



From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Happy New Year, everyone. I know many of you have endured some tough times with the ice storms and power outages. I hope those of you who were affected have emerged without undue hardships.

In addition to the winter storms, we have lost several pitchers and members of pitcher's families due to illness or accident since the last Shoe Biz. My condolences go out to all those families during your time of sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

I have not seen many of our Missouri pitchers this winter since we now have four indoor courts in the lake area. With four singles leagues and a doubles league to monitor and one tournament a month to get organized it has kept me out of the tournament circuit at my usual haunts — Harris Arena, Quail Ridge, and Diamond. With the help of Donna Bastel and many of the local club members, I have been able to maintain my sanity. It has been a team effort and I appreciate all their hard work and support. We have a great facility and hope to see all of you sometime during our indoor season.

Resanctioning of Courts

Most of you are aware the NHPA has directed that all courts throughout the country be resanctioned if any sanctioned leagues or tournaments are conducted on those courts. In fact, you will not be given sanction certificates for any events until your courts have been documented by a Zone Director or our NHPA Representative, Elwyn Cooper. There is a conditional sanctioning level when you meet specific minimum requirements. For most courts that is all you will ever need unless you plan to host a state or national event. As these inspections have been conducted, many clubs were surprised to find their courts had deteriorated to the extent identified. That means a lot of club work parties before the outdoor season begins in March. If you are lucky enough to have park personnel maintaining your courts make sure there is an experienced pitcher on site to make sure the maintenance/improvements are completed in accordance with NHPA directives. Remember, there are NHPF grant monies available (\$1000) to assist in the improvement or expansion of horseshoe facilities. Don't delay your application. They are reviewed only twice each year. Information is available on the NHPA and MOHPA websites.

Also, I would like to extend my thanks to Elwyn and the Zone Directors for all the extra effort they have contributed to insure the MOHPA has the best courts in the NHPA.

Electronic Shoe Biz

I have mentioned several times over the last three years that we are trying to cut costs for the MOHPA. As postage and production costs continue to rise I would like to encourage pitchers to receive their Shoe Biz by downloading it from the MOHPA website. If you are like many people who prefer a hard copy, you can easily print it out after downloading the issue. In fact, you would have to print the issue to get the entry forms for State events, your membership renewal, and the State Fair tournament. If you ever have problems, you can notify me or Stan Griggs, who manages our web site, so that we may resolve them promptly. **I would like for those people who would be willing to forego a mailed Shoe Biz and go electronic to notify me by 1 May 2008.** I will maintain a list of electronic participants and forward it to Vicki Winston so that we can reduce the number of printed copies before the next issue in June. There may not be enough pitchers interested in the electronic version to make it worth our effort but I need to try.

League Directors

NHPA requires you to submit a list of league participants when you start a league and to submit the final results at the completion of the league. Please make sure you forward copies of these reports to Vicki Winston so that we may monitor MOHPA league activity and insure all reports are submitted in a timely manner. Prompt submission of your final reports will help us make sure our MOHPA pitchers receive the appropriate national recognition for their accomplishments. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

NHPA Team Patches

Recently the NHPA adopted "Team Champion" and "Team Class Champion" Patches to better recognize these increasingly popular events. Talk to our NHPA Regional Director, Elwyn Cooper if you host any team event.

MOHPA Awards

Each year your association recognizes individuals for their contributions throughout the year. There are usually three awards, one President's Award and two Achievement Awards. When you feel someone in your club or the association is deserving of these awards please send me a recommendation with some specifics. This year we are bringing back the MOHPA Club Member Recognition Award we first presented in 2004. These awards are presented to one member of each sanctioned club throughout the

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A Touch of Claas

by Jeanette Claas

A new year, a new beginning. What better way to start the new year off than to purchase a brick for the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza. You will discover in this issue that Missouri is the state that has purchased the most engraved bricks and that Missouri is the #1 state in contributions for 2007 and #2 overall, which should make us feel very proud of what we have done. However, there are many more empty bricks out there waiting for your name to be engraved. Check out the brick plaza walkway, you will be so impressed!

Start marking those new calendars. The 2008 tournament schedule that Elwyn Cooper compiled is filled with 92 sanctioned tournaments throughout the state. It's time to start making plans for some exciting coming horseshoe events.

How many Missourians will be heading east this summer to attend the World Tournament in York, PA? Did you know that York was our nations' first capitol? Lots of history and sights to see during your horseshoe competition. You will find a WT Entry Form in the newsletter. The deadline is May 15, 2008, so don't let it slip by.

The "Salad Days" are here. If your goal is to lose weight in '08 then you will want to read about a MOHPA member who recently lost more than 225 pounds—a most courageous battle. The next time you eat a Snickers candy bar you will remember how it got its name when you read about a small town in central Missouri.

There are also entry forms in this issue for the annual MOHPA Open Club/Team Championship Benefit to be held on May 31 at the new Quail Ridge facility. Wouldn't it be great if every club in Missouri could be represented at this event? Let's go for it!

Our centerfold in this issue is about a man who has spent most of his life pitching horseshoes. A man who has always felt the challenge of the game and his need to conquer it.

In this issue you will find the MO Hall of Fame application form. It is now time to start thinking of who you would like to nominate and start gathering information and facts. The deadline is June 1, 2008.

You will be surprised to find out that the cute little baby in the last issue is now a great-grandma and how she puts the pedal to the metal as she travels far to attend horseshoe events.

For all the new members who have climbed aboard our state horseshoe organization, we welcome you and hope that you find much enjoyment pitching in horseshoe competitions. If you are a beginner, get your feet wet and jump into some tournaments. You don't have to be an expert; there is a place for you. When I first joined the MOHPA in 1984, never did I dream what my future would hold—the places I have gone, the people I have met, the trophies I have collected—years of wonderful good times and memories.

From a new horseshoe club in Springfield, we have a new reporter, Peggy Mahon. Thank you, Peggy! All the rest of Missouri horseshoe pitchers will be most eager to hear what is happening at the Doling Park Horseshoe Club.

Ellen Beaver, of Marceline, has now collected all the WT shirts she needs to make the quilt to be held in the Hall of Fame Museum. She has been hibernating all winter long, quilting away and hopes to have it completed in time for the World Tournament.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers are saddened by the loss of three wonderful horseshoe pitchers: Ron Craven, Matt Anson, and John Dods. Our thoughts are also with all those who are no longer able to play the game due to health concerns.

This issue of Shoe Biz as been brought to you by these horseshoe enthusiasts: Jim Bainter, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Elwyn Cooper, Dee McIntire, Rich Altis, Roy Evans, Donna Bastel, Gregg Craven, Dave Loucks, Angie Higginbotham, Terry Bowman, Bea Feldewerth, Peggy Mahon, Judy Waisner, Mary Ann Ell, and Yours Truly.

After serious and cautious consideration, your contract of friendship has been renewed for the new year 2008. It wasn't a very hard decision to make. In 2008 I wishoe peace... "May peace break into your house and thieves come to steal your debts. May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet for \$100 bills. May love stick to your face like Vaseline and may laughter assault your lips! May your clothes smell of success like smoking tires and may your tears be that of joy. May the problem you had, forget your address! In simple words... may 2008 be enriched with blessings all the days of your life.



This & That

by Vicki Winston

Greetings from the part of Missouri that so far this winter hasn't had power outages. Knock on wood! I know it's been rough for some of you and I hope that you have survived safely. I've had some time to reflect on the discussion that has been going on throughout the horseshoe world in recent months concerning NHPA rules and court sanctions. Why do we have these things? The simplest answer is to try and have uniform playing conditions no matter where you go to pitch and to have standardized playing rules everywhere. Why would a club want to promote rules or guidelines that aren't part of the official rules of horseshoe pitching recognized by most of the entire world? If they love and want to promote the sport of horseshoe pitching, why would they not want to offer facilities that meet official specs, even if they don't conduct sanctioned activities? Why would they want to teach new pitchers rules and procedures that are not a part of the official rules of the sport or charge people to pitch at facilities that are not up to NHPA specs? One would have to assume that these clubs might not be true ambassadors for our sport. Yes, change is hard when you've been doing something a certain way for a long time, or your court conditions might not meet NHPA specs and you are asked to fix them. For the good of our sport, everyone should make an effort to have courts that meet NHPA specs and to follow standardized rules, even when not conducting sanctioned events. To offer anything less might cause some people to develop a dislike of a sport which otherwise might provide them with many years of enjoyment.

This brought to mind the story of a very prominent club in our own charter. They were relatively new at the time, but were growing and eager to try new things. Our state statistician had acquired a new computer program which was proving to be a lifesaver in keeping stats at the state tournament, as well as doing all of the work he and the charter secretary needed to do. Our fairly new club decided they would like to try that program and they obtained a copy. The first problem was they couldn't enter league results. When asked why, they replied, "It won't accept shoe counts that end in 5." We asked why they would have shoe counts that end in 5 and were told they were playing 25-shoe games. That's all they had ever done in that neck of the woods, maybe clear back to the beginning of time. We told them they were pitching incomplete games and both shoes must be thrown to complete an inning. The computer program was designed to accept only even numbers of shoes, as that is the NHPA rule. Well, old habits are hard to break and they thought they would outwit the charter officers and the computer program. They decided to pitch four 25-shoe games each league night and that would make 100 shoes, which would be an even number and nobody would know the difference. That was working until someone showed up late one night and only got to pitch three 25-shoe games, so his total was 75 shoes for the evening. Again, their statistician was frantic trying to figure out how to enter 75 shoes into the computer program for that pitcher. It just wasn't going to work. They were reminded once again that they were not following NHPA rules and that all horseshoe games had to have two shoes pitched in each inning. How much extra work

was it going to be to pitch that 26th shoe, instead of carrying it to the other end of the court to retrieve the 25th shoe? So the club changed their ways and began pitching games with an even number of shoes thereby complying with NHPA rules. One can only wonder what would have happened if this club had refused to change old habits. One thing is for certain. They would not currently be the caretakers and primary users of the Quail Ridge facility. I don't tell you this to embarrass the former New Melle HC, but instead am trying to point out what can happen if people are willing to accept change and abide by the proper rules. You can rest assured that the western part of our state would not have been gifted with the Don Harris Arena in Liberty, MO, if Don hadn't trusted the appointed board to construct and manage the facility according to NHPA standards. We know that it's impossible for things like the above to happen to very many clubs throughout the nation, but it's almost guaranteed that not a lot of good will come the way of clubs that don't work hard to promote the sport of horseshoe pitching in the proper manner.

While I am speaking of horseshoe pitching facilities, I now have the NHPA Certificate of Insurance for 2008 if any sanctioned club needs a copy to show city or park board officials. I don't have many requests for this document anymore, but it is available if needed. Just let me know if you want a copy.

On another subject, I had a very pleasant surprise recently when I opened an envelope and found a \$500 donation to the MOHPA. The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but on behalf of the MOHPA I want you to know this is very much appreciated and the money will be put to good use.

Wow! The indoor facilities are great for our sport, but I sure don't get much winter vacation these days. As of February 1, I have already signed up 531 adults and 51 juniors for 2008. It looks like there are a lot of pitchers who won't have rusty horseshoes come spring. If you haven't yet sent for your 2008 card, you are now an unlicensed pitcher. There is a membership application in this issue of Shoe Biz, or you can print one from our web site. Just go to the Info & Forms link. I'll be hoping to hear from you soon. While you are at it, why don't you see if you can recruit a new member to join with you?

Have you seen the new feature that's been added to our web site? We now have a Bulletin Board very prominently displayed on the home page. We are using that for notices and announcements. There is even a Classified Ad section if you have a pair of horseshoes you want to sell. Maybe Stan will accept ads for other items you wish to sell. It won't hurt to ask. Instructions are given as to how to use the Bulletin Board. This is another useful tool thanks to our talented webmaster.

A reminder to anyone that is changing pitching distance, the charter secretary must be notified when you make this change and you must give the date when the change is taking effect. This is mandatory and I ask the clubs to please help me get this information. Our pitchers sometimes forget. If my records are wrong, the information is going to be wrong in lots of other places also, so I will appreciate the help of everyone in keeping the files accurate. Thank you!

When you move, if you do not send your new address to the charter secretary, you will not receive Shoe Biz, unless you are on the first class mailing list. Bulk mail is not forwarded. It is simply

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state. Each club president or organizer should consider who in their club should be recognized and forward that name to your Zone Director. Please don't select anyone who received the award in 2004. This individual should be one of your unsung pitchers who may or may not be one of the better pitchers but is always there to support the club. The awards will be presented at the awards dinner during the 2008 State Championships. I would encourage the club to make sure award recipients attend so they may enjoy the personal recognition.

New Club

There is a new club being organized in the Springfield area—the Dolling Park Horseshoe Club. The president is John Price. Their facility is new, with three courts located near the community center. Bob Bastel and I attended a kickoff meeting in early January that was attended by 15 potential members. The group includes both new and experienced pitchers who are enthusiastic and ready for the season to begin. The club will be sponsored by Hummer Horseshoes.

MOHPA Officer Meeting

This year, we moved the annual winter officer meeting from February to November. This helps us avoid potential bad roads and gives us the opportunity to have a second meeting later in the spring. We decided to have that second officer meeting the night before the annual Club/Team Benefit. By having two meetings in addition to the general membership meeting we are able to reduce the length of these meetings and address issues of concern to the association on a more frequent basis. As usual, I would encourage you to let me know of your concerns, good and bad, so we can address those issues and improve your association.

New Memberships

None of my articles would be complete without a plea for increasing both our Junior and Adult memberships. Now is the time of year to talk to your friends and neighbors about joining the MOHPA and competing in one of the many summer leagues throughout the state. We are still Number 2, and like Avis, we must try harder to meet the challenges of our annual membership fluctuations. I also solicit your help in getting more Junior pitchers involved. Don't forget those nieces, nephews, and grandchildren when leagues are forming. What better way to spend time with them and to expose them to an inexpensive sport they can play throughout their lives.

Club/Team Benefit Tournament

Attention club presidents and league organizers: It's time to start thinking about getting your team, or teams, together for our only MOHPA benefit event of the year. It would be great to have at least one team from each club that holds sanctioned events throughout the year. This year the tournament will be held at Quail Ridge so we have room for more than 20 teams. All play will be on permanent courts, 16 indoor and 16 outdoor. If you don't belong to a club, contact one in your area. They may need pitchers to fill out an additional team. It's a bragging rights thing. Let's have some great competition this year.

I wish everyone a great pitching season. "That's it from the Pits."



Shoe Biz Boosters

by Vicki Winston

If you would like to receive Shoe Biz via first class mail, please send a donation of \$10 or more to the MOHPA in care of our



secretary, Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. A Shoe Biz Boosters donation entitles you to a listing and first class mailing for three issues. Expiration dates are listed below. Some folks continue to send multiple donations, but no listings have been extended past Feb. 2009. Thank you all for your support of our newsletter!

Listing expires after Feb. 2008 Issue		Earl/Vicki Winston	\$20
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destroyed by the post office. Please help by reporting your change of address to the charter secretary, so that the MOHPA is not wasting postage. We've had some problems recently with our mailing lists, but we think we have the problems remedied for this issue. However, the postal service being what it is, we can't guarantee that there will be 100% delivery to all valid addresses. Once in awhile I get first class mail returned that has the proper address on it. Maybe that's a new wrinkle to sell more stamps.

I've rambled on long enough, so until next time I will leave you with this thought, "One way to keep living to be one hundred is to keep breathing."

Condensed Financial Report

Total Funds on Hand 11/01/07	\$15,146.63
Receipts	7,149.96
Expenses	- 8,285.50
Total Funds on Hand 2/01/08	\$14,011.09



Last Shoe



Ronald Craven

September 1, 1916–November 20, 2007

A familiar face, a familiar name has left the horseshoe courts. On November 20, 2007, Ronald G. Craven, age 91, passed away in Liberty of natural causes.

