Prez Report
by Ron Highley, President MOHPA

Spring is here, and so are the rains it brings. This has been a challenging farming year, and it’s been a challenge to get the outdoor tournaments and leagues going due to all the rain. We had a few clean-up and work days at our club in Peculiar before the rains came. We missed our first league night and had to move the pitching to a different night the second week because of rain. Before long, we will be wanting some of this rain and cooler temps.

This issue of Shoe Biz has entry forms for the State Fair (page 13) and the State Tournament (page 15). The Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City is again our host hotel. The business meeting on Friday evening and the Awards Banquet and the Junior Party on Saturday evening will all be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Call them at 573-635-1234 to make reservations, and ask for the State Horseshoe Tournament rate to get a great rate of $79 per night. The deadline to book rooms is July 31, but they have asked that you book your rooms early. The hotel has again donated a room to us, and we will again be raffling off this room for 2 nights for two different people. All you must do to be eligible for the room raffle is to send in your State Tournament entry.

Any city, club, or organization interested in bidding for the State Tournament in 2018 must do so in writing at this year’s State Tournament entry deadline which is June 1. The bidding will include the first 96 entrants who send in their entry forms. Business meeting on Friday evening. However, if some or all of the courts will be portable courts, then the bidder must contact me at least 30 days before State so that we can determine the suitability of the pitching area. If you have any questions, let me know.

Big thanks go to the members and Clubs who are hosting Juniors only tournaments. Mark Snead and Quail Ridge had a Future Champions tournament in Wentzville in February. Gregg Craven and Liberty hosted the 8th Annual Juniors Only Tournament in April. Quail Ridge is also hosting another Future Champions tournament in October. Check with Mark Snead for more information. The kids really enjoy just pitching against kids occasionally.

I have been watching the World Tournament Entrant Listing, and we have several “MOs” on there. Looks like we are going to have good representation out west in Utah. (This is usually the case at any World Tournament, wherever it is.) This will be our 17th to attend, and I have pitched in all of them. Victoria started pitching World Tournament’s in 2007 in Ardmore, OK. She is a tough pitcher now, but she was so nervous at her first World Tournament that she was crying! As usual, I anticipate seeing our friends from all over. I look forward to the pitching and to a little down time and R & R. If you have not been to that part of the west, you have to check out some of the beautiful National Parks in the area. See ya all there. And finally, yes, Victoria went with me to the Garth Brooks concert. We had a great time.

Missouri State Fair
By Jim Kinney, Superintendent Missouri State Fair

Hello fellow pitchers. Outdoor pitching is kicking off for the 2017 season. I am proud to announce that I have taken over the task of Director of the 2017 Missouri State Fair Tournament. Donna Bastel has stepped down and turned over the helm, so I have some big shoes to fill. Donna did an outstanding job of keeping the long tradition of the Missouri State Fair as one of the most prestigious tournaments.

There will be a couple of changes that will be addressed on the entry form in this issue (page 13). The pitching days have been during the second weekend of the Fair for years. We have moved the event to the first weekend, Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, for a couple of reasons that have been solidified by the responses I have received from various pitchers. I have a great team helping me that includes Scott Raimer (Assistant Superintendent), Ron Highley (Tournament Judge), Jim Bainter (Tournament Judge/Treasurer), Mike Gillespie (volunteer worker), and Bob Johnston (volunteer worker). There are others who show up as volunteers, and I am thanking them now.

The tournament will include the first 96 pitchers who send in the entry form. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions to make this tournament a little bit better, please feel free to e-mail me at jkinneyjrusa@gmail.com. My phone number and Scott’s phone number are on the entry form.

