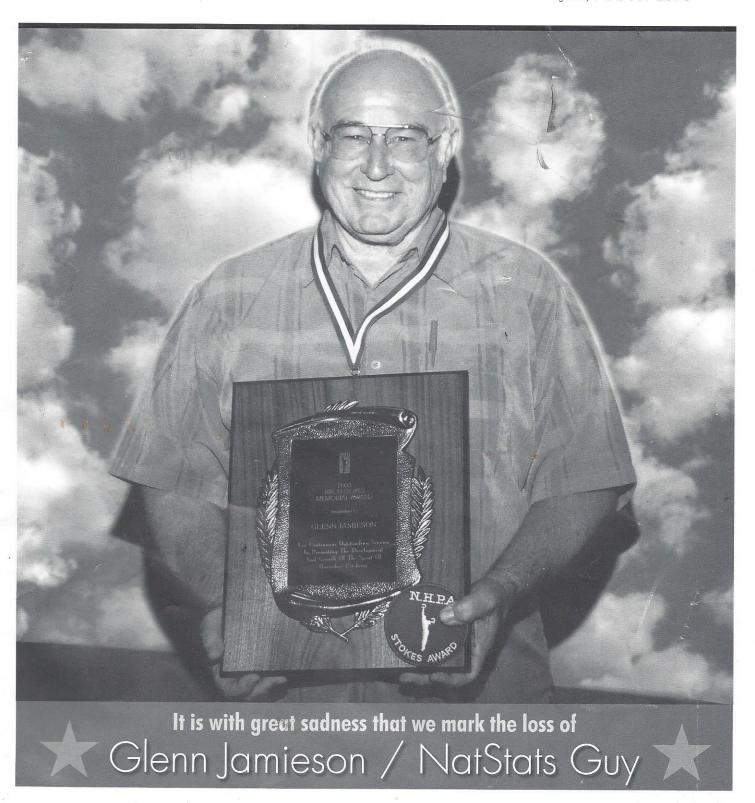


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Cover: Photo taken of Glenn Jamieson at the 2003 World Tournament in Eau Claire. Wisconsin. Glenn was awarded the Stokes Memorial Award for his re-design of NatStats.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stu Sipma

It sure is nice to know that spring is finally here when you hear the birds chirping and the sound of horseshoes hitting the stake! Our leagues in Bismarck have already begun and we have many new members enjoying the sport. I hope all of you were able to get at least one new member signed up. It is my goal to grow the sport and I need everyone to do their part by signing up new members to join in the fun. It seems word of mouth is the best promotional tool we have found to be successful. However, we are, and will continue, to pursue other options.

The World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 26th — August 7th at the Ar-Jay Center. Ralph Palmer, President of the Ar-Jay Center and also the Host Director for the W.T., has been working hard with the Hawkeye Horseshoe Club volunteers in finalizing the plans and the execution of the event. Dick Hansen has informed me that, as of May 26th, 1,268 participants have signed up to pitch. This number is a little bit down from last year at Springfield, but still a very nice number to work with. What I found really exciting this year is the number of Cadets. We have increased from 7 to 12. I also look forward to see all the reigning champions returning to defend their titles.

Along with the World Tournament, I have invited the

from South Africa to be at the World Tournament to demonstrate the sport of Jukskei. The sport of Jukskei is very similar to horseshoes. They will be working with Tina and Ralph on setting up demonstrations while they are at Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Anna Stoltz (CEO), Jerrie Jacobs (Leader of the Delegation), Melanie (Team Coach), and Tjaart Booyens (Communications Director) will be part of the ten members traveling from South Africa.

The dates they will be here are July 28th – August 2nd. Please give them

a warm welcome. Check out their

website at www.jukskei.co.za.

International Jukskei Federation (IJF)

Jerry Holt, our current NHPA Chaplain, has decided to step down as our NHPA Chaplain. In my years with the NHPA, I have never had the chance to sit down and get to know Jerry, however, all the comments I have heard from other members have been very positive. Jerry plans on staying around the horseshoe circuit and plans on attending the Monroe/West Monroe W.T. He will be dearly missed this year at Cedar Rapids. Jerry was appointed to the NHPA Chaplain position in 1988 while attending the Pleasanton, California World Tournament. Jerry replaced Marvin Burgess who was the first Chaplain the NHPA appointed. I am happy to announce that Ken Heinritz has agreed to take over the duties as our NHPA Chaplain. I have gotten to know Ken very well these past six years at the World Tournaments. Ken comes highly recommended from Jerry and I am personally honored to have him as part of our NHPA Team. Congratulations, Ken!

In conclusion, for those of you who I will not see at Cedar Rapids, enjoy the sport of horseshoes, talk it up around your community, sign up new members and most of all get the new members involved in club events. If you ever need anything, please do not hesitate to drop me an e-mail or call.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Continued.

For the others who will be attending the World Tournament at Cedar Rapids, I look forward to hearing from you on what you would like the NHPA to be doing for the sport and its members. I do want to hear from you, with not only ideas, but how to implement them.

Good luck pitching this summer.

GLENN JAMIESON We'll Miss You NatStats Guy!

by Casey sluys

Glenn Jamieson, a man of few words, but his deeds leave a wonderful legacy to the NHPA. Were it not for Glenn and his meticulous attention to detail, our National Statistics operation would not be where it is today. Natstats was first talked about in early 1992 and become a reality in 1993. It has since blossomed, under the direct guidance of Glenn, to the ultimate average tracking system.

In all things that Glenn did for NatStats, he put in as much effort as he did with everything he collected. He was an avid Hotwheels vehicle collector, keeping them all in original packaging and hanging them up on racks as if they were on display in some store. He was a phillumenist, collector of matchbooks; took all the matches out, flattened them, bought plastic covers for them to fit in, put them all in binders and shared them with whoever showed interest. Among his other collections were swizzle sticks, cocktail napkins, sugar packets (sugar removed of course). He had business cards of every horseshoe pitcher that had ever had a business card. Whether it was an NHPA officer's card, a Regional Director's card, a publicity card for a local club, or an actual business card from where the person was employed, it didn't matter, all were proudly displayed in binders.

Over the years Glenn made many suggestions that became by-laws and/or rules concerning how the NHPA should do averages and sign-ups. Almost all were presented in his fastidious way and were aimed at seeing that everyone followed the rules to the tee. We know that Glenn would have busted his mom if she had been a minute late signing up for a tournament.

Glenn was a 29-year member of the NHPA and married to his lovely wife Shirley for 52 years. He would have been 73 on July 20th.

In our own charter he was the stat man for various clubs, plus the State and Northern CA Champs plus the Team Champs. He was elected the NCHPA Hall of Fame in 1996 and is on the nominee list for the NHPA Hall of Fame.

At every World Tournament since 1990 Glenn virtually did all the stats. He would occasionally solicit help, but mostly just for inputting scoresheets. All the changes and other programming details were Glenn's.

His attention to detail and the creation of his binders of statistics were all well above the 'job description' of a Natstats Director. Glenn would set up a table with various binders crammed full of interesting stats at every WT. It created as much interest as the whole WT at times. Any tournament director that ever asked Glenn for anything at the WT or anywhere else would receive comprehensive answers

The NHPA has lost a valuable and dedicated person with the tragic and unexpected death of Glenn Jamieson. His fervor and dedication to the sport of horseshoe pitching was second to none. Every active horseshoe pitcher has been touched by Glenn and he will be sorely missed by all those who knew him.

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE NEWS

by Lorraine Sternberg

The summer league season has officially started, which means membership reports should be in by now. If you have not turned in your membership report, your league is not covered under the NHPA insurance. So get these membership reports in as soon as possible and please make sure that all members are listed on the report. All pitchers pitching on a sanctioned league must carry a current NHPA membership card; this includes those pitchers that sub on your league.

The World Tournament is fast approaching. As always, Iowa has been working hard to make this event a most memorable tournament. I look forward to seeing everyone once again. The Sanctioned League Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 31st. Please check with me when you arrive at the tournament as to the time of the meeting. It will once again coincide with the Charter Officers meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, but you would like to express any concerns that you may have, please let me know.

This year the Sanctioned League Director Award is going to Mel Yockstick of the Denver Metro Horseshoe Club from Colorado. Mel has been the league director for the Denver Metro HSC for 30 years and I have enjoyed working with him. He has done an outstanding job as their league director. Not only has Mel been the league director for the club through the years; he has been a Vice President, the President, Secretary/Treasurer and Publicity Director. Mel also started the first State League Tournament Playoff for the state of Colorado. After the league season is over, the top leagues compete for the State League Title. I would like to thank Mel for his dedication to the Denver Metro HSC. I will be presenting this award to Mel at the Hall of Fame Awards Banquet at the World Tournament. Congratulations to Mel!

I received two letters and pictures from juniors that were recipients from the League Scholarship Program.

