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Women's World Champion Tari Powell

President's Message

In the last issue, I indicated that the Mississippi Coliseum was expected to sign an agreement with a tobacco company to raise a small part of the needed sponsorship money for the 1991 World Tournament. That comment brought a couple of negative responses from members. I wonder what the reaction might be to a further statement that the prime sponsorship agreement may well be signed with a major distillery or brewery.

Raising \$40-\$50,000 in prize money is difficult enough for a local club. With the recent popularity of indoor or covered courts for the World Tournament, facility rental expense can push the total needs to near \$100,000. Our sport has not grown to the point that we can afford to be "choosey" when it comes to fund raising. Meeting the budget needs of a World Tournament is tough business, just ask Georgia!

Sporting events of all kinds, all over the country, need and use the money from tobacco, beer and liquor sponsorships. Many events could not take place without it. Competitive horseshoe pitching needs financial backing to grow into a nationally recognized sport. Where would the women's tennis tour have gone without the backing of Virginia Slims 15-20 years ago? Would auto racing be as popular today without the backing of tobacco and beer sponsors? It's stupid to think that Danny Sullivan is telling you to smoke when he sits behind the wheel of a tobacco sponsored racecar. Do you think that drivers in those big expensive cars, boats or planes with the bright colors

of Miller, Coors, Budweiser on their sides are endorsing the notion of drinking one too many cans of their product? Of course not, but some people want to make that the issue. A woman tennis player in the Virginia Slims Classic is not telling you to light up any more than Sullivan was telling you to drink when he was driving for Miller High Life. Certainly, both tobacco and alcohol can kill. But you have the right to make up your own mind. You have an amazing thing in your head. It's called the brain. It has the power to make decisions and you can use it to make an intelligent choice.

Television is full of beer ads. Almost all have promotional tie-ins with sports events. Where would some of these events be if sports turned its back on all forms of alcoholic beverages? Would the Busch family have to sell the St. Louis Cardinals? Would the 1989 World Horseshoe Tournament have been seen by most of you on ESPN without Budweiser? Is alcohol any better or worse than tobacco? I say no. If the business is legal, it should have the right to buy its way into any promotional venture. Who more than the business of sports needs sponsorships to grow and maintain a high level of fan support? Horseshoe pitching is in need and cannot turn its head or be an island unto itself. The morality of the sponsor and their product is best left up to the consumer. Remember, you have the ability to see something without buying it. The choice is yours much the same as when you buy groceries at the supermarket.

Dave's Court Report

by Dave Loucks

■ We will have a Columbus World Tournament in 1992. The Whetstone Horseshoe Club has formed a Committee to be responsible for the event and the contract has been signed with them. Thanks to Charles and Jean Myers and all the other members who are supporting this major project.

■ The NHPA has purchased a new copy machine for the Secretary/Treasurer. The old one was on its last legs, but we did realize more than expected on a trade-in value. Thanks go to the NHPA Game Related Sales Program whose profits not only paid for this copier but, purchased four NHPA computer sets 3 years ago and will pay for the forty portable courts we're buying.

■ Some members are very observant. The December *Newsline* carried a copy of a thirty year old scoresheet showing a title decision game between Don Titcomb and Carl Steinfeldt played at the 1960 World Tournament. Thanks to the alertness of Dr. Claud Bray of Bull Shoals, Arkansas, an error, undetected for 30 years, was pointed out. The scoresheet shows Steinfeldt with 154 ringers and an 87.5% game in a losing effort. A close count double check of the scoresheet indicates Carl had only 152 ringers and an 86.3% game.

■ Ted Allen may be gone but his sister and nephews carry

on the business and his memory. It is in his memory that the family has donated \$500.00 to the NHPA Hall of Fame. This money is to be used for the enhancement of the hall, its exhibits and/or the promotion of the sport. The sincere thanks of the Executive Council and all the NHPA is extended for this generous donation.

■ For those of you who have been concerned, I'm happy to say that Indiana member Curly Seibold, husband of NHPA 4th VP Bonnie, and a well-known friend to many, is finally home from the hospital and on the road to recovery. Jack Springer, many years the secretary of the North Carolina Association, is at last report, still seriously ill. I know I speak for many when I wish these two gentlemen and all other NHPA members who might be seriously ill, a speedy recovery.

■ Don't overlook the earlier deadline for registration to this year's World Tournament. It has moved up from previous years and is now May 15. This *Newsline* issue contains an entry form for the World and copies are now being distributed through your charter secretary. Remember, you must list your 3 highest sanctioned tournaments in 12 months and they must be verified. We reserve the right to change your R% if errors are found.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dave,

Just a line to thank you for an excellent magazine. I really look forward to all of the ideas on how to improve the game and individual performances.

Very few 40 footers believe that competing against a 30 footer is fair, but there isn't any doubt that it brings more to the game than it takes away.

In Las Vegas six of twelve competitors that I was with pitched *over* their stated average three high tournaments. This is clear proof that the verification method now in use is not working. Other than the sandbagging it was an excellent tournament.

I believe that the NHPA should be responsible for averages. A member's high tournament in 1990 should be typed on his or her national card for 1991 and remain permanent for that year. The 1991 high tournament typed on the 1992 national card and so on. This method would make the professional sandbagger an endangered species.

Roger L. Bouscal, Livermore, CA

Dear Dave,

I would like to add my idea on the 30 ft. and 40 ft. mixed play of tournament pitching. I feel horseshoe pitching at any distance does require skill and expertise. It would be great if every club would give consideration to both classes. When building new courts we should construct at least 3 courts for the 30 foot pitcher. This would eliminate a 30 ft. pitcher walking back to the box, after he or she pitches first. Existing courts could add regular 30 foot courts.

I truly feel each class of pitchers should have regulation courts, the 30 foot pitcher would do much better, and this would speed up play. The 40 foot tosser would not have to compete with this group.

Everyone loves the game, and I feel the 30 ft. and also the 40 foot pitchers are both at a disadvantage when they compete on a 40 foot court. I also feel this would increase the number of 30 foot players.

I would love to see this considered before this year's World Tourney at Biloxi.

Francis E. White, Erie, PA

Dear Mr. Loucks,

I see in *Newsline* that a tobacco company sponsorship for the 1991 World Horseshoe Tournament is being considered. I think it would detract from the image that horseshoe has of being a healthful sport. May it not be accepted.

Ervin Benson, Macomb, IL

Dear Dave,

Just a few words to let you know how I enjoy the *Newsline*. I could use a lot of words but will make it short. The July-August '89 issue was very informative as are all the issues. Thanks for a wonderful magazine.

Waldo Hinsverk, Williston, ND

Dear Dave,

I want to tell all of the *Newsline* readers how good the Carl Steinfeldt video is. I believe it is excellent and would recommend it to all. After viewing it, I wrote to Carl and he wrote back with many pointers about the game. It would seem that the great Champions of the Game have a feeling for those of us who are trying to learn the game.

Bob Shaw, Enid, OK

Dear Editor,

I don't pitch horseshoes but have friends who love it. Through them I have heard and read about many issues facing the sport today. It occurs to me that there is a lot of controversy in the sport. Why? Rules and regulations should be kept short, sweet and simple.

Handicap? People who are at the top have worked hard to get there. Why penalize them? Shouldn't all pitchers strive to be the best on their own, and not having a win handed to them due to handicap?

Scoring—Not having ever pitched, I know nothing about scoring except what I hear. But, keep it simple. To me, the count-all method appears more simple and logical than the other method. But, I don't understand how a shoe 6" from the peg can be equal to a shoe 1" from the peg.

And, of course, you can't get away from hearing all sorts of comments

about that dreaded foul line. How about a 110 volt wire at about knee height? The judge would no longer have to worry about abusive players. Need I mention the 30'-40' mixed pitching issue? All this causes me to sit back and wonder, with all the controversy, can pitching tournament horseshoes really be "fun"?

Polly Larsen, Sunnyvale, CA

Dear Dave,

Many thanks to you and your staff for the job you do, not only at the World, but all year long. *Newsline* coverage of the W.T. was GREAT! I hope future issues have a lot of pictures. I for one was in favor of increasing the price instead of decreasing the number of issues. I can't believe we have so many members that don't subscribe to *Newsline*.

Now, a few comments on the World Tournament, past and future. I feel juniors should have a preliminary or move-up opportunity similar to the adults. I know that smaller number of entries make it tough but they need the same encouragement and chance as the adult pitcher. We like your idea of trust funds to juniors rather than scholarships but we think there should be more money set aside for them. Our family would be willing to pay higher junior entry fees if there was a greater return.

Each of the recent Worlds have been a bit different. It seems that some sort of standardization is needed. Maybe you have standards and are trying ways to improve them. Fine, but let's try to settle into something that, for the most part, is the same from year to year. Especially uniform standards for the facilities provided by the host. Full length concrete walkways like the ones in 1988 at Pleasanton, CA. Dirt areas should be sprinkled to keep down dust. There should be sprinkling cans at the courts, not buckets with paper cups. Also, plenty of shovels. These items should also be at the practice courts which should be kept in good condition. Court back-stops should be transparent, courts numbered and the scoreboards all the same. We had

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THE JUNIOR WINDOW



Dreams Do Come True

by Glen Portt

She pitched only 41.5% ringers in 1989 in Spearfish, S.D. She was disappointed. After it was over, she sat down. Here she was, all of 13 years old...and hadn't even won a Junior Girls world tournament! *I can do better* she said.

1990. In between her love for reading, basketball, science, and astronomy, she practiced every spare minute available. Her confidence grew. When the W.T. came along, she was ready.

Do dreams *really* come true? They did for Celeste...Celeste Polak, whom one of her competitors referred to as 'The Texas Gun'...while another renamed her 'Annie Oakley.' And well they might! This 14 year old simply overwhelmed the field to surface as the 1990 Junior Girls' World Champion. She opened her quest for the title with games of 89.3%, 83.3%, another 83.3%, and was never headed in her 14-0 sweep. Her final 66.4% average gave her 4th place in the all-time Junior Girls' stats.

What will 1991 bring? Another championship? Who knows? The odds look good right now, but there are so many factors which can determine this, that no one can say for sure. In all pitchers, juniors or otherwise, competitive spirit and the love of competition are two. Priority is another one. In life, everyone has to set his/her priorities. The choices are sometimes very difficult — as we can see by looking back just a few short years at the names of Junior girls who competed for a world championship. Yes, some of the better known ones — Tari Carpenter, Linda Pateneau, Bonie Boser, Renee Hix, and Debbie Bestul — are now pitching in the women's division — *but too many have simply disappeared.*

Celeste? Hopefully she'll be around for at least the next three years. If so, the "Texas Gun" will be shooting at Debbie Bestul's all-time record of four world championships. She can't beat it — but she *can* tie it. And *that* is a real challenge for a competitive spirited junior girl like Celeste. Can she do it? She'll try!

New England's Best Junior

by David W. Hilton



Fourteen year old Dan Reynolds of Buxton, Maine learned about horse-shoes and good sportsmanship from his dad, Gordon. He soon was beating Dad's 32% and they began pitching in non-sanctioned tournaments in nearby Saco, Maine. Dan made fast and steady improvement playing against the men there, and although very competitive, he learned to respect older players and in turn he earned their respect as well.

During the past two years Dan has been State Junior Champion and New England Junior Champion. In all four of those tournament he never lost a game! He pitched 47% at the 1989 State Tournament, 62% at the New England Championships, 44% at the State's in 1990 and 56% at the Regionals for the same year. He has also pitched 50 percent against men in several sanctioned mixed tournaments. And in 1990 he took third place in the Class A Men's Division at the Ossipee Valley Invitational

with 47 percent and his first ever "turn" shoe in competition.

Dan is steadily increasing his throwing distance in order to make a smooth transition to the forty foot mark in years to come, he is currently pitching at about thirty seven feet.

Dan's short range goal is to pitch a 75% tournament (he pitched 75.9% in one game at the Lewiston Main Open), his long range goal is the finals of the World Championship. With continued and steady improvement and his obvious desire to be the best he can be, seeing him at the World Tournament in the near future is more than a possibility. Call it probable.

There are many stories to be told about our juniors and families. If you know any, send them to the *Newsline* editor to be included in future *Junior Window* columns.

Horseshoe Pitching It's A Family Tradition

by Donnie Roberts

I'm sure many of you remember Kevin Kecskes from Fontana, California appearing on ESPN a year or so ago. He appeared on *The Sunkist K.I.D.S.* sponsored by the Sunkist Growers. The show was produced by Ken Marengell. Shortly after that appearance, the program called reporting a nice response to Kevin and horseshoe pitching. They wanted to know if we had other young pitchers who might work well on the show. I suggested they contact the Walters family in Troy, Ohio. *Sunkist K.I.D.S.* contacted the Walters family and decided to have them on the show. The film crews, producers, etc. traveled to Troy, Ohio and did all the shooting. The Walters family will appear on ESPN, currently scheduled for April 22nd at 5:30 p.m. You need to watch local listings for any changes. The half hour series has been moved to Mondays from the former weekend schedule as part of the networks' traditional Saturday morning lineup. The 26 episodes will feature a large number of the nation's hottest young athletes, demonstrating their skills in a wide range of sports — from horseshoe pitching to wrestling. The show is hosted by Michael Young, a veteran of many television series, notably *Kids Are People, Too.*"

We have seen the Walters family at tournaments for many years all around the country. At the Walters household "IT'S A FAMILY TRADITION." Ray "Bucky" Walters, the grandfather, has pitched horseshoes for years. He was the Troy City Champion at age 16. He pitched in the backyard until the Troy Horseshoe Club was formed in 1978. "Bucky" is a lifetime member of that club and has the Bucky Walters Open named after him. Bucky's wife, Thelma, served as an officer of the Troy Club and pitched for years. Being another lifetime member of the club, Thelma is still active in club functions.