Ron was born and raised on a farm in Albany. He would continue farming most of his life. Ron married Joyce Gregory in 1939. They celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1989 and Joyce died less than two years later. They would become the parents of four sons and one daughter. They enjoyed 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. In 1991, Ron married a special friend, Bernice, who survives at their home.

In the late 1950s, Ron told his sons, “Boys, lets get some horseshoes!” It marked the beginning of many horseshoe events that the Craven family would share together. Ron pitched his first horseshoe tournament in 1972 at the Punkin Show in Skidmore, winning 1st place and taking home \$25 in prize money. Ron joined the MOHPA in 1981. He pitched in the Missouri State Tournament from 1986 until 2002.

Ron made twelve World Tournament appearances, pitching 40’ with a 49% average at the age of 78 in Syracuse. In 1998, at the age of 82, he moved up to 30 feet. He just kept on getting better. In 1999 he won the Class E Elders at the Greenville, OH, World Tournament, averaging 56.3%. The following year he won his class championship at the World Tournament in Bismarck, ND, averaging 59.9%. A big highlight in horseshoes came in 1999 at the Ray Cavin Memorial Tournament in St. Joe. He went 5-0, averaging 64%, and brought home the big traveling trophy. He defeated Don Harris, Stan Griggs, and Lou Rector. Can’t you just see that big smile on his face? Then in 2002 he won the Elders A class in the Festus heat, averaging 55.2% on his 86th birthday!

Ron’s positive attitude on the courts has inspired many with all the ringers he achieved in the later years of his life. He was always encouraging new and young pitchers and worked with an elementary class from the Albany school. When Alan and Tom Francis were both Junior pitchers, Ron invited them to put on a demonstration at the Albany Festival. He gave their parents some expense money and they have never forgotten it.

Ron will be missed by all horseshoe pitchers in Missouri who knew him. He left a lasting impression and friendship on the horseshoe courts. His sons remark about their father, “One of the most inspiring things about our Dad is that even with lots of hard times and disappointments; he always kept a positive attitude and always enjoyed life and the people around him.” Ron Craven—a familiar face—has left us, but his memory will never be forgotten and his spirit lives within us.

Ron is survived by his wife Bernice; sons Gregg (Audra), Larry, Brady (Nann), and Mark; daughter Betty Bonham (Wayman); 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and many friends.

John Dods

November 20, 1950–December 15, 2007

John Dods, of Archie, passed away on December 15 at the age of 56 from complications of cancer. He was a member of the MOHPA for 16 years and a member of the Lions Park Horseshoe Club in Peculiar.

John was born in Memphis, TN, on November 20, 1950. His father was a Lt. Colonel in the US Army. They lived in France and Germany, and then moved to Raytown, MO, where he started kindergarten. He later graduated from Grandview High School. In 1982 he moved to Archie, MO, where he purchased a house, married Joanne, and had children—Brian, Robin, Evan, and Hannah.

John began pitching with the Lions Park Horseshoe Club in Peculiar in 1991, encouraging his children to join him. His two sons, Brian and Evan, pitched when they were in their early teens. Hannah, his youngest daughter, is now a MOHPA member. John was so proud of Hannah when she won first place in her class last year in the World Tournament in Oklahoma. John was unable to be at the MO State Horseshoe Tournament in 2007 due to his declining health.

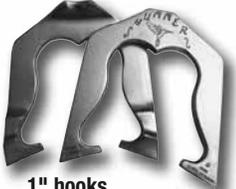
John was employed at Sioux Chief in Peculiar for 20 years as the tool and dye manager. John was the only machinist when he started there and, before his death in December, he was the manager over eight other people. John was a Christian man of faith, very active in his church. He was a member of the church board and he loved doing nursery duty. He was the first one there whenever the church needed something done. He was a man who cared about people; when

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Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

While traveling on I-70, you will want to get off the beaten path in Central Missouri to visit a small, almost deserted town, population 199, so full of Missouri history. Take Exit 89 to Highway 41; within a span of six miles you will come upon Hwy K, which serves as Main Street located in the middle of town. A wooden chain saw sculpture of an Osage Indian will be there to greet you. And if caught speeding, there is a replica of the one room jail cell, you might not want to visit. All Aboard for Blackwater! Let's jump on the train and see what this railroad town has to offer.

The town, located in Cooper County, was founded in 1887 near the recently completed Missouri-Pacific Railroad. In its earliest beginning, Nathaniel Bridgewater purchased a tract of 80 acres from the U.S. At his death, he left no will, so a son-in-law purchased the estate for the sum of \$866. A few years later the land was sold and purchased by John Trigg. Upon his death, he left a will, one quite lengthy and unusual. It is so unique, that it has been mentioned in text books and studied in some schools to impress upon the students the stress and destruction that some families suffered during the Civil War.

The city of Blackwater derived its name from the beautiful Blackwater River, which is believed given its name by the Indians, due to the rich, black soil in the bottom lands. The streets are named after its forefathers with an exception of two new names. Park Avenue which leads to the park and Snickers Lane, only a block long and never paved. But that's another story.

By the 1940s, modern transportation made it easier for residents to travel further for employment and shopping needs, and the downtown stores were empty and in deplorable condition. Only four businesses survived. Eventually some residents came together and organizations were formed finding ways to better the town. You will enjoy seeing what civic spirit has done to create a haven for antique shoppers, railroad lovers and folks who love the atmosphere of a very small town. The town encompasses about an eight block area which includes the Mo. Pacific Depot, a theatre, Huffman's Dry Goods, antique shops, a telephone pioneer museum and a windmill that sits in the middle of Main Street. You might want to stay at the Old Iron Horse Hotel featuring a restaurant and ragtime piano playing while you dine.

The little town of Blackwater has the 'distinction' of being the home of a Mars Candy Co. contest winner. From 1930 through the 1940s Minnie and Doc Morgan owned and operated a drugstore on Main Street with living quarters in the back. When the Mars Candy Co. had a contest to name their new candy bar, Minnie sent in several entries. The company chose "Snickers" and the rest is history. For her efforts, Minnie won a little Austin car. It had a narrow wheel base, two people could sit in it if "they weren't too wide in the hips," they said. Whenever Minnie got in a hurry going around a corner too fast, it would tip over! Cursing and kicking it, Minnie would

round up a couple of gents to set it up on its wheels and she'd take off again. Eventually she sold it and bought a Model 'A' Ford.

Can you guess Missouri's State Rock? It would be *mozarkite*. A lifelong resident from this small historical town in central Missouri successfully lobbied in 1967 to have mozarkite adopted as the official state rock. Mr. Philip Widel collected gem rocks and would attend rock shows, displaying mozarkite and trading it for other gem rocks. He received a letter from the 74th General Assembly who passed the bill in 1967 informing him of the passage and that he had been given the honorary title of "Mr. Mozarkite."

As we were traveling to the World Horseshoe Tournament in OK this summer we stopped in Pilot Grove to attend a family reunion. A cousin reported that her brother was attending the World Horseshoe Tournament in Ardmore. That person happened to be Chris Oswald, who is a member of the Saline County Horseshoe Club in Marshall. I didn't connect with him at the World as he had already left by the time we arrived, but I sure looked him up in Independence at the State Tournament. I didn't have to look too far as he was sitting there keeping score as he always does. When I saw his name on the scoresheet I immediately went up and introduced myself.

As we were talking it was discovered that he was born and raised in Blackwater, living directly across from the Blackwater R2 School. He recalls fond memories of working with his Dad in his antique store on Main Street. Estil Oswald was among the top antique dealers in Missouri at that time.

In 1984 Chris moved to Marshall where he was employed by the

International Shoe Co. He was pitching shoes in his backyard with a friend who told him about Tom Ebers and the Saline County Horseshoe Club which Chris joined. Since that time Chris has appeared in many MO State Tournaments. He traveled to his first World Horseshoe Tournament in Ardmore, OK this summer. "It was a lot more than I expected," Chris said. He loved the friendly people and the competition at the tournament. His 18 year old daughter, Brandi, is also a Missouri horseshoe pitcher, who pitches on the league in Marshall. She has also made some appearances in tournament play and took 2nd place in the Girls Division at State.

In March of 2005 a great change came into Chris's life. With his weight topping 480 lbs and suffering with health problems, he decided something had to be done if he wanted any quality of life. He opted for the gastric bypass surgery which was done in Sedalia. The biggest risk was infection. Chris stayed on all liquids for the first month and gradually built his eating style back. Since that time with diet and exercise Chris has lost over 230 lbs.! Although there are more surgeries awaiting him, it is a new beginning for him too. It was a battle that he won and has forever changed his everyday living. If any of our readers are considering this surgery, Chris said he would be glad to talk with you. He is able to do things that he has never been able to do. He says, "Horseshoe pitching is good exercise and has helped me to conquer my goal."

Chris has participated in league play for over 18 years in Marshall and looks forward to many more years of pitching. Tom Ebers remarks of Chris, "Chris has been an active member of the Saline



County Horseshoe Pitchers since 1989. Whenever the club had tournaments Chris was always at our work nights and kept scored during the tournaments. Chris did all this at a time he weighed 480 pounds. He is down to a remarkable 220 pounds now. If all members were as helpful as Chris running our clubs would be much easier.”

By attending the family reunion, just look what I learned and was able to pass on to you: we had a family member in horseshoes; we learned that he had had a severe health problem that he conquered; we got to learn about the historic town of Blackwater; we learned how Mozarkite became the state rock and that



the Snickers Candy Bar derived its name from a Missouri resident. Stopping in Blackwater is a must for all Missourians. Put it on your list of things to do, you will never forget this small town, USA. For more information you can visit its website for events and festivals held throughout the year at www.blackwater-mo.com or send email requests for information to visit@blackwater-mo.com. Once you visit this tiny town of Blackwater, you will understand why Chris is so proud of his hometown. The horseshoe pitchers of Missouri salute Blackwater, for its place in our state’s history, and to Chris Oswald, who has fought his own courageous battle. “All Aboard for Blackwater!”

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someone needed help he made it a point to be there. He loved working with the youth with sports. He coached basketball and baseball for the Archie elementary school. He was a very kind and generous person. John was a wonderful husband and father, always putting his kids first. He taught each of his children to hunt and handle a gun and he taught his kids to pitch horseshoes. He loved woodworking and hunting. John loved life and people and took every opportunity to live and enjoy it to the fullest. John will be sadly missed by his family and on the horseshoe courts in Peculiar. Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their deepest sympathy to his family.

Mathew Anson
1965-2007

Matt Anson, age 42, of Independence, accidentally died on October 10, 2008. Matt, a contractor, was installing siding on a house when he moved a ladder into some overhead power lines and suffered an electrical shock. Clint Sloan, another contractor, was working with him at the time of the accident. “He leaned it back too far, he had the ladder off the ground, and it made him the circuit. All the electricity went through him,” Sloan said. Sloan said he and other workers tried to help the victim by doing CPR. He was taken to a local hospital, where he later died.

Matt had pitched two years with the Independence Horseshoe Club. He had just started pitching with the Heart of America Fall league when the accident happened. Matt took an instant liking to horseshoe pitching and was very gung-ho about it. He is very much missed on the courts, both in Independence and at the Don Harris Arena.

Besides horseshoe pitching, Matt rode ATVs, competed in motocross, golfed, hunted, fished, and was always there for his family and friends. Matt had his own one-man business, Anson Home and Lawn Care, spending long hours there. He was a church-going man who attended Sunday services as well as Bible studies throughout the week.

Matt will be remembered as a genuinely good man who consistently went out of his way to help others. Kelly, his wife of 19 years, says that “my choice of a husband turned out to be the best thing in my life.” Besides Kelly, Matt is survived by a daughter, two stepsons, two grandchildren, seven brothers and sisters, and many other relatives and friends. He will be very much missed on the courts, both in

Independence and at the Don Harris Arena. Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their deepest sympathy to the Anson family and to all who knew him. A memorial fund to help his family is still open: The Matthew Anson Memorial Fund, Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co., 4200 Little Blue Parkway, Independence, MO 64057.

Our Sympathies

- Dan Wilmes, QRHC, in the loss of their daughter on Oct. 12.
- Don & Floyd Roberts, Liberty HC, in the loss of their brother on Nov. 8.
- Roy Evans, QRHC, in the loss of his mother and brother on Dec.31.
- Charlie Killgore, Liberty HC, in the loss of his mother on January 2.
- Ralph Pieper, QRHC, in the recent loss of his sister in January.
- Jan Kreienkamp, QRHC, in the loss of her sister on February 2.

Illnesses

- Mary Duke, QRHC, carpal tunnel surgery in October.
- Jim Howard, QRHC, arthroscopic knee surgery in October.
- Francis Griesbauer, QRHC, hip replacement in October.
- Harold Duke, QRHC, compressed fracture of the spine in October.
- Larry Gilchrist, QRHC, fell and cracked ribs in November.
- JoAnn Eisenbies, QRHC, fell and broke her leg in November.
- Mary Wade, QRHC, back surgery in December.
- Ray Nadler, QRHC, knee replacement in January.
- Ron Rothove, Ozark Horseshoe Club, had bypass surgery in January.
- Jan Couch, OHC, had rotator cuff surgery last fall.
- Dennis Benson, OHC, knee surgery in January.
- Ed Davis, OHC, had foot surgery.
- Doug Peoples, OHC, more skin cancer removed.
- Gary Bowling, Crane, suffered another heart attack.
- Tommy Edmondson, Crane, diagnosed with esophageal cancer.
- Bill Waisner, Crane, suffering from painful arthritis.
- Carlyle Gricks, Diamond, undergoing radiation treatment for cancer.
- Michael Gillespie, Peculiar, had shoulder surgery.

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Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Jeanette Claas



Looking at the picture of the beautiful baby in the October issue of Shoe Biz, I'm sure you will agree a prettier baby there couldn't be. As she grew up, her good looks stayed with her. And better still, her charm and beautiful ways are even more impressive.

About 50 miles north of Joplin, traveling north, you will see a large billboard on the side of the road advertising 6,000 pairs of cowboy boots. These boots are made for walkin' and if you would like to purchase all 6,000 pair they'll make you a good deal. If you take the turn off and travel about a mile down the road you will reach the small country town, population 549, of Sheldon ... and this town happens to be the hometown of Joann Jones.

Born and raised in and around the Sheldon area, Joann plans on living there the remainder of her life. Fifty years ago Joann married her high school sweetheart, Ron Jones. They moved to Nevada, MO, 15 miles north of Sheldon.

In 1974 Joann and Ron became co-owners of Jones Twine Wire & Boots Company. Today they have seven full-time employees and several that work part time. Joann does all the bookwork and Ron does all the sales work. Ron is a distributor of the baler twine, the world's best twine in the industry. Together they have made a successful business and earned a comfortable living for their family.

After marriage, they soon became the proud parents of three sons, Dusty, Jim, and Travis. Joann grew up in a family with boys so she was used to all the daredevil, mischievous ways that boys have as they grow up. The Jones' family went boating together, water skied and snow skied together, and rode motorbikes together. Then one day, tragedy struck their family and changed their lives altogether. Their youngest son, Travis, at 11 years of age, was killed in an unfortunate accident on his motorbike. The event was a parent's nightmare, and one that you never fully recover from. Although this happened more than thirty years ago, Joann remembers the incident vividly and says the heartache never really leaves you. "The best medicine for those who experience such grief," Joann says, "is to stay busy and not dwell on it. Life goes on and you have to make the best of it." Joann and Ron moved back to Sheldon in 1975. Today, their son Dusty works with them in their family business and their son Jim works as a plumber in Nixa. They now enjoy four grandchildren and became great-grandparents in September. As their grandchildren were growing up, Joann and Ron would take them to Colorado each year for a snow-skiing trip. Ron and Joann enjoy going to church and are both active members at the First Baptist Church in Lamar where Ron serves has served as a deacon for many years.

