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President's Message

# Upcoming Nomination Deadlines and "Connect" with the W.T.

by Stu Sipma, NHPA President

The following NHPA Awards were presented at the 2016 Hall of Fame banquet in Montgomery, AL. The NHPA Council would like to congratulate these individuals:

- Ron Weiss (PA) Stokes Award
- · Jim and Phylis Quist (WA) Presidential Award
- Jerry Gorton (OR) NHPA Achievement Award
- Austin Bailey (IL) NHPA Achievement Award
- Ken Walters (OH) NHPA Achievement Award
- Josh Olson (MN) NHPA Achievement Award
- Donna Bastel (MO) Regional Director Award
- Evelyn Zahorchak (VA) League Director Award
- Judy & Herb Heesch Game Related Sales Distributor of the Year

2016 Membership awards were presented to the following Charters:

- Nebraska Adult Increase
- Kansas Jr. Increase
- Missouri Most Adults

I hope everyone had a great season of horseshoe pitching. I know many Charters hosted their State Tournament Labor Day weekend. Congratulations to all State Champions and those participants who competed.

Just a reminder, elections are open for 2nd VP, 4th VP and Secretary/Treasurer positions. Per the By-Laws, incumbents running for a NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching E-Newsline Editor no later than February 1, 2017. NHPA members who want to run must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching E-Newsline Editor no later than April 1st, 2017.

Each year the NHPA votes to award an individual to receive the Arch Stokes award. This is the NHPA's most prestigious award and is awarded to a NHPA member who has done the most during the preceding three to five years to promote, foster and build the sport. We also vote to award an NHPA Achievement award to a member who the Council feels has worked at promoting and growing the sport of horseshoes. For Charters who feel they have members worthy of being nominated to receive one of these awards, please contact me and I will send you a nomination form or you can find it on our NHPA website. The deadline for the Stokes Award is March 31, 2017 and the NHPA Achievement Award deadline is, March 1, 2017.

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One other nomination for members to consider is the NHPA Hall of Fame. If any of you have an individual who you feel is a candidate, please contact myself or Vicki Winston at horshuvicki@socket.net for a nomination form. Nomination forms must be received by Vicki Winston by January 31, 2017.

The 2017 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 17th – 29th, 2017 at the Dixie Center located in St. George, UT. The NHPA trailer has already arrived from Montgomery and plans are being finalized for the preparation for this event.

As part of my duties as World Tournament Coordinator, I attended the "Connect" Sports Marketing Convention August 24-28, 2016 in Dallas, TX. This conference is an opportunity for us to showcase our event to a wide variety of cities throughout the country. This year's conference was held at the Grapevine Convention Center. Over 320 planners attended this conference with another 225 sponsors.

During the three-day conference, I had over 43 appointments with various Tourism and CVB groups. Throughout each day, there were also educational seminars held to train organizers in the field of planning and executing their events. Once again, the interest in horseshoes and the prospect to bid for the world tournament remains high. It was interesting to hear stories from the various Tourism and CVB groups on how the economy has affected their budgets. Some regions of the US are doing great while others are struggling to maintain.

From this conference, I am happy to report the following locations have expressed an interest in bidding for the 2019 World Tournament. These locations include Mobile Bay AL, Reno NV, Waco TX, Lincoln NE, and Duluth MN. We also have many other locations that have expressed a high interest in bidding. To date, we have not received any signed contracts. Starting January 1st, 2017, Tina Hawkins will be appointed and have the duties of the World Tournament Coordinator.

For the Regional Directors, your local CVB/Tourism group may contact you, as I provided them your name to start the communication. I have encouraged them to team up with their local horseshoe clubs before starting the bidding process as I have found that teams comprised of both horseshoe and tourism groups seem to be more successful during the bidding process.

The NHPA Council would like to thank Jerry Smith and all the others who assisted him on hosting the Sanction League Tournament at our HOF Building October 1st and 2nd, 2016. I have heard all positive comments on this tournament. Another good job from the Warden!

In conclusion, don't forget to start making preparations to attend the 2017 W.T. The entry form is out earlier this year for your convenience and can be found on the NHPA website. Many of you have asked me if we were planning on having the same format and schedule. It is our intentions not to change anything at this time; however each year is a challenge when working with different groups in different locations.

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I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, stay warm and keep pitching.

Stu

# **RESULTS: Individual State Tournaments**

as reported by a Chapter Representative

# >> Illinois State Championship Tournament

Mens Class	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Austin Bailey	10	1	65.79
Gary Urish	9	2	61.18
Jim Spidle Jr.	7	3	57.01
Collin Korte	7	3	55.48
Michael Knop	6	4	53.24
Lester Dumstroff	5	5	47.90
Dennis Griesbaum	4	6	46.90
Steve Marshall	3	7	50.60
Daniel Broeckling	2	8	48.45
Jeffrey Baldwin	2	8	37.56
Robert Donjon	1	9	42.92

	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Kenneth Schaver	8	1	67.44
Paul Littlefield	6	0	51.25
Tom Wilke	6	1	49.64
Gene Glazik	6	1	37.86
Kenneth Hopp	10	0	28.75
Steve Denault	9	2	53.64
Harold Brown	8	2	36.00
Roger Kitner	10	2	35.00
Tim Fisher	9	2	31.59
Nick Cocquit	6	1	21.43
Robbie Donjon	8	1	26.94
Alan Phelps	7	1	18.44
	Paul Littlefield Tom Wilke Gene Glazik Kenneth Hopp  Steve Denault Harold Brown Roger Kitner Tim Fisher Nick Cocquit Robbie Donjon	Kenneth Schaver 8 Paul Littlefield 6 Tom Wilke 6 Gene Glazik 6 Kenneth Hopp 10  Steve Denault 9 Harold Brown 8 Roger Kitner 10 Tim Fisher 9 Nick Cocquit 6 Robbie Donjon 8	Kenneth Schaver81Paul Littlefield60Tom Wilke61Gene Glazik61Kenneth Hopp100Steve Denault92Harold Brown82Roger Kitner102Tim Fisher92Nick Cocquit61Robbie Donjon81

