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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stu Sipma

The NHPA Council winter meeting was held in St. George, Utah January 31st – February 2nd at the Hilton Garden Center. The Hilton Garden is located alongside the Dixie Center which will be the host site for the 2013 World Tournament. During my stay, I found the facility to be very nice and accommodated all of my needs. If you're looking for a great place to stay and enjoy the W.T. without any need for driving, this is your place! There is also a Fairfield right across the street from the Dixie Center which is a great location if you don't want to drive. There are also dining facilities which are in close proximity to the Dixie Center.

The Council went on a site tour of the city and found the city to be very nice and clean. St. George has a population of 75,000 and has many great amenities to offer. For the RVer's, there are many RV parks within the city limits and close to the Dixie Center. For more information, contact the folks with the St. George Sports Team or visit their web site at <http://www.utah.com/stgeorge/>.

During our time in St. George, the St. George Sports Team scheduled a bus tour to the Zion National Park which is located about an hour from St. George. The sites on the journey were amazing! Once we got to the Park, we were able to see many different rock formations and plenty of wildlife. If you decide to go to this park, please allow as much time as possible as there is a lot to see and do. If it is your intention to visit the Park, it will be made available for you for sign up at the W.T., so when you're making your travel arrangements please allow time to take in this trip as I am sure you will find it very worthwhile.

We added one additional day to this year's winter meeting to allow for all the topics to be discussed. The meeting was very productive and we were able to discuss all of the feedback received through the comment/ suggestion box or other comments received directly by members of the Council.

Along with all the W.T. suggestions, we discussed the W.T. prize fund. Please refer to Dick Hansen's posting inside this issue of Newline for the changes. We are hopeful everyone will be pleased with the results.

In regards to the Dixie Center, the facility will be able to comfortably house all of our W.T. needs. It is our intention, to have the HOF banquet and also the delegate meeting right there at the Dixie Center. The Dixie Center is a non-smoking facility and no outside food or beverages are allowed. Concessions will be made available along with locations to purchase beer. There will also be a lounging

area for everyone to enjoy with comfortable seating. In the center of the main entrance is a large glass area which will house the registration area, W.T. bidders, GRS, NHFP, and many local vendors to purchase items. The clay they will be using this year will come from their local area and will be red in color.


If you decide to travel to St. George, I believe you will be very happy with, not only the facility, but the town itself; it is a very friendly town with many things to do. I hope you will take the time to get your four tournaments in to qualify and plan on attending as we are expecting a great turn out!

This year at the delegate meeting, we have up for election the President, 1st VP, 3rd VP and the 5th VP. Debby Michaud who currently is our 5th VP will not be running again and there are no candidates that came forward before the February 1st deadline to announce their candidacy. Therefore, it is my intention to open this up to the floor, so if you have anyone interested in running for this position, you will have plenty of time to contact me regarding the roles and responsibilities.

In regards to the 1st and 3rd VP positions, no one outside of Dan Sanders and Dave Sidles come forward to announce their candidacy. Therefore, through the rule of acclamation, Dan and Dave will retain their positions. Congratulations to both of you!

Jerry LaBrosse, 4th VP, has announced his candidacy to run for President. I wish Jerry the best of luck.

If you have any questions regarding the winter meeting or the W.T. or just want to visit, don't hesitate to drop me an email or call.

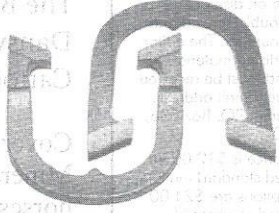
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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT *by Debby Michaud, NHPA 5th VP*

We have just returned from our annual Winter officers' meeting, held at the site of the 2013 World Horseshoe Tournament in St. George, Utah. It is going to be a wonderful site for a World Tournament AND it gives all of our western friends a better chance to attend a World Tournament. St. George is a very nice town and national parks are nearby. Liked the town, beautiful scenery, great facility with LOTS of free parking and Kevin Lewis is going to be excellent to work with. We are SO glad that the folks "out west" will be able to experience a World Tournament nearer to them. We REALLY look forward to meeting some new friends in horseshoes while we are there!

There will very possibly be some tours arranged from St. George to the Zion National Park. We were anticipating that the tours might be held on the Wednesday and Thursday of the first week, the middle Sunday, and on the Thursday of the second week. There will be more on that from Tina Hawkins, Publicity/Promotion VP and there will be more as we get closer to the World Tournament. Zion National Park is SPECTACULAR, beautiful and awe-inspiring. You can ride the shuttle through the park but you can get out at any time to just sit, take photographs, or to hike and then catch another shuttle to continue on. I SO recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity while you are there! Send a note to Tina or to me if you are interested – that might help us determine how many tours we will book and on what days – thank you!

More new Regional Directors! We have a new RD in New Jersey to replace Bruce Conord, who is moving. Thank you to Bruce for his years of service. Alex Lyszczasz has picked up the reins. We also have a new RD in Wisconsin, John Meyer, and I am sorry that I forgot to list him in a previous column. We welcome them both to the fold! There will also be a potential change in TN as Craig Schadler is planning on stepping down. Regional Directors do a lot of work and a lot of little things. They promote the sport and sometimes can feel lonely. Any time you have an idea or a little bit of time, give your RD a call and offer the suggestion or offer a little bit of help. "Many hands make light work" is SO true!

The deadline for giving notice to run for a position on the NHPA Council is passed - one day prior to the deadline we had not received word that anyone is applying to become 5th VP. We WILL take nominations from the floor of the convention. I am hoping that there is some "eager beaver" out there who would like to become 5th VP, currently in charge of the RD's. The RD's make this job MUCH easier and it is a nice position to have with a lot

of people interactions. Give it a thought! Call or write to me with questions if you are contemplating running for office but are unsure.

Guest card? Letting new pitchers enter one tournament free when they buy their very first NHPA card? We talked about it briefly at the winter meeting and didn't make any firm decisions. Having a "guest card" that new/potential NHPA pitchers could use once, would give each charter some tracking work. We would love your feedback on this. As always, we like to get those new members in and expose as many people as possible to the NHPA with its good, strong competition at every level.

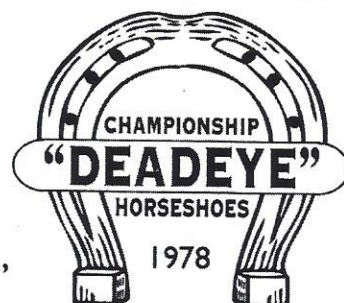
The Red, White, and Blue Walking Doubles was great fun – the report is on another column. I hope it is continued annually – it was a great mid-winter pick-me-up!

How to get healthier. I will be sending in some information on that to the Newslane as well. Hope you are all having a good winter! Stay well, stay healthy, and we will see you in the spring!

AND, finally, there WILL be a 2013 World Tournament Experience Raffle, winners to be drawn at the National Sanctioned League tournament in October. There will be more on that in the next issue – THIS one will be for prizes and perks to attend the 2014 World Horseshoe Tournament in Buffalo, NY. This is a very popular raffle and the proceeds are split between equipment for the NHPA and for promoting horseshoes and new courts across the country from the NHPF. The prizes are pretty neat as well AND we hope to expand those prizes if at all possible. "Talk to you soon"!

Submitted by Debby Michaud, 5th NHPA VP, loonpond@verizon.net

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PUBLICITY PROMOTION

by Tina Hawkins

The Executive Council has returned from its 2013 winter meeting with a renewed enthusiasm for the NHPA! Ideas for promoting and advancing the game and the association bounced around the board room, the dinner table and the hotel lobby.

There is no better way to get the creative juices flowing than to gather with a group of people who share your passion!

Start that enthusiasm going within your own charter by holding an informal "kick-off" meeting, where members can visit with each other and with your Charter Officers about all the things they like and even the things they DON'T like.

Start off with a pot luck dinner so everyone is happy and satisfied – hungry people are not the most productive!

Be sure to invite prospective members, as well. This is a great setting for them to get to know your existing members in a non-competitive setting. Pass out membership forms, rules books and tournament schedules. You could even show one of the great horseshoe pitching videos available through NHPA Game Related Sales.

Did you know that many states hold their Senior Games in the springtime? Some even include horseshoe pitching events. If yours does not, contact them and see how you can get our sport on their schedule. If they already offer horseshoe pitching, ask to help and to distribute information on NHPA membership.

This is also the best time to promote the World Horseshoe Championships, to be held in St. George, Utah, July 22 thru August 3. The entry form is now available on the NHPA website, www.horseshoepitching.com. With a May 16 deadline, there is plenty of time to get even the brand new members qualified with four sanctioned events!

You won't want to miss this World Tournament! The St. George area is teeming with great family-style activities, including the Zion National Park just one hour away. Also in the vicinity are Bryce Canyon, Arches, Canyonlands and Grand Canyon National Parks.

Not sure where to go? Perhaps Southern Utah Scenic Tours can help. They offer specialty tours, group tours, day tours, and so much more, taking you to areas you will not be able to drive during the summer months. Group tours with special World Horseshoe Tournament pricing will be available during our event. Look for more information at the tournament site or visit their website at utahscenictours.com. Of course, for the adventurous souls, hiking and biking are also options!

If you are looking for ways to offset your travel expenses to the World Tournament, remember that score keeping and judging during competition can be a profitable experience, as well as quite helpful! Our St. George hosts are planning a "Market Place" at the tournament site, where you will be able to shop local offerings. The "crafty" folk among you may be interested

to know they intend to include a consignment booth, where you will be encouraged to put your own wares up for sale, giving the locals a chance to sample items from other areas as well.

Many new and exciting improvements are planned for the growth and promotion of the NHPA this year. Designs are underway for a trailer wrap on both the large NHPA equipment trailer and the smaller electronics trailer. This will transform both vessels into travelling billboards for the NHPA, and with the large trailer making the journey all the way to Buffalo, NY; this is a perfect time for maximum exposure!

The Executive Council is still considering a new design for the NHPA logo. An informal poll through the Charter Communications network revealed nearly 75% of you believe it is time for an update. Therefore, you were invited to create designs to be considered for this project. There is still time for you to submit your artwork! All sketches received will be on display at the 2013 World Tournament in Utah for your opinion. Sketches ARE required for this poll. A written description of your idea will not have the visual impact of actual artwork. Send your designs to tinahawk@msn.com with NHPA LOGO DESIGN in the subject line. The logo should be modern, recognizable and clearly state the association's name.

