



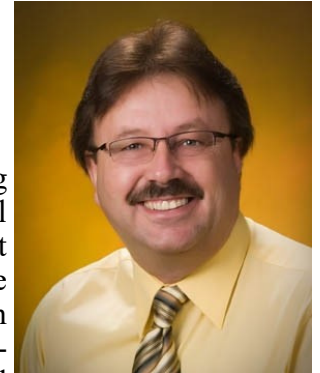
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President's Message

President's report... World Tournament Canceled

By Stu Sipma, NHPA President



The E-Blast communication of the status of the 2020 World Horseshoe Pitching Championship in Monroe Louisiana was sent out in May. This decision was a mutual agreement between Monroe CVB and the NHPA Council. The Council wanted to let you all know how bad we felt making this decision, however we all felt it was in the best interest of the NHPA. We know some of you are not happy with this decision however we felt that due to the uncertainly of the Covid-19 virus it was the best decision to make at this time. Please remember your safety is the most important and there were too many unknowns to move forward with this event. The Council did agree to award the 2023 World Tournament back to Monroe due to the impact of this virus on their opportunity to host the World Tournament.

The 2020 Delegate Meeting was held on Saturday July 18th via Zoom. This was a new experience and was very well attended. Delegate packages were sent out to all the Charter Presidents and it was their responsibility to pass their packets out to their chosen delegates.

Debra Odum withdrew her name from consideration as 4th VP so Wayne Callicote was appointed to the position as 4th VP.

We appreciated the participation of the delegates in the meeting as we addressed the business items that were on the agenda.

The 2020 Hall of Fame Candidates will have their ceremony in Winnemucca NV during the 2021 Convention along with the 2021 Hall of Fame Candidates who will be inducted that night.

The Council recognizes the impact you must feel regarding Covid-19 and the impact on your sanction leagues. Please remember, "We're all in this Together". We will get through this and be stronger than ever.

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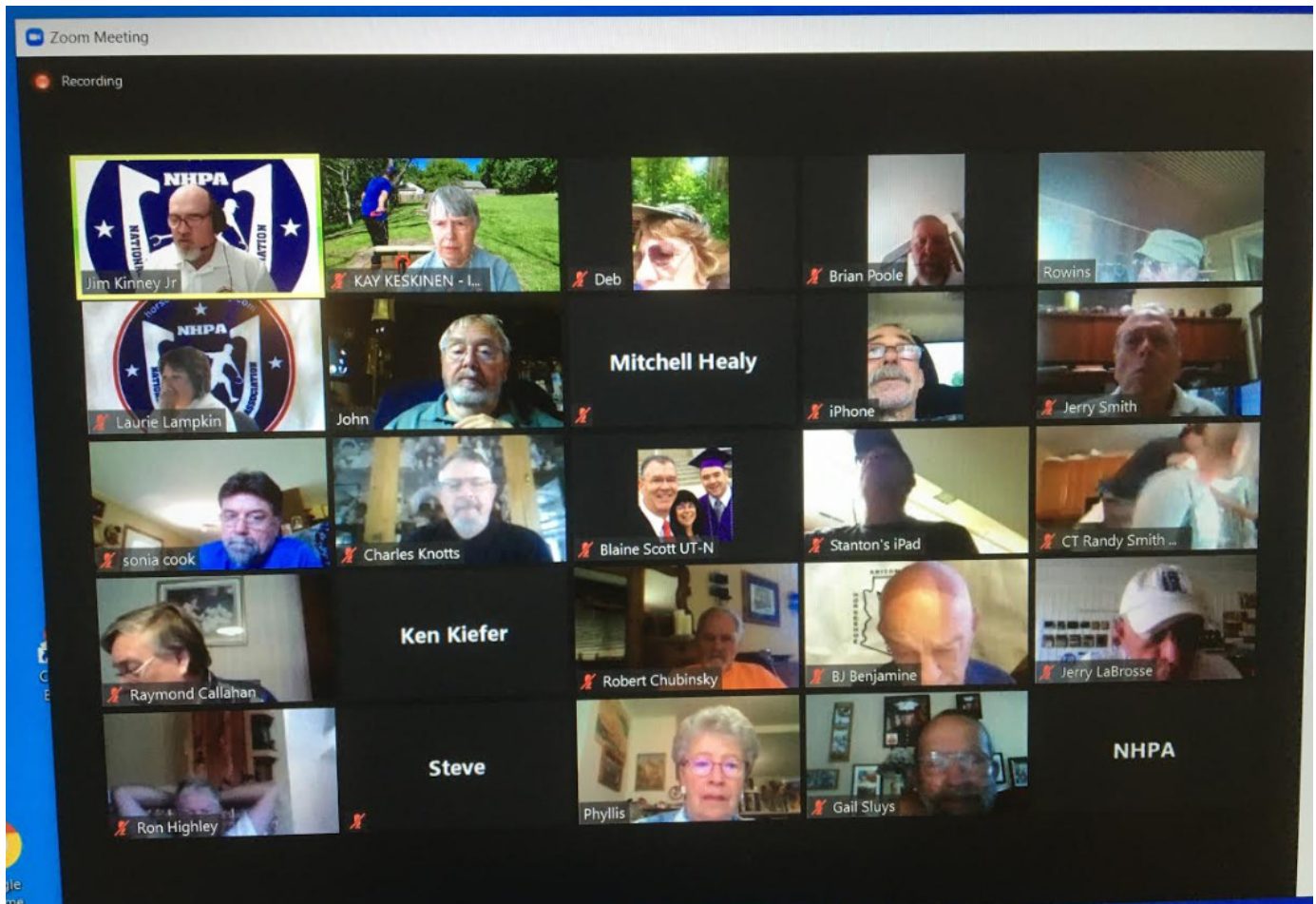
President's Message continued...

The Council encourages all of you to take advantage of the Horseshoe Pitching On-Line (HPO) tournaments to get your events in and keep practicing.

Last, I have learned and am trying to figure out why but some of our NHPA members are not receiving e-blast news. If you are one of these individuals, please contact Blaine Scott, our Newsline Editor and he will work with you to fix the problem. The Council needs to make sure all the news is getting out to our membership.

In conclusion the Council is overly concerned for your safety and we expect all of you pitching in tournaments to take the necessary safety precautions to remain safe and remember the 6' social distancing while competing.

Thank You.
Stu



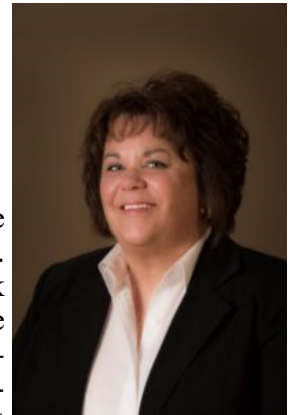
Zoom delegate meeting. (one of the screens) ..bringing the charter representatives together through technology.

(Photo by Kay Keskinen, Moscow, Idaho)

2nd VP Message

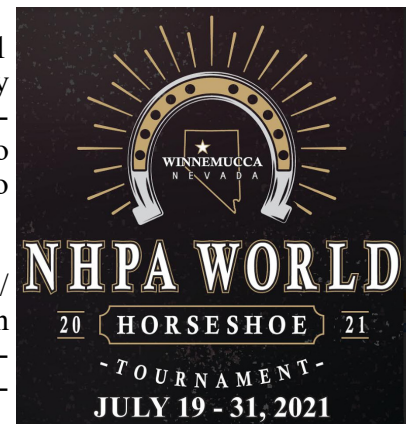
Membership-Sponsorship-Promotion-Publicity

By Laurie Lampkin 2nd Vice President, Publicity & Promotion Director



July 19-31, 2020- The 2020 World Tournament would have been held July 19-31, 2020 in Monroe/West Monroe, LA. The Monroe Convention Visitor’s Bureau office, Alana Cook and Scott Bruscato and their staff are heartbroken over the cancellation of the 2020 World Tournament due to the Covid-19 pandemic virus and the restrictions each state had to enforce for everyone’s safety. It was determined that in the best interest of the general public’s safety and well-being to cancel the tournament this year.

July 19- July 31, 2021 – Winnemucca, NV will be the host of the 2021 World Tournament. Kim Petersen and his staff will be able to answer any questions you may have regarding the area, travel, camping, RV Parks, festivals, restaurants, attractions, etc. and the Event Center. Please feel free to contact Kim at kim@winnemucca.com for any information you may need to prepare for the 2021 World Tournament.



