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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The November/December issue of Newline carried a "Help Wanted, Position Open" column. Unfortunately, very few members expressed interest in the position and none had all the qualifications I hoped the position of Publicity Director would attract. The Executive Council discussed the short list of candidates at our December Greenville meeting and decided to extend the search. In January, during a visit to Florida, a replacement for Bob Champion was found who has the unanimous backing of the Executive Council.

I am happy to announce that Billie Sue Pennington has accepted the position of NHPA Publicity Director. Billie Sue brings a great deal of horseshoe pitching and computer experience to the job. Her background includes club and charter officer experience, development of a computer pitching stats program, publicity and newsletter formation and a great deal of work and support in the recent development of the NHPA Website. Billie Sue has all the experience and interest needed to computerize our publicity gathering and reporting functions. She is well familiar with our World Tournament computer results program and has the ability to interfuse the results output with computerized programs for newspaper reporting. Billie Sue has also decided to run for NHPA 1st

Vice President. She is anxious to begin hearing from the charter publicity people and receive their various newsletters. You can communicate with her by mail, phone or email.

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The NHPA owes a great debt of gratitude to Bob Champion for his many years of service to the association as Publicity Director. Bob took that position in early 1986 and now, 13 years later, is stepping down. He brought a tireless, enthusiastic attitude to the job, no doubt a throwback to his career days as a newspaper sports reporter. Many of the records we are now able to read over in the World Programs are the result of Bob's interest in detail and preserving for future generations, some history of our sport. Always with a smile and positive manner, Bob never backed away from a task. He seemed to thrive on them. But, father time was gaining on Bob and since he will celebrate his 82nd birthday this year, Bob felt it was time to slow down. If only all of us had his energy and unselfish attitude. Bob, I thank you personally and on behalf of all members for being a friend and hard to replace resource of the NHPA.

DAVE'S COURT REPORT

■ During 1998, the NHPA turned over \$1,958.93 in checks to former Junior trust winners as they move into adulthood. There was \$233.81 to Robert Gillett Jr., \$218.91 to Che Welch, \$362.63 to Tracey Curtis, \$881.77 to Jeremy Umphries and \$261.81 to Shane Greenside. We wish all of these young people the best of success and hope to see them back on the courts. To date, since 1987, the NHPA has paid out a total of \$25,385.71 in trust money to former Junior winners and still holds \$16,192.83 in 33 Junior accounts.

■ The Michigan Recreation and Park Association selected the Pop Gentry Horseshoe Club to receive a 1998 Community Service Award which was presented at the annual MRPA ceremony in Lansing on January 21st.

■ For 1998, a total of 21 NHPA life membership cards were issued to those who had been a member for 50 or more years. Lee Jacobs of Michigan with 74 years had held membership the longest but Lee passed on July 23, 1998. Two others have 70+ years of membership, Lee Palmer of Florida with 72 and Bob Pence of Indiana with 70. Five with 60+ years are led by Carl Steinfeldt of Florida with 67 years.

■ The charters of East and West Nebraska at their annual meeting discussed combining into one charter as they had not been following a definite guide of what charter a member could join. Apparently, no boundaries had been drawn when the second charter was granted. We understand it was agreed to keep both charters and the time zone which splits the state will become the separation line.

■ The first of what was hoped to be an annual Southwest Classic was held in Yuma, Arizona the weekend of January 9-10. Pitchers from 18 states and Canada were accepted for this pre-register event which promised \$10,000 in prize money with \$500 to 1st place in each group. Apparently entering averages for many were not as high as promoters hoped and while not advertised as such, five of the eight groups were handicapped. Winners of the groups were: A40, Dale Boss, AZ, 48.18%; B40, Ken Holmes, Alberta, 52.73%; C40, Russ McGoon, NH, 36.91%; D40, Gary Chalberg, AZ, 42.55%; A30, Edwin Matlock, CA, 66.18%; B30, Virginia Chalberg, AZ, 57.82%; C30, Sam Gentry, CA, 52.36%; D30, Barbara Fuller, CA, 36.55%.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Dave,

Sorry this is late, have been busy. Hope all of you had a good time at our World Tournament. My wife is taking chemo treatment now until May, will know more then. Hope you and yours had a good holiday and that '99 will be a good year. Please thank the NHPA for what they did for us. The donations are very much appreciated.

Your Friend,
Al Hodge

The new look of the *Newsline* is great!! Hope we can get some additional interested readers. *Newsline* makes a great prize at a tournament. Hope others enjoy it as much as I do.

Dick Dvorak, Minnesota

Dave,

Best wishes to you for the New Year. I have not pitched much this past year

but the sport has never left my mind. Enjoy reading in *Newsline* what is going on and am sending a small donation to the NHPF. I'm not totally clear about everything the NHPF can do but I know it is a good investment in our horse-shoe future. Many ringers.

Thor Jensen, Hayward, CA

Enjoyed the new look of *Newsline*. I like the changes you made. They should spark favorable reactions from readers and hopefully cause some readers to become subscribers. *Newsline* has a great overall look and format.

Ed Quigley, Pompton Plains, NJ

Dear Editor,

There is Road Rage, Freeway Fury—and in our sport, Elder Bashing (except in New Jersey, where mixed pitching is not only tolerated, but harmonious). Instead of continuing to recycle the

30/40 controversy, we ought to turn our attention to the Junior program. We need to recruit a continuous flow of Juniors and find a way to keep 'em in our sport beyond their Junior years. Otherwise, there won't be any Elders in the future.

I don't have any stats, but it seems to me that many boys drop horseshoe pitching when they have to abruptly move back to 40 feet and cannot make the adjustment to their satisfaction. What to do?

What if we added a third foul line, say at 32 feet. And then ruled that only boys younger than 12 could pitch at the 27 foot line. Boys age 13 to 16 would pitch from the 32 foot line and boys 16 and over would move behind the 37 foot line. As a result, there would be 3 boy divisions—namely Junior Boys, Intermediate Boys and Senior Boys.

Such a setup would allow the boys to gradually move back to 40 feet and give them two years to pitch at that distance before moving into the Men's Division. By then they would feel comfortable as 40 footers and hopefully have mastered their Shoe Delivery System, and perhaps have every reason to continue in the sport.

In the July/August 1989 *Newsline*, John Loughery, who was then Regional Director in New York proposed two Boys' programs. My proposed Three Boys' programs with a third foul line takes Loughery's proposal one step further. It was progressive idea back then and is an even more needed change now.

The 32 foot foul line could also be used to ease the 40/30 controversy. Suppose, for example, Elders younger than say 75, had to observe the 32 foot foul line and move up further only after their 75th birthday?

And maybe 40'-ers would feel better if some of the women opponents had to observe the 32 foot foul line.

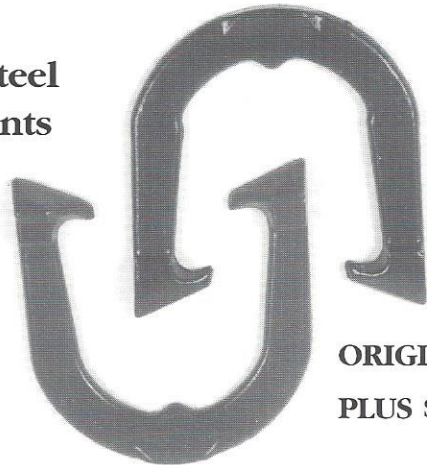
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Ed Quigley, Regional Director NJ
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After only 2 years, Becky Kemper of Pleasureville, KY won the 1998 World Women's Championship pitching Imperial Horseshoes.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS **REPORT**

by Paul Stewart

The NHPA website recently added e-mail addresses to the Regional Directors page for all RDs "online." I realize several active e-mail addresses are not included because some were lost during my earlier computer upgrade. Please check the NHPA website to see if you have addresses that are not included and drop me a note by e-mail or postal service (nhpa5th@bellsouth.net). I find e-mail to be the easiest and quickest way to exchange information with RDs on their local activities and events.

From the Mailbag

Steve Summerlin, Michigan RD, says the 1998 season was a very productive year for the Wolverine association. We placed a bid for the 2000 World Tournament. Although we were unsuccessful in obtaining the tournament, due mainly to the available dates of our facility, it was encouraging to find there was a lot of support for our proposal. The Lincoln Park Horseshoe Club has been hosting tournaments using the Romulus Horseshoe Club facility for the past couple of years and have just recently finished constructing their own facility with twelve courts.

The Midland Horseshoe Club will be joining the WSHPA in hosting tournaments in 1999. Information about these two tournament sites can be obtained within our website at <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/Prairie/1198/>

The WSHPA has appointed **Bob Mullenhour** to the position of Promotions Director for the charter. Bob has done a tremendous job of promoting horseshoes in his home area.

Jim Shilling, Indiana RD, reports that Indiana has scheduled 52 tournaments for 1999. This includes two brand new outdoor sites, one at Vernon and one at Rockport. We want to welcome these two sites to the NHPA.

Our Indiana State Championship is held at Edinburg, a summer indoor pitching facility. Indiana is also blessed with four indoor court sites that hold sanctioned tournaments during the winter. Some also have sanctioned leagues. The total number of tournaments scheduled for the winter of 1998-1999 is 18. You can pitch during the winter at Whiting, Shelby, Stroh and Classic City. Shelby is a new indoor

site for 1999. Classic City indoor courts has 92 NHPA members. There is sanctioned league pitching four nights a week plus Sunday afternoon practice sessions. The members at Classic City have found that keeping membership high means they have to constantly work on getting new members. What works best for them is to ask people that have never pitched in organized horseshoes. Their enthusiasm is tremendous and many will stay with the club for a long time.

Ricky Bolick, North Carolina RD, reports at the NC State Officers' meeting that officers and tournament directors decided to hold a special benefit tournament with all entry fee money going to the NHPF. The host club will furnish trophies. Hopefully this will be an annual event. We would like to challenge all the other NHPA charters to do the same. Just one tournament per year from each charter could do wonders for the NHPF to grow in the next century.

Ronnie Frederick, Oklahoma RD, reports that the OK Horseshoe Pitchers are very excited to win a second straight Jr. Girls World Championship, with **Michelle Jarrett** doing the honors. Bob Reese of Ada, OK was re-elected to another 3-year term as President of the Oklahoma Horseshoe Pitchers Assn.

Ronnie says the OK pitchers are very happy to have Charles Cooper moving to Oklahoma from North Carolina. With the addition of Charles and Jerry Holt after an 8 year absence, our A class is starting to look competitive again.

Rick Rebman, Oregon, RD, reports that their year went well. We still hear some of the 30'-40' argument but it has improved. Tournament participation was down, but not alarmingly. Elmer Otnes has stepped down as OR State President after 25 years. Bill Graham Sr. was elected the new President. Bill Graham Jr. was elected as 2nd VP.

David Spears, Idaho ARD, reports that they have upgraded their computer system for the statisticians **Ralph and Sandra Ruebel**. David took it upon himself to purchase a new laptop. With the purchase of the computer and the use of new programs, the statistician's workload is the same, but takes a lot less time and has become a big plus.

We have added a couple tournament sites back onto our schedule. These sights are in Mountain Home and Twin

Falls. Kellogg was not able to host any tournaments this year because of their pits being torn out. However, they are having a new complex installed just down the street from the old.

Vey Allen, Washington ARD, reports 1998 Highlights. **Art and Carol Sperber** are building a family tradition. The husband and wife from Bellingham repeated their 1997 performance by again winning their respective WA State Championship classes. Art has been the WSHPA promotion director 10 years and Carol has served for 6 years as the WSHPA *Shoes News* editor. Both were inducted into the WSHPA Hall of Fame and presented with matching jackets for their outstanding service.

John Monasmith, Washington's World Champion, passed away on April 30, 1998. John was one of our state's finest horseshoe pitchers, winning both the Pacific Northwest Championships and the Washington State Championship 16 times each. John won the World Championships in 1963 at South Gate.

Casey McKay of Moses Lake won a \$50 cash prize and was awarded a traveling trophy for signing up the most (6) new members into the WSHPA.

Bob Hoerner is leading in the effort to develop a WSHPA Hall of Fame museum. Bob is raising money to purchase a trailer, which will be used to house the memorabilia.

Jim and Phyllis Quist have been very active in promoting the Junior Program. Jim conducts various raffles to generate a fund to send Juniors to the World Tournament. The program has been very successful in helping Washington State Juniors to compete in the World Tournament.

Dave Garbani, So. California RD, reports that June 25-26 at the Brookside Park in Pasadena, Jim Atwell will run and coordinate the Pasadena Police Olympics. Jim hopes that the park will build 10 new courts for the event, which may be the beginning of new interest in horseshoes in that area. SCHPA's Most Improved Player was recognized as Beverly Peterson with a 20.7% increase. SCHPA's Most Tournaments Attended went to a husband and wife team.—Ray and Frances Lopez. Besides their official involvement with the Southgate Horseshoe Club, they attended 43 tournaments.

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE NEWS

by Bev Born

In 1998, there were a total of 218 cl/lgs, with 216 active and 2 put on hold until this year, hoping to be able to regroup. Hopefully, whatever their problems have been, will be settled, so they can maintain their sanctions. Eleven, listed here, have had their sanctioned canceled, again mainly due to no correspondence or 1998 reports being submitted, although a few of these were canceled by request, due to their group disbanding, loss of their courts, etc.

If any one of these, after receiving their cancellation notices or reading this would like to be reconsidered, I would be more than happy to hear from them and try to work something out to save their sanction status. Cancellations include:

1. Central Arizona, Prescott, AZ
2. AVF Berwyn, Downers Grove, IL
3. Stroh HS Palace, Stroh, IN
- 4 & 5. Terre Haute and S. Vermillion High School Jr. Lg., Terre Haute, IN
6. Tri County Jolly Ringers, Cozad, NE

7. Warren County, Washington, NJ
8. Lost Pines, Bastrop, TX
9. Mercer County, Princeton, WV
10. Waunakee Classic, Waunakee, WI
11. Central TX Jr. Lg., Waco, TX

There were only 13 new sanctions issued in 1998 and two new ones as of mid-January 1999. The 216 active ran a total of 288 leagues. Missouri and Ohio tied with 24 leagues, Minnesota had 23, Colorado and Texas 18 each, with all others running from one to 14.

Floyd and I have purchased a fifth wheel and 1 ton pickup for our retirement, although that is about a year away. It is really nice, except for the fact that we are still working in this cold climate and suffer from not being able to head to where it is warmer. Hopefully, we will be able to use it by next Fall. Our December trip to Greenville for a Council meeting proved to be rather costly. Not complaining, as we did get a good deal on our new rig, which we purchased on that trip in Richmond, IN.