Many more items which the Executive Council believes will improve the quality of your horseshoe pitching experience both at the World Tournament AND across the nation are in research and development phases.

Your officers are dedicated to the success of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and encourage your input. To share your comments and ideas, visit the officers' page on the website and click a name. All questions and comments will receive a timely response.

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Edward A Domey
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Edward A. Domey, 78, died January 7, 2013 at his home. Ed is predeceased by his wife, Anne, in 2000. He is survived by three children, all of whom pitched horseshoes as juniors in the NHPA. They are Paul Domey with whom he lived, Barbara Heller and her husband Jack in Texas and Janice Walckner and her husband Jim in Shrewsbury. He leaves four grandchildren, Chris Domey, Ben Domey, Andrew Sickenberger and Danny Heller and one great grandson Carson Domey. He also leaves behind a

brother Bob Domey and many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from South High School in 1953 and East Coast Arrow Tech in 1955, Ed built his home in Sutton and lived there for more than 50 years. He was the former chairman of both the Central Mass Regional Planning Board and the Sutton Planning Board where he served for 15 years. Ed founded Domey Construction in 1957 and in 1973 opened Heritage Pools. The business went on to be a leader in the industry for its knowledge and quality construction. Ed was a charter member of St. Marks Church in Sutton.

Ed was an avid horseshoe pitcher. He won four Massachusetts state championships and the New England championship in 1975. In both 1975 and 1976 he was the 13th best horseshoe pitcher in the world. In 1987, Ed was inducted into the New England Horseshoe pitching hall of fame. In 1987 he was inducted into the National Horseshoe pitching hall of fame as both a player and an organizer. He was also the recipient of the Arch Stokes award in 1994 for the person who contributed the most to the advancement of the sport. Ed was a fifty year member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, New England Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the Massachusetts Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Ed was the person behind setting up Game Related Sales, heading it up for 20 years, changing it to organize it as a business with some profit for the NHPA. Profits from GRS bought some of the first computers that the NHPA used.

From 1973 to 1983, Ed was the owner of Heritage Recreation Center in Sutton, MA, the first indoor horseshoe pitching facility established in the country. The facility first contained eight indoor courts, then was expanded to 14 indoor courts, with all of the amenities and room for spectators. Heritage was open from 1973 - 1983 and some of the best horseshoe pitchers in the world pitched there. Ed invited one superstar each year to pitch in a tournament; all expenses paid. Some of the pitchers of note were Carl Steinfeldt, Elmer Hohl, Walter Ray Williams, Mark Siebold and Red Henton, all World Champions. There may have been others that I can't recall right now. Ed himself was an excellent horseshoe pitcher, once stringing several 80% tournaments together.

Ed had a good memory to the end. He was a tremendous influence in New England horseshoes and definitely helped modernize the NHPA in his time. He was a Lifetime member of the NHPA, as he started pitching when a teenager.

Ed was able to stay at home for seven years after his stroke due to the wonderful staff at Blackstone Valley Home Care who were so kind and caring. Ed was also able to be a regular at Summit Eldercare where he was able to share his wit and humor.

Submitted by Debby Michaud

DECEMBER 2012/JANUARY 2013 Income & Expenses Statement

Income

2014 World Tournament bid Payment	\$7,000.00
Horseshoe Sanction Fees	\$1,200.00
Insurance Refunds	\$4,092.00
Membership Dues	\$20,628.00
Newsline Ads	\$530.00
Newsline Subscriptions	\$3,806.00
US Bank Checking Interest	\$8.18
US Bank MMKT Interest	\$36.71

TOTAL

\$37,300.89

Expenses

Newsline Printing, Supplies & Mailing	\$3,261.01
Newsline Publication, Editing & Misc.	\$116.99
Sanction League Postage & Printing	\$389.83
Sanctioned League Patches & Awards	\$677.53
All Junior Scholarship Trusts	\$200.00
World Tournament Admin. Costs. Printing, Office Supplies, Etc.	\$400.00
Hall of Fame Awards Supplies & Expenses	\$2,107.53
Regional Director, Postage, Telephone, Supplies & Printing	\$129.73
Equipment Purchases, Rentals & Repairs	\$193.43
Printing, paper & office supplies	\$3,218.94
Postage	\$355.71
Officers Telephone	\$158.08
Officers Travel	\$1,070.00
Sec/Treas Allowance	\$3,300.00
Presidents Allowance	\$1,000.00
Vice Presidents Allowance	\$5,000.00
Publicity, Promotions & Ads	\$400.00
Insurance	\$11,965.20
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges, Etc.	\$115.00
Special Events	\$274.47
NatStats	\$1,000.00
Internet Access & Web Site	\$1,381.66
Software Development	\$1,000.00

TOTAL

\$37,715.11

From the books of
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen

SANCTIONED CLUB/LEAGUE REPORT *by David Sidles*

A new year is upon us and already the first 2013 sanctioned league has reported stats. As I begin the second year of my term, I want to thank all the league directors and players for all their input, suggestions, help and assistance. I'm looking forward to another busy season of league horseshoe pitching. One of the things I enjoyed most was the Sanctioned League National Championships in Wentzville. I hope many of you consider participating in this event in October.

The NHPA council recently had an opportunity to visit the site of the next World Tournament. You will no doubt find in this issue what others thought of this venue. I will only add that in my opinion, this has the potential to be one of the best World Tournaments ever. The St. George-Zion National Park area is without a doubt one of the most unique and beautiful parts of our country.

One of the items discussed at the winter meeting concerned Top Ten awards. Out of 300 reported leagues, 228 played count-all scoring and out of those 128 played 50 shoe games compared to 61 that played 40 shoe games. Sometime this year, League Directors of 50 shoe count-all leagues will receive a survey form from me. The purpose of this survey will be to examine whether a change to the Top Ten awards criteria is in order. As most of you probably know, all of the points based award categories require leagues to pitch 50 shoe games. The question is; are they doing this just to be eligible for these awards. I know of at least one league that is. Hopefully enough information will be gathered from this survey to determine if this change should even be considered. I first tried to see if I could gather a sufficient amount of response from the NHPA website forum. It's obvious that I couldn't. A lot of league directors will get this survey by e-mail. Those that don't have e-mail will get a paper form in the regular mail.

One of the features of the NHPA Sanctioned League Program is the awarding of approximately \$1,500.00 in Junior Scholarships each year. One of the things asked of the recipients is that they write a short essay on their participation in the sport. Two of these were received and it's my privilege to share these with you.

From Courtney Lampkin, Nelson County HPA (KY)

"For me, pitching horseshoes is my escape. It is my way of relaxing

and having fun. I have been pitching since I was nine and even though I have had my faults, I feel I have improved over the years. My dad, Buddy Lampkin, got me started pitching because it was a way we could spend time together. Over the years as I began to rise above him, I could always count on my dad to help me through anything. My dad has helped me through so much as far as horseshoes and I know I can count on him, he is my inspiration.

Since I first started, I have continued on to claim five Junior State Championships and place in two categories in the World Tournament. This past summer in Knoxville, I placed 2nd in my B Class, pitching the best game I have ever thrown, a sixty percent. I continued on to the A class round and placed 3rd of the best junior girls in the world. I have never felt so accomplished. Now as a fifteen year old I long for summer to start again so I can pitch with all the friends I have made.

As a Kentucky girl, I feel horseshoes is a great sport for any girl to get involved in because not many girls pitch horseshoes. In the state of Kentucky, I have been the only girl pitching at many tournaments even though in recent times we have had a few girls try the sport. I would have to say this is what depresses me most about the sport; the fact that I have no competitors at this time. I hope in years to come this will change. "

From Christina Heinritz, Heinritz Homestead HSL (WI)

"My name is Christina Heinritz and I have been pitching horseshoes for 6 years. I started pitching when I was 7 because I thought it would be a fun sport to try out. It's also a family tradition that my grandpa, uncles, siblings, dad, and cousins have all participated in. I have competed in 2 World Tournaments, one in Iowa and the other in Louisiana. I have also pitched in 6 State Tournaments. I hope to pitch in the upcoming World Tournament in Utah this summer. I have met many nice people through horseshoes. Thank you for your part supporting me in horseshoes. "

I want to thank Courtney and Christina for sharing their words with all of us. I hope this can inspire other juniors to join the NHPA and start experiencing what horseshoes has to offer.

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NHPF NEWS VIEWS & DONATIONS *by Dave Loucks*

We have a new member on the NHPF Board of Directors. Phyllis Quist of Ferndale, WA, has replaced Barry Chapelle who has stepped down due to some medical issues. As we welcome Phyllis to the board, let me express our gratitude to Barry for his many years of service to the NHPF.

I don't know how many of you have had the opportunity to visit the Wentzville, MO, horseshoe pitching Hall of Fame and Museum facility, but if you haven't yet, be sure to put it on your bucket list. Once there, you'll be able to view photos and written history of hall of fame members and legends of the game. There are numerous display cases full of interesting memorabilia, walls full of pitching shoes from the ancient to the modern and a DVD viewing room where you can sit for hours looking at old & recent film of some of the great champions & near champions as you choose to select on a touch screen monitor.

The Hall of Fame room is just one attraction of the Wentzville facility. There are also 16 climate controlled indoor pitching courts for you to test. There's a full service concession area run by the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club where you can purchase food & drinks. NHPA game related products and Hall Of Fame souvenirs are also available for sale. Just outside the front building entrance, you will find the commemorative brick plaza where some 4,000 bricks were placed for engraving your name and/or message with the purchase of a brick.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) built this facility and maintains it with the support you provide through donations and brick purchases. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club provides daily upkeep within the building. Major building maintenance, improvements and equipment service needs are paid for by the NHPF. Just as your financial support enabled the facility to be built, we need contributions from members such as you to maintain it. An easy way for you to help is to make an annual contribution and/or purchase an engraved brick. Some 1,160 bricks have already been sold, but there are plenty more still available. The brick plaza is laid out so each state has its own section and with a brick layout guide just inside the front door of the building, finding your state section is no problem.