Tours of a nearby open-pit gold mine, gambling tournaments, wine tasting/wine walk, themed luncheons with historic guest speakers like Mark Twain or Sarah Winnemucca or a Cowboy poet, shopping excursions, museum visit, golf tournament or trap shoot to mention few things that will be happening in Winnemucca.

NHPA BANNERS & NEW MEMBERSHIP BAGS

Now that cities are slowly beginning to re-open their courts, we hope that everyone will follow the requirements and keep everyone’s health and safety in mind. Now is the time to begin recruiting new members in your area. Everyone has been cooped up and wanting to get out and get fresh air, so now is the time. Any new NHPA member will receive a new Membership Bag and T-shirt as a welcome gift for joining the NHPA. For all charter secretaries that would like to “Welcome” your new members, please email me a list of the new members, their NHPA card #, and the number of events that will have completed by the end of the current year (a minimum of 2 events are required) along with a shirt size, color. “Come Pitch with Us, Our shoes fit everyone”.

Dustin Last Name 123456 XL Grey
 Aaron Last Name 010101 XL Grey
 David Last Name 056789 XL Grey

Please send to: (example address of where to send the bags)
 Ragedy Ann Horseshoe
 678 Fairy Tale Lane
 Hometown IN 4545



If anyone would like to purchase a NHPA banner please email me at laurie_r@bellsouth.net to get your order form. These banners are 4’x6’ feet vinyl with grommets. You can add your website, phone number, or social media information, but the NHPA website will remain on the banner. See Example:

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2nd VP Message

Membership-Sponsorship-Promotion-Publicity

By Laurie Lampkin 2nd Vice President, Publicity & Promotion Director

NHPA Trading Cards!!!



#7 Sue Snyder - Indiana 2020							
Year	Place	W-L	Ringers	Shoes	Pct.	Location	
1987	8th place	7-8	712	952	74.79%	Eau Claire, Wisconsin	
1988	6th place	8-7	861	1112	77.43%	Pleasanton, California	
1991	2nd place	13-2	889	860	80.12%	Biloxi, Mississippi	
1992	WC	14-1	885	1046	84.61%	Columbus, Ohio	
1993	2nd place	12-5	746	974	76.59%	Spearfish, South Dakota	
1994	WC	3-0	164	182	90.11%	Syracuse, New York	
1995	WC	15-0	889	1056	84.19%	Perry, Georgia	
1996	2nd place	14-1	875	990	88.38%	Gillette, Wyoming	
1997	9th place	10-9	1025	1322	77.53%	Kitchener, Ontario Canada	
1998	2nd place	13-2	733	888	82.55%	Ainsworth, Nebraska	
1999	WC	18-1	857	1014	84.52%	Greenville, Ohio	
2000	5th place	11-4	723	948	76.27%	Bismarck, North Dakota	
2001	6th place	9-6	729	940	77.55%	Hibbing, Minnesota	
2003	6th place	17-6	1147	1456	78.78%	Eau Claire, Wisconsin	
2004	WC	21-2	885	1140	77.63%	Pocatello, Idaho	
2005	WC	22-1	870	1056	82.39%	Bakersfield, California	
2006	3rd place	16-3	829	1042	79.56%	Gillette, Wyoming	
2007	2nd place	18-2	822	1044	78.74%	Ardmore, Oklahoma	
2008	WC	19-1	1065	1234	86.30%	York, Pennsylvania	
2009	3rd place	15-4	1129	1356	83.26%	Springfield, Illinois	
2010	4th place	16-3	816	1028	79.38%	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	
2011	3rd place	13-2	667	850	78.47%	West Monroe, Louisiana	
2012	4th place	11-4	510	754	67.64%	Knoxville, Tennessee	
2013	4th place	11-4	525	782	68.90%	St. George, Utah	
2014	6th place	9-6	571	820	69.63%	Buffalo, New York	
2015	4th place	11-4	539	782	68.93%	Topeka, Kansas	
26 Years			346-88	20263	25608	79.13%	

Stan Griggs and myself have been working on the suggestions from many pitchers asking to create trading cards of all of the NHPA pitchers past and present. We are still in the early stages as we are reaching out to possible companies to manufacture these, i.e. (TOPPS). If anyone has a printing company and would like to join force's please reach out to us.

Here is our Prototype - we are highlighting the one and only Sue Snyder, our plans are to have these "Horseshoe Trading Cards" available in sets and individuals, example of sets will consist of "Championship Women", "Championship Men", "Legends of the '60's", etc... After all cost are covered all proceeds could go to the NHPA Hall of Fame. Ideally, we hope to have these available at the 2021 World Tournament in Winnemucca, NV.

DragonTail Horseshoe Stakes →

I am proud to announce that the NHPA Newsline has a new advertiser. **Welcome DragonTail Horseshoe Stakes!** NHPF can earn money every time you ship at amazonSmile. Click on the link below to shop and donate 0.5% of your purchase to the NHPF!

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redirect?ie=UTF8&ein=62-1671910&ref_=smi_ext_ch_62-1671910_cl



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Visit us at or by scanning QR Image →:
<https://www.pinoyilmasters.com/Dragontail>



Watch the DragonTail in action by scanning →:
<https://youtu.be/XR9HQUpo45M>



Pat. Pending with the US Patents and Trademarks Office

Sponsorship Opportunities

By Laurie Lampkin

(If Interested in any of these, please contact Laurie Lampkin or mail payments and artwork to Jim Kinney)

Bronze Level \$2,500 (annually)

Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to:

- One 2' x 3' banner prominently displayed on the event site throughout the competition.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other bronze level sponsors.
- Footer banner ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A quarter-page ad in the event program for the World Tournament.
- Your logo on the NHPA website (www.horseshoepitching.com) through the completion of the event.

Silver Level \$5,000 (annually)

- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to two 3'x5' banners prominently displayed on the event site throughout the competition.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other silver level sponsors.
- Large right column ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A half-page ad in the event program.
- Your logo, linking to your website, on the NHPA website through the completion of the event.

Gold Level \$7,500 (annually)

- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to four 3' x 5' banners prominently displayed at several locations on the event site.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other gold level sponsors.
- Large right column ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A full-page ad in the event program.
- Your logo, linking to your website, on the NHPA website through the completion of the event.

Platinum Level \$30,000 (3-year agreement)

- Only ONE Platinum sponsorship will be entered into per vendor.
- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company/brand to naming privileges of the event, such as "Your brand presents the NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Championships",
- The event will be called such in all press releases, NHPA and charter websites and news coverage.
- Your brand name or logo will be included on all commemorative merchandise made available for the event, including trophies.
- Your brand/logo will appear on the front cover of the event program.
- Full-page ad in the event program.
- Brand prominently displayed as 4'x 6' fence panels throughout venue.
- Posters will be displayed at events throughout the country prior to the competition each year.
- Headlining ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- Listings in the newsletters and on websites of NHPA charters.
- Your advertising banner, linking to your website, on the NHPA website for the duration of your sponsorship.

Types of Sponsorships/Advertising available during the World Tournament:

- Leader Board
- Website
- Web Cams
- Back Drops
- Front of Podium
- HOF Banquet
- Result Sheets
- W.T. Fences (Sponsor name on the top, horseshoepitching.com on bottom)
- Shirts
- Horseshoe Products
- Trophy's
- Newslines
- Trailer & Wrap (Year Round)

3rd VP Message

Sanctioned Leagues...Longevity Recognized!

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian

Well here we are, in the middle of the pandemic and pitching online and in “Mail-in” tournaments. We all want to pitch and get back to normal. The mail-in tournaments are fun but most of us seem to pitch better in the practice mode which may lead to inflated averages and boosted egos, I know I did and do. Maybe it is the real me coming out and pitching better, I cannot wait to find out if I can maintain my new numbers.

Sanctioned leagues are hurting and slowly coming back in some places. Longevity will not be an issue this year, just let me know if you cancel your league this year and I will waive this year off your record.

The World tournament decision was done mutually with Monroe and was hard for both parties to do. Obviously, safety is everyone’s primary concern which brings me my to one of my main topics, the Sanction League Tournament (SLT). This is not to say that the SLT is more important than the world Tournament, but we still must look ahead for rays of sunshine. I have created what I consider a special “ray of sunshine”, at least for some and certainly not a done deal relative to the coronavirus situation. If I can hold the SLT in October as normal and that is an excessively big “IF”, I want to expand the tournament with some new rules during these times of crisis.