As Joann was growing up she watched her dad, Jack Brown, pitch horseshoes in local tournaments. He taught her to pitch shoes and she would go with him and enter tournaments. They would pitch in the Old Settler's Picnic held each August for lo-

cal competition. Although her father has passed away, Joann still pitches in that local tournament today.

She didn't take her horseshoes seriously until she joined the MOHPA in 2001 when she became a member of the Stockton Horseshoe Club. Later she became a member of the Peculiar Horseshoe Club. She also pitches in tournaments at Diamond, which is 45 minutes away from Sheldon. In order for Joann to pitch in league play at Peculiar, she drives 1 hour and 15 minutes each way and to Liberty it is a two hour drive. She's gotta love it!

Joann went to her first World Tournament in 2003 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The bug bit hard as she won first place in the Senior Women's D Class with a record of 14 wins and 0 losses and an average of 34.45%; she hasn't missed a World Tournament since. Her husband, Ron, does not pitch shoes, but he is her #1 fan. Joann's calm demeanor makes her a stiff competitor on the courts. At the state level, Joann won 1st Place in Class D at Festus. The following year in Springfield she won 1st in Class C Doubles with her partner, Jim Bainter. She also collected a 2nd place trophy in Women's Class D Division. In 2005 she placed 2nd in Women's Player of the Year, and the following year she earned first place in Women's Player of the Year.

As Joann enjoys pitching shoes, she is also enjoying collecting trophies along the way. She has won many trophies in tournaments, placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Her current average is 40% and she pitched her high game of 57.50% during a Liberty tournament.

Horseshoe pitching skill seems to run in Joann's family. Grandson Anthony Jones won 3rd place in his division in the state tournament in 2001. She characterizes horseshoe pitching as an individual sport. "It's almost lonely," she implies, "You are entirely on your own."

Joann and Ron, along with Joann's sister-in-law, traveled to Ardmore this summer to participate in the 2007 World Tournament. Joann was hungry for another world class trophy but she had to settle for 8th in her class among three other Missouri ladies. Perhaps this summer in York, PA, she will find another championship title. "Keeping up with the Jones's" as she travels the highways to and from her horseshoe events might be a job better left for the state highway patrol. Missouri horseshoe pitchers are happy that Joann found her way back into horseshoes as she pursues her interest in competition on the courts.



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Whose days are lived –
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*Who is this horseshoe
princess? Find out in the next
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New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston



Welcome to the following who have joined the NHPA and the MOHPA for the very first time through February 1, 2008, of the 2008 membership year.

Name	City	Club
Jon Aronson	Independence	Liberty
Gina Baker	Lawson	Liberty
Dave Benton	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Rene Benton	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Bill Burlison	Advance	Backyard
Robert Burns	Smithville	Liberty
Thad Carpentier	Independence	Heart of America
Angelica Christine	Independence	Heart of America
Lauren Clifton	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
Mike Crouch	Liberty	Liberty
Jason Daniel	Hematite	Festus
Kelcee Devault	Advance	Backyard
Joann Eisenbeis	Troy	Quail Ridge
Lukas Roger Ellermann	Gladstone	
Madison Ellermann	Fulton	
Logan Enderle	Holt	
Olivia Enderle	Holt	
Danny Flatt	Jamestown	
Barbara Foster	Gladstone	Liberty
Matt Friend	Park Hills	Mineral Area
Mel Gibson	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Todd Gordon	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Tom Gray	Bloomsdale	Festus
Norm Green	Gladstone	Liberty
Vernon Griesbauer	Troy	Quail Ridge
Joey Griffith	Steelville	Quail Ridge
Jeremiah Hamilton	Trenton	
Kyle Harris	Granby	Stockton
David Harrison	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Kirk Himmelsbach	St. Peters	Quail Ridge
Miles Hoffer	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Christine Holt	Arnold	Festus
David Hurst	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Kimberly Jones	Chesterfield	Quail Ridge
Madison Jones	Chesterfield	Quail Ridge
Mason Jones	Chesterfield	Quail Ridge
Steve Jones	Chesterfield	Quail Ridge
Gary Jurkowski	Pevely	Festus
Jack Killgore	St. Joseph	
Gary Klemme	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Charlie Kyhl	Silex	Quail Ridge
Michael Langhimm	Fredericktown	Backyard
Daniel Laxton	Camdenton	Lake Ozark
Michael Letscher	Parkville	Liberty
Milagros Loehner	House Springs	Festus
Jeff Lowery	Liberal	
Kevin Maher	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
Buddy Maupin	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Norma McGuirk	St. Peters	Quail Ridge
David McNeil	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Jane McPherson	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Ron McPherson	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Richard Merli	St. Peters	Quail Ridge
Wilma Merli	St. Peters	Quail Ridge
Mark Moreland	O'Fallon	
Tom O'Connor	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Betsy Pabst	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Todd Palmer	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Gary Patton	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
Stan Pawlowski	St. Louis	Festus
Randy Penberthy Jr.	Defiance	Quail Ridge
Jon Pilliard	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Dalton Reeves	Bonnots Mill	Capitol City
Kelsey Reeves	Bonnots Mill	Capitol City
Richard Reina	Camdenton	Lake Ozark
Nita Rinehart	Crane	Hudson Hall
Bob Rogers	Defiance	Quail Ridge
Mary Lou Rogers	Defiance	Quail Ridge
Mary Scharf	St. Charles	Quail Ridge
Lukas Schneider	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Sherri Schneider	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Blake Schulte	Moscow Mills	Quail Ridge
Tom Shaw Sr.	Weston	Pony Express
Stuart Sisson	Osage Beach	Lake Ozark
Andy Smith	Liberty	Liberty
Elmer Smith Jr.	Excelsior Springs	Liberty
Craig Spidle	Ewing	
Justin Storie	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
David Sullivan	St. Charles	Quail Ridge
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NHPF News, Views & Donations

by Dave Loucks

It's a new year and a few months after the opening of the National Hall of Fame in Wentzville, MO. I hope that all of you enjoyed a Happy Holiday Season and that some of you included the NHPF in your year-end gift giving. The Hall of Fame is a beautiful facility that all NHPA members should be proud of, enough so to periodically contribute to its upkeep by sending a cash donation or purchasing an engraved brick in the Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza just outside the front entrance.

After 12 years of writing articles in the Newline Magazine and sending three mass mailings to the membership to raise funds for the building project, one would have hoped that a bigger portion of the membership would have gotten involved. However, to date, only slightly more than 1,100 people or families have sent in a personal donation. The number represents less than 10% of the NHPA members. Fortunately, several Charter associations and clubs along with the NHPA have been very supportive, some much more than others. I believe this would be a good time to acknowledge a few who have been outstanding in their support. Thanks in large part to them, the first eleven months of 2007 brought some \$55,000 in individual contributions, the most since the NHPF was founded. Let me mention and give special thanks to:

- California, the #1 state in total dollar contributions over the past 12 years.
- Missouri, the #1 state in contributions for 2007 and #2 overall.
- California, the state with the most individuals and clubs who have contributed \$500 or more
- Missouri, the state that has ordered the most engraved bricks.
- Minnesota, the Charter that is #1 in dollars contributed by the actual Charter Association.
- Emerald Horseshoe Club in Eugene, Oregon, the #1 club in dollars contributed.
- Dogwood Tournament in Statesville, NC, the #1 contributing tournament.

The NHPA itself has been the overall largest contributor to the NHPF. Each month the NHPA contributes the interest it earns on its money market account and, fortunately, the convention delegates have for several years voted a \$1.00 per member contribution. Since the NHPF was formed in 1996, eight individuals or families have contributed more than \$2,500 each. Thirty-one people, eight clubs, and ten charters have exceeded the \$1,000 contribution level. Twenty-three donors have sent in contributions ten or more times, with Art Moran of Minnesota leading the pack. Art has sent in a check an astounding 108 times.

Some 670 bricks of the near 4,000 in the commemorative brick plaza have now been sold. If you haven't yet purchased a brick, make it a point to put it on your list of things to do in 2008. If you have already purchased, please continue your financial support and encourage your fellow members to buy a brick or send in a contribution. Not only will you be helping with the financial upkeep of the new Hall of Fame facility but also you will be as-

sisting the NHPF as we strive to preserve the past and build the future of horseshoe pitching. Your brick order or tax-deductible donation of any amount should be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

During the months of October and November, the NHPF received and deposited \$6,694 through contributions and brick orders. Donating \$400-\$499 was the Missouri State Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Be a Team Player—Buy a Commemorative Brick

What a great way to support this NHPA Hall of Fame building project. Buy a commemorative brick to remember or honor someone special, a loved one, a friend, club or business. An engraved brick is the perfect way to let someone special know how much you care. Honor your parents, spouse, children, grandchildren, club or organization. Remember a special date, a birthday, graduation or anniversary. An engraved brick is a gift that can last forever.

Your engraved commemorative brick will be laid in the Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza just outside the front entrance to the Hall of Fame building. There will be a large special horseshoe shaped bench on which to sit and enjoy some of the park vista while perusing the engraved bricks in the plaza.

A brochure and order form is on the NHPF Website. Go the the NHPA Website and click on the link for the NHPF. The bricks are ordered thru Dave Loucks at PO Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

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Two brick sizes are available. The vast majority will be 4"x8". A limited number will be 8" x 8". The smaller brick can have up to three engraved lines. Each line can have up to 13 characters including blanks and punctuation. All letters are in CAPS. Cost: \$100 per brick, 3 bricks for \$250.

The larger 8" x 8" brick can have up to six lines of engraving, 13 characters per line. Quantities of this size will be very limited. First ordered, first served. Cost: \$200 per brick.

Purchasing Bricks from Missouri as of 10/1/07 are:

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Our Junior Spotlight Shines on Martin Williams

by Jeanette Claas

Martin Williams is one of Missouri's most talented junior horseshoe pitchers. Horseshoe fever got him at a very early age. He started pitching shoes with his dad, Danny Williams, at the age of four. When he was six, Martin pitched in his first State Tournament and finished in 5th place.

Now 14, Martin Williams is an experienced horseshoe pitcher. His favorite horseshoes are Six Pacs and he pitches a very impressive 1¼ turn. In ten years he has achieved much success on the courts. Martin says he has pitched in more than 200 tournaments and probably has won at least 125.

Martin attended his first World Tournament in 2002 at Eau Claire, WI, at the age of nine. This year the Williams family traveled to Ardmore, OK, to attend the 2007 World Tournament. Martin found himself pitching in Class A. There was a wide point spread in this class, from 75.72% to 58.13%, with Martin seeded #12. Martin met the defending 2006 World Junior Champion for his first game. Martin was on. He pitched a whopping 75% against Tommy Lee, who pitched 70%. Martin won the game 35-18. With a ringer percentage of 53.64%, Martin qualified for the Junior Championship Class. Although he was disappointed with the outcome, Martin pitched 53.13% for the tournament.

Martin's current average is 58.17% and his high tournament av-

erage was 63.57%. He admires the pitching skill of Alan Francis and hopes to become a world champion someday. When he was nine, Martin beat Tyler Elfrink, of Leopold, at the 2002 MO State Tournament in Festus, pitching a 83%.

Martin, son of Danny & Melody Williams, was born on December 30, 1992, in Cape Girardeau. He has one brother and three sisters, ages 19, 26, and 26. His brother was killed in an auto accident at the age of 19. At the present time, Martin is an "uncle" to five nieces and, more recently, a nephew, to which he says, "I was glad to finally have another boy in the family." Martin also enjoys his three dogs, Bubba, Mutt, and Pretty Girl, and one cat, which he named DumDum.



Martin is attending Woodland High School in Marble Hill as a freshman. His favorite subject in school is math. He is looking forward to playing basketball and baseball in his high school years.

Martin sets his goals high; he would like to be both a State Champion and World Champion. He tells his friends that pitching horseshoes is fun, keeps you busy, and keeps you from ever getting bored. His best advice to other kids is to "keep practicing and never give up."

Missouri is definitely proud of all of Martin's achievements at such a young age. With his determination, we are sure that he will reach his goals in horseshoes. Good luck to you, Martin!

What's That Rule

by Rich Altis

When I receive questions about horseshoe rules I will give the RGS book rule number and the section where I have found the answer to your question. You may go to www.horseshoepitching.com and click on Rules. There you will find the complete contents of the RGS Rule Book. For answers to your rules questions send your question to richaltis@juno.com.

The consequence of intentionally violating Rule 3, section D, 1 and 2, can be found in Rule 12.



who pitches first should step directly back to the position described in # 2, above.

For the tournament directors

When a pitcher forfeits one or more games all shoes pitched, will be used in determining the final statistics for the tournament.

Rule 12 – Appropriate NHPA Member Conduct Section A – On the courts

An NHPA member, while in competition, shall make no disturbing noises or movements that would distract the opponent or contestants on adjacent courts. Other inappropriate behavior would include profanity, abusive language, obscene gestures, etc. The first offense shall call for a warning from the judge or a Tournament/League Official. A second offense shall call for a forfeiture of the game being played. Any further offenses shall call for a forfeiture of all games. This member shall also be subject to a one (1) year suspension from the NHPA (see Bylaws for additional information).

Section B – Sportsmanship

Any NHPA member who indulges in heckling or unfair rooting, uses profanity or **abusive language, makes obscene gestures, or exhibits any other form of un-sportsmanlike conduct toward the contestants, Tournament/League Officials, or other NHPA members** who are in the area of the courts, shall be subject to expulsion from the Tournament/League and from the Tournament/League site. This member shall also be subject to a one (1) year suspension from the NHPA (see Bylaws for additional information).

Rule 3 – Play of the Game and Value of the Shoe Section D – Position of Contestants During Delivery

1. The Opponent – When not pitching, the opponent shall stand quietly and stationary on or behind the same court's opposite pitching platform and at least two feet (2') behind the contestant who is pitching from the same or adjacent court. In mixed-distance pitching, a short-distance contestant who pitches first must return to this position; on or behind the forty-foot (40') pitching platform.
2. The Contestants – If both contestants use the same pitching platform to deliver their shoes, the contestant pitching first should cross over (in front of the pit) to the other platform and then move back to the position described in # 2, above. As the first contestant is crossing over in front, the second contestant should be crossing over and onto the same platform, from the rear. If the contestants use opposite platforms, the contestant

Crane Ringers Horseshoe Club

by Judy Waisner

Crane Creek Ringers had another flood with this last storm. Water was over our bridge and half way up in our building. We lost some fence and five courts were damaged. We found our bleachers under the Hwy 413 bridge. We had repaired the courts, but will have to do more work again to get them in shape for our tournaments. We have a lot of mud on the courts and will take a lot of clean up on the walk ways and the building. The park also had a lot of damage to the ball diamonds and their fences were also torn down. The park had to be closed off by the police due to the mud and debris.

We have also had a lot of illness here at Crane. Gary Bowling had another heart attack and almost died. Tommy Edmondson was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and had major surgery. He has had to go back to the hospital a couple of times, but is home on tube feedings to get his strength back and then will have chemo or radiation later. Gary is also on dialysis as an outpatient. Bill is still suffering with arthritis of the knee, back and hand. He cannot take any medication for it since he is still on the Coumadin for his heart. All of these guys are real fighters, so please add them to your prayer list. They can use some extra help.