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and should be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Orders for commemorative bricks should also be sent to this address. Brick order forms and details can be found on the NHPF link of the NHPA website. The NHPF gratefully acknowledges the contributions and income mentioned below that was received during the months of December and January.

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JUNIOR PROMOTIONS *by Aleena Cook*

Pitching in Ontario

Calling home for one-in-three Canadians, Ontario is the most populous province in Canada. Among this population is an energetic seventh grader named Stacey Pond. Stacey has grown up in Ontario, and at age twelve she likes to spend her time playing soccer, hockey, horseshoes, and being outside walking her dog. When I asked her what she loves most about Canada she replied, "The nature, and winter because its hockey season." This spunky young girl loves her hockey, but she also loves the game of horseshoes.

At the age of seven, Stacey started pitching with some people she knew who pitched for fun. The more she pitched, the more she fell in love with the sport and started to pitch in tournaments. When asked what she likes most about pitching horseshoes and being a junior, her instant reply was about going to different places for tournaments, having fun, all of the encouragement from the fans, and meeting people who she will have in her life for a long time. She keeps in contact with all of her new friends from around the world.

Stacey isn't the only one in her family to pitch horseshoes, her parents pitch for fun when they can. Along with her parents, Stacey pitches competitively with her fifteen year old sister Kaitlyn. The sisters practice together in their back yard and have a friendly competition between them. "She only beats me because she is the Ontario Champ." With only three years difference between the two sisters, I think they will be going back and forth with the title and many other titles. So far Stacy has taken second in class D at the world tournament this last year, along with third in Ontario, third in Canada, second in Ontario doubles, and is ranked eighth overall in Canada.

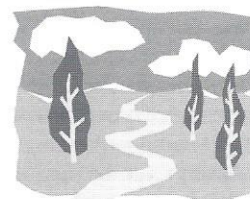
Every pitcher has goals in mind for what they would one day like to accomplish. With being a junior and being young, Stacey has time to keep competing and to win as many tournaments as she can. With loving and encouraging parents, Stacey will keep growing to be like every horseshoe pitcher who loves the game, a tough competitor but a true friend at heart. Be sure to watch for this young girl (with POND on her shirt) as she continues to make her mark in the horseshoe world.

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Mid-Atlantic Classic Entry Form

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Phone _____ Email _____

NHPA Card # _____ Top 3 Avg. Ringer% will be taken from NatStats. **T-Shirt Size** _____

Signature _____ Date _____

CHARTER CHATTER

California (Northern) - Casey Sluys

The NCHPA would like to thank Harlen Rippetoe, for his two years as president. We would like to welcome the following new officers to our board: Cathy Kauffman, president; Joe Summers, 1st vice president; Scott Henne 5th vice president. Our 2013 pitching schedule is online at www.nchpa.com. Please plan to visit the golden state and pitch in a few tournaments.

We would also like to remind everyone that during the 2013 World Tournament in Utah, the Jukskei USA association in conjunction with Namibia and South Africa will hold an International Jukskei match between all three countries. Perhaps we can organize a team from Canada also and make it a four country affair. The plan is for these African countries to pitch horseshoes in our WT. Then perhaps even hold an International horseshoe contest and crown a country the International Champion? Be sure to make room on your schedule to watch or even participate. Free instructions for Jukskei will be available.

Florida - Ron Deckard

We got hit by Issac and our Harahan horseshoe club lost their building, so right now they trying to decide what to do. They have not scheduled any tournaments for 2013 yet. We hope they can get back to hosting tournaments this year.

Idaho - Dave Spears

Well as far as Idaho goes here, not much going on this time of the year due to snowfall, however the Treasure Valley Horseshoe club is putting forth efforts to build its membership.

Along the same path; one of our Lady pitcher's out of Moscow (Kay Keskinen) has been working with the city and the parks department to try and get a new complex built with a minimum of 12 courts with the full length walkways, (more news later on that).

Also as everyone knows by now, Don Titcomb of Meridian passed away in early December, his love of the game, his friendship and his humor will be greatly missed. Filling his shoes will be a challenge in itself as he had a love for the game like no one else I have ever met.

Maryland - Diana Ratliff

The Frederick HPA would like to congratulate our 2012 National Top Ten (league) Award winners. In the Men's 40 ft Division, Chan Herrell placed 8th in the Nation for High Ringer Average (66.5%) and tied for 6th for his High Ringer Game (80%). In the Men's 30 ft Division, Paul McGee ranked 2nd for High Point Average (120.61) and 2nd for High Ringer Average (77%).

The Ijamsville Ironbenders hosted a winter warm-up event at Pete Shomette's sanctioned indoor courts on January 26th. Pitchers from MD, PA and WV participated in the non-sanctioned event run by Barry Burns in the ProTour 30-shoe format.

MD VP Bob Rasmussen is proud to report the January 30th arrival of a future champion, his great grandson Erik Steven Rasmussen at a welterweight 6 pounds 10 ounces. Bob says "as soon as he's off the bottle, it's out to the pits. I'll make sure he has a pair of shoes that fit him. I'll start him at 5 feet. He entered this world without complications. Fingers and toes intact - all is well with the world."

MDHPA Officers plan to kick-off the year with a meeting early

March and clubs are working on their tourney schedules and anticipating league play this Spring. Looking forward to a terrific season and hope to increase our membership this year!

Michigan - Keith Schafer

Here in Michigan, we seem to be pitching better than just a few years back. The average over the entire state was just over 30% just a few years ago, and was a shade over 34% last year.

A number of courts were built with the assistance of Michigan's NHPA members this year. Under the leadership of Sam Stitt, three handicap accessible horseshoe courts were built at the Veteran's Home in Grand Rapids. The Hillsdale Fairground rebuilt some aging courts to NHPA standards, under a pavilion dedicated to Bill Tedrick, a leader of their Thursday night league. With our help, a court was designed for a resident in Williamston who wished to have a court permanently installed in time for his daughter's graduation. Showing his appreciation for our help, he made a donation to the Michigan fund raising efforts for St. Jude. We look forward to another good year in Michigan, and await our next challenges.

Minnesota - Jerry LaBrosse

Jerry sent a message from St. George, Utah. They were touring the facility and sites around the tournament area. He mentioned that a tour to Zion National Park is a "must do." He wishes to congratulate the Minnesota 2012 Hall of Fame inductees Rick Wright and Bob Knudtson.

Ohio - Brian Fisher

A warm hello to everyone from the Buckeye state. As I'm typing this, it is a white out here with sub zero wind chills. I have 1,200 baby pigs coming in from Oklahoma in the morning, I hope they stay warm. These days you really look forward to outside pitching, but if you live close to indoor courts it's a great way to beat winter.

As we move forward into 2013, we should all have two goals, increase membership and obtain new sponsorships for prize money. We have been able to add new members to our club, and it's a direct result from the high foot traffic you see at the county fair. We have tournaments every day of the fair. Please consider using your county fair as a promotion tool, it works. Secondly, I have been able to secure new sponsors for our ringer classic tournament. One was simple, I contacted our visitor's bureau and found out they have grants available every year, all I had to do was apply. This year there is approximately \$1,500 up for grabs, and I intend to grab it, or at least part of it. You see, it's pretty easy to do this, sometimes it just takes a phone call, but I've found you have much more success with in person meetings.

Many ringers to all and stay warm, with safe traveling.

Virginia - Pat Snelgrove

The new season is on us, and we are earnestly looking forward to it. We've got 23 sanctioned tournaments on our schedule so far, and 18 non-sanctioned. Our season kicks off full-tilt mid-March and runs through the end of October. And those are only the events that are publicized on the VaHPA calendar!! There are always non-sanctioned horseshoe pitching events that don't make our published schedule - It's going to be a very busy year for all of our pitchers!

CHARTER CHATTER *Continued*

During 2012, all of our court complexes were inspected "officially" and fully by the RD, Kevin Snelgrove. Some of the court complexes had small maintenance issues with pin angles/heights, but overall scored very well. It is obvious that knowing you're under the microscope and will have "official" regular inspections keeps attention focused on the details, because all of the issues were minor and quickly corrected.

With good news to start off the new year, RD, Kevin Snelgrove and VaHPA President, Sherwood Brown, met with the city of Newport News last week. The City is hosting the Virginia Senior Games this year, and is building an (NHPA) regulation court complex. Starting out with four courts, which will be finished and ready before May's games, they are ready to expand if enough local support is demonstrated. With what we know about the populace, we're hoping a new Sanctioned club will kick off using those courts.

We have more good news to start off the new year - two of our clubs are reapplying for their club/league sanction!! Both of the clubs underwent leadership changes during the past two years for different reasons, however maintained regulation-style league activities. BOTH have decided to get back on-board with the NHPA program, and the PITCHERS voted for the change! Love this attitude, and the VaHPA will support it any way possible. Our State President, Sherwood Brown, is holding HSM training classes and the RD, Kevin Snelgrove continually does on-site training for TD's.

It looks like 2013 is full of adventure and activities!! See you on the courts this spring. Pat Snelgrove, VaHPA Secretary

West Virginia - Charles Bunner

Over 500 mailings will be made by our local Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau of four (4) NHPA sanctioned tournaments, scheduled in Fairmont on the recent renovated fourteen permanent horseshoe courts (included replacement of unlevel walkways; installation of french drains; and, completion of fencing at a cost in excess of \$25,000.)

The 28th Head-of-the-Mon-River/Memorial Weekend Tournament is scheduled May 25-27, 2013 and has been advertised under COMING EVENTS of the NHPA WEBSITE. The tournament has over \$2,500 in SPONSORSHIP FUNDS. The tournament is to be composed of 8-player Mixed Adult Classes with a total of \$200 in Entry Fees, with the issue of a First Place Plaque and \$200; Second Place-\$100; Third Place-\$70; and to the non-winner having a High Ringer Percent game -\$30. Cadets and Juniors Entry Fees are \$5 and they will be issued trophies.

Other scheduled tournaments are the 29-30 June WVHPA State Walking Doubles Tournament that has upwards of \$1,000 in Sponsorship Funds; a July 13-14 tournament; and a September 21-22 tournament.

