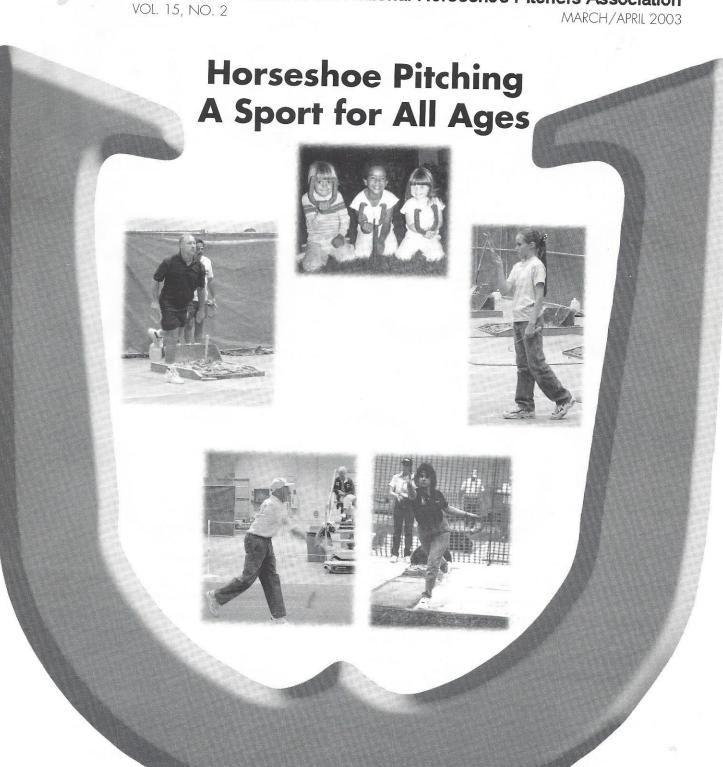
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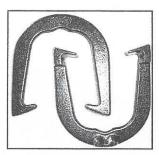
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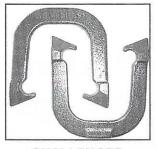


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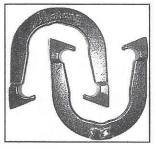
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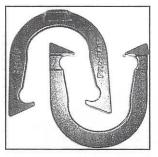
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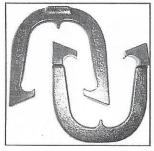
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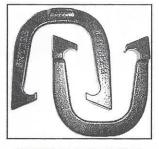
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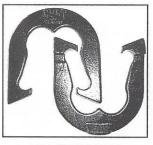
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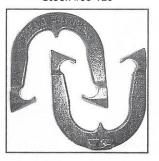
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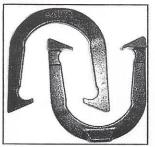
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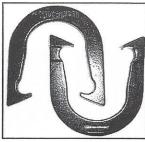
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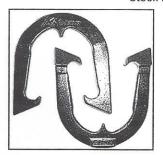
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PRESIDENT'SMESSAGE by Dave Loucks

The 2002 year-end membership report by secretary, Dick Hansen, came with some welcome news. For the first year in many, adult membership stopped declining. In fact, at 12,566, it was up slightly over 2001 but so slight that we can say it has stayed level for the last two years. Hopefully, we have seen an end to a ten-year slide that saw membership declining at an average of about 200 per year from a high of 14,844 in 1991. Maintaining a steady or growing membership is a goal of any organization but it is not easy as Promotion Director Casey Sluys pointed out in his last Newsline article. It takes a devoted and serious effort at the club and league level to attract new members or to bring back pitchers who have dropped aside. The NHPA Executive Council realizes that those efforts may incur some cost in addition to time. Therefore, at our recent winter meeting, we discussed and approved a trial program that will financially assist those charters that make a concerned effort to attract new members.

The NHPA is starting a co-op advertising program that can reimburse charters up to 75% of their out of pocket cost for ads and promotion efforts aimed solely at bringing in new members. There are limitations and guidelines of course and these will be better defined in later issues of this magazine and on the NHPA website. Basically, the NHPA will reimburse 75% of the cost of an Ad up to a maximum of \$2.00 per the charter's previous year-end adult membership. The charter can advertise in Newspaper, magazine, radio, TV, classified and yellow pages. The thrust of the promotion must be an attempt to attract new members to the charter. Individual clubs could do this but they must coordinate with the charter so two or more clubs don't vie for the same money. Upon presentation to and approval by the NHPA 2nd VP of ad tear sheets, radio or TV announcement proofs, along with the total bill that has been prepaid, the NHPA will reimburse 75% of the cost up to the \$2.00 per member maximum. This is a trial program for at least this year. We will evaluate its effectiveness by reports from the 2nd Vice-President and the 2003 ending membership report.

DAVE'SCOURT REPORT by Dave Loucks

Eau Claire W.T.

The entry form and prize list for this year's World can be found in this issue. We will have only 48 courts indoors and with an expected large turnout that could mean 5 pitching shifts a day. The Championship Men and Women groups have been enlarged to 24 pitchers with the 16 high entering percentages getting a direct seed to the championship. The remaining 8 spots will be filled by the best percentages from class play. Other championship divisions will remain the same size as last year though we will seed directly to the championship, the top 8 entering averages in both the Elders and Senior Men Divisions. Senior Women, which had their own five classes last year, may be seeded back among the open women if their entry level does not increase.

National Sanctioned League Team Tournament Approved

The Executive Council discussed a member proposed National Tournament for Sanctioned League Clubs to be held in Joelton on weekends running from the 2nd weekend in November through the end of January. While the idea was supported, the time frame was considered too long and scheduling cumbersome due to three holiday weekends and four Tennessee tournaments scheduled for the courts. Thus, we approved a Sanctioned League Team

Tournament to be held over two consecutive weekends in November, the 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd. The event will be limited to a maximum of 48 three-person teams with no more than 24 playing each weekend. It will be a handicap event in which your players will compete against all three members of five other teams (assuming groups of six) over one weekend. The event will be somewhat similar to the Music City Team Tournament in format except that handicap and count-all scoring will be used. Further details will come later from 3rd VP Lorraine Sternberg who will be one of the coordinators of this event.

Projecting Championship Standings

For years, the NHPA had used several large pegboards with names & win-loss records for the Division Championship Finals at world tournaments. These leader boards were cumbersome, difficult to transport and set-up and a pain to use. In Red Deer, we decided to rent a special projector to display on the wall; blown-up game-by-game standings that were computer generated after the scores were turned in. The concept proved to be much easier to handle and extremely favorable with the players and spectators. As such, we will continue the process this and future years using a new laptop and projector the NHPA Council approved to purchase for the purpose.

One Man's Special Contribution

The NHPF indeed appreciates all the contributions received from members. But once in a while we receive something special, something out of the ordinary that really comes from the heart. Such a gift and letter came to me about Christmas time. I'd like to share with you that short letter.

"Dear Dave,

2002 has been one of those special years on the courts. A perfect game, a 3-peat at the Flemington Open, a record performance as NJ State Elder Champ and induction into the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

I can't give any of the above to the NHPF but I can donate my 2002 tournament winnings, \$730.00. Enclosed is a check in that amount.

Wishoe The Best,

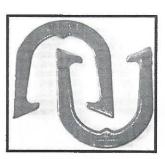
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For those of you who might not recognize the sender, let me introduce you to Edward Quigley, NHPA Regional Director for New Jersey and the 2nd Vice President of the NJSHPA. Ed, the NHPA and NHPF sincerely appreciate your continued work and support of organized horseshoe pitching. We hope that 2003 brings you an equal amount of success and that some of your work ethic and generosity brushes off onto others.

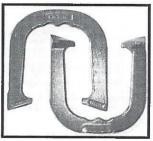








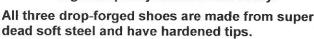
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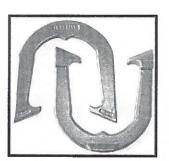


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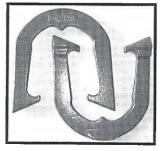
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NHPFNEWS & CONTRIBUTION UPDATE by Dave Loucks

Many thanks to the members who opened up their hearts and wallets to the NHPF during the Holiday Season. Close to thirty members sent in contributions between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Among them were gifts exceeding \$400 from the Colorado HPA, Laymon Gullett, G.H. Harris, Casey & Gail Sluys and Ed Quigley. Those, along with the NHPA donation of \$1.00 per member gave the NHPF a nice starting deposit of \$15,867 for the year 2003.

While just under \$3,500 of this came from individual members, it would wonderful if this amount from the members continued for each month. Annually, it would be a big improvement over what we have been receiving. A recent NHPA membership survey indicated that the average member is not very likely to be well informed about the NHPF. That fact is disappointing but not surprising. Two years ago the NHPF did a mailing to all NHPA households. Included was a professionally done 4-color information pamphlet about the NHPF. In every issue, this special column devoted to the NHPF appears in Newsline. Beyond that, several charter newsletters say something about the NHPF in their issues. Unfortunately, less than 30% of NHPA households subscribe to Newsline and nearly every charter has an annual membership turnover of 10-15%. That means a high percentage of our current membership is probably not well informed about the NHPF. Some may never had heard about it.

Somewhere in the not too distant future, the NHPF will most likely do another mass mailing. The first mailing cost over \$6,500 for printing and postage, so that can be considered a significant amount for a charity that has averaged just \$27,500 in direct member contributions over the last 5 years. Fortunately, the NHPA treasury makes some membership approved donations. There is also some monthly account interest and annual court fees in Joelton. Altogether, total NHPF income has averaged \$41,113 for the past 5 years. That's only about half of the projected annual operating expense expected when Dr. Freeman turns over indoor courts and land later this year.

When that happens, the NHPF will have to take full operation and financial responsibility for land and improvements appraised at nearly \$1,000,000.