Let’s start with the basics. What is the SLT? That is a great question. The SLT is an annual event first suggested by some guy in Oklahoma whose name might be Homer. I will have to “fact check” that, but I believe it’s true. The Sanctioned League Red Book authorizes a three-person team tournament for sanctioned league pitchers and was first pitched in 2003. The tournament follows the widely used format of handicapped and count-all scoring. Over 90% of the 300 sanctioned leagues each year follow that format. I take the first 20 teams to sign up and they come to the beautiful NHPF pitching facility in Wentzville, Missouri which of course is also the NHPA Hall of Fame.

My proposal, should we somehow be cleared to hold the thing, is to make all card-carrying horseshoe pitchers anywhere in North America, honorary sanctioned league pitchers this year and this year only. That makes everyone eligible to enter the tournament. I would also place no limit on the number of teams possibly limited only by format layout, facility availability and time. It may last several days longer than the normal two days. The finals would Saturday, and I would hope to have a SLT banquet during the event to present some NHPA annual awards and possible a sit-down meal with friends and foes. The format may be changed a little to accommodate the enlarged tournament and to use the electronic scoring system available in Wentzville. There is a lot of water to flow under the bridge before this might happen, so stay tuned and please, stay safe.

The next topic is the annual Sanctioned League “Longevity Honorees.” What are Sanctioned League “Longevity” awards you ask. I am glad you asked. The Redbook outlines these awards which honors horseshoe clubs and/or leagues for each five years of continuous league play. For those clubs that choose to accept perpetual plaques i.e. those that have a common place to display them, get a plaque at the five-year mark and get a plate every five years thereafter. All clubs are honored at any rate and here are this year’s “Longevity” honorees. There are very many this year which supports the idea that leagues are doing well.



Sanctioned League Longevity Honorees...continued

Five year awards:

Waterloo Metro Horseshoe Pitching League, IA
 Treasure Valley Horseshoe Club, ID
 Central Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Assn, TX
 James River Horseshoe Club, ND
 Tipton Horseshoe League, IN

Ten year awards:

Kennebec Valley Horseshoe League, ME
 The Pits Horseshoe Club, MO

Fifteen year awards:

Weik-Towne Horseshoe League, CT
 Topeka Horseshoe Assn., KS
 Capitol City Horseshoe Club, MO

Twenty year awards:

The Villages Horseshoe Club, FL
 4 Stakes Horseshoe League, GA
 Alexandria Horseshoe Club, MN
 Forest Lake Horseshoe Club, MN
 Litchfield Horseshoe Club, MN
 North Mankato Horseshoe Club, MN
 Morrison County Horseshoe League, MN
 Santiago Horseshoe Club, MN
 Upsala Horseshoe Club, MN
 Capitol City Horseshoe Club, MO
 Kahrigs Red Barn Horseshoe League, OH
 Toni Kucharski Memorial Horseshoe Club, OH
 South Central Horseshoe Club, TX

Twenty five year awards:

Golden Isles Horseshoe Club, GA
 Rochester Horseshoe Club, NY
 Belle Fourche Horseshoe Club, SD

Thirty year awards:

Edgewater Horseshoe Club, CO
 Moline Horseshoe Club, IL
 Harahan Horseshoe Assn, LA
 Shreveport Double Ringer Horseshoe League, LA
 Bismarck-Mandan Horseshoe League, ND
 Pawnee Ringers Horseshoe League, NE
 Enid Area Horseshoe Pitchers Club, OK
 Fireside Horseshoe League, WY



Look Daddy!! I got a double!
 Zachary Spanke's son Dominic
 starting off early with his love of
 horseshoes.

Sanctioned League Longevity Honorees...continued

Forty year awards:

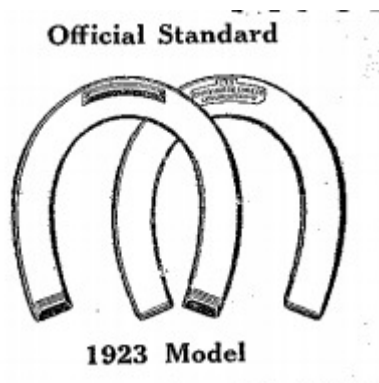
North West Arkansas HPA, AR
 Burbank-Joslyn Horseshoe Club, CA
 Loveland Horseshoe Club, CO
 Loon Pond Horseshoe Club, MA
 Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club, MI
 Heart of America Horseshoe Club, MO
 Hardin County Horseshoe Club, OH
 Beloit Horseshoe Club, WI

Forty five year awards:

Central Iowa Traveling Horseshoe League, IA
 Lakeside Horseshoe Club, TX
 Eau Claire Horseshoe Club, WI



Thanks to all the league directors both past and present for all your hard work. This is an expressive list. You directors are the backbone of sanctioned league play. I salute each and everyone of you because you do this work for the love of our game. I hope we can get started.



APPENDICITIS KEPT AWAY BY ANCIENT SPORT

(By John Lodwick)

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Keep appendicitis away by pitching a game of horseshoes every day, is the advice offered by John "Hog" Miller, 82 years old, of Rock Valley, Ia., one of the expert "barn-yard golfers" now in training here for the fifth annual slipper slammer tournament for the United States championship to be held in the "Sunshine City" late in February.

Miller has been pitching horseshoes for 32 years and he attributes his good health to the old-fashioned game. He said he suffered severe intestinal disorders shortly after he celebrated his 50th birthday—and then he took up "barnyard golf."

Since he has been twirling the equestrian footwear, Miller says he has not been bothered with any ailment since.

"I like the game so well," he said, "that I hope to die with my shoes in my hands."

"I am going to live to be 100 or more," prophesied the Iowa hog raiser, "and horseshoes is going to help me get there."

According to Miller the game of horseshoe pitching keeps every muscle of the body in a man of 60 and over, well exercised. He figures that ten miles are covered by himself daily in walking from one end of the pitching lanes to the other, stooping to pick up his shoes at the end of each 40 foot hike.

Keeping Healthy by Pitching Horseshoes!

By Blaine Scott

The NHPF has been doing a great job at gathering up horseshoe resources from all across the Internet. Who knew before reading this article in the February 1st edition of Horseshoe World that you could keep appendicitis away by pitching horseshoes?

In this time of Coronavirus (COVID-19), massive fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and many other acts of nature as well as other emergencies manually created, it's great to have a place where we can set everything aside for a few moments.

If you have old horseshoe resources, newspaper articles, horseshoes, or other things that may be of interest to other pitchers, reach out to Casey Sluys or a member of the NHPF committee to see if they are interested in a copy for the NHPF.

Glen ‘Red’ Henton—Almost a Century young Iowa Legend...Thanks for the memories!

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian

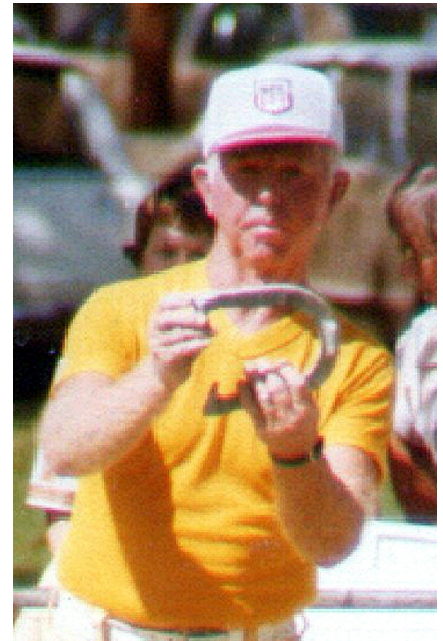
Glen ‘Red’ Henton, one of Iowa’s, and the worlds, most prolific horseshoe pitchers, was born on September 3rd 1920. He grew up in the small town of Fulton Iowa, which is located on Hwy 61 just north of Maquoketa. He now resides in Maquoketa and has always referred to it as his home.

When Glen was around 7-10 years old, it was his grandfather who first got he, and his two brothers pitching horseshoes. They would pitch on a court behind the rural grocery his grandfather owned in Fulton. The brothers were all pretty good pitchers and Glen recalls times his brother would be pitching at home along the dirt road, which is now highway 61, and some of the well-to-do folks driving by in their big V-8 cars would stop by and watch. Occasionally, after a display of pitching ringers, they would toss a quarter or fifty cents his way. Glen recalled thinking this could turn out to be pretty lucrative and perhaps he better work on his game.