For those that may be interested in participating in the afore stated tournaments, the East Marion Recreation Park in Fairmont has a NEW EXIT #136 off I-79 onto Route #273 and as well as

a Marion County Parks and Recreation Office and the Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau Office located at 1000 Cole Street. The building is located on the corner of Route #273 North and Cole Street, and is adjacent to the Park via State Street Extension.

The WVHPA By-Laws are being revised to include recent changes made by the membership during the 2012 annual business meeting and of those made during the 2012 NHPA Convention of Delegates.

Wisconsin - Glenn Bogenschneider

I am writing this article in early January and still have New Year resolutions on my mind. According to Wikipedia, a New Year resolution is, "a commitment that a person makes to one or more personal goals, projects, or the reforming of a habit". As relates to the WHPA, I thought these could be interesting resolutions: 1) pitch in more tournaments, 2) recruit a new member or two, 3) join a league or club, 4) take a trip (Hint: World Tourney St George, Utah), 5) make new friends, 6) spend more quality time with family and friends, 7) volunteer to help others, 8) pray more, be more spiritual.

As you can see, the list started out ALL about horseshoe pitching, but, then it adds a balance, our personal lives. Yes, it is important to pitch, promote, and participate; however, it is equally important to have a balance with our personal lives, also. Have a great 2013 on the courts and in your life. (Glenn is our WHPA president. This information was published in our Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter.

Kari David of Marshfield took advantage of the sticky snow to spread the horseshoe message! Her picture was featured on the front page of the Minnesota Ringer Digest and Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter. Kari is also a member of the conglomerate - six clubs - hosting the 2013 State Tournament in Mosinee Labor Day Weekend. Her creativity and energy are priceless! Jane Smith



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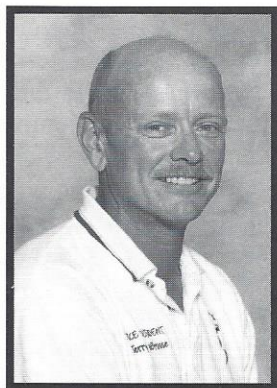
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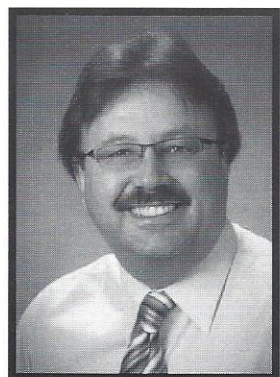
Hello, my name is Jerry LaBrosse, NHPA 4th VP, and I am announcing my candidacy for the office of NHPA President.

I served the Minnesota charter, which is the largest charter in the NHPA, as President, Vice President, Regional Director, and *Ringer Digest* editor. During my presidency, many major improvements were made in the way the charter functions. The MGSHPA gave me many different

awards over the years, but the most cherished is being entered into the Hall of Fame in 2007. I still serve as the MGSHPA Webmaster and the charter Historian, as well as a league and tournament director.

On the national level, I have served as 4th Vice President since 2007. Accomplishments and duties as VP include:

- Rules Re-write Committee
- Rules and Bylaws Chairman
- Charter Communications Director, creating the national email list and encouraging and advising the development of charters' email communication systems
- Grievance Committee
- Convention Minutes Committee
- Equipment manager, including overseeing the construction, maintenance, and annual set up of the world tournament courts
- Creation and oversight of



Stu Sipma

It has been a great honor and a privilege to serve as your NHPA President these past four years and I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election. As your President, we have made great strides in

improving our sport, but there are many things still to accomplish. I've really enjoyed the experiences this position has allowed me over the years. If re-elected, I will continue to work hard to promote and grow the sport and will continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of the NHPA. It has been a pleasure serving as your President, and I would appreciate your continued support at the 2013 convention in St. George, Utah.

the World Tournament Raffle, as Raffle Committee Director

- Many other daily duties

Awards presented to me include the NHPA President's Award in 2008, and the Arch Stokes award in 2010. These awards are very precious to me and are proudly displayed at my indoor home courts in Greenfield, MN.

On a personal note, I have been involved with horseshoes nearly my entire life. Horseshoes was the family sport in the northern Minnesota town of Hibbing, site of the 2001 world tournament. My dad took us to several world tournaments when I was a junior, and those memories forged a love for the game that will last my whole life.

Michelle, my extremely supportive wife of 22 years, and I are both in the manufacturing business, and have owned and operated two separate, successful companies for over 20 years. We have three children and four beautiful grandchildren.

My experience on both the charter and national levels make me uniquely qualified for this position. I have a burning desire to improve the way things are done within the NHPA, and also to bring the game into the modern world. I am asking for your support at the 2013 convention in St George to help me achieve these goals.

Should you have any questions about my experience or candidacy, don't hesitate to contact me, as I want to represent you, the members of the NHPA, as president.







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HALL OF FAME

by Vicki Winston

I recently attended the NHPA Red, White and Blue Doubles Tournament held at the NHPA and NHPF Hall of Fame, Museum and Court Complex. How Debby Michaud happened to pick that weekend for the tournament, I don't know, but the weather was beautiful and warm. It was certainly different from the weekends on either side of it. What a nice experience to be able to visit with some folks from my state, as well as a few other states, that I don't have the opportunity to see very often. The pitchers all looked like they were having a good time, but I didn't get to stay until the tournament was over, as I had to be home by that evening.

The trip served as a short working vacation, as I drove over to Wentzville on Friday morning to try and assist with some work in the Winston Theatre. As time allows, they are trying to improve on the touch screen menu, so that it will be easier to locate the video a visitor is seeking. I am happy to report that the upgrades on the touch screen system are now complete as far as the operation of the system. Private donations were received to complete that project, which was finished recently. Even I can operate the system, so I know that others will also be able to use it without assistance. A sign with simple instructions is posted to get you started. As we were fast forwarding through some films trying to identify years, people and places, we happened to stop in the middle of my dad's acceptance speech at the 1981 Hall of Fame Banquet when he was inducted. What a wonderful surprise that was. Of course, we backed up the film so that I could watch the entire speech. My brother is hoping to get a chance to view that one also.

Speaking of Hall of Fame inductions, by the time you read this, the 2013 voting will be underway. I thank those who have taken the time to make nominations throughout the years. The deadline for receiving nominations is always January 31st in order for the nominee to be considered for placement on the ballot that year. The nomination form can be found on the HOF link of the NHPA website, or I can mail one to you. For you that don't know, a nominee

remains on the ballot for as long as they are receiving any votes. The HOF committee appreciates any update material for any of the nominees, as some continue to add to their list of achievements as the years go by. If two consecutive years pass where a nominee does not receive any votes, their name is removed from the ballot and the person or club who nominated them is notified. They can be renominated later on, but not until their name has been off the ballot for at least two years.

Since there was no one elected in the Player category in 2012, by the rules of the HOF committee I can guarantee that at least one person from the Player category will be elected in 2013. The nominees for both categories are as follows:

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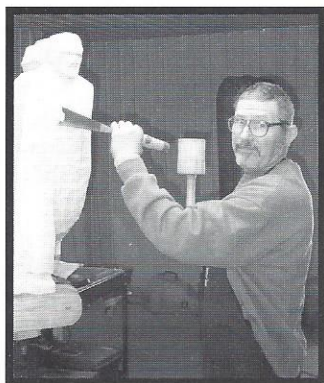
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NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM *by Jeanette Claas*

Let the Chips Fall (in the Museum)



Something new and exciting was recently added to the NHPA Hall of Fame Museum. Gary Proof, horseshoe pitcher and woodcarver from Mineral City, Ohio donated a woodcarving depicting two world horseshoe champions in a championship playoff game at the 2011 World Horseshoe Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana. The game itself, was to be one of the greatest horseshoe games ever played and would be everlasting in the minds of all those who witnessed

it. Alan Francis, Ohio, was trying for his 17th World Championship Title, while Brian Simmons of Maine was hungry for his third World Championship Title.

Gary Proof attended the 2010 World Tournament in Cedar Rapids, where he met and talked with both pitchers. In his mind he felt a profound connection. Gary was born in New Hampshire, but was raised in South Berwick, Maine where Simmons once lived. With Francis living in the same state of Ohio where Gary now resides, he felt a bond and compelled to honor these two world champions in his own way.

Gary had always been an artistic person and this talent would play a major role in his life. As a child he was always caught sketching in class when he should have been studying causing him to get into some trouble. He began developing his artistic talents early in life with drawings and oil paintings. After his high school years, Gary joined the U.S. Army serving from 1966-69 during the Vietnam War. During this time, he would sketch his buddies' girlfriends from pictures that were sent to them. He would get about \$25 for a pastel chalk drawing. This helped him to pass time while he enjoyed what he was doing and also gave him some extra spending money.

Returning home after military duty, Gary married and started a family in 1972. He gave up art and concentrated his efforts towards making a living as a carpenter. In 1980 his creative juices began flowing again when watching "The Nightly News" with Tom Brokaw. At the end of the broadcast a contest was announced on that program which involved carving wooden hunting duck decoys. While he didn't enter the contest, it piqued his interest and "it inspired me to start," he said. He soon found that woodcarving came quite naturally and fit in well with his talents as a carpenter.

He began carving with a couple of carpenter's chisels, some regular files and a couple of screwdrivers that he shaped and sharpened. Now he has 18 to 20 different chisels and 10 to 12 knives. Proof says he carves primarily in walnut but has used basswood quite a bit. This type of wood comes from the linden tree. He has also carved Honduras mahogany and poplar, but prefers the harder wood of walnut, which results in a better finish. Some of this wood he chops down himself on land close by, with the owner's permission, of course.

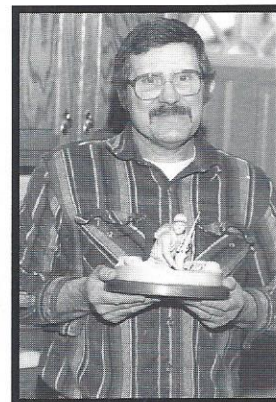
Sometimes he researches what he intends to carve by finding photographs or drawings at the library. Other times he will sketch what he intends to carve first. In addition to relief carvings, he also does statues and canes. Canes, he added, are quite popular- so popular

in fact that he can't keep any on hand. "When I finish a cane," he adds, "it seems someone around here buys it and I can't keep an inventory." He sells the canes for \$60, but it takes about 40 hours to make one "so I don't really make any money on it."