Ken Walters, the son of Bucky and Thelma, and the father of the Walters junior pitchers we see all the time, started pitching with the Troy Club



in 1979 entering his first sanctioned event in 1980. Ken is the tournament director and club reporter for the Troy Club. Ken's wife, Mary, travels with the family to all the tournaments, keeps score, helps run the tournaments, and is very supportive of the horseshoe pitching family she supervises.

Having watched Dad, Grandpa, and Grandma pitch horseshoes all the time, Ken's four children had little choice but to join the fun. Jenny, John, Jim, and Julie all started pitching between 7 and 10 years of age. They couldn't throw 30 feet at that age.* However, they grew stronger and moved back as time passed.

Jenny started pitching at age 12. She is currently 17 and averages 50% ringers. She was Ohio State Junior Champion in 1987 and 1990. Greenville Ringer Classic Champion in 1985, 1986, and 1990, North Carolina Dogwood Champion in 1988, 1989, and 1990, Class A World Champion in 1987, and Junior Girls World Champion in 1989. Jenny has competed in the last four world championships.

John started pitching at age 9. He is currently 15 and averages from 70% to 80% ringers. John was Greenville Ringer Classic Champion twice, Ohio State Champion in 1990, and placed second in the World in 1989 (to his brother). John has competed in the last four world championships. John tossed a perfect game in the 1990 Ohio Championships. (24 consecutive ringers.)

Jim started pitching at age 8. He is now 14 and averages over 80% ringers. Jim was Greenville Ringer Classic Champion in 1987 and 1988, Ohio State Champion in 1987 and 1988, and Junior World Champion in

1989 and 1990. Jim averaged right at 85% to win the 1990 World Championship, his fourth year in that competition. At the 1990 World event, Jim hit 108 ringers out of 118 shoes versus Vorn Ven for 92.0%. He also hit 91 out of 100 against Doug Moon for 91% ringers. They had 30 four-deads in that game.

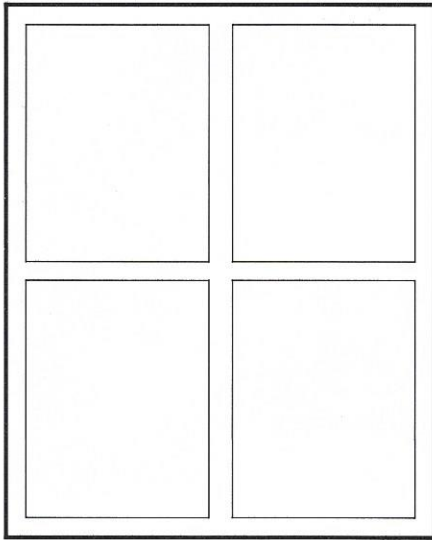
Julie started pitching at age 9. She is now 14 and averages 60% ringers. Julie was Greenville Ringer Classic Champion in 1987, 1988, and 1989, and Ohio State Champion in 1988 and 1989. Julie posted a 62% average with a high game of 81% in the 1989 Ohio Championships. Julie has competed at the World Championships the past four years.

Bucky, Thelma, Ken, and Mary are very proud of the four horseshoe pitching K.I.D.S. in their family, win or lose. One might suspect these four will make a mark in the adult divisions, as they have among the juniors.

The Walters family is the perfect example of horseshoe pitching as a family sport that can be played by all ages. The travel and friends made during this effort will have a positive impact on these four young people and on the many people encountered throughout their lives.

Horseshoe pitching has been and continues to be a significant part of family life throughout the United States and Canada. The sport of horseshoe pitching is proud to have the Walters family as part of that "FAMILY TRADITION."

*The part of this article that describes these four young pitchers having to pitch at a distance less than 30 feet is evidence that NHPA rules as relates to junior pitching distances should consider revision for the younger age groups. Many 8, 9, and 10 years olds cannot throw 30 feet.



Promoting Pitching To Juniors

by Bob Dunn

There have been many questions asked related to "How do we promote horseshoe pitching to Juniors?"

There are many answers for that question, and mostly it all depends on the individual and the time and resources available. Most important is that we have a full understanding of what we are promoting. The more informed we are, the more success there will be. Allow me to overview what our sport and NHPA membership offers to youth and Junior pitchers, and what can be communicated to prospective members and to school and organization leaders.

1. At the head of the list is a competitive sport. For some strange reason humans (even young humans) seem to crave the need to compete. Horseshoe pitching is a competitive sport in tournaments, or as a team in league play.
2. Recreation is also a value. Horseshoe pitching is fun. Recreation is joined with fellowship in league and tournament events.
3. Availability is something that is unique in our sport. You don't need acres of land, complex equipment, or tons of money. In so many locations today there are courts already set up in parks, or where clubs have been

established. Availability also includes the skills or abilities required. Most any person can pitch horseshoes — you need not be 7 feet tall, or weigh 290 pounds, or be fast afoot or extremely strong.

4. The Sanctioned League program is an excellent appraisal and achievement recognition program, especially for new members. There are patches, certificates and other awards to highlight a league season. Progress is recorded and rewarded for individual improvement as well as by team efforts. Scholastic efforts are also recognized and rewarded.

5. Insurance coverage is provided as part of NHPA membership. In today's society that is an important value. Our insurance coverage is an outstanding benefit for all NHPA members, including Juniors.

6. *Newsline* is an excellent publication of news, feature articles and coverage, totally dedicated to our sport and association.

7. Affordability is one our strongest aspects. Junior membership fees are only \$3.00 and most states charge no additional fees. Leagues usually have reduced fees or no fee. Equipment is minimal as compared to other youth sports, and many clubs have collected second hand pitching shoes for Junior use.

This list may not even be complete, but surely is a strong testimony of what the NHPA and our sport provides. I know no other sport that offers more. While we have Junior members, Junior competition on state and national levels, we do not have the numbers that rank us in popularity in peer groups. We may not have the appeal that is noticeable to youth. We need to recruit hard to build up our total number of Juniors involved, so youth recognize horseshoe pitching as a sport option. We have much to work with, and much work to do! Momentum is growing as more and more enthusiastic and dedicated members are committing to promote our sport to youth and establish Junior involved events. All NHPA members can assist and join the Charter Directors' efforts. If you have ever picked up a horseshoe and enjoyed our sport, accept some responsibility to see that others have that same opportunity. Invite a youngster to join your league and the NHPA.

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JUNIOR JOTTINGS

by Bob Dunn

Edward Murray (President, Horseshoe Canada), provided an excellent outline of Junior involvement and of the high school programs that have been in existence for nine years in Canada. Copies of the material have been mailed to those individuals named as Charter Junior Program Directors. The high school programs are set up differently than Junior League programs, for many high school students are no longer Junior (by age requirements). One school had 97 students in their program last year. Mr. Murray is gearing up for 1991, having been appointed "Coordinator" for the entire British Columbia program that will include a B.C. Provincial High School Championship Tournament.

Jane Smith (Balsam Lake, Wisconsin), reports a successful summer training program. The three week program (in its third year), has advanced to an enrollment of 80 student pitchers. Most of the students are 9-11 years of age. The high school Phys. Ed. program also has a horseshoe pitching unit in the spring.

Bakersfield (California) Shoe Crew Horseshoe Club may have the youngest average age for Junior pitchers;

Frank Rodriguez (age 9), Ricky Bravo Jr. (11), Wilson Ireson (9), and Nelson Ireson (11). These pitchers may be young, and new to the sport, but already are sporting some pretty impressive tournament averages; Rodriguez-22.5%, Bravo- 26.2%, and Nelson Ireson-34.8%.

A "Junior Only Open" tournament has been scheduled for June 29-30, at the West St. Paul Sheltered Courts (Minnesota). This is an NHPA sanctioned tournament for Junior members from Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. Over 100 Junior pitchers are expected. Additional awards will be presented for the "Best Dressed" and "Best Decorated Shoes" in each class. Tournament Director is NHPA Junior member Jessica Dunn. Flyers are being distributed to the Charter Directors for the five state area.

The 1990 Junior membership stats are almost complete with three charters still to provide final year end reports. There is major growth reflected from last year's 701 total to 758 Junior members in 1990. There is a balance of charters showing increases and charters with decreased Junior membership. The over all increase is due to significant growth in three charters; North Dakota increased 24 Junior members to a total of 63, Missouri 25 to a total of 37 and Minnesota 43 to a total of 81. There remain 21 charters with 4 or less members, of which 8 charters

have no Junior members. The 758 total is the largest membership recorded and looks pretty good compared to the 1980 total of 418. Any guesses on what the figure will be ten years from now? While the Junior roles show an 81% increase over the past ten years, that doesn't compare well to the 123% growth in adult membership. There is need to step up the recruiting of Junior pitchers.

As the Charter Junior Program Directors are being named, appointments are bringing in some real talent. Betty Lapping, WPHPA Junior Director, is a 1990 inductee to the Beaver County Horseshoe Pitchers' Association Hall of Fame. Betty joins her husband Bob, a 1989 inductee.

It is amazing the interest being expressed by so many individuals in Junior promotion. If you need information specific to Sanctioned Junior Leagues or the Junior Scholar program, you can request the Yellow Book and brochures, direct from Bev Born, NHPA Sanctioned Club Program Director, RR 2 Box 198-A, Shattuck, OK 73858.

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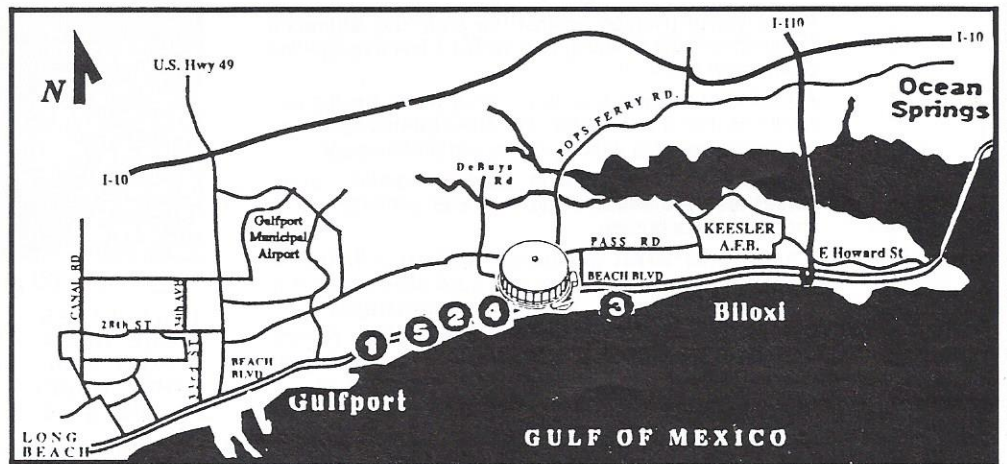
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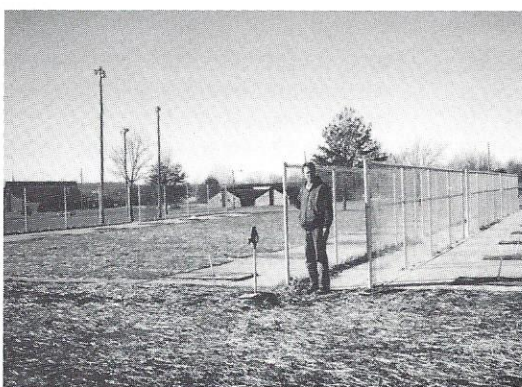
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Here and There

Dave Loucks reports happenings around the NHPA



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CALGARY ALBERTA, CANADA

Robert Lefley, President of the Calgary Horseshoe Pitching Club reports that their beautiful 20 court, indoor facility is down to the finishing touches. As can be seen in the photo, rather than clutter the walls with signs of advertisers, they have instead had painted a magnificent full length mural of mountain scenery. Complementing the facility, is a fully equipped commercial style kitchen and all the good Canadian hospitality you can imagine. With long range thoughts of hosting a World Tournament, I can't think of a more pleasant atmosphere to hold our event. Congratulations to Bob and all the Canadian members who worked so hard to make this facility a reality.

NOVA SCOTIA Halifax, site of the 1989 Canadian Championships and home of the Nova Scotia Horseshoe players Association with Bob Richey as their president, reports a "first" in the club's 18 year history. Woman pitcher Pauline Hubley, on her way to winning the club's mixed singles championship, pitched a perfect game. This feat is considered more remarkable because Pauline did it from the full 40 feet regulation distance for men.

CALIFORNIA Leisure Town, near Vacaville in Northern California, recently converted an unused shuffleboard arena into two clay horseshoe courts with lights. These with two other courts in a nearby grassy area, will be the site of amateur tour-

naments and instruction given by two NHPA members and Leisure Town residents, Verdan Zelmar and Gordon Dickman, who pushed the Town Board for the new courts. The Grand Opening was held last October with an exhibition by Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Billie Sue Pennington. The local club already reports 20 new members.

KANSAS The Lawrence Horseshoe Club will be hosting two sanctioned tournaments on 18 new courts recently completed by the City Park and Recreation Department. The new facility at Broken Arrow Park, is a welcome and much needed addition to the 4 courts the club has called home since their upgrade from neglect in 1988. This small but persistent club has seen their hard work pay dividends with the opening of the new courts. There is already full concrete walkways, 12 foot spacing and a 6' high fence behind the pits. Next in line is lights for night pitching.

WEST VIRGINIA The Tri-County Horseshoe Club of Fairmont ended the 1990 year with a great list of accomplishments and an equally challenging list of goals. The prime "movers and shakers" of this club are president Davis "Catfish" Woodward and 1st VP Charles M. Bunner. In the past year they concluded a successful Head-of-the-Mon-River tournament; brought junior participation to the Marion County Secondary Schools; held a "Pitch for Your Favorite Charity" event for novice pitchers; solicited

great support from the Central Coca-Cola Bottling Company; incorporated their club and gained a nonprofit status from the IRS; participated with the local Moose Lodge in two events, one of which was a United Way Benefit; donated six turkeys to three charitable organizations for Thanksgiving and gave in excess of \$100 of new clothing and toys to support two needy children at Christmas time. The Christmas program is something other clubs should consider. It is called the "Angel Tree Program" conducted by the local Salvation Army.