Womens Championships		Wins	Losses	Ringer %
<b>Denise Daly</b>		4	0	67.37
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Womens Class A-1	Denise Daly	4	0	63.13
Womens Class A-2	Jill Moallankamp	3.5	0.5	40.63
Womens Class B	Melissa Holden	7	2	37.50
Womens Class C	Donna Severit	5	1	24.58
Womens A	Kelly Haxton	4	1	30.00
Womens B	Linda Hycnar			
Junior Mixed Cham	npionship	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
<b>Brody Fisher</b>		3	1	30.00

# >> Wisconsin State Championship Tournament

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Mens Class	Wins	Losses	;	Ringe	r %	
Ken Heinritz	7	1		51.63		
Jeff Gustafson	6	2		46.29		
Lonny Transgrud	4	3		50.84		
Randy Rein	3	4		49.71		
Jeff Mauthe	3	4		41.52		
Tory Jeske	2	5		45.24		
Dean Chaffee	2	5		43.92		
John Meyer	2	5		43.53		
			Wins		Losses	Ringer %
Mens Class A	Jeff Mauthe		6		1	52.50
Mens Class B	Rick Weller		6		1	38.57
Mens Class C	Gary Wegner		6		2	34.38
Mens Class D	Russ Heinritz		7		0	38.21
Mens Class E	Joel Ramsdell		7		0	31.79
Mens Class F	Eddie Wisniev	wski	7		0	30.36
Mens Class G	Fred Lane		6		1	17.96
Mens Class H	Kevin Aarstad		6		1	15.71
Womens Class	Wins	Losses	;	Ringe	r %	
Aleena Lepak	5	0		65.65		
Penny Steinke	4	1		68.47		
Toni Sloper	2	3		44.00		
Glenda Lawver	3	2		41.15		
Cindy Castellano	1	4		39.72		
Jane Smith	1	4		31.25		

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		Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Womens Class A	Jane Smith	7	0	43.21
Womens Class B	Elaine Troullier	6	1	31.07
Womens Class C	Lori Lazaris	4	1	30.71
Elders Class	Wins	Losses	Ringer %	
Larry Grabowski	7	0	62.50	
Jim Bilderback	6	1	64.81	
Ron Button	4	3	53.90	
Glenn Bogenschneide	er 3	4	54.41	
Bruce Mclinn	3	4	46.37	
Bernard Carley	3	4	45.32	
Leo Richter	1	6	45.00	
John Brophy	1	6	43.29	
		Wins	Lossos	Dingar 9/
Elders Class A	Porpard Carloy	6	Losses 1	<i>Ringer %</i> 49.29
Elders Class B	Bernard Carley John Brugger	6	1	49.29
Elders Class C		5	1	38.16
Eluers Cluss C	Dennis Wegner	3	1	36.10
Junior Boys	Wins	Losses	Ringer %	
<i>Junior Boys</i> Gunnar David	Wins 7	<i>Losses</i> 0	<i>Ringer %</i> 61.61	
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Gunnar David	7	0	61.61	
<b>Gunnar David</b> Blake Lazaris	<b>7</b> 6	<b>0</b> 1	<b>61.61</b> 45.65	
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Gunnar David Blake Lazaris Mason Bisch Steven Lazaris Cole Transgsrud Gabe Burgin Nicholas Prasalowicz Isaac Wegner  Cadet Boys Kane Kuester Brandon Benzing	7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0  Wins 7 5	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 <i>Losses</i> 0 2	61.61 45.65 37.35 28.26 23.12 19.06 16.55 20.00 Ringer % 18.57	
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Junior Girls	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Sarah Chaffee	5	0	64.58
Brooke Lazaris	4	1	49.14
Krystal Lazaris	3	2	18.38
Eliza Volz	2	3	2.54
Lillyan Kildahl	1	4	6.72
Ella Volz	0	5	0.83

# >> Missouri State Championship Tournament

Mens Class	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Stan Griggs	10	1	62.8
Randy Grady	9	2	64.6
Steve Johnson	9	2	63.7
Larry McAfee	8	3	57.6
James Driver	7	4	59.2
Michael Bowman	7	4	56.3
Andrew Foulds	4	7	50.2
Jim Renfro	4	7	47.0
Gary Roehrig	3	8	51.1
Pete Ploss	3	8	48.2
Virgle McCown	2	9	45.3
David Schneider	0	11	40.0

		Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Mens Class A	Joei Welker	7	1	45.3
Mens Class B	Ron Highley	6	1	37.1
Mens Class C	Kevin Chambers	6	1	24.6
Mens Class D	John Steele	7	1	31.1
Mens Class E	Gary Norment	7	1	33.6
Mens Class F	Bret Heimsness	6	1	28.6
Mens Class G	Robert Riley	7	2	26.8
Mens Class H	Bob Hembrock	7	0	16.7
Mens Class I	Andrew Tucker	7	0	19.8
Mens Class J	Louis Schmidt	6	1	15.9
Mens Class K	Johnathan Griffith	7	0	17.1

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Womens Class	Wins	Losses		Ringer	· %	
Lachelle Cook	7	0		74.1		
Gina Baker	5	2		54.6		
Donra McCown	5	2		50.3		
Cori Stoverink	4	3		50.0		
Melanie Zerr	3	4		57.1		
Terrie Rose	2	5		50.7		
Audra Craven	2	5		49.3		
Karen Goldizen	0	7		35.1		
			Wins		Losses	Ringer %
Womens Class A	Laura Johnsor	า	6		1	38.9
Womens Class B	Kelcee Davaul	lt	6		2	34.1
Womens Class C	Megan Riley		7		2	20.0
30' Mens Class	Wins	Losses		Ringer	· 0/	
Rich Altis	7	0		81.7	76	
Edward Pashia	5	2		73.8		
Edward Griffith	4	3		65.4		
Gregg Craven	3	4		67.5		
Jerry Weller	3	4		65.3		
Ray Plute	3	4		64.4		
Mick Gillette	3	4		63.9		
Jim Howard	0	7		50.3		
Jiii i iowara	O	,		50.5		
			Wins		Losses	Ringer %
30' Mens Class A	George Lawle	r	7		0	57.5
30' Mens Class B	Al Constance		7		1	41.8
30' Mens Class C	Gary Null		6		1	37.1
30' Mens Class D	Dan Hobbs		7		0	44.2
30' Mens Class E	Dick Byersdor		5		0	35.6
30' Mens Class F	Darrell Plowm	nan	7		0	28.8
Junior Boys Class	Wins	Losses		Ringer	· %	
<b>Devin Wetzel</b>	5	1		48.0		
Nathan Evers	4	2		48.4		
Dalton Reeves	1	4		44.4		
Junior Girls Class	Wins	Losses		Ringer	· %	
Savanna Johnson	2	3		48.6		

 $<sup>{}^{*}\</sup>text{Girls}$  State Champion pitched with Boy's and Cadet's Championship Class.