Proof has won many awards at woodcarving shows. He taught his wife, Carol, the finer points of woodcarving and says she also has won some awards at carving shows. Mrs. Proof says she's not as good at it as her husband, but enjoys sharing his hobby. "He has a gift, a special talent that comes natural to him," she adds.

About five years ago, Gary joined the NHPA pitching with the Canton Horseshoe Club and is still an active member. Ray Welsh, president of the club, says "Gary is my right hand man." The day before Gary was to replace Welsh as president of the horseshoe club in 2009, a misfortune occurred. At the age of 62, Gary had a brain aneurism, came close to death, and was pretty much out of touch with horseshoe pitching and woodcarving for over a year. He is on disability now, unable to return to work, but is enjoying his retirement years. With his faith in God, Gary is back on the courts and carving once more.

He participated in the 2012 World Tournament in Knoxville for the first time and won Mens "D" Class with a record of 11-4, pitching 40.82%. It was there that he brought his impressive woodcarving of Simmons and Francis to the NHPF booth that Gail Sluys was manning while the NHPF officers were having a meeting. She was so excited by it she couldn't wait for the officers to return. Soon the two world champions stopped by the NHPF booth to see it and were amazed by its finest details. Joe Faron brought the art piece back to Wentzville with him. He and Bob Cutright began making a beautiful case for it. With the approval of the NHPA officers it now hangs on the wall in the Hall of Fame Museum and catches many a visitor's eye as they come through. Gary has plans for several more projects in the future.



All across the USA, the NHPA is loaded with horseshoe pitchers of many talents, Gary is "100% Proof" in this area; dedicating many hours of his talent by adding his creations to the history of horseshoes. He learned the thrill of bringing a block of wood to life and of the satisfaction it gives not only to him, but to others.

When you are traveling through Missouri stop by the NHPA Hall of Fame and see this new piece of artwork which adorns the wall of the Hall of Fame room. If the building is closed, there are names with phone numbers listed in the showcase on the front entrance of the building. You can also call ahead to make arrangements, 636-447-3039.

We are not all as talented as Gary Proof, but there are many ways we can support our organization by volunteering our spare time and dedication to the sport of horseshoes. Another way "you" can help to support the NHPF is with your donations and brick orders. Send to NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. It is the only way to preserve the history, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching – the game we all love and enjoy.

THE 2ND ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INVITATIONAL

by Jeanette Class

May 4-5, 2013

Attention all 30 and 40 Footers!

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and excited to be hosting the 2nd Annual Hall of Fame Invitational on May 4-5, 2013 at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Wentzville, MO. The pitchers will be competing for a total purse of \$8,000. The traditional playoff game between the Champions of the 40 and 30 footers will be played for additional prize money.

40 Footers: This tournament is for the top "Sweet Sixteen" 40 footers in the Mens Division who have the highest ringer percentage and accept our invitation. The format is a round robin event consisting of 15 forty-point games. Eight games will be pitched on Saturday, and seven games will be played on Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 with some payback to all sixteen places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament and need more information contact Tournament Director Joe Faron at 314-704-7082, email address: Bugsfaron@aol.com.

30 Footers: The exciting 30 footers tournament will be held in conjunction as the 40 footers tournament. If you are among the top 50 in the Womens and the top 50 in the Elders Division, this tournament is for you! The format will be the same as the 40 footers, with a round robin format, pitching on Saturday and Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 with some payback to all sixteen places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament contact Tournament Director Bob Diekamp at 636-240-6260, email address: rdiekamp@charter.net.

If you have a high ringer percentage in the Mens, Womens and Elders Division check the NHPA NATSTATS as of January 10, 2013 to see if you qualify in the top 100 in the United States. Invitations were in the mail sometime during the middle of February. Please notify the tournament director if you qualify and have not received an invitation.

While you are making plans to attend this spring tournament, please support our hotel sponsor, the Holiday Inn Express in O'Fallon. The hotel is located 10-12 minutes from the horseshoe arena. If you are interested in supporting the tournament with a sponsorship, please contact Tournament Director Joe Faron at 314-704-7082 or email bugsfaron@aol.com.

Whether you plan to pitch in the tournament or to come as a spectator, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members promises you an unforgettable experience. The QRHC members are planning a home-cooked dinner at the facility on Saturday evening for a small donation for all to attend. The QRHC is looking forward in anticipation of your attendance at this exciting horseshoe event.

If you haven't visited the NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame & Museum facility, this is your opportunity to come and

see what the NHPA/NHPF has provided for you. After viewing the beautifully designed Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, you will enjoy touring the indoor facility where an impressive National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum enshrines horseshoe memorabilia from the past 100 years. The 16 indoor courts are climate-controlled for your comfort. If you have not already purchased a brick for the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, this would be the perfect time to do so. Your brick would be engraved by the time you arrive for the new Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament this spring. What a great way to support the NHPA Hall of Fame building project and at the same time feel a part of our great horseshoe organization.

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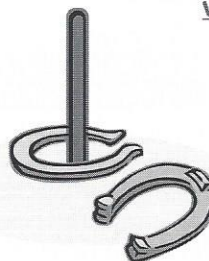
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HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE by Bob Dunn, NHPA Historian

Although Leland Mortenson never was appointed NHPA Historian, he served the NHPA well by recording countless interesting stories of our sport's history. No one did more than he in writing about and promoting our sport; and of course he is a Hall of Fame member (1971). There were a few others that also gave major contribution in this effort without the title of historian. First would be Raymond Howard, who founded the NHPA magazine *Horseshoe World* which recorded the first 20 years of our sport's history. There also would be D.D. Cottrell, who did have a title of Statistician and his World Tournament entries in the *Horseshoe World* still are providing us with precious records. Lee Jacobs, who served as NHPA Vice President in 1940 under the assumed name Lee Rose, produced the *Horseshoe Compendium*, which filled a big gap in the time sequence of recording our history. We also are blessed to have Ottie Reno as a member, who never was known as historian, but provided us with three tremendous books that captured a considerable amount of history. His books: "*The Story of Horseshoes*," "*Pitching Championship Horseshoes*," and "*The American Directory of Horseshoe Pitching*," are still available through our NHPA Game Related Sales folks. Then we can remember Gary Kline, who did serve for thirty years as Historian and gave us the "*The Official History of the World Tournament 1909-1980*." That book is also available from our GRS distributors.

For this issue, we are reprinting an article that Mortenson wrote for the December 1952 *Horseshoe Pitcher* about one of the great characters of our sport, one of the players that Mortenson had as a frequent subject and one of our favorites to read about – Putt Mossman. This is a perfect case in point. His article is an Iowa update that just focused in on Mossman. And then to follow, in a later Iowa update, (January 1956), Mortenson announced the death of the first pitching star of our sport – Frank Jackson.

Iowa
By Leland Mortenson

"The most important horseshoe activity by far during the fall of 1952 is the sensational exhibition invasion by Putt Mossman. Since about Labor Day, Putt has put on about one hundred exhibitions at Iowa grade and high schools. He has shows booked into late December when his schedule calls for him to head toward California and he has return engagements for the Spring and Fall of 1953. His present exhibitions generally include trick and fancy pitching, acrobatic performance, a lecture about his world travels and experiences, instruction on how to pitch and how to keep healthy and a period of questions from the students and the teachers.

This new turn in exhibitions in our schools is most welcome to those of us who would like to see school children and teachers become interested in horseshoe pitching. Many of the principals and coaches have talked with Mossman as to how a general program could be put into effect whereby the schools could decide their champions and runner-ups who could go some final tournament for the state title. Putt has invited the Iowa Horseshoe Pitchers Association to get into a huddle with him about the matter, but the desired huddle much less a workable plan, have not materialized. Of course, this would cost a lot of money, but the writer is definitely of the opinion that the boys should get together with Putt.

Putt Mossman assures us that horseshoe pitching, except on special occasions, has always been one of the main attractions of his sport show regardless of whether it was before a small group of school pupils in Iowa or before the Emperor of Japan. The activity of Putt Mossman from 1924 to 1933 is generally known but from 1933

to 1952 it has been much in the dark. All in all it has been a hard rough life in which Putt, like Charles S. Chapman of the movies, was the promoter, manager, star, owner of the company, the director and about everything else. We have just one criticism to make about his activity; for nineteen years he was making news and headlines, which could have been used to advantage by the officers of the NHPA. What wouldn't the late Harry Woodfield have done with weekly reports from Putt Mossman during that time. Putt let himself lose contact with his horseshoe pitching buddies. He promises to not let this happen again. Following is a general outline of his travels since 1933.

After the Chicago World Tournament of 1933, he traveled for George Hammid, big Eastern booking agent and appeared in horseshoe pitching, motorcycle and trick shooting exhibitions.

For most of the year of 1934, he starred in personal appearances at Paramount Theatre in horseshoe pitching and acrobatics.

In 1935, he headed his own sports troupe and went to Japan. For sixty days he and the troupe appeared daily at the Yokohama Exposition in horseshoe pitching, tumbling, high kicking, motorcycle trick riding and racing. The Emperor as well as a million other persons who paid admission watched his performances. Again in 1935, he organized another sports troupe and started for a round the world exhibition tour. This trip took him to the Tahitian Islands, the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Waikiki Island, then Australia, Ceylon, up through the Suez Canal and finally to Southampton, England. He played sixty shows at Southampton and staged other attractions throughout England at Birmingham, Oxford, Liverpool, Manchester and at Wimbledon Stadium in London.

At Wimbledon, he rode his motorcycle off the grand stand into a tank of water five feet deep, ten feet wide and fifty-three feet long with his machine rocket propelled and with his clothes on fire. He then went Paris, France for exhibitions and then returned to England for more shows and then returned to America.

At Gilmore Stadium in Hollywood, California, he drove up a plank on the rear of a car moving about twenty-five miles per hour and down and over a plank on the front end of the car.