The walk-in entrance to the pits, and to check in, is located between gates 8 and 9, on the southwest side of the fairgrounds, on Clarendon Rd. Public parking and public camping are located across from the pits.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone who is a participant or a spectator. I hope your experience is a good one. Come to have a good time at our tournament and to experience the atmosphere that the Missouri State Fair projects. May all of you find the peg with an open shoe throughout 2017.
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Shoe Biz Deadlines

The magic number is “9”:

- February 9
- May 9
- October 9

State Tournament Update

By Mel Bruemmer

The Capital City Horseshoe Club is focused on providing you an exceptional State Tournament experience for 2017. Join us in the beautiful Capital City for a great horseshoe festival. Please clear your schedule and send in your entry form, which can be found on page 15 of this issue of Shoe Biz or downloaded from the MOHPA website. Make it a complete weekend with your friends by entering the doubles and singles! You just might take home two state trophies.

The host hotel will once again be the Capital Plaza Hotel and convention center. See their ad on page 18. They have everything you need or could want in a full-service hotel at a great price. You even get 2 free breakfast vouchers for each morning of your stay. The business meeting and the banquet will be there, and the banquet will again be packed with great entertainment. The Capital Plaza is the nearest hotel to the tournament action and a short walk to the Capital complex and the downtown entertainment district.

The Old Missouri State Prison with our featured tours (see article on page 9) is just a short drive east. You will have a great experience.

The Tournament Shirts and Hats are charcoal with gold, white, and charcoal logos, and the lettering is gold. We think it is terrific looking. You will have all the options, plus new for this year, long-sleeve T-shirts. We need to get an idea of how many to shirts to order to get you the best price available. Please call Mel Bruemmer at 573-821-6350 or e-mail mlbruem@ael.com with your order. I will call you and confirm the order when I have the pricing.

We need your support with ads for the program book. A business card–size ad costs $25, a quarter-page ad $50, a half-page ad $100, and a full-page ad $150. Please send ads to me at mlbruem@aol.com or mail them to me at 2808 Grovers Ford Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Our goal is to raise enough money to build the horseshoe courts at the Special Olympic Training for Life Campus (see article on page 5). Horseshoe pitchers can make a big difference in the lives of Special Olympic athletes.

Come to the Capital for the 2017 State Tournament and be part of something very special.

2017 Officer Elections

by Ron Highley, President MOHPA

The Offices up for election this year at the State Business meeting in September are Directors of Zones 2 and 3, Secretary/Treasurer, and Vice-President. The incumbents in that order are Scott Raimer, Al Mundy, Jim Bainter, and Pat Griewing. Scott, Al and Jim have indicated that they will run for re-election, but Pat has decided not to run for re-election. We thank Pat for her service, and we now need some candidates for the Vice-President position. Anyone interested in running for VP or for any one of these positions can find the job descriptions on the MOHPA website. The election will be held during the business meeting at the State Tournament on Friday evening. Officers take office November 1 in the year they are elected.

A request

By Casey Shays, NHPF Board of Directors President

The NHPF would like to request a favor. Help fund the NHPF by shopping. It costs nothing and is a wonderful way that members can begin to contribute to the NHPF. When you shop online, simply use this link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-1671910.

What happens is that 0.5% of your total purchase price goes to the NHPF through Amazon Smile. That means if you spend $100.00 on a purchase, 0.5% of that is 50 cents. Yes, it’s a pittance when you look at it this way, but over $10,000 it becomes $50. A completely painless way to participate. Thanks for your help!
From My Court to Yours
by Jim Bainter, MOHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Is it wrong to say “Rain, Rain go away”? All things considered, it’s better than a long, cold winter. Summer leagues are getting organized, and the membership rolls are beginning to indicate more activity. The totals stand at 550 Adults and 49 Juniors. Keep recruiting – let’s try for 650 adults this year.

We continue to have delays in notification when tournament directors get a new pitcher or one who is renewing when they play in a tournament. This creates a problem if Stan gets the results and the pitchers are not current. Please check your HSMaster profile to ensure that the entries are current. If they are not, call or e-mail me before you send the results to Stan. Then, get the dues payment in the mail on the following Monday. Results cannot be forwarded to Natstats until we can resolve or verify the pitcher’s status. Your attention in this matter will save time for Stan and me and decrease our frustration level.