Naomi Williamson wrote:



Hi, my name is Naomi Williamson and I am finishing my Junior year at Unity High School in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. This summer will be my 11th year pitching horseshoes with the Close Doesn't Count Horseshoe League. I am

involved in community activities such as Miss Balsam Lake, Girls Scouts, Snowmobile Club and the local Auxiliary. My school activities include FFA, band, choir, drama and manager for three high school sports (track, volleyball and basketball.) After graduation in 2011, I plan to attend the University of Eau Claire, Wisconsin to pursue a degree in nursing. Thank you very much for the scholarship as it will be helpful in meeting financial responsibilities at college.

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Beau Davison wrote:



My name is Beau Davison and I am a Junior at Unity High School in Balsam Lake. Wisconsin. I have pitching been horseshoes for 10 over vears with the Close Doesn't County Horseshoe League in Centuria,

Wisconsin. I was Wisconsin Junior Boys Champion in 2008. Some other hobbies I have are guitar and fiddle playing, bowling, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. I have been cleaning houses with my mom for about 5 years. I am also working at Subway in St. Croix Falls. I would like to thank the NHPA for the generous scholarship; it will come in handy next year as I go to college.

I want to remind you to get your entry in for the League Tournament. You can find the entry on the NHPA web site and also it was in the last issue of Newsline. The dates once again are October 9th and 10th. It is limited to 20 teams, so don't wait too long or you club may miss out on a great tournament.

Once again the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites is the host hotel for the tournament. I have 20 rooms blocked off, so make your reservation soon. Remember to mention Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club and you will get the special rate of \$69.95. The phone number is 636-300-4844. This includes breakfast. The Holiday Inn Express is less than 15 minutes from the Hall of Fame Facility. The address is 1175 Technology Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

May you all have a safe trip and a great tournament!

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

by Jerry LaBrosse

I'd like to thank all of the charter presidents and RD's that have taken interest in participating in Charter Communications. I feel very good about what we've achieved to this point, and I am looking forward to improving this new position. With your input and suggestions, I feel we can make steady progress in growing your charters memberships. Some of the good news is that there are several charters that have established or updated their state membership email lists. This is a great way to quickly get information out to your members.

Another positive development is that many charters have established promotional directors, or have at least taken more interest in promotion efforts as a charter. The more charters we can get on board with implementing such programs as "Horseshoe Pitching is Fun Day", and "Pitch and Win" events, the more growth we will see.

There have also been several exchanges between many charter presidents and the NHPA council, via Charter Communications, that may not have happened otherwise.

So in closing, I want to make it clear that your comments and suggestions are always welcome. If you have an issue that you'd like to share with the NHPA, just email myself or, of course, NHPA President Stuart Sipma is always available for comments as well.

I'm looking forward to meeting any charter presidents and RD's that are attending the world tournament. Please look me up so we can get acquainted. It's always nice to attach a face to a name.

TOLL OF TIME

W. Warren Woolsey

Florida

W. Warren Woolsey, 86 of Clearwater, Florida, passed away March 17, 2010. Warren was a member of the Clearwater Horseshoe Club for the past ten years and won the Florida Elder Men's State Championship in 2002, 2004 and 2008. Warren was inducted into the FSHPA Hall of Fame in 2009. Warren served the Clearwater Club as Secretary/Treasurer for three years. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Clearwater. He moved to Clearwater from Valparaiso, Indiana in 2001 where he was a retired Assistant Vice President of Indiana Federal Bank. Before moving to Valparaiso in 1983, he lived for many years in Decatur, Georgia, where he has served as President of the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce. Decatur Civitan Club, Fidelity National Bank and Capital City Bank of Hapeville, Georgia. He was also a former Vice President and Manager of the Decatur Branch of the First National Bank of Atlanta where he was employed for 21 years. He was a champion horseshoe pitcher, participating in tournaments throughout Indiana, Illinois and Florida and was an officer for ten years of the Whiting Horseshoe Club in Whiting, Indiana. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served in both the European Theater and in Japan in the Army of Occupation. He graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia with both BBA and Doctor of Law degrees. He was an honor graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

Warren loved horseshoe pitching and had many great stories to tell about his horseshoe pitching, his banking and World War II experiences. We are very saddened by Warren's passing and will miss him very much.

Submitted by Ron Deckard NHPA Regional Director for Florida

Howard "Pops" McNutt Sr.

Texas

1935-2010

Howard Marion McNutt, Sr., 74, passed away April 23, 2010. Howard was a retired Houston Police Department officer. He retired after 20 years of service.

His wife of 47 years, Rita McNutt; his children, Howard McNutt, Jr., William E. McNutt and Gina Brown, Lisa White and husband Jerry survive him. Grandchildren Samantha McNutt, Savanna Speaks, Morgan McNutt and Nikki Jo McNutt.

Howard, also known as "Pops", was a 21-year member of the THPA. Howard never played horseshoes to win; he only played for the fun, fellowship and the simple joy of seeing everyone. He didn't need a State title and he never wanted any special recognition, he just wanted to play horseshoes. He



was the kind of man that you couldn't say anything bad about, no matter how hard you tried. No matter where you saw him, Howard always had a smile on his face. He was one of a kind, and no one could ever take his place.

Howard will live on through our memories and the message that he left to over 500 THPA members; "Keep it simple, have fun and pitch horseshoes."

Howard is also a member of Montgomery County Horse-shoe Club in Conroe, Texas. In 2007 Howard decided it was time for him to move into the Elders Division. He thoroughly enjoyed pitching with the Juniors and "all the pretty ladies." He would attend the local BBQ Cook-off and Festivals and step right back up to 40'.

We Love you Pops.

Glenn Jamieson

To the toll of time A great treasure has gone Glenn Jamieson our statistician In time the pain will be gone.

He did so much for so many In this horseshoe game we play It was such beautiful teamwork When Glenn showed all the way.

He was probably the same To all he dealt with in our game Very informative and to the point Glenn gave it all the way.

He was always a gentleman Talking on the phone or emails Glenn Jamieson was truly a gift A treasure all were privileged to share.

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NHPA RULES AND BYLAWS

by Dan Sanders

Council-enacted Rule to be voted on at 2010 Convention

You may recall a recent Rules change, enacted by our Council, which allows qualified members to move into the Elders Division upon purchasing their NHPA membership card, usually available in October of the preceding year. This may allow up to three additional months for them to complete the four sanctioned events that are required for entering the World Tournament. The details of this Rules change can be found in an earlier issue of Newsline Magazine and were also posted on the NHPA Website. These details will also be included in the Delegate Packet so that Charter Officers and delegates can review the information before voting, at the World Tournament annual Convention in Cedar Rapids.

Proposed Bylaws changes for 2011

The following information is taken from our current NHPA Bylaws (see Article X on page 9, and Standing Rule 12, on page 11):

ARTICLE X1: Amendments

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended as follows: a. At every third Convention beginning in 2008, by a two-thirds majority vote, provided notice was given in the Call to Convention.

Standing Rule 12: "All member-proposed changes to the NHPA Bylaws... shall be submitted in writing to the respective Committee Chairperson and shall be

postmarked no later than December 31st of the year preceding the appropriate Convention."

The entire NHPA Bylaws document can be found on the NHPA Website at www.horseshoepitching.com, or you can request a personal, current copy by contacting our Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen. Please read through this document and if you have any suggested changes, submit them to me before the deadline on December 31, 2010. Please include the current text, your suggested change of wording, and your reason(s) for the change(s).

Rules Questions/Answers

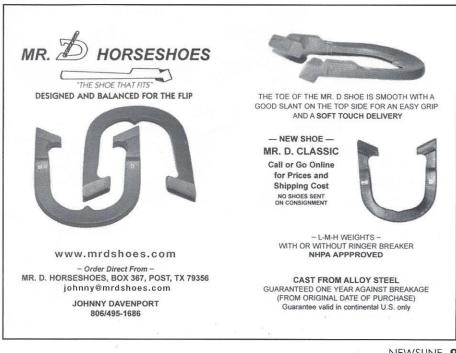
Question: If a contestant does not agree with the call a judge has made, can they ask for the opinion/call of a second judge?

RGS Reference (see page 11):

Rule 4, Section A.1 - Scoring - Once the four (4) shoes of an inning have been pitched, the contestants shall walk to the opposite pit, determine the score for the inning, and retrieve their shoes. No shoe shall be moved before its' scoring value is determined. If this decision is in doubt, a judge shall be called. The judge shall make the necessary measurements and determine the scoring for the shoe(s) in question. To help speed up play, contestants are encouraged to carry measuring tools and to make their own decisions on scoring, whenever possible. Play shall continue in a similar fashion for each inning until the game is completed.

Further Interpretation:

Although a judge may be called on to make several different kinds of decisions during tournament play, the most common one is to measure a shoe(s) for a ringer or to determine which shoe is closest to the stake. In these cases, a judge should only be called if the contestants cannot measure the shoes or cannot agree on the call. The judge's decision is final and a second opinion cannot be requested by either contestant. In some cases, where more than one judge is on duty (such as the World Tournament), a judge could request the assistance or opinion of another judge in making a call.



REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORT

by Debby Michaud, 5th NHPA VP

Preparations for the 2010 World Horseshoe Tournament in Cedar Rapids continue. The Iowa HPA is meeting regularly, forming committees and arranging schedules. We RD's must do that as well, planning to have enough people to "man" the shoe check area for each new group of pitchers on the Mondays and Thursdays of the World Tournament. I will be communicating with those of you who will be attending to make sure we are covered. I am sure that we will be fine, as I have watched you all in action for the last several years!

A question has arisen regarding the State Doubles Tournaments. Just as it is true that there is only ONE State Singles Tournament per year and only one State Champion per state per year in each division, it is also true that there is only ONE State Doubles Champion team in each division per state per year. There were some states that ordered more State Doubles Champion patches than I would have expected. Some of these charters have several divisions in their State Doubles tournament and there were Champions in each division, as you would expect. However, having a Men's division and a Women's division in one tournament and then a separate State Doubles tournament for Mixed Adult division is probably not acceptable as that might result in one adult receiving two State Doubles Champion patches in one year. On the other hand, it is possible to have champions in each of the divisions: Men's, Women's, Elders, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, even Sr. Men and Sr. Women if there are that many entries. And that would be a great thing to have happen - to have all those divisions competing separately in a State Doubles tournament. It is also a GOOD thing to have so many doubles tournaments per year as that means there are a lot of competitive pitchers enjoying themselves. For those tournaments, the simple Doubles Champion patches would be ordered.

Having said all of this, the RGS booklet may not be written as clearly as it could be in regard to all doubles tournaments. I am going to think about this. In the meantime, think about how you are scheduling your tournaments for the rest of this year and for 2011 and try to figure out if what you are doing is in accordance with the RGS Book. Opinions,,, thoughts on this? Let me know what those thoughts are. Thank you.

We are hoping that many of you had a successful Horseshoe Pitching is Fun month in May. AND we are now hoping that the 2010 season is in full swing with no rain-outs (it can rain at NIGHT!) and everything running on schedule. Hopefully, many of you are getting MORE members this year, both in your leagues and at your tournaments.

Massachusetts is going to have a "Tournament of Champions" at the end of the year. This will be a tournament to which only Class Champions and Tournament Champions of Sanctioned Tournaments will be invited. Several states also have a "Point Champion of the Year" award which provides incentive for pitchers to enter more tournaments. Promotional efforts are happening all the time.

It is our job as Regional Directors to help our clubs maintain good courts that pitchers love to compete on. With many courts being in public parks, and many clubs not having much money, this is an on-going challenge. Making small improvements may be the only way we can deal with it, year after year. But often, making those small improvements every year is enough to keep the courts in good shape.

As always, thank your Regional Directors, your officers, and your tournament and League directors for all they do for our sport. Good luck to all of the entrants in the World Tournament and good pitching to all this summer.

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JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT by Justin Sipma



A few months ago I received a letter from a individual voung wished to be in the "Junior Spotlight." This up and coming junior horseshoe pitcher told me everything he could about his life and how horseshoes has become a part of it over the last four years.

I always find it tough to write about something or someone I hardly know, as was the case with this person. Fortunately for me, I had the privilege to meet this young pitcher at the

2009 World Tournament in Springfield, Illinois. In my own experiences, I think you can get to know a person much better by having a five minute conversation with them, rather than through a one page paper about their accomplishments. However, I will do my best to introduce you to fifteen year old Dalton Rakestraw and what he can teach to today's junior horseshoe pitchers.

Dalton Rakestraw symbolized what a Junior Director looks for in an individual that wishes to be in the "Junior Spotlight." It doesn't necessarily mean being the best pitcher, but more importantly having a good attitude when things are going good and not so good. Joe Namath, a hall of fame quarterback for the New York Jets, said it best, "You must be a gracious winner and an outstanding loser." I place this as the single most important characteristic that all young horseshoe pitchers should display and it was something I saw on a daily basis from Dalton.



Dalton is from West Plains, Missouri and has been pitching horseshoes for over four years now. His grandpa, Paul Davis, a two-time Arkansas state champion, introduced Dalton to the game of horseshoes. Armed with Six Pack Horseshoes and a ¾ turn shoe, Dalton has seen his ringer percentage shoot to a 53.86% which currently has him as the 11th best junior horseshoe pitcher in the World. His highest tournament average is a 58.8% and his highest game is a 70.7%. At the 2009 World Tournament, Dalton placed 4th in the Junior's 'B' Class and 6th in the Junior's Championship Division.

One day, he dreams of becoming not only Missouri State champion, but also the World Tournament champion. With practice, Dalton definitely has the potential to reach these goals in the upcoming future. When asked about any advice he would like to give others following in his footsteps it was this, "Never give up and just keep throwing!"

When not pitching horseshoes, Dalton enjoys fishing, swimming and going to church. He loves playing the church organ as well as the piano and keyboard. Dalton is the son of Faith and Robert Rakestraw.

Remember, if you or someone you know would like to be in the "Junior Spotlight" just mail/email me a brief write up on that person and include a picture you would like included in your article. You can reach me at:

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VORLD RECORDS

by Mel Yockstick - The Statman

What is a Perfect Game?

One could say if you pitch all ringers and do all the scoring while your opponent does not get a point. Thus, a perfect game is pitched. Other sports have perfect games like bowling a 300 game with all X's and no open frames in one designated game or when a baseball pitcher retires all twenty-seven opposing batters in order. To qualify for a perfect game patch you must meet the minimum of 10 ringers in tournament or leagues play. The Perfect Game patch you receive might have (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) Stars on the patch.

Stars represent-

1 Star: less than 20 shoes, 2 Stars: 20-28 shoes, 3 Stars: 30-38 shoes, 4 Stars: 40-48 shoes, 5 Stars: 50 + shoes.

Perfect game patches are awarded traditionally at the NHPA World Hall of Fame annual banquet.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. recently turned over the Perfect Game patches and computer files to me. I have entered the 2009 games and created a Perfect Game file for the website. Go to horseshoepitching.com and click on World Tournament +, click on WT Records + then go to Perfect Games. This file will list six categories: 1) Top pitchers with two or more perfect games, 2) Perfect games pitched at World tournaments, 3) Men's perfect games for all tournaments, 4) Women's perfect games for all tournaments, 5) Elder's perfect games for all tournaments, 6) Junior's perfect games for all tournaments.

Alan Francis currently leads all pitchers with 16 perfect games. He has pitched 11 as an adult and five as a junior. His all time high perfect game was 44 ringers at the 2008 Ohio State tournament. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is second with 13 perfect games. He has pitched nine as an adult and four as a junior. His three highest memorable perfect games are 56 ringers at Heriston, OR, 1977, 50 ringers at Pleasonton, CA, 1981 and 50 ringers at Santa Rosa, CA, 1990. Carl Steinfeldt also was on top with five perfect games. His highest, 50 ringers pitched, was in Clearwater, FL, 1982. In 1948 Guy Zimmerman, from California was the first pitcher ever to pitch a perfect game in a Milwaukee, WI World tournament with 44 straight ringers.

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NHPA TOP RANKING PERFECT GAMES WITH 2 or MORE IN ALL DIVISIONS.

			Perfect	Last	
First	Last Name	City, State	Games	Year	Category
Alan	Francis	Defiance, OH	16	2008	JR-M
Walter Ray	Williams Jr.	Ocala, FL	13	2002	JR-M
Sue	Snyder	Jasper, IN	8	2008	W
Carl	Steinfeldt	Largo, FL	5	1985	**M
Joan	Elmore	Mt Juliet, TN	4	2009	W
Tari	Powell	Rossville, IL	4	1993	W
Sandy	Janssens	Wallaceburg, ONT	4	1988	W
Joe	McCrink	Verona, VT	3	2005	M
Brian	Simmons	Bristol, VT	3	2002	M
Lois	Webster	Winchester, KY	3	1998	W
Jim	Walters	Piqua, OH	3	1993	JR
Jim	Knisley	Zanesville, OH	3	1989	M
Ed	Arionus	Sequim, TX	2	2009	30
Frank	Bohun	Erie, PA	2	2004	30
Becky	Kemper	Pleasuerville, KY	2	1998	W
John	Kapnis	Salem, MA	2	1997	M
Jeromy	Umphries	Unknown	2	1997	JR
Vicki	Winston	La Monte, MO	2	1995	W
Debby	Michaud	Taunton, MA	2	1994	W
Mark	Seibold	Huntington, IN	2	1993	M
Peter	Clark	Unknown	2	1990	M
Opal	Reno	Elkins, AR	2	1980	W
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Updated 4/16/2010 ** Deceased JR= Junior

WORLD RECORDS continued

Other top pitchers include Sue Snyder from Indiana with eight perfect games. Her highest perfect game was 40 ringers in a row. Three other pitchers came through with four perfect games: Tari Powell from Illinois fired 40 ringers for her perfect game honors, Joan Elmore from

Tennessee and Sandy Janssens from Ontario, Canada tied with 32 ringers to get their perfect games patches.