In 1936, he started another trip around the world and this time he went to Africa and Spain. The writer admits that here he lost the continuity of the story except that from 1939 to 1943 Mossman was in Africa and lived in Johannesburg and Durban and he appeared in horseshoe pitching show at the Africa Consolidated Theatres. He rode his motorcycle through Central Africa from North to South and had breath-taking experiences on the trip. He claims to have been the first motorcycle rider to cross the Sahara Desert. He has seen and talked to pigmies and cannibals, has been blocked on the trails by lions and a python and he came near going swimming in a river thickly populated with alligators. He has talked to missionaries who claimed that the graves were guarded for two weeks after burial to prevent cannibals from robbing the graves and eating the corpses. Mossman says he has been the special guest of tribal chiefs.

On May 6, 1940, he married an English girl in South Africa and a boy was born to this union. He hopes to bring the boy to America soon. Putt hunted in Africa and shot a wild boar, a buffalo and a zebra. He played exhibitions at the gold fields of Johannesburg and the diamond mines at Kimberly. On his return from Africa he went to South America. For a short time during the war he served with the Merchant Marine.

HORSESHOE FACTS & FOLKLORE *Continued*

Mossman has tentative plans to publish a book about his life and horseshoe pitching activities and he also plans to again manufacture his own pitching shoes. He believes there is a large potential market for both of these in the public schools where he appears."

Iowa
By Leland Mortenson

"The death of Frank Jackson occurred December 27, 1955 at the age of 85, in Tampa, Florida.

Frank Jackson was the first world's champion horseshoe pitcher. He moved away from Iowa in late 1933 and apparently since moving away, he lost complete touch with all Iowa horseshoe pitchers and with about all of the nationally known horseshoe pitchers. I had hoped to see him sometime and get information from him regarding the world championship tournaments held between 1909 and 1919, all of which he won (some ten of them). He was born October 1, 1870 and he could have told a lot about horseshoe from 1880 to 1920. When I was seeing him annually from 1927 to 1933, it didn't occur to me to get all of that interesting information from him. Now that Jackson is dead, I doubt if anybody will ever obtain such needed information. We really needed that information to complete the modern day history of horseshoe pitching.

Jackson was a healthy, rugged pitcher. He was hardened to play a long time without getting tired. His face was tanned brown - a fellow once remarked that his skin looked tanned like leather. Even as late as 1933 at the age of 62 when he last played in Des Moines and took second to C.C. Davis in a mid-west meet, he showed no signs of wearing out.

I think that he should be entered into the Iowa Hall of Sports Fame. I wonder if he won't soon be - I hope so.

He laid claim to being the first man in tournament play to complete a 50-point game with all ringers. He once threw 68 ringers without a miss."

This short 1933 newspaper clipping tells the story of Frank Jackson...

MAN ABANDONS FARMING TO PITCH HORSESHOE

"Lamont, Iowa - Because he can make more money pitching horseshoes than he can farming his 160 acres, Frank Jackson, state horseshoe champ and former national titleholder, has sold him farm and stock near here.

"I can make lots more money pitching shoes than I can farming," Jackson told friends."

This is how Jackson's obituary appeared in a Tampa, Florida newspaper...

Horseshoe Champion Dies at 85

"Frank Elray Jackson, who held the world's horseshoe pitching championship 13 times since 1908, died Tuesday night in a Tampa hospital. He was 85.

Mr. Jackson claimed to have been the only man who ever played a complete 50-point game with all ringers. He held a record of 68 ringers without a miss and another record of 76.3 per cent ringer average for a tournament.

He staged demonstrations of his horseshoe pitching skill on occasion, by showing bystanders how he could light a match placed by a stake with a horseshoe pitched from 40 feet, ring a stake hidden

from his view by a blanket and ring the legs of a chair on which another person was sitting.

Retired Farmer

He was a retired Iowa farmer and had lived in Tampa for several years at 712 Stratford. He was born in Kellerton, Iowa.

He was an honorary member of the Sunshine Pleasure Club of St. Petersburg and of the Sulphur Springs Tourist Club of Tampa. He was also a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Vera Blount and Mrs. Corda Townsley, both of Kansas; three sons, Carrol E (Jack), Tampa; Hansford E., Los Angeles, Calif.; Vyril D., Los Angeles; a brother, Fred, Los Angeles; 11 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren."

Thorough Mortenson's writing we can know a bit more about one of the greatest pitchers of all-time. Jackson did have an incredible career. Maybe the competition was not the keenest in the first few years, but it was all-relative and after 1920 when the field became competitive every event still achieved a top five finish, year after year. Remember the hooked pitching shoe was not fully developed until 1932 and then his last two tournaments, at well past 60 years of age, were over 70% ringers. One thing Mortenson did not mention was that Frank Jackson did not take a stride in his delivery, he stood stationary. And when Jackson began competitive pitching he wrapped his forefinger around the point of the heel and pitched like a two and a half turn. It was not until 1926 that he converted to the 1 3/4 turn. Here is Frank Jackson's World Tournament career record:

Year	Place	Site	W	L	R	SP	%
1909	WC	Bronson, KS					
1912	WC	Kansas City, KS					
1914	WC	Kansas City, KS					
1915	WC	Kansas City, KS	24	1	97	584 pts	
1920s	WC	St. Petersburg, FL	35	1	850	1790 pts	
1921s	WC	St. Paul, MN	15	0			
1922s	2	Des Moines, IA	19	4	572		
1923w	4	St. Petersburg, FL	26	3	696	1436	48.5
1923s	4	Cleveland, OH	11	4	507	935	54.0
1924w	2	Lake Worth, FL	20	2	597	1162	51.4
1924s	2	Minneapolis, MN	21	2	622	1008	61.7
1924s		Playoff loss to Mossman	0	2	70	168	42.1
1925	3	Lake Worth, FL	42	13	2182	3604	60.5
1926	WC	St. Petersburg, FL	24	6	1093	1780	61.4
1926w		Playoff win over Mossman	2	1			
1927w	4	St. Petersburg, FL	25	8	1357	2100	64.6
1927s	2	Duluth, MN	26	7	1292	2116	61.1
1928	5	St. Petersburg, FL	17	16	1269	2078	61.1
1933	DNQ	Missed cutoff by one ringer					
1934	4	Los Angeles, CA	20	3	1146	1586	72.3
1935	5	Moline, IL	17	6	1285	1762	72.9
Totals			348	80			

Frank Jackson was one of the original seven charter members inducted to the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1966.

A PITCH FOR HEALTH

Debby Michaud

HYDRATION:

Summer will be here before we know it and we all want to be in good shape. In the southern states, they are already pitching. What does "in good shape" mean? Part of that, for horseshoe pitchers, is to be strong enough and to have enough endurance to pitch a full tournament without feeling tired, weak, or over heated. Preventing fatigue may be as easy as taking a walk everyday and stretching after that walk as well as stretching after pitching - more on that another time. But, just as important is to maintain good hydration. Would you run your car with only half the amount of oil that it requires? Probably not - the car doesn't run as well nor as smoothly as it should, in fact may not run at all, with only half the oil. Similarly, without enough fluid on board, YOU don't "run" as well as you should. A car low on oil soon burns out or wears down its components. Your joints, ligaments, and tendons are your components - "running" them without enough fluid will also wear down YOUR components because they are not being lubricated even while you ask them to work at the same motions for 3 - 4 hours, almost continuously, in a tournament. In addition, fatigue will set in much sooner when you are dehydrated. Many Americans are chronically dehydrated - that IS changing as carrying a reusable water bottle is "IN"! And that is a good thing!

How do you insure that you will be well enough hydrated for a

whole tournament? Well, you might think that your sensation of thirst will tell you when to drink fluid. Unfortunately, the thirst mechanism is not too efficient AND it becomes less efficient as we get older. Often we are already a pint or two low by the time we feel thirsty. What we need to do is to take in fluid BEFORE we sense that we are thirsty. We need to PLAN to drink instead of waiting for our bodies to tell us when to drink. One or two cups of water prior to beginning a tournament is a good way to start. On a hot day, it would be wise to drink at least one more cup of fluid with each game, yep, you read that right - EACH game. Drinking cool water will also help your core temperature stay normal. Some studies have shown that carbonated liquid is absorbed more quickly so soda, or carbonated, water might help. Soda is acceptable, but has other drawbacks such as giving you empty calories and the dreaded stomach bloating and gas! Diluted sports drinks are OK to alternate with water but water, all by itself, is usually the best option. Forget the salt tablets as those might defeat the purpose of hydration and you might get sick to your stomach - NOT!

So set up another way to improve your game - plan your fluid intake before and during practices and tournaments. We all want to pitch better; this is one more way to help that happen!! Good luck, stay warm, and start getting ready for a good year of pitching.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

by Jerry LaBrosse

Raffle Results

The second annual World Tournament Experience Raffle was once again a whopping success!! The grand prize was won by a St George local, Lynell Anfinson. Runners up included Nick Lorigo, Tom Berg, Harlen Rippetoe and Bob Hummel. Congratulations to all these lucky folks.

The raffle proceeds will be divided evenly between the NHPF and the NHPA equipment fund. Each year we are improving our electronic scoring system and upgrading our capabilities, to make the world tournament experience the best we can possibly make it for you. Also at some point, the WT portable courts will have to be replaced, and we'll be prepared to do so.

I want to thank the Raffle Committee members and all of the ticket sellers across the nation for all their hard work in making this event a success. This year we have even more surprises in store for you on the prize list. Debbie Michaud will be taking over as the Chairperson of the WTE Raffle Committee in 2013, and she will be forthcoming with details soon.

Thank you for supporting this event and helping to further advance our great sport.

Charter Updates

I want to thank all charters in advance for your cooperation in upgrading your charter information. I have sent out a CC email to all charters requesting that you verify a few facts, such as the

name and email address of a few key people. I need to know who your president, regional director, promotions director, and communications director are. In many charters these positions may be overlapped and held by the same person.

I am extremely interested in knowing if you have a statewide email list for your members, and approximately how many are on it. In this day of advanced technology, there's no reason why we can't get to the point where we're reaching 75% or more of our total membership via email. As it stands right now, I estimate that if everyone forwards a CC email to their charter lists, we are reaching nearly half of our members. Please help us expand this system to include all charters.