Later on, in 1934, at the age of 14, Glen pitched his first competition at a county tourney held in Maquoketa. It was a 100-shoe pitch event rather than a head to head competition. He recalls that he rang 94 out of 100 shoes and won the event. That was the first victory of his competitive pitching career; however, the bulk of it wasn’t to begin in earnest until many years later.

In 1938 after graduating high school, Glen met Bernice, the girl who would eventually become his wife. She was just a freshman in high school at the time. Glen was also an accomplished baseball player, and had signed with the Chicago White Sox to play professional baseball for their farm club in Grand Forks North Dakota set to begin that spring. However, when he reported to play in Grand Forks, he was met with 14” of snow on the field and he decided then not to further pursue a baseball career. In his words he said “man, this is not for me, I don’t want to wind up a baseball bum and lose Bernice too...”, so he returned home to Maquoketa. In 1942, after her graduation, he married Bernice and shortly thereafter he was inducted in the Army. His Army career took him overseas for 30 months during World War II, serving in India, Burma and China. He recalls doing horseshoe pitching exhibitions several times while overseas. In 1945 he was discharged from the Army and returned to Maquoketa where he worked various jobs around the area before finally landing a job as a rural mail carrier, where he worked for 25 years. Through the years, he and Bernice also played and sang in various musical groups, playing dance jobs all over the country. They lived on a 50-acre farm that they worked, along with tending to a herd of Black Angus cows. Glen and Bernice were the parents of two daughters, Judy and Nancy, so their busy schedule did not leave much time for horseshoe pitching.

Red was a left-handed pitcher who tossed a high arching 1-1/4 turn shoe that seemed to float in the air before dropping neatly around the stake. He competed with Ted Allen horseshoes for much of his pitching career before coming out with his own Henton V-lock and Supreme horseshoes. He was one of those naturals at the game and competed in the top class in all of the tournaments he entered. His exceptional pitching ability coupled with his showmanship would always draw a crowd to watch at tournaments he attended. During those years Iowa was blessed with several of the nation’s best pitchers and the high level of competition at tournaments made for some very long, tense and exciting games. After many tournaments he could be found breaking out his guitar and entertaining the crowd with a few songs.

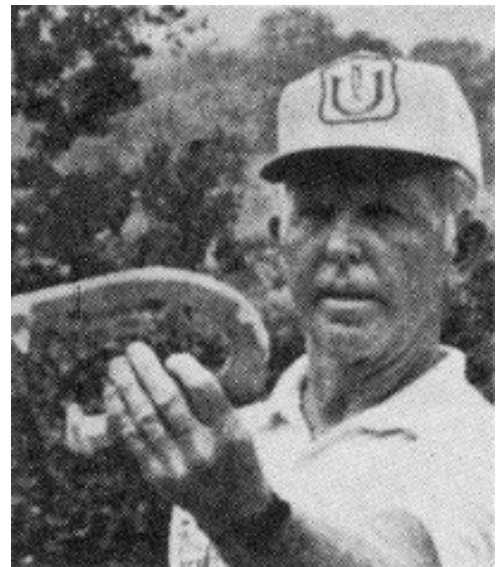


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Glen Henton...Iowa Legend (Continued)

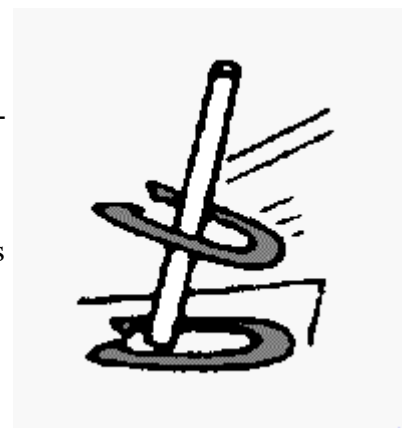
It wasn't until around 1960 that he got involved in competitive horse-shoe pitching again. He entered the State Tournament in Des Moines that year, and after having won 9 games, was forced to drop out when Bernice's Dad became ill and they had to return home. The following year, 1961, he returned to the State Championships and won his first State Title defeating Francis Rogers from Cedar Falls for the victory. NHPA records indicate that he won the Iowa State title 18 times during his career, surpassing former Iowa greats Dale Dixon and the legendary Frank Jackson who had won the title 11 and 9 times respectively. His final Iowa championship victory came in 1988 when the event was held at the Ellis Park Courts in Cedar Rapids.

During those same years, Red also competed in many of the World Tournaments held at various sites across the country. Gary Kline's 'History of the World Tournament' states that 1962 was his rookie year in World tournament competition. That year the tournament was held in Greenville Ohio, where Red pitched a very respectable 77.5% ringer average and most notably, defeated legendary world champion Ted Allen, who at that time had already captured the World Tournament title, a long-standing record, 10 times. He earned 8th place that year with his 23-12 record. Little did he know that from those 23 rookie year victories, he would eventually pitch himself to 15th on the all-time World Tournament victory list compiling a total of 375 wins.



From 1962 until 1992 Red competed in a total of 24 World Tournaments, 19 in the Men's Championship Class, 2 in the Men's Intermediate Championship class and 3 in the Senior Championship Class. Over the course of those 19 WT Men's Championship class appearances, he compiled a 78.3% ringer average. He averaged over 80% in five of those World Tournaments; 83.9% in 1964; 80.9% in 1965; 83.6% in 1972; 82.09% in 1976; and 83.21% in 1977. In his two years of Intermediate World competition, 1985 and 1986, He was the Men's Intermediate World Champion averaging over 71% both years. His last three World Tournament appearances were in the Senior Division where he finished in 2nd place in the Championship class, averaging 69.3% in 1987 and 67.68% in 1989 and 3rd place in the Championship class in 1992 averaging 67.73%.

1977 was the year Red was poised to win the World Tournament; he was leading the event, carding only 2 losses with only one round to go. During that tournament, Red fired three games over 90%, hitting 90.3% against John Passmore; 91.2% against Larry Griffin and 94.8% versus Jesse Gonzales. In the final round, Red squared off with the ever tough, Mark Seibold. Seibold, on a roll of 9 straight games over 80%, strung it to 10 firing 86.2% to steal the outright victory from Red. That loss dropped him to a 23-3 tie with Elmer Hohl who had narrowly slipped by Carl Steinfeld in their very close and pivotal game, propelled by his streak of 35 out of 36 ringers. So, the 1977 WT title was to be decided by a best of three games. Elmer had previously won WT titles in 1972 and 1973 in playoffs, so he was favored to do so again. However, Red had bested Elmer in their last three meetings so it was really anybody's game. Both of the playoff games lasted over 100 shoes. Red pitched two very consistent 79.8% games but narrowly lost to Elmer who captured the championship propelled by his games of 82.5% and 83.7%. Since Elmer hailed from Canada, Red has often been referred to as the 1977 United States Champion.



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Glen Henton...Iowa Legend (Continued)

The most notable achievement in Red's long pitching career would have to be his Guinness Book of World Records 'Greatest Horseshoe Game Ever' which he pitched against Ray Martin in the 1965 World Tournament held in Keene New Hampshire. The two met for that marathon match in the 18th round of that tournament and they still hold a number of records from that game. (See 'Greatest Game Ever' link on the website for the score sheets from that game).

Longest game – (50 points) – 194 shoes
 Total ringers – 349
 Most Double ringers – 157
 Most Canceled Ringers – 316
 Most "Four Dead" – 63

Red also holds the following individual records from that game as well.

Most Ringers, winner – 175
 Most Double ringers – 80

The two combined 349 ringers of 388 shoes pitched for an average of 89.95% for their marathon game which would have been another record. However, Paul Focht and Marvin Craig narrowly eclipsed that game in the same 1965 World tournament when they combined 237 ringers of 260 shoes for an average of 91.15% in their own marathon game to capture that record.

Red also owns or shares several WT single game records in the senior division from his three appearances in that class. In the single game category – both players combined.

Total combined ringers in a 40-point game – 126 shared with Ray Hill
 Most Double ringers in a 40-point game – 53 shared with Ray Hill
 Most "Four Dead" in a 40-point game – 18 shared with Ray Hill
 Consecutive Four Dead – 6 (Red pitched in two of the five senior division games that currently share this record).

He is also listed in the single game individual records from 1989 Senior WT as having the most ringers, as the loser in a 40-point game, with 62; and most double ringers, as the loser in a 40-point game with 26.