If you have not donated before, please consider sending a contribution to the NHPF now. You'll be helping a wonderful cause for the sport you love and your gift is tax-deductible. If you've already donated, please don't stop but pledge to send semi-annual or monthly contributions. Your support is needed and appreciated. A letter will acknowledge any contribution of \$10.00 or more. Your tax-deductible contribution to the "NHPF" can be mailed to either 6233 Woodman Dr., Oroville, CA 95966 or PO Box 159027, Nashville, TN 37215.

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NHPA MMA Interest \$631 NHPA \$1.00 per 2002 adult member, \$12,566

Total contributions deposited this reporting period, \$17,062 Total NHPA deposits to date, \$225,865.93

How your state ranks

in number and dollars contributed

- 1. Tennessee, 45 for \$19,937
- 2. California, 147 for \$14,409
- 3. Minnesota, 150 for \$8,629
- 4. North Carolina, 77 for \$7,483
- 5. Oregon, 53 for \$7,260
- 6. Missouri, 70 for \$6,357
- 7. Georgia, 17 for \$6,140
- 8. Michigan, 81 for \$6,055
- 9. Wisconsin, 76 for \$5,578
- 10. Colorado, 46 for \$5,048
- 11. Florida, 56 for \$4,388
- 12. Massachusetts, 9 for \$4,135
- 13. Texas, 32 for \$3,585
- 14. Washington, 43 for \$3,486
- 15. Ohio, 72 for \$3,411
- 16. Pennsylvania, 41 for \$2,884
- 17. New Jersey, 29 for \$2,609
- 18. Illinois, 55 for \$2,465
- 19. Iowa, 27 for \$2,456
- 20. Kentucky, 31 for \$2,305
- 21. Kansas, 26 for \$2,152
- 22. Nebraska, 22 for \$1,968
- 23. New York, 31 for \$1,781
- 24. Indiana, 21 for \$1,603
- 25. Louisiana, 11 for \$1,217
- 26. Nevada, 10 for \$1,015
- 27. Maryland, 26 for \$1,015
- 28. North Dakota, 7 for \$920
- 29. South Carolina, 15 for \$870
- 30. Connecticut, 19 for \$772
- 31. Montana, 7 for \$520
- 32. South Dakota, 13 for \$472
- 33. Oklahoma, 12 for \$458
- 34. Idaho, 10 for \$445
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- 38. Arizona, 7 for \$264
- 39. New Mexico, 4 for \$235
- 40. Arkansas, 5 for \$185
- 41. Wyoming, 3 for \$182
- 42. Hawaii, 3 for \$150
- 43. Utah, 4 for \$130
- 44. Alaska, 1 for \$120
- 45. New Hampshire, 2 for \$105
- 46. Vermont, 3 for \$75
- 47. Maine, 1 for \$25
- 48. Delaware, 1 for \$7
- 49. Mississippi, 1 for \$5



Hello to all,

From The Books Of NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

I just wanted to share an idea that was brought up at our club summit meetings of the past few years. Now is the <u>perfect</u> time to act on this idea.

I am working with Jackie Hughes, MGSHPA Junior Promotions Director, on a project to hold a Horseshoe class for community education in North Branch. It will be a structured class, designed in 2 phases, horseshoe 1 and horseshoe 2. This particular class is aimed at junior pitchers in the area. If all the details can be worked out, the class will start this spring in May. Great work Jackie!!!

Last night I happen to get in the US Mail a brochure for the community education activities in the Rockford area. It was the winter/spring catalog and had a wide variety of activities and sports. In there was a phone number to call if you had any ideas for classes. This is a golden opportunity for a club to hold a 1 or 2 night class on basic horseshoe pitching, open to juniors and adults alike, just prior to the start of their league in the spring. Then you could snag them right into the league from the class. I can assist you with class materials and maybe handouts. What a great way to get new league members eh? I'm sure most towns have these community ed course offerings. So why not contact the leadership of your club to put a course together for your town and get some new blood into your club.

Now's the time to do this!!! Take care all, Jerry Labrosse

NHPA Income And Expenditures December 2002/January 2003

1	December 2002/january 2003	
1	Receipts	
1	Charter Dues	\$18.00
١	Newsline Subscriptions	\$6,155.00
	Newsline Ads	\$1,544.00
ı	Sanction Club/League Patches	\$13.00
1	Membership Dues	\$16,367.00
1	NHPF	\$50.00
1	Firstar Bank Interest Money Mkt	\$344.54
١	Firstar Bank Interest Checking	\$334.46
ı	2004 World Tournament Payment	\$5,000.00
ı	Logo Use Fee	\$200.00
ı	Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$2,600.00
ı	Total	\$32,626.00
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1	Expenditures	
١	Newsline Printing Supplies & Mailing	\$4,609.23
ı	Newsline Publication, Editing, & Miscellaneous	\$912.00
١	Sanction League Postage & Printing	\$141.25
1	Sanction League Patches & Awards	\$1,072.26
ı	Sanction League Office Supplies & Telephone	\$16.63
ı	Sanction League Director Allowance	\$411.00
ı	Regional Director Allowance	\$312.00
1	Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$742.41
1	Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repair	\$205.85
1	Printing , Paper & Office Supplies	\$1,203.93
١	Postages	\$522.71
ı	Officers Telephone	\$382.58
ı	Officers Travel	\$570.25
1	Secretary-treasurer Allowance	\$3,040.00
ı	Presidents Allowance	\$912.00
ı	Vice Presidents Allowance	\$2,280.00
ı	Publicity Promotions & Ads	\$756.00
١	Direct & Indirect NHPF Donations & Support	\$13,247.11
1	Insurance	\$22,280.00
1	Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$73.19
	Refunds	\$18.00
	Natstats	\$912.00
	Internet Access & Web Site	\$1,099.30
1	Total	\$55,719.70

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I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election for the NHPA 5th Vice-President position. Given the opportunity and honor to serve you for another two years as your NHPA 5th Vice President, I can promise continued service and sincerity toward your enjoyment of our NHPA website and the growth of our horseshoe pitching sport.

I believe my horseshoe pitching experience and continued dedication, as an officer will justify your confidence in me. As a candidate for NHPA 5th Vice President, I respectfully ask for your vote.

Thank you, Paul Stewart

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUEREPORT by Lorraine Sternberg

The top-ten list for Sanctioned Leagues is printed in this issue. I would like to congratulate all those who made the list for 2002. As in any other sport, making the top-ten list is quite an honor.

The outstanding pitcher for the Adult National Division was Jim Walters of Ohio, taking first place in three of the four categories. Roger Albright of Missouri took first place in high point over average.

In the Men's 40-ft. distance division, Brian Simmons of Rhode Island captured a first place for high ringer average and high ringer game (97.50%). Richard Pelley of Maine received first in high ringer over average.

For the Men's 30-ft. distance division, Dee Powell received first place for high ringer average while his friend, Don Wild took first place for high ringer game. Both are from Colorado. Richard Roberts took a first place plaque for high ringer over average.

Competing for the top spot in the Women's Division was Gert Wilcziek of Wisconsin and Bev Nathe of Minnesota. Gert took a first in high ringer average. Both Gert and Bev shared first in high ringer game of 90%. Bobbie Richard of Louisiana captured first for high ringer over average.

In the Junior Boy's Division, Lance Huth of Indiana took a first in two of the three categories while Corey Hughes of Minnesota, received a first for high ringer average in both the Boy's and Junior National Division.

In the Girl's Division, there were three different girls receiving a first for each category. Melissa Bigelow of Vermont took high ringer average. Kayla Larson of Minnesota captured first for high ringer game. Sara Besaw of Wisconsin got first place for high ringer over average.

The boys dominated the Junior National Division with Pat Hovda of Minnesota taking first in high point average and high point game. Nicholas Hinman of New York took a first place in high point over average.

At our winter council meeting on January 25th, the council reviewed the list of juniors that were submitted for the NHPA Scholarships. There were a total of fourteen juniors submitted, with three of them being ineligible. There were five juniors selected for a \$200.00 scholarship each.

Those juniors receiving a scholarship and plaque were: Dustin Tanner of Beloit HSC, WI

- Grade point average of 4.00

Kayla Larson of Alexandaria HSC, MN

- Grade point average of 3.976

Ryan Hoverson of Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND

- Grade point average of 3.69

Danny Cunningham of Liberty HSC, MO

- Grade point average of 3.645

Joseph Maestas of Sweetwater County, WY

- Grade point average of 3.642

Juniors receiving Honorable Mention and a certificate and a patch were:

Mark Strand of Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND Neil Tafelmeyer of Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND Alexandra Hagen of Sheyenne Valley Jr. Lg., ND Zachary Hines of Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI Chuck Harper of Close Doesn't Count Jr. Lg., WI Damon Barnhart of Try County HSC, OH

Congratulations to all of these students. If you are in need of information on the NHPA Sanctioned League Junior Scholar Pitcher awards program, you can contact me.

For those of you who will be starting up leagues soon, have a great season.

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PUBLICITY PROMOTION

by Casey Sluys

The dissemination of information is a good thing, but the actual application of this information needs to be done by individuals. We are the people who make up this organization so it is incumbent on us to spread the word. We have plenty of informational products for your use. Take for example the new "Let's Play Horseshoes" video, "The Basics of Horseshoe Pitching" video, "How to Pitch More Ringers" video, the horseshoe clinic material, all these things can be either presented individually or segmented together in a series of classes. These classes can then be presented in conjunction with your local Parks and Recreation Departments. Perhaps you could even ask a local community college or high

school if you could conduct a series of classes for them? They can be fun classes, or they can be serious classes, or a mixture of both. Please see the guideline for a 6-week, once per week, course. Plan on 30-40 minutes of class time and 20-30 minutes of actual 'hands on' pitching.

The included questionnaire is simply another tool that is used to enhance future classes. They are valuable in that they provide good feedback to you and your club. What you choose to include or exclude from this is entirely your prerogative. Questions should have some validity to them in order to make future classes more significant. Encourage all attendees to fill

out these questions, and then be certain to listen to the feedback. Minnesota is doing exactly this for some of their clubs!