Any time you pitch a perfect game, please contact me at nhpamel@concast.net or call 303-421-6433.

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NHPA PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins

2010 World Tournament - Cedar Rapids, Iowa

I am looking forward to my second year of working the World Tournament as your NHPA 2nd Vice President. We have many "extras" in store for you this year.

The NHPA officers will again be hosting several "Open House" sessions, where you will be able to meet and visit with us, ask us questions, have a little snack. The times and days will be announced after the pitching schedule is finalized.

Many of you are interested in the history and happenings of the NHPA's early years. You will have an opportunity to hear some of that from some horseshoe pitching "Legends" who will honor us with some stories and answer some of your questions. Don Titcomb, Ottie Reno and Red Henton will be leading this "Walk Down Memory Lane" during the second week of the tournament. These gentlemen have many wonderful tales to tell involving several of the top pitchers throughout the decades.

All World Tournament participants and their families are encouraged to help out (and earn a little spending cash!) at Cedar Rapids by taking a turn in the score keeping chair. In past years, it has become difficult to fill these spots. It really is a disadvantage for pitchers who have to share a score keeper with another court.

The NHPA will be holding several clinics throughout the tournament to teach score keeping on the World Tournament score sheets. We will also have instruction available for judging, in case you choose to help in that capacity. Be sure to check your schedule and look for announcements onsite for days and times.

The NHPA has the honor of hosting a Jukskei demonstration by the International Jukskei Federation who hail from South Africa. In addition to demonstrations during the World Tournament, they will be offering instruction in the game, and some of you will have the opportunity to eventually compete with and against the touring Jukskei players.

In case you don't know what Jukskei, it is believed to have originated around 1743 in the Cape, South Africa, developed by "transport riders" who traveled with ox-drawn wagons. They used the wooden pins of the yokes of the oxen to throw at a stick that was planted into the ground. Jukskei became an organized sport around 1939 when the first unions where established and rules where formalized.

Many other amenities are in the planning stages. I hope they will help make your World Tournament experience memorable and enjoyable! Be sure to check your schedule and watch for onsite announcements

Horseshoe Pitching IS FUN!!

By now, you all have had opportunity to take advantage of the Horseshoe Pitching IS FUN materials and guidelines which were distributed through your Charter Presidents, Publicity Coordinators and Regional Directors.

I have received word of many events held across the country. Charles Bunner of West Virginia has reported a successful FUN DAY, with seven new members being signed for his charter!!

The NHPA encouraged this big membership drive during the month of May, but don't stop there! You can do the same thing and use the same materials at ANY time to draw new members into your club.

Please remember to fill out the Activity Report that was included in the materials. All clubs who held a Fun Day event will receive a certificate of participation if I receive their name on an activity report. This will also let us know how we can improve on this membership drive for future efforts.

Hall of Fame Facility

I had the opportunity to travel to the NHPA's Hall of Fame Museum and pitching facility in Wentzville, Missouri for the Sixpac Invitational tournament.

This was my second visit to the facility – my first being as a participant in the League National Tournament in October, 2009. I developed a "first impression" on that visit which hasn't changed a bit...

The hosts of the facility, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, are friendly and helpful to all who pass through the doors. They make every effort to be sure each visitor goes away with a positive impression of the facility and of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. I applaud them for the efforts they put forth for us. It is a major undertaking and they are doing a wonderful job! Be sure to visit them when you get a chance – Perhaps on the way to Cedar Rapids?

Motel 6

We are pleased to announce the first special benefit offered to you for being a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. As mentioned in the previous issue, the NHPA has

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NHPA PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION continued

entered into an agreement with Motel 6 to offer a discount on all your stays with them.

NHPA members can receive a 10% discount on their already low rates nationwide. With over 1,000 locations, Motel 6 is ideal for the budget minded horseshoe traveler and currently, their national average is under \$45.00.

To book your stay, visit the NHPA website (www. horseshoepitching.com) and find the "Member Services" link in the list at the left of the screen. Expand that link and choose "lodging discounts."

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- must be referenced. When booking on the URL, this will auto attach. When going directly to the Motel 6 website (not using this link) or when making reservations by phone, telling them you are a horseshoe pitcher or a member of the NHPA will not work. You need to give the CP# to receive the NHPA discount.

This is the first of what we hope will turn into a long list of member benefits just for YOU – members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association!

I am looking forwarding to meeting and visiting with you at Cedar Rapids, and wish you all a safe and enjoyable trip.

SEE YOU AT
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NEW NATSTATS DIRECTOR APPOINTED

NHPA President Stuart Sipma is pleased to announce that he has appointed Rob Hagman to the position of NHPA NatStats Director and World Tournament Stats Room Coordinator.

A little bit about Rob Hagman: Rob is 38 years old and has been involved with horseshoes since he was a junior. He and his lovely wife Ann have two children and live in Anoka, Minnesota. Rob is currently the Minnesota Regional Director. He has served the MGSHPA as state statistician and also as a tournament director for several years. Rob has mastered the HSMaster and HSScorekeeper programs designed by Kurt Whaley and has been working closely with Kurt to perfect the system. Rob has extensive computer training and experience, specializing in networking and troubleshooting issues. He has been deeply involved with developing and applying the electronic scoring system you will see on display at this year's world tournament in Cedar Rapids.

Rob is very excited to take on this challenge and make improvements to the system. He will be very instrumental in the future development of the way the NHPA handles its Information Technology business.

It is very important that all charters advise their tournament directors and statisticians to send all

tournament results and correspondences to the newly established NatStats reporting address. Put this in your address books: natstats@horseshoepitching.com

You may now send all the results you've been holding to this address.

Also, be advised that it may take a week or two before the NatStats files are all up to date. In a week or so, check and see if your tournament results have been recorded by going to the "reported events" file on the NHPA website under NatStats.

For those who send results by US Mail, Rob's address is:

Rob Hagman

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I am requesting that every Charter President or Regional Director respond to me regarding receipt of this notice. Please do so ASAP. We all have to pull together to make this transition as smooth as possible. If your charter does not have an established statistician, I strongly urge you to find someone who will take on these duties.

Thanks, and watch for more updates coming soon Jerry LaBrosse NHPA Charter Communications

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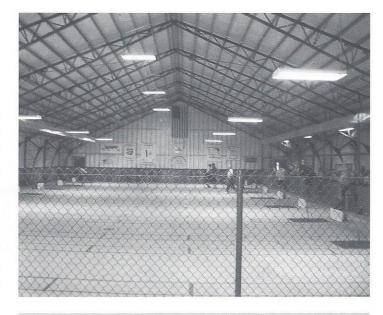
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CHARTER CHATTER

by Debby Michaud

IOWA

The World Tournament Committee is meeting every month to review and update the work of all committees. Plans are falling in place and by next month we should have all our ducks in a row. Campers who stay at the RV Park in Amana will have their own practice courts. The Amana Society is going to build six new sanctioned horseshoe courts in their RV Park for all campers to use. Campers will not have to travel 20 minutes to Cedar Rapids to use the City's 18 courts. These courts will be completed early this spring under the direction of Bob Hardy.

There will be something new at the World Tournament this year - electronic scorekeeping. Eight courts will be set for electronic scorekeeping with read out in the lobby as well on the courts. Anyone wishing to learn more or how to keep score electronically is asked to inform the NHPA Director in charge at the time.

MISSOURI

The Independence Horseshoe Club is having a benefit tournament July 17 at McCoy Park. The tournament, "The Michael Long Quest to Walk Benefit" is the first benefit tournament hosted by Independence horseshoer Laura Estes.

Who is Michael Long and what in the world is Quest to Walk? Michael Long is a Lee's Summit West 2008 graduate. He is a son, a brother, a boyfriend. He likes to work with his body more than his brains. He is a lifelong batman fan and is very into cars. As a young boy Michael always wanted to play professional

baseball, but now Michael just wants to walk.

On July 4th of last year (2009), while attending an Independence Day party with a bunch of his friends, Michael



went down the slide head first into the pool, something he had done countless times. He remembers the jolt he felt in his arms from hitting the bottom of the pool. As he came to the

surface he yelled, "Guys, I can't feel my legs." That is where Michaels's Quest to Walk began.

After surgery, hospital stays and traditional therapy, Michael is happy to be living in a wheel chair accessible apartment in Lee's Summit and thinking about his future.