In other NHPA records Red's name appears 15th on the all-time World Tournament victory totals with 375 wins. He is also 13th on the list of pitchers with games over 90% in World Tournament competition with 19 games at or above that mark. Three of which are included in the list of Men's highest ringers percent games in World Tournament. In 1964 versus Floyd Fowler, Red rang the stake 67 of 70 times for 95.71%. Also, that year versus Marvin Craig, 93 of 98 found the stake for 94.90%. Then in 1965 he defeated Jim Johnson firing 40 of 42 for 95.24%.

Red was a participant in six of the games listed on the NHPA list of Longest World Tournament games. That places him fourth on the list of pitchers with the most, behind Ted Allen who pitched in 11, Ray Martin who had 9 and Carl Steinfeld with 8.



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Glen Henton...Iowa Legend (Continued)

His 78.3% ringer average, for the 19 Men's division world tournaments he participated in, ranks him 16th on the NHPA all time overall average list for 4 tournaments or more. Below are listed his WT placing and ringer percentages.

In 1978 Red received the dual honor of being inducted into both the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame and the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame. Over the span of his horseshoe pitching career, Glen 'Red' Henton, has compiled horseshoe pitching records that may never be matched or beaten. The information listed here attests to the fact that Glen 'Red' Henton is truly one of Iowa's and the world's horseshoe pitching legends.

Compiled and submitted by Pat Simon.
February 2007

1962 8 th Place 77.98%	1970 7 th Place 76.47%
1963 5 th Place 75.22%	1972 6 th Place 83.6%
1964 3 rd Place 84.03%	1973 7 th Place 78.92%
1965 13 th Place 80.90%	1974 6 th Place 79.14%
1967 18 th Place 74.88%	1975 7 th Place 79.16%
1968 19 th Place 79.28%	1976 5 th Place 82.09%
1977 2 nd Place 83.21%	
1978 5 th Place 76.2%	
1979 26 th Place 74.33%	
1981 23 rd Place 71.27%	
1982 11 th Place 74.17%	
1983 14 th Place 71.64%	
1984 Div 5 1 st 73.14%	
1985 1st Place 71.48% Intermediate class.	
1986 1st Place 71.06% Intermediate class.	
1987 2 nd Place 69.30% Senior class	
1989 2 nd Place 67.68% Senior class	
1992 3 rd Place 67.73% Senior class	

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*5th VP Message***Spring is for horseshoes...not COVID-19***By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President*

At the start of this horseshoe season it seemed to steamroll downward. Some charters keep steamrolling while others are starting to adapt and get back to pitching action. It is almost like we have had an extended winter break. I sincerely, from the bottom of my heart, hope that each of you are safe from this virus. Please, if you don't mind, after reading this sentence, pause for a moment of silence in memorandum of our fellow pitchers and our country that have been affected by COVID-19.

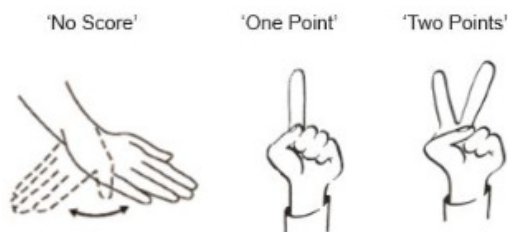
As I progress in this article, the Regional Directors are working hard to help keep horseshoe pitching "alive" in your charters. The RDs have a conference call quarterly to discuss items of note. I called a specific conference call just for the temporary waiver for court sanctioning and mail-in/online tournaments. If you are unsure about the mail-in tournaments or getting your court sanctioned please contact your RD. The list can be found under the "About Us" tab on www.horseshoepitching.com If you have any questions regarding court sanctioning, hosting events, patches, or other items of note, please contact your RD. I am so proud of my team of RDs, this is a great group of people and they truly do so much for our sport. Without them, it would be difficult to operate efficiently. Please be sure to thank them next time you see them.

Since the World Tournament was cancelled, look for an update on the National Sanctioned League Tournament. It could be something you don't want to miss. Jerry Smith, is looking to make some updates to the event that would make it a great one! This could be a chance for you to attend a world event?! We looked forward to "Pitchin' in da boot" however, we will have to "geaux" to Monreaux in 2023!

The NHPA council has extended the "mail-in" and online tournament waivers until September 01, 2020. Details for hosting these events can be obtained from your charter regional director. I had the privilege of hosting the "NHPF Bazaar Mail-In" tournament. Together, with everyone's help we raised \$1,000 for the NHPF! Thank you everyone for your contributions and for making these mail-in tournaments such a success. Funds from the Youth Doublethon Mail-In tournament also will go directly to helping out the NHPA Youth Fund. It may be used for online tournament prizes, state tournament trophy sponsors, and world tournament youth extras. This is super exciting.

Sherla Williams, NHPA photographer for the WT, wants to everyone to know she will miss seeing the shoes fly in da' boot in Monroe! Well, not so much seeing the shoes but 'dodging' the shoes. She sends everyone well wishes and hopes all are doing their part in staying safe.

I hope everyone is going to make it a great 2020, event though we have no world tournament. Take time and do things you might not normally have done. I know the virus can be a scary thing if you think about it, however we must start adapting to it instead of being afraid of it. We must be smart and pull together and do our part in "beating" the Coronavirus. Until next time, I bid everyone great health and many ringers for this season. Have a blessed summer everyone!



From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

NHPA Delegate Convention Report

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer



The NHPA is in an unprecedented time in the history of our organization. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the National Horseshoe Pitching Association has canceled the 2020 World Tournament and the 2020 Team Tournament. to Monroe, Louisiana. Some states have opened but some states are still pushing masks and social distancing as a mandatory measure of containing the virus. There are a few states who have canceled the state tournament and other major tournaments on the schedule. No one knows when everything is going to be back to normal. I do know there are a lot of people who have been creative, and because of those individuals, there has been an option for members to keep pitching in tournaments and leagues around the country. (Most of this has been with online pitching.) I believe the online pitching concept came at a great time in our history. Horseshoe pitching online has opened a whole new way to practice and interact with those who would not have the chance to travel and meet another horseshoe pitching enthusiast from different states. I just say to everyone. Be patient and stay positive. This time will pass, and it will be part of our history that we will never forget.

The NHPA hosted the 2020 national delegate convention on Zoom. It went well. There were a few charters who did not participate due to unforeseen circumstances, but we were able to meet the requirement in our Bylaws for it to be an official convention. The main topics in the meeting were Proposed rule changes and election of new NHPA officers. There were four proposed rule changes and one proposed Bylaw change. Two proposed rule changes were passed, and the proposed Bylaw change was not. The two proposed rule changes also had amendments to them per our convention vote. Here are the two rule changes:

PRC-2 (Amended)

Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions

As Written:

Rule 1. Junior Cadets (any pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger the entire calendar year). Junior Cadets may pitch any place on the extended or full-distance platforms and shall observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line. Note: Junior Cadets may choose to move into the Junior Boys or Junior Girls prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Junior Cadets, once this declaration has been made.
Add wording

Section A – Cadets (See REQUIREMENT 6, for exceptions and additional information)

1. Cadet Boys (any male pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger for the entire calendar year)

*Cadet Boys may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platforms and shall observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line. **Note:** Cadet Boys may choose to move into the Junior Boys prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Cadet Boys, once this declaration has been made.*

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Delegate Convention Report....Continued

2. Cadet Girls (any female pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger for the entire calendar year) Cadet Girls may pitch from any place on the extended or full-distance platforms and shall observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line. Note: Cadet Girls may choose to move into the Junior Girls prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Cadet Girls, once this declaration has been made.

Reasoning:

We have World Championship Divisions for Men, Women, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Men, Senior Women and Elders. It is time to have the Cadets broken into Cadet Boys (or Junior Cadet Boys) and Cadet Girls (or Junior Cadet Girls) as the others are. They can pitch in the WT prelims as one group like the Juniors classes do but should be broken into Cadet Girls and Cadet Boys for the Championships as the Juniors are.

PRC 4 (Amended)**Requirement 3 – Charter/State Information****Section A, # 2****Current reading:****2. Mixed Play and Handicapping (See also Rule 11, Section E)**

The Championship Classes of the Open Men and Open Women Divisions in a State Singles Championship Tournament cannot be mixed play. All other Divisions and Classes may be mixed at the discretion of the Tournament Officials. Etc.....