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Cadets Class	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Leon Wolken	3	3	44.6
Ryan Schepers	2	4	43.9

# >> Hawaii State Championship Tournament

*Mens Class* Melvin Eli (48.05)

Womens Class Tiffany Lastimosa (48.50)

Senior Men Howard Kamoku, Sr. (23.00)

Elders Class Joseph Koko (33.00)

Junior Class Kaohu Guiterrez-Kelly (19.00)

### **Individual Class Results**

	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Wyatt Kamoku	7	2	41.67
Linda Taketa	6	3	54.72
Melvin Eli	6	3	49.17
	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
John Kaua	8	2	27.78
Joseph Koko	7	3	24.17
Kimo Zablan	6	2	1875
*Playoff for 1 <sup>st</sup> place			
	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Lopaka Kamoku	7	2	19.17
Cindy Lund	6	3	20.56
Howard Kamoku	5	2	21.57
	Wins	Losses	Ringer %
Keoki Fernandez	7	2	13.57
Elijah Taguchi	6	3	8.57
	Linda Taketa Melvin Eli  John Kaua Joseph Koko Kimo Zablan *Playoff for 1 <sup>st</sup> place  Lopaka Kamoku Cindy Lund Howard Kamoku Keoki Fernandez	Wyatt Kamoku 7 Linda Taketa 6 Melvin Eli 6  Wins John Kaua 8 Joseph Koko 7 Kimo Zablan 6 *Playoff for 1 <sup>st</sup> place  Wins Lopaka Kamoku 7 Cindy Lund 6 Howard Kamoku 5  Wins Keoki Fernandez 7	Wyatt Kamoku 7 2 Linda Taketa 6 3 Melvin Eli 6 3  Wins Losses  John Kaua 8 2 Joseph Koko 7 3 Kimo Zablan 6 2 *Playoff for 1 <sup>st</sup> place  Wins Losses  Lopaka Kamoku 7 2 Cindy Lund 6 3 Howard Kamoku 5 2  Wins Losses  Keoki Fernandez 7 2

# >> California State Championship Tournament

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Mens Class	Wins		Losses	5	Ringer %	
Marcus Santillana	<b>10</b>		<b>1</b> 2		<b>58.58</b>	
Rick Bermingham	9		2		58.03	
Donald George Artura Rodriguez	9		3		49.63	
Dave Lane	8 6		5		48.13 47.19	
Hoss Moreno	5		6		45.35	
Rick Thompson	5		6		43.82	
Gary Nakamoto	5		6		42.88	
Salvador Delgado	4		7		43.99	
Jeff Merrill	2		9		40.41	
Eddie Montoya	2		9		36.13	
Charles Valdepena	1		10		33.85	
Charles valuepena	1		10		33.63	
			Wins		Losses	Ringer %
Mens Class B	Mike Hammer		8		3	43.86
Mens Class C	Jorge Romero		8		1	38.33
Mens Class D	Israel Wingate		9		1	37.00
Mens Class E	Kevon Cornej	0	9		1	32.75
Mens Class F	Frank Romero	)	11		2	31.36
Mens Class G	Dave Nelson		10		2	28.96
Mens Class H	Trevor Hinkle		9		2	25.23
Mens Class I	Morgan Philli	ps	10		3	26.35
Mens Class J	Daniel Ramos	5	9		2	17.27
Mens Class K	Dean Robinso	n	9		1	19.75
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Womens Class	Wins	Losses		Ringer	%	
Sandra Johnson	10	0		61.01		
Sheila Garner	6	4		34.76		
Debra Belvail	5	5		33.07		
Marisela Mauricio	5	5		32.36		
Cathy Kauffman	4	6		29.49		
Joey Nelson	0	10		22.62		
			Wins		Losses	Ringer %
Womens Class B	Mona Snodgr	ass	9		1	19.25
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Elders Class	Wins		Losses		Ringer %	
Mike Oberlander	6		1		53.78	
John Garcia	5		2		57.22	
Joe Sciarra	4		3		57.41	
Roger Slaughter	4		3		49.46	
Terry Farrell	3		4		53.93	
Marlin Jay	3		4		50.00	
Robert Baum	2		5		40.11	
Brian Harris	1		6		41.98	
			Wins		Losses	Ringer %
Elders Class B	John Betteno	ourt	5		1	45.42
Elders Class C	Anthony Lon	nbardi	6		0	40.00
Elders Class D	Joe Aldana		7		1	36.25
Elders Class E	Robert Schill	er	4.5		0.5	21.67
Sr. Mens Class	Wins	Losses	5	Ringei	· %	
Paul Hopkins	11	1		47.06		
Robert Mullins	9	3		45.73		
Donald Henry	9	3		42.09		
John Barney	7	5		32.24		
Dave Koch	3	9		31.74		
Charles Castelo	2	10		33.39		
Roy West	1	11		25.88		
Jr. Boys Class	Wins		Losses		Ringer %	
Joseph Valedepena	10		1		50.73	
Jimmy Phillips	9		3		50.25	
Kevin Kyle	6		4		24.45	
Luke Zepponi	4		6		25.11	
Nicholas Campoy	2		8		8.65	
Anthony Valenzuela	0		10		12.13	
Jr. Girls Class	Wins	Losses	5	Ringei	· %	
Elissa Bishop	2	8	-	9.50		
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Cadets Class	Wins	Losses	5	Ringer	· %	
Dillon Kyle	6	2		36.88		
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# >> Colorado State Championship Tournament