Although he's been told the damage is permanent, he's found extreme kindness in others and new hope at Quest to Walk. Quest to Walk is a state of the art spinal cord injury recovery center located in Overland Park, Kansas. They use the Dardzinski method, which is exercise out of the chair. In the process, new nerve and muscle tissue is regenerated. This method is more intense and targeted than traditional physical therapy and has had some outstanding results.

Since Quest to Walk is not covered by insurance, Michael is thrilled that the Independence Horseshoe Club is sponsoring a tournament in his name. "I'm about to cry, " was his first reaction.

Although this past year has been a challenging one for Michael and his family, it's also been one filled with promise, generosity and unbelievable kindness.

When Laura Estes heard about Michael's need to raise money she knew this was a perfect fit for the horseshoe club. Knowing horseshoe people love to play horseshoes and they love to play for a great cause, the "Michael Long Quest to Walk benefit" was born.

If you'd like to participate, contact laura at 816-726-2966 or email her at lauralaura2222@sbcglobal.net.

For more information on the program, log on to questtowalk.

MINNESOTA

I have a little story that I'd like to share with you regarding a junior promotion idea that is happening in Minnesota. Our president Rick Wright was visiting with a group of soccer moms who were looking for support for their local soccer program. He talked with them about the possibility of starting

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a summer horseshoe league for the kids. He explained that it would be good exposure to a new sport, good exercise, and it won't cost them anything. Needless to say, these soccer moms embraced this idea as nothing short of fantastic. Right now the project is in the planning stage, but it is surely going to happen. The local soccer program in his area involves about 900 kids. Rick explained that he has 12 courts and basically two nights to work with. The moms are going to gather the kids who are interested and bring them to the courts on a June weekend to be determined. We will have at least one of our people stationed at each court to instruct the kids on pitching techniques and the rules. We also plan to give these kids lunch and hopefully run an introductory tournament and even hand out trophies. After this day is complete, the kids who are interested will be signed up and a sanctioned junior league will be formed. If all goes as planned we have room for 96 kids running two shifts on two nights per week. Everyone knows that the vast majority of these kids will not embrace horseshoes as a lifetime sport, but some of them will. And if nothing else, we're planting seeds for the future of horseshoes. I just wanted to share this idea with you as a possible source for junior recruitment, and I will do a follow up of the results of this project in a Newsline article later this year.

Submitted by Jerry LaBrosse

OHIO

News from one of the longest and most successful horseshoe court facilities in the country:

The Darke County Horseshoe Club, in conjunction with the Darke County Fair Board, will be constructing a new domestic arts/indoor horseshoe pitching facility equipped with bathroom facilities and kitchen area. The building will have three portable courts similar to what is used at the World Tournament. It was a great deal for both the County Fair Board and for the horseshoe club, because the existing building was in very bad shape and the club wanted a new pitching facility. Mark Coppess, owner of ATA construction, is virtually donating his crews' labor so the Fair Board and the Horseshoe club are splitting the cost of the all steel structure.

To everyone out there who is looking for a pitching facility, go to your local Fairground group and see if there is a building there that could house some portable courts. This CAN be done, as this shows. After pitching in an old building for 52 years, virtually rent free, the Darke County Horseshoe club is looking forward to using this new building next winter. The old building has been knocked down and the new one is being constructed.

The Horseshoe Club logo will be proudly displayed across the new building and the Arts group will use the building mostly during the annual fair. Great news for a horseshoe hot spot!

GEORGIA

The weather in Georgia warms up early and tournaments started as early as March. The Georgia HPA has already welcomed some new members. News for Georgia is that president Larry Davis is trying to revive two old clubs in Albany and in Columbus by having their State Charter sponsor a couple of tournaments to gauge if there is enough interest in those areas to reform the old clubs. The Albany club was formerly run by NHPA president Glen Portt before he passed away. The courts are still there under the big old oak trees so, hopefully, the club there can be revived along with the club in Columbus.

Georgia is improving its communication by sending out its first newsletter in March and they have received a lot of support and positive feedback already. They have also working on

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their new E-mail list, an idea promoted by 4th NHPA VP Jerry LaBrosse, and are finding that it is working to get the word out quickly and efficiently. Sounds like some good energy down in Georgia!

Submitted by Ronnie Miller

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Matt Schwab, a man who owns his own construction company in Milford,, New Hampshire decided to use lag time last year, during the economic crisis, to build several wooden portable courts that can be placed in fields and parks - the walkways are wooden platforms that are part of each court. The stakes are pounded into the ground in the middle of each court. He held a charity tournament last September on these courts and plans to hold a second one this year. The tournament was very well run, with tournament sponsors banners prominently displayed, food available and money prizes, but Mr. Schwab feels he can learn from his first experience and run an even better tournament this year. Along with the tournament, he had a "longest ringer" contest, a ringer around a huge stake contest, etc. Although Mr. Schwab is not even a member of the NHPA (yet!) he is a big supporter of horseshoe pitching. He also has these courts for sale – we wish him the best in his efforts!

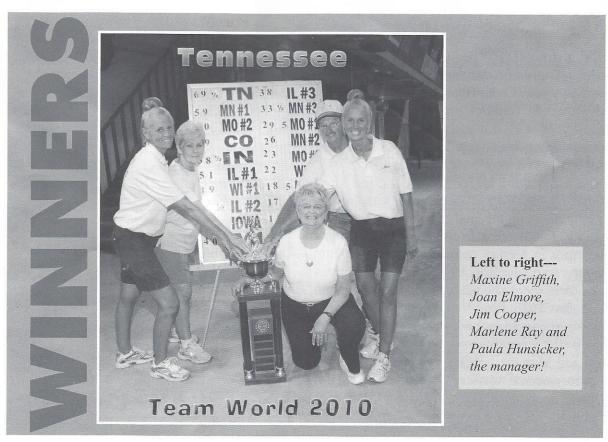
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

News from "up north". The Victoria Club will be the host for the Canadian National Horseshoe Championships in August of 2010. They are holding fundraisers to raise money to run a good event. They plan to hand out "goody bags" to each entrant.

From the Victoria club comes Dorothy Butts, who was a British Columbia Hall of Fame inductee in 2009. She has been a player, organizer, and promoter on the local level, the Provincial level, and on the National level as well, updating computer programs and communication links among the clubs, running tournaments and holding various offices. She sounds like a gold mine! Congratulations to her!

The Cloverdale H.C. gained 10 new members in 2009 – they keep in touch in the winter by getting together in some other organized activities. They have Game Night on Mondays, Poker on Tuesdays, and Cribbage on Thursday. They also annually host a school program to promote horseshoe awareness among the youth and usually is run for grades 9-12.

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NHPF

NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS

by Dave Loucks

After a long wet fall and winter seasons, some warm and dry weather finally enabled our brick engravers to return to the Hall of Fame Commemorative Brick Plaza in mid-May. I had supplied them with engraving instructions for 54 brick orders that had accumulated since October 2009. Since our plaza bricks are already in ground, the sand blasting procedure to engrave must take place when the clay bricks are relatively free of moisture. While a week or so of warm dry weather is required, our engraver also asks for a minimum of 25 bricks to engrave before they will visit the work site. This explains why some have had an unusually long wait to see their engraved brick.

Perhaps the article I wrote in the previous Newsline had some effect. Brick orders have picked up a bit with ten now in hand waiting to be part of the next batch. It was good to see that some of those ten orders have come from charters who have very few engraved bricks in their section. Buying an engraved brick is a great way to support the Hall of Fame while at the same time it allows you to recognize and honor a living or deceased family member or friend.

The NHPF will have an information booth at the Cedar Rapids world tournament. You can purchase a brick there or make a contribution to the Foundation. Similar to Springfield last year, Cedar Rapids is just a few hours drive to the Wentzville Hall of Fame. If you didn't get to Wentzville last year or even if you did, try to stop by the Hall of Fame building for a visit. Some additions and a beautiful full wall mural have been added.

Keep in mind that proceeds from your contribution or brick order help maintain the Hall of Fame Museum and pitching facility. Funds are also used to provide grants to clubs and cities in need of constructing or improving horseshoe courts on public land. Checks for contributions and/or brick orders should be made out to the NHPF and mailed to P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Email inquiries can be sent to 3ringers3@att.net

During April and May the NHPF received contributions and brick order income totaling \$19,078. The NHPF thanks all those mentioned below who contributed or purchased a brick.

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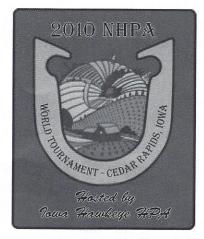
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The 2010 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 26^{th} through August 7^{th} .

Pitchers are competing for approximately \$170,000 in prize money, trophies and scholarships, as well as the right to call themselves "World Champion."

Current Men's world champion, Alan Francis of Defiance, OH, who is to be featured in the 2011 edition of the Guinness Book for most world championships (15), will be defending his title as well as attempting to break his own record.

Alan's quest for another World Championship will be no picnic. He will be contested by many of the top pitchers in the U.S. and Canada for the crown. Among

those, Brian Simmons of Vermont, who is ranked #2 in the world with an 86.85% average.