Again, I would like to ask that ALL

clubs/leagues PLEASE submit their annual MANDATORY 1999 membership report (at least #1) as early in the year as possible. This would be a big help to me and to the person who will be replacing me. Let's all help to make this transition as easy on the new officer as we possibly can. Having as current as possible, 1999 records and reports from all, will sure make it alot easier.

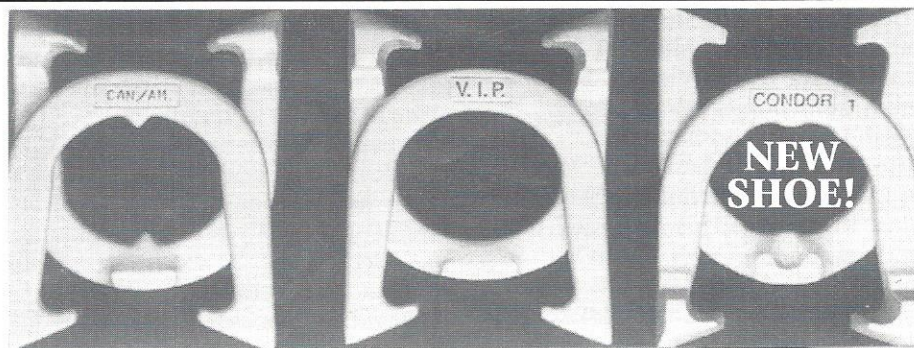
I will be writing to each and every cl/lg director, after the election in July, to let you know who your new 3rd VP and National Cl/Lg Coordinator will be and when you should start sending reports, etc. to them. There are, at this time, three candidates who have announced they are running for this office. I ask that you review each candidate carefully and make the wisest choice of whom you wish to be working with and for you. I am sure you will make a good choice and that my replacement will work hard to continue to improve this program.

May you all have a terrific, healthy, happy and FUN 1999.

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The Monday league winners went into the playoff as the heavy favorite to win the club championship. But not to be, as the Tuesday night winners, with two rookie players and lead by Cliff Presler, won the club championship over Jim Beyer's veteran team.

The 1998 Class Tournament Champions were: Class A, Jim Beyer, 61.4%; Class B, Cliff Presler, 35.4%; Class C, Dean Burrow, 28.8%; Class D, Harvey Arola, 25%; Class E, Cindy Anderson, 19.8%; Class F, Gary Joselyn, 15.2%; Class G, Jackie Schodde, 15%.

Other 1998 award winners were: High Averages: Mary Matuke 50.46%, Jim Beyer 50.46%, Ron Larson 46.21%; High Series: Jim Beyer 66%, Mary Matuke 59%; High Game: Mary Matuke 70%, Jim Beyer 70%, Ron Larson 70%; Best Won/Loss: Warren Petersen 36-8 (.818), Paul Andreen 36-15 (.705); Most Improved: Colin Gisslen +11.15, Jim Beyer +9.18, Mary Matuke +5.31; Sportsmanship Award: Art Halverson (Mon), Ralph Marcks (Tues); High Game Over Average: John Ruha (Mon) +27.10%, Ron Larson (Tues) +23.79%; Rookie of the Year: John Ruha (Mon), Warren Peterson (Tues), Mary Ann Hilger (Tues).

The Thursday Straight-Away League Champion was Jerry LaBrosse, with a 40-9 Won/Loss record. LaBrosse also had the league high ringer average of 53.15%. League runner-up, Bill Larson, had the season high game of 77.5% and the high series of 58.5%. Jim Beyer earned Most Improved honors and Mary Matuke won Sportsman of the Year Award. Class Tournament Champions: Class A, Jerry LaBrosse; Class B, Mike Kloster.

The 1998 season was a significant year for Brooklyn Park. For the second year in succession, there were 13 new members. The BPHC hosted the 1998 Star of the North State Games Horseshoe Tournament. The BPHC Junior League has eight Junior Scholar Pitchers honored, more than the entire rest of the country. Bob Dunn received the NHPA Stokes Memorial Award. Five of the 1998 MGSHPA Pitcher of the Year Top Ten were members of the

BPHC: Mike Kloster, Bill Larson, Jerry LaBrosse, Ralph Marcks and Bob Knudtson.

The 1998 officers did a great job and nearly all will remain in office for 1999: President Art Halverson, Vice President Pete Moberg, Secretary Marlene Knudtson, Monday Statistician Jerry Walz, Thursday Statistician Bob Dunn, and Junior League Director Jessica Dunn. After several years of service as Treasurer, Mike Kloster is stepping down. Roger Tripp will pick up those duties. Tuesday Statistician for two years has been Mary Matuke who will get a rest as Bev Skinner will assume those duties next year.

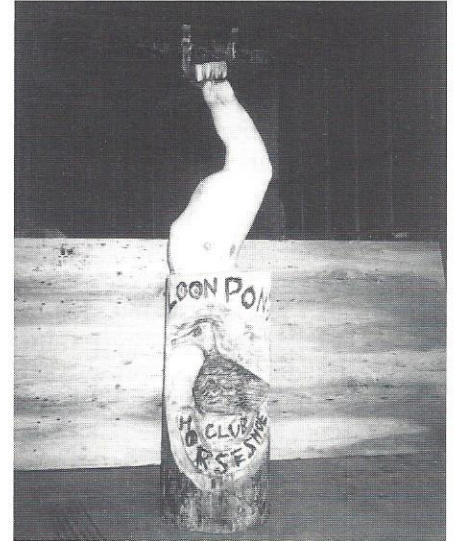
LOON POND HORSESHOE CLUB LAKEVILLE, MA

The Loon Pond Horseshoe Club has been at its new 16 court facility for three seasons now. When we drive by our old "dinky" 5 courts in Raynham, we are amazed that we used to pitch there! We now have over 75 pitchers and a good majority of them are solid, serious players. We have two divisions in two of our leagues so the competitive levels are kept pretty consistent. Division I in singles and doubles leagues has the quieter, more serious pitchers, while Division II has more of the "pitch, hoot and holler" group.

Along with the 16 outdoor courts, we are building 4 indoor portable courts to put in a recreational building in Taunton, MA for winter pitching. We hope to begin that in January. Over 30 people have already signed up.

We've often thought we have something special in our club. There is a sense of togetherness and of a shared commitment. When we ask for a work party, we do have volunteers. We've had good response for keeping score in tournaments and for helping with the upkeep of the courts and grounds. Not only do we think we are lucky, we hear it from other clubs in our area. We receive many positive comments at our tournaments and in the league. One new player, Wayne Demoranville, was so impressed with the courts that he made a large wood sculpture and presented it to us at our banquet, dedicating it to all the people who helped

plan and build the courts (*below*).



From 8 pitchers in 1983, to being sanctioned in 1985, to new courts and many new pitchers, we are certainly proud of all that we have.

CORRECTIONS & OMMISSIONS

As hard as we try to avoid errors, some slip by and for those, we apologize. In the last issue, we missed a couple of times. The front cover mentioned Music City as "Team World" champions. It should have just said Team Champions.

The World Tournament entry form had a few words cut off on the right margin during print. The form is reprinted in this issue.

In the *Toll of Time*, under George Suess, the last line was omitted. It should have read "Allen, Guy Zimmerman and Casey Jones."

While it was typed correctly from the copy we received, there was an error in the Horseshoes 101 Ad from Don Titcomb. His phone number should have read 916-797-9744.

Finally, while not in *Newsline*, the editor wishes to advise all members of an error in the 1999/2000 NHPA Bylaws (Blue Book). At the bottom of page 2, section 7, the words, "become a member by sending their dues direct to the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer," are missing.

A Check-Off List for 1999

by Bob Dunn

There are a few meaningful goals that should be addressed during 1999. This is our last season to prepare for a new century of our sport. This article highlights areas where improvement is potential or necessary, understanding that club officers have plenty to do in conducting a league season, and certainly that is also the case for charter officers. This article is not attempting to hand out more assignments—just suggesting that a number of issues are important enough to deserve being mutual objectives throughout all levels of our sport. Most may already be common objectives for this year. What isn't, please consider the worthiness of the goal and see if it can be worked into your agenda for 1999.

✓ **To aid in growth, promotion and the well-being of our organization, the percentage of *Newsline* subscribers must be increased.** There are countless ways this can be worked on through clubs and charters. What will bring the most success is that it is the common goal throughout our organization, and every horseshoe pitcher be personally invited to subscribe, with constant reminders for those who procrastinate.

✓ **Our NHPA should have a permanent Hall of Fame museum and public display.** This site has already been provided. All that is needed is to finish our fundraising for the construction. This too should become a mutual goal throughout each charter and every club. There are many ways that organized steps can assist in raising contributions. Each tournament should have a donation can, for openers. Club dues can be raised a dollar or two for the next year or two to support the effort. Charter newsletters need to help carry the message about the NHPF and its purpose.

✓ **More tournaments need to be established to support local charity needs.** This process will support the movement to improved media coverage and public awareness of our sport. Events to benefit local concerns can draw in local celebrities and dignitaries, sponsors and the media, all of which draws a positive to our promotion needs.

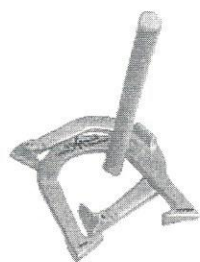
✓ **Our sport can use some freshening up.** How many tournaments across the country are set up as eight player classes, play 50 shoe games with cancellation scoring—certainly the vast majority. Players

deserve some variety and choice of game competition. There is nothing wrong with 10 player classes and 40 shoe games, when averages warrant. Or six player classes and play a double round-robin. Those events that historically use cancellation scoring, try count-all, and tournaments that always use count-all scoring, try cancellation. Directors, be confident in your own innovation and ideas to freshen-up this year's tournaments.

✓ **All leagues should be sanctioned and part of the NHPA Sanction Club Program.** There is no good reason for a club not to be sanctioned, yet there are so many clubs that are not sanctioned. The combined cost of league, charter and national dues is around \$35.00 for a season. That is very economical for any sport or activity. It is hard to imagine that any group would deny a proposal to be NHPA sanctioned if asked. We need to be proud enough of our organization to inform each non-sanctioned club of the benefits of the NHPA and that the small price of NHPA membership is a contribution for the future of our sport. We need to ask and invite.

✓ **Charters should provide a new member packet to each newly recruited member.** Several charters have now developed new member packets. A reasonable goal is that each charter provides a complete set of information on local tournaments, World Tournament participation, subscribing to *Newsline*, and other pertinent information to all newcomers to our sport.

There is room for special events for our Senior members. So many opportunities are available to enhance the involvement of our Seniors. Daytime traveling leagues and mid-week tournament just for openers. In this same vein, night-shift employees are often left behind where leagues hold only evening pitching. For the opportunity of involvement, just maybe pitchers with night or swing shift work schedules, might agree to help out conducting Junior leagues or Senior events.



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PROMOTION JOTTINGS

■ There have been few profiles of promoters provided in recent months. Feel free to provide profiles of members that have provided long-time or significant service. Pictures can be included too. Also, an invitation went out for charters to profile their oldest and longest running league. Only one write-up has been received so far. This is a good way to put the spotlight on a deserving club.

■ This issue's look back on our sport's history features the states of Connecticut, Indiana and Iowa, as summarized by NHPA Secretary D.D. Cottrell in 1929:

CONNECTICUT

There are a few players in each of the following places: Forrestville, Highwood, Lebanon, New Haven, North Haven, Oneco, Storrs and Windsorville, but no organized clubs as far as the writer knows.

INDIANA

The game is played in a great many small towns in the state but there are few clubs and no state association has been organized. The first real state tournament was held at Gleason Field in Gary, July 4, 1919. No other state tournaments have been held recently. There are horseshoe clubs in Indianapolis and in some of the smaller cities and towns. New Albany, across the river from Louisville, has quite a progressive and active club that enjoys competing frequently in tournaments with the large number of horseshoe pitchers in that Kentucky city. Jimmy Risk, of Montpelier, has been a strong contender for the World Championship in a number of national tournaments. Abner Whipple of Connorsville and Frank Witmar of Wakarusa, have also played in the national tournaments.

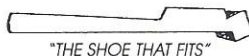
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This state is home to Frank Jackson at Lamont, who was the first World's Champion horseshoe pitcher, having won this honor at Bronson, Kansas in 1909 and continued to hold it against all competition until 1919 when he did not defend his title at the tournament held in St. Petersburg, FL, Feb. 22-26 that year. He regained the championship at St. Petersburg, FL in Feb. 1926. Putt Mossman, who won his

first World Championship honors at Minneapolis, MN in Sept. 1924, and successfully defended his title at Lake Worth, FL in Feb. 1925, also lives in this state at Eldora. Frank Lundin, who won the World Championship at the national tournament in Des Moines Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 1922, is a resident of

New London, IA. There are horseshoe clubs at Adair, Boone, Des Moines, Keokuk and quite a good many other places. Although there is no state association affiliated with the national association, a state tournament is usually held at the State Fair at Des Moines and a state championship won.

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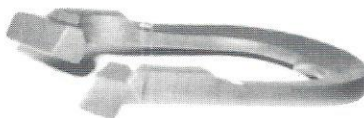
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An ideal flip has the shoe coming to the stake as it has just leveled out. Sometimes our aim is off just enough that the point, or heel, of the shoe will hit the stake as the shoe comes in. The points of the heel of the Mr. D. Shoe are at a slant, so that the first part of the shoe to hit the stake is on a plane with the bottom of the shoe. This forces the point of the shoe down, therefore; the extra, extra heavy heels on the Mr. D. Shoe will force the calks on the bottom of the shoe into the pit. The "dead soft" rating then entices the shoe to drop next to the stake for a point.

Because the heel of the Mr. D. Shoe is so heavy, sometimes the heel that doesn't hit the stake will jerk around the rear of the stake. This causes the other heel, that is now holding onto the pit surface, to hook the stake for a ringer as the shoe turns around the stake.

Shoes with hardened points, that hit the stake in this manner when flipped, have a tendency to jump away from the stake and spin to the rear, out of scoring range.