We had another good league in 2007. First round winners: 1. Darrin Sherman, 8.5-.5; 2. Tommy Edmondson, 6-3 (33.6%); 3. Reggie Kuhs, 6-3 (25.6%). Second round winners: 1. Duwane Blevins, 8.5-1.5; 2. Darrin Sherman, 7.5-2.5; 3. Reggie Kuhs, 5.5-3.5. Third round winners: 1. Michael Elder, 7-1; 2. Billy Elder, 6-2; 3. Duwane Blevins, 5-4 (48%); Darrin Sherman, 5-4 (35.3%); Bill Waisner, 5-4 (31.4%); Patrick Blevins, 5-4 (28%).

Duwane Blevins received the league award for high game (107), high percentage (62%), and high average (48.8%). Cliff Blevins received the High Over Average of 15.8% and 18.8 points. Levi Blevins received the High Handicap game of 105 points. Darrin Sherman received the Most Improved Award with 14.3 points and earned a 40% Patch. Toby Stapleton received the Rookie of the Year and earned a 10% Patch. Patrick Blevins received the Sportsmanship Award.

Tommy Edmondson had to drop out of the league due to an illness of losing his skin on his fingers and hands to the flesh. He was also in the running in league awards until he could not finish.

Trophies and patches were given out, followed by lunch of gumbo, barbecue brisket, and all of the trimmings, followed by a fun doubles tournament.

Please contact us for tournament info. We will try to get the courts up and going as soon as possible so they can be inspected and sanctioned again.

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

by Rich Altis (in search of that perfect game)

Well, the Quail Ridge Club finally has a place to pitch. As with all new buildings, there are a few bugs to take care of—electric, roofing, loose siding, heat pumps, and a host of other things. The kitchen is in working condition, the beer license is not.

I want to welcome all of the new members to the club. I hope you are having a lot of fun pitching. We have fifty-six members that are new or have returned after an absence of a year or more. To the new pitchers—I want to invite you to get involved with running the club. We have many jobs that have to be done. If you can help with keeping score, cleaning, game-related sales, tournament or assistant tour-



nament director, concession help, or any of the many things that come up, your help will be greatly appreciated.

We have two leagues pitching. Monday night is a mixed league with about eighty pitchers and the Wednesday night men's league, also with about eighty pitchers. The summer league sign-up forms will be available soon. So let your friends know that they can pitch in air-conditioned comfort through the summer months. At present, the club is open on Monday and Wednesday from noon until 10:45 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 5:00 p.m.

The twenty-fifth annual St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on March 15 at the American Legion Post 312, 2500 Raymond Dr. in St. Charles. Tickets are available from Carol Howard or Dave Molitor (\$20.00). Congratulations to club member Ray Nadler who will be inducted into the St. Charles County Hall of Fame. Be sure to get your tickets for the Banquet and help support the County Hall Of Fame.

The horseshoe pitching for the St. Charles County Golden Games will be at the Quail Ridge HC. Eligibility for the Golden games is any person who will be fifty years of age or older before April 30, 2008. The deadline is March 31, 2008. Horseshoe pitching will be held on May 8, 10:00 a.m. Registration forms are available at the club. The cost is \$25.00 and that will allow you to participate in as many events as the schedule allows except golf, which requires an additional fee of \$20.00.

May 3-4 will be the Six Pac Invitational tournament, sponsored by Harvey Wobbe and the Holiday Inn (Wentzville). Holiday Inn is the host hotel for the events at the NHPA Hall of Fame building.

There will be sixteen of the top short-distance pitchers and sixteen of the top full-distance pitchers competing. Have you ever seen anyone pitch an 80%, 90%, or a perfect game? This is your chance to observe the best pitchers in the country. Come and see how they do it. Maybe you will pick up a tip or two.

If you are new to the game and would like some help with your pitching, talk to the league directors or one of the club officers. We have several people that would be glad to work with you. If you have been around for a while and you just cannot get to that next level maybe we can help you.

The tournaments are mostly full. We can pitch eight classes of eight players in a day using two pitching times, 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The Tournament Directors could use a few more people to sign up as scorekeepers. After observing the first three tournaments, the need for additional assistant directors is evident. To keep everything moving smoothly, at least three people are needed to run a tournament. If you can help, let one of the officers know or sign up on the Assistant Tournament Director's List, indicating a preferred tournament.

One of the most common responses I hear when I suggest that a new pitcher sign up for a tournament is, "I'm not good enough to play in tournaments". We have a place for you. Players are seeded in the tournament by ringer percent. We have sixty-four places for each tournament. You either have or will establish a ringer percentage. Once you have a ringer percentage, your stats are put into the computer. When you sign up for a tournament, you will pitch against seven other players with ringer percentages that are close to yours. The more entries you have for a tournament, the tighter the classes. That being said, the Missouri State Tournament, the largest tournament in the state, will be held at the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club over Labor Day weekend. Please consider signing up to play. Unless you are new to the NHPA, you need to have at least three events to qualify for the state tournament. Let's see if we can make this one of

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the largest state tournaments ever. The cutoff date for the state tournament is not set, but it looks like August 2nd.

We want to thank Dave and Bea Feldewerth for their years of service to the club. Bea was in charge of sending cards to club members that were going through difficult times. Dave has been the club treasurer for the past eight years and did a great job.

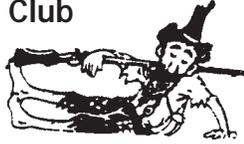
Jim Howard was voted in as the new treasurer. We appreciate him taking on this tremendous job.

Dorie Gillette has volunteered to take care of the health and welfare cards for the Quail Ridge club. If you know of a club member in need of a "Get Well" or sympathy card, give Dorie a call at 636-456-1311. If you cannot get in touch with Dorie, let Carol Howard know at 636-441-7679 or email her at horseshoejc@sbcglobal.net or call Bob Reininger at 314-469-1103.

Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Donna Bastel

One of the major highlights of the year 2007 was when we opened our new winter home—The Pits—located at 17019 Highway 5 in Sunrise Beach. We have four courts with plenty of space at each end, a kitchen, and what everyone calls our "Five Star" bathroom. We also have computer scoring as many of you have seen in Liberty.



We had our grand opening with the Turkey Stakes Open on November 10. On November 26, we started our winter leagues. We have a total of five leagues. Singles are on Monday night, Tuesday afternoon and evening, and Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday evening, we pitch doubles. Our second tournament, the Snowball Open, was held on December 8. Instead of snowballs, we got ice. We had to cancel our Sunday session due to weather and many of us were without power for several days. We held our third tournament, the Cool Shoe Open, on January 12-13 and by the time you read this we will have had our fourth tournament.

We had a very pleasant surprise in December when we opened an envelope from Lorraine Sternberg containing National Top Ten Certificates for five of our league pitchers: Roena Branson, Lile Harper, Wes Rapp, Paul VanEvercooren, and myself. Congratulations to you all (and myself)! The ability to have year-round pitching can only improve these results.

We will hold two additional tournaments at The Pits: The Daylight Savings Open on March 8-9 and the Bluebird Open on April 12-13.

We still have a lot of work to do on our outdoor courts to bring them back to full sanction condition. Several of the stakes have moved over the years and are too short or leaning left to right. We will get that done so we can start our outdoor season in May.



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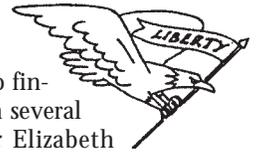
Last but not least, I would like to remind you that the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club is issuing a challenge to the rest of the clubs to enter teams in the MOHPA Club/Team Benefit Tournament and see if you can take home the Championship Plaque. It will be held May 31 at the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club/Hall of Fame. You will find the entry information later in the newsletter.

As always, until we see you again, many ringers to you all.

Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

We are very proud of several members who finished in the 2007 Top 10 in the Nation in several sanctioned league categories. *Women's*: Elizabeth Furner, ringer avg 58.8% and ringer game 74%. *Men's 30 Foot*: Nick DiRaimo, ringer average 67.8%; Tom Ebers, ringer game 86%, 2nd high ringer avg 72.57%. *Adult National Division*: Tom Ebers, 3rd high point game 134, 2nd high point avg 120.64; Bob Booe (KS), point average 115.2. *Junior National Division*: Alex Roberts, points over average 32.28. *Men's 40 Foot*: Bob Booe, ringer avg 68.75, ringer game 80%. All Top 10 winners received certificates and patches. Tom also received a very nice personalized plaque. Watch for the complete Top 10 list in the March-April *Horseshoe Pitching Newslines* magazine.



We finished our fall mixed leagues in December. League Champions: Day League—Paul Hudson and Perry Mann, 28-17; Tuesday Night—Denise Bloss, Laura Johnson, David Thompson, and Joe Barry, 53-37. Most Improved Honors: Perry Mann, 22.5 points, and Joe Barry, 13.9 points. High Averages: Nick DiRaimo, 109 points, Dave Kincaid (KS), 101.5 points. High Games: Nick DiRaimo, 127, Dave Kincaid, 121. High Over Average: Paul Voelker (KS) and Jack Carnes. 60% Patch to Ralph Richardson. 50% to Norm Green, Paul Hudson, Perry Mann. 40% to Danny Wetzel and Mike Grissom. By the way, it all happened in the Don Harris Arena!



Doling Park Horseshoe Club

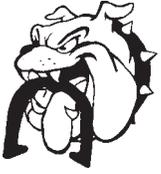
by Peggy Mahon

We are so excited about our new club. For several seasons, we have struggled to establish a club. Finally, we have the interest and the drive from several good "old" horseshoe pitchers and new rookies like myself.

The Springfield Greene County Park Board built three new pits last spring in Doling Park. We were so excited. At the present, we are working toward being qualified to be sanctioned. Our fondest hopes are that we will generate interest in the city and surrounding areas and by this time next year, we will have the "power and players" to present a proposal to the Parks to build more courts.

We were so grateful to have Jim Bainter and Bob Bastel address our January meeting. They were a great inspiration to the group and offered great advice, as well as materials to help us with this endeavor. We elected a six-man board and our new presiding president is John Price. John is on fire for this to be a successful club, so look out, *here we come!* Long-time tournament player Gary Strohm, inventor of the Hummer horseshoe, is our club sponsor. As we say... "if you want to ring it... Hum It!"

Our goal is to promote a family fun activity. We invite all players, would-be players, young or old or just interested individuals to our next organizational meeting. The meeting will be held at the Northview Center, Doling Park, 301 E. Talmage, February 19, 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Peggy Mahan, pmahan@ci.springfield.mo.us.



Tri-State Horseshoe Club

by Angie Higginbotham

Howdy-Ho, neighbors! How's everybody? Hope y'all survived the ice storm alright. Now, whoda thunk we'd have two of those in the same year? Kinda makes a person feel like they ain't livin' right, huh?

Hope everybody had a good Christmas and New Year.

We've had a couple of good tournaments this season. November and December went off without a hitch. Class winners for November and December in Classes A through F were: Bob Long, Angie Higginbotham, Joann Jones, Rusty Bass, Dale "Wormy" Parnell, Justin Carter (a junior – Good Job!). For December: Bob Long, Jimmy Higginbotham, Steve Flood, Rusty Bass (no longer in 2nd place), Dale Parnell, and Harley Tucker. Good job and congratulations to all.

As I'm writing this report, we are preparing for the Lucky Gricks Memorial Tournament that we have every year in January. Let's hope everybody does good. The "Bossman" is doing good with his radiation treatments. Of course by the time y'all are reading this, he will be done. Hopefully he'll be back on the courts soon, which will be great, as long as I don't have to take the whippin' from him. We're so appreciative to him and Pat for a warm place to practice and play in tournaments through the winter months. Any of y'all who haven't been here to check it out should come sometime. We sure have a good time.

Let's hope the new year brings good health and happiness to everyone. Y'all come see us. Take care and good luck to all.

Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Terry Bowman

Well winter is hopefully coming to an end soon. I know we are all tired of it around here even though it hasn't been too awfully bad. Spring is coming soon and a lot of outdoor activities will get started, especially horseshoes!

First of all I would like to say we are all glad to hear that Mike Gillespie is doing well after his shoulder surgery and is now back to playing horseshoes again. I heard that he placed 3rd in his first tournament back. Congratulations Mike!

During the winter months several of our club members have been playing horseshoes at the indoor tournaments and some even playing in the indoor leagues. I know they are grateful to have the indoor courts to be able to keep playing through the winter months.

Peculiar Club has a few National Awards for 2007 and I would like to brag a little on them. Michael Bowman had four awards: Juniors national division—1st high point avg. (103.86) and 1st high point game (121pts); Boys division—2nd high ringer avg. (62.58%) and 3rd high ringer game (78%). Chip Sloan got 9th on high point avg. (68.58). Dawn Bishop got 5th high point over avg. (35.1%). We are so proud of you all. Congratulations to all three of you.

In our spring league in 2007, the champions were Erika Myler and Michael Bowman, second place were Ralph Richardson and Clint Sloan and third place was Joann Jones and Lawrence Loney. High game went to Michael Bowman with 121 points, and high average went to Michael Bowman with 62.27%. High over average went to Dawn Bishop with 35.1% over. Most Improved was Erika Myler with a 11.3% improvement. Sportmanship award went to Joann Jones. Rookie of the year was John Barchers. Percentage patches: 10%, John Barchers and Shawn Osborn; 20%, Terry Bowman and Hannah Dods; 40%, Erika Myler.



Our fall league results were as follows. Champions: George Chichura and Lawrence Loney; 2nd place, Jim Kinney Jr. and Paige Highley; 3rd place, Michael Bowman and Mike Goddard. High game went to Michael Bowman with 114 points and high average was Michael with 58.36%. High over average went to Glenn Bowman with 30.78% over. Most Improved was Hannah Dods, 10.23 %. Sportsmanship Award went to John Dods and Rookie went to Mike Goddard. Those receiving patches for the Fall league were: 6–9%, Mike Goddard; 10%, Ryan Christiansen and Tyler Fishbaugh.

Our spring league starts on April 17 and our first tournament is on April 19. We also have two other tournaments this year, on June 7 and September 6. We hope to see a lot of you there.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued thoughts and prayers for me after my surgery on my back. I am doing much better, but I won't be playing horseshoes again this year. Things haven't gone as well as I had hoped and I haven't gone back to work yet either. Again, thank you for your kindness.

On December 15, 2007, our club lost our co-player and very good friend, John Dods, to cancer. He was one of the original members when the club started in 1992. He will be sadly missed and remembered. We send our continued thoughts and prayers to John's family.

We wish all of our co players a very safe and healthy 2008.

7th Annual Holly Marie Memorial (Liberty, MO)

by Stan Griggs

Another eighteen angels have earned their wings and were presented for the top three places in each class at the 7th Annual Holly Marie Memorial Mixed Open @ Don Harris Arena in Liberty, MO on November 3rd.

This is a 100% proceed generated tournament; all proceeds were donated to the Matthew Anson Memorial Fund in memory of Holly Marie Griggs. Matt was a pitcher in the Independence Club who was killed in an accident.

The angel count is now at 126, look to see if you can find them on the courts at your next tournament.

The entry donations were \$476, with additional contributions made from Tammy Griggs (GA) and Joan Griggs (FL), Paul and Sharon Taylor and Carl and Debbie Harris. Many pitchers donated additional funds through out the tournament and all monies from concessions were also donated. A special Thank You goes out to Michelle Barone from "On a Wing and a Prayer" for her support with this tournament. The total for this year's tournament was \$715.20. The tote board is now at \$3,795.75

The results were as follows (* = Angels won).

