyd Fletcher	5	1	22.1
MEN D Lovell Wheeler	6	1	18.3
MEN E Tim Ainslie	7	0	17.0
LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP			
Carlene Donnelly	2	0	73.0
Phyllis Wheeler	0	2	37.0
LADIES B Mickey Lodge	6	0	18.0
ELDER CHAMPIONSHIP			
David Zilverberg	6	1	55.4
Howard Melstad	5	2	59.6
John Beaid	2	4	37.6
Monte Herreman	0	6	35.0
ELDER B Gwyn Jewett	6	1	18.2
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP			
Chance Harmon	6	0	30.0
Clint Corean	4	2	24.3
Curtis Williams	2	4	17.0
Blair Ainslie	0	6	3.3
JR. B Kyle Stover	6	1	6.2

WYOMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP			
	W	L	%
Dick Wilson	8	1	49.5
Phil Plotke	7	2	49.2
Jerry Geer	7	2	44.5
Jim Duncan	6	3	47.8
Rick Hytrek, Jr.	6	3	41.2
Rick Hytrek, Sr.	4	5	43.2
Don Laurin	4	5	34.8
Stuart Shepherd	2	7	31.4
Irv Sieg	1	8	28.9
Harl Geer	0	9	13.4
MEN B Frank Maes	8	1	35.1
MEN C Bing Maestas	7	2	28.5
MEN D Jerry Phillips	8	1	21.8
MEN E John Maurer	14	0	25.7
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP			
Diane Abney	9	3	41.5
Bonnie Wyant	7	5	39.4
Patty Sager	6	6	34.8
Nene McCabe	2	10	33.7
WOMEN B			
Jean Geer	8	2	16.7
SENIOR MEN CHAMPIONSHIP			
Bill Jones	5	3	35.0
Jerry Christoffer	3	5	32.7
SR. MEN B			
Doc Rawson	6	2	27.9
JR. BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP			
Scott Sager	6	2	31.9
Cliff Maurer	3	5	26.5
Joseph Maestas	3	5	24.5

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