CLASS GUIDELINE

Horseshoe Pitching Class at ——(your facility name and address go here)

We will limit the time to one hour per session. Questions can be asked anytime, if you enjoy the pitching you are more than welcome to stay after the hour is up and pitch a few with some of us.

SESSION 1: Introductions, a brief history of horseshoe pitching, safety precautions, general nomenclature of the shoe, various brands of shoes, the various grips, and a walkthrough of the facility or court. (If done at your club, show them the foul lines, stake angle, pit substance, platforms, etc, if a portable pit needs to be set up use the same criteria). We will be handing out a packet of information for you to go over. (Include rules, charter info, the document "How to Pitch Ringers" etc.) In session 4 we will answer questions concerning the information. We will then proceed to the court and practice pitching a few shoes.

SESSION 2: One video on scoring and various grips will be shown. (Use the Basics of Horseshoe Pitching Video for this). We will then practice what we have learned.

SESSION 3: Will consist of pitching shoes the full hour, with individual instructions by club members.

SESSION 4: All questions will be answered as well as some asked, to see what you've learned. We will cover what is in the packet of information given out in session 1.

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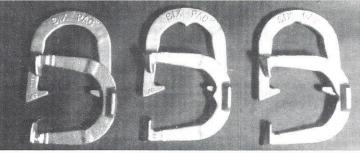
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SESSION 5: We will watch some video (you choose which part and which one). Then we will practice for the last 1/2 hr.

SESSION 6: We will set up some individual competitions and calling scores will be done as per the Official Rules.

If you wish, you may join our club at the completion of this session.

Please take a few minutes and complete the questionnaire given out at the beginning of this session. We endeavor to make this class as productive as we can for as many people as possible. Your answers will dictate the itinerary of future classes.

Thank you ———(your signature or your clubs name)

HORSESHOE PITCHING CLASS FEEDBACK FORM

- 1. Did the class meet your expectations? Yes____, Somewhat____, No____
- 2. If no, what can we do to make it better?
- 3. How did you hear about this class? Newspaper___, Brochure___, Friend ___ Other

4. Were all your questions answered satisfactorily?

Yes___, No, _ If no which questions?

5. Please rate the instructors 10= best (circle)

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6. Did you enjoy the class? Yes ____, No ___ What was your favorite part?

Internationally:

This time we heard from Germany. There is quite a contingent of horseshoe pitchers there. It seems they pitch in conjunction with country music, line dancing etc. Anyone wishing to view their website can do so by following this URL: http://www.pro-country-ev.de/

When their page comes up go on the left-hand menu and click on "hufeisen". The literal translation of this word is 'hoof iron' and is the equivalent of horseshoes. Their rules vary when compared to ours, and of course it's all in German. Besides clicking on "hufeisen" click on the links then take a look at those websites. About 50% of them include "hufeisen", some sites even call it horseshoe pitching.

Those of you not connected to the Internet are encouraged to visit your local library to view horseshoepitching.com. Those of you with Internet access are encouraged to share this media with folks who do not have access. Please ask them to sign our guestbook during their visit. In Bismark a question was posed to the delegates asking how many had seen our website. At least 80% of them raised their hands. We hope that number will increase in 2003.

Thank you to all the individuals who have sent their promotional and publicity items for me to peruse. There are very good ideas. If you've been successful at something please write it up for Newsline and share it with the rest of us. If you put it on your website please come to horseshoepitching.com and say that in the message board so others may share in your success.

The Promotion/Publicity team wishes you a substantial increase in your pitching percentage for 2003!

7. How can we improve the instructions?

Would you please tell your friends about organized horseshoe pitching and the existence of this club? Next scheduled class is (whichever dates you've chose)

As a direct result of an Internet website guestbook entry, Virginia has been able to create a new horseshoe pitching club in their state. Many thanks go out to Kevin Snelgrove for continued follow-up with the Chesapeake Horseshoe Club. They are an enthusiastic bunch too! Welcome Chesapeake, Virginia to the NHPA! We sincerely hope you grow and prosper and wish you many ringers.

WORLD TOURNAMENT **DATE CORRECTION**

The dates for the 2003 World Tournament are August 4th through the 16th.

They were incorrectly listed in Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau's advertisement in the last issue of "Newsline" as the 3rd through the 17th.

The entry form for the 2003 World Tournament can be found on page 14 and more information from the Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau is on page 12 and 13.

HALL OF **FAME** by Earl and Vicki Winston

As mentioned in the last issue of Newsline, time is drawing short for nominations to be considered in the 2003 voting. Again, we urge you to consider only persons who have served or played our sport at the national level for at least ten years as an adult. We require only one copy of any written material that is submitted for a nominee. It should be typewritten and sent to us at the address listed in the front of this magazine. All nominations must reach us by March 31, 2003 to be considered for this year's ballot.

We would like to make the Hall of Fame Quiz a regular feature of Newsline, so here is the second installment. All answers are persons who have been inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame and unless we make a mistake, there will be no repeats from a previous quiz. A listing of all inductees can be found on the NHPA Web site under the link HOF - Awards. Any program from a past NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet also has a listing of inductees through that year. If you don't have either of these resources - we wish you lots of luck! We continue to thank Ottie Reno Sr. and Gary Kline whose books have provided some of the information we use.

HALL OF FAME QUIZ

1. Who holds the record for the most consecutive ringers in a single world tournament game?



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- 2. Give yourself extra credit if you can name the former NHPA President who was the losing pitcher in the game mentioned in question #1.
- 3. Who was the first New York pitcher to win a World Championship?
- 4. What two gentlemen pitched perfect games during world tournament play?
- 5. Who was responsible for first bringing the world tournament to Utah?
- 6. Who was the first World Champion to average over 70% in winning a world title?
- 7. Who pitched four consecutive 90% or higher games at the 1965 world tournament?
- 8. Who manufactured the pitching shoes that were used by Ted Allen prior to Ted manufacturing his own pitching shoes?
- 9. Who published a daily world tournament report during his many years as NHPA Publicity Director?
- 10. In the days before the use of computers, who worked alongside Francis Asher in recording all world tournament stats?
- 11. Who is the longtime horseshoe promoter, Game Related Items distributor and NHPA Regional Director who helped to organize the Nebraska Hall of Fame?
- 12. Who set the women's world tournament on-site qualifying record of 266 points for 100 shoes in 1935, a record that stood until broken by Vicki Winston in 1974?

(Answers located on page 26)

LORRAINE STERNBERG THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election for NHPA 3rd Vice President.

I have just finished my second term in office and would like to continue to serve the NHPA Sanctioned League Program. I have enjoyed working with the league directors and the other NHPA officers. I feel there is still much to be done to increase our membership in sanctioned leagues and I would like to work to continue this effort in the growth of the program. I would appreciate your support for re-election at the 2003 convention.

Thank you!

THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY WELCOMES THE WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT



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Welcome to the Chippewa Valley! We are nestled in the rolling hills of West Central Wisconsin along the banks of the Eau Claire, Chippewa and Red Cedar rivers. Our area consists of the cities of Eau Claire, Menomonie, Chippewa Falls, Altoona and the Town of Union. Each of these areas offers their own unique flavor - something for all visitors.

One consistent thread is our rich history and pride of our ancestry, which is evident in the many restored historic buildings and museums. The Valley is also home to hundreds of acres of parkland - offering picnic, camping and sports areas as well as places for boating, fishing and swimming.

The natural beauty of the Chippewa Valley enticed settlers years ago to live near giant stands of timber and flowing rivers. In 1837 the Chippewa Valley opened its doors to lumbering and the area flourished. Come and see the rich history left by wealthy lumber barons, hard-working immigrants, and persevering pioneers. When you visit the Chippewa Valley, you will find attractions to meet any interest - from the natural to the historic to the sublime, the educational and even the bizarre. The Chippewa Valley's vast logging history gives reason for many museums and even a replica of an 1890s logging camp. Our rural beauty and scenic rivers make agricultural attractions and breathtaking tours plentiful. You will certainly not be disappointed in the variety of things to do and see in the Chippewa Valley!

Three bicycle trails attract bikers, skaters and hikers to our area adding up to 70 miles of biking enjoyment by way of some of the most beautiful scenery in the state. The numerous golf courses throughout the area afford you the option to play a fun 9-holes or test your skills on a challenging championship course.

What vacation or getaway would be complete without a bit of shopping? In the Chippewa Valley, you will find antique shops, art galleries, specialty food shops and clothing shops, in addition to a regional mall with anchor stores like Marshall Fields, JC Penney, Scheels All Sports and Sears. Many local gift, floral and jewelry stores offer unique items to bring back home with you. Area artisans sell their creations at shops and galleries throughout the Valley. And you can't leave the area without a purchase from our favorite brewery's gift shop - Leinenkugel's Leinie Lodge.

Are you looking for fine dining, ethnic cuisine, or down-home cooking? Maybe you are hoping to sample the local brews. You will find it all in the Chippewa Valley.

Chippewa Valley Facts:

Population: 173,452

Average August Temperature: 80 Degrees Ferenheit

Transportation:

HIGHWAYS - Eau Claire is serviced by an extensive network of Interstate, U.S. and State Highways. Interstate Highway 94, U.S. Highway 53 and State Trunk Highway 29 form the backbone of this system, providing ready access to distant locations in every direction.

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Call the Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-888-523-3866 to make your reservations today! Below is a list of hotel properties located near the site:

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Heartland Inn 4075 Commonwealth Avenue • Eau Claire, WI 54701	⁵ 74.00	87	No	Yes
Holiday Inn Campus Area Hotel 2703 Craig Road • Eau Claire, WI 54701	⁵ 99.95	137	Yes	Yes
Holiday Inn Convention Center 205 South Barstow Street • Eau Claire, WI 54701	§ 75.00	122	Yes	Yes
Park Inn 1009 W. Park Avenue • Chippewa Falls, WI 54729	⁵ 89.00	67	Yes	Yes
Park Inn & Suites 3340 Mondovi Road • Eau Claire, WI 54701	⁵ 78.00	85	Yes	Yes
Ramada Conference Center 1202 West Clairemont Avenue • Eau Claire, WI 54703	\$ 75.00	233	Yes	Yes

If camping is more your style, why not try Whispering Pines? Located approximately 5 miles from the pitching venue, this private campground is ready to welcome you! For just \$20 per evening, they will offer you the following amenities. Call the Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau if you would like us to send you a map of the campground.