Class A—1st: Kyle Bidwell-JB (KS), 73.8%*; 2nd: Nick DiRaimo-30ft, 65.8%***; 3rd: David Kincaid (KS), 57.9%**.
Class B—1st: Audra Craven, 56.7%**; 2nd: Nile Abbott-30ft, 48.3%***; 3rd: Elwyn Cooper, 40.2%*.
Class C—1st: Ryan Spry-JB, 42.1%*; 2nd: Harless Kampe-30ft, 45.4%***; 3rd: Dee McIntire, 42.9%****.
Class D—1st: Chip Sloan-JB, 43.2%***; 2nd: Dean Jameson-30ft, 39.4%****; 3rd: Alex Roberts-JB, 36.4%*.
Class E—1st: Terry Kampe-30ft, 32.9%**; 2nd: Dennis Mills, 30.0%*; 3rd: John Anderson, 22.1%*.
Class F—1st: Danny Wetzel, 25.4%*; 2nd: George Chichura, 10.8%*; 3rd: Ray Herman, 9.2%**.

Profile: Ron Hassler

by Jeanette Claas

This is a story of a man who has enjoyed the sport of horseshoes since he was a small boy trying to pitch horseshoes as he watched his older brothers. Throughout the years he always felt the challenge of horseshoes and his need to conquer the game.

Ron Hassler doesn't remember the event on February 1, 1938, but his parents tell him he was born near Summerfield, a small community in Osage County, Missouri. Ron is the youngest of seven children, six boys and one girl, born to Basil and Nancy Hassler.

As a youngster he remembers living on a small farm near Hope, Missouri (also in Osage County), where his father leased some land on the Gasconade River bottom. When Ron was ten years old in 1948, his dad gave up the river bottom land. Over nine years he had planted nine corn crops with a team of horses but only harvested three. Flood water had taken the other six. He purchased a small farm near Linn, Missouri, twenty miles from Jefferson City. Ron recalls, "In 1949 Three Rivers Electric Coop ran a power line through our farm and we had electricity for the first time in our lives."

Ron's first two years of education were in a one-room school house with all eight grades in the same room. There were three students in his class, all boys. After class was over the teacher would let them go out and play; they had recess most of the day. Of course, the journey to and from school consisted of a five-mile walk each day, in all kinds of weather. In 1946, when he was in third grade, the small country schools in the area were consolidated and Ron was sent to a different school. He was still in a one-room schoolhouse with the same teacher with all eight grades but there were more students. The bad news was there weren't any more all-day recesses. The school was now located too far to walk so the district hired someone with a car to transport these students back and forth to school.

It was around this time that Ron first became interested in horseshoes. He would watch his older brothers pitch, and then he would drive a stick into the ground and try to throw ringers from only a few feet away. As he got a little older, summer church camp offered horseshoes but Ron could seldom find someone to pitch with him. Ron was considerably younger than his siblings and they had all left home by this time and so it seemed to him he was an only child.

Ron graduated from Linn High School in 1956 and immediately went to work in a pants factory in Jefferson City, where he met his future wife, Joan Coleman. They were married on August 24, 1957. Since Joan didn't believe in wasting time, ten months and three

days later on June 27, 1958, they had their first child, Connie Marie. Three more children were to follow. Teresa Lynn (May 30, 1960), Dawn Renee (Feb. 11, 1966), and their son, Bruce Allen (January 2, 1968). "I was glad when Joan gave birth to our son, as I didn't think she was going to quit until we had a boy," says Ron.

The pants factory closed in 1959 and Ron began working for the Missouri Department of Conservation as a mail boy. There were sometimes slack periods during his duties as mail boy and he would spend time talking to Bill Ernst, the engineering drafting supervisor, and they became friends. When one of the draftsmen resigned in 1961, Bill asked Ron if he would like the job. As luck would have it, Ron had taken his math teacher's advice while in high school and completed every math course offered in high school. However, he had no experience in drafting. Bill said, "I'll teach you." The personnel department gave him an aptitude test and decided Ron was suited for this kind of work and he became a drafting trainee. Bill must have been a pretty good teacher because when he retired in 1980, Ron was promoted to his job as Drafting Supervisor for the Engineering Section, where he remained until his retirement in 1995.

In 1969, Ron and Joan scraped together enough money for a down payment on a house and bought their first home just outside of Jefferson City. "None of our neighbors pitched horseshoes so I never thought much about pitching until one day at church I became acquainted with Leroy Whittle and discovered he didn't live very far away and he also liked to pitch horseshoes. We began pitching shoes together and one day he said that he knew some guys that played every Friday night and if I was interested, he could get us an invitation. The guys turned out to be Clarence Wilbers, Julius Vogel, Raymond Borgmeyer, and John Rainey." Ron didn't know it at the time, but the four of them were the top pitchers in Cole County. They

all used Ted Allen shoes, so when Ron and Leroy brought out their round-shaped Royal shoes, they had a good laugh. This was the first time Ron had ever seen good horseshoes. By the end of the evening they had stopped laughing and invited them back the following week. When they started talking about a horseshoe tournament, Ron had no idea what they were talking about. He had never heard of an official horseshoe tournament. In 1978, Ron and Leroy entered into their first tournament as partners. John Rainey loaned them a pair of Allen shoes and they placed third in "B" Class. Ron is still pitching with Ted Allen horseshoes, throwing a skillfully developed $\frac{3}{4}$ turn. The horseshoe "bug" bit him and horseshoe fever has remained with him ever since.

Ron began pitching in every tournament he could find. He became acquainted with Glen Harding, who ran the Cole County Fair Tournament. Glen convinced Ron that he pitched well enough to compete in state competition. Ron joined the MOHPA in 1985 and pitched in his first State Tournament, held that year in Independence. He has pitched in every State Tournament since, with the exception of 2004 when he had to withdraw due to back surgery. Remarkably, he qualified to pitch in the Men's Championship class in most of those years.

Ron's most memorable moment was placing third in the Men's Championship Class in 1999 at St. Joseph. That was his best year of



Mood Ring

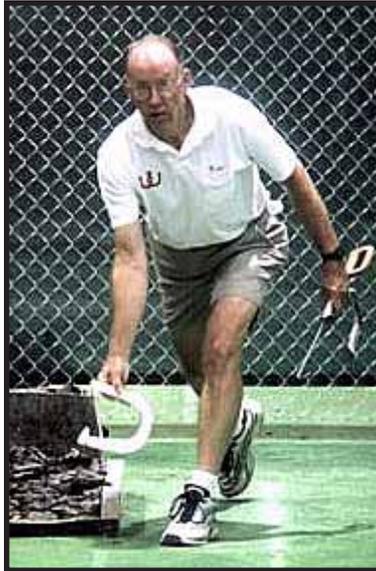
My husband bought me a mood ring the other day.
You know, the ones that change color to reflect mood changes.

When I'm in a good mood...it turns green.
When I'm in a bad mood...it leaves a red mark on his forehead!

pitching overall. He ranked 5th in Missouri in the Men's top 50. He won the Ballwin Days Class A in 1992, 1993, and 2001. Between the years 1990 and 2002, Ron maintained a tournament average of 60%.

When Ron retired in 1995 he decided to attend his first World Horseshoe Tournament in Perry, Georgia. It turned out to be their most memorable trip. They left Jeff City early Sunday morning and, since he wasn't scheduled to pitch until Monday at 11:00 a.m., they had plenty of time to make the 13-hour trip, or so they thought. They were entering Paducah, KY, about 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning when Ron looked in the rearview mirror and saw a lot of smoke behind them. It became apparent that it was coming from their 1983 Chevy pickup with a slide-in camper. He took the first exit and pulled into a service station. It was Sunday; no garages were open. The people at the station were kind enough to run an extension cord from the building to the camper so they could have power. A mechanic happened to come by to purchase some gas and was told about the Hasslers' plight. He knew of a man who had a transmission shop at his home and gave Ron his phone number. He called about every 30 minutes. Finally, at 4:30 p.m., the man answered the phone. He and his wife had been camping at Kentucky Lake. He called a tow truck and had the Hasslers' truck towed to his shop. He said he would be glad to repair the truck but it was against his religion to work on Sundays. Ron offered him extra if he would begin at midnight and the man agreed. They entertained the Hasslers by taking them sightseeing around Kentucky Lake, showing them where they had camped and then took them to Wal-Mart so Ron could get some money from the ATM. "He worked for cash only; no checks, no credit cards," Ron remembers clearly. "We returned to their home and shop about 8:00 p.m. He decided not to wait until midnight and began working on our truck." By 11:00 p.m., the transmission repairs had been finished and Ron and Joan drove all night, reaching Perry at 11:00 a.m. Monday morning, just in time to start pitching. The adrenaline must have been flowing, as Ron won all five games that first day. But his luck didn't hold and he ended up placing 5th in the Men's B Class Division.

Since 1995 Ron has participated in five World Tournaments, placing 2nd in the Men's Division Class B in 1997. He finished 7th in the preliminaries of Senior's Class A and 3rd in Seniors Championship Tournament in 2001. Ron has participated in the last 12 consecu-



tive Team World Horseshoe Tournaments in Beloit, Wisconsin. Ron maintained an average between 55 – 65% during these years.

Ron has been a member of the MOHPA/NHPA for 22 years, serving as a member of the MOHPA Hall of Fame committee for several of them. He has been a member of the New Melle Horseshoe Club and is now a member of the Capitol City Horseshoe Club in Jefferson City, where he recently won the Single's Spring League in 2006.

Today, Ron and Joan enjoy nine grandchildren and they became great-grandparents in 2006. In August of last year they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, having been married 50 years. Besides horseshoes, Ron enjoys fishing and woodworking (building furniture). They still live in the same house that they purchased 38 years ago on Frog Hollow Road but have done some major remodeling. He finished their entire base-

ment and built most of the furniture for the downstairs. Ron also added a garage/shop area to his house. If you were to venture into the shop, you would find more than 200 trophies that he has collected over the years, most of them 1st and 2nd place awards.

In recent years, Ron has had some back problems and underwent back surgery in 2004. Ron also had bypass heart surgery in 2006. To top all this off, he has been plagued with rotator cuff problems, a problem that horseshoe pitchers can hardly tolerate. In spite of all these unfortunate problems, Ron keeps pitching with his main goal being "to get back on top of my game and to compete in the Men's State Championship Class once again."

Ron says he has met many good people and made a lot of friends throughout his years of pitching horseshoes. A gentleman on the courts, Missouri is proud to have Ron Hassler in our organization and pitching with us the last 22 years. We wish him good health with hopes that his game will keep improving.

Roy's Ramblings

by Roy Evans, MOHPA vice-president

I want to thank all that gave me personal support and cards when my mother and brother perished in a house fire on Dec. 31.

Now to horseshoes. By the time you read this, the NHPA council will have added more national tournaments at Quail Ridge besides the already scheduled, top-quality tournaments such as the Six Pac tournament, MO Club/Team tournament, National Club/Team tournament, and the MO State tournament.

Don't forget the World Tournament is only a short distance away at York, PA. Dick Hansen said that the town and facilities are great. To help QRHC bring more great tournaments to Missouri, be sure to place an ad in the state program book. A price list is in this Shoe Biz and on the quailridgehorseshoes.com web site.

The game-related store at the park will be up and running soon. I plan to have a tournament special at every major tournament, so be sure to ask me about it when you come. If you haven't been in the museum, you are missing out on some wonderful displays. Bob Rogers, the museum curator, will be writing a regular article about the museum and items of interest in future issues of Shoe Biz.



Earl's Pearls

What well-known object is described in this poetic riddle by the 19th century English poet Sir Edmund Gosse:

My love, when I gaze on thy beautiful face,
 Careering along, yet always in place,
 The thought has often come into my mind
 If I ever shall see
 Thy glorious behind!

For the answer, see page 19.

Registration Fees:
Adults \$125.00
Juniors \$25.00
Pitching Schedules
will be mailed to all
contestants by June 9th
to the address you have
listed on this form.

ENTRY FORM
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
July 7th to July 19th 2008
York, Pennsylvania

Entry Deadline May 15th 2008

NAME _____ 2008 NHPA Card # _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

ADDRESS _____ SS # _____
(See Note #1)

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

Telephone: Home # _____ Work # _____ Date of Birth _____

Please list your local Newspaper _____

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

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

I believe my current average is approx _____% **No refunds will be made after May 24th 2008**

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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

We reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NatStats, CanStats, or false or misleading information is on this form.

MAIL THIS FORM with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
3085 76th St
Franksville WI 53126

Direct Telephone Inquiries to:
Dick Hansen NHPA Sec/Treas.
262-835-9108

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than **May 15th 2008**. Entries received with a postmark after May 15th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 15th 2008, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2008 NHPA or CANADIAN membership card when checking in to pitch.

REGISTRATION FEES: ALL ADULTS -- \$125.00 • ALL JUNIORS -- \$25.00 • **U.S. FUNDS ONLY**
CANADIAN ENTRIES USE MONEY ORDERS REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING FEES
NO REFUNDS AFTER May 24th 2008

You may enter at anytime prior to May 15th. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on May 15th 2008. Entries received before April 1st 2008 will be held until that date.

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2008. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2008 or is older or physically impaired person of any age may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. **JUNIOR DIVISION** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2008 calendar year.

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

Note # 2. A minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled and all entrants will be placed in the Open Women.

Note # 3. Junior Cadets must be 9 years old or younger for the entire calendar year.

US RESIDENTS ONLY -INCLUDE a self addressed - stamped envelope if you would like a copy of your current average. This will be sent to you by NatStats. Canadian entries need to go direct to CANSTATS for their average. Or you can check your average on the NHPA Web Page at www.horseshoepitching.com

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 25th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by June 9th.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 13th 2008. Please sign up for this event prior to July 2nd 2008. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

2008 World Horseshoe Tournament

York, Pennsylvania • July 7-19

For the first time in over thirty years the World Horseshoe Tournament will be held in Pennsylvania. The York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, in partnership with the Eastern Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitcher Association (EPHPA), are proud and excited to host the 84th World Horseshoe Tournament in York, PA.

York County is centrally located in the heart of Pennsylvania's tourist region, just a short drive to Lancaster, Gettysburg, Hershey and Baltimore. Washington DC and Philadelphia are less than two hours away.

The city of York, population over 40,000, has plenty to offer its visitors, a wonderful mix of rural life as well as a touch of city life. Housing information for the 2008 WT can be found online at www.housingyorkpa.org. This website gives you access to all the hotels, campgrounds, and RV sites at the Expo Center that have been blocked out just for the 2008

WT by the Convention Visitors Bureau. USA Today hailed York as one of the four US cities with the lowest first class lodging rates.

Once you arrive in York, you will head for the York Expo Center where the tournament facilities are located. The tournament will be held in the air-conditioned Memorial Hall East and Memorial West Hall which are connected by a large corridor. There is plenty of on-site parking and also on-site camping.

York County is chock full of American history through the Revolutionary War and Civil War. York promotes itself as the site of the first Capital of the United States; the birthplace of the Articles of Confederation; and the home of the first Thanksgiving proclamation.

York County is known as the "Factory Tour Capital of the World" offering more than 15 free factory tours. Some places you will want to visit while in York are:

- If you like chocolate, you will love Wolfgang Candy Co. It was named as one of the "Top 5 Tasty Tours in the Nation" by the Food Network.
- Nature has truly blessed this region, and what better way to enjoy the view than with a stroll through the many fine vineyards that York has to offer.
- Beauty is in abundance at New Cumberland's Daylily Farm which cultivates more than 600 breathtaking daylily plants.
- No visit to York would be complete without touring the Harley-Davidson Motor Co. cited by USA Today as one of the "Top ten places to watch stuff being made."
- The Colonial Court House in downtown York. Stroll amid the downtown's areas famous outdoor York Mu-

als, which feature colorful lessons about the town that are larger than life.