Among the club goals, we see the list includes increased NHPA events and junior participation; the procurement of a closed building for indoor courts; to have 24 new covered courts close to the 12 present ones in East Marion Park and one day host the NHPA World Tournament. The NHPA is proud to see such hard workers and civic minded people among its members.

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

World Tournament pitchers take note. While each open class of twelve players will pitch only a 2-day Round Robin to determine the class champion, you will still have an opportunity to move up. As before, there will be some vacant spots in the championship prelims to be filled by those pitchers who obtain the highest percentages during class play. The convention and awards banquet will both be held on Sunday, July 21, a day of no scheduled pitching.

Newsline Status Report

by Dave Loucks, Editor and Publisher

As you must know by now, *Newsline*, starting its third year, has gone to a bimonthly publication schedule. It was necessary because of a deficit averaging about \$1000 per month and the fact that the delegates did not wish to approve a subscription rate increase. While the number of issues has decreased, we hope the articles and quality of content has increased.

Except to fill in pages necessary to complete our signature printing format, tournament results are not being included in the regular issues of *Newsline*. They are being accumulated and when the number reaches about 200, we will have enough to justify the printing of a special "Results Only" publication. Two such special issues are expected but their time of publication must be flexible and dependent upon when the "minimum needed quantity" is in hand. So, even though 10-15 pages of tournament results are no longer seen in most regular issues, fear not, for they are in the publication plans. In fact, by producing "Results Only" issues, we are making it easier for tournament directors and interested members

A Brief Note To Tournament Directors, Etc. from Donnie Roberts

It is the policy of the NHPA and all charters that Membership Cards are to be sold only to pitchers from your charter. Never sell cards to pitchers from another state and/or charter. Should a pitcher appear at your event without his/her 1991 card, you are to collect the \$9.00 for NHPA and their charter dues if it is known. After the game is over, you should mail that money to the charter secretary. That secretary will issue the 1991 card through the mail and collect any uncollected Charter dues.

to get an overview or percentage verification, by merely looking in one or two issues.

As has been recent habit, the September/October issue will be devoted exclusively to the World Tournament while the November/ December issue will carry State Championship results. There may even be some overflow into later issues.

Here is the report card and comparison of *Newsline* mailings in '89-'90.

Issue	1989	1990	1991
Jan/Feb	2475	2700	2826
March	2330	2711	
April	2469	2741	
May	2472	2758	
June	2537	2840	
Jul/Aug	2633	2842	
Sept	2755	2836	
Oct	2750	—	
Nov	2721	2781	
Dec	2726	2789	
Results Only	2694	2813	
Total	28562	27811	
Average	2597	2781	

In 1989 we mailed eleven issues. In 1990 we mailed ten issues. Subscription mailings were up an average of 7% in 1990. This is still far from the amount I'd like to see and a bit below 8.5% membership increase in 1990. From all the reports I'm receiving, the readers enjoy *Newsline* and wonder why more pitchers don't subscribe. I wonder too and really don't have an answer but, Donnie Roberts, who maintains the mailing list, and I, as editor and publisher, are doing everything time allows to get new and keep old subscribers. But, you can help!

Encourage fellow pitchers to subscribe to *Newsline*. Tournament Directors, consider giving paid subscriptions in place of small cash or a trophy prize, especially to those who are not subscribers or to Juniors. Just get their name, mailing address and phone number. Send it along with a check to cover the price of subscription. You have thus given a prize that is new every other month and done the NHPA a service.

There is still another area that subscribers can help us and that is by looking at your mailing label. In addition to your name and address, the

label shows your expiration date. If you see this date highlighted in a bright color, it means you are about to expire. Don't wait when you see that bright color. Send your renewal notice and check immediately to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. Waiting too long and then requesting a special mailing of back copies costs the NHPA more than \$1000 additional per year. With a 40% postage increase in bulk mailing costs, effective February 3rd, we will be challenged to break even in 1991 on *Newsline*.

As publisher I am making some cost saving changes that some of you may not like. Gone, for the most part, will be the two color publication, though we may use it on special occasions. With 1991 printing rate increases, the second color would add \$1,000 per issue to our cost. I have changed from a 70 lb. paper to a 60 lb. paper as you saw with the last issue and again now. This saves about \$100 per month with the printer and about another \$200 in bulk mailing costs which are based on weight.

Administrative costs enter into this as well. Every renewal costs us time and that translates into expense. If you are late there is the additional mailing expense of back issues plus the time to handle and post them. As I said, much of this can be avoided by a timely renewal. However, I'm going to offer subscribers a little added incentive to take *Newsline* and help reduce the administrative time spent by our Secretary in processing those renewals. I'm going to offer a multiple year subscription with a per issue rate reduction. This might even have the added effect of increasing subscriptions. If it doesn't work, the offer will be dropped. But, for the balance of the year, at least, the following will be in effect.

One year subscription or renewal, \$12.00 Two years, \$22.00. Three years, \$30. Don't wait, take advantage of this offer now, even if your subscription doesn't expire for several months. Your renewal time will be added to the present expiration date. Now, read about how Donnie handles your subscription on the next page...

Note to *Newsline* Subscribers

from Donnie Roberts

All *Newsline* subscriptions are handled in my computer each day. During the daily process of updating subscriptions received in the mail, a few things come to mind that would be of assistance.

My computer has a spot for your nine digit zip. I don't know at what point the post office will make this a requirement. I would like each of you to start listing your nine digit zip when you renew. It is written 00000-0000. I suspect you won't have all zeros. (*Smile*)

When I receive your subscription, I have your envelope, usually your check, and likely a renewal slip. From the three I attempt to get all the correct information even though all three usually don't read the same. On the subscription list I try to use your official first name and your middle initial plus your last name. I am trying to eliminate names used that aren't official. Be sure your official name is on your renewal along with your middle initial.

It helps me a great deal if you mark whether you are a new subscriber or if you are just renewing your subscription. It really makes my life easy if you include your label from your last issue.

Also, on my computer list is a place for your telephone number. I have been taking your telephone numbers from your checks ever since *Newsline* started. However, only about 10% of you have your area code on your check. As I look at the hundreds of checks that come to me, I see only your phone number. (555-555) I presume you show your telephone number on your check so people can call you. If that is the case, I suggest you include your area code the next time you have checks printed. I get many calls asking for the telephone number of a fellow pitcher so the area code would really help.

Many of you travel out of state during the winter. You don't always leave and return at the same time each year. As a result, you may be in Florida and *Newsline* is still going to New Jersey or vice versa. All of you who move for a period of time during the year should drop me a note

you get ready to leave so I can be sure your *Newsline* goes with you.

Many of you renew your subscription through your charter officers when you pay your membership. If you do this a long time in advance it usually works well for you. However, when you renew via your charter officer, you put them under a certain amount of pressure to get a report in to me to avoid messing up your subscription. This happens many times because the charter officer doesn't likely know your expiration date and submits a report as numbers and/or reporting dates dictate. The best way to renew your subscription is to send the renewal directly to me. I update the computer the day it is received so you see no delay with your subscription.

One last area that I think needs some fine tuning is the notification of someone if something is wrong with your subscription. We have very few cases of this at present but the ones we do have need to be handled better in terms of you letting me know when something is wrong. I

usually hear something is wrong in two ways. First, I will get a call/letter from a charter officer saying you spoke with them at a tournament or meeting and reported you had missed an issue. Second, I will get a letter from a subscriber saying no issues have been received for 10 months. Nine out of ten don't make contact until after many months. It would really help if you notified me very quickly when an issue doesn't arrive so I can check to see if the subscription is in order, if the postal machine chewed it up, or any other problem that might exist. Anytime something is wrong with your receipt of *Newsline*, simply drop me a note explaining the details so we can get it right for you or you may call if that is your preference.

Send all subscriptions and all questions about subscriptions to me at: NHPA, Box 7927, Columbus, OH 43207. You may call at 614-444-8510. Please make all checks payable to: NHPA. Thank you for your cooperation. We are delighted to have you as a *Newsline* subscriber.

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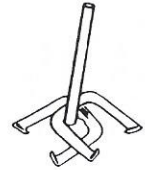
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Bob Champion's

Charter Chatter



The indoor season is in full swing in many states, as the "Lucky" ones keep in shape for the summer season. It used to be that the "Snow Birds" got the jump on the cold weather pitchers when they did some extra pitching during the cold winter months in the south. Now they'll have to knuckle down when they face those indoor enthusiasts in the cold climes.

Charters are urged to send their news notes to Bob Champion, 5505 Valmont #176, Boulder, Colorado 80301.

Your writer hopes that all charter officers, club officers, publicity chairmen and tournament directors are subscribers to the *Newsline*, the voice of the NHPA.

CALIFORNIA (Northern Charter)

San Jose #1 captured the Northern California 1st Annual Club team championship at Stockton in October. Team members were Hazel Tileston, Tom Burns, Walt Foreman and Donald Reiner. Top prize — \$300.

Les White, Don Purdum, Jerry Smith and Derald Rasmussen of the Yolo Club shared the second place money of \$200.

The Combo #2 group took third place money of \$180 — team members were Jeff Williams, Dave and Cathie Loucks and Dorothy Rasmussen.

Stockton #1 place fourth with Billie Sue Pennington, Tony Moreno, Woody Grey and Joe Schultz sharing \$140. Stockton #2 was fifth and Roger Grey, Chuck Zabel, Fred Scott and Dick Thomas winning \$120.

Twenty-two teams plus a junior group competed.

CANADA

Paul Carriere was named head coach and director of the new Canada Coaching Department by the voting delegates at the annual meeting of Horseshoe Canada. He is presently seeking those who might be interested in becoming official coaches in each province.

A new coaching manual has been prepared by Paul, on 8½ by 11 paper and includes 96 pages. This book has everything in it about horseshoe pitching. His address is 23 Victoria Avenue West, Weston, Ontario, Canada M9N 1E3. Phone (416) 241-7475.

Diane Cantin has the most outstanding record in Canadian horseshoe pitching since Elmer Hohl. While Elmer holds all the men's records for most wins, highest ringer percentage average, and high game, Diane has broken all the Women's records in Canada, and has been an outstanding performer in the World Tournament.

COLORADO

Allen Baptist of Eagle will soon have a court in his basement of the new home under construction. The area will be 50 by 11 by 14 feet high.

State champions Rich Pintor and Paul LaCrosse spent a weekend in grand Lake putting on an exhibition and clinic. The program was arranged by Wally Albright, former Denverite.

Pastor Bob Jacobson of Colorado Springs had knee

surgery following a fall in December. The jovial pitcher said he should be ready for the 1991 season, and we know he will be on hand with his wit and humor at the CHPA Annual Banquet in August.

ILLINOIS

George Manker went undefeated (5-0) to win the Class A title in the White Hall Lions Festival Open, one game in front of Bill Pruitt. The Class B winner was Harley Eaves with Ron Attebery taking "C." Other class winners were Matt Lockhart (D), Lynn Rimbey (E), Ted Hank (F), and Pat Hughes (G).

World Champion Tari Powell finished second behind Cliff Baker in the Chenda July 4th tournament. Tari was high in percentage with 78.7. Baker had 77.1.

Dick Ellinger was the Class A winner in the Galesburg July 4th Open and Don Peters took the Tremont Silver Dollar Open.

MICHIGAN

Some interesting figures taken from the December 1990 newsletter for the State Tournament are as follows: High Game percentage: Jim Wiltse, 78%; High Game loser, Jus Perticone, 66.2%; High Game two players: Dean LeClair and Larry Kemp, 70.2%; Consecutive doubles: Fred Smith, 8; LeClair also had the most doubles in one game with 18 and most ringers-51; Playing against Floyd Hartley, LeClair and his opponent had 10 4-deads, 80 cancelled ringers, and longest game of 74 shoes.

LeClair had the tournament high average with 68.2. The winners from the classes were from 11 different cities with Adrian having three class winners. There were 65 different cities represented, same number as 1989.

Cliff Baker of Illinois won the Championship flight in the Indiana, Illinois, Michigan Midwest Tournament with Tari Powell winning the Women's Championship.

MINNESOTA

Len Lipovsky was presented the 1990 MGSHPA Appreciation Award. It should also be noted that Len received the Regional Director of the Year award from NHPA.

The Minnesota Rookie of the Year award went to Jessica Dunn of the Brooklyn Park Horseshoe Club.

President Jack Loeffen reports that 409 pitchers participated in the 1990 State Tournament. 49 were Juniors. 22 pitched in 1989.

Bob Dunn has been appointed NHPA Junior Promotion Director by NHPA President Dave Loucks. Dunn is already working on a program for junior leagues. It should stimulate more play from juniors all over the United States.

Ken Anderson is the State secretary/treasurer. Assisting Lipovsky in the state are seven district RD's.

MISSISSIPPI

Ben Fields of Ocean Springs is the 1990 Mississippi top Class Champion. Fields, a former Colorado pitcher, spent some time in Hawaii and came to the mainland in 1988 to compete in the World Tournament at Pleasanton. Ben won

the Class A Intermediate Championship. He moved to Mississippi two seasons ago and will be right at home when the World Tournament visits Biloxi, Mississippi in July. Fields was a force in Colorado horseshoes, having supervised tournaments in Colorado Springs for many years.

NEW JERSEY

One of the dynamic figures in the horseshoe pitching world has been Hal Hanania. Right from the first year as a member of the NJSHPA he was in action, promoting the Middlesex Horseshoe pitching club, which was coming to be known as one of the most active clubs in the country.