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Mens Class ADanner Bartlett (33.06)Mens Class BAlan Desjardins (34.17)Mens Class CJoe Martinez (20.71)Mixed Class DPhilip Timberma (23.13)Mixed Class EMatt Brickell (18.13)

Womens Champion Sheila Shepard (57.89)

Womens Class A Jeanette Gonzales (34.29)
Womens Class B Lisa Fernandez (30.50)

**Elders Champion** Rich Pintor (66.50)

Elders Class A Mel Yockstick (53.21)
Elders Class B Isidore Garcia (35.00)

*Jr. Boys Champion* Matthew Medina (36.88)

**Cadets Champion** Amylynn Medina (12.50)

If you'd like to share your State Tournament results through *Newsline*, results will again be published in the January/February edition. Please email your Champion and Class results in a format using name, win/loss record and ringer percentage to <a href="mailto:newsline@horseshoepitching.com">newsline@horseshoepitching.com</a>.

# **Proposed Bylaw Changes & Conditional Court Sanction Requirements**

by Dan Sanders, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, By-Laws, Rules and Grievance Director

**Proposed NHPA Bylaws Changes...** As you may know 2017 is the year that Proposed Bylaws Changes will be discussed and voted on by Delegates at the World Tournament Convention in St. George, Utah. The deadline for submitting these proposed changes to me is December 31st (please see my contact information elsewhere in this issue). All written proposals must include the following information: 1) A reference to the Bylaw Article and Section numbers, 2) The current wording of this Article/Section, 3) Your proposed change of wording to this passage, with the changes underlined, 4) A list of all reasons why you feel this change should be made.

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Our Bylaws Committee will publish proposals, which the Council feels should be considered and voted on by the delegates, in *Newsline* Magazine prior to the Convention, so that all members will have time to discuss these proposals and advise their Charter Delegates, before voting takes place at the Convention. You will find our current Bylaws on the NHPA Website, where they can be read and/or printed off, or check with your Charter Secretary who should have copies of the 'Blue Book' NHPA Bylaws pamphlet. Our NHPA Secretary, Dave Sidles, will also send you a personal copy upon request.

**Conditional Court Sanction Requirements...** An Addition and Reminder to Charter Officers and Clubs: You may recall from the 2015 Convention and/or from the voting results published in Newsline Magazine following the Convention, that there is now an added requirement (underlined below) for the sanctioning of horseshoe courts, as follows:

- **II SPECIFICATIONS FOR COURT LAYOUT** (also see diagram on inside back cover) **SECTION A Sanctioning of Courts**
- 2. Conditional Court Sanction The NHPA recognizes that while some older permanent, in-ground courts may not meet all of the court sanction specifications listed below in Section B, all courts constructed before January 1, 2007 must meet the basic court requirements of: 1) correctly marked foul lines, 2) minimum pit dimensions, 3) specified stake diameter and placement, 4) specified stake height and angle/lean, 5) legal pit material of minimum depth, and 6) a protective barrier surrounding the courts. In addition, (effective 2019) these pre-2007 court complexes must have at least three (3) courts with short-distance pitching platforms to provide for a 6-person class which may include Women, Elders, and Junior Boys or Junior Girls. These specifications are detailed in Section B, below.

Please keep the following in mind, if you weren't aware of this added requirement:

- 1) This proposed addition easily passed with Convention Delegates.
- 2) This additional requirement won't go into effect until 2019, allowing ample time for the pre-planning of these additions, where needed. This is also the year (2019) that the required re-sanctioning of all Charter courts used for NHPA sanctioned events will take place.
- 3) If cost is an issue, NHPA Grants are available for helping with this cost, but there are a limited number of these grants that are available each year (See the NHPA Website for details). So plan ahead! And it's not too early to begin some local 'fund raisers', as well as asking for local assistance and donations from businesses and individuals.
- 4) There are many Charters that have already been 'polled' where this new requirement is not a problem, as all or most all of their Charter courts are 'fully sanctioned' and/or have continuous walkways already installed for their s-d pitchers.
- 5) For the past several years, the percentage of our Short-distance pitchers has steadily increased, and will soon represent 50% of all pitchers entering the World Tournament! This increase is primarily in the Elders Division (due to our increasing average age of members), but also includes the Women and Juniors Divisions as well.

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- 6) Sadly, there are still some in our membership who are solidly 'against' short-distance pitchers, and I have talked with pitchers from several different Charters who have shared that the reason some of their Clubs haven't installed short-distance platforms is to 'discourage' the s-d pitchers from entering their tournaments, since they will be required to pitch from the grass or dirt!
- 7) There are really not good, legitimate reasons why all court complexes shouldn't provide for our short-distance pitchers! If we are to 'grow our sport', this is pretty basic, don't you think?
- 8) There will likely be other 'reminders' of this new requirement over the next two years, but now is the time to act on this! Please talk about this with your fellow pitchers, your Charter Officers, and with the Officers/members of local Clubs that have not already met this requirement!

**Follow-up to my last month's** *Newsline* article re Charter Bylaws: To more fully understand what I have included here, please re-read this entire section in my last *Newsline* article. I am including this section, as a reminder of some aspects of this larger message:

And so for a greater consistency among Charter TDs, 'Requirements for the Breaking of Class Ties', for both 'scratch' and for 'handicapped' Classes (in cancellation play) has been added to the Charter Bylaws of at least one State. This State's Bylaws Change/Addition Proposal was made after many discussions of their Charter Officers, with members, and all TDs who host their NHPA Sanctioned Tournaments. Although not all TDs may have been in unanimous agreement, these proposed 'Requirements for the Breaking of Class Ties' was adopted by a 2/3rds + vote of their Charter members/delegates at their annual meeting, and is now a part of/included in their Charter Bylaws.

Is this even allowable, according to NHPA Rules? Yes, it is . . . so long as the listed 'Requirements for the Breaking of Class Ties' are not in violation of NHPA Rules.