- Visit the only Shoe House in the world, where its very soul will reach you from its toe to its heel.
- Civil War buffs won't want to miss what happened as a prelude to the landmark 1863 Battle of Gettysburg.
- You'll want to visit the National Watch and Clock Museum, if you have time.
- Take a swing in the areas golf courses, but make sure you take an extra pair of pants with you; in case you get a hole in one.
- You won't want to miss Hope Acres Robotic Dairy Farm where you will find that cows snooze on specially-made waterbeds; a venting system virtually eliminates the flies from the barns;

they have food and water 24/7; and backscratchers hit those tough-to-reach spots. You will be utterly amazed at the people who hoof it over to Hope Acres to see these happy cows in action. They produce ice cream that doesn't cause brain freeze, and that's no bull.

You may be wondering with all these places to go and visit, "How we ever gonna find time to pitch shoes?"

Are you ready to pack your bags and head for all the excitement in York that awaits you? Last year Mis-

souri had lots of members to attend their first world tournament in Ardmore, OK. Can we top that this year? York is approx 822 miles from St. Charles, about a 13 hour drive so buckle up and drive safely. No matter what your pitching level is, every horseshoe pitcher should try to attend at least one WT. It is truly an amazing experience and one that you'll always remember. Every WT comes with a warning. Once you attend, you'll be hooked and will want to attend every year thereafter.



2008 Missouri State Tournament Wentzville, MO • Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2008

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club welcomes any club or business to place an ad in the State Tournament program book. Ads cost as follows:

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|----------------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| • One line – booster | \$5.00 | • ¼ page | \$60.00 |
| • Three lines | \$15.00 | • ½ page | \$100.00 |
| • Business Card | \$30.00 | • Full page | \$200.00 |

One liners will be under "Friends of Horseshoes." Business cards will be ½ page and three lines will be half of that.

To place an ad call or write:

Jim Howard, 119 David, St. Charles, MO 63304
636-441-7679; e-mail: horseshoejc@sbcglobal.net



Answer to "Earl's Pearls"
The moon. From page 17.

1st Revised MOHPA 2008 Tournament Schedule

Cancels original and contains all changes • Visit our web page @ www.moHPA.us

Date	Sanc. Number	Tournament Name & Location	Contact	E-mail or Cell Number
01-05	19-08-011	Happy New Year* @ Don Harris Arena	Killgore 816-930-3353 %	chask@centurytel.net
01-05	19-08-024	After Holiday Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
01-05,06	19-08-001	Lucky Gricks Mem.* @Lucky Gricks Arena, Diam.	Gricks 417-325-4456	
01-12	19-08-079	Jan. Freeze* @ Park Hills	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766
01-12,13	19-08-007	Cool Shoe Open* @ The Pits in Sunrise Beach c	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
01-19	19-08-012	A L S Benefit* @ Harris Ar. (Coop8167410043)	Craven 816-781-7581 %	brcraven2@kc.rr.com
01-19	19-08-038	Super Bowl Special* @ Quail Ridge	Claas 636-447-3039	djclaas@sbcglobal.net
01-19,20	19-08-066	January Thaw* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
01-20	19-08-025	Horseshoe Bowl Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
02-02	19-08-013	Window of Opportunity 5 Benefit* @ Harris Ar.	Straughn 816-246-0310 %	nmstraughn@sbcglobal.net c
02-09	19-08-039	Happy Hearts* @ Qual Ridge	Kriekenkamp 636-583-6446	
02-09,10	19-08-002	Feb. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena; Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
02-09,10	19-08-008	Peg In My Heart Open* @ The Pits in Sunrise Be. c	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
02-10	19-08-026	Cupid Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
02-16	19-08-014	Independence Memorial* @ Don Harris Arena	Henderson 816-257-1853%	waynepam@juno.com
02-16	19-08-080	Chilly Day* @ Park Hills	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766
02-23	19-08-027	Birthday Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
02-23	19-08-040	Spring Team* (Handicap) @ Quail Ridge	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@sbcglobal.net c
02-23,24	19-08-067	Feburary Mixed Open @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
03-01	19-08-015	Robin Red Breast* @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-7581 %	brcraven2@kc.rr.com
03-01	19-08-041	Hall of Fame Benefit* @ Quail Ridge	Bailey 573-764-3631	
03-01,02	19-08-003	Mar. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena; Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
03-08	19-08-081	March Winds* @ Park Hills	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766
03-08,09	19-08-009	Daylight Savings Open* @ The Pits in Sunrise Be. c	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
03-09	19-08-028	WWW Tourney* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
03-15	19-08-042	Shamrock Fling* @ Quail Ridge	Rahe 636-462-6337	gdrahe@centurytel.net
03-22,23	19-08-068	Spring is Coming* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
03-29	19-08-016	Cancer Action Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena	Cooper 816-741-0043 %	ivdead@hotmail.com
03-29	19-08-029	Spring Fling* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
03-29	19-08-058	March Madness Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
04-05,06	19-08-004	April Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena; Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
04-06	19-08-030	April Showers* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
04-12	19-08-031	Tax Day Open* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
04-12,13	19-08-010	Bluebird Open* @ The Pits in Sunrise Beach c	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
04-12,13	19-08-037	West vs East @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
04-19	19-08-074	Peculiar Spring Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5856	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com
04-19	19-08-082	April Showers* @ Park Hills	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766
04-26	19-08-043	April Showers* @ Quail Ridge	Buskirk 573-384-5573	
04-26 +	19-08-089	Lets Get Shady* @ Marshfield	Keith 417-859-2781	mfkeith@centurytel.net
04-27 c	19-08-059	Spring Has Sprung Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
05-03	19-08-044	30 Foot Invitational @ Quail Ridge	Diekamp 636-240-6260	
05-03	N/S	Horseshoe Court Dedication G.V.H.C. in Artesian Park @ Clinton [signup 9AM/pitch 10AM]	Loyd 660-885-3868	
05-03,04	19-08-045	Six Pac Invitational @ Quail Ridge	Faron 636-398-5028	bugsfaron@aol.com
05-10	19-08-054	Spring Fling Mixed Open @ Laurie	Jenkins 573-216-1680	huno2@hotmail.com
05-10	19-08-083	May Flowers* @ Park Hills	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766
05-10 +	19-08-090	Independence Spring Mixed Open	Gwinn 816-796-0213	fgwinn@comcast.net
05-17	19-08-032	Mayflower Open* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
05-17	19-08-036	Chillicothe Mixed Open (6 classes of 6)	Plowman 660-646-174	dauljpearplowman@sbcglobal.net
05-17	19-08-071	Marshfield Grand Opening*	Keith 417-859-2781	mfkeith@centurytel.net
05-24	19-08-046	Mayflower Marathon* @ Quail Ridge	Gettinger 314-429-4427	
05-24	19-08-060	The Memorial Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
05-31	19-08-047	MOHPA Club/Team Benefit* @ Quail Ridge	Bastel 573-374-8243	lkhouse@usmo.com
06-01	19-08-048	June Bug* @ Quail Ridge	Hummel 636-978-6117	
06-07	19-08-075	Peculiar Summer Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5856	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com
06-14	19-08-017	Wilbur Hodgson Memorial* @ Liberty (in&out)	Craven 816-781-7581 %	brcraven2@kc.rr.com
06-21	19-08-033	June Bug Stomp* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
06-21	19-08-049	Summer Heat* @ Quail Ridge	Volo 314-434-4075	
06-21	19-08-072	Summer Kick Off* @ Marshfield	Keith 417-859-2781	mfkeith@centurytel.net
06-21	19-08-084	June Heat* @ Park Hills	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766
06-22 c	19-08-061	Father's Day Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net

06-28	19-08-055	Summer Splash Mixed Open @ Laurie	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
07-07/19	PA sanc	World Tournament @ York, PA	Hansen 262-835-9108	nhaa.sec.treas@worldnet.att.net
07-12	19-08-085	July Firecracker* @ Park Hills	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766
07-19	19-08-034	Late Firecracker Tourney* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
07-26	19-08-062	Jefferson City Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
08-09	19-08-050	Nite Owl @ Quail Ridge ///CANCELED/// c	Claas 636-447-3039	tourney //canceled// c
08-09	19-08-063	Sizzlin' Summer Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
08-15,16,17	19-08-056	MO State Fair Mixed Open @ Sedalia	DBastel 573-374-8243	dbastel@charterinternet.com
08-23 +	19-08-091	Independence Fall Classic Mixed Open	Gwinn 816-796-0213	fgwinn@comcast.net
08-29	19-08-077	State Championship Doubles (adult) @ Quail Ridge	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
08-30/09-01	19-08-078	State Championship Singles @ Quail Ridge	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
09-06	19-08-076	Peculiar Fall Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5856	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com
09-20	19-08-018	Kansas City Open* @ Don Harris Arena	McIntire 816-452-0254	dmcintire@kc.rr.com
09-20	19-08-035	End of Summer Tourney* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
09-20,21 c	19-08-057	Hillbilly Fair Mixed Open @ Laurie	DBastel 573-374-8243	dbastel@charterinternet.com
09-27	19-08-073	Harvest Days* @ Marshfield	Keith 417-859-2781	mfkeith@centurytel.net
09-27,28	19-08-064	4th Annual Big Money Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
10-04	19-08-019	Don Harris Open* @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
10-11,12	19-08-086	Frosted Pumpkin* @ The Pits in Sunrise Beach c	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
10-18	19-08-065	Octoberfest Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
10-18	19-08-020	Frostbite Open* @ Don Harris Arena	Cooper 816-741-0043 %	ivdead@hotmail.com
10-25	19-08-051	Fall Team* (Handicap) @ Quail Ridge	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@sbcglobal.net c
11-01	19-08-021	8th Holly Marie Memorial* @ Don Harris Arena	Griggs 816-313-1814 %	moshoo@kcnet.com
11-01,02	19-08-005	Nov. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena; Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
11-08,09	19-08-087	Turkey Stakes* @ The Pits in Sunrise Beach c	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
11-15	19-08-022	Snow Bird Fly Away* @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
11-22	19-08-052	Turkey Trot* @ Quail Ridge	Feldewerth 636-978-1292	
11-22,23	19-08-069	Before Turkey Day* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
12-06	19-08-023	Here Comes Santa Claus* @ Don Harris Arena	Killgore 816-930-3353 %	chask@centurytel.net
12-06	19-08-053	Jingle Bell Rock* @ Quail Ridge	Volo 314-434-4075	
12-06,07	19-08-006	Dec. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena; Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
12-13,14	19-08-088	Snowball Open* @ The Pits in Sunrise Beach c	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
12-20,22	19-08-070	Christmas is Coming* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434

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N/S Non-Sanc. PA Pennsylvania. NOTE: Sanctioned tournaments are preregister. Enter 7 days in advance (much earlier in the winter).
NHPA CARD: State & National dues: Adults \$20.00, Juniors \$5.00. Order from Vicki Winston: 10326 Hwy. D, LaMonte, MO 65337.

Changing Pitching Distance to Less Than 40 Ft.

1. Effective Jan. 1, 2005, NHPA by-laws will allow an adult male to begin pitching a shorter distance in the calendar year in which he will reach his 70th birthday. You will not have to wait until the actual day you reach age 70.
2. Notify the MOHPA Secretary of your decision to make the change to shorter distance by filling out and mailing the form at the bottom of this page. Be sure that you have included the date your change in distance is taking effect.
3. Establishing your new pitching average must be done at the local league or tournament level. You cannot enter the World Tournament or the Missouri State Tournament with less than the required number of sanctioned averages at your new pitching distance.
4. To establish a starting average from your new distance, contact the director of the first league or tournament where you plan to compete. Ask the director the number of qualifying shoes that you must pitch from your new distance in order to establish an entering average for that event. Those qualifying shoes should be pitched within 30 days of when the event will be held and the score must be kept by two NHPA members. Both must sign the scoresheet. **The scoresheet should then to be sent to the tournament or league director**, who will use that ringer average to place you in the event.
5. Once you have changed to less than the 40 foot pitching distance, you must remain at that distance for at least the remainder of that calendar year.

Notification of Change in Pitching Distance

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ NHPA Card # _____

Mailing Address _____ City & State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ Effective date of change to less than 40 ft. _____

Please mail this form to the MOHPA Secretary

Missouri Tournament Results

October 2007 - January 2008

NHPA Club Tournament @ Quail Ridge 10/6-7/07 Director: Lorraine Sternberg

Group 1		
1 st Place: First Capitol, MO		21-5
Ginny Weiss		49.8%
Mary Beeson		40.8%
Jeanette Claas		40.0%
2 nd Place: Whitley County, IN		
Stan Loy		67.7%
Carolyn Coyle		63.8%
Connie Reimer		58.7%

Group 2		
1 st Place: Liberty HC, MO		25-2
Mary Vogel		61.0
Jim Moore		29.0
Laura Johnson		27.4
2 nd Place: Quail Ridge Team #1		
Rich Altis		63.3
Mick Gillette		56.9
Roy Evans		24.0

Tournament Champions: Liberty Horseshoe Club

Don Harris Open @ Don Harris Arena 10/13/07 Director: Gregg Craven

Class A: Michael Bowman	5-2	67.9%
Class B: Elwyn Cooper	6-1	46.7%
Class C: Ralph Richardson	6-1	50.8%
Class D: Lee Crabtree	6-1	40.0%
Class E: Angela DiRaimo	6-1	27.5%
Class F: Ray Bendure	6.5	16.3%

Spooky Cat Open @ Park Hills 10/13/07 Director: Rick McEntire

Class A		
1 st : Randy Grady	9-0	69.7%
2 nd : Larry Joe Lucas	8-1	52.5%
Class B		
1 st : Dan Peterson	6-0	40.3%
2 nd : John Sapper	4-2	37.0%

Caulfield Fall Open @ Caulfield 10/13/07 Director: Bob Kingsolver

Class A: Archie Matheny	7-0	53.4%
Class B: Jim Brandenburg	5-0	39.2%
Class C: Daniel Gavin	10-0	33.8%

BYHC Fall Open @ Glen Allen 10/13/07 Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A		
1 st : Carol Schreckenber	7-0	37.9%
2 nd : Martin Willialms	6-1	50.8%
Class B		
1 st : Joe Keller	5-0	21.5%
2 nd : Roy Tindall	3-2	24.0%

Octoberfest Open @ Jeff City 10/14/07 Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A		
1 st : Roger Reeves	6-0	42.1%
2 nd : Jerry Weller	4-2	28.3%
Class B		
1 st : Rodney Mallinckrodt	7-1	19.6%
2 nd : Marvin Flatt	6-2	21.4%

Fall Team Handicap @ Quail Ridge 10/27/07 Dirs: Jim & Carol Howard

Team Champions:		
Shirley Ryan	6-0	13.5%
Alma Gantney	6-1	24.2%
Margie Furlong	5-1	4.5%
Jen Ostmann	5-2	11.5%
Debbie Steinhoff	4-2	26.9%
Joan Buchheit	4-2	21.2%
May Beilsmith	4-2	15.4%

Long's October Invitation @ Webb City 10/21/07 Director: Bob Long

Class A: 40 foot		
1 st : Marion Harris	5-1	52.7%
Class A: 30 foot		
1 st Place: Carlyle Gricks	5-1	58.7%

ALS Benefit Open @ Harris Arena 10/27 Dir: Elwyn Cooper & Brady Craven

Class A: M.O. Turner	6-1	73.3%
Class B: Audra Craven	6-1	53.5%
Class C: Karen Goldizen	7-0	48.8%
Class D: Fred Smith	4-1	34.5%
Class E: Dean Jameson	5-0	36.5%
Class F: Ray Herman	4-1	12.0%
Class G: Sue Roberts	5-0	5.5%

Mt View Fall Open @ Mt. View 10/27/07 Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Archie Matheny	5-1	46.0%
Class B: Joie Welker	5-1	40.8%
Class C: Reese Warden	7-0	22.5%
Class D: Dalton Rakestraw	4-3	15.4%

Spook Spectacular Open @ Glen Allen 10/28/07 Dir: Danny/Melody Williams

Class A		
1 st : Cori Stoverink	7-0	57.9%
2 nd : Carol Schreckenber	6-1	45.4%
Class B		
1 st : James Hillis	8-1	20.0%
2 nd : John Vandeven	6-2	25.7%

7th Annual Holly Marie Memorial @ Don Harris Arena 11/3/07 Dirs: Stan & Stephanie Griggs

Class A: Kyle Bidwell	7-0	73.8%
Class B: Audra Craven	5-2	56.7%
Class C: Ryan Spry	7-0	42.1%
Class D: Chip Sloan	6-1	43.2%
Class E: Terry Kampe	6-1	32.9%
Class F: Danny Wetzel	6-1	25.4%

Stuffed Turkey Open @ Park Hills 11/3/07 Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Rick McEntire	6-1	56.7%
Class B: Jason Weiler	6-0	41.4%
Class C: Daniel McEntire	8-1	27.9%

November Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena 11/3-4/07 Director: Carlyle Gricks

Class A: Bob Long	4-1	56.4%
Class B: Angie Higginbotham	6-1	41.3%
Class C: Joann Jones	7-2	38.6%
Class D: Rusty Bass	5-0	36.0%
Class E: Dale Parnell	4-1	21.6%
Class F: Justin Carter	4-1	14.7%

Happy Holler Open @ Glen Allen 11/4/07 Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A		
1 st : Cori Stoverink	7-0	57.1%
2 nd : Carol Schreckenber	5-2	39.2%
Class B		
1 st : Mike Davault	7-0	33.3%
2 nd : Wesley Stoverink	6-1	27.1%

Turkey Stakes Open @The Pits 11/10/07 Director: Jim Bainter

Class A: Donna Bastel	6-1	42.9%
Class B: F. Vanevercooren	6-1	33.9%
Class C: Harry Rother	5-2	23.6%

Quail Ridge HC Holds Turkey Trot Tournament

by Bea Feldewerth

The Turkey Trot Tournament was held on Nov. 17, 2007. Since this was the first club tournament held in the new facility at Quail Ridge Park there were a lot of things that had to be set up and arranged for the first time use. And since we now have 16 courts instead of the 12 we could have 4 classes in the morning and afternoon, but we also needed more scorekeepers and that always seems to be a problem having enough scorekeepers.