Hal's promotional activities in State and National were responsible for bringing the World Championships to Middlesex in 1971, and getting the beautiful 24 courts with lights at Mountainview Park in Middlesex.

In addition, it should be noted that in 1971 Hal was the recipient of the prestigious Arch Stokes Award by the NHPA for Service to Horseshoes.

NEW MEXICO

Bill Harris captured the New Mexico State Class A title in a playoff against Gus Martin while Sue Cooper bested Luz Serna and Ann Vigil in a three-way playoff to win the Class A Women's crown. J.W. Barnes won the Seniors' title and Billy Harris took the Class A Junior championship.

Other class winners were Robert Hayes (B), Anthony Bhrraza (C), James Salopek (D), Olivia Carrasco (Women's B), D. Ann Houser (Women's C), Ernestine Baca (Women's D), Dustin Salopek (Juniors B), Robert Carson IV (Juniors C) and Rett Salopek (Juniors D).

New Mexico pitchers made a good showing at the Las Vegas tournament. Seven NM pitchers participated: Ernestine Baca, Marty Baldanado, J.W. Barnes, Cito Chavira, Dorothy Payne, Mike Sedillo and Bob Schuch. All but Mike and Bob got into the finals.

EASTERN NEBRASKA

1990 was a very good year for the ENHPA with 426 members. The membership increase was due in the most part to the sanctioning of the River City Horseshoe Club of Omaha. The River City group already has 122 members for 1991.

Cozad, Nebraska lays claim to the "City of Champions" in the state. Their first men's State Champion, Guy Ulig was from Cozad. 22-time State Champion Don McCance called Cozad home for many years. 1983 Junior Boy's Champion Jeff Gerdes calls Cozad home. So does 1988 Women's State title holder Darlene Hawke, 1979 70+ State Champion Harlan Jensen, 1990 Junior Girl's Champion Teri Hansen. Hall of Famer Ralph Flehardy also called Cozad home, plus 1973 Cozad High School graduate Marty Craig, who was the 1982 Class E State Champion.

WESTERN NEBRASKA

Hank Guettler of Melebeta won the 1990 Western Nebraska Association Tournament in Class A, edging Martin Bakken and Glen Bale in a 3-way playoff.

Lloyd Earl captured the Class B title, Kenny Helzer took Class C, and Eunice Lease copped the bunting in Class D.

Ty Hull was the junior Class A winner with Randy Swinney taking Class B Junior honors.

NORTH CAROLINA

Jack Springer, the state's secretary-treasurer and long-time friend in horseshoes has been ill for the past few

months. He has had two major operations for a brain tumor and ulcers. Paul A. Stewart has taken over his duties. The state thanks Jack for his long time and wonderful job he has done for horseshoes.

The 23rd Annual Carolina Dogwood Festival Horseshoe tournament will be held at the Jack H. Springer Courts in Statesville on Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21.

The 1990 Southeastern Horseshoe Tournament was won by a North Carolina pitcher for the first time in 28 years. Melvin Howard was the last NC pitcher to win this tournament in 1962. The "Great Flipper" Clyde Southers won this year. In second place was J.B. Fuller, B.J. Thomas was third, Alvin Perry (Virginia) was 4th and Paul Stewart was 5th.

OREGON

1991 officers have been elected for the Oregon Horseshoe Pitchers Association as follows: Elmer Otnes, president; Rick Rebman, 1st vice president; Lowell Davis, 2nd vice president; Bill Graham, secretary-treasurer; Barry Chapelle, statistician; Ethel Davis, editor; Roger Christianson, publicity director.

The Oregon City Club has poured the concrete runways for courts 19 and 20. This completes their facility which includes eight covered courts. The lights are installed. Their club has plans for some league play with nearby clubs.

Ben Wiedrich of Oregon City, defeated Lowell Davis in a playoff to win the Class A division of the Gilchrist Open. Ben closed with a 72.19% average and had an 84.37 high game.

UTAH

Lorie Condie won the Class A division in the Southern Utah Championships and Sevier Open and finished second in the Kane Open in late tournaments in the state.

Jennifer Sorensen copped the junior division in both the Southern Utah Championships and Sevier Open.

John Bracken posted a 62.6 percentage and 14-4 won-lost record to win the Ray H. Ohms Memorial Tournament at Cedar City. He posted high games in six of the rounds.

1991 officers elected are as follows: Dennis Ohms, president; J.J. Steffen, 1st vice president; Dale Sorensen, 2nd vice president; Cal Sorensen, 3rd vice president; Tola Peterson, 4th vice president and Lorin Condie, 5th vice president.

WISCONSIN

A special ceremony was held in conjunction with the Hall of Fame Tournament. Each inductee hung their picture plaque at the Royal Wood in Plover.

The 1990 recipients of this honor were Ralph Maylahn of Genesee, and the late Earl Ramquist. Ron Ramquist of Beloit was present to hang his father's plaque in the Hall of Fame display case.

In the tournament the Class A men and women played 35 point games. Randy Rein, Mosinee, went undefeated, runner-up Ralph Maylahn had the high game of 71%. Jane Smith, Balsam Lake, was also undefeated to win the women's title and had high game of 85%.

The top 3 women's percentages reported through the newsletter finds Jane Smith of Balsam Lake on top with 71.9%. Debby Bestul of Eau Claire is second with 63.18, and third is Edith McKinney, Luck 61.34. The top 3 Junior Boys are Mark Mauthe, Platteville, 63%; Ken Jaeger, Jr., New London 61.27; Jason Goldsmith, Janesville, 48.18. Highest girls averages for the top three percentages are Pam Steinke, Waukesha, 41.33; Renee Sternberg, Richfield, 34.47; Tracy Utzig, Janesville, 24.

Tari Powell

BY BOB CHAMPION
NHPA PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

A stellar performance by a formidable contender, a seemingly relaxed former World Champion, gave Tari Powell the 1990 World title at Stone Mountain, Georgia, last August.

The road to the top hasn't always been easy for Tari, now a three-time World Champion. Although having problems with her release on several occasions, this persistent pitcher has always bounced back. In addition to her three World titles (one junior and two women's), Tari has won ten straight Illinois Championships dating back to 1981 — without losing a single game. She finished second in her first State effort in 1977, but rallied to win in 1978.

The tenacious, petite 31-year old high scoring pitcher, has called three Illinois cities home — Armstrong, Rankin and now Rossville, and presently is a cafeteria supervisor for the entire school district.

Tari hopes her 40-hour work week will not interfere with spring practice for the 1991 World Tournament, since the early date for the Biloxi, Mississippi event will allow her two weeks less preparation to defend her title.

Starting at age 15, Tari developed her skills, the high back swing and the $\frac{3}{4}$ turn delivery through good coaching from her father. World competition began in 1975 when she participated in the junior girls' division at Lafayette, Indiana, winning only two, losing five to finish 6th with a 29.1 ringer percentage.

Tari has come a long way since then, winning the junior crown in 1976, following in 1984 and again last year with the Women's Championship. In her Junior finale she set 12 world records, finished 7-0 with a much improved 59.7.

Tari graduated to the Women's Division in 1977, finished second in Class B as the formidable contender was getting ready to challenge the

top echelon in future years. Her first Women's World title came in 1984 in rainy Huntsville, Alabama, where the up-and-coming pitcher went 10-1 and compiled an overall 80.6% after completing an even 80% in the prelims. Her 2 pound, 7 ounce Deadeyes were on target.

Tari Carpenter became Mrs. Tom Powell in November 1977. Motherhood took over in 1979 when her first child, Jennifer, was born. Limited practice time was the result and she dropped to 10th in Huntsville in 1980, with her percentage hitting an all-time 55.4% low in World competition. Tari does relate, however, that "the tournament wasn't a complete loss as Jennifer cut four new teeth during the tournament."

1981 was forfeit year at the World. Tari was hit by a horseshoe during preliminaries and had to drop out. However, she recovered by State Tournament time to register her first of 10 straight Illinois titles.

After the birth of her second child, Tabitha, in 1983, Tari competed in her first tournament in Statesville, North Carolina, pitching better than ever. She averaged 81%, finished second behind Minnesota's Phyllis Negaard, setting eight world records in conjunction with Debby Michaud. Single Game Both Players: Ringer percentage 88.5; Total ringers 223; Cancelled ringers 202; "Four Deads" 39; Double ringers 98. In the single game, individual, the following records were set; Ringer percentage, loser 86.5; Ringers, loser 109; and Double ringers, loser 47. All eight records still stand.

After coming so close in 1983, Tari had the taste for the "big one." Her dedication paid off with top honors at Huntsville in 1984. That same year Jim Knisley won his first championship beating Carl Steinfeldt in a playoff. Jim also won in 1988 and 1990. Tari has wondered if she had competed in 1988 at Pleasanton,



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California, then 1990 might have been her third winner. It seems when Jim wins, Tari wins. Ironically, Tari planned to compete at Pleasanton. Yes, she made it to California, but never made it to the courts. "I flew home the same day I arrived." (Most people would say, that's a woman for you.)

In 1985, release problems hampered her usual smooth delivery, and her 3-8 record and low 73.3 percentage landed her in 10th place. However, in 1987, after a year off, Tari hit a new personal high as she engineered her Imperials to an 86.2 performance to win the Class A title at Eau Claire and qualify for the women's finals. She fell victim to some record shattering pitching by youthful Sandy McLachlin and veteran Diane Cantin, both Canadians. Tari finished a respectable 5th with 79.7% and 10-5 record.

Tari was about to "give up the ghost" so to speak in 1989, when her same release problem flared up again.

She was "frustrated, embarrassed and disgraced" as she puts it. Friends and family encouragement urged her to continue.

However, on the way to Spearfish, South Dakota in 1989, the Powells witness a tragic semi-car accident. Thoughts of the accident and the lateness of play took its toll for the Illinois star. Tari survived the prelims winning 6 of 7 games, then finished only 10th with a 6-9 record and 73.7%.

The hero's role for that trip went to Tom, who rushed in after the accident, unbuckled the truck driver and pulled him to safety.

Before reporting for the 1990 Greenville, Ohio Ringer Classic (one of Tari's favorite tournaments since she has the opportunity to see old friends) she visited her doctor. He found a small nodule in her shoulder-back area and discovered when he pushed the nodule, it affected functions of her hand. He recommended massage and horseshoe pitching practice.

This was right down her alley — the practice that is, and it paid off when Tari averaged 88% in the Greenville prelims, but after sitting all day the back began bothering — she finished third.

Arriving home, Tari's therapy was to pitch 500 shoes every day, and with Tom's excellent daily shoulder massaging, she was now ready for Stone Mountain, Georgia. Following the prelims, her attitude continued to improve. She repeated to herself several times: "I can do it, I can do it."

Two undefeated finalists, Tari Powell and Diane Cantin squared off for the title game and the multitude of consecutive "four deads" created a suspenseful match. Reflecting that she may never get another chance like this one, Tari steadily pulled away to win the Women's title.

Before hanging up the shoes from 1990, she averaged a pair of 85% tournaments. Practice sessions, in preparation for Biloxi, will begin in April. She reflects upon the upcoming season confidently with an attitude of an open-minded contender. She plans to give it her "best shot" in 1991.

Her success in Illinois resulted in her induction into the State Hall of Fame in 1989. Considering her success in World Tournament play, someday she will be a prime candi-

date for the NHPA Hall of Fame.

One of her highlights in 1985 came when she was filmed for PM Magazine, and at the World in Stone Mountain, Tari was filmed along with several other outstanding pitchers for the NHPA Legends of Horseshoes, an honor she so rightfully deserved. We'll hear about this stalwart in horseshoe pitching in State and World Tournaments for many years to come.

Powell's Illinois State Record

1977 7-1 2nd

State Champion

1978 4-0	1986 83.9%
1981 61%	1987 74.8%
1982 65.5%	1988 69.4%
1983 68.3%	1989 79.9%
1984 75%	1990 72.8%
1985 69%	

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Division	W	L	%	Pos.
1975 Junior Girls	2	5	29.1	6th
1976 Junior Girls	7	0	59.7	1st
1977 Women's Class B	6	1	67.3	2nd
1978 Women's Champ.	4	7	68.0	9th
1980 Women's Champ.	3	8	55.4	10th
1981 Class C Prelims Class C	3	4	61.7	Forfeit (Injury)
1983 Women's Champ.	8	3	81.0	2nd
1984 Women's Champ.	10	1	80.6	1st
1985 Women's Champ.	3	8	73.3	10th
1987 Women's Class A W. Champ.	5	0	86.2	1st
1989 Women's Champ.	10	5	79.7	5th
1989 Women's Champ.	6	9	73.7	10th
1990 Womens Champ.	15	0	83.1	1st

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Sportsmanship & Fan Enthusiasm

by Billie Sue Pennington

Four Dead, four dead, four dead... nine consecutive times. That's how the 1990's Ladies World Championship game between Tari Powell and Diane Cantin began. Anxiety intensified among the spectators, while absolute concentration was evident upon the competitor's faces. The courtesy shown by the crowd, mostly pitchers, equaled the respect shown great golfers as they stand over every putt. The ice of silence was quietly broken with a sympathetic moan when the long string of perfection was snapped by a missed shoe. Few were exhilarated by the advantage awarded to the opponent, even though practically everyone had selected a favorite. Spectator deportment, such as this, has evolved to become the "norm" in the horseshoe world.

When witnessing perfection as displayed by one "four dead" (much

less a long string of them) most fans, fearing disruption of the player's concentration, resist the urge to praise expertise with applause or cheers. Supporters realize that their enthusiasm might be viewed as encouragement by one opponent, and discouragement by the other. Some players feel they deserve the right to play their game without outside influence, while others don't mind fan involvement (or appear unaware of it). The matter is further complicated by the fact that many games are normally being played simultaneously.