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Donation checks can be made out to the following: Chippewa Valley Sports Commission 3625 Gateway Dr. Suite F Eau Claire, WI 54701

To place an ad in the 2003 program or for fundraising details, please call Maria Falcone at 1-888-523-3866 **Registration Fees:**

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US RESIDENTS ONLY -INCLUDE a self addressed - stamped envelope if you would like a copy of your current average. This will be sent to you by NatStats. Canadian entries need to go direct to CANSTATS for their average.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by June 2nd and will be mailed to the address you have listed above.

15th, 2003

JUNIOR PROMOTIONS by Heidi Poppe

Where are they now - More former junior stories

I have received so many responses in regards to the idea from Stan Griggs for past junior pitchers to share their stories that I have included several below. If you or someone you know has a junior story worth sharing, let me know!

Heidi Poppe

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. - FL

Hi Heidi,

After reading the letter that Stan Griggs sent to you, I thought I would mention a small bit about one 'rematch' I had. At this year's world tournament in Alberta, I played a gentleman who I haven't played against since we were in the Junior division in 1970. Jerry LaBrosse, who I believe is the president of the Minnesota charter, and I went a little over 32 years between matches. I have had the opportunity to play against many of my junior opponents in the men's division over the years. Tables have turned a bit in some instances as Brian Simmons regularly beats me now as opposed to many years ago. I have probably played Mark Seibold more than any other player at the world tournament having also played against him in 1970. I have also had the opportunity to play against the younger players who pitched in the junior divisions after I left it such as Alan Francis and Jim Walters. I realize that not all stay with the game, but many come back to it or stay with it, as it is truly a life long game.

It is often mentioned to me from some players who are older than I am who have been playing horseshoes for a short time

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that they wish they had started the game as a youngster. I was fortunate to have been introduced when I was young and am glad that I was. I have met many wonderful people at horseshoe tournaments and that includes my wife. My three younger brothers who also grew up pitching horseshoes are still active in the game. Jonathan is the Southern California president. Nathan has won several state titles in both Arizona and California. And Jeff is capable of beating anyone when he gets his game going. Horseshoes has always been an important part of my life and I am sure that it always will be.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

John Passmore - MD

Hello Heidi -

I thought I'd chip in on the "Where are they now?" for former Juniors in response to your Newsline article and idea proposed by Stan Griggs. I'm anxious to hear of the responses you receive. It seems the pitchers from my generation (the mid-70's) are well represented today: WRW, Jr., Jeff Williams, Rick Howe, Brian Simmons, Doug Kienia, Steve Hohl, Robert Davis, Ken Fraser and Kevin Hollister and others.

I was a junior pitcher from 1970 to 1975. As a junior, I was four-time Indiana Junior State Champ, following the footsteps of the great Indiana Junior pitchers - Junior World Champs Mark Seibold and Bill Holland having graduated to the big leagues. My first tournament was at the age of eleven.

I pitched in the 1972, 1974 and 1975 Junior World tournaments. I finished fourth in the 1972 Greenville Ohio event at 4-3 and 75.1% with Walter Ray pitching his 89.2% tournament average that year. Doug Kienia and Alvin VinSant were second and third, respectively.

In 1974, I failed to qualify for the Championship group in Keene, NH with a disappointing 74% in the 50-shoe qualifying round. I finished second in Class B with a 70% effort.

My high game as a junior was 49 out of 50 (98%) game winning 94-0, as all games in that tournament were 50-shoe games. Other high tournaments were an 87.5%, 86.6, 85.1, 84.1 and a few others in the 80's.

The 1975 Lafayette, IN Junior WT group is regarded as the best ever. My best effort of 702 ringers out of 784 shoes broke Walter Ray's 1972 record with 89.5%. However, I had my worst game, 82% against Walter Ray's 88% and the two record breaking games vs. Rick Howe and vs. Jeff Williams to go 4-3 and another fourth place finish.

Four weeks later, I entered my first Men's tournament, the 1975 Indiana State tournament at the age of 16. In one of the toughest fields for any state tournament, I finished fifth with a ringer percentage of 70.8%. I was ecstatic to score 47 points against both Mark Seibold and Curt Day with a 78% effort in 118 shoes.

Over the next few years I averaged in the upper 60's, highlighted by qualifying (78%) for the 1977 Championship group and avcontinued on page 16

JUNIOR PROMOTIONS

eraging 67.4%. Also in 1977, I had my highest percentage tournament of 75% at a tournament in New Casle, Indiana. I have almost exclusively pitched a 1 1/4 turn. Once, however, I switched to the 1 3/4 and had my highest single game from 40 feet with 90.6%. One of my most memorable games at 40 feet was in 1976 - a 128 shoe game that I lost to Jim Knisley despite an 83% effort.

In 1979, I joined the US Army. I served as an Intelligence Analyst, Instructor and Russian Linguist. Family and career became my priority for the next 20 years. This allowed very little time to keep "on" my game. However, other than a three-year tour in Germany, I have always kept in touch with the game and pitched whenever I could manage the time.

From 1979 to 1999, I averaged anywhere from 45 to 60 percent. High tournaments have been a 64% and a 66%. Highlights have been a second place to Jim Knisley in the 1998 Ainsworth Nebraska WT in Class B-1, an eighth place in the 1990 New England Championships, a top five finish in the Massachusetts State, State Championship title in Alaska and a second, a third and a fourth in my current home state of Maryland.

Finally, in June of 2001, I received a call from Dave Loucks to inquire whether I could find the time to take on a pupil in my area and help him with his game. On June 20, 2001, I was invited to the White House to offer President George W. Bush a few pointers. We had a couple of good-natured doubles games with his Chief-of-Staff, Andrew Card and White House Counsel Alfredo Gonzalez. It was my high honor to be able to represent the NHPA and horseshoes and I had a great time!

Today I am 43 years old, have three great kids and live in Frederick, MD. I currently serve as Vice President of the Maryland HPA and have written its By-Laws. I also served as President of the Alaskan HPA when I was stationed up there.

2002 was my poorest pitching performance yet. However, I have

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high hopes for 2003 and beyond. My children now require less of my attention and now that I am a single guy again, I plan on dedicating a bit more time to the game I love.

Keep in touch

Yours in Horseshoes,

John Passmore

Jerry LaBrosse - MN

Hi,

I just wanted to touch base with you about the article you wrote in December. At the end you wanted adult members that were also junior members to tell their story.

I pitched as a junior from about 1965 until 1972, and won three MN state titles. I only pitched as a 40-footer until about 1976. I got married and raised three kids and didn't have time for horseshoes. In 1991 I picked up the game again, starting out in Coon Rapids and Fridley.

I actually played against Walter Ray Williams, Jr. in California at the world tournament the year he got tagged "deadeye", I believe it was 1971. When he and I played each other in the championship class in Red Deer he made a big deal out of it to the crowd, but it was fun.

He kicked my butt back then too!! Just thought I'd let you know that junior involvement is crucial to the future of horseshoes.

We have a tireless crusader in MN with Jackie Hughes. She is going to run a horseshoe class and eventually start a whole new club up in the North Branch area where she lives. I'll keep you posted on that progress.

That's all for now,

Take care Heidi

Jerry LaBrosse

INSURANCE

by Bonnie Seibold

The Insurance Certificates for each charter have been sent to your Charter secretary.

I included the following in the packet.

- A request form for added insured certificates.
- 2. A claim form
- 3. Envelope for filing claim
- 4. Description of General Coverage

If you need any of these forms you could contact your Charter Secretary and they could make you a copy.

Our NHPA Insurance took a big increase this year. It went up 30% over last year. We may need to start thinking of increasing our dues to cover the increases.

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SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2003

22nd

5th Annual Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser, Kemper Williams Park, Patterson, LA. Entry Fee \$20.00 Adults, \$5.00 Juniors. Everyone will receive a Cystic Fibrosis T-Shirt. Special BHPA T-Shirts to the top 3 finishers in each bracket. Pre-register by March 19. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. For Tournament Information, contact Al Dodson, 985-385-1909, Kevin Dore', 985-395-7327, or Tim Gilmore, 985-395-5062.

April 2003

5th

Cypress Sawmill Festival MDA Horseshoe Tournament Kemper Williams Park, Patterson, LA This is a charity fund raising event for MDA. Entry fee \$15.00 Adults, \$5.00 Juniors. Special Cypress Sawmill T-Shirts to the top 3 finishers in each class. Pre-register by April 2. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. For Tournament Information, contact Al Dodson, 985-385-1909, Kevin Dore', 985-395-7327, or Tim Gilmore, 985-395-5062

26th & 27th

36th Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville, NC Jack H. Springer Horseshoe Courts. \$6,500 in Cash Prizes and Trophies. Entry Fee: \$25.00 Adults - No Entry Fee for Juniors Preregister by March 15th - Limited to the first 190 entries. Send entry fee to: Carolina Dogwood Horseshoe Tournament, Statesville Recreation & Parks Department, P.O. Box 1111, Statesville, NC 28687-1111, contact Paul Stewart, T.D. at (704) 528-5081 for more information or go online at www.horseshoepitching.com to print an entry form from the coming events link.

May 2003

3rd & 4th

Beloit Encore

NHPA Sanctioned Singles Tournament

Edwards Activity & Sport Center, Telfer Park, Beloit, Wis.

Entry Fee - \$20.00

Entry Deadline - April 19th

8 person classes where possible. Pitch one day.