PROPOSED CHANGE:

The Championship Classes of the Open Men and Open Women Divisions in a State Singles Championship Tournament should not be mixed play. If, however, there are fewer than 4 entries in a championship division within the same pitching distance, there may be mixed play, determined by the State's Ex. Board and Tournament Director, attempting to separate pitching distances and Divisions as much as possible.

NOTE: This would also change the wording in Rule 11, Section E.

Rule 11, Section E**Current wording:**

...Mixed Classes are not allowed, however, in some Championship Classes/Divisions of State Tournaments and, etc.....

Change to:

Mixed Classes are not allowed at the World Tournament, but in Championship Classes of State Tournaments, within the same pitching distance, mixed divisions that have fewer than 4 entries may be mixed.

Delegate Convention Report....Continued

REASON: In many small charters, it is difficult to put together a full championship class, sometimes having only 1 or 2 entries. This gives these small charters other options, to put classes together that make sense and that work for them, and to prevent a huge spread in ringer % within classes which is not enjoyable for participants AND which often causes dropouts or fewer entries.

The NHPA officer positions filled for 2020 were:

Laurie Lampkin NHPA 2nd Vice-President

Wayne Callicoatte NHPA 4th Vice President

Jim Kinney Jr NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

I wanted to congratulate Laurie Lampkin and Wayne Callicoatte for their nomination to the NHPA council. I also wanted to say I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the NHPA council, NHPA Charters, and the NHPA members for the past year and a half. I look forward to the next three years and hope we can grow as an organization to make a mark in history for all to remember. Thank you.

The 2021 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament will be held in Winnemucca, Nevada. Here are two links for information provided by Winnemucca:

Winnemucca Horseshoe Website

<https://winnemuccahorseshoes.com/>

Winnemucca Tournament Promo Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TQ8S6Vvs5Q&feature=youtu.be>

Both have great information about Winnemucca and the world tournament.

The new membership program, eShoe, has been a great success so far. We have just sent out our 3rd quarter membership invoices for 2020. There have been a lot of positive comments from the members and the membership directors who have been using the program. It has streamlined the way we track the membership in each charter. There are still more phases of eShoe to come but everyone has done a fantastic job learning and embracing the change.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me. See you on the courts

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2020 Delegate Convention Voting Results

Zoom Meeting July 18th, 2020

PBC 1	Failed	21- Yes & 47- No
PRC 1	Failed	3-Yes & 65 - No
PRC2	Passed	63-Yes & 5-No
PRC3	Failed	37-Yes & 31-No
PRC4	Passed	55-Yes & 13-No

We had a total of 68 votes from the delegates.

2/3's to pass= 46

Counted and Approved by;

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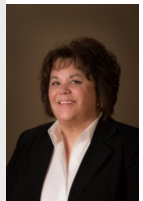
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2020 A New Decade of Champions and Records Continues...75 Years Ago

By Stan Griggs

These times are new and unfamiliar with this generation of pitcher's we have known nothing other than our annual summer World Championships. It was 75 years ago the last time the NHPA was unable to host a World Tournament. The time was 1945 and it was the fourth consecutive year without a World Tournament as our country was in battle with World War II.

We all are disappointed with the outcome from the cause of COVID-19 but we can learn from the past that we as a nation and an association can power forward through this.

The opening introduction for the 1946 World Tournament let's us know we can and will overcome this...

"This year will always serve as a remembrance of the N.H.P.A.'s ability to survive any adverse conditions. Due to a steel and paper shortage during World War II, horseshoe pitching ground to a standstill; no steel for shoes and no paper for the written word."

The Horseshoe World came to an abrupt halt in the winter of 1943. The N.H.P.A. membership nosedived to only 17 active members. On a positive side, horseshoe pitching got a fantastic boost as part of the Armed Forces recreational program.

So as you can see, if our past generations can overcome a four year drought during a World War with less than two dozen members, we can surely pick ourselves up from this.

The 1946 World Tournament will be our 2021 World Tournament, returning back to the game... Here is how it played out for them.

1946 World Tournament -

Once again Des Moines, Iowa was to be the friend of horseshoe pitching as a warm host. Only nine of the field were veterans. Fernando Isais became the sixth World Champion not to defend the title, it had been five years since the last World Tournament in 1941 when he went undefeated at 23-0 and averaged 82.9%.

Some outstanding rookies made the scene; three would eventually earn their way into the All Time Top 100, Lindquist, Lindmeier and Harper. We will highlight one of them later as there is an interesting connection to him and the 2020 World Tournament that didn't happen.

There were 16 games over 85.0%, Ted Allen had eight, "Casey" Jones with five, John Sebek had a pair and Dale Dixon closed in with one. Of the five 90.0% games Ted pitched four of them and "Casey" had the other.

Upsets were not too common among the leaders, just enough to bring chaos. Rookie John Lindmeier gave "Casey" Jones one of his only two losses. After being eliminated from the top ranks, Johnnie Sebek, the "Ohio Express", thoroughly walloped Ted Allen, 50-24.

This set up one of the greatest matches ever for the World Title – superstar Ted Allen, trying to regain his title, pitted against superstar "Casey" Jones, trying to win his first. In this 158 shoe game, Ted tossed 139 ringers including 60 doubles for an 87.9%. Hard luck "Casey" threw 137 ringers with 59 doubles for an 86.7% game only to lose the World Championship, 50-44! Ted Allen had waited five long years to regain his title.



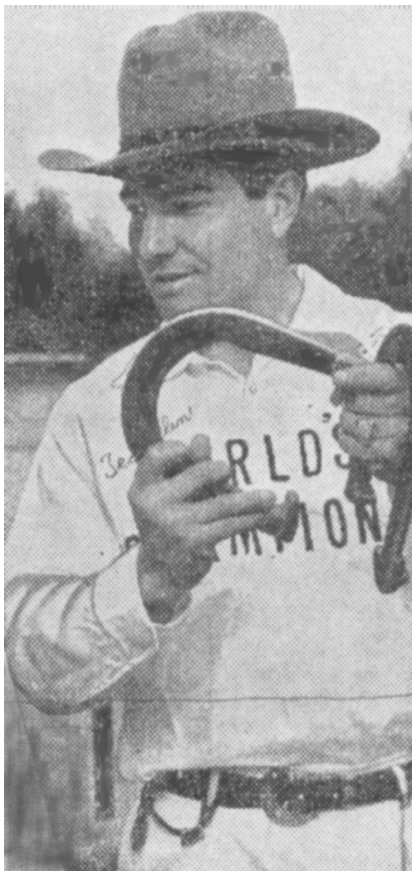
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2020 A New Decade of Champions and Records...Continued

“As a record of proof to the N.H.P.A.’s stability, from this year on a World Tournament would be held every summer of every year far into the future...”

1946 World Tournament
Des Moines, Iowa – June 30 – July 4 1946

		W	L	R	Sp	Pct.
1. Ted Allen	Boulder, Colo.	22	1	1173	1398	83.9
2. “Casey” Jones	Waukesha, Wis.	21	2	1304	1612	80.9
3. Sidney Harris	Minden, Neb.	19	4	1197	1666	71.8
4. John Sebek	Canton, Ohio	18	5	1313	1762	74.5
5. Vito Filecca	Brooklyn, N.Y.	17	6	1079	1552	69.5
6. Dale Dixon	Des Moines, Iowa	16	7	1163	1670	69.6
7. Arner Lindquist	Morgantown, W. Va.	16	7	1096	1628	67.3
8. W. O. Maxwell	Hicksville, Ohio	15	8	1222	1774	68.9
9. Arlo Harris	Indianapolis, Ind.	15	8	1090	1670	65.3
10. John Lindemeier	Maywood, Ill.	13	10	1229	1736	70.8



Ted Allen

As I mentioned earlier, one of the Rookies of the class of ‘46 was a gentleman from Illinois named John C. Lindmeier, he would go on to pitch in the Men’s Championship Class seven more times from 1946 to 1960 finishing in the “Top 10” five times with his highest finish being in 1953 with a 4th place. His last World Tournament was in 1981 in Genola, Minnesota where he pitched in the Intermediates Championship Class.

Mr. John C. Lindmeier was to be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame at this years World Tournament, so we can only imagine that next year at the 2021 World Tournament who will be starting their career that might one day land them into the Halls of the NHPA Hall of Fame...