World Tournament

This year the world tournament will be held in beautiful St George, UT. The dates are July 22nd through August 3rd. To qualify for entering this tournament, you must have 4 sanctioned events pitched by May 15th. **It is extremely important that all tournament directors submit the results of all tournaments promptly as you get closer to the deadline date!** The averages for seeding world tournament contestants will be taken as of the 16th of May. If someone has pitched one of their qualifying events shortly before the deadline and the results aren't submitted, then they would not have the required qualifying events to be accepted into the tournament. So it is vitally important that all of you tournament directors submit those results right away.

CANDIDATE FOR THE NHPA OFFICE OF 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

Dan Sanders

Hello All... I would like to announce that I will be seeking re-election to the NHPA Office of 1st Vice President for one more term. While pitching horseshoes with my Father at age 11, I was very proud of the ringer that I had made, but then on the very next pitch, he knocked my ringer off! I thought that it should still count, but upon checking the horseshoe pitching rules, I found out that it didn't count! Since that early 'surprise' experience, I have been keenly interested and aware of the Rules of Horseshoe Pitching, and sincerely feel blessed to have become the NHPA Rules and Bylaws Committee Chairman for these

past few years. Other earlier NHPA contributions include development of the Medical Exemption Forms and the accompanying ME Charter Guidelines, and close work with the Rules re-write Committee in the development of the 2006 RGS Book; now with two revisions which went into effect in 2009, and most recently on January 1st of this year. I also currently serve as the NHPA Chairman for Grievances and Charter Concerns. Corresponding almost daily by e-mail with the other NHPA Officers has also been a very rewarding experience for me! I hope that you approve of my past contributions to the NHPA and will continue to support me with your vote for this position, at our upcoming delegate meeting in St. George, Utah.

CANDIDATE FOR THE NHPA OFFICE OF 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT

I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the position of NHPA 3rd Vice-President.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to serve the NHPA as a member of your Executive Council.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year working with sanctioned leagues across the country as well as with the World Tournament staff to make everyone's horseshoe pitching experience, where

ever it may be, the best possible.

I look forward to seeing you all in St George, Utah this summer and ask for your support and vote.

Thank you.
David Sidles
NHPA 3rd VP

WORLD RECORDS

By Mel Yockstick – The Statman

At our Colorado Hall Of Fame meeting this year, I was asked which state claimed the most NHPA Hall Of Fame members. I decided to gather this interesting data. One hundred fifty-five National Horseshoe Pitching Association members have been inducted into the NHPA Hall Of Fame since its creation in 1966. Thirty-one states plus Washington D.C. and Canada have members selected into this highly acclaimed group. Ohio tops the list with 22; California with 19; Iowa with 11 and Minnesota with nine.

– Inductees by State. You will find three separate pages:

- 1). Total HOF inductees by states-all categories including Men and Women.
- 2). Total for all Men by categories and states.
- 3). Total for all Women by Categories and states.

Starting 2010 the World program book annually publishes a complete list of all Horseshoe Hall Of Fame members by year and categories. Take a look!

Go to NHPA website and look under Recognitions – Hall Of Fame

World Tournament Prize List 2013

Championship Classes

Place	Men	Women	Sr. Men	Elders	Boys	Girls	Sr. Women	Cadets
1	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,500.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$300.00
2	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$800.00	\$1,800.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00
3	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$150.00
4	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
5	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$475.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	
6	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$200.00	
7	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	
8	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$320.00	\$375.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	
9	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$350.00				
10	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$250.00	\$325.00				
11	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00				
12	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$100.00	\$275.00				
13	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00					
14	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00					
15	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00					
16	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00					
Totals	\$11,775.00	\$11,775.00	\$5,645.00	\$10,375.00	\$2,150.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,550.00	\$750.00

Class Play

Place	12	14	16
1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
2	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
3	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
5		\$125.00	\$150.00
6			\$125.00
Totals	\$1,025.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,425.00

\$46,920.00 Total Championship Prize Fund

Note 1. The number of Cadets in this class may change depending on the number of entries received.

THE 2013 RED, WHITE, AND BLUE WALKING DOUBLES TOURNAMENT



Walking into the NHPF/ NHPA Hall of Fame Facility in Wentzville, MO is always fun. You are never sure what decorations might be there. On Friday, January 18 there were Red, White, and Blue Balloons throughout the two pitching halls and there were white hats with red and blue bands on them, ready for

winner to wear. Some members of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club were there to greet us – Jeanette and Don Claas, Jim and Carol Howard, Gary Buehler, Gary and Dee Null; the dry erase boards were already filled out, and the food was ready. Also surprising me were Joe Faron and Vicki Winston, coming out of the NHPA Hall of Fame Museum. All we needed was continued good winter weather and then to have all of the horseshoe pitchers arrive the next day. And arrive they did - only one of the 32 teams had to back out. After



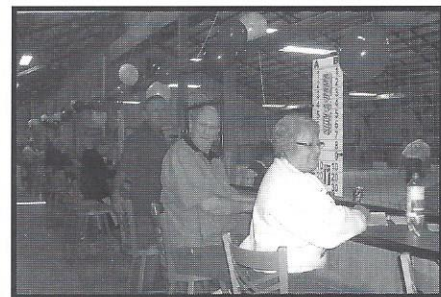
Champion Dalton Rakestraw (what a nice surprise, Dalton – thank you!), the Walking Doubles got under way shortly after 10 A.M.

Two of the classes, B and D, were handicapped and two of the classes, A and C, were not. All games were 30 ‘shoes per person, 60 ‘shoes per team and the classes were eight-team classes other than Class B which had a Bye. After the dust cleared, Classes A and

D had clear winners but not one team was undefeated. In Class A, Rose and Bob Diekamp earned the champion medals – Rose’s games of 90% and 86.7% were high while Dalton Rakestraw pitched two games of 76.7%. Roy Evans pitched a nice game of 63.3% to help his team beat the eventual runners-up in that class, Ed Pashia and Dan Peterson. Ed and Dan were just “steady-eddy” during the competition.



In Class D, the clear winners were Daryl Miller and Chuck Gleason, but right behind them were Andrew Reeves and Steve Bruemmer. They beat out Joshua Hendrix and Rachel Bohrer on ringer percentage. Watching that class was energizing, a great group of pitchers!



Class B came down to a tie-breaker which was the team closest to its entering average or over its entering average. In any tournament, that might be a 50/50 shot but, in doubles, it is even more difficult to hit your average. However, Andy Foulds and Ginny Weiss were this close to their average, coming in at -.21. Just behind them were Jerry Weller and Kelly Combs while Don Claas, ever smiling, and John Setzer pulled into third place. Class C had two team champions, all out of state. Dave Shreve and Kenneth Kiefer from Illinois were named champions but were tied at six wins and one loss with Terry Hiatt and Dave Sidles from Nebraska. Due to a computer glitch, we had a slight mix-up, so both teams were awarded first place medals and money – that is not a bad thing! Third place went to the “locals”, two happy ladies named Mary Ann Dames and Joan Buchheit.

It is hard to explain the energy you feel in that building with those



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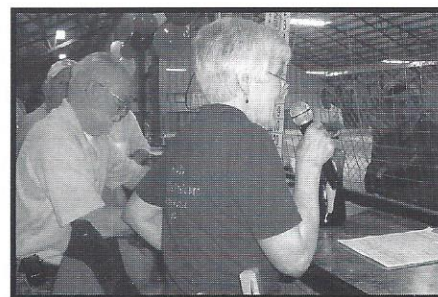
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dedicated pitchers. The Quail Ridge club works as a real team, with Jeanette Claas at its helm (Jeanette, we are EVER indebted to you for all that you do!) and the pitchers

role as Missouri's Statistician.

I sure had fun at this Walking Doubles and I think the pitchers liked it too. The scorekeepers seemed to "get it" quicker than I



I thought they would – I hope this is the beginning of a January "Start Your Engines" Walking Doubles tradition!

who are in the club, as well as those who visit just exude positive attitudes, fun, and a love of horseshoes. It is definitely an inspiring experience to work with them and to watch them in action. I was a lucky participant. And thank you to Stan Griggs who saved the day when the computer decided to play tricks on me – he is surely dedicated to his

RULES AND BYLAWS *by Dan Sanders*

Our recent NHPA Officer's winter meeting in St. George, Utah was a very memorable and productive event. Our tour of the up-coming World Tournament facilities was excellent, and if you can make it to this event, I promise that you will not be disappointed! All of the air-conditioned courts will be under the same roof, and there are in-ground practice courts within ten minutes of the arena. Not only is this facility 'first class', but the City of St. George, and surrounding area, offers a little bit of something for everyone. This is also an ideal 'vacation spot' with three near-by National Parks within a two or so hour's drive. These include Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Grand Canyon National Parks. Also, the city of Las Vegas is less than two hours away and may offer some very reasonable airfares, with advance planning. And so we are all hoping that you will plan to attend this World Tournament event!

As you may know, this is an 'off year' for any Bylaws or Rules changes, so I will be spending some of my time working on some other 'projects'. During the World Tournament in Knoxville last year, I spent quite a bit of time talking with several of the Tennessee horseshoe pitchers, and during one of our conversations, the subject of using hand signals while 'calling the score' came up. As you may have experienced, there are several situations where hearing the call is difficult. These include large arenas where the acoustics is not good, or at any outside facility where it may be a windy day, for example. Also, with the average age of our pitchers increasing, it may be more difficult for some of our older scorekeepers to hear/be sure of the calls, especially when the pitcher calling the score is not facing them directly. This idea of using hand signals may not be new to most of you who have pitched for any length of time,

and some of these 'signs' may even be used by you or by your friends. The problem is that there is currently no consistency with the use of hand signals, especially from state to state. Also, the use of different hand signals by different pitchers only adds to the problem of calling/understanding scores, especially at our larger tournaments (like State Tournaments, Regional Tournaments, or the World Tournament) where pitchers from wide-spread areas are meeting to compete. And so it has been proposed that the NHPA should develop and approve a set of standard hand signals; one for each of the ten possible scores that could be called during cancellation play. Of course, the best scenario would be when an audible score and hand signal are both given at the same time, so there would be very little question, from the scorekeeper, about the call that was made. So far, I have received suggestions from several pitchers about what the 'best' hand signals should be for the various possible calls. Another important part of this learning process will be some good drawings, for each one of the calls/signals, which any person can look at and study for the learning of these hand signals. And just what are these ten (10) possible calls that we need hand signals for, for cancellation play? If you haven't already figured them all out by now, you can find them in the RGS Book under Guideline 2 – Calling The Score, on pages 29 and 30. This same information can also be found on the NHPA Website at www.horseshoepitching.com under Guidelines. If any of you have any good ideas for hand signals and drawings that you can contribute to this project, please send them along to me either by e-mail or by 'snail mail' (both of these addresses can be found on page 3 of Newsline Magazine). Thanks in advance for any help that you can send along, and be looking for more on this subject in a future issue.