For the last couple of Shoe Biz issues, pitchers with e-mail addresses have received digital copies before the printed copies are available via snail mail. This process will continue as we try to reduce printing and mailing costs by your acceptance of the e-mail version and ask to be removed from the MOHPA mailing list. You must request this removal by phone or e-mail. You will not be automatically removed. For those without e-mail, there is no plan to discontinue printing and mailing. In addition to receiving Shoe Biz early, you also have the advantage of viewing the content in color. Shoe Biz will continue to be available on the MOHPA web site the same day it is sent to the printer. If you need a hard copy, you can download it from the website or print your e-mail version, which is sent to all pitchers of record back to 2015. This serves to remind non-active pitchers of our sport and to encourage them to become part of our community again. It’s a good recruitment tool and doesn’t cost the MOHPA anything.

Inside this issue are the entry forms for both the State Fair Tournament (page 13) and the State Championship Tournament in Jefferson City (page 15). The State Fair Tournament has been moved to the first weekend of the fair; see Jim Kinney Jr.’s article on the front page. The State Tournament in Jefferson City may be moved indoors. Otherwise, expect the setup to be the same as last year. We should know about the venue change by late June, and any changes will be posted on our website as soon as possible. I know that many pitchers were affected by or concerned about the heat last year. The MOHPA officers share your concerns and are doing everything possible to mitigate the heat issues for 2017.

I would like to encourage all the clubs (and individual pitchers) to write a short article for Shoe Biz. The purpose of this newsletter is to let pitchers around the state know what’s happening in our association. Your contributions can provide recognition to pitchers in your clubs who provide the support necessary to keep the facilities maintained and organize the leagues and tournaments that your members enjoy. It will help promote your club and our sport.

I understand that some of our pitchers did not receive Shoe Biz in February or received it late (as in the first week of May). The issue was late to the printer, and the USPS obviously didn’t help.

The 2017 MOHPA pins are available for $2 each. You can use them for trading at the World Tournament or to promote our association as you visit other states during the year. If you are interested call or e-mail me.

Reminder – it’s not too early to consider nominations for state awards. If you know a pitcher who deserves state recognition, let your officers know. That’s it from the Pits.

Condensed Financial Report

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Snowbirds from Washington
Visit NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame
By Rich Altis

On their way to warmer weather in the south, Darrel and Lorraine Koistinen of Washington stopped by the NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame on Wednesday, February 22. Darrel pitches with the Skagit Valley Horseshoe Club.

Darrel won the NHPF raffle at the 2016 World Tournament in Montgomery, AL, and used that money to purchase bricks for family and friends for the Dr. Freeman Brick Memorial Walkway. They wanted to see them and other bricks purchased by pitchers from the state of Washington, particularly Russ Phillips, Barry Chapelle, and Phyllis Quist. As they found Barry’s brick, they learned that his was a brother of Vicki Winston, the only 10-time Women’s World Champion and 20-time Missouri State Champion.

I enjoyed showing the Koistinens around the facility; we found several things in common. We had both been in the Army, both in the Medical Corps, and we were both stationed in Germany.

After they spent about 40 minutes going through the Hall of Fame Museum, they left to check into their hotel. As it was a Wednesday, I told them that we would be open until about 11 PM for the Wednesday Night Men’s League. Darrel said they would return to watch the players pitch. When they returned, he had two American Flags on standards and gave them to the club as a gift, for which we are most grateful.

J-Net’s note: When Phyllis Quist was here for the Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament in May, she reported that the Koistinens had said their visit to the HOF facility was the highlight of their trip. Rich was an outstanding host, and they learned many things while visiting. Maybe some of you will be passing through Wentzville, MO, sometime and would like to stop by for a visit. Just call J-Net Claas at 636-734-9095 for more information. We’ll leave the light on for you.