In the 2009 competition, Brian took Alan to a playoff game of 140 shoes with the title up for grabs until the final two shoes. In a game to 40 points, the two stood tied at 37 until Alan was able to take advantage of a miss by Brian to secure the title. With ringer averages of 90% and 89.29%, it was one of the most exciting finishes to the men's world championships in many years.

Also vying for the title of Men's World Champion Horseshoe Pitcher will be PBA great, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. Recently named Bowler of the Year for the seventh time and Bowler of the Decade for the second time, Walter Ray is also a force to be reckoned with on the horseshoe court. He holds 6 men's world titles and has finished as high as second in the world pitching with his off hand.

The women's title race is stacking up to be just as exciting as the men's. Current World Champion, Joan Elmore, with an 84.58% average will be defending her title against Canada's top woman, Sylvianne Moisan, who currently boasts an 83.36% average, and the U.S.'s top-ranked, 7-time World Champion, Sue Snyder, with a ringer average of 85.53%.

Sylvianne, who was in playoff games the last two years for the world title, is always a tough competitor and very hard to beat. These three ladies finished as the top 3 in the 2009 Championships and are currently ranked as the top 3 in the world.

The Elder's Division should prove highly exciting as well, with three of the top 4 ranked men vying for the title - Russ Phillips, WA, Herschel Walters, IN, and Bobby Fields, IN, each boast ringer averages over 80%. Also in contention is Ed Arionus, TX, who finished second in last year's competition and has won 3 of the championships himself.

The Cedar Rapids Ice Arena will be equipped with 50 portable, clay-filled horseshoe courts for the 2-week event. Most competitors will pitch for 3 days; 5 games each day. There are 1268 total entrants from the United States, Canada and Norway.

Competition will begin by 7:00 a.m. each morning through the first week, with a break for NHPA convention and Hall of Fame banquet on Sunday, then will resume by 7:00 a.m. Monday, August 2.

Junior and Cadet Champions will be determined Saturday, July 31, with competition beginning at 4:45 p.m. Championship Elders, Sr. Men and Sr. Women - Thursday, August 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m...

The Open Men and Open Women championships will be decided in the final rounds of competition on Saturday, August 7. Women begin at 8:00 a.m., Men at 1:00 p.m.

Admission is free and spectators are encouraged for all levels of competition. Concessions and souvenirs will be available.

To follow the event online visit: www.horseshoepitching.com/wrld_rpt_10.html

SILHOUETTES

ACROSS THE USA

by Jeanette Claas

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club has received over 15 orders of silhouette patterns in the past six months. The horseshoe pitchin' man (Woody Two-Shoes) and the lady (Ms. Goody Two-Shoes) and the mini-pair are making their appearance throughout the country.

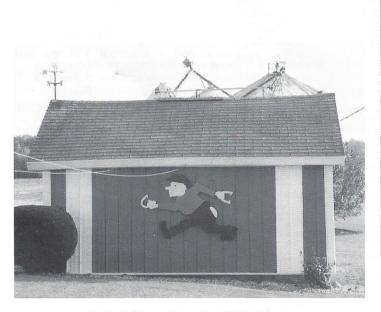
Some of the purchasers have sent me pictures of their display as you can see here in the photos. They are being

displayed at their horseshoe club, in city parks, on their sheds and on floats in parades. They have had lots of fun in making them and what a great way to promote our horseshoe program.

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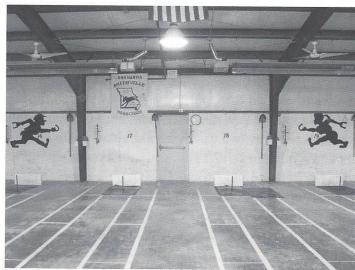
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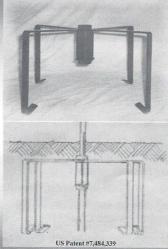






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HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

The 2010 voting is completed and I posted the results on the NHPA Forum that appears on the NHPA website. In case you missed that announcement, I am pleased to tell you that we have two deserving individuals who will be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame on August 1st at the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I hope that you will be able to attend and witness in person the induction of the following individuals.

ED ARIONUS

Ed Arionus has enjoyed a very successful pitching career in his 12 or 13 visits to the World Tournament. He has always made the Championship finals in his division and he has won a total of six World Championships in three different divisions. Three of his titles came while he was pitching 40 feet and the other three came as a 30-footer. In 1991 he won the Intermediate Championship with a 70.3% ringer average. In 1996 and 1999 he won the Senior Men's Championship with a 71.0% and 67.3% ringer average. In 2001 he won the Elders Championship with an 81.8% ringer average and also took home the Elders Championship in 2006 and 2008 with 75.6% and 78.9% ringer averages. I do not know offhand how many second-place finishes Ed may have achieved, but he did finish second in the 2009 Elders Championship with a 77.26% ringer average.

Ed is a member of a very small group of men who have achieved World Championships in three divisions. Carl Steinfeldt and Don Titcomb were World Champions in the Men's, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. That is indeed a select group of individuals. Ed has also had great success as a pitcher in the State of Texas and has been a tough opponent for many horseshoe pitchers throughout his pitching career. The HOF Committee congratulates this very deserving man on his election to the NHPA Hall of Fame.

CASEY SLUYS

Casey has been a member of the NHPA for over 25 years and is probably best known to all NHPA members for serving as the NHPA 2nd Vice President for 16 years. During this time he headed the NHPA Rules Committee for several years and was in charge of judges during the World Tournament. He also developed Judges Guidelines to assist judges at the World and all other tournaments. As NHPA 2nd VP he was in charge of press and publicity and worked hard to promote our sport throughout the nation. He designed and distributed bumper stickers, club banners and headed up NHPA sponsored promotions. He has designed and distributed many pieces of handout materials to be used at both the World Tournament and at the local club level. He currently continues to serve as a moderator on the NHPA website Forum.

While Casey was serving as a NHPA officer, he also continued to work at the local club level, as well as for the Northern California charter. He did all of this while holding down a full time job. In 2004 Casey was awarded the Arch Stokes Memorial Award for his outstanding service to the NHPA. Casey retired from his job a few years ago and now has even more time to spend on horseshoe pitching promotions. He recently took over the RD position for his charter from his wife, Gail. Even though Casey is no longer a NHPA officer, if you read his posts on the Forum, you will know that he continues to work tirelessly for the association and for the sport of horseshoe pitching. The HOF committee also believes Casey is very deserving of his election to the NHPA Hall of Fame.

The Winston household has had some concerns and some joys since the last time I wrote. Earl underwent another surgery for colon cancer on April 7, 2010. It had been over nine years since his first one. The surgery went well and he was back home in a few days. By the time you read this it will have been over 50 years since readers saw the

HALL OF FAME continued

announcement of our wedding in the old HORSESHOE PITCHING NEWS DIGEST. Earl and I were married in Portland, Oregon on June 10, 1960. It was horseshoe pitching and the World Tournament in Murray, Utah in the 1950's that made our marriage possible. Now you are reading of our 50th Wedding Anniversary in NEWSLINE. We have treasured our horseshoe pitching days that have now come to a close and the many friendships that we have made throughout the years. If all goes well, we hope to spend a few days at Cedar Rapids and the 2010 World Tournament. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

15th Iowa State Fair 12th Annual Midwest Senior Classic, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA, NHPA Sanctioned. Must be 60 years of age by August 15th. Over \$1,800 spent on awards each year. Entry deadline: July 29th (No late entries) Registration Fee: \$15, Championship \$20. (Will be notified when you play) Send entry fee of \$15 to Ron Rowley Treasurer IHHPA 201 36th St West Des Moines. IA 50265. Phone (515) 223-5779, Email: rowleywr@ mchsi Include with fee, name, complete mailing address, phone number, gender, NHPA card number and pitching distance. Tournament Director, Danny Sease phone: (515) 285-0131 or email: ddsease@msn.com Check website for rules and other open events at Iowa State Fair, August 12th thru 22nd http://www.ihhpa.com/











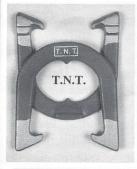








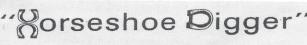




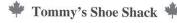












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INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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NATIONAL HORSESHOE HALL OF FAME

WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI

by Jeanette Claas

Springtime in Missouri! Time for spring showers and green grass, time for knock-out roses to bloom and time for a knock-out horseshoe tournament! And that is exactly what took place on the first weekend in May at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville. From the time the horseshoe pitchers began arriving on Friday, until the time they left to go home, excitement was in the air as ringer after ringer flew through the air and came down for three!