Spectator silence, at times, seems awkward, and may be the reason many have said and others have written that "Watching horseshoe pitching is boring." "Horseshoe is not a spectator sport" is another common statement. These statements are interesting since spectators are usually horseshoe pitchers and companions, who control the level of fan enthusiasm.

With a common understanding of the meaning of applause at specific times, perhaps it would be acceptable for fans to cheer without interfering with our acceptable "sportsmanship standard." For example: 1) Cheers of clapping after "four dead" shows mutual respect of both the players' skill. 2) Applause after a "pressure shot" acknowledges the player's ability to make the shot under pressure. 3) Ovation after the game demonstrates appreciation of the game and praises the winner.

Whatever your personal preference, it cannot be denied that the truly successful sports, be they team or individual play, all encompass some form of spectator involvement. There are times of silence and times of wild applause and cheering. Could it be that we have limited the growth of horseshoe pitching as a competitive sport by expecting fans to set on their hands?

Lefties Have The Right Stuff?

by Ed Quigley

*Is it ordained by the Natural Law
That only ten percent are southpaw?
Could it be an aberration,
Or some devilish discrimination?
God's practical joke. Haw! Haw!*

Whether by design, accident or for fun, it is a fact that about 10% of the human race is lefthanded. Historically, it's considered to be the unlucky side. In the middle East, the left hand is considered unsanitary. Perhaps that's why there are left handed compliments, leftists and left overs. Also, expressions like "out in left field" and "two left feet."

Many lefties are slightly eccentric. Southpaws like Harpo Marx, Danny Kaye and Charlie Chaplin used zaniness as their means to success.

Most distressing is the news that lefthanded people, on average, have a one to two percent chance of dying younger than righthanders — mostly from accidents. After all, almost everything, from automobiles to can

openers to slot machines, are designed for right handed use. Moreover, southpaws, in one study, were shown to be three times more likely to attempt suicide. Very few succeed, using right handed weapons.

It is also well established that left handers are overrepresented among criminals and delinquents (Jack the Ripper heads the list). Maybe if all southpaws were released from prison, overcrowding would cease to be a problem.

Congress, on the other hand, has the normal complement of left handers. The right handers in Congress haven't accomplished much either.

On the brighter side, a survey of students who scored in the top 100th of 1% in math on the SATs showed that 20% of these math geniuses were left handed. MENSA, the high IQ society is also 20% southpaw.

Research studies have shown that lefties are more creative, intuitive, image-oriented and imaginative. How about George Burns, Crystal Gayle, Mark Twain, Martina Navratilova, Cole Porter, Picasso, Edison, Lou Gehrig and Earl Anthony for starters.

Some of our liveliest comedians are

lefties, e.g. Don Rickles, Jay Leno and Whoopie Goldberg. Oprah Winfrey is also a southpaw. Why not? Oprah in reverse, spells Harpo.

Are lefthanders well represented on the field of battle? Seems so. Consider Julius Caesar, Charlemagne, Joan of Arc and Napoleon. And don't overlook John McEnroe, Tommy Lasorda and Kid Gavilan.

Looking for a scholarship for a left handed student? Juniata College (PA) is the place. The college also has a fund for redheads. A left handed redhead doesn't get any leftovers there.

According to Lefthanders International of Topeka, Kansas, southpaws have the advantage in baseball, tennis, bowling and scuba diving.

But not in horseshoes! Even though we've had our share of left handed champions (Titcomb, Kuchinski, Lopez, Seibold, Steinfeldt, Lipovsky, etc.) Most southpaws know the pain of being in a tie game with two shoes to go and your right handed opponent throws a double ringer, and then steps across the court right in front of you and says, "Oh, I didn't know you were left handed!" C'mon you lefties, stand up for your rights!

For A Healthy Pitch

by Debby Michaud

A friend of mine has pita bread with every meal. She tears the bread in pieces and puts her other food inside it and eats it that way, bite by bite. Lots of people eat all of one kind of food on their plates, then eat all of another kind of food, etc. Some people eat slowly, some eat fast, some are picky others eat ANYTHING that doesn't move. Different habits, different people. These habits are formed long before we have control over what we eat and definitely before we have any knowledge of food. Many of these habits are GIVEN to us by our parents or caretakers. In experiments, it has been found that babies will eat a balanced diet if left alone in a room full of food. Since most of us did not grow up without adults in a room full of food, we are stuck with these HABITS. And STUCK is a good word. Eating habits are among the hardest habits for us to change.

Today, with all the information about better lifestyles for better living, many of us have thought about changing some of our ways of eating. If you are one of those people, I hope I can begin to help you.

There are four basic food groups and we should eat a certain number of these every day. They are:

- 1) Milk Group - 3 servings/day, especially women. Examples of 1 serving - 1 cup milk, yogurt, 1 cup pudding, 2 cups cottage cheese.
- 2) Meat or Protein Group - 2 servings/day. Examples of 1 serving - 2 oz. cooked lean meat, fish, or poultry, 2 eggs, 1 cup cottage cheese, or 4 tblsp. peanut butter.
- 3) Fruit/Vegetable Group - 4 servings/day. Examples of 1 serving - ½ cup cooked fruit or juice, 1 cup raw portion such as one apple.
- 4) Grain Group - 4 servings/day. Examples of 1 serving - 1 slice bread or 1 cup ready-to-eat cereal, ½ cup cooked cereal or pasta.

If the above amounts do not give you enough calories for your size or activity level, then you should add food from groups #3 and #4 FIRST. If you lift weights or otherwise exercise strenuously on a regular basis, they you may add foods from the meat/protein group and the milk/

dairy group. However, be aware of the added amounts of fat in these foods. Try to eat the leaner types of them such as skim milk or skinless chicken or fish. Other elements of our diet that add taste or calories but no nutrition are fats, sugars, and salt. Fiber is also a non-nutritive component of foods that helps our digestion and our cholesterol level.

Now a word about fats in our diet. Fats of any kind are now implicated in heart disease and it has been shown in some studies that simply eating too much fat can raise our cholesterol, even if that fat contains no cholesterol. "What?" you say? Doesn't all fat contain cholesterol? No, actually it does not. All cholesterol is a form of fat, but not all fat contains cholesterol. Therefore, some foods that are sold as "cholesterol free" actually may contain large amounts of fat which may elevate your cholesterol level and increase your risk of heart and other diseases, to say nothing about increasing your girth! Below is an example of a food label and how to interpret it to judge its % of fat content, a % that may be as important to some of us as our ringer %.

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Sodium: " " 35 mg.

Notice that fat has more calories per gram than either protein or carbohydrates. There are 130 total calories in the serving. There are 12 calories from protein (3 grams x 4), 76 calories from carbohydrates (18 grams x 4), and 45 calories from fat (5 grams x 9). To find the % of calories from fat, divide 45, the number of calories from fat, by 130, the total number of calories in each serving. 45 divided by 130 equals approximately 35%. Each serving has about 35% of its calories from fat. The American Heart Association states that the fat in our diet should be no higher than 30%, so, if this "health bar" is eaten with a glass of skim milk and an apple (both of which have almost no fat), that is a good snack. We Americans, on an average, eat a diet that is about 50% fat, FAR too high for an average. Some people can get away with this but many of us may have problems with this in terms of our weight or in terms of our cholesterol level or tendency to many other diseases. Surprisingly to some, and I speak from a personal experiment, a lower fat diet will give you more pep and energy throughout each day. It also helps to keep that weight off if you have a weight problem. It pays to read your labels on all your foods.

I hope this topic interests you, because it may be important for you now or in the future. If you have any questions, send them my way.

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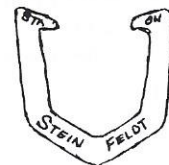
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The State of the Shoe

by Barry Chapelle, Rules Committee Chairman

This report is to inform the NHPA membership how the various shoes we pitch met NHPA standards when they were checked at the 1990 World Tournament at Stone Mountain, Georgia. The NHPA Council and Ed Domey and his people are doing the best they can to monitor the shoes. Some shoes are on the very brink of illegality while others are having no trouble at all in meeting the guidelines. We urge you to check your shoes for compliance. Hopefully, we can get a shoe checker in the hands of each charter in the next year or two. We still plan to check all shoes at the World Tournament (Gary Minnick will be handling this with help from the NHPA Regional Directors), but the goal within a couple of years will be to check the shoes and not take any corrective action. In other words, we plan to eliminate any grinding or pounding and, if illegal shoes are found, we will not do anything to correct them.

Below is listed each model of shoe where *tendencies* of illegality occurred. Please note the word tendency, because most shoes of all models were in compliance. If a shoe is not listed, either no problems were found or not enough of that model were checked to establish that there is a problem.

AMERICAN — too heavy, too wide in the mid-shoe area.

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OHIO PRO — too wide. There were many cases of non-compliance.

RENO — too long.

IMPERIAL — too long.

M&M — too wide in the mid-shoe area.

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TOURNAMENT DIAMOND — 3½" opening — too wide.

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ALLEN — too wide, inside opening exceeds 3½" limit. Older Allen shoes have soft hooks and they bend back, creating too wide of an opening.

ANNOUNCEMENT

One of the areas we are working on to make our World Tournaments even better is to create uniformity in judging in terms of duties and procedures. I am in the process of preparing a list of guidelines which will be given to each World Tournament judge. We don't get too many complaints and the people who have served in this capacity have done a tremendous job, yet we realize there is always room for some improvement. If you have any ideas or suggestions along these lines, please mail them to me by April 1st.

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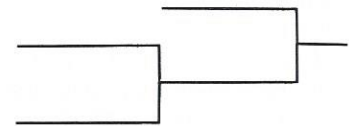
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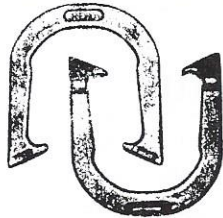
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Regional Director's Report

by Gary K. Minnick

As we have started the job of Court Sanctioning, I find that a list of sanctioned courts doesn't exist. What I need each Regional Director to do is find out in your state which courts are sanctioned. To accomplish this, I need a copy of the certificate sent to me. I will compile this list by state. I know this will take a lot of work on your part, but it is the only way I can see to do it. Please get this list to me as soon as possible. Thanks.

So far, I have only heard from one Regional Director regarding the job of Weighing and Measuring shoes at the World Tournament. This RD is extremely pleased. I would like to hear from the rest of you. Please take the time to write as this is a newly assigned job, given us by the NHPA president.

Sue Johnson from **Arizona** reports that while folks in the east, midwest, and northwest are shoveling snow this time of year, here in Arizona we are shoveling the clay in the pits. Occasionally we do have to worry about rain, but not often. It is suggested that at some tournaments we should give out NHPA Game Related Items and *Newsline* subscriptions instead of trophies. I think this is an excellent idea. Also, all charters should now be starting 100% sanctioned tournaments and keeping player percentages by the 3 highest tournament rule.

Dale Boss from **Colorado** reports that in 1991 Colorado has 14 sanctioned tournaments scheduled. That is the most sanctioned since their charter came into effect. He also states that Colorado has had computerized percentages for 10 years and it sure cuts down on false entries and sandbagging.

Rodney Nahina from **Hawaii** reports that 32 horseshoe courts will be constructed on the Island of Oahu in 1991. The state will give them the money to do these. The Maui charter had a successful year with 10 tournaments. They are really doing a great job on Maui. Ed Shaw is the 1990 State Champion. Congratulations Ed.

John Decker from **Michigan** reports that they had 42 new members join

in 1990. The city of Adrian has a Memorial Tournament every year for the St. Jude's Cancer Research Hospital. \$833.40 was raised in 1990. This was the 5th Annual and a total of \$7,371.28 has been raised to date.

Hal Mineer from **New Mexico** reports that 12 new courts are in the planning stage for Albuquerque. He also discussed the building of at least 2 Sanctioned Courts in 5 different parks in the city and also an indoor court. They seemed very enthusiastic about both of these ideas.

Earl Vansant from **Ohio** reports that they have some new places for playing Sanctioned Tournaments through Winter. They are: Sarbaugh Horseshoe Barn, Adamsville, OH; Hardin Country Club, Kenton, OH; Allen Country Club, Lima, OH; Hickory Lake Inn, Newbury, OH; OK Horseshoe Club, Columbus, OH; and Darke Country Club, Greenville,

OH. This gives Ohio pitchers and also other NHPA people places to play when traveling through Ohio.

Chuck Arnold from **Oklahoma** reports that 17 new adult members joined in 1990. He believes that leagues are the backbone of our sport. I don't know that I would disagree with that. He has the 1991 Tournament Schedule done and anyone traveling through Oklahoma can contact him for a schedule at 10018 Birkenhead Ct., Yukon, OK 73099 or tele: (405) 324-7161.