STOP

Don’t throw me away!
Keep me for future reference.
I am full of useful information.
Warren Cutright passed away peacefully at his home in New Florence at the age of 81 due to natural causes. Warren was plagued with six bouts of cancer during his lifetime; life doesn’t seem fair, does it?

Warren was born to John and Ethel Cutright on their farm on McClay Road in St. Charles County. He had three brothers and two sisters. Warren was introduced to the sport of horseshoes as a youngster while watching his father, uncles, and other relatives enjoying the sport at family gatherings. It became a Cutright tradition. Warren attended school in the Francis Howell School District, graduating in 1952.

Warren met his wife, Sue, through his sister Marilyn, and they were married on December 1, 1956. They would become the parents of three children, Roger, Wanda, and Paul. They lived in St. Charles until their children were grown and then moved to New Florence. Warren worked for General Motors as a machinist and retired in 1983 after 25 years due to health problems.

Warren and Sue were active youth group sponsors for the St. Charles Presbyterian Church as their children were growing up. After moving to New Florence, they became active in the Big Spring Methodist Church near their home.

Warren and Sue both loved to pitch horseshoes. They pitched with the Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club and then in 1991 joined the New Melle Horseshoe Club, where they pitched together in the Jack & Jill League. Warren was a member of the MOHPA/NHPA for 11 years, retiring in 2001. He was the last of the Cutright brothers who pitched horseshoes together for many years. Although he had to quit pitching, Warren would show up at all horseshoe events where he would watch Sue, who was a good horseshoe pitcher. Warren would visit the NHPA Hall of Fame occasionally, especially during the Hall of Fame Invitational, when he would come to watch the "pros" play.

Warren and Sue enjoyed being snowbirds, traveling to warmer climates in the winter months to California and Arizona. Warren found a love for tractors; he had at least five of them, which he used to cut grass, haul wood, and ride in parades. He was quite proud of them. He was a quiet, unassuming man who was loved by all.

Warren was preceded in death by his wife, Sue in 2010, and his son, Roger. He was buried alongside his wife at the St. Charles Memorial Gardens. Members of the NMHC and QRHC shall miss Warren; he and all the Cutrights were a part of our “horseshoe family” throughout the years. A brick will be placed in his honor in the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Walkway.

Gilbert “Skip” Penfold
October 8, 1938 – January 28, 2017

By Jeanette Class

Gilbert “Skip” Penfold passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2017, in St. Peters, MO, at the age of 78. Skip received a diagnosis of mesothelioma, an aggressive disease caused by asbestos that develops in the lining of the lungs, only a few months before he died.

Skip was born in Flushing, NY, on October 8, 1938. The family moved to St. Louis in his early childhood, and he married Judith Junge on December 6, 1958, in St. Clair, IL. Skip was an iron worker with Iron Workers Local #396 for 60 years; during his career, he helped build the Gateway Arch and other prominent St. Louis structures. Skip was a member of the Sons of the AMVETS Post #106. He also was the head of the Sad Sack 601, which provides scholarships for aspiring nurses.

Back in the 1950s, I went to Pattonville High School with Skip, and although he was a year ahead of me, I knew him as being somewhat quiet, mild mannered, and always a gentleman. I believed that trait stayed with him throughout his life, and if I hadn’t run into him again 20 years later, I most likely wouldn’t be sitting here writing an article about him. If it wasn’t for Skip and Judy, there would be very few horseshoe pitchers in this part of St. Charles County. Together, they formed the Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club in St. Peters. Once the park was sold, the club continued with its name at other locations in the area. It is still in existence at the Quail Ridge Park and pitches during the summer. Many pitchers began their first organized pitching activities with this club in 1984. You did not have to join the MOHPA/NHPA at that time unless you wanted to participate in tournaments.