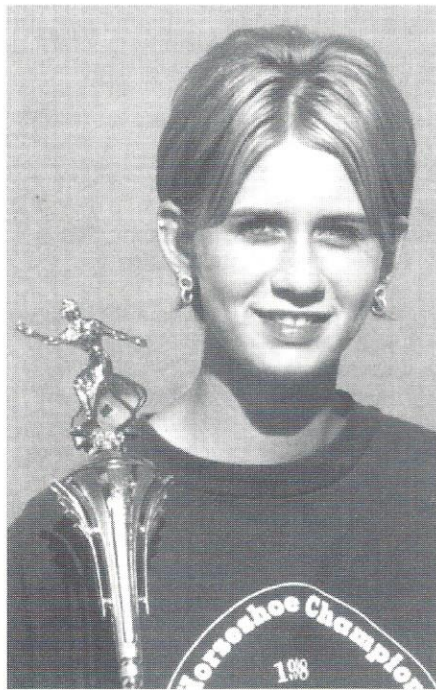
Shoes with blunt points, or shoes flipped with the slope of the heels going up, makes the top plane of the shoe to be the first part of the heel to hit the stake. This, more apt than not, will cause the shoe to flip over backwards and come to rest several inches from the stake - a lot of times out of scoring range.



THE JUNIOR WINDOW

Michelle Jarrett Junior Girls' World Champion

by Lorraine Sternberg



In 1998, it was Michelle Jarrett who captured the gold in the Junior Girls' Division at the World Tournament in Ainsworth, NE. It was a repeat of the previous World Tournament in the Girls' Division. Going down to the very last game between Michelle Jarrett and Rebecca King, both being undefeated to this point. At the end, Michelle would come

ahead, winning her first World Championship. She had the high average in the division with 59.70% ringers. This was Michelle's fourth World Tournament, each year making the Championship class. In Perry, Georgia, she placed first in Class C and moved up to the Championship Class. At Kitchener, she won Class B and again qualified for the Championship Class, but in Ainsworth, she hit the big one.

Michelle started pitching at the age of 11 in the backyard of her home with the help of her dad. After only a few weeks of practice, she decided to enter her first tournament. Placing 3rd in her class, she decided to keep going. Learning to throw the flip, she has always pitched with Diamond shoes.

Practice and discipline is what she attributes most of her superior performance. Advice and help from fellow pitchers has been a great asset for her. Michelle states that one important factor is concentrating on pitching the exact same motion every time. Consistency in the release and arc of the shoe is also important. Stick with the same style of pitching and perfect practice makes perfect. You can't perform well if you don't practice well.

When not pitching horseshoe, Michelle enjoys modeling, softball, Tai-Kwon-Do and aerobics.

She sets high goals for herself, as after high school she wants to attend college and become an OBGYN doctor.

There is one person Michelle would like to thank the most—Rick Cale—for all his encouragement. A little bit of time and a few words of encouragement can go a long way.

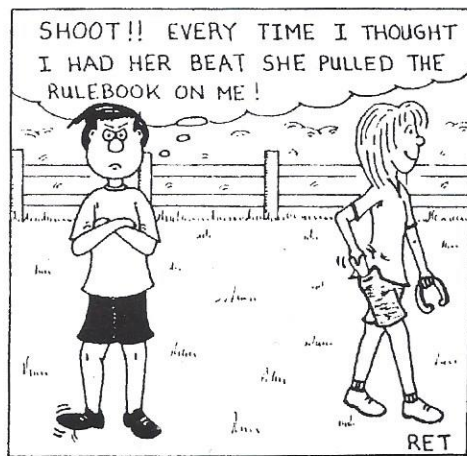
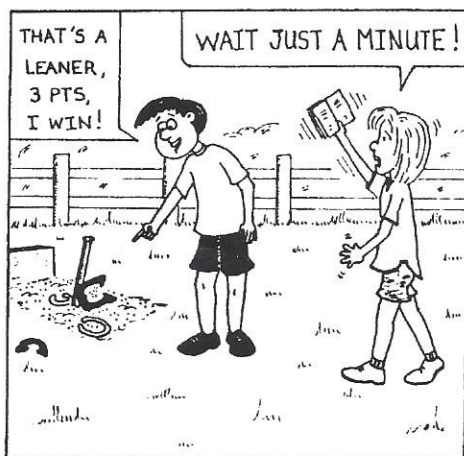
After five short years of pitching, Michelle Jarrett has become a World Champion with two more years to compete as a Junior. Michelle and Becky are expected to battle it out again in 1999 at Ohio, along with four other girls who are all reaching for that star.

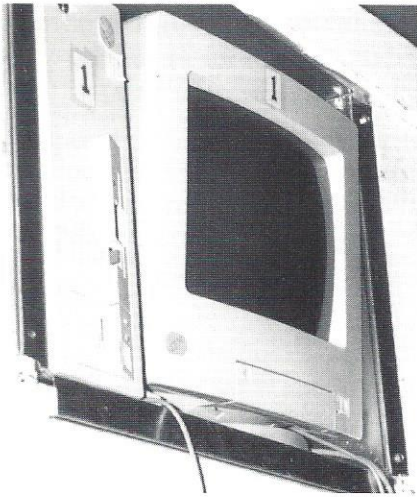
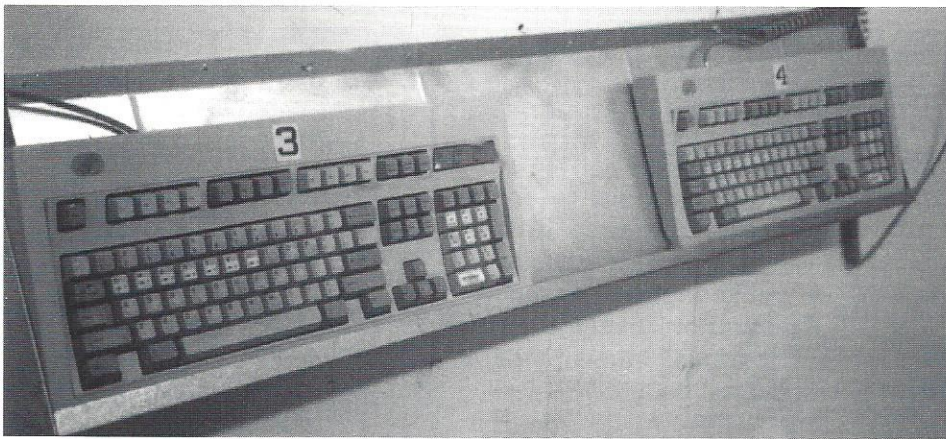
If you have a Junior you would like to profile or a Jr. league to write about, drop me a line:

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Electronic Scorekeeping Improves Horseshoe as a Spectator Sport

by Don Maine

There are some exciting happenings at the Central Connecticut Horseshoe Club in East Hartford.

Don Beck started the club three years ago in Manchester, CT, so the many horseshoe pitchers in the New England area would have a place to pitch during the winter months. He had eight courts in Manchester, and had leagues pitching about three nights per week. Also, he had a sanctioned tournament every two weeks. The courts were open September

through April. Forced to vacate the building in Manchester after the first year, Don and I started searching for another place. After much searching, we found our present location and are now in our second season at this location. We have over 100 people per week pitching a 30-week schedule on the 8 courts. The leagues pitch on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. We also have scheduled 15 tournaments for the season.

The most exciting innovation Don Beck has devised for this season is computer scoring. Don has a computer with monitor and keyboard installed for each of the 8 courts. He has programmed the computers so they may be used for Count-All scoring for the leagues as well as

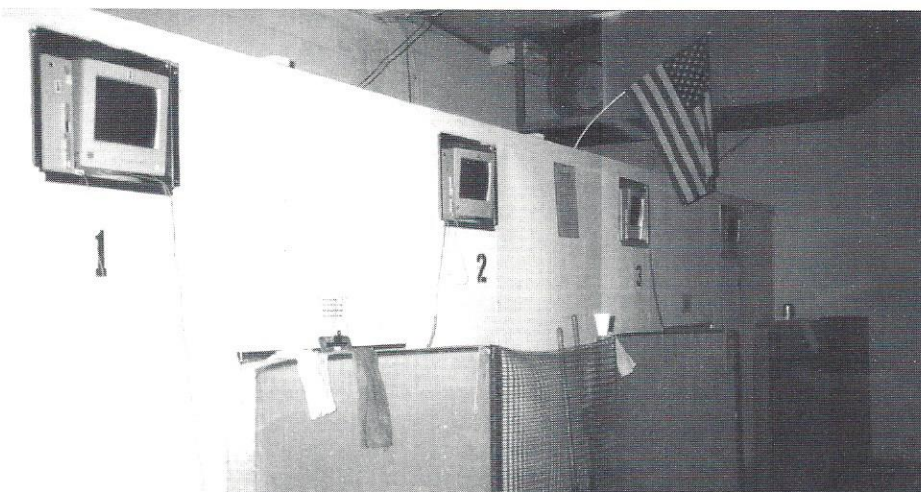
Cancellation scoring for the tournaments. All of the leagues use the computers and are very pleased with the system. For the spectators, they are an even bigger hit because they can see the scores as well as watch the pitching. You can see the scores on all eight courts from anywhere in the building. Many spectators have commented that this really makes it a spectator sport, something we need for our sport, because they can see all the scores.

The big plus is, the elimination of errors. No addition problems, no copying the wrong scores etc. The computer does all the work. At the end of a league night, Don simply inserts a disk in each computer and gets all the *saved* games scores, and puts the disk in his main computer, which is programmed to do the stats for the league in a matter of two minutes or less.

Wouldn't this type of scoring be great for the World Tournaments? Does anyone know of any similar type of computer scoring anywhere else in our sport?

Art Tyson, who pitches in all the tournaments, said in all his years of pitching he has not seen anything that comes close to the scoring at CCHC.

If you ever happen to be in the Northeast in your travels, please contact Don Beck (CCHC 860-610-1099) and arrange to stop and see this scoring system he has developed with many hours on the computer. I think you would be very excited about what you would see.



NHPF CONTRIBUTION UPDATE

by Dave Loucks

1998 CASH FLOW

Income

Joelton Court Fees Collected	\$1,060
Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets	3,330
Club & Charter Donations (20)	2,388
Individual Donations (220)	26,368
Prior Year Interest Adjustment	344
Earned Account Interest	<u>8,601</u>
Total Income	\$42,091

Expenses

Tennessee Property Taxes	\$ 912
Electrical Installation Fees	9,500
Banquet Dinner Fees	2,300
NHPF Formation Attorney Fees	13,020
Accounting Fees	600
Promotional items	195
Joelton Courts Annual Lease	1
Business Account Charges	<u>125</u>
Total Expenses	\$26,653

Net Cash Asset Gain	15,438
Beginning 1998 Cash Balance	172,152
Ending 1998 Account Balance	\$187,590

From the above, you can see that 1998 marked a great donation improvement over the \$4,430 contributed in 1997. However, the total donation income for 1998 only averaged about \$2.00 per member, far below our needed goal of \$10.00 per member per year. A great deal of thanks is owed to those 240 that did donate. If we separate the single \$10,000 contribution made by Jack Freeman, the remaining donations averaged nearly \$78.50 each.

Clearly, some people are doing more than their part while many, many others are still to be heard from. Let's hope that 1999 brings a significant improvement to the above figures. We need more contributions from a greater number of people. The NHPF can ultimately benefit in some way, all participants in organized horseshoe pitching. This is not just a fund to build a Hall of Fame but to enhance all visible aspects of the sport right down to the local level. With a sufficient endowment fund, the NHPF will be able to assist

clubs with programs to promote the sport to a wider audience, to grant funds for improvement of pitching facilities on public property, to fund educational pursuits of junior pitchers, to stage exhibitions and introduce the sport to schools and the public. There is much the NHPF can do and is expected to do by the IRS if we are to maintain the charitable tax status granted us. All of it however is dependent upon our ability to raise funds necessary to reach these goals.

Please help the sport you love. Each of us has received many rewards through our participation, often of a financial nature as tournament winnings. Please consider now giving back a little to the sport that needs your donations. Remember, your gift is tax deductible. Mail a check of any amount to the: NHPF, 140 Sierra Blanca Ct., Grass Valley, CA 95945.

December and January contributions received:

Donating \$10-25

Walter Danielson, IL
Randy Joines, NC
Art Moran, MN
Harry Nelson, WI
Thor Jensen, CA
Luke Braun, CA
James Schneider, MI
Herbert Downing, NE
Len Lipovsky, MN
Robert Power, IL
Louis Gaudet, LA

Donating \$30-50

Stan Smith, KY
Art & Mary Aevermann, AR
Alden Allbaugh, KS
Dale Henry, TX
Frank Chamberlin, CA
Dave Loucks, CA

Donating \$100

Lee Wallace (Oregon Traders)
C. Leo Buell, IA
Robert Pluckebaum, IL
Paul Barlow, NC
Charles Jordan, TX
Stone Mountain H.C., GA
Anonymous, NJ

1998 Court fees collected at Joelton:
\$2,246

Total of 288 Contributions plus Court fees, Ticket Sales & Misc. donations as of 1/29/99 \$40,536

How your state ranks in number and dollars contributed

1. Tennessee, 16 for \$11,150
2. California, 34 for \$4,804
3. Massachusetts, 3 for \$3,925
4. Missouri, 17 for \$1,445
5. Wisconsin, 15 for \$1,238
6. Minnesota, 29 for \$1,080
7. North Carolina, 18 for \$1,065
8. Michigan, 15 for \$840
9. Oregon, 9 for 774
10. Ohio, 23 for \$642
11. Colorado, 7 for \$487
12. Washington, 4 for \$450
13. Illinois, 15 for \$375
14. Texas, 4 for \$350
15. New York, 4 for \$295
16. Iowa, 5 for \$285
17. New Jersey, 5 for \$285
18. Florida, 5 for \$255
19. Pennsylvania, 8 for \$250
20. Kansas, 7 for \$246
21. Kentucky, 6 for \$200
22. Nebraska, 2 for \$194
23. Wyoming, 3 for \$182
24. South Carolina, 5 for \$125
25. Idaho, 2 for \$125
26. Nevada, 2 for \$115
27. Oklahoma, 3 for \$100
28. New Mexico, 1 for \$100
29. Georgia, 1 for \$100
30. Indiana, 3 for \$90
31. Arkansas, 2 for \$70
32. South Dakota, 3 for \$61
33. West Virginia, 3 for \$55
34. Virginia, 2 for \$53
35. Montana, 1 for \$50
36. North Dakota, 1 for \$30
37. Louisiana, 1 for \$25
38. Connecticut, 2 for \$24
39. Arizona, 1 for \$14

Last Call For Candidate Announcements

March 15 marks the deadline for any interested member to announce their candidacy for NHPA office. Four positions are up for election of a two year term to start January 1, 2000. Voting will take place this summer at the annual NHPA business meeting to be held in Greenville during the World Tournament. Four candidates were presented in the last *Newsline* issue while two more are highlighted here.