Thirty-two talented and skillful horseshoe pitchers representing twelve states braved the thunderstorms and tornadoes that were hitting the mid-west to

arrive at their destination – the 17th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament – sponsored by Harvey Wobbe-Six Pac Horseshoes and Holiday Inn Express – O'Fallon. Jeanette Claas, president of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, welcomed each of the horseshoe pitchers, families and spectators to this special event. Tournament Directors Joe Faron, Tim Henderson, Gary Buehler, Bob and Rose Diekamp made introductions of each player as a golden medallion, compliments of Harvey Wobbe, was placed around each contestant's neck. Special guests included NHPA Secretary, Dick Hansen and wife, Paulette, and NHPA Vice President Tina Hawkins. Officials present from Missouri were: MOHPA Vice President, Ernie Ellerman, Zone Director Scott Raimer, Statistician Stan Griggs and Publicity Chairman James Kinney.

Gary Roberts-OH, had to drop out the day before the tournament due to an ankle injury, and was replaced by Sam Carter of MO. Other contestants in the 40' Division according to their ringer percent average were: Alan Francis-OH 90.55%; Brian Simmons-VT 86.35%; Jim Walters-OH 79.14%; Elbert Shifflett-MD 76.57%; Tom Williams-MI 76.67%; Gale Greene-VT 73.39%; Ray Bedard-MA 72.40%; Sam Carter-MO 64.04%; Stan Griggs-MO 71.07%; MO Turner-MO 67.89%; Mark Seibold-IN 66.52%; Art Tyson-NY 66.17%; Paul LaCrosse-CO 66.14%; Steve Johnson-MO 62.45%, Channing Herrell-MD 61.90%; & Alan Larson-MN 60.60%.



Those entering the 30' Division were: Sue Snyder-IN 85.53%; Joan Elmore-TN 85.22%; Marlene Ray-TN 81.77%; Bobby Fields-TN 81.56%; DW Story-TN 76.90%, Nick DiRaimo-MO 76.80%; Maxine Griffith-TN 76.38%; Rick McEntire-MO 75%; Dennis Reid-IL 70.54%; Paul McGee-MD 70.16%; Jim Spidle-IL 68.35%; Bob Renfro-MO 65.69%; Roena Branson-MO 64.88%; Jan Kreienkamp-MO 64.24%; Letha Harris-MO 64.23% & Terry Beagle-MI 62.98%.

Making their first appearance in the Six Pac Tournament was: Al Larson-MN, Letha Harris-MO, Roena Branson-MO, Bob Renfro-MO, and Paul McGee-MD. Jim Kinney gloriously sang the National Anthem and it was "shoe time" once more.

The format for the two-day tournament was a 16 man round robin for the 40 and 30 footers. Eight games were pitched on Saturday. At the conclusion of the Saturday competition, three pitchers in the 40' Division remained undefeated: Alan Francis, Brian Simmons and Tom Williams. After Day 1, Alan was 8-0 with an 87.43% - Throwing 97.5% against Mark Siebold, 90.9% against Stan Griggs and 90.7% against Paul LaCrosse. Brian was 8-0 with an 87.42% average. Throwing 94.4% against Art Tyson, 93.8% against Mark Siebold, 93.9% against Paul LaCrosse and 90.6%

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against Stan Griggs. Fifth place seeded Tom Williams was undefeated after pulling out some very close games against Tyson, LaCrosse, Larson and Turner by only a few points. Leading the pack for the 30 footers and undefeated on Saturday were Joan Elmore-TN and Maxine Griffith-TN.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members brought in covered dishes for a delicious buffet Saturday evening meal and served over 100 guests. After the dinner, a table filled with horseshoe items was given away to the lucky winners of the raffle. Elbert Shifflett-MD won so many times that he barely had time to eat his food!

Back to the hotel for a much needed good nights rest and it was time for the final competition of the tournament beginning Sunday morning. The National Anthem was sung and dedicated to all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

On Day 2, Alan had a stretch of three consecutive games where he missed a total of 9 ringers: Game 11-Gale Greene -76/80 - 95%; Game 12 Elbert Shifflett 35/36- 97.22% & Game 13 Tom Williams 54/58 - 93.10%. This made for a total of 165 ringers out of 174 shoes for a 94.83% average. Brian continued to win each game keeping his pace right at 85%.

Round 15...Francis and Simmons did not disappoint the crowd who gathered to witness the game that all were anticipating since their last meeting at the 09' World Championships.

At 10 shoes, the score was 6-6 both hitting 80%.

At 20 shoes, the score was 9-9 both now hitting 85%.

At 30 shoes, Brian had taken the lead 18-9, hitting 90% to Alan's 80%.

At 40 shoes, Brian was leading 24-13.

At 50 shoes, Brian had built his lead to 30-13 keeping pace at 90% and Alan at 80%.

At 60 shoes, no score change due to a string of nine consecutive "four-deads."

At 70 shoes, Alan had cut into Brian's lead, score now was 30-22 hitting 29 out of 30.

At 80 shoes, Brian stretched his lead again to 36-22.

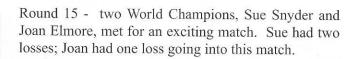
At 90 shoes, score 39-22; Brian was on a run of 20 consecutive ringers.

At 98 shoes, Brian won 40-22 finishing the game with 28 consecutive ringers to Alan's 25 out of 28.

Brian threw 90 ringers out of 98 shoes for a 91.84% game while Alan threw 83 ringers out of 98 shoes for an 86.49% game.

The high game in 40' Division was 97.50% pitched by Alan Francis-OH against Mark Siebold-IN, score 42/3, pitching 39 ringers/40 shoes. The longest game in this division was 98 shoes, pitched between Francis and Simmons. At the conclusion of the 40' competition, Brian Simmons-VT captured his first Six Pac Title with a record of 15-0 and a tournament average of 86.89%. Alan Francis-OH placing second, with a record of 14-1, pitched the high tournament average of 88.81%, thus ending his winning streak record of 146 straight wins in the Six Pac Invitational Tournaments.

On the south courts the 30 footers were "pitching a fit." Bobby Fields-TN pitched the high game of the tournament – 96.4% against Bob Renfro-MO, 27/28 shoes, score 42-1. Close behind him was Sue Snyder-IN pitching the 2nd high game of 94.4% against Dennis Reid-IL, 34/36 shoes, score 42-6. The longest game of the day causing the scorekeeper to request another score sheet was 108 shoes between Sue Snyder and Bobby Fields. Bobby won the game 40/33 with 91 ringers – 84.3% and Sue had 89 ringers – 82.4%.



At 10 shoes, the score was 10-3 Snyder

At 20 shoes, score 13-9 Snyder

At 30 shoes, the score was 15-13 Elmore

At 40 shoes, score 19-14 Elmore

At 50 shoes, the score was tied up 20-20

At 60 shoes, score 26-23 Elmore

At 70 shoes, the score was 26-25 Elmore

At 80 shoes, score 34-32 Snyder



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At 82 shoes, 35-34 Elmore; at 84 shoes, 37-35 Snyder; at 86 shoes, 38-35 Snyder. The game ended at 88 shoes, final score 41-35 Snyder. Snyder had 69 ringers – 78.4%, Elmore had 68 ringers 77.2%.

With each having two losses they would now play a pitch off game. After pitching 72 shoes, Snyder with 65 ringers-90.2% and Elmore 58 ringers-80.5%, Snyder was declared champion by a score of 40/18.

It was now time for the grand finale match between the Six Pac Champions, Brian Simmons and Sue Snyder. This game was most impressive considering they both had just finished huge games to win their respective tournaments. Sue just finished competing with Joan Elmore for the second consecutive game and Brian just finished a 98 shoe marathon with Alan.

At 10 shoes, Brian was leading 6-5 with each hitting 70%

At 20 shoes, Brian holds his lead to 12-11, now they both are hitting 75% At 30 shoes, Brian's lead extends to 16-11 and is now hitting 80% compared to Sue's 77%

At 40 shoes, Sue cuts into his lead 16-14 throwing 10/10 to Brian's 9/10 At 50 shoes, Sue takes the lead 20-19, hitting 84% to Brian's 82%

At 60 shoes, Sue holds her lead to 26-22

At 70 shoes, no lead change, they each are in a stretch of six consecutive "Four-Deads"

At 80 shoes, Sue adds to her lead 29-23, now hitting 88% to Brian's 84% At 90 shoes, Sue's lead is now 35-29, both of them scoring twice in this round.

At 94 shoes, Sue wins the game 41-29.

Sue threw 81 ringers/94 shoes – 86.17%; Brian threw 77 ringers/94 shoes – 81.91%. They each received extra prize money.

After the tournament was completed, the drawing for the mantel clock, donated and handmade by Joe Faron, was won by Leo Bratland-IL. The horseshoe lamp, donated by Sharon Taylor-MO, was won by Paul LaCrosse-CO. We wish to thank all those who supported the QRHC by participating in the raffles and purchasing dinner tickets.