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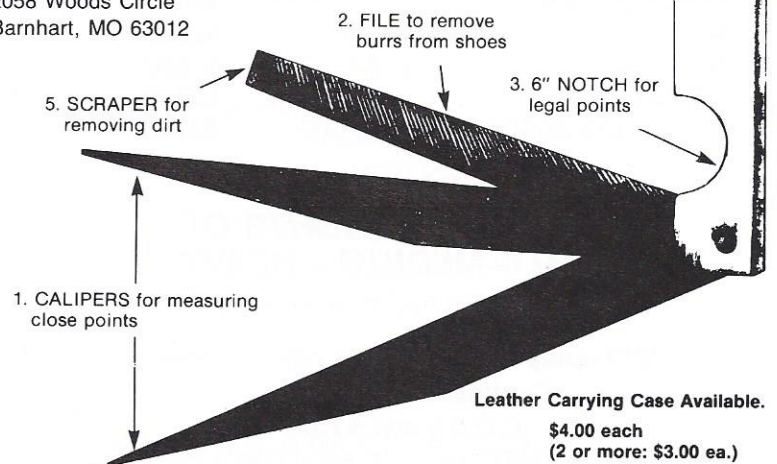
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Newsline Subscriptions.....	7,928.00
Newsline Paid Advertising.....	1,014.00
Sanctioned League Dues	338.00
Charter Dues	78.00
Horseshoe Sanctioning Fees.....	3,200.00
1991 World Tournament Payment on Acct..	8,000.00
Member Donations.....	325.00
IRS Refunds.....	1,003.00
Misc. Sales and debts collected	88.00
Checking Account Interest.....	371.00

Total 4th Quarter Income \$39,801.00

EXPENDITURES:

Newsline Production, Printing and Mailing	\$14,216.00
Newsline Editor Allowance	300.00
Sanctioned League Phone, Postage, Supplies .	745.00
Sanctioned League Patches and Awards	2,278.00
Sanctioned League Director Allowance.....	300.00
Regional Directors' Postage, Phone, Supplies	578.00
Regional Directors' Allowance	3,567.00
NHPA Tournament Patches	6,262.00
NHPA Office, Printing and Supplies	1,510.00
NHPA Postage.....	2,916.00
Equipment Purchases, Rental and Repairs	665.00
Officers' Telephone.....	845.00
Officers' Travel	3,157.00
Secretary/Treasurer Allowance	5,174.00
Vice Presidents' Allowance	1,050.00
President's Allowance	300.00
Publicity, Promotion.....	151.00
World Tournament Awards and Junior Trusts.	2,040.00
World Tour. Money Transferred to CD's	17,000.00
World Tournament Admin. and office	1,218.00
W.T. Hall of Fame and Banquet	195.00
Professional Legal Fees.....	1,180.00
Insurance Premiums.....	8,264.00
Refunds	220.00
Misc. Fees, Bonds, Bank Charges	530.00

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Sanctioned Club/League News

by Bev Born

It has taken a lot of work to get ready for this issue and there is a lot to report. So, I will keep this introduction rather short. I am still working on updating our Red, Yellow and Green guide books. There are plenty of the Red Books now available with an insert for each to reflect some of the changes that pertain to the "full" NHPA requirement.

Contained in this issue are the annual reports on Cl/Lg cancellations, Director of the Year Award, Junior Scholarship and Honor Society Awards, and the 1990 "Top Ten" winners.

I'll close with a recap of the final Cl/Lg figures for 1990 and show how they compared with the 1989 numbers.

	1990	1989	Diff.
No. of States	43	39	+ 4
No. of Clubs	200	189	+ 11
No. of Leagues	323	285	+ 38
Full NHPA Members	4296	3634	+ 662
CL/Lg Members	3279	3793	- 514
Total Members	7575	7427	+ 148
No. of Patches	6598	5588	+1010
Most Improved	381	344	+ 37
Cert. of Achievement	4797	4775	+ 22

There were 10 active Junior leagues in 5 states with a total of 136 members, using 153 patches, 10 Most Improved and 114 Certificates of Achievement. Of course these numbers do not reflect the number of Juniors pitching with adults in their league.

1990 Sanctioned CL/LG Cancellations

The following listed clubs and/or leagues have been notified that their NHPA Sanctions have been cancelled. These are ones that failed to send in membership reports, dues/ins. fees, etc., nor did they reply to the reminder notice sent to them on Dec. 4, 1990. Two, not listed here, did have the courtesy to write and let me know of their desire to drop from the program, due to the "full" NHPA membership requirement. All others sent no reasons for their non-compliance to the requirements of this program even though they were

asked for a reply. Deleting clubs/leagues from the program is very discouraging, especially when the Directors neglect to inform me of their reasons for leaving the program. Just a short note from each would be very nice and much appreciated. Perhaps their sanctions could have been saved.

Hang Out River Rats, LA #90C10
San Bernardino, CA #88C41
New London County, CT #89C21
Monday Nite Womens', IL #87L247
Rathburn's, IN #89C10
Davidsonville, MD #83C69
North Mankato, MN #83C74
Don-Rose, MS #89C30
Mid-State 4-Dead, NY #88C42
Lakewood, OH #88C31
Mt. Oliver Mustangs, PA #81C1
K.O., KY #90L26
Hansen Athletic, MA #90A15
Fontana, CA #88C13
Hoopeston, IL #80A96
Bowling Center, IL #88C11
Cajun, LA #87C229
Gardner, MA #89C9
Le Sueur, MN #89C40
Buffalo Ringers, NE #89C27
McKenzie County, ND #89A24
White Hill Country, PA #86C148
S.W. Washington, WA #88A19
Hulett, WY #90A21
PWC "Pointers", HI #90C11

Director of the Year Award 1990

This award will go to **Joe B. Morgan** of the Bradenton Horseshoe Club, sanction #79-C-10, in Bradenton, FL. Congratulations to Joe and many thanks for his thirteen years of dedication to this club, this program, the Florida HPA and the NHPA.

Junior Scholarship Winners

'89-'90 School Term
Girl — **Heather Kiefert**
Boy — **Reed Filley**.

Both are from the Red River Valley Horseshoe Club in West Fargo, North Dakota and both were straight A students. This is the second year for Reed to receive this honor. We are very proud of these two young pitchers. Pictures and articles on these

special individuals will appear in the next issue of *Newsline*.

Junior Scholars and Honor Society Placers

1989/1990 School Term

Only six junior pitchers were turned in for these honors this past year. On behalf of the Junior League program, their respective leagues, directors, the NHPA and myself, we all want them to know how very proud we are of their dedication to their education and to the sport of horseshoe pitching. The future of both our world and our sport is very dependent on our young people and we wish them all the best for their future.

Reed Filley, age 16 -
Scholarship winner A+
Heather Kiefert, age 15 -
Scholarship winner A+

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Jessica Dunn, age 14 - B+
Matt Hoyt, age 16 - B+
Troy Eppard, age 14 - B
Brad Eppard, age 13 - B

Sanctioned Cl/Lg Hoof Note

Just a note to comment on the number of good pitchers, ones that are members of a sanctioned cl/lg that are missing out on some deserved recognition and awards, due to the fact that the person in charge of their league stats failed to submit their names and their accomplishments on the required Top Ten form. Just as an example and without mentioning any names of directors or pitchers, the first place in the Hi Point category was 142, and the Hi Percent Game was 92.0%. I know of high point games of 149, 147 and one high percent game of 100%, pitched in a 30 shoe game, the only perfect game pitched in a 1990 league. It seems a shame to me that these pitchers cannot be recognized, nationally, because of the above given reason.

Once again, I will remind all, that the Top Ten is no longer taken from Final Stat sheets, as there are just too many of them, any person that may

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1990 TOP TEN

NATIONAL DIVISION — MIXED MEN & WOMEN

High Point Game:

Pos.	Name	Club/State	Pts.
1.	Henry Hostetler	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	142
2.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	142
3.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	140
4.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	136
5.	Gene Rice	Toledo Area, OH	135
6.	Wayne Luoma, Sr.	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	134
7.	Gordon Miller	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	134
8.	Ron Frakes	Independence, MO	134
9.	Glen Portt	Albany, GA	132
10.	Wilbert Foelske	Waterloo Metro, IA	132

High Point Average:

1.	Henry Hostetler	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	128
2.	Oscar Manns	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	124
3.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	123
4.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	121
5.	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	115
6.	Lois Webster	Scott County, KY	115
7.	Glen Portt	Albany, GA	113
8.	Joe Cochran	Mountaineer, WV	111
9.	Guy Wills	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	111
10.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	110

High Point Over Average:

1.	Clint Turner	Cent. IA Travel Lg., IA	+ 50.6
2.	Roy Dunlap	Albany, GA	+ 43.0
3.	Tim Kertz	Greater St. Louis, MO	+ 41.5
4.	Mark Tangen	May Port, ND	+ 40.9
5.	Clyde Hetrick	Greater Houston, TX	+ 40.2
6.	Herman Hartman	Bradenton, FL	+ 39.5
7.	Gene Rice	Toledo Area, OH	+ 38.8
8.	Hank Labine	Nashua, NH	+ 38.4
9.	Robert Socolofsky	Woodward Governors, CO	+ 38.2
10.	Earl Severson	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	+ 38.0

High Ringer Average:

		%	
1.	Henry Hostetler	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	81.0
2.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	77.9
3.	Oscar Manns	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	76.6
4.	David Hughes	Bloomington, MN	76.5
5.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	75.3
6.	Tad Besemer	Tucson, AZ	74.7
7.	Elden Sarbaugh	Try-County, OH	71.6
8.	Dale Lipovsky	Bloomington, MN	71.2
9.	Lois Webster	Scott County, KY	71.0
10.	Dan Beshore	New Cumberland, PA	70.3

MEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Game:

		%	
1.	Henry Hostetler	NE. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	92.0
2.	David Hughes	Bloomington, MN	90.0
3.	Oscar Manns	Painesville, OH	90.0
4.	Jesse Gonzales	San Luis Obispo, CA	90.0
5.	Dale Lipovsky	Bloomington, MN	88.0
6.	Tad Besemer	Tucson, AZ	87.5
7.	Elden Sarbaugh	Try-County, OH	87.5
8.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	86.0
9.	Dan Beshore	New Cumberland, PA	86.0
10.	Wayne Luoma, Sr.	Painesville, OH	86.0

MEN'S DIVISION cont'd.

High Ringer Average:

Pos.	Name	Club/State	%
1.	Henry Hostetler	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	81.0
2.	Oscar Manns	N.E. OH. Traveling Lg., OH	76.6
3.	David Hughes	Bloomington, MN	76.5
4.	Stan Griggs	Independence, MO	75.3
5.	Tad Besemer	Tucson, AZ	74.7
6.	Elden Sarbaugh	Try-County, OH	71.6
7.	Dale Lipovsky	Bloomington, MN	71.2
8.	Jesse Gonzales	San Luis Obispo, CA	70.9
9.	Dan Beshore	New Cumberland, PA	70.3
10.	Allen Withrow	Mountaineer, WV	69.4

High Ringer Over Average:

1.	Roy Dunlap	Albany, GA	+40.8
2.	Ronnie Harwell	Gulf Coast, MS	+34.1
3.	Gene Rice	Toledo Area, OH	+33.5
4.	Ron Trobaugh	Shenandoah Valley, VA	+32.8
5.	Ted Myren	Dan Patch, MN	+32.3
6.	Tim Kertz	Greater St. Louis, MO	+31.7
7.	Ralph Stegner	San Luis Obispo, CA	+31.6
8.	Robert Socolofsky	Woodward Governors, CO	+30.8
9.	Ken McKenzie	Woodward Governors, CO	+30.8
10.	Herman Hartman	Bradenton, FL	+30.6

WOMEN'S DIVISION

High Ringer Game

		%	
1.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	92.0
2.	Helen Vigil	San Luis Obispo, CA	90.0
3.	Elizabeth Downer	Sodbuster, VT	88.0
4.	Lynda Frederick	Woodward County, OK	85.0
5.	Lois Webster	Scott County, KY	84.0
6.	Linda Barris	Waggaman, LA	82.5
7.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	82.0
8.	Rosie Leyk	Tri-County, MN	82.0
9.	Deborah Michaud	Raynham, MA	80.0
10.	Jane Smith	Close Doesn't County, WI	80.0

High Ringer Average

1.	Tari Powell	Danville, IL	77.9
2.	Lois Webster	Scott County, KY	71.0
3.	Deborah Michaud	Raynham, MA	67.4
4.	Jeannie Manns	Painesville, OH	65.1
5.	Rosie Leyk	Tri-County, MN	64.9
6.	Elizabeth Downer	Sodbusters, VT	64.8
7.	Loree Meier	Independence, MO	64.8
8.	Jane Smith	Close Doesn't Count, WI	62.7
9.	Lynda Frederick	Woodward County, OK	61.5
10.	Mary Ann Fumi	San Luis Obispo, CA	59.5

High Ringer Over Average

1.	Louise Page	Gulf Coast, MS	+34.2
2.	Betty Dunlap	Painesville, OH	+30.8
3.	Helen Vigil	San Luis Obispo, CA	+30.7
4.	Patricia Miller	Gulf Coast, MS	+30.3
5.	Bonnie Nelson	Fridley, MN	+29.7
6.	Jo Tisbury	Gulf Coast, MS	+28.9
7.	Linda Barris	Waggaman, LA	+28.1
8.	Barbara Goff	Woodward County, OK	+28.0
9.	Sherri Fayard	Gulf Coast, MS	+28.0
10.	Ursula Horner	Gulf Coast, MS	+27.7

1990 TOP TEN

NHPA SANCTIONED
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NATIONAL JUNIOR DIVISION — BOYS GIRLS MIXED

High Point Game

Pos. Name	Club/State	Pts.
1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	147
2. John Walters	Troy OH	135
3. Jenny Walters	Troy, OH	119
4. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	102
5. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	97
6. Cal Wenhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	96
7. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OK	92
8. Mike Bryant	Sheyenne Valley, ND	87
9. Dave Bryant	Sheyenne Valley, ND	82
10. Tim Rosival	Montgomery, MN	81

High Point Average:

1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	126.9
2. John Walters	Troy, OH	113.7
3. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	94.0
4. Jenny Walters	Troy, OH	93.4
5. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OK	76.6
6. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	71.2
7. Cal Wenhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	66.4
8. Mike Bryant	Sheyenne Valley, ND	66.3
9. Rob Shook	Kilkenny, MN	56.6
10. Tim Rosival	Montgomery, MN	53.7

High Point Over Average

1. Dave Bryant	Sheyenne Valley, ND	+34.4
2. Matt Dean	Shenandoah Valley, VA	+33.6
3. Jared Flynn	Kilkenny, MN	+30.3
4. Cal Wenhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+29.6
5. Brad Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	+28.6
6. Naomi Sam	Bloomington, MN	+27.7
7. Tim Rosival	Montgomery, MN	+27.2
8. Sarah Keefe	Bloomington, MN	+27.2
9. Matt Hoyt	Sheyenne Valley, ND	+27.0
10. Jeanna Roacha	Bloomington, MN	+27.0

High Ringer Average

		%
1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	79.3
2. John Walters	Troy, OH	67.8
3. Jenny Walters	Troy, OH	51.1
4. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	50.0
5. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OK	40.0
6. Jim Tripp	Midland, MI	39.6
7. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	36.5
8. Mike Bryant	Sheyenne Valley, ND	34.4
9. Cal Wenhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	32.8
10. Tim Rosival	Montgomery, MN	26.4

JUNIOR BOYS' DIVISION

High Ringer Game

1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	98.0
2. John Walters	Troy, OH	88.0
3. Mitch Mellen	Kilkenny, MN	80.0
4. Jon Ricketts	Kilkenny, MN	73.0
5. Jim Tripp	Midland, MI	58.0
6. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	56.0
7. Cal Wenhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	54.0
8. Justin Ricketts	Kilkenny, MN	53.0
9. Mike Bryant	Sheyenne Valley, ND	52.0
10. Christopher Pittman	Kilkenny, MN	46.0

JUNIOR BOYS' DIVISION cont.