BILLIE SUE PENNINGTON Candidate for 1st V.P.

Hello horseshoe friends! I am Billie Sue Pennington and wish to serve you as NHPA 1st VP. I have been deeply involved in horseshoe pitching since 1983, holding offices at both club and charter levels. Elected as the first "woman" president of the Northern California charter and voted into their Hall of Fame are two of my proudest accomplishments. I'm also proud that my pitching ability was good enough to gain me entry into the championship class at several World Tournaments.

I believe my computer skills have proven valuable to our sport and association over the years. In addition to developing the first computerized newsletter for the NCHPA, I wrote a program to maintain stats for pitchers. Later, I assisted in the testing of computer usefulness at the World Tournament and in 1988, using Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s program, put the computerized World Tournament result system in place. While recently not active in tournament pitching, I have spent the last few years assisting the NHPA develop and refine their website.

As a new Florida resident, I would like to again become more involved. I recently accepted the position of NHPA Publicity Director where I plan to develop a computerized media reporting system. It will include a publicity website to facilitate charter reporting of news, events and other items of interest.

It is my belief that the NHPA has gained and will continue to gain much recognition via the Internet. It is therefore important that NHPA officers be online and available for immediate communication. The NHPA President has already indicated in a previous

Newsline his desire to one day see Publicity under the direction of an officer. I believe that as your 1st VP, I'll be able to facilitate that goal while bringing new ideas to the Executive Board.

I'd very much appreciate your vote at the 1999 Convention. I will do my utmost to represent and serve you well.

DAVE LOUCKS Candidate for Re-election as NHPA President

It has been my honor to serve as your association president for several years. During that time, the NHPA has made some great strides and seen many improvements. I've been fortunate to have a very competent and hard working Council to assist me. They have been very supportive of my ideas and a great help in implementing several new programs approved by the membership. Each year brings new problems and challenges and with them, a renewed desire on my part to find solutions.

As we prepare to enter the next millennium, many ventures await us. While most are yet unknown, there remains a major, long standing goal that still eludes us. That is the creation of a permanent NHPA Hall of Fame site that not only the public, but members can enjoy. Two years ago we took the first significant step toward that goal by establishing a charitable entity, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. With this, came a wonderful gift of land and a promise of gifting the adjoining parcel which has the World's finest privately owned pitching facility. It is here where our Hall of Fame should be built.

Nearly 40% of our needed financial goal for construction has been met. There is still a great deal to do and I want very much to continue leading the effort to obtain this goal. I sincerely believe that with your help and financial support, the NHPA Hall of Fame building can be a reality within the next five years. I ask that you support this worthwhile project and all other improvement programs of the NHPA by voting me back into office as your association president. Thank you.

What Kind of People Live in Erie, PA

After the first day of pitching horseshoes at the Pennsylvania State Horseshoe Tournament at Erie, PA, we went out to supper and afterward to find a motel for the night.

Every motel was filled and they could not tell us where we could find any with vacancies. Casey Danner, Jack Swyers, Sherwood Frankhouser and myself (Darle Esh) hoped we would not have to sleep in the car.

Finally at 11:00 we were getting a little desperate. Casey and I went into a bar to see if the bartender would know of any motels or rooming houses in the area. The bartender said everything within 20 miles was filled over the holiday weekend. There were only two people in the bar, a man and woman. The woman, hearing we were at the horseshoe tournament and with nowhere to sleep, spoke up and said we could sleep at her friend's house (the man with her). We said there were four of us. The man said "no problem, I have four bedrooms in my house" not far from the bar.

We then followed them in our car to his house. He took us inside showing us his home and the upstairs bedrooms. He said if we wanted to watch TV or were hungry we should help ourselves to his food. He then proceeded to tell us he was leaving to take his lady friend home and would return later.

We went to bed, getting up the next morning and returned to the tournament without seeing the homeowner. That afternoon, Casey went back to thank the man and see if we owed him any money for our lodging. The man was having a party in the backyard and invited Casey to join them. He also would not accept any money for the rooms.

What kind of people live in Erie, PA? I will tell you. How many places in this world can you walk into a bar at 11:00 p.m. and have a man you have never seen before invite four strangers into his house for the night and then leave?

I say we have some good trusting people in Erie and I am very happy to have met one of them.

Yours for better horseshoe pitching,
Darle Esh, Regional Director, PA

1998 TOP PERCENTAGE PITCHERS

While NatStat averages are posted and updated regularly on the NHPA Website, people who aren't on the Internet don't have access to that information. We therefore once again provide for you a year end listing of the top pitching averages in the NHPA.

If we compare these latest figures to those of a year ago, we get more fodder for the question of "why are the number of top percentage pitchers dropping"? A year ago, 52 men carried an average of 70% or better into the new year. Now, that number has dropped to just 39. The women had 38 pitchers of 70% or better a year ago, now they have 28. Junior boys 50% or better dropped from 45 a year ago to 40.

While it might make for interesting discussion, some of the drop in the men might be explained by an increase in the number of elder men. A year ago we saw just 34 elders at 65% or better, now we have 40, the only division to increase its number of top pitchers. Looking at a 70% cutoff for the elder men, we now have 25 above this plateau while it was just 20 a year ago.

While most of the more familiar names remain at or near the top of their categories, there has been considerable movement in the positions below them. Anyone who might like to compare the two lists need only look to page 18 of the March/April 1998 *Newsline*.

TOP 39 MEN'S AVERAGE 70% and above

Name	State	Avg.	Tourn.
Alan Francis	OH	86.88	11
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	FL	84.31	18
Rick Cale	WV	81.19	33
Dale Lipovsky	MN	79.05	12
Mark J. Baumann	MN	79.04	9
Arthur Tyson	NY	78.71	19
Tommy Gann	NC	78.17	21
Joe McCrink	NJ	77.69	10
Doug Kienia	ME	77.45	7
Brian Simmons	NH	77.17	9
Elbert Shifflett	MD	76.30	9
John Kapnis	MA	75.55	10
Stan Griggs	MO	74.72	11
Paul LaCrosse	CO	74.53	9
Gus Martin	CA	74.51	19
A.J. Nave	SC	73.93	33
Gale Greene	VT	73.91	10
Norm Rioux	CT	73.76	16
Randy Rein	WI	73.74	15
Steve Kuchcinski	PA	73.68	15
Kevin Hollister	VT	73.56	4
Michael J. DiMartino	NY	73.28	7
Charlie Meredith	KY	73.21	5

Shannon Foster	TN	73.11	10
Dean Broome	SC	72.72	8
Kurt Von Kleist Jr.	PA	72.65	33
Jim Walters	OH	72.63	8
Brad Barger	PA	72.41	11
John Mathys	PA	71.94	17
Mark Seibold	IN	71.78	11
Richard Williams	GA	71.53	15
Elden Sarbaugh	OH	71.26	26
Rick Bolick Sr.	NC	71.09	13
Norman Kelley	SC	70.99	26
Sam Carter	MO	70.85	16
Matt Guy	KY	70.57	7
John Walters	OH	70.09	3
Don Kangas	WI	70.01	5
B.J. Thomas	NC	70.00	9

TOP 28 WOMEN'S AVERAGE 70% and above

Name	State	Avg.	Tourn.
Sue Snyder	KY	86.88	17
Becky Kemper	KY	86.26	26
Amy Hall	VA	81.42	18
Bev Nathe	MN	81.35	12
Debbi Alexander	NH	79.65	8
Mary Ann Peninger	KS	79.38	15
Angeline Moisan	PQ	79.03	1
Amy Francis	OH	77.97	11
Marlene Ray	TN	77.74	10
Connie J. Filley	ND	77.58	10
Lois Webster	KY	77.21	11
Joan Elmore	TN	76.60	28
Gert Wilcziek	WI	75.59	6
Sharon Paddock	CA	75.41	15
Gerry Brooks	ME	74.81	6
Renee Cowan	VA	74.61	10
Ruth Rife	OH	74.43	12
Lorraine Sternberg	WI	74.10	15
Sue F. Twyman	NY	73.86	11
Brenda Tawney	WV	73.73	14
Mary Ann Kramer	TX	73.21	6
Opal Reno	AR	73.18	3
Carolyn Rice	OH	72.83	5
Judy Curtiss	MI	72.04	14
Rivers Prewette	NC	71.18	16
Tina Tonnous	OH	70.76	15
Rose Diekamp	MO	70.74	14
Lisa Maille	NH	70.15	8

1998 TOP PERCENTAGE PITCHERS

TOP 40 ELDER MEN'S AVG. 65% and above

Name	State	Avg.	Tourn.
Frank Bohun	PA	86.29	5
Clayton Gage	WI	79.26	20
Curly Seibold	IN	78.85	12
Bob Logan	IN	78.34	17
Warren Woolsey	IN	77.12	18
Ray Santana	CA	76.73	10
Don Harris	MO	75.95	14
George Pilipovich	IN	75.94	11
Jim Pagliarulo	CT	75.49	4
Earl DeWald	OR	75.13	24
Ralph Maylahn	WI	75.00	22
Cooley Smith	IN	74.85	3
James Wiltse	MI	74.84	22
William Lou Rector	MO	74.18	15
Laymon Gullett	TX	74.16	8
Victor Ford	CA	73.65	9
Leldon Day	CA	72.90	44
Len Lipovsky	MN	72.33	8
Marvin Tatchio	OR	72.09	20
Dee Powell	CO	71.02	15
Milton Vinson	GA	70.59	22
Jack Moore	WA	70.48	22
Clarence Webb	ID	70.29	7
Oden Sullivan	MO	70.24	9
Pete Rebman	NE	70.00	8
Don Wild	CO	69.86	17
Cecil Cook	KY	69.83	7
Merlin Potts	KS	69.68	5
Arnie Coleman	WA	69.35	12
Claude Shannahan	MI	68.64	16
Jim Adcox	MO	67.61	10
Joe Rinehart	PA	67.35	10
Earl Caudill	NC	66.77	21
Tom Munoz	CA	66.71	25
Charles Pringle	KS	66.70	12
Jack Fravel	CA	66.53	39
Charles Bud Green	KS	66.35	9
Gene Sierks	NE	66.20	6
Andy Van Dyken	MT	65.60	1
Bob Austin	CA	65.50	5

TOP 40 JR. BOYS AVERAGE 50% and above

Name	State	Avg.	Tourn.
Branson Miller	VA	85.08	10
Adam Ellis	ON	78.29	1
Steve Morris	PA	73.50	31
Joseph Ramsdell III	ME	73.50	6
Chase Battle	AR	68.42	10
Joseph Smith	IA	68.15	10

Allen Keen	IN	67.72	6
Shane Greenside	BC	67.16	1
Dustin Dahl	WI	66.53	11
Lee Presley	GA	66.11	15
Barrent Dahl	WI	65.72	10
Randy Albrecht	MN	64.29	4
Ryan Roberts	OH	63.87	10
David Johnson Jr.	OH	63.37	7
Cody Johnson	TX	63.29	12
Urias Martin	NM	63.12	5
Levi Blevins	MO	62.34	12
James Urie	MI	62.08	12
Keen Brent	IN	62.03	6
Marcus Thomsen	NE	61.64	12
Tyson Langley	KS	60.88	5
Todd Brown	IN	60.48	4
Allen Stencil	NE	59.92	7
Richie Boll	IA	59.65	6
Alika Apela	HI	59.57	3
Jeremy Burgett	IN	59.32	8
Ron Murray II	CT	58.36	10
Wesley Rein	WI	56.97	9
Adam Johnson	ND	56.88	4
Daniel Tanner	MI	56.05	23
Frank Rodriquez II	CA	56.01	2
Clint Els	TX	55.52	2
Thomas Johnson	IL	53.02	5
Robbie Laptewicz	MA	52.10	5
Tyler Elfrink	MO	52.04	1
Josh Brooks	OH	51.80	5
Chris Moore	NH	50.65	4
Jeff Walters	AR	50.44	9
Ricky Ferreira Jr.	HI	50.40	3
Brandon Petro	PA	50.00	9

TOP 15 GIRLS AVERAGE 35% and above

Name	State	Avg.	Tourn.
Michelle Jarrett	OK	59.49	5
Rebecca King	OK	54.02	7
Erin Greenside	BC	52.64	1
Shalee Sebastian	PA	52.51	8
Tori Eaton	CT	47.25	4
Charlene Hix	VA	45.27	7
Tenesia Mayer	NY	44.48	10
Joy Sandquist	MN	40.73	5
Estelle Green	NH	39.30	6
Rachel Luckey	ND	39.11	10
Misty Pierce	IL	39.01	4
Tina Bussey	MN	38.11	4
Jenae Arledge	OH	37.27	7
Lehuanani LP Powell	HI	36.54	10
Stacy Sanders	OH	35.69	2

A new year and season have started. As of January 25, I have already received and posted into NatStats, results for 13 tournaments that were pitched the first few weekends of this new year. I am still waiting for results or word on approximately 59 tournaments that were scheduled during 1998. Some of these may have been cancelled, but I have not been notified yet. NatStats tracks tournaments by sanction numbers. I have written back to all charters giving them a list of what is recorded in NatStats and asking for information as to the status of missing sanction numbers.

Those people elected or appointed to different positions within their charter, I wish you would make a mental note to yourself. Please consider NatStats as an extended position of your charter. Any information that is needed to help keep your local records in order, that same information can probably be used by NatStats.

I need to know:

- 1) when a junior changes to adult status.
- 2) the date when somebody changes to Elder status.
- 3) when a person gets married and changes their last name, otherwise when tournament results come in, I end up with two names with the same card number.
- 4) when you change a person's card number, because I keep a card number active in the program for two years before deleting it. Also, when your tournament results come in with a new pitcher and you assign them a number of somebody that did not join again this year, I then end up with two people with the same number. I usually will give that person the card number with a .1 extension. So, when you see any reports with card numbers with a.1, that means that I have two people that have been reported with the same number.
- 5) when somebody moves from one state to another so I can combine the two files into one. I believe I have records for several people that have

moved, but until somebody lets me know, I can only assume it is somebody with the same name in two different states.

When somebody pitches in a tournament and is reported without a card number, that name sits in a file waiting for a card number before entering it into NatStats. Some of these people are from out-of-state. I write many letters back to the different charters involved, asking for card numbers of new pitchers. Sometimes I get an answer back—"don't know this person," "never heard of them," "didn't buy a card this year." Tournament personnel need to do a better job of checking on card numbers of people entering their tournaments, or collect dues before allowing the person to pitch. They then would send the dues on to the proper charter with the name and address of the person. At the end of each year I have a fair amount of people that I never do get a card number for because nobody seems to know who they are.