There were 54 pitchers in 7 classes in the one day tournament. There were 15132 shoes pitched and 5759 ringers recorded. The average ringer percentage was 38.05 %. The highest ringer percent of 67.77% was thrown by Rose Diekamp. The highest game of 75.00% was thrown by Steve Johnson. The biggest increase from 6.90% to 19.20% was thrown by David Sullivan.

In A Class after 7 games Rose Diekamp and Jan Krienkamp were tied for 1st place and there was a playoff and Rose Diekamp won the play off game. Congratulations to all the Class Champions. Look for individual winners in the Missouri Tournament results.

We want to thank all the horseshoe pitchers for arriving early which helped us get all the classes started on time and make the tournament run smoothly.

Thanks to our faithful scorekeepers, who were a big help in making the tournament a success, and to all who helped us in any way.

With the new and bigger facility it is going to take more people to make the tournaments run smoothly.

**SnowBird Fly-A-Way @ Don Harris Arena
11/17/07 Dir: Gregg Craven**

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	6-1	71.1%
Class B: Nile Abbott	5-2	53.3%
Class C: Lawrence Loney	4-1	40.8%
Class D: Richard Schmidt	7-0	32.5%
Class E: Perry Mann	6-1	32.9%
Class F: Sue Roberts	7-0	11.7%

**Turkey Trot Open @ Quail Ridge 11/17/07
Dir: Dave/Bea Feldewerth**

Class A: Rose Diekamp	7-1	67.8%
Class B: Andrew Foulds	7-0	53.0%
Class C: Frank Miles	6-1	46.5%
Class D: George Christ	5-2	35.9%
Class E: Larry Volo	6-1	35.2%
Class F: Owen Moore	6-1	31.0%
Class G: Bob Reininger	5-0	21.6%

**Before Turkey Day @ Hudson Hall
11/17-18/07 Director: Frank Hudson**

Class A: Gary Bowling	6-1	61.0%
Class B: Ralph Richardson	5-1	43.4%
Class C: Jim Larkin	4-1	28.0%
Class D: Shirley Jones	5-0	27.5%
Class E: Chris Hudson	5-1	11.3%

**Turkey Trot Open @ Glen Allen 11/25/07
Directors: Danny/Melody Williams**

Class A		
1 st : Martin Williams	7-1	58.6%
2 nd : Rick McEntire	6-2	50.8%
Class B		
1 st : Melody Williams	7-0	36.1%
2 nd : Mike Brewer	5-2	16.7%

**Here Comes Santa Claus @ Harris Arena
12/1/07 Director: Brady Craven**

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	6-1	67.5%
Class B: Nile Abbott	5-2	47.5%
Class C: Joann Jones	6-1	43.3%
Class D: Don Plowman	6-1	30.4%
Class E: Perry Mann	6-1	38.1%
Class F: Floyd Roberts	6-1	11.3%

**December Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena
12/1-2/07 Director: Carlyle Gricks Jr**

Class A: Bob Long	5-1	54.6%
Class B: Jimmy Higginbotham	6-2	45.5%
Class C: Steve Flood	7-1	39.6%
Class D: Rusty Bass	7-2	32.2%
Class E: Dale Parnell	6-2	27.7%
Class F: Harley Tucker	7-1	18.5%

**Christmas Fun Open @ Park Hills 12/8/07
Director: Rick McEntire**

Class A		
1 st : Randall Grady	7-0	69.6%
2 nd : Sam Carter	6-1	62.1%
Class B		
1 st : Dan Peterson	5-0	39.5%
2 nd : Ken Pogue	4-1	34.0%

**Jingle Bell Rock Open @ Quail Ridge
12/8/07 Dir: Larry Volo/Rob Reininger**

Class A: Steve Johnson	5-2	58.2%
Class B: Mel Brummer	5-2	53.1%
Class C: Theresa Barry	6-1	39.4%
Class D: David Schnieder	5-2	39.4%
Class E: Bill Boueya	7-0	33.0%

Class F: Steve Bruemmer	6-1	29.5%
Class G: Robert Riley	7-0	27.7%
Class H: Natalie Altis	7-0	16.4%

**Snowball Open @ The Pits 12/8-9/07
Director: Jim Bainter**

Class A: Cancelled due to Ice Storm		
Class B: Donna Bastel	5-0	41.6%
Class C: P. VanEvercooren	5-0	40.5%
Class D: Darrin Gregory	6-1	12.5%

**Santa Claus Open @ Glen Allen 12/9/07
Directors: Danny & Melody Williams**

Class A		
1 st : Cori Stoverink	7-0	56.7%
2 nd : Ron LeGrand	5-2	45.2%
Class B		
1 st : Roy Tindall	7-0	31.3%
2 nd : Melody Williams	6-1	30.8%

**Happy New Year @ Harris Arena 1/5/08
Director: Charles Killgore**

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	7-0	68.3%
Class B: Nile Abbott	6-1	54.6%
Class C: Norm Green	5-2	49.3%
Class D: Paul Hudson	5-0	47.2%
Class E: Terry Kampe	4-1	40.0%
Class F: Angela DiRaimo	5-0	33.6%
Class G: Laura Johnson	5-0	16.4%
Class H: Tim Chrissis	4 ½	17.6%
Class I: Joe Barry	5-0	10.4%

**After Holiday Open @ Glen Allen 1/5/08
Dir: Danny & Melody Williams**

Class A: Cori Stoverink	5-2	58.3%
Class B: Daniel McEntire	6-1	25.0%
Class C: Stephanie Vandeven	5-0	16.0%

**Lucky Gricks Memorial @ GricksArena
1/5-6/08 Dir: Carlyle Gricks**

Class A: Letha Harris	5-0	60.5%
Class B: Angie Higginbotham	4-1	43.0%
Class C: Bobbie Jones	7-0	37.1%
Class D: Denner Jennings	5-0	33.3%
Class E: Dale Parnell	4-1	29.0%
Class F: Al Mundy	6-0	31.4%

**January Freeze @ Park Hills 1/12/08
Director: Rick McEntire**

Class A: D. Griesbaum	6-1	69.2%
Class B: Boxie Schrum	7-1	57.1%
Class C: Dan Peterson	4-1	30.4%

Class D: Jason Turner	6-1	15.8%
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**Cool Shoe Open @ The Pits 1/12-13/08
Director: Jim Bainter**

Class A: Charles Killgore	6-1	57.9%
Class B: H.Hoffmeister	7-0	45.3%
Class C: Nathan Evers	6-1	38.2%
Class D: Marvin Flatt	5-2	21.1%
Class E: Chad Flatt	7-0	17.1%

**ALS Benefit Open @ Harris Arena 1/19/08
Dir: E. Cooper/Brady Craven**

Class A: Tom Ebers	7-0	72.5%
Class B: Nile Abbott	7-0	61.7%
Class C: Joann Jones	6-1	38.3%
Class D: Alex Roberts	6-1	32.5%
Class E: David Thompson	7-0	22.5%
Class F: Sue Roberts	7-0	11.3%

**Superbowl Tourn @ Quail Ridge 1/19/08
Dir: Don/J-Net Claas, Clarence Eggert**

Class A: Rose Diekamp	7-1	65.67%
Class B: Bob Crabtree	6-1	57.24%
Class C: Theresa Barry	5-2	46.89%
Class D: George Christ	6-1	39.03%
Class E: Norman Ennis	6-1	29.60%
Class F: Doris Gaudlen	6-1	38.83%
Class G: Megan Riley	5-1	28.12%
Class H: Brandon Riley	6-0	22.16%

**Horseshoe Bowl Open @ Glen Allen
1/20/08 Dir: Danny & Melody Williams**

Class A: Cori Stoverink	5-0	63.5%
Class B: Melody Williams	4-1	33.0%
Class C: John Vandeven	5-0	37.5%

**January Thaw Open @ Hudson Hall
1/19-20/08 Director: Frank Hudson**

Class A: Jim Renfro	5-1	52.1%
Class B: Jesse Dowell	4-1	33.0%
Class C: Gary Ball	7-0	25.8%
Class D: Alfred Mundy	7-0	33.8%
Class E: Ronnie Bohannon	5-0	19.0%

**Window of Opportunity Benefit @ Harris
Arena 2/2/08 Dir: Neal Straughn**

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	6-1	65.0%
Class B: Ralph Richardson	6-1	44.2%
Class C: Jim Kinney Jr	5-2	38.3%
Class D: Clint Sloan	6-1	32.5%
Class E: Ken Heithoff	7-0	35.8%
Class F: Danny Wetzel	6-1	32.9%

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Big Tournament to be Held at the New National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum Facility

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and excited to be hosting the 15th Annual Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament on May 3-4, 2008, at the new Quail Ridge facility in Wentzville.

If you haven't visited the NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum facility, this is your opportunity to come and see what the NHPA/NHPF has provided for all horseshoe pitchers. After viewing the beautifully designed Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, you will enjoy touring the indoor facility, where an impressive NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum enshrines horseshoe memorabilia from the past 100 years. The air-conditioned facility also includes 16 clay courts, full kitchen services, offices, and more. By the time spring arrives, the 16 outdoor courts will be completed. You will see for yourself the "labor of love" that the QRHC members put into this project. It is probably the finest indoor facility in the United States.

The 15th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament is for the top "Sweet Sixteen" 40 footers in the Men's Division who have the highest ringer percentages in the United States and who accept the invitation. You won't want to miss seeing the talent and skills of the best horseshoe pitchers in the NHPA. Watch and

learn from the best. Eight games will be pitched on Saturday and seven games will be pitched on Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 paying the top eight places.

Due to additional courts in the new facility, the QRHC is proud to extend an existing 30-foot tournament into one comparable to the 40 footers. The tournament for the 30 footers will be held at the same time as the 40 footers. It will include the top 16 pitchers who accept the invitation.

Plans are in the making for a possible pitch-off game between the winners of the 40-foot and 30-foot Champions. This could be a most exciting event.

By the way, if you have not already purchased a brick for the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, now would be the perfect time to order. Your engraved brick would be in place by the time you arrive at the park for the Six Pac Tournament this spring. What a great way to support the NHPA Hall of Fame building project and at the same time feel a part of our great horseshoe organization.

As you are making plans to attend this spring tournament, please support our co-sponsor, the Holiday Inn-Wentzville, for only \$59.95 per night. The hotel is located only five minutes from the courts. Whether you plan to pitch in the tournament or to come as a spectator, the QRHC members promise you an unforgettable time. The members are planning a dinner/cookout at the facility on Saturday evening for a small donation for all to attend. The QRHC is looking forward in anticipation of your attendance at this exciting horseshoe event.

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MOHPA Hall of Fame

by Dee McIntire

The Hall of Fame Committee will be accepting nominations for inductees into the MOHPA Hall of Fame for 2008 through June 1, 2008. Below is a Nomination form or you can access it on the MOHPA web site. Nominations can be submitted to the Chairperson either by e-mail at dmcintire@kc.rr.com or by mail to Dee McIntire, 6802 N Askew, Gladstone, MO 64119. Please be sure to print or type your nominations.

Each nominee must have been an active NHPA/MOHPA member for at least 10 years. The three categories are listed below with recommended items which should be addressed during the completion of the nomination form. Please remember, nominations received directly from any nominee will be returned without action.

Player Category

List: Pitching records such as high ringer percentage games, longest consecutive string of ringers, etc.; any important tournament wins, along with tournament averages; any state titles with year and averages pitched; any outstanding World Tournament performances.

Promoter/Organizer Category

List: Any tournaments organized and their locations; any outstanding publicity obtained for our sport; any horseshoe clubs helped to organize; any Club, State or National office/s held; total years nominee has worked to promote our sport; any other qualifications worthy of consideration.

Player/Organizer Category

Some persons have achieved a degree of excellence in both categories and it becomes difficult to place them in just one category. Please list any information pertinent from both of the above categories.

Anyone submitting nominations are encouraged to use additional pages to describe the activities of nominees so the selection committee has a complete understanding of the nominee.

MOHPA Hall of Fame Committee

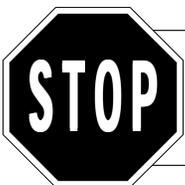
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Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall Of Fame

(Nomination Form)

**For use by selection committee of Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association
Hall of Fame to determine the applicant's qualification for induction.**

(Please print or use typewriter)

Name of Nominee _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

What do you consider the nominee's most important achievements in horseshoes?

Player:

Organizer:

Promoter:

What recognition have you received for: Playing Ability, Leadership, Administrative, Etc.?

What services, etc., have you rendered or contributed toward the advancement and/or support of horseshoes?

In which category do you recommend the nominee be considered?

____ Player ____ Promoter/Organizer ____ Player/Organizer

Submitted by: _____ **Date:** _____

Additional narrative may be attached. Please indicate ____ **Yes** if additional pages and number of total pages included ____.

Please refer to MOHPA HOF Standard Operating Procedure regarding HOF nomination and selection procedures before submitting your nomination.

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Attention Tournament Directors

by Elwyn Cooper

A reminder that the MOHPA Rules and Bylaws requires you to be a “member in good standing” in order to be a Tournament Director. The MOHPA Officers agree that you must be a member of the NHPA/MOHPA (have an NHPA card).

This means you must have a current card when requesting a certificate and patches for a sanctioned tournament. For those of you making request in October, November, or December for the next year, you should have ordered your card for that next year.