After months of preparation the tournament had finally come to an end. Many compliments were paid to the QRHC from our out-of-town guests for the great tournament that the QRHC hosted. We wish to thank all the QRHC members for putting on a tremendous and exciting tournament.

The final results for those in the prize money in the 40' Division were:

	W/L	High Game	Rngrs	Shoes	Average	Prize Money
1 – Brian Simmons-VT	15-0	94.44%	610	702	86.89%	\$1,200
2 – Alan Francis-OH	14-1	97.22%	643	724	88.81%	\$1,000
3 – Tom Williams-MI	12-3	78.26%	616	878	70.15%	\$ 600
4 – Jim Walters-OH	9-6	81.57%	534	774	68.99%	\$ 400
5 – Stan Griggs-MO	9-6	68.05%	501	800	62.62%	\$ 300
6 – Paul LaCrosse-CO	8-7	76.47%	495	778	63.62%	\$ 200
7 – Art Tyson-NY	8-7	78.26%	457	726	62.94%	\$ 175
8 – Alan Larson-MN	8-7	71.87%	455	748	60.82%	\$ 125

The final results for those in the prize money in the 30' Division were:

	W/L	High Game	Rngrs	Shoes	Average	Prize Money
1 – Sue Snyder-IN	14-2	94.44%	757	920	82.28%	\$ 600
2 – Joan Elmore-TN	13-3	88.88%	747	940	79.46%	\$ 500
3 – Maxine Griffith TN	12-3	80.00%	615	858	71.67%	\$ 325
4 – Bobby Fields-TN	11-4	96.42%	695	904	76.88%	\$ 250
5 – Marlene Ray-TN	10-5	86.48%	609	834	73.02%	\$ 175
6 – Nick DiRaimo-MO	10-5	88.23%	656	908	72.24%	\$ 150
7 – Paul McGee-MD	8-7	81.25%	543	796	68.21%	\$ 125
8 – D W Story-TN	7-8	81.25%	500	756	66.13%	\$ 100

HORSESHOE

FACTS AND FOLKLORE

THE LEE ROSE STORY, OR AS THE CASE MAY BE, THE LEE JACOBS STORY

By Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

There are countless interesting stories and characters in our sports history, but no more amazing than the life of Lee Jacobs. The first half of his life and his horseshoe pitching career, he was Lee Rose. As Lee Rose, he was a champion pitcher, and a Hall of Fame promoter of the sport and provider of service to the NHPA. His major accomplishment was the publication of the Horseshoe Pitching Compendium in 1940, while he was serving as NHPA Vice President.

In the 1950's and '60's, Lee was back to being Lee Jacobs, still a champion pitcher (Michigan state champion in 1955) but was foremost known as the owner and manufacturer of the Lattore Horseshoe Company. Lee was inducted to the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1984.

This story is made available to us through the efforts of Steve Summerlin, who acquired Lee Jacobs' handwritten journals. Those journals, six volumes in all, tell of Lee's whole career in his own words, including Lee's referring to himself as the "Flower of Detroit." Those journals in time will be typed up and published as a paperback book. More on that later....

Following is a reprint of a 1930's newspaper clipping found tucked in one of the Rose journals. This is a delightful article that gives us the story behind the assumed name.

Champion Had to Overcome

Father's Horseshoe Phobia, False Modesty and a Stage Name Taken by Rose

"You won't believe it, but Lee Rose, champion horseshoe pitcher of Michigan, had to run away when he was a little boy and even assume a stage name to keep his father from knowing that he was learning to pitch horseshoes.

And so it develops that the champion horseshoe pitcher of Michigan isn't Lee Rose at all, but Lee Jacobs.

Before Lee's story is told however, it should be explained that he and his father, Julius Jacobs, prominent Detroit horses dealer and auctioneer are not mad at each other and actually lived as neighbors on Shaw Avenue.

Lee on Monday morning will begin his training for the world's championship in Moline, Illinois.

His struggle to reach the peak of the ancient sport in his home state is loaded with much incident.

Papa Loved Horses, But...

The whole trouble started because Papa Jacobs loved horses and hated horseshoe pitchers, while Lee hated horses and admired horseshoe pitchers.



LEE ROSE

"Yep, my Dad wanted me to become a great horseman and be a great rider like the polo players," said Champion Jacobs in relating his rise to fame. "But I was 13 years old and if ever there was anything I didn't like, it was horses. I just liked horseshoes and the people that threw 'em on the stakes." "That's right," interrupted Bob Omans, widely known sports enthusiast, who devotes most of his spare time to telling the Free Press about chess and checker champions and what a swell horseshoe pitcher is Lee. "Yes sir, do you know that when we were kids all of us used to cry for nickels to go see cowboy pictures and we couldn't get Lee to go – just because he hated horses so."

Had To Dodge Cameras, Champion Jacobs continued, "Well, I loved horseshoes, so I would run away to tournaments. I knew my Dad would be mad if he caught

HORSESHOE

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me, so I told the people at the tournaments that my name was Lee Rose, and boy was I glad I did, for I won the first tournament I ran away to and because I was only 13 the papers wanted pictures of me. I ran back home before they could get any pictures, but the papers the next day told what a great feat a thirteen year old boy has accomplished against a lot of guys old enough to be his grandfather. But they used the name of Lee Rose and nobody at home knew I was that little guy. You know it's funny, because I never wanted my picture taken, everybody thought I was modest and I'm not at all. I wanted my picture taken all the time."

Just then Booster Oman interrupted again with: "Tell him about your boy, go on, tell 'em."

"He means how funny it is about my boy and my father," Champion Jacobs explained. "You see I hated horses and my father loved them. And my boy, Lee Jr., (he's 5 years old) has made my Dad happy by being crazy about horses. He won the juvenile riding contest last week at the Northville Fair."

Lee then revealed that horseshoe pitching is getting too rough and unruly and that the national organization intends to do something about it. It seems that a lot of new boys are breaking into the game that don't know the ethics. You are not supposed to yell and scream at your opponent or walk in front of him.

"You can throw a horseshoe pitcher off his stride easier than you can a golfer," Jacobs explained. "Horseshoe pitchers are a very temperamental lot, most of them. I'm talking professionals, of course, I guess maybe all the publicity they get goes to their heads.

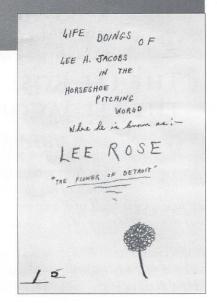
30 Ringers in a Row

"On Champion Jacobs good days, using the regulation forty-ounce shoe, he can throw 30 consecutive ringers and on his off days around 14." Boswell Omans interjected with pride.

The horseshoe pitcher was more astounded, however, at the information that city boys are better than country boys at horseshoe. Champion Jacobs was unable to explain.

Before Omans took his horseshoe champion away, he wanted his chess and checker public to understand he

has not deserted his favorite pastime. "Tell 'em that the reason I want to see Champion Jacobs get along with the papers is because he and I used to be kids together and I like to beat him at checkers and he likes to show me up at horseshoes."



Jottings:

Answers to last issues trivia questions. Dan Kuchcinski pitched in the Junior Boys Division in 1962 and 1964, did not win a Junior title, but won the Men's Championship in 1967, 1968, 1970. Brian Simmons pitched in the Junior Boys ranks in 1976, 1977 and 1978, pitched over 70% each year but did not win a Junior title, but came back to win Men's Championships 2000 and 2002. Kevin Cone pitched three years as a Junior, but never qualified for the Junior Boys Championship Class. He played in Boys Class F in 1977, won Class B in 1978 pitching 74.5% and placed 4th in Class B in 1979. Kevin Cone was the Men's World Champion in 1992.

Three Junior Boy's World Champions that went on to win Men's World Titles: Walter Ray Williams Jr., Mark Seibold and Alan Francis.

Tari Carpenter won the Junior Girls Championship in 1976 and as Tari Powell won the Women's Championship in 1984, 1990 and 1991. Sandy McLachlin pitched one year as a Junior Girl winning the championship in 1986. She then had the big victory in the Women's Division the next year 1987.

Two girls who did not win Junior titles but won Women's Championships: Cathy Carter in 1993 and Becky Kemper in 1998. Carter pitched as a Junior in 1978 and Becky in 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996. As a Junior player, Kemper had a runner-up finish in 1995 and placed third in 1996, but no Junior championships. Carter placed third in her only Junior Championship Class appearance in 1978.

2010 World Tournament Prize List

Income	&	Expenses	Statement
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Income		1	May 2010		
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US Bank Checking Interest US Bank MMKT Interest World Tournament Entry Fees	\$ \$ \$	104.04 17.67 149,212.00	Officers Telephone Officers Travel Sec/Treas Allowance	\$ \$ \$	147.65 542.56 3,400.00
TOTAL	\$	211,157.71	Presidents Allowance Publicity Promotions & Ads Direct & Indirect NHPF Donation	\$ \$	1,026.00 1,449.51 11,396.00
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