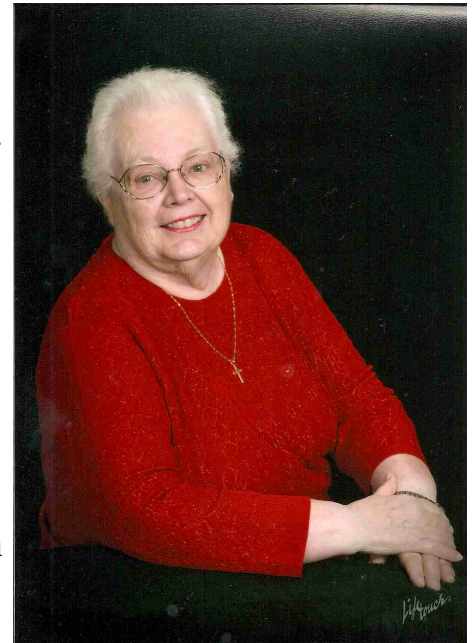
John C. Lindmeier

NHPA Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Banquet Postponed

Vicki Winston, NHPA Hall of Fame Committee Chair

This is a year that all of us will never forget for as long as we live. I wish it could be remembered for lots of joyous occasions, but that probably won't be the case for most people, including members of our horseshoe pitching family. Who would have ever thought that horseshoe pitching tournaments, including the World Tournament, would have to be cancelled because of a world wide pandemic. Just remember that playing in horseshoe pitching competitions is something that we like to do, but we don't have to do it and can live without it until it's safe to begin competition once again. I applaud the NHPA Council and the hosts in Monroe, Louisiana for looking at this situation from all angles and taking the action which seems to be best for everyone involved. I'm sure it was a decision that wasn't popular with everyone, as nothing ever is. Just remember that if you are careful and you stay safe and well, you may live to play another day. God will have the final say in that, but you can do your part to help make it happen.



Since the 2020 World Tournament is not being held, to the best of my knowledge the official induction of our 2020 Hall of Fame electees will take place at the 2021 Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet to be held in Winnemucca, Nevada. As our Hall of Fame Class of 2020 has already been publicly announced, I am getting photo plaques made for Sheila Shepard and John Lindmeier and when the plaques are ready, I will be sending them on over to Wentzville, MO so they can be displayed on the wall in the Hall of Fame room. That way people who happen to visit the building in the months ahead will have the opportunity to see who was elected in 2020.

In other news, I was notified recently that another member of the Hall of Fame has passed away. Jack Adams, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan passed away on May 25, 2020 at the age of 98. His father, Arthur Adams, is also a member of our Hall of Fame. Jack served for many years as a voting member of the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee and attended several World Tournaments both as a competitor and a Delegate at Large at the Convention. He was a great promoter of our sport in his homeland of Canada. Jack is survived by 3 nephews. A private family burial with a memorial service will be held at a later time. This reminds me to tell everyone that I would appreciate being notified if a Hall of Fame member passes away, so that I can help keep our records up to date.

In closing, I will remind you that it is not too soon to be submitting Hall of Fame nominations for the 2021 voting. You will find a printable nomination form on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. Please use that form, or a facsimile thereof, and follow all of the instructions on the form. Then mail a hard copy of your nomination to my postal address that is found on the nomination form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Until next time I wish everyone a healthy and safe summer. If you aren't already pitching, I hope you will be able to resume shortly.



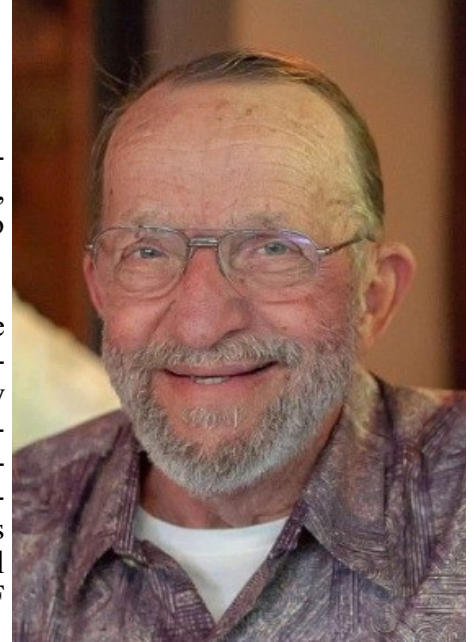
NHPF Director

NHPF Annual Meeting Report

By Casey Sluys

The NHPF board held their annual meeting (it was a conference call) between (Washington) Phyllis, (North Dakota) Stu, (Nebraska) Dave, (Missouri) Joe & Gary, and (California) Jerry & Casey. It was nice to have the full board present. The meeting lasted 2 1/2 hrs.

The opening of the building was discussed and we have to abide by the St Charles County Park Department. It will be their call as to when activities will be able to be resumed inside the building. (We sincerely hope soon.) Since the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club was barred from using the facility, it was unanimously voted to forgo the rent for this quarter. The next quarter will depend on the status of the conditions surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. We have 2 of 4 Heating/AC pumps that need to be replaced. The old pumps are obsolete therefore we will need new ones. A new display case was purchased the NHPA and NHPF went 50/50 on that cost.



All of Bob Dunn's horseshoes are in the building and Rich Altis has, or is cataloguing them all. See picture, In due time the catalogue of the shoes will be published and we will begin an auction process to raise fund for the NHPF. Details will be forthcoming but horseshoe collectors will have the first dibs on looking through the information. Because of the current pandemic situation, the timeline for this project is uncertain.

It was suggested to consolidate all known resources of horseshoe information, "how to" videos, articles and virtually anything regarding horseshoes and horseshoe pitching found on the internet. WE should assemble it all into a usable format that anyone can access.

Our future WT presence was discussed at length. Our relationship with Canada was brought up. AmazonSmile was talked about and its use was encouraged. Income from it is now \$645.78. If we all used it each time we shop online we can reach \$1000.00 real soon.

All officers were retained for another term.

Dalton Rakestraw had an idea that proved to be fruitful. He had run a free mail in tournament and suggested to me to charge a \$5.00 donation to benefit the NHPF for his second shot at a mail in event. He had 112 pitchers and additional donations of \$295, (one was \$125.00). He rounded it up to an even \$1000.00, Thank You Dalton for your support and innovative fund raising ideas. It seems that folks were simply waiting for an opportunity to contribute to the NHPF? We sincerely thank each and every one of you who played and donated. Your generous contributions help fund the day-to-day operations of the Hall of Fame building. Keep up the good work everyone. We all hope to be pitching again real soon.



*Where did you come from...continued***Special Thanks to Our Donors**

We express our sincere thanks to the following who have donated as reported in the May/June 2020 issue of Newline.

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**Rules Committee Member...Spotlight*****Clarence W. Lassiter, Jr.***

Clarence was born in Newport News, Virginia. 20 February 1959. At age 12 he started playing horseshoes in the backyard. While serving in the US Army in Heidelberg Germany, he won the 1982 Regional Doubles Championships then advanced to the Championship and his team placed 4th out of 100 teams. He moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina in 1993 where Jake Hoff (President of NC-HPA at the time), met him in 1999 and introduced him to the NHPA where he won his first State championship for his Class. He has won a Class Championship in 1999, 2007, 2009-2013, and 2015-2019. He has also won a Class Championship in every site in North Carolina. Clarence participated in the World Championships at Knoxville, TN; Buffalo, NY; Montgomery, AL; St George, UT; Florence, SC; and Wichita Falls, TX. He has won the Hope Mills, NC 4th of July Doubles Championship several times. His current average is 30% and his highest year average has been 37% with his highest game at 64%. Clarence is a teacher of the sport and as well as an inventor of a pair of horseshoes named the Double Single. He has been an Officer, Hall of Fame member, and Director in the NC-HPA. He has been trained by Dan Sanders and Rich Altis to be a Judge and Judge Instructor in the World Championships. He has trained over 30 new Judges for the World Championships. Clarence has been both a judge and scorekeeper at the NHPA World Tournament. His enthusiasm and knowledge of the rules is appreciated by all. His favorite phrase is "Good Shoes."