There are also quite a few duplicate names around the U.S. I need help to keep them straight. That is why when sanctioned events are reported to NatStats it is requested to show both the person's name and card number. I receive quite a few results with a wrong card number listed for a pitcher. I may already have somebody with that number. In many cases I do have that name in my files, just a wrong number or reversed number is being reported. But, if it is a new person being reported with a wrong number, I have to write back to that charter asking for correct information.

For most of you people reading this article, there is an awful lot of work going on behind the scenes that you don't even stop to think about. Between the Tournament Directors, the local Charter Secretary/Statistician and NatStats, it is a lot of work to get everybody's records recorded properly. You do the pitching, hopefully receive your awards and go home. Then the workers take over to compile the records and record them to keep your average up-to-date so you will be

placed in the proper group the next time you pitch.

For those that have a computer, and maybe have not gotten the word—the internet is updated twice a month with averages as of the 1st and 15th for everybody that has pitched in the U.S. during the past 12 months. The pitchers are listed alphabetically within each state, so you can access and look up your own or your friends' average anytime you wish. It also lists how many tournaments each person has pitched during the last 12 months. There are quite a few charters that use the internet for averages in setting up their pre-register tournaments. You can also download and print out a list of averages from any state you wish. Since the internet is being used to set up many local tournaments, that is why tournament results need to be reported promptly to NatStats. When reporting sanctioned events, everybody that pitched in the tournament (except pacers) need to be reported. That includes the Canadian pitchers. After I post the results of a tournament, I do send the Canadian pitchers' results on to CanStats in British Columbia.

NatStats has received several phone calls from people questioning their average or number of tournaments listed on the internet. In most cases I have been able to correct the problem with a little detective work. In some cases it is because the tournament results have not been received yet (sometimes several months after the event was pitched). There is a rule in the NHPA Bylaws stating that sanctioned events should be reported promptly. How else can we keep averages current?

For the Regional Directors or Charter people I deal with on a regular basis, I could use a copy of your 1999 pitching schedule, if you have not already sent me one. It would be helpful to include—Sanction #, Date of Tournament, Tournament Name, City Played.

This past year I have processed approximately 12 inches of tournament results. That means, take a ruler

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and stand it on end—I have a stack of papers that tall. For those Charters that have been reporting tournament results on paper, and maybe have the capability of reporting tournament results on computer disk, but don't know how, let me know and I will send you some information as to what is required. There are also computer programs available through the NHPA that can help you keep your records and make reports you can submit on disk to Dick Hansen and NatStats. Check the internet, 5th Vice President Paul Stewart or Duane Goodrich, Kansas Regional Director for further information.

Anyone who would like a printout of their NatStats file, send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope and I will mail you a copy of your pitching record. The printout will normally show the last 12 months of your pitching record along with your current average. My name and address is listed on page 3.

Total known scheduled sanctioned events		2035
Reported to NatStats	1857	
Cancelled	110	
Doubles/no record kept	9	
Not reported yet	59	
	TOTAL	2035

REPORTED		
Tournaments	1602	
Leagues	255	
TOTAL EVENTS	1857	

TOTAL RESULTS ENTERED	61,844
U.S. Pitchers	61,600
Canadian Pitchers	244

TOTAL NUMBER OF	
Ringers Pitched	7,789,797
Shoes Pitched	24,845,140 = 31.35%

AVG. # OF PITCHERS per event
33.35 pitchers

TOTAL # OF PITCHERS
12,024

Pitchers entered in	
1 event	3113
2 events	1600
3 events	1251
4 events	1142
5 events	982
6-9 events	2275
10-14 events	1032
15-19 events	382
20-29 events	205
30-46 events	39
53-54-55 events	3

TOTAL 12,024

- 53 Tournaments Ken Schulze, CA, all No. CA, 1 So. CA (state) & World
- 54 Tournaments Chet Carter, CA, all No. CA tournaments (no out-of-state)
- 57 Tournaments Jeff Mohr, MI, all Michigan tournaments (no out-of-state)



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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;

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

have competed in during the last twelve (12) months. 4 5-6 7-9 10 or more

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Try County Pro-Am for Hospice



It may have resembled a world tournament, but the third Annual Try County Pro-Am for Hospice was meant for two things: To raise money for Genesis Hospice in Zanesville, Ohio, and to promote horseshoes. The two-day Pro-Am event held in late September consists of 11 professional and 11 amateur pitchers. (Amateurs being under 50% ringers) The professionals are by invitation only, while the amateurs are determined through competition earlier in the year.

Professional pitchers at the Pro-Am, held at the Doctors Lounge near Zanesville, which has over \$7,000 invested in their pitching facility, included several horseshoe players known throughout the United States. The impressive list included three-time men's World Champ Jim Knisley of Ohio, previous Women's World Champ Sue Snyder of Kentucky, and 1998 Women's World Champion Becky Kemper, also of Kentucky. The 1998 men's Senior World Champ John Brown, of Ohio, was also in the competition along with Tina Tonnous, who was Ohio State Women's Champion and Pro-Am Champion in 1997. Former Ohio State Champion Elden

Sarbaugh, of Sarbaugh's Indoor Courts in Adamsville, Ohio was also entered.

The Pro-Am kicked off Saturday with a charity pitch. Any pitcher can challenge any pro player for \$5, with all proceeds going to Hospice. The charity pitch raised \$675, while the third Horseshoes for Hospice raised \$2,911 for charity. The matches, which went to 25 points, regularly saw professionals drill ringers on three of every four throws. Amateurs could hit 50% ringers and still come out on the short end in the double-elimination event.

Sunday's competition started off with a match that you might see in a world championship. Reigning Women's World Champion Kemper and three-time World Champion Snyder squared off on the professional side in a match involving not only competitors, but "best buddies" as well.

Kemper and amateur partner Earl Noe fell behind early but Noe's ringer sealed an exiting 25-23 win on the outdoor courts. However Kemper's team dropped their next two matches and had to watch the rest of the event from the shaded stands.

"They invited me to come here a year ago and I stick to my word," said Kemper, who made the five-hour trip from Henry County, Ky., to participate in her 1st Pro-Am. "They've treated me great. I've really been taken care of. You can't top the people in this sport; they're like family."

Professional Donna Dodson and amateur partner Kathy Elliott had little trouble finding a rhythm. The duo, who call Sarbaugh's Indoor Courts home, breezed into the finals unbeaten to await their final matchup.

Sarbaugh and Paul Elliott defeated Dick Whiteman and Charlie Elliott to

advance to the losers bracket finals, then Knisley's team defeated Sarbaugh and Elliott 25-13 to reach the finals.

In the first title match, Dodson and Elliott appeared in control with a 15-4 advantage. But with the mud, Knisley's amateur partner Chick Starr drilled two ringers to pull his team within 15-11. And right on cue with event organizer Don Hittle's prediction, Knisley was nearly automatic the remainder of the match. Knisley's final two ringers of the contest provided his team with a 26-21 victory and forced a second title game.

Dodson and Elliott again appeared in control, leading 16-8. But, Dodson drilled two ringers to put pressure on Knisley, who promptly answered with a pair of ringers to keep the match within striking distance. Later in front 22-17 Knisley capped the match with a pair of three pointers.

Knisley, 14 time Ohio State champion, and Starr took home a first prize of \$400, while Dodson and Elliott finished runner-up for \$200. Third place and \$100 went to Sarbaugh and Paul Elliott. Jim Cooper and Ruth Ann Dodson took fourth place while Whiteman and Charlie Elliott placed fifth. Each team received \$50. The remaining six professional each received \$20 for participating.

The pitchers not only looked like the best on the courts, they were treated the same way off them. In addition to the total purse of \$920, the tournament also offers other perks to it's pitchers. The Pro's pay no entry fee and overnight lodging is furnished. A Pro-Am breakfast and awards dinner is also free to the pitchers. Any professional outside of Ohio receives help with their travel expenses.

The Pro-Am also did bring attention to the sport of horseshoes. The event had articles in six newspapers, had coverage from WHIZ-TV of Zanesville and advertisements on over a dozen radio stations. Particular thanks to John Kerr, reporter for the *Times Recorder*, who was a great help in getting newspaper coverage.

Donald "Fuzzy" Hittle, Director Try County Pro-Am for Hospice

Computers have been used for horseshoe pitching record keeping for many years. Applications of spreadsheet software and other applications and programs have been written for personal use. The first significant program was written in QuickBasic by Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and used to record World Tournament play. It has been in use at World Tournaments since 1987. Family and friends initially helped WRWJR handle WT statistics using his "Stats" program. Improvements were made over the years until the work became manageable by only two or three people.

John Hasell (BC) has a horseshoe program used in Canada as well as the U.S. for recording tournament play. NHPA free software for tournament play and Charter Dues Reports has a large number of users reporting tournament results to NatStats and dues reports to NHPA Secretary-Treasurer Dick Hansen (WI). Dick also uses Access software applications. Another major software application using a program called Paradox, was written for Oliver Smith (CA) who originated the now popular NatStats service. Glenn Jamieson (CA) has carried on with the NatStats program since the death of Smith in early 1996. He also uses

WRWJR's program for recording the annual NHPA WT.

In the early years of "internet" a few horseshoe pitchers ran into each other in its vast space and concocted the idea of getting horseshoe pitchers together. A "chat room" developed into a nightly chat session full of ideas, pictures and stories...and only whetted the appetite for more and better of what was being enjoyed by those few. Terry Sears (IN) created the first website associated with horseshoe pitching information. He was followed, in no particular order, by David Sullivan (TX), Billie Sue Pennington (CA), and Duane Goodrich (KS) and talking the most in these chat sessions was a rangy old horseshoe pitcher for NC, Paul Stewart. The latter four became the founders of what was called the NHPA Internet Website and soon pounded out a working format. Billie Sue recently moved to Florida, but is still involved. David has had other commitments. Steve Summerlin (MI) came along to help fill the void left by David, and Casey Sluys (CA) joined the group by helping with viewer responses and in discussions on NHPA rules.

The internet introduced a different kind of "programming" to be learned. Its "HTML" script is used to display graphics and text which light up computer screens in hundreds of colors and allows viewers to bring to the screen an unlimited world of "links" on any subject or location imaginable. All at the click of the mouse pointer on the screen. Think these are kids learning programming and script "languages"? A great number of these beginners started learning in their late 40s, 50s and 60s! Many of them are not 10-finger typists.

Equipment and software improved by leaps and bounds, and personal websites around the world kept pace. There are still major improvements to make in horseshoe pitching software and applications. For examples, an update to NatStats software, interaction of tournament programs with current NatStats averages, new software for league play, and still more pages for the NHPA Internet Website to provide viewers with pictures and stories on NHPA Hall of Fame, charter websites, instructional articles and more, are all waiting for interested programmers.

The NHPA Internet Website is a tool your charter needs to take advantage of...by linking to it with your own charter websites. Chatting is still an evening delight, and the e-mail service is fantastic! Come look at your NatStats averages (see the new listing sorted by category for Men, Elders, Boys, Girls and Women). Read court construction articles, beginner help articles, humorous articles, rules, bylaws, viewer tips and more...and post your comments and suggestions "online."

All members should read NHPA *Newsline* and all charter clubs should have a website linked to the NHPA Internet Website, to have a better informed membership. Computers are here to stay and to help bring our widespread sport closer together and help handle communications in many ways.

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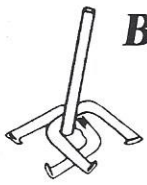
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CHARTER CHATTER

May I invite all the states that do not have newsletters to send some news about your pitchers to *Charter Chatter*. At the last count, there were 23 states that do not have newsletters.

It seems that someone in your charter could grab the bull by the horns and, at least, publish a few pages of news about the members in the state. Your members would be pleased to have their names in print...and they might even be featured in *Charter Chatter*.

A special thanks to all the states that regularly send their newsletters and even copy news from other newsletters. Several years ago *Chatter* requested that all newsletters send their publications to other papers. If you do not have a list, please request from Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, CO 80301. (303) 449-9395.

CALIFORNIA

Former NHPA World Champion in the Open Men, Senior and Intermediate Divisions, Don Titcomb, has returned to Northern California and now is the 2nd Vice President of the association. Doug Sattler is the new President. Other officers are Linda Hoelscher, 1st VP; Bill Brown, 3rd VP; Teddy Guillotte, new 4th VP; Cathie Loucks, 5th VP and Jerry Smith, Secretary-Treasurer. Titcomb will be heading up new membership and promotion.

When a gentleman 73 years old commences tournament horseshoes with a qualifying 9% and eight years later carries an average of 62%, that's news. Ken Shultze's quick rise gives everyone a lot of hope and inspiration. Ken began pitching 70 years ago, so he is not a stranger to our sport. Of course, he had to change from horse's shoes to horseshoes. Ken is thankful for his good health and all that horseshoe pitching has given to him. In return, he not only contributed funds to help the Sonoma Club refurbish their courts, but supports the game by traveling to over 50 tournaments a year. He is a fine and highly respected gentleman and was presented with the well-deserved President's Award at the annual NCHPA banquet. Congratulations!

CANADA

Approximately 2000 senior citizens attended the British Columbia Senior games last August. It was a job well done and received the congratulations of many who attended.

The banquet on Friday, August 28 was so well organized that almost any other city running an event the size of the B.C. Senior Games could take a leaf out of Port Alberni's book.

So often we wait until someone dies before we do a tribute to recognize their efforts. This is a tribute to a living member who made a difference in the B.C. Association. The member is Horst Hesse. He was President of the B.C. Horseshoe Association 10 years, and kept the Association together. He provided the answer to the question: What does the BCHA do for us? Much like the job done by Arch Stokes

for the NHPA. He increased communication, made sure the newsletter was printed, made sure that every club received tournament lists and traveled all over the Province promoting horseshoes. He had the foresight to know that the computer would be good for horseshoes. He recognized the need for each club to have an equal chance for liability and accident insurance. He was not afraid of change, he accepted criticism gracefully, he enjoyed hearing the members' views and was open to suggestion. Horst also saw to it that all clubs had supplies they needed to run tournaments

Horst really made the difference.

COLORADO

Thanks to the 50+ entries in the four doubles tournaments from October through December, the state maintained their entry figures of past years.

A total of 1,202 entries including 783 men, 152 elders, 222 women and 45 juniors figured in the total cash awards of \$13,639. The highest entry total was in the Turkey Shoot doubles in November that brought 68 pitchers.