High Ringer Average

Pos. Name	Club/State	%
1. Jim Walters	Troy, OH	79.3
2. John Walters	Troy, OH	67.8
3. Mitch Mellen	Kilkenny, MN	43.5
4. Jim Tripp	Midland, MI	39.6
5. Jon Ricketts	Kilkenny, MN	37.9
6. Troy Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	36.5
7. Mike Bryant	Sheyenne Valley, ND	34.4
8. Cal Wenhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	32.8
9. Justin Ricketts	Kilkenny, MN	32.4
10. Tim Rosival	Montgomery, MN	26.4

High Ringer Over Average

1. Mitch Mellen	Kilkenny, MN	+36.5
2. Jon Ricketts	Kilkenny, MN	+35.0
3. Scorr LeLievre	Raynham, MA	+27.2
4. Jason Villwock	Kilkenny, MN	+25.6
5. Brad Eppard	Shenandoah Valley, VA	+23.4
6. Dave Bryant	Sheyenne Valley, ND	+22.4
7. Cal Wenhoff	Pawnee Ringers, NE	+21.1
8. Justin Ricketts	Kilkenny, MN	+20.6
9. Christopher Pittman	Kilkenny, MN	+20.5
10. John Walters	Troy, OH	+20.2

JUNIOR — GIRLS' DIVISION

High Ringer Game

1. Jenny Walters	Troy, OH	72.0
2. Julie Walters	Troy, OH	56.0
3. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OK	54.0
4. Michelle Bull	Kilkenny, MN	50.0
5. Tiffany Gage	Bloomington, MN	36.0
6. Jessica Dunn	Brooklyn Park, MN	36.0
7. Sara Prubie	Close Doesn't Count, WI	33.0
8. Megas Hughes	Close Doesn't Count, WI	26.6
9. Candy Donaghue	Close Doesn't Count, WI	23.3
10. Tina Scheuer	Close Doesn't Count, WI	23.3

High Ringer Average

1. Jenny Walter	Troy, OH	51.0
2. Julie Walter	Troy, OH	50.0
3. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OK	40.0
4. Tiffany Gage	Bloomington, MN	25.5
5. Jessica Dunn	Brooklyn, MN	17.8
6. Michelle Bull	Kilkenny, MN	12.4
7. Megas Hughes	Close Doesn't Count, WI	10.0
8. Sara Prubie	Close Doesn't Count, WI	8.0
9. Carla Villwock	Kilkenny, MN	7.7
10. Candy Donaghue	Close Doesn't Count, WI	7.4

High Ringer Over Average

1. Michelle Bull	Kilkenny, MN	+37.5
2. Sara Prubie	Close Doesn't Count, WI	+25.0
3. Jenny Walters	Troy, OH	+20.8
4. Lisa Donaghue	Close Doesn't Count, WI	+18.3
5. Jessica Dunn	Brooklyn Park, MN	+18.1
6. Tina Scheuer	Close Doesn't Count, WI	+16.6
7. Megas Hughes	Close Doesn't Count, WI	+16.6
8. Candy Donaghue	Close Doesn't Count, WI	+15.8
9. Beth Hruska	Kilkenny, MN	+14.2
10. Pamala Morris	Vici HPA, OH	+14.0

The 1991 Election Campaign

The delegates in Biloxi will be voting on four NHPA Council seats. The new elect will take their seats on January 1, 1992 as the current two year term expires December 31st. A review of the past 75 years indicates that the last decade was the most stable in NHPA history with regard to turnover in the Executive Council. Only seven new officers took seats during the 1980s and one of these was due to a death while in office. It would seem that the membership is relatively content with the way things are going or the workload has grown to the point of limiting potential new candidates to only a few. Be that as it may, all four incumbents have announced plans to seek re-election and three new candidates have tossed their names into the political ring.

NHPA President Dave Loucks with six years in office, is running unopposed and says he looks forward to the challenges of a fourth term.

First Vice President Earl Winston is also unopposed as he finishes up yet another term in a long line that started in 1972.

The 3rd and 5th VP incumbents each have new candidates running against them. Here follows the announcement of each and their appeal for your support.

Re-Elect Bev Born NHPA 3rd Vice President

It has been a very fast two years since my being elected as your 3rd VP. I am now into my 4th year as the National Director of the Sanctioned Cl/Lg Program, which two years ago became a VP responsibility. As they say "Time really flies when you're having a good time," and I have had some "good times" and made some very fine and dear friends. It has been my pleasure to work for and with you all. Therefore I would like, at this time, to announce that I will be running for 1991 re-election. I sincerely thank you all for your past support and hope that you will again, "be PITCHING your votes for me" in Mississippi. Thank you! Very Truly Your Friend for Horseshoes,
Bev Born

1991 Candidate Paul "Mo" McNally NHPA 3rd Vice President

After reading the Sanctioned Club/League News report in the January/February *Newsline*, I decided to run for 3rd Vice President of the NHPA. I believe that positive people with positive ideas stimulate positive responses from sanctioned clubs and leagues. I love horseshoes and have always been active promoting our fantastic game. I helped organize the Columbia Basin Horseshoe Club and its sanctioned leagues in Kennewick, Washington back in 1987-88. I am currently the NCHPA Junior Representative actively promoting junior members and leagues in Northern California. I am working with schools and recreation departments trying to get support for our junior program.

I am currently a school teacher in Vallejo, California. Two years ago, I was a Senior Systems Engineer for Softech, Inc. responsible for computer security on over 2000 government classified computers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. I am a certified Microcomputer Information Systems Manager. My experience working with databases and other software applications will provide a way to manage and track the data involved with the NHPA Sanctioned Club/League programs. My name is Paul "Mo" McNally and I want NHPA members to vote for me as the next NHPA 3rd Vice President in Biloxi, Mississippi. Sincerely,

Paul "Mo" McNally

Re-Elect Gary Minnick NHPA 5th Vice President

It is with great pleasure that I announce I am seeking re-election to the office of 5th Vice President and Chairman of Regional Directors.

We have accomplished much this past 2 years, involving the Regional Directors and increasing

Tournament Sanctioning, but there is still a ways to go. We have started to compile a list of sanctioned courts all over the United States and that still needs a lot of work. Sanctioned play is on the increase all over and that is bringing improvement and more involvement of this office and the Regional Director network.

Starting this year, my office with the Regional and Assistant Regional Directors will do all the shoe weighing and measuring at the World Tournament.

During the past term, it has been my pleasure to perform the duties of 5th Vice President. I look forward to serving you and the NHPA for the next 2 years. I would appreciate your support and vote at the World Tournament convention in Biloxi, MS. Thank you,

Gary Minnick

Ginny May Candidate NHPA 5th Vice President

Ginny May of North Canton, Ohio has tossed her horseshoe in the NHPA political pit and is hoping to ring the Fifth Vice-President's position.

I graduated from Newark High School in 1965 and have two semesters of college at COTC in Newark. In 1984 I was voted Newark Business and Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year, and was nominated the following year. My work experience includes 20 years with computers, 5 years as Data Processing Manager, and currently serve as Operations Manager/System Analyst for a large Akron Company, Chempower, Inc.

Previously I was coordinator for the BPW Annual Smorgasbord, two years as their membership chairperson, responsible for chartering a new BPW Club in North Canton with 39 members, and served as President and/or Vice President for three years. During my service to the Canton Business and Professional Women, I was chairperson

for the Young Careerists, and taught two 16 week sessions on speech preparation. I enjoy working with and promoting horseshoe pitching. With my husband, Lew, we have been participating and helping with horseshoe events all around the country the past five years. During this time, I have served as League Secretary, League Statistician, Northeast Ohio District Representative, Volunteer for the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer, Tournament Director at North Lanes, Volunteer for the Ohio Association, and Tournament Official in Las Vegas.

I am offering the education, personality, experience and love of the sport of horseshoe pitching needed to serve the NHPA. Your vote for GINNY MAY in July will be a vote for the future of horseshoe pitching.

**PAVE THE WAY
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Jerry Shifflet Sr. NHPA 5th Vice President

I want to announce my intention of becoming a candidate for the NHPA office of 5th Vice President.

I have already determined that

it will be a challenge and a lot of hard work, but I am willing to apply myself to it.

I was once a semi-pro baseball player and helped found the Old Dominion Baseball League of Richmond VA in 1960. I was league statistician 1960-61. I was President in 1962-63. I was also in charge of the umpires, protests, and the scheduling of playoff games.

I started playing horseshoes in 1984 and joined the Circle K Horseshoe Club and the NHPA in 1985. I was appointed Assistant Regional Director of VA and West VA in April 1987 by Floyd Hix. I have been Circle K Club and Tournament Director since the summer of 1988. At our State Tournament and meeting, September 1, 1990, I was elected Regional Director for VA.

I think that with my past experience and my enthusiasm for horseshoes, and the help of my fellow officers, and the backing of my fellow pitchers and friends, I can do the job of 5th Vice President of the NHPA. I have been to four of five of the last World Tournaments and plan to attend in 91 and 92. Thanks and Cordially Yours,

Jerry Shifflett, Sr.

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fun at the Georgia W.T. but it did need some improvements. Why can't the NHPA have several locations throughout the United States and Canada where the W.T. can be rotated and repeated at the same place every so many years? Thanks for listening.

Ken Walters & Family, Troy, OH

Dear Editor,

When my five children and nine grandchildren ask what I'd like from Santa Claus, for Father's Day or my birthday. I'd like to say, "An NHPA Gift Certificate." But it doesn't seem to be available. (My recommendation to the National Buyer in 1989 went unanswered.) Availability of gift certificates could, I believe, substantially increase game-related sales. Moreover, it could provide advance monies that might be used to expand the Game Related Sales inventory and variety of products.

**Ed Quigley
Pompton Plains, New Jersey**

Sanct. Cl/Lg Hoof Note

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be in the running for these honors, must be submitted on the official Top Ten form. This form must be completed in full and received in this office, no later than November 15 of each year.

One club listed on the Cancelled Sanction list has been re-instated. The Davidsonville of MD. This was one of the many cases where there was a change in the person responsible for reports, etc. where the new person was given no help from the outgoing director and therefore was completely unaware of just what the sanction requirements were. Having received a call from this new director explaining the situation, accepting his apology and assurance of good future correspondence, I chose to re-instate the club's sanction.

The Gardner club in MA has also been heard from and although did vote to drop from the program, they are sending in all reports, dues/ins. fees for their 1990 non-NHPA members, etc. My thanks to them.

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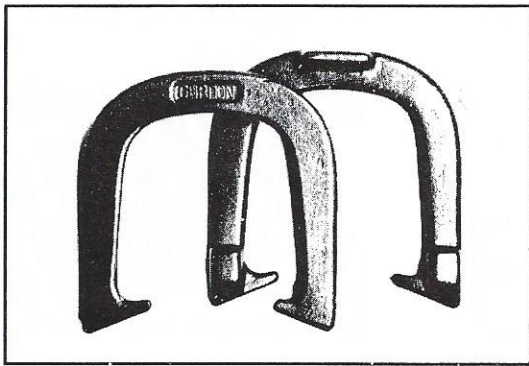
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The Toll of Time

JAMES ACOCK 1917-1990

The Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association has been saddened by the passing of one of our most respected members. Jim Acock passed away on December 7, 1990 after losing a battle with cancer.

In 1969 Jim took over the position of secretary/treasurer of the Missouri State association, a job he continued to perform for the next 18 years. With much regret he resigned at the state meeting in 1987 due to failing eyesight. His hard work and perseverance led Missouri from a very small NHPA charter into one of the largest in the nation. It was under his guidance that Missouri received the first of its NHPA Achievement Awards. Through all the years of his work for the sport of horseshoe pitching, Jim refused any compensation for his efforts. One of Jim's greatest disappointments was that he had to give up pitching because of health reasons and eagerly awaited the day when he would be 70 years of age and could resume pitching from a shorter distance. Unfortunately, by the time that day came, his eyesight would not let him.

Those of you who have attended World Tournaments thru the years may remember Jim as the chairman of the State Officers meeting held each year. Although Jim was not pitching, he continued to attend the World Tournament for several years in order to chair the meeting. Great was his love for horseshoes.

Recognizing what Jim had meant to the sport of horseshoe pitching in Missouri and nationwide, he was elected into the Missouri Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 1988. His friends from his church and people he knew throughout his life will all attest that Jim was one of the best.

We extend our sympathy to Jim's lovely wife, Thelma, who traveled with him and gave many, many hours to our sport and also to Jim's son, Jay, and his family. May you know that although Jim is gone from us, he is not forgotten.

RICHARD MARONI

Richard Maroni, a long-time mem-

ber of the Western Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers Association, passed away on Christmas day, 1990. He was 77 years old, and had lived his entire life in the Arnold and New Kensington, PA area.