Send entries to:

Earl Paulson

7105 So. County Rd H Beloit, Wis. 53511

E-Mail: bhc.tw@wekz.net

3rd & 4th

"Best of the West" Horseshoe Tournament, Burro Inn, Beatty, Nevada. \$2,000 added prize money plus 90% return of entry fee. Championship jackets, trophies and ribbons. 12 person round robins. Two-day event. Full and short distance pitchers will be kept separate where possible. Hi-Lo Doubles on Friday. Live entertainment. Motel rates are \$30 per night, RV spots \$8 per night. Limited to 108 pitchers. Contact Don Weaver at (702)736-7348 or e-mail him at donatlasvegas@aol.com

17th & 18th

32nd Annual B.C. International, Winfield Horseshoe Club, Winfield, British Columbia Entry Deadline: May 14th. Over \$750.00 in added money / 100% payback of entry fee. Entry fee: \$15.00 (Canadian) 30' and 40' separated. Class A pay an additional \$15 and Class B pay an addition \$10. Juniors are free. All players will pitch both days. Make cheques/money orders payable to: B.C. Horseshoe Association and mail to: Sam Tomasevic, 7987 Graham Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 1V8 Canada Telephone: (604) 525-2186 and email: samtom@telus.net Entry form also available on website: www.bchorseshoe.com

24th -25th

15th Annual Elmer Hohl Ringer Classic, K.W. Khaki Club, Wellesley, Ontario, Canada Minimum of \$2,000 extra added prize money. Entry fee for Men's and Women's Championship Group: \$30.00 Canadian Entry fee for all other classes: \$20.00 Canadian

Junior entry fee is no charge if enough for a junior class, if not enough for a class they will be put in classes by average. Camping onsite. With electricity: \$12.00 Without electricity: \$9.00 Tent Site Only: \$7.00 Entry deadline: May 1st. Mail entry fees to: Wayne Becker, 308-41 Pioneer Drive, Kitchener, Ontario Canada N2P1H2 Include division and NHPA or CHPA#. Telephone: (519) 896-6670 Email: wbecker@sgci.com Send cheque or money order payable to The Khaki Tournament Fund with a stamped, self-addressed envelope or e-mail for play time.

24th - 26th

22nd Annual Head-Of-The-Mon-River Horseshoe Tournament, Fairmont, West Virginia. 100% of all entry fees is returned by purse. Purse should exceed \$5,000 for cash prizes and other awards and will be divided equally among all classes. \$25.00 Registration Fee Adults / \$5.00 Registration Fee Juniors. Deadline: Must be postmarked by May 10th. NO REFUNDS For entry form contact Beverly Tiano at Tri-County Horseshoe Club, Inc. 1133 Sunset Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554 or call (304)366-3819 or (304)282-4062. Entry form also available online at: www.horseshoepitching.com under coming events.

June 2003

27th - 29th

Eastern National Tournament, Erie, Pa. New dates. Entry \$25 plus extra \$25 for the two Championship Divisions, Adult 40' and Adult 30'. Junior division entry is free. Deadline June 14th, 2003. Contact: Chuck Burkett, 1117 East 27th St., Erie, Pa 16504, (814)455-3954, email chuckster 3672@msm.com

July 2003

12th - 13th

15th Annual Open Horseshoe Tournament, Danville, Illinois. Douglas Park just off I-74 at Bowman Avenue Exit. Increased prize money from Designated "A" Sponsorship. Entry Deadline: June 27th. Register online also at: www.active.com by June 24th. Entry Fee: \$20.00 (Includes scorekeeping fees) Make checks payable to: Danville Horseshoe Club and mail to: Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Drive, Danville, IL 61832 Phone: (217)443-5818 or email: bratlnd@aol.com

4th - 6th

Ringer Classic - Greenville, OH Entry fee: \$25 for adults with additional fee for Championship Class Men and Women. \$15 for Class B, Men and Women. \$10 for Class C Men. No charge for junior pitchers. Fees payable to Darke County Horseshoe Club and mail to: Mary Fleenor, 8494 Baker Road, Versailles, OH 45380. Entry deadline: June 16th

August 2003

11th

2003 Iowa State Fair Midwest Seniors Classic, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA NHPA Sanctioned. Must be 60 years of age by August 11th. Over \$1,800 in prize money paid in 2002. Entry deadline: July 26th (No late entries accepted). Registration Fee: 6-Person Classes: \$15 Championship Class Fee: \$20. (Will be notified when you play) Send Entry fee of \$15 to: Dave Sidles, 1506 Wilson Avenue, Ames, IA 50010 Phone: (515) 233-1394 Email: dsidles@msn.com Tournament Director: Danny Sease, Phone: (515) 285-0131 or email: ddsease@msn.com Include with fee: Name, complete mailing address, phone number, gender, NHPA card number and pitching distance.

30th

Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival MDA Horseshoe Tournament Fundraiser. Kemper Williams Park, Patterson, LA This is a charity fund raising event for MDA. Entry fee \$20.00, Adults, \$5.00 Juniors. Payout to top 3 adult finishers in each class. Pre-register by August 27. Camping at the park, 985-395-2298. For Tournament Information, contact Al Dodson, 985-385-1909, Kevin Dore', 985-395-7327, or Tim Gilmore, 985-395-5062

THE HORSESHOE TRADER

IF YOU FIND ONE OF THESE, CALL ME!

By Bob Dunn

Howard Pintler (Peoria, Illinois) was only the second person to make application for patent of a horseshoe design. His application was dated October 22, 1921. This was prior to the popular Ohio and National Standard shoes establishing their hold of the horseshoe market. The patent was granted on January 27, 1925 and is a historic piece to our sports artifacts.

To say the very least, the draft of his shoe design is interesting. Pintler catered to the players holding the shoe in a very unorthodox method by today's standards. In 1921, most players hooked their forefinger around one of the heel calks or points of the shoe. That was the style in those days. Oh, Pinter referred to the calks as 'lugs'.

The pad addition to the blade could be beneficial to 3/4 or 13/4 turn pitchers, but that turn probably had not been developed yet, although George May was introducing the 11/4 turn at national tournaments during 1920. Pintler's design probably would not benefit those pitching 11/4 turns or the flip shoe, which was also commonplace in those days.

That design still today would be allowable as long as the NHPA granted initial sanction. There is no reason to believe that the sanctioning wouldn't be granted, as the pad on the blade is part of the original design and a constant feature of the shoe. If an individual pitcher modified a shoe by welding and adding that pad for his own purpose or advantage, then the change would not be allowed.

Pintler's patent leaves lot of questions. Did he assume all pitchers were right-handed or did he expect that left-handed players could hold the shoe upside down? Maybe he intended to also manufacture some models for left-handed pitchers? There is the question of whether his shoe ever made it to the production line? He did however, have the innovation of trying to replace the need of using the shoe off the horse to enjoy a game of horseshoe pitching. That was a mention (in part) in his application: "Such games have been

played by using cast of horseshoes, which are usually rough and have sharp edges, and are inconvenient to hold or pitch. The object of my invention is to provide an article, similar in shape and size to a horse shoe, but arranged to be easily held and pitched without liability of tearing or wearing the skin from fingers of the players."

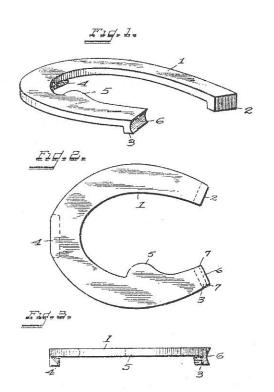
The application made no mention of a national organization or standard shoe dimensions, so Pintler probably was not a star pitcher, or an association member, but rather a sport enthusiast who saw a potential niche to help a sport and just maybe, make a buck. There is no knowledge that a Pintler shoe exists, but that doesn't mean that someday, one won't show up. If you find one - call me.

Jan. 27, 1925.

H. L. PINTLER

Filed Oct. 22, 1921

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REGIONALDIRECTORS REPORT by Allen Baptist

With deep regret, I will not be able to attend the World Tournament in Eau Claire this year. I recently accepted the position as General Manager for a new lumberyard that is currently under construction in Gypsum Colorado, which is only seven miles from my home. Since I am starting with a new company, I am not eligible for any time off for one year. This is the first WT I will have missed in 15 years. Ward Lutz, Regional Director from Minnesota will be running the shoe checks for me. Ward has helped me with shoe checks since I have been in charge of it. I would like for all of the Regional Directors who attend the World Tournament this year to give Ward all of the assistance you can. This needs to be a team effort.

From the Mail Bag

Randy Collins, Texas Regional Director - reports that Texas has 49 sanctioned tournaments scheduled for 2003, with two of them being hosted by their new club in Kilgore.

Bernie VanLerberg, Kansas Regional Director - reports that he has sanctioned existing courts in Belleview Kansas. There are 10 outside clay courts that also have lights.

Kevin Snelgrove, Virginia Regional Director - reports that Virginia has experienced tremendous growth this last year. Over 100 new members and four new sanctioned clubs have joined their ranks. Four prospective clubs are also in the works in Fulks Run, Lynchburg, Portsmouth and Crozet. Kevin says that the 2nd Chesapeake Open was a huge success and it spawned the newly formed Portsmouth Horseshoe Club spearheaded by Donnie Snowden. The club is petitioning the park to build some new courts. The National Senior Games will be held at the Chesapeake City Park, which will be directed by Al Sandham

who is the president of the Georgia Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Virginia will host 35 sanctioned tournaments in 2003.

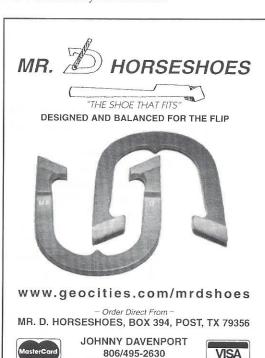
Steve Summerlin, Michigan Regional Director - reports that Michigan had a very successful 2002 with having their largest State Tournament in the last four years. Michigan's membership has not changed, but their numbers are holding steady. A new sanctioned league was added last year but unfortunately, it was in an indoor facility that they have loss the use of. Steve is working with a gentleman in Port Huron that wants to build a four-court arena and also start a league. The plans have been submitted to the planning committee for approval. Steve is also working with

a person who wants to build a world-class facility with 20 courts and a lot of amenities attached to the end of a bowling alley that he owns. The planning is in the early stages but it looks very promising. The Adrian horseshoe club lost their facility at the fairgrounds a year ago and is in the process of rebuilding at the local conservation club. They have six courts and hope to have another six by fall. Their goal is to have 19-lighted courts to host the state tournament again. Michigan has 73 tournaments and two sanctioned leagues on tap for 2003.