Thanks to all of you for being a Tournament Director in order that our fellow NHPA members can enjoy pitching in our sanctioned tournaments.

How to Run a Sanctioned Horseshoe Tournament

Contact (preferably in writing) your NHPA Regional Director before the Oct. Shoe Biz deadline to get your tournament publicized for the entire preceding year. Give the tournament name, date, location, type, number of classes expected and the tournament director's name, address, telephone number and email address or cell phone number. Also, give any restrictions or entry deadline. The RD will send the required patches and a sanction certificate to be displayed during the tournament.

Before Tournament Play Begins

- A. Have on-hand the necessary materials needed to run your tournament. Seed players using their NatStat average that is effective at the entry deadline or the Thursday before the tournament.
- B. Notify all registered players as soon as possible their scheduled playing time.
- C. You are responsible for checking to see that each entrant has a current NHPA card.
- D. Before class-play announce: 1. Game-Type, 2. Unless pre-paid players must pay the scorekeeper before each game starts. 3. How ties are to be broken and 4. Where pitchers must stand while their opponent or a player on an adjacent court is pitching.
- E. Know the provisions of the NHPA Rules regarding running a tournament, forfeits, etc.

During Sanctioned Tournament Play

- A. Players must abide by the NHPA and MOHPA Rules.
- B. Govern the tournament activities yourself or appoint a committee to do so. This includes judging and enforcing the rules by penalizing violations.
- C. Enter the tournament sanction number and each player's card number on your submitted results.

After Tournament Play

- A. Singles – Give the Tournament Champion Patch to the winner of the top class. Other class winners get a Class Champion Patch. In Doubles – Give each player of the winning team of each class the appropriate patch.
- B. Present tournament patches and any other awards you have for the tournament.

After Your Tournament Is Over

Promptly send your tournament results to our State Statistician, so, the results can be timely reported to Nat Stats.

Note: The NHPA card is a combined NHPA/MOHPA card and is obtained by sending \$20 (adult) or \$5 (junior) fee to Vicki Winston at 10326 Hwy. D, LaMonte, MO 65337, or 660-563-3536.

Pitcher's Tournament Responsibility

1. Pitchers need to help the Tournament Director (hereinafter referenced: TD) by entering their tournament a week or more before the tournament. More notice is required for entering indoor tournaments during the winter. Winter tournaments fill up quickly and entry probably should be made at least 30 days in advance.
2. When you enter a tournament ask the TD to let you know when you will play. If you are not notified a few days before the tournament, call the TD back and ask again.
3. Keep in mind that the TD gets very busy near tournament time. They have to notify entrants of pitching times, get the necessary supplies together, set up line-ups, etc. It is possible the TD called you but did not get an answer. Sometime when this happens, the TD may miss a note to call you again when it gets to crunch time.
4. When you pre-register for a tournament you are expected to show up. If you are unable to participate, notify the TD as soon as you know. If it turns out that you are a no show (without notification) you have created a lot of extra work for the TD and delayed the start of the session you were supposed to pitch in. This not only makes the TD unhappy, but other players because of the delay and possible re-shuffling of the classes (players). It is common courtesy for everyone to give proper notice to each other.
5. If you are a Club or Local player, do not assume you will be an automatic entry into your club or local tournament. You are required to let the TD know you want to pitch the same as you do for away tournaments.
6. You are required to observe the NHPA/MOHPA Rules while pitching and while in the confines of the tournament site. If someone asks you to observe a rule, please do so. If you have questions regarding rules or a game situation ask the TD or an appointed Judge when they occur. If it is a game situation and you report it after the game, there may be no remedy at that time.
7. One very important rule is the one that involves the position of a player while their opponent or (in mixed distance pitching) a player on an adjacent court is pitching. A pitcher who is waiting for their opponent to pitch shall be on or behind the opposite platform at least two feet behind them, also, far enough back so as not to disturb a pitcher on an adjacent court who is pitching during the inning.
8. Moving from platform to platform during an inning shall be done as follows: When both pitchers use the same platform to pitch their shoes, the pitcher pitching first shall deliver both shoes and then cross over in front of the pit (moving to their proper position) while the person pitching second is crossing over in back of the pit to the common platform. If the pitchers use opposite platforms, then the pitcher pitching first steps directly back to the proper position (see #7).

Good pitching and have a fun tournament.

Entry Requirements

5th Annual MOHPA Open/Team Championship Benefit

Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, MO • May 31, 2008

1. This tournament is a MOHPA fundraiser. All profits realized from this event will stay with the MOHPA.
2. This is an NHPA sanctioned event. All pitchers will be placed according to their NatStats average as of May 8, 2008. New pitchers may use a sanctioned league average of at least 400 shoes (Attach signed letter from League Director) or send a score sheet for 100 shoes pitched consecutively (Attach score sheet witnessed by 2 sanctioned league members).
3. **Entry Information:** All entries must be submitted on an Official Entry Form and must be signed and dated. Send entries to: Vicki Winston, 10326 Highway D, LaMonte, MO 65337. **Make checks payable to: MOHPA.**
 - **Singles:** Open to all current NHPA members, regardless of residence. Adult entry fee: \$15.00. Juniors: Free. Entries must be received by May 2, 2008. Late entries will be put on a standby list. No refunds for cancellations received after May 2, 2008.
 - **Team event:** Open to Missouri residents and out-of-state pitchers who are currently members of a Missouri club. Team entry fee: \$25.00. Have your Team Captain fill out the official team entry form listing all 5 team members. Please submit one check for the \$25.00 team entry and the singles entry fee of \$15.00 per pitcher. Total check amount: \$100.00. Entries must be received by May 2, 2008. No refunds for cancellations received after May 2, 2008. Your club may enter as many 5-person teams as you wish. Note: At least 3 people on each team must be club members. If you do not currently belong to a club, please contact one of the clubs and let them know you would like to be a part of their team at this event.
4. **Singles portion of tournament:** Classes will be scheduled for eight person round robins where possible. All games will be cancellation scoring. All classes will pitch 40 shoe games (this will allow ample time for team tie breakers, if required). In the case of a tie, each player will pitch an 4 additional shoes. If the score is still tied, an additional 4 shoes must be pitched until the tie is broken. All games are subject to NHPA and MOHPA rules and judges decisions will be **final**.
5. Each singles participant also signed up as a **team** member will accumulate points based on their win/loss record: 1st Place – 8 Points, 2nd Place – 7 Points, 3rd Place – 6 Points, 4th Place – 5 Points, 5th Place – 4 Points, 6th Place – 3 Points, 7th Place – 2 Points and 8th Place – 1 Point. Any Classes with less than 8 pitchers will still start with 8 points for 1st Place. Tie Breakers: 1) Win/Loss percentage, 2) losing points scored.
6. **Any pitchers** not completing their schedule forfeit all prizes unless officially excused.
7. **All pitchers** must wear a shirt with at least their last name lettered neatly on the back.
8. **All pitchers** must pay their scorekeeper \$1.00 prior to the start of each game.
9. **Trophies:** Plaque and patch will be presented to 1st Place only in each singles class.
10. **Notification:** Pitching times will be mailed to all entrants
11. **Team portion of tournament:** Points accumulated by team members during normal singles play will be added together. If there is a tie for 1st Place, the tie-breaker will be as follows: The 5 pitchers on each team will be matched by ringer %. Each of the paired pitchers on opposing teams will play one game using a 90% Handicap and alternate pitch. The team with the highest win record will become the **Missouri Club Team Champions**.
12. **Team Trophies:** One State Club Team Championship plaque will be presented to the 1st Place Club Team at the 2008 MOHPA Awards Banquet to be held in September 2008 at the Quail Ridge Hall of Fame facility. Individual plaques will be presented to each of the five 1st Place Club Team members.

Tentative Schedule: (Subject to change)

Saturday, May 31 @ 9:00 am: Classes I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P

Saturday, May 31 @ 1:30 pm: Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

For questions, contact: Donna Bastel, 573-374-8243, e-mail lkhouse@usmo.com.

5th Annual MOHPA Open Benefit
Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, MO • May 31, 2008

Name Address
City ZIP Phone ()
NHPA Card # Birth Date Adult Junior
E-Mail

Check One: [] Use my official NatStats average
[] I am a new pitcher and am entering under the provisions of rule #2. (required documents enclosed)

Participant Liability Release: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Missouri Horse-shoe Pitchers Assoc., all officers, agents, employees and servants of the afore-mentioned organization and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, causes of actions, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in a Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament.

Adults: \$15.00 Entries must be received by May 2, 2008 Juniors: Free

Signed: Dated:

Team Entry Form Team

4th Annual MOHPA Team Championship Benefit
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Team Name Team Captain

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Participant Liability Release: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Missouri Horse-shoe Pitchers Assoc., all officers, agents, employees and servants of the afore-mentioned organization and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, causes of actions, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in a Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament.

Signed: (Team Captain) Dated:

Please attach required documents for new pitchers under provisions of Rule #2

Team: \$25.00 Adults: Open, \$15.00 Each; Team, \$5.00 Juniors: Open, Free; Team, \$5.00
Entries must be received by May 2, 2008

Missouri Horseshoe Pitching Locations

As known 1/28/08. *These locations do not offer sanctioned activities.

Backyard Horseshoe Club

Danny & Melody Williams
Glen Allen, MO (Indoors)
573-238-0047
nipdpeg@prodigy.net

Ballwin Horseshoe Courts*

Rich Altis
Ballwin, MO (Outdoors)
636-394-3640
richaltis@juno.com

Capitol City Horseshoe Club

Steve Bruemmer
Jefferson City, MO (Outdoors)
636-541-3232
s.bruemmer@att.net

Caulfield Horseshoe Club

Bob/Esther Kingsolver
Caulfield, MO (Outdoors)
417-284-3042

Chillicothe Horseshoe Club

Don Plowman
Chillicothe, MO (Outdoors)
660-646-0174
djplowman@sbcglobal.net

Crane Creek Ringers

Bill/Judy Waisner
Crane, MO (Outdoors)
417-723-0081
jwaisner@centurytel.net

DeKalb County Horseshoe Club*

Joe Owen
Maysville, MO (Outdoors)
816-632-1046

Doling Park Horseshoe Club

John Price
Springfield, MO (Outdoors)
417-732-9956, cell 417-844-2199
crapdaddy.john@gmail.com

Double Ringer Horseshoe Club*

Junior Nute
Bevier, MO (Outdoors)
660-773-6940

Festus Horseshoe Club*

Eddie Valle
Festus (area), MO (In/Outdoors)
636-933-3528

First Capitol Womens League

Sally Montgomery
St. Charles, MO (Outdoors)
636-947-1391

Golden Triangle League

Jim/Carol Howard
Wentzville, MO (In/Outdoors)
636-441-7679
horseshoejc@sbcglobal.net

Golden Valley Horseshoe Club*

Eugene Loyd
Clinton, MO (Outdoors)
660-885-3868

Heart of America Horseshoe Club

Dee McIntire
Liberty, MO (Indoors)
816-452-0254
cmcintire@kc.rr.com

Heartland Indoor Horseshoe Assn.

Gregg Craven
Liberty, MO. (Indoors)
816-781-4132
gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net

Hudson Hall

Frank/Ruth Hudson
Crane, MO (Indoors)
417-723-5429, 417-840-5434

Independence Horseshoe Club

John Jeffers
Independence MO (Outdoors)
816-461-5161

Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

Bob/Donna Bastel
Laurie, MO (Outdoors)
573-374-8243
lkhouse@usmo.com

Liberty Horseshoe Club

Nile Abbott
Liberty, M) (Outdoors)
816-741-4188
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Lions Park Horseshoe Club

Glenn Bowman
Peculiar, MO (Outdoors)
816-293-5856
glennbowmans@wmconnect.com

Mineral Area Horseshoe Club

Rick McEntire
Park Hills, MO (Indoors)
573-431-6107, 573-330-2766

NEMO Horseshoe Club*

Gary Coy
Kirksville, MO (Outdoors)
660-665-2402

Novinger Coal Miners Horseshoe Club*

John Airale
Novinger, MO (Outdoors)
660-488-5341

Pitchers Paradise Horseshoe Club

Marshel Keith
Marshfield, MO (Outdoors)
417-859-2781
mfkeith@centurytel.net

Pony Express Horseshoe Club

Dean Jameson
St. Joseph, MO (Outdoors)
816-232-5577

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

Martin Orf
Wentzville, MO (In/Outdoors)
636-332-3310
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Saline County Horseshoe Club

Tom Ebers
Marshall, MO (Outdoors)
660-885-5520
tebers@kc.rr.com

Shelbina Library Park Horseshoe Club

Russ Ebbing
Shelbina, MO (Outdoors)
573-588-2244
russelle@dstream.net

Stockton Horseshoe Club*

Wayne Barber
Stockton, MO (Outdoors)
417-276-6022

The Pits/Lake Ozark Horseshoe Club

Jim Bainter
Sunrise Beach, MO (Indoors)
573-372-3650
jbainter@charter.net

Three Ringer Courts

Dan Hobbs
Mountain View, MO (Outdoors)
417-934-6741

Three Ringers Three Horseshoe Club*

Dave Whipple
Warsaw, MO (Outdoors)
660-438-5730

Tri-State Horseshoe Club

Carlyle Gricks Jr.
Diamond, MO (Indoors)
417-325-4456

Bob Long Indoor Courts

Webb City, MO
417-659-9211
rmlcsl@aol.com

For other information, contact the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association secretary:

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10326 Hwy D
LaMonte, MO 65337
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Membership Application

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

The NHPA card is a combined membership in your state and national horseshoe pitching associations. This card entitles you to participate in NHPA sanctioned play throughout the United States and much of Canada, wherever you meet the entry requirements for the event. You must pay your dues through the state charter where you maintain legal residence as determined by voting, tax and/or drivers license laws. Dues are based on the calendar year. New members may pay next years dues after October 1 of the current year and will be eligible to participate in sanctioned events the final 3 months of the current year, as well as all of the next year.

As a member of the Missouri Charter, you will receive *Shoe Biz* three times a year free of charge. This will keep you informed of events within our state. Our statistician will be recording your pitching stats from all sanctioned events and will be forwarding these stats to the NHPA stats headquarters, called NatStats. These stats are updated weekly and can be accessed through either the NHPA or the MOHPA websites. To make all of this possible, your NHPA card will have six digits followed by two decimals. Missouri is region 19, followed by four digits, which are your number. The two decimals represent the calendar year. The decimal and color of the NHPA card change each year. Your number will remain with you as long as you reside in Missouri and continue to maintain your membership. If you ever lose your NHPA card, the charter secretary will issue you a duplicate card free of charge. You need only notify her.

Please fill in all information on the form below that applies to you and mail the application and total amount of dues to the MOHPA Sec/Treas. (address below) Please make checks payable to: MOHPA.

Vicki Winston	Adult Dues	Juniors and Cadets
MOHPA Sec/Treas.	12.00 national	5.00 national
10326 Highway D	<u>8.00</u> state	<u>0.00</u> state
LaMonte, MO 65337	\$20.00 Total Dues	\$5.00 Total Dues
Phone/Fax: (660) 563-3536		
E-mail: horshuvicki@socket.net		

(Cut along dashed line and return this portion with dues. Make additional copies if more than one form is needed.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street address or PO Box: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ E-mail address _____

If renewing, enter NHPA#: _____ Approx. years in NHPA: _____ New members, mark here: _____

Club affiliation if any: _____

Check one of the following: Adult Junior Cadet

Check one of the following: Male Female

Check one of the following: 40' Pitcher Less than 40' pitcher

COMING EVENTS

**Six Pac
Invitational
Tournament
May 3 -4**

**2008 World
Horseshoe
Tournament
York, PA
July 7 -19**

**MOHPA
Club/Team
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Tournament
May 31**

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