Danville, Illinois'
25th Annual Open Horseshoe Tournament
July 13 & 14, 2013

AWARDS:

Class "B" and below

1st = \$110.00 *and* Plaque
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3rd = \$45.00
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3 rd = \$300.00	7 th = \$ 80.00	11 th = \$40.00
4 th = \$225.00	8 th = \$ 70.00	12 th = \$25.00

(Class "A" Mens, Womens, & Elders play Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.)

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ENTRY DEADLINE: ALL PAID ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 29th!!!

Register online also at: <http://www.active.com/miscellaneous-tournament/danville-il/danville-il-25th-annual-open-horseshoe-tournament-2013> by June 26th

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 (includes scorekeeping fees). Make checks payable to: Danville Horseshoe Club.

PREPAYMENT REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES. Scorekeepers to be paid \$2.00 per game.

SANCTION: 29-13-001

SEND ENTRIES TO:

Leo Bratland
41 Country Club Dr.
Danville, IL 61832
217-443-5818 (home)
E-mail: bratlnd@aol.com

- OR -

Bobby Vandivier
Box 23
Ridgefarm, IL 61870
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The following info is required for each entry:
(one completed entry per form Please!)

Name _____

Address _____ City & State _____

Zip Code _____ Home Ph. # _____ Cell Ph.# _____

E-mail address _____

2013 NHPA Card # _____

Please Circle One: Men - 40 ft. Men - 30 ft. Women Junior Cadet

25 YEARS OF HORSESHOE PITCHING



1987 – 2012

WOW Twenty Five Years, it seems like it was just yesterday that we had our first meeting. The idea of pitching indoors was just a DREAM back then in 1987.

We held our very first club meeting May 27, 1987 with just nine men who had a vision of being able to play the sport they loved and enjoyed so much during the summer months. Out of that DREAM a horseshoe club that is celebrating their 25th year was formed. Building opened in 1995. Current membership 54.

Through the years we have had many horseshoe pitchers come and go, but we still survive today with the help of several of those nine members and with the help of our existing membership who also enjoy pitching year round.

The original nine members who attended that first meeting of the club are:

Harry Clement (Living in Florida now)
George Combs (Deceased)
Roger Jacobs (No longer a member)
Don Larkins (Deceased)
John Marsen (No longer a member)
Steve Rethage (Board Member)
Eugene Swogger (Deceased)
Ron Weiss (Treasurer)
Jim Zdrale (Secretary)

The NAME of the club came out of a thought; we had HOPE to get indoor courts. The name became Horseshoes Of Pittsburgh Enterprises H.O.P.E.

Current records held at the club.

100 Tournaments or more pitched (A plaque is received by anyone who has done this)

Homer Page, Franklin, PA – 121
Ron Weiss, Pittsburgh, PA – 118
Cindy Hoffman, Pittsburgh, PA – 114
Kurt VonKleist, Jr., Russell, PA – 104

Perfect Game (Club gives \$100.00 to any pitcher who pitches a perfect game)

Kurt Von Kleist, Jr., Russell, PA – 16 for 16

Highest % pitched, all tournaments, all classes held in building since opening in 1995)

Championship Class - Brenda Tawney, WV – 81.31% - 2000
Greater Pittsburgh Invitational
Class B - Oscar Manns, OH – 65.73% – 2000 Three Rivers Open
Class C - Cindy Hoffman, PA – 61.97% - 2000 Three Rivers Open
Class D - Dave Justine, OH – 51.35% – 2000 Greater Pittsburgh Invitational
Class E - Tom Brown, PA – 50.00% - 1997 Golden Triangle Open
Class F – Marilyn McPherson, PA – 51.83% - 2001 Three Rivers Open
Class G – Marilyn McPherson, PA – 50.00% - 1999 Golden Triangle Open
Class H – Ron Weiss, PA – 39.44% - 2001 Three Rivers Open
Class I – Stan Spence, PA – 26.87% - 2000 Frank Kallay Open
Class J – Mike Musko, PA – 27.17% - 2000 Three Rivers Open
Class A 30' – Ed Pacacha, PA – 57.46% - 1999 HOPE Classic
Class B 30' – Charles Bunner, WV – 53.37% - 1999 Three Rivers Open

Longest Game Pitched

92 Shoes – Steve Morris, PA vs. Rich Knerem, Sr., OH – 1998

Shortest Game Pitched

Tied – 14 Shoes - Bob Horton, PA vs. John Marsen, PA - 1998 and Ron Weiss, PA vs. Art Powell, PA – 2010

CLASSIC CITY INDOOR HORSESHOE CLUB

Jim Shilling, Regional Director of Indiana and his fiancée Peg Barnes have found a way to promote the NHPA and horseshoes through parades and everyday driving. This

exposes the game of horseshoes and Classic City Indoor Horseshoe club of Spencerville where eighty to a hundred people pitch per week during the fall and winter.



Game of the Iron Shoe

Listen my friends and perhaps you'll hear
The clash of metal-to-metal in your ear.

Men in the yard or maybe the park
Pitching horseshoes 'til after dark.

Tossing, turning, flipping end-over-end
To the opposite stake they fly and descend.

Calling, "Oh, no!", "Gotcha" and "One ringer four"
They walk down to determine the score.

Down and back, down and back walks each
They step, they swing, they stretch and reach.

"Tis", "Taint", "Twass", till measured to see
Old friends banter and bait, but always agree.

Young and old, men and women too
Love this game of the iron shoe.

For fun or for sport, and win or lose
It's best to find good rules to use.

Find NHPA rules and a warm welcome too
At web page: horseshoepitching.com written for you.

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IF YOU DIDN'T WIN THE BIG HORSESHOE
GAME, ALL YOU NEED IS A GOOD...

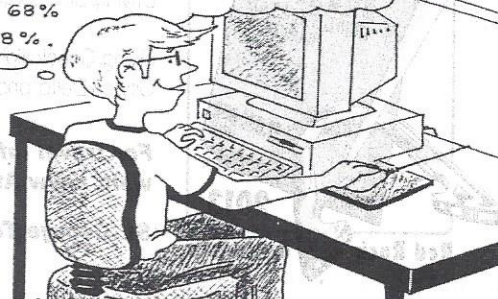
EXCUSE

IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE
SENSE! MY OPPONENT'S
AVERAGE IS LISTED JUST
BELOW MINE, YET HE
BEAT ME BY THIRTY
PERCENT.



IT MAKES SENSE IF YOUR
OPPONENT IS A COMPUTER HACKER!

NOW THAT I'VE ACCESSED THE NATSTAT
FILES, I CAN CHANGE MY AVERAGE
FROM 68%
TO 38%.



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2013 NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT

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Across the street from Tournament

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Rate: \$79 Phone: 435-628-2828

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RV Parks

Temple View RV - Headquarter RV Park

Rate: \$39/day, \$273/week Phone: 673-6400 1 mile from Tournament

St. George RV - 435-879-2854

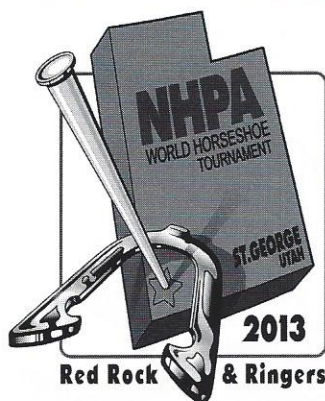
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For travel info, accommodations, activities and tournament info visit: www.AtoZion.com/horseshoe

St. George Tourism Office: 800-869-6635

Registration Fees:**Adults \$125.00****Juniors \$25.00****Pitching Schedules
will be posted
by June 3rd.**

ENTRY FORM
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
2013 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
July 22nd to August 3rd
St. George, Utah

NAME _____ 2013 NHPA Card # _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

ADDRESS _____ SS # _____
(See Note #1)

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Please list your local Newspaper _____ Did you enter last years tournament Yes ___ No ___

Do you need a schedule mailed to you, or will you print it off the NHPA web site? Check one. Web Site ___ Mail ___

Circle the division you are entering - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)

OPEN MEN 40' SENIOR MEN 40' OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN (see note #2) ELDER MEN 30' JR. BOYS JR. GIRLS 20' (see note #3) CADETS

No refunds will be made after May 24th 2013

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

-----mail top half only-----

The NHPA Council reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NatStats, CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council.

MAIL THIS FORM with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
3085 76th St
Franksville WI 53126

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:
Dick Hansen NHPA Sec/Treas.
262-835-9108 - nhpa22@yahoo.com

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 16th 2013**. Entries received with a postmark after May 16th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 16th 2013. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors and Cadets. Participants will be required to show their 2013 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch.

REGISTRATION FEES: ALL ADULTS -- \$125.00 • ALL JUNIORS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY
CANADIAN ENTRIES USE MONEY ORDERS REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING FEES

NO REFUNDS AFTER May 24th 2013.

You may enter at anytime prior to May 16th. All adult averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on May 16th. Entry fees received before April 1st will be held until that date.

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2013. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2013 or is older or physically impaired person of any age may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**, provided they meet the requirements listed above. **JUNIOR DIVISION** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2013 calendar year.

Note # 1. A Social Security number is required from all adult pitchers that move up to the Championship Classes.

Note # 2. For class play a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch with the Open Women.

Note # 3. Junior Cadets must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2013 calendar year.

You can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at www.horseshoepitching.com

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 27th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above the 1st week in June.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 28th. Please sign up for this event prior to July 24th 2013. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

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