Ron Latiolais, Louisiana Regional Director - reports that they have 29 sanctioned tournaments scheduled for this year. They also have a new club that is located in Belle River. Belle River has two tournaments already scheduled for this year including a new league.

Myrtle May Kamoku, Hawaii Regional Director - reports that they have 12 new courts located in Hilo, Hawaii at the Onekahaka Beach Park. The opening dedication for the courts was canceled due to heavy rains and surf up to 20 feet. However, the courts did survive and they rescheduled the dedication for February 1st.

Don Weaver, Nevada Regional Director reports - that the Burro Inn in Beatty had three outstanding tournaments this year. John Bass and his staff gave them the usual royal treatment. Don received a call from a gentleman who lives at the McDonald ranch who wanted some info on horseshoes. He is organizing a club out there with seven or eight folks who want to pitch. Don will be meeting with him in the near future and furnish him with rules and materials for their new club.



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Submitted by Coyce Allen - Carrollton Horseshoe Pitching Club

The Carrollton Horseshoe Pitching Club has been invited to participate in an exposition show on April 4th-6th to help promote outdoor activities. The event is being promoted by Belo Corporation., which owns WFAA Channel 8 in Dallas and the Dallas Morning News along with television stations in seventeen other markets across the nation. They have created a new division to promote consumer events in each of their television markets. Belo also increases the number of markets where events are produced; they plan to take the Better Living Flower and Outdoor Show to additional markets in the future. Plans are to have the show in 2-3 markets in 2003, 3-4 in 2004 and 6+ markets in 2006.

Their plan is to furnish us with a 10' x 10' draped booth for a discounted rate and set up a pitching demonstration area. I have offered to provide a regulation set of portable courts for use in the demo area. We will need to provide brochures and any other types of promotional items to give away. We are planning to set up something similar to what was featured on the cover of the Jan./ Feb. 2003 issue of the NHPA Newsline. I will check on setting up a NHPF donation can in our booth. We will not be able to sell any merchan-

dise, as this is one of the requirements for getting the booth at the discounted price.

Plans are to have televised contests with local news anchors to help draw the viewers to our booth while attending the event. Other suggestions are to have a ringer contest between the attendees of our demonstration sessions and to get local sporting good stores to supply gift certificates. They are hoping for ideas and suggestions from the THPA/NHPA members as to how best support/ promote our sport.

I would like to extend an invitation to any NHPA members that would like to attend, to come give support and preview the event for future promotion possibilities in other areas of the nation. As you can see, this event may be the national publicity tool that we have been searching for. The DFW show is planned to be an annual event each spring. What better time to recruit new members!

You can learn more about Belo Corporation and the upcoming event at www.belocorp.com or you can contact by email at:

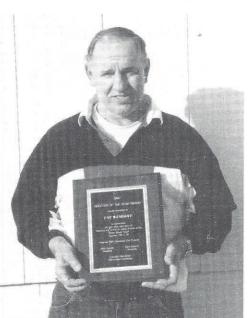
CVAllen1156@aol.com or phone: (972) 466-0064

DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR 2002

Pat Wemhoff

Pawnee Ringer Horseshoe Club, Nebraska

I started pitching organized horseshoes in the spring of 1982. My neighbor living across the street invited me to league. Whoever wanted to pitch at that time just showed up, paired up and pitched partners. A couple of weeks later the Pawnee Ringer Horseshoe Club was formed. We had three-man teams pitching thirty-two-shoe games. The next year, I was appointed league statistician. Our league grew and in 1990 we voted to be a sanctioned club. Since I did the stats, I was the league director. I had fourteen columns to complete for each pitcher on the stats sheet. It took me about two and one-half hours



to fill everything out each week. Then we got a computer and my wife helped me make a worksheet; now twenty minutes tops and I'm done.

The first end of the year report I sent to Bev Born, "rest her soul" came back with red marks all over it. I was really surprised the Friday after Thanksgiving when I received the 2002 Director of the Year Award.

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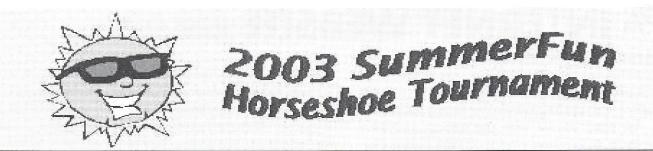
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Ron Taylor at (803) 584-1453 or email: hawgjawtaylor@aol.com

Make checks to: SummerFun Horseshoe Tournament

Mail to: Ron Taylor 1915 Molly Circle York, SC 29745

NHPA INTERNET WEBSITE by Paul Stewart

www.horseshoepitching.com

We have been promising video clips on the NHPA Website since last years world tournament and we finally have some there now. We have started with the juniors and have posted nine short video clips. Check out the Junior Corner link where you will find a video link.

Video files are huge files and we have tried to cut the clips down as short as possible and as small of a file as possible. If you are using a dial up modem with less than 56k or if you have a slow server then it will take a little time for these files to download. Please be patient and we hope the clips are worth the wait. If you are using DSL or cable connection then you will have no problem downloading these video files. We have chosen to use Real Player to view these videos. If you don't have Real Player on your computer there is a link at the top of the Video page where you can go download a free version Real Player.

We will be continuing to add more video clips to the website as we get them prepared. All this is very time consuming and we are learning how to edit and process video as we go. We have had to upgrade our computers to bigger

and multi hard drives and add video drives and video editing software to handle and process these files. I am sure the quality of these video clips will improve as we learn more and the video technology improves.

Recently I have had several people send me emails about not being able to view the entire NHPA website since we have changed to our new look on the page. In most all cases where you are not able to view the entire page the problem is that you need to update your Internet browser. Internet Explorer and Netscape both have free downloads for an updated version of their browsers and I am sure that most all other Internet browsers have the same free upgrades. We are sorry if you are having problems, but all the changes we have been making are necessary for us to keep everything running smooth and keep up with all the code changes that occur regularly with new and improved technology.

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ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 (includes scorekeeping fees). Make checks payable to: Danville Horseshoe Club. Prepayment preferred. Scorekeepers to be paid \$2.00 per game.

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Adult National Di	vision-Mixed Distance				
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Pos. Name	Club/State	Pts.	 Brian Simmons 	Little Rhody, RI	97.50
1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	126.40	Jim Walters	Troy, OH	92.00
2. Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	121.97	3. Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	88.00
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4. Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND	117.61	5. Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	86.00
5. Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	116.58	6. John Martin	Arledge's Indoor, OH	86.00
6. Don Wild	North Weld, CO		7. Branson Miller	Winchester, VA	86.00
7. Jim Cooper		115.92	8. Jim Cooper	Whetstone, OH	84.00
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4. Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	134	5. Bill Larson	Brooklyn Park, MN	31.93
5. Rich Pintor	Denver Metro, CO	134	6. Jim Lemish	Classic City, IN	31.55
6. Jim Cooper	Whetstone, OH	133	7. Ron Parrish	Classic City, IN	31.28
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4. Robert Gidel	Moline, IL	36.00	5. Clayton Gage	Close Doesn't Count, WI	63.75
5. Margaret Tyrie	St. Moritz, MA	35.93	6. Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	63.67
6. Kenneth Brown	Pony Express, NE	35.87	7. Gordon Carlson	Denver Metro, CO	63.62
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10. Jason Haren	Try County, OH	34.35	10. Joe Killellart	New Cumberland, 174	01.17
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High Dingar Average			High Ringer Game	North Wold CO	00.00
High Ringer Average	TOU	70.00	1. Don Wild	North Weld, CO	88.00
1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	79.23	2. (tie)Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	86.00
2. Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI	76.87	2. (tie)Lloyd Wolf	Tri-County, MN	86.00
Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	75.31	Clayton Gage	Close Doesn't Count, WI	85.00
4. Bev Nathe	Tri-County, MN	73.79	4. Archie Matheny	North Central Ark., AK	84.00
Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND	73.33	Marv Meyer	Rochester, MN	82.00
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7. Dee Powell	Denver Metro, CO	70.00	7. Ottie Reno	Arledge's Indoor, OH	80.00
8. Don Wild	Denver Metro, CO	69.51	8. Don Craig	Kansas City Heart of America, MO	76.00
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10. Bob Snyder	Denver Metro, CO	66.60	10. Curly Seibold	Marion, IN	76.00
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Men's Division - 4	10-ft. Distance		High Ringer Over Aver		
High Ringer Average			1. Richard Roberts	Classic City, IN	40.96
1. Brian Simmons	Little Rhody, RI	81.98	2. Robert Gidel	Moline, IL	35.09
2. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	79.23	3. Andy Pejko	Albany, GA	28.97
3. Paul LaCrosse	Denver Metro, CO	75.31	4. Wayne Mead	Kansas City Heart of America, MO	26.86
4. Branson Miller	Winchester, VA	73.28	5. Edward Bell	Moline, IL	25.42
5. Mark Mauthe	Platteville, WI	72.00	6. Dean Jameson	Pony Express, MO	25.29
6. Stan Griggs	Kansas City Heart of America, MO	68.08	7. Don Bollock	Marion, IN	24.97
			8. Don Craig	Kansas City Heart of America, MO	24.87
7. Bob Snyder	Denver Metro, CO	66.60	9. Vaughn Cumming		24.78
8. Jerry Wtkle	Mountaineer, WV	66.00	10. Roy Lyons	Whetstone, OH	24.78
9. Rich Pintor	Denver Metro, CO	65.56	10. NOY LYOHS	Whetstone, OH	24.13
10. Chris Paul	Bryan, TX	65.55			