Listed in the NHPA lifetime members is Gerry Labbe from Denver who won 5 state titles in Colorado and one New England Open and one New England State Tournament.

Of course, Colorado is behind NHPA 1st Vice President candidate Allen Baptist. This enthusiastic horseshoe pitcher has organized clubs in the state, is the state Secretary and NHPA Regional Director. He has pitched horseshoes in 15 states the past 10 years and competes in over 20 tournaments each year. He lives in Eagle, Colorado and drives over 150 miles over the mountains to compete in tournaments in the eastern part of the state.

FLORIDA

Eight Clearwater Club members have been inducted into the Florida State Hall of Fame. They are George Buskey, Marion Collins, Carl Steinfeldt, Marge Spray, Norman Gaseau, Joe Holland, William Smith and Edward Senger.

Of the group, Carl Steinfeldt has World honors, winning the Open Men's Division in 1976, the Senior title in 1988, 1990 and 1991, the Intermediate crown in 1978. Marge Spray won the World Senior Women's title three times in 1990, 1991 and 1992 and is listed several times in the World's record book.

According to records from the Clearwater Club, Gaseau was President of the club from 1978-1983 and was the Secretary-Treasurer from 1982-1994.

The Clearwater Club dates back to 1916. The membership at that time was four members. It rose to 75 in 1992. The present membership is 101. Seventy-five pitchers compete in the league.

Carl Steinfeldt still rates as the top percentage pitcher with 63.5%. Betty Steinfeldt has 60.1%.

GEORGIA

The highlight of the annual meeting held at the Fairview Room at the Perry Fairgrounds was the induction of Milton Vinson and Roy Dunlap to the Georgia Hall of Fame.

Congratulations came from President Al Sandham to Walter Blake, Lee Presley, and his wife, Iris Sandham as State Champions for 1998. Thanks also went to Jim Haley, who agreed to remain as Secretary-Treasurer for the next term and Ron Bunch, who will again be the publicity director for the next two years.

Elbert Allen, who passed away in November after a battle with cancer, had averaged 50-60% as a 40-footer, but when he moved to the short distance in 1997, he had moved up to be the third highest pitcher in NatStats. After surgery, he practiced on his backyard court and even won two tournaments just two weeks before his death.

ILLINOIS

Ed Fleming of Palmer, Illinois, is building a 60'x90' structure that will house eight clay courts. Heat, rest rooms and provisions for an eating area are included in the plans. Fleming admitted it will cost a lot of money and frankly he doesn't expect to get it all back.

At last year's Spring meeting, the membership voted to raise the annual dues to \$22. The cost includes the Illinois state newsletter, including the special State Tournament schedule edition. Non-members may receive the newsletter for \$10 per year.

This is progress. *Chatter's* congratulations to Bill Marvin, editor of the state's newsletter *Illinois Court Reporter*. Just a few months back Bill was producing a couple of mimeographed pages about news in the state. Now he produces an excellent printed eight-page publication including columns by officers, tournament results and club news.

INDIANA

Listed in a recent issue of *Newsline* were some National Award winners. The Sanctioned League program has a Top Ten Awards program. The name of Curley Seibold from the Marion Club was listed four times. High Point Average 2nd Place 128.23, High Point Game 6th Place 136, High Ringer Average 2nd Place 80.0, and High Ringer Average (Mixed Distance) 80.0.

A Name in the News: Pitcher Warren Woolsey's name keeps cropping up in the January issue of the Indiana newsletter. He won three tournaments as follows: Whiting Horseshoe Club 7-0, 66.1%; Stroh Horseshoe Palace (Nov.) 7-0, 79% including a perfect game; Stroh Horseshoe Palace (Dec.) 7-0, 72.6%.

Other tournament winners were Dale Moles, Marvin Wisheart Classic, 5-0, 61.4%; Darrell Taulbee, Thanksgiving Special, 7-0, 63.4%; Bob Logan, Nov. 21-22 Stroh Pitching Palace, 7-0, 78.7; and Ruth Rife, Christmas Special, 7-0, 72.2.

KANSAS

Recently, a sign was erected at the East and West ends of Natoma, Kansas, proclaiming "Birthplace of Ted Allen, World Champion Horseshoe Pitcher." The signs were placed by the Kansas Dept. of Transportation.

In an article in *The Independent* it states that Ted parlayed

his knowledge and skills into a World Championship, the first of which was won at the Chicago Fair in 1933 when he was only 24 years old. He was living in California at the time.

Natoma is proud of their champion who won ten times in his first 19 years of World Tournament competition. Allen was one of ten children of Will and Esther (True) Allen, who lived on a farm in Osborne County.

Allen competed in 31 World Championships. His name appears in the *Guinness Book of World Records* reflecting his 72 consecutive ringers pitched in 1955 and winning the most titles. In Colorado he won 10 state title, plus one each in California and Oregon.

In 1937 Allen moved to Boulder, Colorado. He insisted on making a first class horseshoe by doing all the work himself. He ground his own shoes outdoors, painted, and mailed them...and it all started in Kansas.

MINNESOTA

Mark Baumann, Bill Grillo and Christy Cave were inducted into the MGSHPA Hall of Fame at the State Tournament in Sleepy Eye. Baumann was selected in the pitching excellence category, Grillo was inducted in the promoter category and Cave was inducted as part of the Junior Honor Role.

Baumann comes from a family of horseshoe pitchers and began pitching at the age of 4. By age 13 he was winning games from his five older brothers. He played in several leagues while going to the University of Minnesota. He has qualified for the World championship class since 1993 and in 1998 finished second at Ainsworth.

Bill joined the Hibbing Horseshoe Club in 1987. The following year he was elected President. Right from the start he began to promote horseshoes. During his administration, membership increased. Grillo has spent many hours instructing horseshoe pitching. He provided leadership and many projects were completed under his direction.

Christy started pitching in 1987, but prior to that she kept score for many local and state tournaments. She won the Girls State title in 1989 and received Rookie of the Year honors in 1988. She still pitches as an adult in the Tri-County league and in tournaments. She qualified for the Women's State championship in 1995 and 1996 finished fourth in 1996 with a 56% average.

MISSOURI

Don Harris' favorite interest is the sport of horseshoe pitching, having both an indoor and outdoor court at his home in Smithville. Don throws a 3/4 reverse turn, pitching Deadeye horseshoes. He has been pitching over 70 years, being an NHPA member for 25 years.

Don won the State Open Men's title eight times. He is a 5-time Elders Missouri State Champion, 3-time Senior Champion and 3-time Seniors runner-up. Don's high ringer percentage qualified him to pitch in the Men's Championship class seven different years.

His longest consecutive string of ringers was 69 on November 13, 1994. Moving up to 30 feet in 1992, he plays in many tournaments every year. 1996 was a very good year for Don. He played in 20 tournaments, always averaging between 70% and 81%, finishing first in 18, 2nd place in one and finishing fourth in the World Championships with an average of 74.4%.

In 1995, Don was inducted into the MOHPA Hall of Fame for pitching excellence. He has helped organize tournaments and has served on the Hall of Fame committee five years. Missouri horseshoe pitchers salute this man of great character, who at the age of 76 is an inspiration to everyone.

NEW JERSEY

Bill MacIntyre responded to *Chatter's* request for states listing the year when their state charter was approved. Fact is, he was the only one to reply to the request. The NJSHPA was organized May 27, 1934 and applied for and received an NHPA charter in July, 1934.

Washington courts at Meadowbreeze Park now sport full cement walkways on all 12 courts. As of January 1999, Joe McCrink was ranked eighth in the NHPA's list of Top Men pitchers.

Ed Quigley has, for years, assisted yours truly in the World Tournament press room, doing daily radio broadcasts and producing a daily newsletter. He also emcee'd the Hall of Fame banquet and is a NJ state delegate at the convention. He is also a member of the NHPA speakers bureau, and is the NJ Regional Director with many chores to do in state and national programs.

Down Memory Lane in Class A State competition. 1938: Larry Mahoney won 5th title, 9-0, 73.5%; 1948: Mahoney, 9th and last title, 9-0, 68.8; 1958, Doug Fogal, 2nd title, 3-0, 63.8; 1968, Jack Giddes, 2nd title, 5-1, 64.2%; 1978, Sol Berman, 9th title, 9-2, 54.7%; 1988, Bill MacIntyre, 4th title, 12-0, 73.1%.

NORTH CAROLINA

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Stewart, who doubles as NHPA 5th VP, reports that the 1998 membership was 183 compared to 185 for 1997. Stewart was re-elected to the state position for two more years which will make 10 years in the job. He has indicated that this will be his last term.

Three pitchers successfully defended their 1997 State crowns with Rivers Prewette winning the Women's title, Eric Gann, Boys, and Airel Bolick, Girls.

B.J. Thomas from Troy, was inducted into the State's Hall of Fame for pitching excellence in 1998. Thomas won seven state titles, the first one in 1986 through 1989 before Paul Stewart interrupted his string in 1990. B.J. then followed with three straight from 1991 through 1993.

Heading the list of Women State champions is Betty Marsh, who captured North Carolina championships from 1974 through 1979, and the current champion, Rivers Prewette, who has won the last five state titles.

OHIO

Fred Brown from Defiance and George Thome from Oxford were inducted into the State Hall of Fame at their awards banquet. Other presentations went to Ken Walters, Troy, for Sportsmanship and the Achievement Award was presented to Bob and Loretta Garber from West Manchester.

WOWS from the 1998 State Tournament—Alan Francis 92.5%, 37 ringers in 40 shoes. Donna Dodson 90%, 18 out of 20. Francis vs. Jim Riley—10 consecutive four deads. Amy Francis vs. Carolyn Rice—8 consecutive four deads. 267 pitchers entered the 1998 State Tournament—a new record.

OKLAHOMA

Jerry Holt, NHPA Chaplain of Enid, promoted a recognition Sunday and horseshoe tournament in November in Enid. In the Sunday service, Glenn and Artie King gave testimony on daughter Becky's illness after she won the Girls World Championship in 1997.

Becky was diagnosed with lupus and was very ill. Incredibly, her health completely turned around. She was able to finish second in the 1998 World Tournament.

Poor weather held down attendance at Jerry's recognition Sunday. The following Saturday and invitational tournament in honor of Bob Shaw's 65th birthday was held in Enid.

Special Olympic officials plan to add horseshoe pitching to their competition in 1999. These Oklahoma officials and prospective horseshoe coaches met in Stillwater in November. Bob Reese of Ada was contacted to introduce the horseshoe pitching game to the Special Olympics personnel.

OREGON

A final word from Elmer Otnes: "This will be my last message in the *Ringer Review* newsletter as your President. It has been a real pleasure serving the OHPA for the past 25 years. I wish to thank all of the officers and appointees who have worked with me. The encouragement and advice from national officers was also very helpful."

Giving all the pitchers a head start is the *Ringer Review* which listed the 1999 beginning averages. Maybe you can win the Most Improved Award—practice, practice, practice.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Most people would be satisfied just to win a tournament once in a while, but few have the opportunity to do what A.J. Nave accomplished last summer. A.J. traveled to Marion, North Carolina to pitch in a 10 a.m. event winning the championship class in a playoff.

He then stopped in Clover, SC on the way home to Greenville for a 5 p.m. scheduled tournament. He again won the Championship class with a 69.2 ringer percentage. 14 games in two locations and a couple trophies would be quite a feat for anyone, but just realize that A.J. is doing this at the age of 71 years young.

Pitching in both locations were Rick Scheer and Fred Nilsson of Sherrills Ford, NC and Stan Posey from Easley. Scheer pitched a personal best of 50.5% in his 2nd tournament of the day to win the Class B title.

According to the SCHPA *Court Chatter* newsletter, Nave won the Maroon and White Tournament in Lockhart, the Red Caly Open in York, the Sun Open in Greenville on two occasions, and the Cougar Open in York. Maybe we'll see him at the World in Greenville, Ohio this year.

TENNESSEE

Every November for a few years now, the Nashville Club (really located in Joelton) hosts a high caliber tournament called the November Music City Team Tournament. This year the tournament accommodated 72 pitchers, four classes of six teams each, three players per team.

The main event included 1998 World Champions Alan Francis (Men), Becky Kemper (Women), John Brown (Senior Men), and Bob Logan (Elder Men). Class A was won by the

Kentucky team of Sue Snyder, Lois Webster and Bobby Brooks.

Highlight of the event was a perfect 40 ringer game by Webster, the star of the finals when she made easy work against Cliff Baker of Illinois.

Melvin Cooper of Signal Mountain and Frank Jones from LaFollette are the newest members of the THPA Hall of Fame. Cooper was also the 1998 Horseshoe Pitcher of the Year. He won the title with 230 total points. The plaque and framed certificate were presented by Jack Freeman, and in his remarks he thanked Cooper for his participation in tournaments and for helping run tournaments. His 1999 member-

ship will be paid by the THPA.

Cooper, Jones and Dexter Stallings were re-elected to their offices of first and third Vice Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

WASHINGTON

The 34th Annual Winetrouth Winter Classic Series will be well on the way (Jan. 16-March 27) when our loyal subscribers read this issue of *Newsline*.

This series of six tournaments was started by Francis "Winnie" Winetrouth in 1966. They serve a dual purpose—to encourage early renewal of state and national memberships and to give those who are hardy enough to brave rain, wind, sleet and snow, a way to keep your pitching skills at a competitive level on a year-round basis.

Winnie furnished the class trophies for the first series as well as those for the greatest percent improvement and for mileage traveled. He continues to award the last two trophies as well as monetary awards.

There are 28 pitchers in the state with averages of 50% or better. The Top Ten are—Jack Moore 70.5, Arnie Coleman 69.4, Herb Criss 67.2, John Reedy 64.1, Art Sperber 63.5, Stan Speers 63.19, Bob Cook 62.3, Elton Richardson 60.0, Peter Clark 59.8, and Joe Wolf 58.3.

WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Horseshoe newsletter has changed its format under editor Jim Haupt. The latest publication includes an excellent story about Ralph Dykes, former NHPA and Illinois President, who passed away in Florida December 8, 1998 at age 85.

Three full pages are devoted to the final 1998 percentages for all pitchers in the state association. Listed in alphabetical order, it was impossible to separate the Open Men, Seniors or Elders, but here are the Top Ten horseshoe pitchers in the state:

Clayton Gage 80.6, Gert Wilcziek 75.8, Ralph Maylahn 74.9, Lorraine Sternberg 74.2, Randy Rein 73.4, Don Kangas 69.8, John Udelhofen 69.7, Edie McKinney 68.0, Dustin Dahl 67.6, Darrent Dahl, 66.3.