In closing, I had indicated that I may include some examples of possible Charter Bylaws 'additions' for Tournament formats, that could be considered and then voted on by Charter members. Since then, I have been contacted by several Charters and am working with them, individually, with suggestions. Of course, this Charter Bylaws idea should include other aspects for requiring more consistent TD Charter tournament formats than just the 'breaking of ties'. Please contact me by e-mail (preferred) or call and leave a message if you'd like to discuss this with me in more detail.

**Some Final Thoughts and Reflections...** As many of you may know, this will be my last year as your NHPA 1st VP, and I have very mixed feelings about leaving this position. First of all, having the opportunity to serve in this position has been the greatest 'highlight' of the 65+ years of my horseshoe pitching career. I sincerely want to thank each of you (you know who you are) who encouraged me to seek this position and who have supported me during this time. This would include my immediate family, all of my Ohio horseshoe friends, the NHPA Council members,

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other Charter officers/members, and the many other horseshoe friends that I have met on the courts, 'along the way'. All of you have truly been a most important part of my life! As an added note, I do hope to remain actively involved with our great sport, at all levels, and also hope to see many of you at St. George, UT this next year! Take care!

# It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas!

by Tina Hawkins, 2nd Vice President and Publicity/Promotion Director

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!

Okay... Not yet. But it will be soon. And it is time to start planning a horseshoe pitching float for your local holiday parade!

Decorate a trailer with streamers, balloons, ornaments, garland, Christmas wrap and, of course... HORSESHOES. Giant horseshoes cut from cardboard or plywood will be eye-catching additions to your display. Add posters or banners on each side, bearing your club's logo, pitching location and contact information.

For more personal, active interaction with your captive audience, have a few pitchers walk alongside passing out fliers touting your leagues and tournaments.

Don't forget to include www.horseshoepitching.com on your banners and handouts.

#### **Indoor Venues Abound**

Interest in hosting indoor horseshoe events seems to be high across the country, based on conversations at the S.P.O.R.T.S. and TEAMS conferences.

Designed to bring together sports event planners and potential host sites and suppliers, the conferences promote development of sports industry connections, such as between the NHPA and the CVB's (Convention and Visitors Bureaus) of cities such as Montgomery, AL; Cedar Rapids, IA; Buffalo, NY; St. George, UT and Monroe/West Monroe, LA.

During these two events, over 70 prospective venues were represented during one-on-one appointment sessions. Many locations are eager to talk about the NHPA's main event – but the numbers actually equipped to host are small. Size of facility is the deciding factor in most instances.

There are numerous sites that – upon learning they cannot house the World Tournament – express great interest in Regional or State events. Contact Tina Hawkins for information on facilities that may be suitable for your charter's indoor competitions, with your own portable horseshoe courts. There may be one near you!

# **RESULTS: National Sanctioned League Championship Tournament**

by Jerry Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Sanction League Director

The National Sanctioned League Championship Tournament was held October 1-2 at the NHPF Hall of Fame Building in Wentzville, Missouri. The 22 teams battled for over \$3,500.00 in prize funds over the two days of pitching. The three person teams were cross-seeded into two classes, the Scarlet and the Gray. Each three-person team played another team each round in a round robin format. Games were 40 shoe count-all and were handicapped at around 85%. Any team winning two or three of the games in a round were awarded a bonus point for their efforts. The winning teams from each class played each other for the Championship. The standings were as follows:

	GRAY	
1.	Cedar Rapids-IA	32 pts
	Bert Logsdon	
	Larry Purcell	
	Glenn Warden	
2.	Springfield-IL	30.5 pts
3.	Team Minnesota	30.5 pts
4.	Marengo-IA	21.5 pts
5.	Topeka H-C. #1-KS	18 pts
6.	Team Louisiana	17.5 pts
7.	Denver Metro-CO	17 pts
8.	Okla 3Some-OK	17 pts
9.	Beloit-WI	15 pts
10.	Heart of America-MO	13 pts
11.	Quail Ridge Weds-MO	9 pts
	SCARLET	
1.	Sheps Crew-CO	32 pts
1.	Sheps Crew-CO Sheila Shepard	32 pts
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2.	Sheps Crew-CO Sheila Shepard Rich Pintor Fred Shepard The Good Guys-MO	30 pts
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2. 3. 4. 5.	Sheps Crew-CO Sheila Shepard Rich Pintor Fred Shepard The Good Guys-MO Jim's 4 Courts-AR West Des Moines-IA Quail Ridge Girls-MO	30 pts 29 pts 23 pts 22 pts
2. 3. 4. 5. 7.	Sheps Crew-CO Sheila Shepard Rich Pintor Fred Shepard The Good Guys-MO Jim's 4 Courts-AR West Des Moines-IA Quail Ridge Girls-MO The Liberty Ladies-MO	30 pts 29 pts 23 pts 22 pts 16 pts
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In the Championship games, Shep's Crew squared off against Cedar Rapids. In Class One, Bert Logsdon (IA) and Sheila Shepard (CO) pitched awesome games and tied at 100 points each. Sheila shot 77.5% and Bert shot 75%. Each team got half a win and half a loss.

In Class Two, Glenn Warden (IA) shot 72.5% and beat Rich Pintor (CO) 96 to 19. Rich shot 60%.

In Class Three, Larry Purcell (IA) got the best of Fred Shepard (CO) 84 to 66. Larry shot 57.5% and Fred shot 40%.

With two and a half wins, Cedar Rapids won the 2016 National Sanctioned League Championship. Congratulations to the winning team and thanks to all of the teams who competed. \$75.00 was awarded to the pitchers in each class who threw the highest percentage game above their average. Gary Boots from Minnesota won the Gray class with a 29.63% game above his average. Rose Buhler of Missouri won the Scarlet class with 20.78% above her average. Who says sandbagging is a bad thing, just sayin'!!

It was a fun tournament and, as usual, the Quail Ridge Club was a perfect host. They had the courts and facility in great shape; helped with the scorekeeping, kept us hydrated and fed, and made us all feel welcome to Wentzville. I want to give special thanks to Bob Dunn and NHPA's Sec/Treas David Sidles for helping with the tournament. Thanks also to Josh Olson and Dalton Rakestraw who helped in the stat room both days. We will do it again next year so think about your team. If anyone would like to help sponsor the tournament, please let me know, I'll be out here in Idaho awaiting your calls.