SANCTIONED LEAGUE 2002 TOP TEN LIST

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Women's Divison			7. Nancy Husted	Glenburn, ND	27.40
High Ringer Average			Carol Sanford	Arledge's Indoor, OH	27.27
1. Gert Wilcziek	Eau Claire, WI	76.87	Nelda Addison	Shreveport, LA	26.58
2. Bev Nathe	Tri-County, MN	73.79	Cindy Dodson	Arledge's Indoor, OH	26.16
3. Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND	73.33			
4. Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	70.54	Sanctioned Ju	inior League 2002	Top Ten List
5. Loree Meier	Liberty, MO	66.43	National Division	177	•
6. Deborah Michaud	Loon Pond, MA	66.40	High Point Average	mined boy, Girio	
7. Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	66.33	Pos Name	Club/State	Pts.
8. Lu Cave	Tri-County, MN	63.13	Pat Hovda	Rochester, MN	91.78
9. Lisa Maille	Nashua, NH	62.44	2. Ryan Hoverson	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	81.28
10. Mildred Romero	Denver Metro, CO	62.29	3. Mark Strand	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	80.20
High Dingar Cama			4. Cole Grimm	Try County, OH	78.73
High Ringer Game 1. (tie)Bev Nathe	Tri Country MANT	00.00	5. Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	76.56
	Tri-County, MN	90.00	6. Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX	75.13
2. (tie)Gert Wilcziek		90.00	7. Jordan Carr	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	70.00
3. Tamara Burke	Winchester, VA	86.67	8. Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX	67.30
4. Connie Filley	Red River Valley, ND	82.00	9. Todd Bettermann	Alexandria, MN	65.73
5. Pam Henderson	Independence, MO	82.00	10. Joseph Thomsen	Platte Valley, NE	62.28
6. Deborah Michaud		82.00	io. Joseph monisch	Tratte variey, INL	02.20
7. Mary Green	Try County, OH	80.00	High Point Game		
8. Mary Ann Kramr	Riverside, TX	80.00	 Pat Hovda 	Rochester, MN	110
9. Lisa Maille	Nashua, NH	80.00	2. Ryan Hoverson	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	106
10. Joanne Martin	Nashua, NH	80.00	Cole Grimm	Try County, OH	103
High Ringer Over Aver	age		4. Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	100
Bobbie Richard	Cajun, LA	33.56	Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX	95
2. Nancy Dupree	Moose Lodge #2239,LA	29.71	6. Mark Strand	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	91
3. Ida Hostrup	Close Doesn't Count, WI	29.48	Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX	89
4. Laura Lindsey	Shreveport, LA	28.71	Kayla Larson	Alexandria, MN	89
5. Jane Smith	Close Doesn't Count, WI	28.48	9. Todd Bettermann	Alexandria, MN	88
6. Shirley Sprague	Central IA. Traveling Lg., IA	27.55	10. Daniel Westfield	Riverside, TX	88
		24.55			continued on page 26



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Hig	h Point Over Avera	ge		Junior Girl's Divis	ion	
1.	Nicholas Hinman	Syracuse Pioneer Jr., NY	37.36	High Ringer Average		
2.	John Stines	Try County, OH	33.83	1. Melissa Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT	27.15
	Noah Elich	Edgewater, CO	31.62	2. Kayla Larson	Alexandria, MN	26.80
4.	Kayla Larson	Alexandria, MN	29.50	3. Cassie Archer	Arkansas Valley, AR	18.50
5.	Daniel Westfield	Riverside, TX	28.19	4. Sara Besaw	Wolf River, WI	15.60
6.	Jared Graeber	Riverside, TX	27.70	5. Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	14.47
7.	Ryan Hoverson	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	24.72	6. Cola Heckethier	Close Doesn't Count Jr., WI	13.69
	Michael Bowman	Lions Park, MO	24.43	7. Kimberly Mabry	Frederick, MD	12.63
	Cole Grimm	Try County, OH	24.27	8. Laryssa Stanton	Liberty, MO	11.25
10.	Cassie Archer	Arkansas Valley, AR	23.25	9. Molly Losey	Bureau Valley Jr., IL	10.56
				10. Топі Selleck	Sodbuster, VT	10.32
	h Ringer Average					
	Corey Hughes	Forest Lake, MN	51.49	High Ringer Game		
	Pat Hovda	Rochester, MN	51.11	1. Kayla Larson	Alexandria, MN	50.00
	Nick Preston	Sodbuster, VT	50.84	2. Sara Besaw	Wolf River, WI	47.00
	James Fortune	Central IA. Traveling, IA	49.26	3. Melissa Bigelow	Sodbuster, VT	38.00
	Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX	41.00	4. Cassie Archer	Arkansas Valley, AR	30.00
	Mark Strand	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	40.80	5. Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	30.00
	Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	40.35	6. Cola Heckethier	Close Doesn't Count Jr., WI	30.00
	Ryan Hoverson	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	38.71	7. Nicole Lilly	Rockford, MN	28.00
	Cole Grimm	Try County, OH	38.09	8. Kimberly Mabry	Frederick, MD	28.00
10.	Ryan Rademacher	Greater Lansing, MI	38.08	9. Torri Selleck	Sodbuster, VT	24.00
				10. Molly Losey	Bureau Valley Jr., IL	23.30
Jun	<u>ior Boy's Divisi</u>	ion		10. Melissa Read	Bureau Valley Jr., IL	23.30
Hig	h Ringer Average				- 100 W	
1.	Corey Hughes	Forest Lake, MN	51.49	High Ringer Over Aver	age	
2.	Pat Hovda	Rochester, MN	51.11	1. Sara Besaw	Wolf River, WI	31.40
3.	Nick Preston	Sodbuster, VT	50.84	2. Kayla Larson	Alexandria, MN	23.20
4.	James Fortune	Central IA. Traveling, IA	49.26	3. Nicole Lilly	Rockford, MN	20.40
5.	Lance Huth	Stroh, IN	49.06	4. Cola Heckethier	Close Doesn't Count Jr., WI	16.31
6.	Blake Graeber	Riverside, TX	41.00	5. Heather Drozd	Pawnee Ringers, NE	15.53
7.	Mark Strand	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	40.80	6. Kimberly Mabry	Frederick, MD	15.37
8.	Justin Engelhardt	Riverside, TX	40.35	7. Melissa Read	Bureau Valley Jr., IL	15.37
9.	Ryan Hoverson	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	38.71	8. Torri Selleck	Sodbuster, VT	13.68
10.	Cole Grimm	Try County, OH	38.09	9. Molly Losey	Bureau Valley Jr., IL	12.74
		5-900 (F-900)		10. Cassandra Hagen	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	11.75
Hig	h Ringer Game				50 30 52	
1.	Lance Huth	Stroh, IN	86.70			
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ANSWERS

- 1. Ted Allen with 72 consecutive ringers.
- 2. Cletus Chapelle
- 3. Lorraine Thomas
- 4. Guy Zimmerman and Elmer Hohl
- 5. Arch Stokes
- 6. C. C. Davis averaged 70.2% in winning the 1928 world tournament.
- 7. Floyd Toole
- 8. John Gordon
- 9. Bob Champion
- 10. Vincent Yannetti
- 11. Don Koso
- 12. Esther James

10.	Ryan Hoverson	Sheyenne Valley Jr., ND	58.00
Hig	h Ringer Over Aver	age	
1.	Lance Huth	Stroh, IN	37.64
2.	Josh Marlowe	Bureau Valley Jr., IL	35.33
3.	Chris Blanford	Bureau Valley Jr., IL	28.25
4.	James Fortune	Central IA. Traveling, IA	28.24
5.	Nick Preston	Sodbuster, VT	27.16
6.	Erik Harjo	Tenn-us-see, OK	26.03
7.	Tim Lehner	Close Doesn't Count Jr., WI	25.00
8.	Ryan Rademacher	Greater Lansing, MI	24.42
9.	Brandon Birr	North Mankato, MN	23.81
10.	J.T. Shofner	Bureau Valley Jr., IL	23.56

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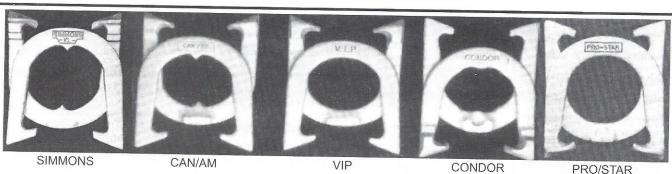
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LIFETIME RECORDS OF CARL STEINFELDT

by Bart Sargent

Others that I would like to thank are Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Ottie Reno, Donnie Roberts and Kevin Cone. In this issue, I am submitting the lifetime records of Carl Steinfeldt

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<u>Year</u>	Class		Position	Wins	Losses	Ringers	Shoes	<u>Percent</u>
1953	Men's Championships	-Qual. 584	8	23	12	1879	2642	71.1
1954	Men's Championships	-Qual. 508	5	11	6	1130	1408	80.2
1955	Men's Championships	-Qual. 500	5	27	8	2202	2842	77.5
1960	Men's Championships	-Qual. 538	4	28	7	2330	2842	82.0
1962	Men's Championships	-Qual. 504	11	22	13	2373	2994	79.3
1963	Men's Championships	-Qual. 498	3	29	6	2238	2802	79.9
1964	Men's Championships	-Qual. 558	2	30	5	2767	3316	83.4
1965	Men's Championships	-Qual. 521	6	28	7	2465	2946	84.0
1967	Men's Championships	-Qual. 523	8	24	11	2229	2818	79.1
1968	Men's Championships	-Qual. 560	5	28	7	2729	3294	82.8
1972	Men's Championships	-Qual. 559	12	21	14	2477	3168	78.2
1974	Men's Championships	-Qual. 519	2	30	5	2362	2934	80.5
1976	Men's Championships	-Qual. 541	1	33	2	2389	2894	82.6
	World Champion	Playoffs		2	1	275	326	84.4
1977	Men's Championships		4	21	5	1912	2284	83.7
1978	Intermediate Champion		1	7	0	302	354	85.3
1979	Men's Championships	-Qual. 521	4	24	7	2030	2526	80.4
1980	Men's Championships	-Qual. 539	3	26	5	1883	2396	78.5
1981	Prelims		1	11	0	469	550	85.3
	Men's Championships		2	21	2	1663	1994	83.4
1982	Prelims		1	6	1	275	350	78.6
	Men's Championships		6	15	8	1079	1388	77.7
1984	Prelims		1	7	0	10.5	1500	75.4
	Finals Including Playoff		2	19	5	1206	1466	82.3
1985	Prelims		1	7	0	301	3580	86.0
	Championship Finals		2	28	3	1504	1862	80.8
1987	Prelims		1	7	0	293	350	83.7
	Championship Finals		6	22	9	1602	2062	
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U.P. SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Wakefield horseshoe pitcher elected to U.P. Sports Hall of Fame

IRON MOUNTAIN — Ray Hill, Wakefield's world senior horseshoe pitching champion extraordinaire, has added another fitting accolade to his great achievements—being named to the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame.