NHPA Chaplain

Behind the mask ... with NHPA Chaplain

By Ken Henritz

So we all got a taste of a world without Horseshoe Pitching . . . not very fun, is it? In fact for many, downright scary. Normally, the months of April, May & June are bustling with great tournaments but this year, crickets. Even the World Tournament was cancelled. Some refer to this period of time as 'a year from hell'. Don't say that, as we cannot comprehend the depths of pain that that place will bring. To be honest, I believe that the God of heaven is trying to get this world's attention so that we don't end up in that dreadful place. When we by-and-large seek to live our lives totally void of any dependence on Him, sometimes he gives us a wake-up call. Make no mistake though, He does this in love. Without an attention grabber, we merrily

coast along life's road until it's too late. He wants to bless all horseshoe pitchers with something much greater than even this sport offers. New life through His Son, Jesus Christ and a home (heaven) that is truly out of this world. Let's not hit the snooze button on this alarm. The time has come to wake up. Life may get back to something like we're used to, but it might not. Regardless, the best thing that can come out of this coronavirus pandemic is truly the best thing of all, your faith.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever

believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 and "Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 4:7

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OFFICIALS TOSS HORSESHOES

Gov. Carroll May Attend the Championship Contest Between State Employees.

Champions of the state house will meet champions of the state house power plant Wednesday noon in a horse shoe pitching contest back of the state carpenter shop. Governor Carroll will receive an invitation and the match will be conducted with the plaudits of fifty pretty stenographers in the cars of the winners.

Sam Nelson of the state treasurer's office and Martin Hauge of the board of control staff will represent the state house, competing with Billy Spry and Webb Haukins of the power plant.

State house men have taken to horse shoes as a means of getting exercise during the noon hour.



What's your favorite tools of your horseshoe trade?

Recently uncovered news from the Tribune Des Moines Iowa 1909 Edition

Junior Director

Juniors Still Pitching During the Pandemic

By Dalton Rakestraw

As time continues, the updates for the Youth start to flourish. However, coronavirus is not playing a good role for us this year. To begin this article, I want to mention about the April Youth at Home Tournament. Congratulations to all winners! I especially want to thank Seth and Bridgett Ohms from Southern Utah for all their hard work in organizing the pitching videos of almost half of the tournament! These youth all pitched hard and it was amazing to watch! Thank you to Ron and Polly Murphy from Texas, the official NHPA Game Related Sales distributors for sponsoring the tournament by donating the youth prizes! Visit their website at www.horseshoes4u.com

There is a Youth Doublethon going on as this Newline is issued. This will help us host another online youth tournament amongst other youth events and prizes. Thanks to all who entered and will be making this event such a success! These funds will be added to the NHPA Youth Fund we were graciously allotted by the NHPA Council. I am so glad that we are able to have these funds to promote and aid in the NHPA Youth involvement across the USA.

The NHPF sponsored the Youth WT prize fund this year, however, the world tournament is cancelled so, it will roll over for 2021. Look for a new prize list for all three youth world championship classes. I am making plans for the youth parties at the 2021, WT in Winnemucca. Make sure you attend. We are going to have a blast!

If you are a Youth Director in your charter, please contact me. I would like to get some information out to you. As I close out this short article for the Youth portion, I want to wish you all well! I was hoping that we could all have a blast at the world tournament; however, it was not meant to be! I plan on hosting more Youth Only tournaments online. Join the "Just4Juniors" Facebook page and look for tournament details, Youth updates and hey, we may even do online youth interviews etc. This could be something super catchy. If you are interested in being in the Newline Magazine for our 'Youth Yell' segment send me some writeups of you and a picture or two of you pitching or with awards.

I encourage each junior to bring a friend from school, church, or other family member to sign up and pitch horseshoes in NHPA. It's pretty simple. With the last online Youth Only tournament, I was able to sign up five brand new NHPA Youth! Who can sign up more? A great way to sign up Youth members is starting a High School Team! Seth Ohms, UTHSHL Commissioner, has began a legacy program for youth horseshoe pitching. The Utah High School League State Championships are completed. Congratulations to Canyon View High School for becoming the State Champions! A close second place to the Cedar Reds High School. Great job to all students and coaches for a great state tournament. It looked like it was a blast.

So where do we go from here? It is quite simple...up! With all the cancellations and what seems to be declining horseshoe pitching, let's continue to make great success and strides in Youth Horseshoe Pitching. I am always here for anyone. I wish all the Youth great success over the summer. Always remember to "Keep Calm...and pitch on!"



Junior Scholarship Recipient

Horseshoe Pitching Runs in My Veins

By Ellyn Ohms



An important influence in my life has been honoring a great family legacy. The tradition of playing the classic American game of Horseshoes has strengthened deep family ties, and also created connections with people around me. The influence of the sport of competitive Horseshoe Pitching upon my family began with my Great-Grandfather, Ray Ohms, in the 1930's. My Grandpa, Dennis Ohms, enjoyed it from a young age competing at many World Tournaments and building the sport in Southern Utah. Later he passed the sport on to my Dad, Seth Ohms, and now I have come to enjoy it. I have been participating in the local Southern Utah Horseshoe Pitching Club since I was 10 years old, practicing every year, and playing at fun Saturday tournaments. I love that the sport of Horseshoes strengthens my talents, and connects me with memorable people in my family line.

It took a lot of consistent time and practice to achieve 3rd place in the World Championships. Competing on such a high level has taught me the principles of good sportsmanship, dedication, consistency, and motivation. Each skill shapes me into a great competitor and leader as I continue building my heritage.

Ellyn Ohms

The NHPA expresses appreciation to Ellyn for submitting her scholarship application and for her example to the cadet and youth pitchers. Keep it up Ellyn!

Regional Director Spotlight—Ken Jones, New Mexico

By Dalton Rakestraw



I have been RD for New Mexico for 6 years. I was approached about being New Mexico's RD when our previous RD Harold Combs had to resign because of health reasons. He did a great job and I have been following in his footsteps.

One of the challenges of being a RD is helping Tournament Directors with what they need to help them run their tournaments. Another big challenge is to get non-sanctioned pitchers to join NHPA. If you have a sanctioned tournament we might have 10 to 25 players. If it's a non-sanctioned money tournament, usually doubles, there might be as many as 50 players or more.

So, at the end of our season I run a non-sanction tournament, usually the first Saturday of October, which happens to be the first weekend of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, which is considered the the 2nd most photographed event in the world (the most photographed event is the Rose Bowl Parade). I run it like a sanctioned tournament to try to recruit some of the non-sanctioned players to join us the next year. I have been running this since 1990.

I have been pitching sanctioned tournaments since the early 80's. I went to my first World Tournament in '93 in Spearfish. Then my second was '96 in Gillette. My third was 10 years later in '06 which was in Gillette, also.

I have gone to every World since, 16 total. I have won my class at the World 3 times. What I am most proud of is that I have made the men's finals 6 times with the highest finish of 10th. I, also, have made the senior men's final twice with the highest finish of 4th. Going to the world is the highlight of the year to me. Not only for the pitching, but seeing friends you only see once a year from all over the country. It's like a reunion every year.

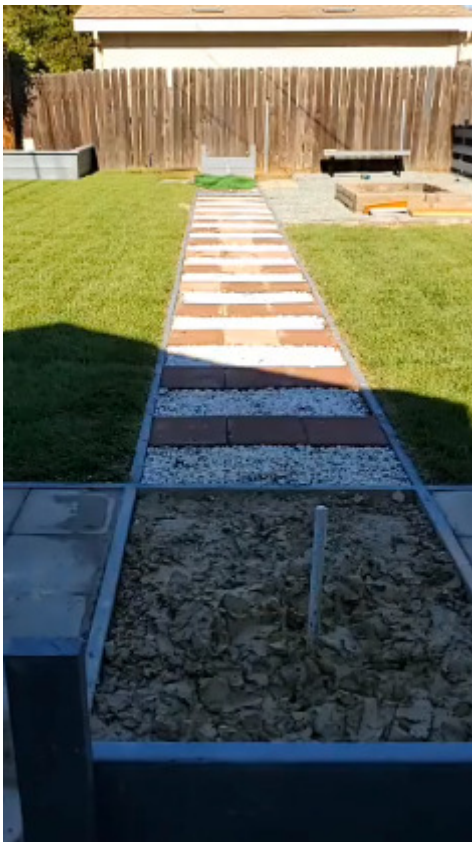
My other accomplishment I am most proud of is I have won 17 state titles. My first one was in '91. I, also, won the '13 Valley Of The Sun, which is a lot of fun. It's in February in Arizona.

I know we are all missing pitching tournaments. Hopefully, soon we can get back to normal. By the time this Newslite comes out I hope we are able to pitch tournaments. If not, at least we are able to pitch "mail in" tournaments. I hope everyone is staying home and safe.

Ken Jones, New Mexico Regional Director



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Blaine Scott—NHPA Newsline Editor

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