# **Charter to Officer Communications – Email Updates**

by <u>Jerry LaBrosse</u>, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Charter Communications Director

Every year the NHPA Executive Council holds a winter board meeting. This usually takes place in January, as it is this year again. The meeting has a very lengthy agenda, and we need to stay busy and focused for two long days to get through it all. Many important issues are discussed and voted on. Some of the topics we talk about are the budget, the world tournament, promotion, business matters of all kinds, Rules and Bylaws, Game Related Sales, IT development, and more.

The Council members are always available to listen to questions, concerns, and ideas from the membership. If it is a matter that needs to be brought to the Council's attention at the winter meeting, it needs to get on the agenda. So contact the appropriate officer if you have something you feel needs to be discussed at this important meeting.

I'd like to share a few thoughts regarding email addresses for our national distribution list. First of all, this list is used strictly for one purpose, and that is to communicate with the NHPA

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membership and prospective members. This is done only through *Newsline* Magazine, and E-blasts. All shared email addresses are protected and never shared with anyone.

There are some charters that have their communications person on the NHPA list, and then that person forwards it on to their charter list. I can tell you that I have no problem with this arrangement whatsoever. As long as the information reaches its destination, I'm happy.

The only thing I want to remind folks to do is update our list whenever you have new addresses to share. Send your list in any format to our *Newsline* editor at <a href="mailto:newsline@horseshoepitching.com">newsline@horseshoepitching.com</a>. You can send the entire list, even if you just have a few new members, the Constant Contact program will not duplicate addresses.

Also, please encourage your members to simply forward the *Newsline* email to friends and anyone who may be interested in our sport. We can all chip in with a few simple clicks and use this powerful tool for the promotion of our great sport.

## Give the Gift of NHPA Membership

by <u>Bill Marvin</u>, 5th Vice President and Regional Director and Court Sanctioning Director

Fall signifies the end of the 2016 outdoor pitching season for those of us in the North. It also marks the start for 2017. New cards are now available for purchase from your Charter Secretary. One way to recruit new players is to get them a membership for Christmas. The NHPA card will fit nicely inside a Season Greeting and is a nice surprise to someone who has been thinking about joining the NHPA and will bolster the membership numbers for your Charter.

It isn't too early to start thinking and planning for a trip to St. George next July. Ask anyone who attended the World Tournament in 2013 and they will tell you that not only was the pitching venue great, the area around St. George is spectacular. Zion National Park, Snow Canyon State Park, and the Dinosaur Museum are only a few of the numerous sites to see. A quick search on the Internet will show scores of things to see and do in this hidden treasure. To be eligible, adult players must have at least four sanctioned events twelve months prior to the entry deadline of May 15, 2017: Juniors and Cadets need only one. Take a look now at the tournament/league schedule in your area to ensure you will qualify.

The NHPA Council will be meeting in January to brainstorm ideas to advance the sport of Horseshoes. We have been elected to promote and foster growth of the NHPA and to ensure that all points of view are represented. While the forum is a great way to exchange ideas and discuss options that can be taken, we appreciate hearing from all members directly. Email, phone numbers and snail mail addresses are available on the web site. If you have a suggestion or wish to share your opinion on ways you feel improvements could be made, do not he sitate

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to contact one of us. While there is no guarantee your idea will be adopted, it will be discussed and considered by the Council.

As 5th Vice President, one of my duties is to distribute tournament patches to Regional Directors for their Charters. If you are a Tournament Director, now is the time to notify your RD as to how many patches you will need for 2017. The NHPA will use approximately 13,000 patches next year.

Speaking of Regional Directors, these folks are a valuable resource that can answer most questions and provide assistance whenever necessary. Don't hesitate to contact them. They have the experience and expertise to steer you in the right direction. Also, utilize Charter Officers to help build participation in your local club or league.

If there is a topic you would like discussed in the *Newsline*, by all means let me know and I will do my best to research and clarify it. Easy does it.

## Support Your NHPF – Fundraising Suggestions

by Ron Deckard, NHPF Board Member

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) needs our charitable donations and support to keep up with the annual maintenance of the NHPA Hall of Fame building and museum in Wentzville, Missouri. The NHPF must maintain the HOF building to the contracted standards designated within the lease with the St. Charles County Parks Department. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club just happens to lease the facility and we are extremely fortunate to have them as the official caretaker of the facility.

The QRHC representatives open the building a minimum of 4 days per week, operate the concession, and conduct league and tournament events on a regular basis. The dedication of the facility was in 2007 and is now 9 years old so considerable maintenance is necessary for general upkeep and enhancement. Estimates are being obtained to replace or repair the exterior siding, which will be a huge expense.

Some clubs in the state charters already have benefit tournaments to raise money for worthy charitable organizations such as Toys for Tots, Junior Scholarships, Veterans Organizations, etc. I submit to you that our own NHPF is a worthy charitable organization also.

The NHPF is totally dependent on charitable donations to maintain the world-class climate controlled NHPA Hall of Fame Museum & building with 16 indoor horseshoe courts, concessions, and bathrooms for all the NHPA members use. The NHPF also issues grants to horseshoe clubs in need of resources to maintain and/or improve their horseshoe pitching facility, currently limited to 6 grants per year for a maximum of \$3000 each. In 2015, the NHPF issued a total of \$15000 in grants. Without the grant money some of these clubs would most

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likely become deactivated. This is a large annual expense that the NHPF is committed to in support of our sport.

Therefore, all the state charters are encouraged to do some sort of fundraiser at least once a year to benefit your NHPA Hall of Fame Museum & facility. It is your building; it belongs to all the NHPA members.

Here are some suggestions for fundraising to get more of the NHPA members contributing to the NHPF:

- 1. The State Charter Associations should consider an annual donation to the NHPF from their general fund.
- 2. Have one or more clubs in each state hold an annual sanctioned tournament benefiting the NHPF. A portion or the entire entry fee can be donated, plus additional money may also be added from the club general fund, a 50/50 raffle, from concession sales, and or other donations.