Skip always enjoyed horseshoe pitching, and he and Judy would travel to many areas to pitch even before they discovered there was room at the park for them to put in some horseshoe pits (with the long concrete walks for the women to pitch). Skip had high hopes for reviving horseshoes in the St. Charles County area, and Judy had high hopes of getting enough ladies to pitch in their own
league. By word of mouth and newspaper advertising, Judy found enough women to start two leagues. Judy had just developed the first women's horseshoe league in Missouri. As it turned out, they had enough pitchers to fill four nights of league pitching! The club eventually peaked with 147 members, second only in the United States to a league in Detroit with 163 members.

From Monday through Thursday evenings, the horseshoe courts were filled with fun, excitement, enthusiasm, and good pitching competition. Many of us got our first taste of horseshoe competition here, which has stayed with us for over 30 years. So many of the members from that era are now deceased, but the memories we shared with each of them are countless and priceless.

Skip was a coordinator for horseshoes in the first National Senior Olympics held at Washington University in 1987. Ed Jackson won the first tournament and was awarded the first gold medal ever issued for the National Senior Olympics in the horseshoe event. L. C. Kelly also won a gold medal in his division. The GTHC also directed the horseshoe event for the St. Charles County Golden Games. These events are currently held by the QRHC at the NHPA facility. In 1986, the GTHC sponsored a horseshoe tournament during the St. Peters Old Tyme Picnic with all proceeds going to charity. It became an ongoing event for many years and was a main attraction of the fair. After Skip and Judy left, Don and Mary Ann Ell became the tournament directors of this 3-day event.

You might say that Skip and Judy created a “monster” in horseshoes in the St. Charles area. Their hard work and dedication inspired many to carry their love of horseshoes a little further into serious competition. I can tell you that it brought about a change in many lives by enabling horseshoe pitchers to pursue a backyard game onto the national level. Missouri horseshoe pitchers are extremely grateful to Skip and Judy for their time, service, promotion, and dedication to the sport of horseshoes. Skip was a member of the NHPA/MOHPA for 15 years.

Skip is survived by his wife, Judy, his three children, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey, and his parents, Gilbert Sr. and Ruth Penfold. Skip was laid to rest at the St. Charles Memorial Gardens. A brick has been placed in his honor at the Jack Freeman Memorial Walkway at the NHPA facility.

Hugo Bisges
August 15, 1931 – April 11, 2017
By Mel Bruemmer

Hugo Bisges of Koeltztown, MO, passed away April 11, 2017, at 85 years of age. He was married for 61 years to Rosaline Lueckenotto, who preceded him in death on May 1, 2016.

Hugo was a charter member of the Capital City Horseshoe Club. He played in club events until his health prevented him from participating. The CCHC has commissioned a brick at the Hall of Fame in his honor. He was a 5-year member of the NHPA. He was the champion of the 30' Men’s B class at the 2006 State Tournament with a 52.8% ringer average. He holds the CCHC record for highest game ever in league play, 92.31%, making him the only member to have earned a 90% patch. Hugo won the CCHC Club Championship in 2007. An avid horseshoe pitcher for many years, Hugo was known as a fierce competitor in the local non-sanctioned tournaments. Hugo and his partner Jim Kleffner won the senior men’s division of the Knights of Columbus state tournament in 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Hugo’s career was as a farmer, primarily dairy and beef cattle operations. He also drove a school bus for 40 years. He enjoyed card playing, squirrel hunting, and bowling, as well as horseshoes. He was the head of a large family that included 6 children, 7 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren (with 2 more great-grandchildren due this summer).

Horseshoe courts coming to the Training for Life Campus
By Mel Bruemmer

The SOMO Training for Life Campus promises to be a transformative place for Special Olympics Missouri athletes. On May 4, Special Olympics Missouri athletes, donors, sponsors, Board Members, friends, and staff gathered in Jefferson City to be a part of SOMO history: the groundbreaking ceremony for the Training for Life Campus. This historic event officially moves the Training for Life Campus (TLC) from a vision to one step closer to reality. Construction of this state-of-the-art training facility will take approximately 16 months, opening in fall 2018.