The state officers made a move to send a copy of their 16-page January/February newsletter, which sells for \$8 a year for eight issues, to every member of the association. It was a great move.



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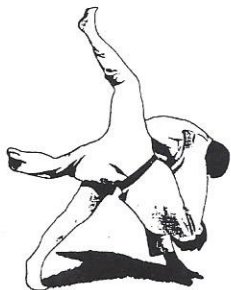
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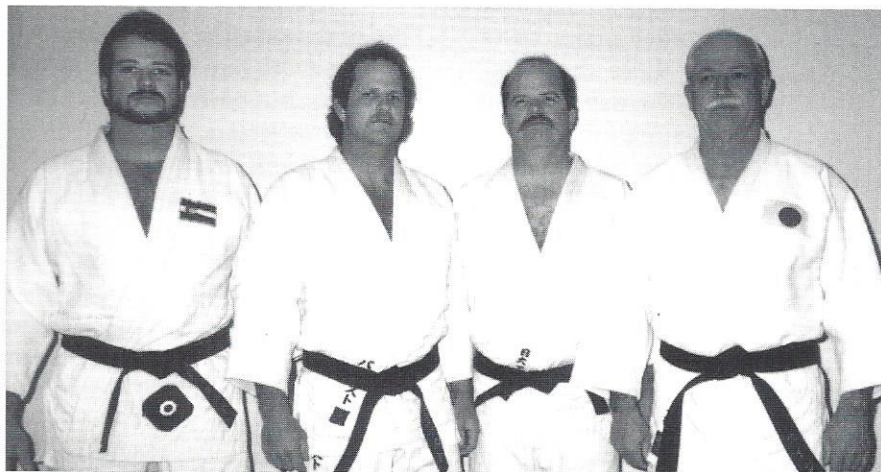
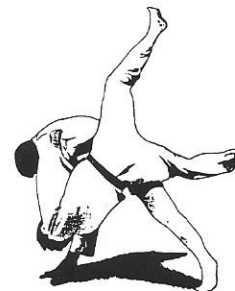
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Allen Baptist

by Bob Champion



The Baptist Judo family includes (l-r) Robin, 2nd degree black belt; Rodney, 3rd degree black belt; Allen, 3rd degree black belt; and father Page, a 5th degree black belt.

Allen Baptist, a third degree black belt in Judo, who is Secretary of the 500 member Colorado charter and NHPA Regional Director for the state, is a member of the only family in the United States to have four black belts in Judo.

The quartet includes Page Baptist, a 5th degree black belt, and father of the other three members of this select group including sons Rodney, a 3rd degree black belt and Robin, a 2nd degree black belt. In Judo a 9th or 10th black belt is a rarity.

Allen Baptist started in the sport of Judo when he was nine years old. Judo became a passion for him over the years and he worked up from white belt to his black belt when he was 18. He had some expert instruction from his father who is still coaching at the Northglenn Judo Club. To start his interest in this type sport, Allen lettered three years in wrestling at Fairview high in Boulder, Colorado.

Allen won numerous local Judo events and competed in many National and International tournaments. In 1976, he trained in Japan at the Judo University in Tokyo. He was training for the 1976 Olympic trials for the United States when unfortunately, injuries began to take their toll and his back was getting worse all the time, in addition to about a dozen other parts of his body.

Judo is a very physical sport which includes throws, hold downs, chokes and arm bars. In 1980 he was forced to retire from the sport that he competed in most of his life. However, Judo not only has helped him physically, but mentally in all aspects of life. After he retired from Judo activities, he wanted to find some competition that was not hard on his body. His stepfather, Bill Ostrom from Boulder told him about pitching horseshoes in a league. Bill emphasized that it didn't matter how good you are at the start, because it was a handicapped league.

Allen gave it a try since he wanted competition and after he pitched his first ringer in qualifying, he nailed a 7% ringer figure. He was "hooked."

Since then he has been trying to improve every year and attends as many tournaments as possible and has visited 14 states and Canada to pitch. He even went so far as to include an indoor court in his home in Eagle in 1991 with a regulation clay court costing \$14,000, complete with carpet and murals on the walls. To say the least, Allen is the most popular pitcher in Eagle, and it has been known that sometimes 20 people show up for a session during the winter months. Takes a little time to make the rounds, but who cares?

Allen likes the sport so much now that he is getting involved in the ser-

vice and political aspect of the sport. In 1997 he ran, unsuccessfully, for the NHPA 1st Vice President's office, which was a great experience for him. He has pitched in the last ten World Tournaments.

At the last Judo tournament in Northglenn, Allen attended as a special guest with his family, and he overheard a person remark that Judo people are the best people they know. Well, Allen feels the same way about horseshoe people and that's why he has been involved in the sport for the past 14 years. In fact, someday he will retire from his position as general manager of the Edwards (CO) Building Center 23 years and then horseshoes will become a full-time activity.

This 42-year old athlete is a family man whose family supports him completely in his horseshoe activities. They include wife Becky, son Nathan and daughter Allison. Both of the children carry on the athletic tradition. They have been active in Karate.

Here is Colorado the pitchers who compete in leagues, weekend and state tournaments find that the guy from Eagle is one of the top promoters for horseshoes. His enthusiasm is contagious, even to those who have helped carry the load for Colorado horseshoes the past two decades. We all need to give thanks to people like Allen Baptist.

THE HORSESHOE TRADER

A Bit About the Rare Ones

by Bob Dunn

Several articles in this series have profiled major horseshoe manufacturers and especially those that made multiple models of pitching shoes. There is the other end of the spectrum, which too is interesting—the smaller or short-lived companies that made just a single model—the rare ones.

The first uncommon shoe that always comes to mind, is the **Lucky Ringer**. What a fabulous name for a horseshoe. None are known to be in collection, including our NHPA archives. In fact, I have never talked to anyone who has claimed to see one, let alone heard of the shoe. The shoe is authentic, for a 1922 *Horseshoe World* contained an advertisement by the Lucky Shoe Horseshoe Company of St. Louis, MO. There were only three known commercial manufacturers of pitching shoes in 1922—National Standard, Ohio and Lucky Ringers. In a 1972 MGSHPA *Ringer Digest* interview with Clint Lofgren, one of the founding members of the famed Minneapolis Horseshoe Club, he spoke of pitching Lucky Ringers as a youth. In fact, he pitched Lucky Ringers in winning the University of Minnesota horseshoe pitching championship in 1926. This, too, has been researched, and indeed, from 1924-1932, there were student horseshoe leagues on the U of M campus. It sure would be great if someone out there had a pair of these historic shoes and would let us know.

Another rare shoe was designed and patented in 1933 by W.J. Steinbreder of St. Louis, MO. There are now three of these unique hookless shoes in collection, one being in our NHPA collection. This shoe is novel for being brandless and being one of only three shoes that displayed its patent number. The National Standard and Mossman being the other two. The **Steinbreder** shoe is also unique for the toe calk is not a shaped piece of the shoe, but is a separate piece riveted into place. Steinbreder was a bit slow on the draw, for his design and patent for a hookless shoe came two years after several big producers were selling the tournament or hooked-style shoe, making the market for a newly improved hookless shoe a bit obsolete. Sales probably were not good, which could explain why few Steinbreder shoes are now found.

The **Smith Stay-On** is another patented shoe that has avoided the searchful eyes of serious shoe collectors. The patent by J.B. Smith of LaGrande, Oregon, was granted April 17, 1934 and the shoe advertised as early as January of 1932 in the *Western States Horseshoe Pitchers Journal*. This shoe was one of the first to feature a full-sized hook and a large inverted ringer break. It is unknown if these shoes were ever on the market or actually used by pitchers. One thing is for sure, none are showing up in collections.

Even though the **Mossman** has been mentioned a num-

ber of times before, this shoe must always be included when talking about rare ones. The Mossman shoe is more historic than rare, but nevertheless, is probably the most sought after shoe by collectors. About one in five collections boast a pair of Mossmans, and two pair are included in our NHPA collection. Putt Mossman, a former World Champion, received a patent in 1928 for his design of the first pitching shoe with hooks. The distinctive hooks were more of a button than a hook, but nevertheless began the most major of change in pitching shoe design. The Mossman was first available for sale at the 1927 World Tournament. One of the initial buyers was C.C. Davis, who went on to win that World championship with them.

The Indiana Forge & Machine Company of Indiana Harbor, Indiana, produced pitching shoes in the early 1930s. At that time, the shoes were a hookless model with the brand name, rather logical, **Indiana** pitching shoes. A full-page ad appeared in the January 1931 issue of *Horseshoe World*. It is not known just how long this brand was manufactured, but about seven or eight years ago I noticed a pitcher using a pair of Indiana picnic shoes in a local tournament. He wouldn't sell or trade them. I have not seen another Indiana shoe since, let alone a hookless model. This brand should not be so rare, but they certainly are elusive, as none are reported in the collection.

One shoe design that was advanced for its era, was the **Isaacs Air-Flow**. This air resistant shoe design by Wm. D. Frazier of Hamilton, Ohio, received a patent in May, 1937. The shoe was first advertised in *Horseshoe World* in 1935 by W.L. Isaacs. The truly aerodynamic style might have suggested that this shoe should have been a big seller, but that must not be the case, for no Isaacs Air-Flows are reported in collection.

A real mystery still continues in the search of the **United Engineering Company** of Louisville, Kentucky, which is listed in manufacturing directories from 1931 through 1938, as producer of pitching shoes. No shoe has turned up bearing this company's name or any ad that makes any link to this manufacturer. Someday information will turn up, but in the meantime, anyone in the Louisville area with any knowledge of this shoe would certainly be helpful by providing that information.

Other than a pair of C.C. Davis' shoes in our NHPA collection, there are no others reported. C.C. Davis was one of several former World champions who got involved in shoe design and shoe production and promotion. The hook style shoe was first introduced in 1933, being produced in Kansas, MO.

There are many shoes to be described as the rare ones, more than we ever imagine. One more has to be included in

this article and others can be covered in the next issue. The Warren shoe has been mentioned before, in fact, a 1924 ad was featured. Horseshoe pitchers living in the Warren, Ohio area were rather surprised, for they had no idea that their hometown had long ago produced a hookless pitching shoe. An energetic search took place for some of the old treasures or any related information. So far, no shoes or information has turned up and no Warren shoes are reported in collection.

TRADER JOTTINGS

■ There are many old shoes hanging around in strange places and old sheds. Some of these shoes may fit well in our NHPA collection or possibly could be made available to our antique shoe collectors. If you have some old shoes and wish to part with them, please get in touch. If you have some old shoes and can't identify them, and wish to just ask some questions, feel free to get in touch.

■ There are other horseshoe items that would display well in our NHPA Hall of Fame archives: Old style horseshoe boxes show up now and then. The initial boxes were long and the shoes lay side by side with a pair of stakes also included. Early-day advertising brochures also are great collectibles. Generally these brochures were included with the sale of a pair or set of horseshoes. These little booklets contain a lot of helpful information in learning more about old shoes and usually are dated. Please get in touch if you can make a donation to our archives.

THE THRILL OF THE HUNT

by Bob Dunn

*The other day while snooping through an antique shop,
I found a pile of horseshoes—bought the whole darn lot.
Of the bunch there was one I'd never seen,
Couldn't wait to get home to get it clean.
This hookless shoe was not forged, it was not cast,
It appeared to be homemade by a blacksmith past.
This shoe was as unusual as I had ever found,
The toe calk was riveted, the heels just bent around.
But lo and behold, a stamped in patent number,
A trip to the library would solve my wonder.
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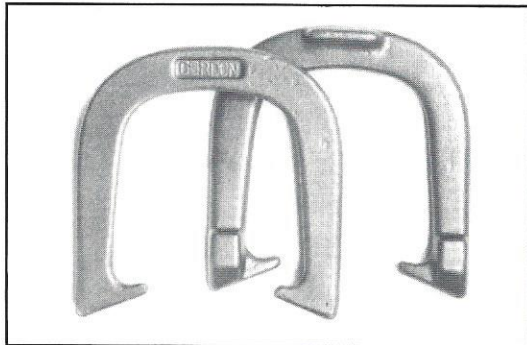
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Misc. Sales, Dues and Income	94
Bank Checking & Money Mkt. Income	2,029
Total Income	\$55,370

Expenditures

Newsline Printing and Mailing	\$ 5,249
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Sanctioned League Office, Supplies, Phone	564
Sanctioned League Director Allowance	462

Sanctioned League Junior Scholar Trusts	900
Hall of Fame Expenses, Awards, Supplies	144
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Anne Marie MacIntyre

All-Ways Pitching In

by Ed Quigley

Anne Marie MacIntyre, although not a pitcher, is an enthusiastic and hard working supporter of horseshoe pitching. She is an 11 year member of the New Jersey State Horseshoe Pitchers Association. She served as 3rd VP of the Association from 1992-1997. She has been the creative editor and publisher of the NJSHPA newsletter *Jersey's Jargon* since 1990.

Anne Marie is also a skillful computer person and those skills have served to speed up results at state championships. The results are then faxed to several newspapers each night. This activity eventually led to horseshoes being on ABC-TV. In 1997, she brought NJ horseshoes to the internet, with its own website which she continues to maintain.

Anne Marie is a tournament director on a regular basis. In addition, she

often volunteers to run tournaments so that the scheduled TD can pitch.

In addition to being a staunch supporter of horseshoes, Anne Marie MacIntyre is a lifelong fan (since age 8) of performer Robert Goulet. These two interests came together in 1998 with the "Bobs' 65th" tournament on July 26, 1998. Below is the story, in Anne Marie's own words.

Anne Marie, and friend Janet Vogel, hit the road to deliver goodie bags to Robert and Vera Goulet. (Robert was appearing in a tour of Camelot in Atlanta, GA the week of August 18.) The trip, which had been mapped at 830 miles each way, ended up with a total of over 2,300 miles logged. Frequent detours for *shopping*, sightseeing and casino stops were the culprits. Pigeon Forge, TN, near Gatlinburg and the Great Smokey Mtn. National Park,

struck them both as a great possible site for a future World Tournament. Lots of attractions, hotels, great scenery and *shopping!* (Notice a theme here?) Might bear looking into.