Rich started pitching horseshoes in 1933, and he and his best friend Vince Sedlacek joined the NHPA in 1966. Due to his health failing he had to stop pitching in 1988.

This is one gentleman who will be missed by all his fellow pitchers in Pennsylvania, as everyone who met him loved him. The thing that Rich taught all of us who knew him was, "You throw what feels good to you."

He was preceded in death by his wife Catherine, and he is survived by his son Carl, 2 grandchildren, 1 sister and 1 brother.

ELSIE REESER

The Northern California Association sadly reports the passing of Elsie Reeser in Umatilla, Oregon on Jan. 16, 1991. Deepest sorrow and support is extended to her husband, Mel Reeser, and other family members.

Elsie, a devoted member of the San Jose Horseshoe Club, began her second bout with cancer two years ago, and displayed unbelievable courage throughout her illness. She left some of that courage and enthusiasm with every new or discouraged pitcher she met. Her words, "You can do it, babe, I know you can!" will long ring in the ears of many NCHPA members. Fifty beautiful rose bushes obtained by Elsie and planted at the San Jose courts a few years ago, will add to the enjoyment of visiting horseshoe pitchers for many years to come. They will always be a reminder of the inner beauty and strength Elsie portrayed in life.

DOUG SELF

Cancer took the life of Rev. Doug Self on January 20, 1991. Doug had been pitching horseshoes for about 10 years. He started out at about 20% but by last year had improved to 50%. Doug had a way of making friends and was well liked by everyone who knew him. Whether he would win or lose a game, he had a way of telling

everyone how much he enjoyed the opportunity by saying his favorite word to the opponent — "Glory."

The mere appearance on the courts would lift the spirits of those around Doug. His passing will leave a void in the hearts of all those who knew him, especially the Tennessee horseshoe pitchers. To his wife and children, the Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association extend their deepest sorrow on the loss of a husband, father and friend.

L.C. ZEKE ZEHLER

Texas Master Story Teller Zeke Zehler died January 3, 1991 after a year's illness. He was 66 years old.

Zeke and his wife Dodie moved from Batavia, New York to Houston in 1980. A dedicated longtime horseshoe pitcher, Zeke loved to show those Texas Flippers the perfect 1¼ turn. He was a member of both the Houston and East Bernard Clubs. His last tournament was in September 1990. His greatest joy was pitching in the Live Stock Show & Rodeo in front of hundreds of screaming fans. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Dodie, Son Phillip and daughters Paula, Leslie and Tracy.

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Prepared by Dave Loucks

MARCH

- 2: **St. Cloud, FL.** Sun Bank Open.....PR w/H. Clement 407-892-2749
2: **Bradenton, FL.** Lentz Mem. OpenPR w/P. O'Toole 813-755-9359
2-3: **Valdez, AK.** Winter Carnival.....PR w/Connie Lee 907-835-5319
2-3: **Hamilton, Ontario** Weaver Ringer Classic.....416-561-4344
7: **Lady Lake, FL.** Orange Blossom V.PR w/Tom Fenton 904-753-0637
8-17: **Newbury, OH.** All Clubs 9th AnnualPR w/W. Pierce 216-635-0196
9: **Tucson, AZ.** Tucson OpenPR w/E. Williams 602-290-0352
9: **Brooksville, FL.** Open.....PR w/E.P. Kirk 904-799-7116
9: **Naples, FL.** Collier OpenPR w/R. Warren 813-261-5197
14: **Sebring, FL** Lee Palmer OpenPR w/Dale Miller 813-382-4289
16: **Clearwater, FL.** St. Patrick's Day OpenPR w/e. Senger 813-726-6616
16: **Apopka, FL.** Open.....PR w/N. Davey 407-886-8168
16-17: **San Antonio, TX** Shamrock ClassicDwayne Polak 713-277-4851
22: **Winter Haven, FL.** Wagner OpenPR w/Joe West 813-422-2053
22-23: **Bradenton, FL.** Pelkey OpenPR w/G. Wyant 813-746-2087
23: **Cocoa, FL.** Open.....PR w/J. Mickalek 407-632-2527
23: **Tucson, AZ.** State Warm Up.....PR w/E. Williams 602-290-0352
23-24: **Bastrop, TX.** Lost Pines SpringDwayne Polak 713-277-4851
23-24: **Adamsville, OH.** Indoor Round Robin.....PR w/E. Sarbaugh 614-796-6009
30: **Bradenton, FL.** O'Toole OpenPR w/P. O'Toole 813-755-9359
30-31: **Marble Falls, TX.** Bluebonnet ClassicDwayne Polak 713-277-4851

APRIL

- 6: **Tacoma, WA** Kuper DoublesBob Hoerner 206-584-1233
6: **Sarasota, FL** Gillispie Mem. OpenPR w/P. Scheub 813-966-5462
6: **Beverly Hills, FL** Cullum OpenPR w/R. Cullum 904-637-3283
6-7: **Yolo, CA** Mixed on 6th, Open on 7th.....L. Wanner 916-383-5644
6-7: **Portsmouth, VA** John Shaw OpenGus Bland 804-484-3553
6-7: **Waco, TX** Brazos Classic.....D. Polak 713-277-4851
10-11: **Las Vegas, NV** T.T./NHPA \$\$\$..PR w/Don Weaver 702-736-7348
13: **Bradenton, FL** Crossland S&L OpenPR w/P. O'Toole 813-755-9359
13: **Cocoa, FL** Luther Adams OpenPR w/J. Michalek 407-632-2527
13: **Mt. Vernon, WA** Skagit Cty. Open.....Bill Owens 206-757-7800
13-14: **Bryan, TX** Bryan Open.....D. Polak 713-277-4851
13-14: **Ocean Springs, MS** Spring Open.....R. Fowler 601-875-1446
13-14: **Yolo, CA** Bud \$\$\$ 13th, Open on 14th...E. Wilson 916-756-1980
20: **Tacoma, WA** Daffodil OpenBob Hoerner 206-584-1233
20: **Santa Rosa, CA** Mauzey OpenCasey Sluys 707-538-3128
20-21: **Statesville, NC** Dogwood FestivalPR w/P. Stewart 704-528-5081
20-21: **Houston, TX** McFarland ClassicD. Polak 713-277-4851
20-21: **Stockton, CA** D & G Palmer Opens...M. Schultz 209-465-0156
20-21: **Hamilton, Ont.** Fanjoy Ringer Classic.....416-561-4344
20-21: **Lima, OH** Allen Cty. OpenPR w/K. Twining 419-227-5835

- 26-28: **Beloit, WI** Team WorldPR w/T. Roanhouse 414-534-5838
27: **Hermiston, OR** Sagebrush Open.....Rick Rebman 503-567-8560
27: **San Jose, CA** Sy Sauer Open.....Noel Guy 408-378-3101
27: **Clearwater, FL** Sun-N-Fun Open.....PR w/Ed Senger 813-726-6616
27-28: **East Bernard, TX** Farmers ClassicD. Polak 713-277-4851
27-28: **Sacramento, CA** Western StatesL. Wanner 916-383-5644
27-28: **Ocean Springs, MS** Spring Classic.....R. Fowler 601-875-1446
27-28: **Petersburg, VA** Circle "K" OpenGeorge Wall 804-733-5099
28: **Kennewick, WA** Columbia Basin Open.....L. Covey 509-943-6566

MAY

- 4: **Springfield, IL** Spring Fling.....PR w/Alan Jones 217-498-9254
4-5: **Tyler, TX** kilo Bay Classic.....D. Polak 713-277-4851
4-5: **Grottoes, VA** Shenandoah Valley Open ..R. Trobaugh 703-433-7496
4-5: **Sequim, WA** Festival Open.....T. Bostwick 206-683-3093
4-5: **Stockton, CA** P&R \$\$\$ & Schultz Opens...M. Schultz 209-465-0156
4-5: **Ukiah, CA** Beach and Shelton "B" Open ..Jack Fravel 707-462-3775
4-5: **No. Canton, OH** Outback Spring RingerPR w/L. May 216-966-1948
5: **Peters Creek, AK** Eagle River Warm UpAlice Madsen 907-688-3289
9-11: **Bremen, OH** Spring OpenJim Knisley 614-569-4737
11: **Ocean Springs, MS** Mother's Day Sat.....R. Fowler 601-875-1446
11: **Tacoma, WA** Gilbo OpenBob Hoerner 206-584-1233
11: **Santa Rosa, CA** Hagerman Open.....Casey Sluys 707-538-3128
11: **Turlock, CA** Nostalgia Days.....C. Casados 209-723-8465
11-12: **Marble Falls, TX** President's Tourney.....D. Polak 713-277-4851
12: **Yolo, CA** Mother's Day OpenE. Wilson 916-756-1980
18: **Spokane, WA** Wally RehardChuck Holden 509-487-5917
18: **Colusa, CA** 40-Ft. OpenJim Kyker 916-934-3733
18: **Seaside, CA** Robinson OpenG. Lavett 408-899-3246
18-19: **Vancouver, WA** Southwest OpenC. Ferguson 206-693-3827
18-19: **Hearne, TX** Crossroads OpenD. Polak 713-277-4851
18-19: **St. Louisville, OH** Open.....J. Mossholder 614-397-4405
18-19: **Winchester, VA** Apple Capitol OpenPR w/G. Peck 703-662-8416
19: **Eagle River, AK** AHPA RookieCarol Lane 907-248-2255
19: **Hamilton, Ont.** Watt Walking Dlbs.....416-561-4344
19: **Coshocton, OH** Tri-Cty. OpenLarry Shaw 614-622-7852
19: **Vallejo, CA** Mayor's Open.....Vern Gosney 707-554-2967
24-26: **West Liberty, OH** Mem. Day OpenC. Jones 513-465-2215
25: **Seattle, WA** Seattle MemorialN. Hanson 206-365-6521
25: **Yuba City, CA** Ben Capp Mem.O. Hubbard 916-741-3173
25-26: **Wellesley, Ont.** Hohl Ringer Classic.....519-656-2271
25-26: **Cheyenne, WY** Tri-State Open.....Don Laurin 307-634-4671
26: **Pleasanton, CA** Lil Lloyd OpenBill Brown 415-462-2459
27: **Pleasanton, CA** Women Only OpenBill Brown 415-462-2459

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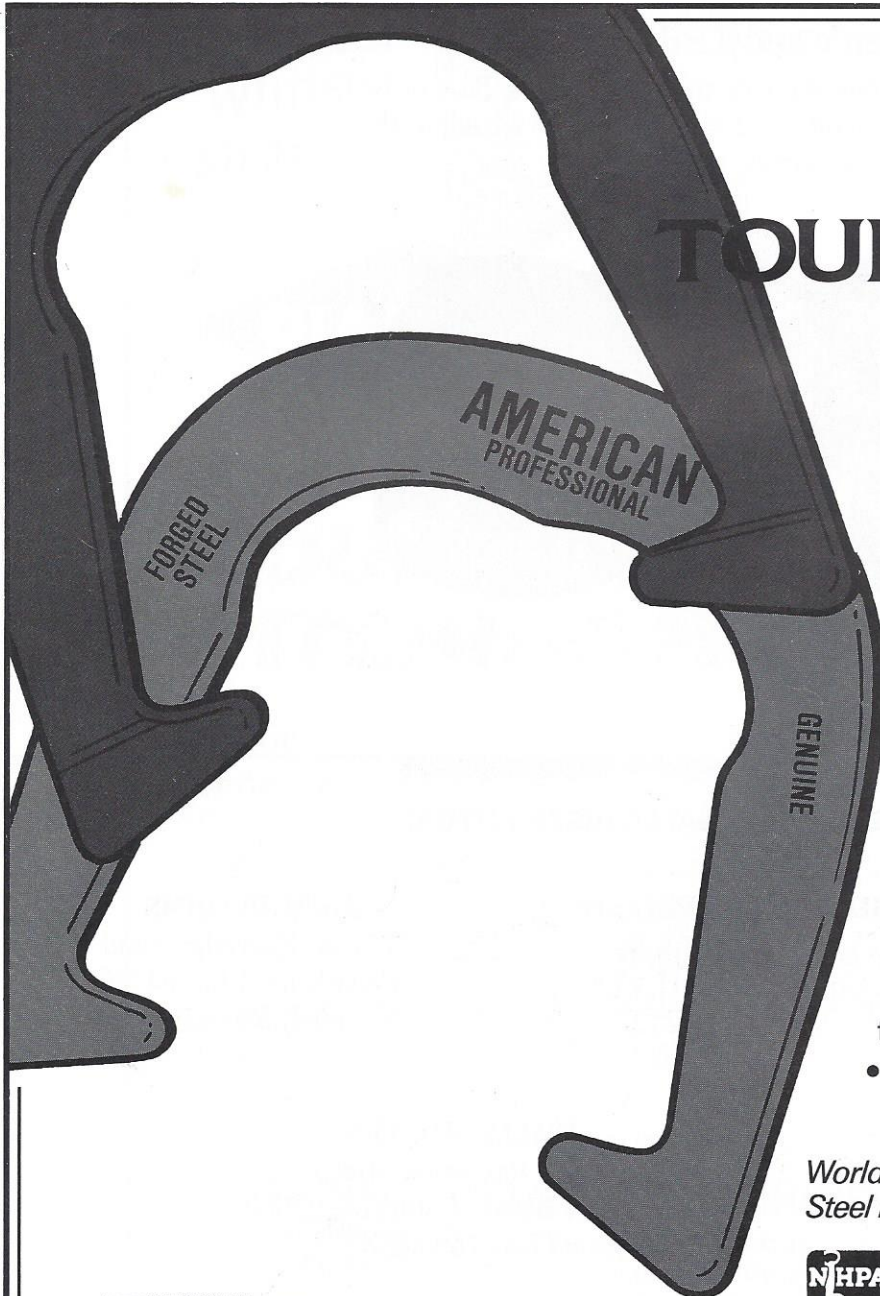
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