#### For example:

Jerry Gorton of Eugene, Oregon has an annual NHPF Benefit Open tournament where the entire entry fee (\$15 I believe), plus additional donations from the club, 50/50 raffle, concession sales, and or individuals. In May of 2016, this club donated \$1000 to the NHPF from this tournament event. Over the past several years this horseshoe tournament event has donated a total of \$13,000 to the NHPF. Jerry Gorton received a well-deserved award at the 2016 NHPA Awards Banquet.

In Florida, the Clearwater Horseshoe Club will be having an annual NHPF Fund raising tournament in February with the tournament entry fee being \$25, where \$5 of each entry will be donated to the NHPF. The February 2016 tournament received great support from the NHPA members with 82 players competing, which raised \$410. The Clearwater Horseshoe Club added additional money to make the donation \$500 to the NHPF. Most all of the remaining entry fee was returned in prize money plus we had tournament co-sponsors that added \$700 to the prize money, so the following cash prizes were paid out in a seven player class 1st=\$70, 2nd=\$50, 3rd=\$35, and 4th=\$25. Therefore, there is plenty of motivation for players to attend the tournament. Prize money is the same for each of the 7 player classes. We limit the entries to 84 players so players need to pre-register no later than Wednesday before the event.

In May 2016, Jim & Debbie Scully of the Central Connecticut Horseshoe Club donated over \$500 to the NHPF from their fundraiser.

This is just three of the recent donations from clubs to provide fund raising examples and suggestions and is not meant to exclude the other state charters, local clubs, and individuals that are loyal contributors to the NHPF.

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We hope your state charter and local clubs will meet the challenge and hold your own annual NHPF fund raising event in support of the NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum. All members are encouraged to visit the NHPA HOF Museum located in Wentzville, Missouri. It is a first class professionally done museum that you will be very proud of. Remember, it is your building; it belongs to all the NHPA members.

## 2016 World Tournament Record Files Now Available

by Mel Yockstick, NHPA World Statistician

The Montgomery 2016 World tournament files are now updated and available on the NHPA website. The Montgomery W.T. recorded 934 pitchers. Included in that count was 175 first time world pitchers. I hope they continue to come back.

WT Participation file now has all players recorded for 2016. Included in the file are all new 2016 players that reached 10 + world tournaments (31 Players). Barry Chapelle from Oregon who will receive his 40<sup>th</sup> year WT Participation patch. Pitchers that pitch 10+ consecutive tournaments In-A-Row (12 Players) will be receiving their patches. Homer Cain from Oklahoma earned his 40 In-A-Row patch. Patches are being sent to your State Secretary-Treasurer. Under the link – WT Statistics – One new category was added – WT Plus 3 Wins. This file list all World Preliminary Class and World Championship winners with 3 or more wins. Under the –World Class A-B Champions file - All past 40 shoe era Class B winners were added.

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# History: Midwest National Tournament (Des Moines, IA)

by Bob Dunn, Historian

The Midwest National Tournament was established because at the time there were no World Tournaments being held by the NHPA and these events were about as close to a national championship as could be. There were no other tournaments as large and prominent being held at the time. The Eastern Nationals had not begun yet and the New England Championships had been confined to the New England states. Knowing these facts indicated that the Midwest National Tournament would be worth researching, writing about and would be good reading.

The Midwest National Tournaments originated in 1933 and were held in Des Moines, Iowa, as part of the Iowa State Fair under the direction and supervision of NHPA Hall of Famer, Leland Mortenson. Most of the participants were world tournament veterans, some former world champions and also a batch of younger pitchers would go on to be stars of the sport in the 1950s as Murray, Utah held a long series of world tournaments. The first name mentioned in the 1933 event was Frank Jackson, a native of Kellerton, Iowa and many time world champion and Iowa state champion. The preliminary round may have been more growling than the finals, but at the end of day one, Frank Jackson was the leader over 6 time world champion, C.C. Davis and a new comer by the name of Guy Zimmerman.

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At the end of the 3-day preliminaries, C.C. Davis, now living in Kansas City, MO, was at the head of the list, with a record of 34-0, followed by Frank Jackson at 33-1. Guy Zimmerman, of Sac City, Iowa, in third place, had a won/loss record of 28-6 and very interesting, three of Jackson's sons had qualified for the finals; Vyrl Jackson on a 27-7 record was in 5th place, Hansford had a 26-8 record and Carroll also at 26-8 were tied in 6th place. Four members of one family were currently ranked in the top ten of the national best horseshoe pitchers.

The top 16 qualifiers moved on into the finals and after the 15 round robins, C.C. Davis and Frank Jackson were tied with 14-1 records and went to a best of three playoff of 50-point games. In the first playoff game, Jackson won 50-21, but C.C. Davis won the second game 50-20 and Davis prevailed in the final game 50-49 to win the championship and the \$40.00 first place prize. A side note: Frank Jackson never won a tournament in which C.C. Davis was participating.

The 1934 event introduced a youngster from Waukesha, Wisconsin, a 15 year old Charles "Casey" Jones. Qualifying narrowed the entries to the high 34 pitchers and they played a 32 game round robin to determine the top 16 players for the finals. At the end of the preliminary round, Casey Jones was at the top of the list with a 31-1 record. Guy Zimmerman was in second place, followed by C.C. Davis, each having 30 wins and 2 losses.

In the finals, Zimmerman and Davis met in the final game, while each had a 13-1 record. Zimmerman had worked to a lead of 31-17, but Davis overcame that to win the game 50-42 and the 1934 championship. Zimmerman led the players with 72.9%, while C.C. Davis pitched 70.1% and Casey Jones 70.0%

Several new players entered the 1935 tournament. The previous tournaments had Hall of Famers: Frank Jackson, Charles C. Davis, Casey Jones and Guy Zimmerman. The 1935 event would introduce: John Paxton (Ottumwa, IA), Jimmy Risk (Indiana), and the current world champion, Ted Allen (Alhambra, CA). Each would also go on to receive Hall of Fame honors.

C.C. Davis would be on top after the 31 game preliminaries, but Ted Allen would edge Davis in the finals on a 13-2 record. Davis would be just one game behind, winning 12 and losing 3. Actually there was a three-way tie for second place, which Davis won in a round of playoff games against Ellis Griggs (Illinois) and John Garvey (Boone, Iowa). In the day, ties were not settled by points or ringer percentage, but played off in 50 point games and sometimes the best two out three 50 point games. The tournament was gaining in prominence, as the first place prize won by Allen was now up to \$125.