The show, at Atlanta's Fox Theater, was, of course, wonderful. They attended the show on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. During a brief visit backstage on Wednesday, Anne Marie was able to deliver the party bags, in person, to Robert Goulet and his son Michael. Robert's wife Vera, was, unfortunately, not at the theater that night. The tour continued to Memphis, Detroit, Augusta, St. Petersburg, Boston and Philadelphia. Don't miss the opportunity to see it this year, if possible. If you should be so lucky as to chat with Robert after the show, don't forget to tell him you heard about the show through the NHPA!!

This tournament sported a "birthday theme, celebrating the 65th birthday of singer/actor/entertainer Robert Goulet, later in the year (on November 26, 1998). There were special W/L sheets, scoresheets and round robin cards personalized for the day.

Thirty entrants from throughout the state met in competition for prize money totaling over \$700. (All entry fees were returned as prizes and were supplemented by tournament sponsor Anne Marie MacIntyre.) Five pitchers from the 1997 Championship Class, including 8-time state champ Joe McCrink, were entered. There was also one Junior pitching in the Open classes. (Entry fee was \$15, unless your name included a "Bob." The five "Bobs" paid a reduced entry fee.)

Two 8-man classes got things underway at 9 a.m. In Class C, Kevin Wolfenden was victorious with a 6-1 record and averaging 27.9%. As prize money was distributed, it turned out that it pays not to leave the courts too soon. There were unadvertised bonus prizes for high game over entry aver-

age, and high average over entry average. But only if you were present. Poor Larry Murphy (+26). He left while final statistics were still being calculated. Lucky Kevin W. He would up with the bonus for HGOA (+14.3). HAOA went to 8th seed Bob Wright, who pitched 7% over his entry average.

In Class D it was 7th seed Troy Testa who dominated. Troy had a great tournament, a 6-1 record, and 19% average for a first place finish. Troy pitched 6% above his entry average, for the bonus, and he scored again with HGOA (+10).

Between the morning and afternoon sessions it was "party time." The juice, soft drinks, chips and dip set out earlier were joined by fresh fruit, veggie tray, strawberries, cream puffs, cookies, and two cakes. The boom box, positioned next to a large poster of the entertainer, played nothing but Robert Goulet music all day—what else?

In the afternoon, it was time for Classes A & B. In the six-man Class B, it was once again a 6-1 record that won the day. This time for Joe Hubert,

who pitched 39.2% and received HAOA (+4.6). High game over average went to Andy Waisempacher at +25, with a 59.4%!

For Class A it was Joe McCrink, with the only undefeated record of the day. Joe pitched 78.3% for a 7-0 record. In second place was Bob Brown, who received another of the unadvertised bonuses. Bob had a game of exactly 65%, with 65, of course, being the magic number for the day. HGOA (+19) and HAOA (+2.48) both went to NJSHPA president, Larry Thomason. The last of the bonuses went to 3rd place Bob Manzoni, who scored the most points (15) against Joe McCrink.

None of the entrants went away empty-handed. Like any good birthday party, this even had goodie bags. Everyone received candy, a "Happy Birthday Robert Goulet" pencil and specially wrapped chocolate bar. There were even t-shirts to commemorate the event. All participants seemed to have a great time and many inquired about the possibility of future "BOB" events. *Anne Marie MacIntyre*

1999 World Tournament Prize List

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1	\$3,200	\$1,500	\$600	\$600	\$300	\$300	\$300
2	2,135	1,000	400	400	200	200	200
3	1,600	750	300	300	150	150	150
4	1,200	600	280	270	110	120	130
5	1,000	500	260	230	100	110	120
6	800	400	240	200	\$860	100	110
7	650	350	220	\$2,000		\$980	\$100
8	550	320	200				\$1,110
9	450	300	\$2,500				
10	400	280					
11	380	260					
12	360	240					
13	340	\$6,500					
14	320						
15	300						
16	280						
17	270						
18	260						
19	255						
20	250						
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All finalists in Championship Adult Divisions will pay additional \$50 fee.
 Juniors in Championship Divisions will have winnings deposited to a Trust Fund.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

19-24 Mesquite Canyon Lands—Mesquite, NV. Format similar to Las Vegas Open, mixed handicap, 12 player groups in class of 24. Pitch 2 days, 40 shoe games on 24 newly constructed courts next to Mesquite Star Hotel. Maximum signup of 432 entries will payback a total of \$27,000 across 18 classes, \$1500 per class, paid down to 10th place. Classes M-R pitch Mon/Tue, Classes G-L pitch Wed/Thur and classes A-F pitch Fri/Sat. Awards final night of each class. Entry fee \$60, deadline March 15th payable to DGR Horseshoes, PO Box 1930 Mesquite, NV 89024. For info phone Don Weaver 702-736-7348 or Gary Wilson 520-347-6029.

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.

14-16 Team World—Beloit, WI, Edwards Activity & Sport Center. 4 person team, adults only, must represent your State or Province. Maximum two short distance pitchers per team. Prize money \$3,000+. Entry fee \$200 per team must be received with team roster by April 10. Send to Earl Paulson, 7105 So. County Rd. H, Beloit, WI 53511. Phone 608-879-2304.

29-30 Music City Team Tournament—Joelton, TN. Up to 48 teams of 3 players, each team capped at 150 percentage points based on April 1 NatStat average. Entry fee \$105 per team, total payback of \$5,000 based on 48 teams. This is adult only event. However, a separate junior Team event will be scheduled on same days if sufficient interest and entries develop. Junior fees \$30 per team, prizes trophies only. All team entries and fees must be received by April 15th. Mail to Mary C. Bastian, 3730 Old Charlotte Pike, Franklin, TN 37069. 615-794-5620

29-31 18th Annual Head-of-the-Mon-River—Fairmont, WV. Max 150 entries will bring purse of \$5,000+. Registration \$25 adults, \$5 juniors, additional fee for Class A. Separate Men, Women, Elders, Sr. Men and mixed Jr. Divisions. Entry & fees must be postmarked by May 10 and sent to: Tri-County Horseshoe Club, 1133 Sunset Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554. Phone Bev or Catfish at 304-366-3819 or 304-282-4062.

JULY 1999

10-11 Danville Open—Douglas Park, Danville, IL. Over \$1,000 added to entry fees plus free monogrammed towel to all pitchers. High % game award in each class. Total \$2,700 purse based on 96 entries. Pre-register by July 2nd. Entry fee \$16 includes scorekeeping. Checks payable to Danville H.C., mail to Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Dr., Danville, IL 61832. 217-443-5818 or Martin Drummond, 765-793-4075.

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.

AUGUST 1999

16 Midwest Senior Classic—Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA. Mixed play Men and Women age 60 and over grouped by NatStat average. \$2,000 prize money based on 60 entries. Send for flyer/entry form to LeRoy Law 1788 N.W.104th St., Clive, IA 50325

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THE TOLL OF TIME

JOE ANZALDI

Dec. 6, 1930-Jan. 1, 1999

Minnesota lost one of its all-time great players as Joe Anzaldi passed away on January 1st at the age of 68. Joe joined the NHPA as he began his formal pitching career in 1954. At the 1961 Minnesota State Tournament, he qualified for the Men's Championship Class and did so thereafter for 27 years. While never claiming the championship, he proved to be the equal of any pitcher there during the most competitive era of the MGSHPA history.

Joe was a resident of St. Paul and won the Senior Men's State Championship in 1996. He created and implemented the MGSHPA Hall of Fame in 1969 and served as NHPA Regional Director 1963-1965. Joe designed the state association's first patch and was inducted into the MGSHPA Hall of Fame in 1976

LAWRENCE E. DEVOLL

Lawrence E. Devoll, 60 of Chandlersville, Ohio passed away December 10 following an automobile accident. Larry was a member of the Try County Horseshoe Pitchers Association. He will be greatly missed. Larry was a very special man who touched many lives.

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Didn't mind losing, but loved to win.
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You'd do it for me, and I will for you,
Carry on for our team and the game of Horseshoe.
So, Larry, though you're not here today,
Please know you're missed and loved in every way.*

Written by Bev "Monster" Hittle

JESSIE C. GRIM

Jessie C. Grim of Middleton, Virginia, died at his home on December 5, 1998 at the age of 89. He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie in 1994. Jessie was an active pitcher in the state and held the honor of being the first lifetime member of the Winchester Horseshoe Club. He had been a member of that club since 1969. Jessie held the positions of 3rd state Vice President and Regional Director for a number of years and was inducted into the Virginia HPA Hall of Fame in 1977.

FLOYD EUGENE HIX III

The State of Virginia and many horseshoe pitchers throughout the NHPA mourn the untimely death of young Floyd Eugene Hix III who died on December 30th at the age of 26. Eugene, a resident of Ruther Glen, was employed as a machinist, working for his father at the Ashland Machine Company. He had pitched at many World Tournaments along with other family members who made up the largest horseshoe pitching family in the NHPA. Eugene is survived by his wife Becky, his daughter Jami, parents Floyd and Ruth, five sisters and two brothers.

WALT HOOLEY

New York horseshoe pitchers mourn the loss of Walt Hooley who died on December 31, 1998 while visiting his son in Colorado. Walt was 79 years old. He had been a member of the NHPA since 1968 and was inducted into the New York State Hall of Fame in 1986. During his thirty year involvement with horseshoes, he was active in the Peekskill Horseshoe Club, the Westchester Association and the New Rochelle Club. Walt served as Vice President and President of the Westchester County Association and from 1973 until 1980, he held the same offices at the state level. He also was the assistant regional director for the southern New York State region for eight years and was a member of the state Hall of Fame Committee where he served as Chairman for eight years.

ELWOOD JOHNSON

Mar. 12, 1923-Dec. 31, 1998

Minnesota again lost another MGSHPA Hall of Fame pitcher with the death of Elwood Johnson on the last day of the year 1998. Recognized throughout the NHPA as competitive pitcher at several World Tournaments, Elwood qualified for the Championship Class of the State Tournament four times plus twice more in the Senior Division.

A resident of Elmore, Minnesota, the highlight of his pitching career was winning the 1987 World Intermediate Men's Championship in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Elwood was inducted into the MGSHPA Hall of Fame in 1997.

ROBERT L. PETERSON

Jan. 15, 1929-Jan. 25, 1999

With the sudden passing of Bob Peterson, 70, of East Conrad, MT, family members, friends, the communities of Conrad and Brady, MT, along with a great many friendly horseshoe foes in Central Montana, were saddened to lose a great competitor...in life as well as in horseshoes and other sports. Bob died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Yuma, Arizona in January 1999.

One might assume that along with the company of his wife, La Nelle, in Yuma where he wintered, he was sharpening his horseshoe skills to continue the competitive nature he showed while competing in several tournaments in MT. He thrived on them and the Great Falls Horseshoe League competition through the summer.

He will be missed by all who knew him, and surely will be called upon to steer a little divine guidance to those he left behind...in life and on the horseshoe courts. He is survived by his wife La Nelle, and four children, a brother and two sisters.

Thanks Bob, and prepare those courts in the sky.

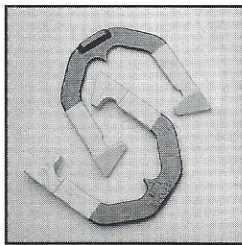
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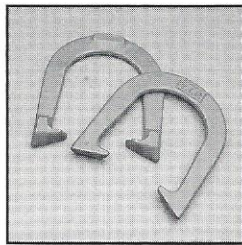
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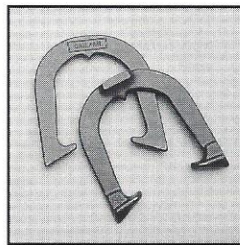
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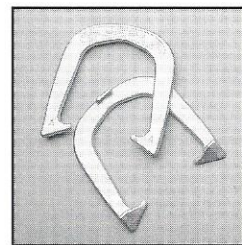
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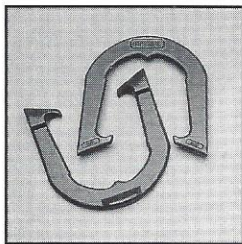
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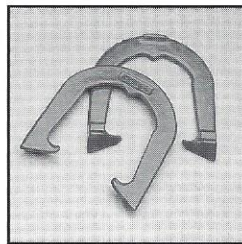
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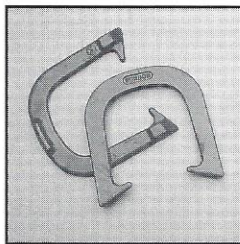
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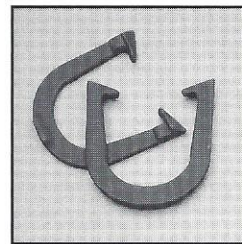
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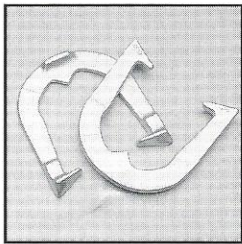
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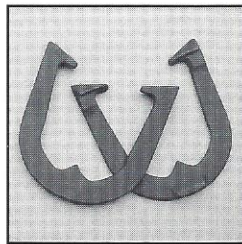
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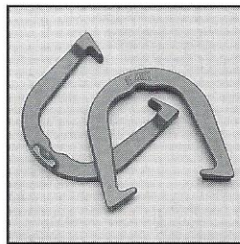
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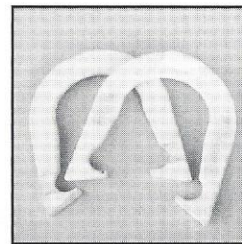
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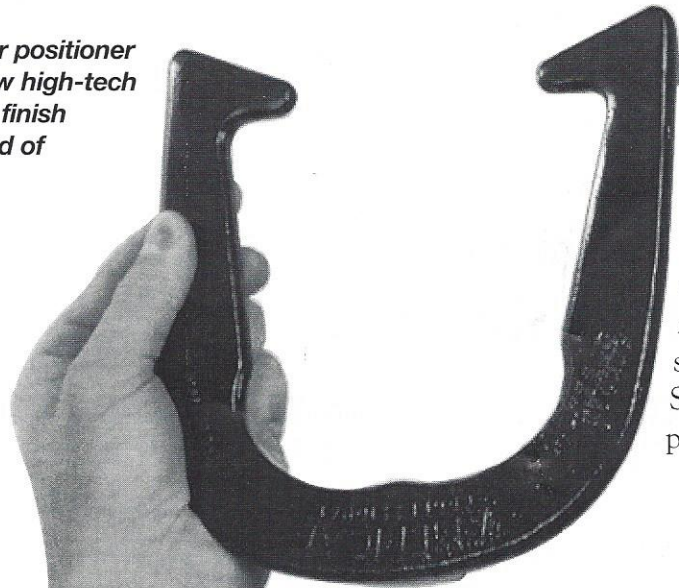
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