The Sports Hall committee named Hill at its annual selection meeting held in Iron Mountain in July.

Already a two-time world senior champion, he also finished as runner-up three times, and was named to the horseshoe pitchers halls of

fame for the states of Michigan and Wisconsin (honorary) simultaneously.

The U.P. Hall of Fame really gets close to honoring Hill on his home turf, although Hill seems to be right at home anywhere and everywhere competition takes him.

Hill has competed as a charter level in the Gogebic County Range League and consistently performed at championship level. He reigned as U.P. champ in 1973 and 1974, and



Already a member of the Michigan horseshoe hall of fame and an honorary member of the Wisconsin hall, Wakefield horseshoe pitcher Ray Hill now has been elected to the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame as the first representative of his sport. The former world senior champion will be inducted in April. Hill displays his flawless form at his home court, in Pike Location. Photo by Hank Backman - Wakefield News

continued to conquer all comers in meets at Mountain, Wis., Duluth, Minn., and Marshfield, Wis., held during the summer of his greatest achievements in world championship play.

When he rose up, accomplishing his greatest feats at that point, Hill pitched a record 76.6 percent ringers, defeating horseshoe legend Glen "Red" Henton, an Iowan, who placed second with 69.3 percent ringers.

Another conquest that week was topping defending world champion, Willard "Spud" Napier, of California.

In his title match Hill captured 18 matches without defeat in three days of competition at the National Horseshoe Pitching Tourney at Eau Claire, Wis.

In 1989, Hill won his second world title defeating Henton 40-38, in a

sudden death playoff. He had a masterful 78 percent ringer percentage. In that title match he kept his overall ringer percentage to 76.1.

Hill will be honored at the annual U.P. Sports Hall of Fame banquet next spring in Iron Mountain.

Special congratulations, Ray, for your fine achievement in the horseshoe pitching arena during your years of successful competition.

MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS CORRECTION

In the January/February 2003 issue, the "Horseshoe Pitching Newsline" mistakenly reported the 2nd Place finishers as the winners for all classes in Maryland's State Championships. My apologies to the actual winners (listed here) for the error.

Paula Summerlin, Editor

Class	W/L	%						
Men's A			Men's F			Junior Girls		
Elbert Shifflet	1/0	74.64	Rocky Mabry	6/0	21.67	Kimberly Mabry	2/1	6.50
Men's B			Men's G			Junior Boy's A		
Charles Bullock	5/1	51.44	Paul McGee	4/1	30.45	Steven Proctor	0/0	24.39
Men's C			Ladies A			Junior Boy's B		
Charles Wainwright	7/0	45.79	Melissa Lovejoy	3/1	51.74	Zachary Short	0/0	8.13
Men's D			Ladies B					
Bob Helmick	5/1	37.06	JoAnn Beard	2/0	36.13			
Men's E			Elder Men's					
Don Lawyer	9/2	29.55	Stacy Wiitala	3/0	27.44			

ANNUAL 45TH VALLEY OF THE SUN

Tournament Results Submitted by Rick Durkit

The Phoenix-Mesa Horseshoe Pitchers Club held their annual 45th Valley of the Sun Horseshoe Tournament, the oldest running NHPA sanction tournament in the U.S. Players entered from 27 States and four Provinces of Canada. This year was the largest payout we have ever had. Imagine this if you will! On opening day we had a rain delay of one hour and then on top of that we got rained out two days. This is a rarity here in the Arizona Desert where it very seldom rains. It was very disappointing to those

who did not get to play. The PMHPC hopes this will not discourage the horseshoe players from coming back for next year's tournament February 8th through the 16th 2004.

Classes D 30', D 40', C 40' and B 40' were rained out. Pitchers that finished in the top half of the other groups are listed below.

Class A 30'			
1. Roland Kleinschmi	dt S. Dakota	11/1	70.0%
2. Judy Curtiss	Michigan	10/2	73.4%
3. Don Wild	Colorado	8/4	
4. Jan Turnquist	Minnesota		61.1%
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Class A 40'			
 Paul LaCrosse 	Colorado	13/1	73.6%
2. Bob Hayes	New York	10/4	68.7%
3. Tom Westbrook	S. Carolina	9/5	
4. Rich Pintor	Colorado	7/7	59.9% 62.1%
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Class B 30'			
 Marion Thomsen 	Nebraska	10/1	59.0%
Ken Wollery	California	9/2	54.7%
3. Tony Paiz	Colorado	9/2	54.0%
4. Jane Jordan	S. Carolina	7/4	60.0%
5. Ottie Reno	Ohio	6/5	52.9%
6. Bob Long	Missouri	6/5	52.5%
72 0 101 500		0/3	32.370
Class C 30'			
1. Carol Hoppe	Arizona	5/1	50.8%
Alyeene Hensley	Oklahoma	5/1	45.4%
3. Ida Boschman	B. Columbia		42.9%
4. Don Livingston	Arizona	4/2	50.0%
5. Cheri Smith	Arizona	4/2	
6. Patty Ingraham	Michigan	3/3	39.5% 46.2%
, 8	gair	5/5	40.270
Class E 30'			
 Janice Knaub 	Colorado	9/2	40.0%
2. John Hargrove	Missouri	8/3	30.6%
3. Wayne Jensen	Colorado	7/4	36.1%
4. Kent Robinson	S. Dakota	6/5	35.9%
5. Howard Ackeberg	Arizona	6/5	33.8%
6. Ted Clark	Iowa	6/5	33.6%
	3334-3337-23	0/3	33.070
Class E 40'			
 Max Curtiss 	Michigan	9/2	27.5%
2. Don Sutton	Illinois	8.5/2.5	28.4%
Maurice Stern	B. Columbia	7/4	30.0%
4. Ray Hawkins	Oregon	6.5/4.5	30.9%
Richard Stormont	Arizona	6/5	28.4%
Howard Reed	Kansas	6/5	27.9%
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Class F Mixed			
1. Al Baez	Arizona	10.5/.5	20.4%
2. Al Ayers	Arizona	7.5/3.5	35.2%
3. Berditte Finton	S. Dakota	7/4	25.0%
4. Harold Barker	Iowa	6.5/4.5	22.7%
5. Louise Christianson	Alberta	6/5	20.2%
6. Earl Cummings	Wisconsin	6/5	20.2%
Class G Mixed			
1. Art Anderson	California	9/2	22.9%
2. John Garcia	California	2/2	22.7%
3. Darrell Buell	Arizona	8/3	22.9%
4. Red Homuth	Arizona	8/3	11.5%
Jennifer Johnson	Colorado	6.5/4.5	7.0%
Doyle Adamson	Colorado	6/5	19.5%

THE TOLL OF TIME

Robert (Bob) Pence Indiana

12/7/1909 - 5/18/2002

Bob Pence passed away May 18th at the Cardinal Nursing Home in South Bend, Indiana. His wife Lois passed away July 3, 2000. He is survived by a son, Jerry of North Liberty, IN, two daughters, Janet Kent of Lynchfield, ME and Judy Pence of Albuquerque, NM and two grandchildren.

Bob was a veteran of the US Army Air Corps. He retired after 35 years from The USS Steel, Gary, Indiana

Bob joined the NHPA in 1929. He served as NHPA Sec./Treas. from 1958 to 1972 and was tournament director for 15 world tournaments. Bob also served as Indiana Sec./Treas. and Indiana President. He was responsible for establishing the NHPA Hall of Fame. Bob received the NHPA Stokes Award in 1961. The NHPA gives a Bob Pence membership award every year at the Awards Banquet to the charter with the most adult members. Bob dedicated a great number of years to horseshoes.

The NHPA and Indiana Association send our sympathy to his family.

Orville Baker Wisconsin

Orville Baker, age 73 of Platteville, Wisconsin, died on November 23, 2002 from complications after surgery on a stomach aneurism.

Orville loved playing horseshoes and had pitched in the Platteville leagues (mostly twice a week) for the past twenty-one years. It was during that time that he became an NHPA member. He was a farmer for twenty-two years, and after losing a leg in an accident he then started a welding and machining shop. Orville and his son Jeff did all the welding and fabrication for the Platteville courts. Orville constructed two portable clay courts on wheels and invited his friends to play twice a week at his welding shop during the winter months. There were a lot of great games played for many years. Orville was well liked and his distinctive laugh and outstanding sense of humor made everyone's pitching experience more enjoyable. He will be greatly missed by the Platteville Horseshoe Association and all others who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty; two sons, Gary and Jeff; three daughters, Judy Soles, Jan Brame, and Kim Lipska; two brothers, Lee and Larry; one sister, Donna Stephens; and 16 grandchildren.

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The following is a list of all NHPA Regional Directors and the states or territory they cover. Those of you who travel and want to get out-of-area tournament information, are encouraged to contact the appropriate Regional Director. Each RD maintains a full list of all NHPA sanctioned tournaments in their area. If your travel plans call for stops in several states and you need multiple site information, you might want to write the NHPA 1st Vice-President who is in charge of all RDs. He should have copies of all the state schedules. The address for the 1st VP can be found on page 3 of this publication.

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