The 1936 tournament brought some new process to the event but no surprise as Ted Allen again won the championship. The preliminary 36 player round robin was played at 25 point games. In previous years the preliminaries were 50-points. The 16 player round robin finals remained 50 point games but was played over two days as previous finals had been completed in one day.

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In the finals, Casey Jones and Allen were tied with 13-2 records but Allen beat Jones two straight games in a playoff, 50-39 and 50-33. For the tournament, Jones headed the class with an 74% ringer average and Ted Allen averaged 73%, however Allen averaged just over 80% for the playoff games.

The 1937 Midwest National Tournament went international as the all-time great, Fernando Isais entered, giving his address as Mexico City, Mexico. Isais was announced as the Mexico national champion, and he was also the reigning California state champion, so he was also a California residence. Future Hall of Famers Dale Dixon (Des Moines, Iowa), Carl Von Der Lancken (Tulsa, OK) and Roland Kraft (Lawrence, KS) were also new entries.

Isais led the preliminary round with 36 wins and 2 losses. In an unusual case, Isaias's two losses came at the hands of Garland Gobel (St. Peter, MN), 25-18 and Andrew Stolarik (Canton, Ohio) 25-20, and neither player qualified for the finals. Isais went on to win the 1937 championship, in his first try and against a field that contained 8 (future) Hall of Fame players. First place money remained at \$125.00.

The 1937 event was only 4 years past the time when Ted Allen shocked the horseshoe world by winning the 1933 World Tournament in Chicago, Illinois, by pitching 73.6%. C.C. Davis had pitched the very first 70% World Tournament a few years earlier in 1928, but the point is that 11 pitchers in the 1937 Midwest National Open passed the 70% mark. This was an unbelievable display of pitching skills. Did you know the stake was only ten inches back in 1937? The finals standing:

1937 Midwest	National O	pen Final	Standing
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	Player	Hometown	W	L	SP	R	Pct.
1.	Fernando Isais	Los Angeles, CA	15	0	924	1104	83.5%
2.	Ted Allen	Alhambra, CA	13	2	926	1148	82.4
3.	Guy Zimmerman	Sac City, Iowa	12	3	889	1112	79.0
4.	Charles "Casey" Jones	Waukesha, WI	11	4	873	1170	74.6
5.	John Sebeck	Canton, Ohio	10	5	944	1260	74.1
6.	Ellis Griggs	Plainville, Illinois	9	6	857	1158	74.0
7.	Robert Bales	Kansas City, KS	8	7	813	1150	70.6
8.	Gaylord Peterson	Varna, Illinois	8	7	901	1196	75.3
9.	Sam Somerhalder	Guide Rock, NE	8	7	1001	1346	74.3
10.	Alvin Gandy	Topeka, Kansas	7	8	859	1198	71.7
11.	John Paxton	Ottumwa, Iowa	7	8	818	1126	72.6
12.	Roland Kraft	Lawrence, Kansas	6	9	738	1070	68.9
13.	Dale Dixon	Des Moines, Iowa	2	13	711	1058	67.2
14.	Sidney Harris	Minden, Nebraska	2	13	700	1084	63.6
15.	Oscar Bozick	Kansas City, MO	2	13	623	1012	61.5
16.	Howard Robinson	Nebraska City, NE	0	15			

# **Historian Jottings**

by Bob Dunn, Historian

The Holiday Season is coming upon us and will be here soon. The books that I have written on the history of Horseshoe Pitching: 1) The AAU National Amateur Horseshoe Pitching Championships; 2) The Lee Rose Story; 3) The World Champions of Horseshoe Pitching 1920-2010; 4) The SHOE, A Horseshoe Collectors Handbook, would make nice gifts for friends and family or even yourself. The books are affordable and can be ordered direct from me. Just email me at: bobcharlesdunn@aol.com.

# Pitching Horseshoes in Paradise

by John and Daisy Franko, NHPA Members

In July of this year, we flew from here in Ohio to the Big Island of Hawaii along with our friends, Dale and Elaine Chiles.

Before going, I went to the NHPA website to see if there were any horseshoe clubs there. I emailed Carol Costa who is the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the Hawaii State Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. to see if they were having any tournaments in which we could participate. Nothing was scheduled but she graciously invited us to meet the Big Island Horseshoe Pitchers Club at the Onekahakaha Beach Park in Hilo. She promised us food and entertainment.





#### A True Hawaiian Welcome!

Upon our arrival, Carol and the club greeted us.

A doubles tournament was organized and John and I competed with other couples. Luckily, we were able to win each match.

The club provided a spread of delicious food. We didn't go away hungry.

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#### **Entertainment!**

We were so impressed with the band made up of their club members. Carol played the ukulele, her husband, Richard, played the guitar. One gentleman was playing a base fiddle made with a five-gallon bucket. They sang as well as played the instruments.



### << Big Island Horseshoe Club Band

### Serenaded by a Very Special Man!

We were so pleased to meet 90 year-old Uncle David Calles who is a member of the club. He is a very gentle, sweet man who was very active pitching horseshoes in his prime. The Park where we pitched is named after him.

He asked the band to play a special Hawaiian song for John and me. We videoed it and can play it again and again. Uncle David sang along with the band and really put his whole heart into it. He has a beautiful voice.





^^ Daisy, Uncle David, and John



^^ John & Daisy with Carol & Her Husband Richard.

We had a wonderful time making new friends and are so appreciative of the hospitality shown to us by Carol and the Club. Thanks so much for making our time with you so enjoyable. Our time spent with you definitely made the list of highlights of this trip.

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Carol told us where to find the Kona Horseshoe Club. We stopped by the courts and pitched several games with a few of the members who were there.

Thanks Hawaii for sharing the game of horseshoes with us.

Thanks to Carol Costa and the Club!

# Special Thank You to Our Donors

by Casey Sluys, President, National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

We express our sincere thanks to the following who have donated as reported in the Nov/Dec 2016 issue of *Newsline*.

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