The dynamic campus will serve the more than 15,312 athletes who participate in Special Olympics Missouri. It is estimated that more than 106,758 Missourians with intellectual disabilities could be eligible for Special Olympics programs, and the TLC will be a resource for them and the future generations of SOMO athletes.

In fact, the SOMO TLC will be the largest facility of its kind in the United States specifically designed for the special needs of athletes with intellectual disabilities. What makes the TLC unique is that it pairs sports training and healthy athletes together.

TLC volunteers are still working to raise an additional $2.1 million for the outdoor fields and sports equipment. Numerous naming opportunities are also available throughout the campus.

The campus will serve current and future generations of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and will be the largest such facility in the United States. The 34,000-square-foot campus will be set on 16.5 acres in Jefferson City and will offer year-round training opportunities for athletes, coaches, and volunteers from throughout Missouri.

The campus doesn’t stop there—it will serve as a lifelong community hub and center and will inspire a new drive in our athletes so that they may continue to develop the physical and social skills they need to be as productive and independent as possible.

This campus will be both symbolic and practical for our athletes, coaches, and volunteers and will represent a real sense of home.

See Training for Life Campus, page 9
**Independence Horseshoe Club**  
*by Nancy Gunter*

The summer season is back in full swing again. The irises that some of our ladies planted at our courts are in bloom. We welcomed a few new pitchers to the sport of horseshoes this summer and will eagerly watch their averages rise.

Our officers for 2017 are Rick Gwinn, President; Keith Johnson, VP/Tournament Director; Nancy Gunter, Sect/Treasurer and Tournament Concessions; Bob Johnson, League Director and League Concessions; Sandra Couch, League Statistician; and Laura Johnson, Groundskeeping Chairperson.

The first club tournament of the summer was the Independence Spring Open. It turned out to be a beautiful day after weeks of rain. We feel for all our horseshoe family and friends who had to deal with flooding issues. Our youngest pitcher of the tournament was Warren Highley, who had an impressive 5-0 record. We look forward to seeing great things from this young man in his horseshoe pitching future. Our newest club member, Bill Altschul, also had a 5-0 record in his first club tournament.

Our courts were once again the host site for the Kansas City Corporate Challenge event in April. This event was attended by 301 pitchers from 221 companies separated into 9 divisions. Our club takes advantage of the opportunity to introduce new pitchers to the clubs in our area. Seven of our current club members placed 5th or higher in their respective divisions. Becky Anderson, Dennis Bales, and Lee Miller won gold medals; Yvonne Hanson won a silver medal; and Sandra Couch won a bronze medal. Placing a respectable 5th in their divisions were George Hanson and Chuck Stanway. Our own Dennis Bales scored the high game of the day, with 70! Congratulations, Dennis!

**Liberty Horseshoe Club**  
*by Daphne Happy*

**BREAKING NEWS:** This just in from the Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament held at Quail Ridge on May 6 and 7. Stan Griggs entered as the 8th seed and took 4th place in the 40-foot division. Well done, Stan! Gregg Craven entered as the 10th seed and came in 12th place in the 30-foot division. Gregg also reported making many good friends over the weekend! What an honor to receive an invitation to pitch in this tournament.

The Monday Morning 2017 Winter League wrapped up with Diane Kiser and Tim Fox taking the Championship honors, while 3 teams tied for 2nd place just 1 point behind them. After the tie breaker dust settled, Jim Moore and Leroy Leabo came in 2nd, Mary Vogel and David Jackson came in 3rd, and Ralph Gordon and Joe Barry came in 4th. From the looks of things, the guy putting together the teams seems to have quite a bit of experience in making things competitive.

The Tuesday Evening 2017 Winter League crowned Richard Schmidt and Denise Bloss Champions, with Chuck Volpi and Cameron Phipps taking 2nd place and Savanna Johnson and Hannah Johnson coming in 3rd. The three-way tie in this league was for 4th place, with tie breakers determining that Brady Craven and Christie Mullin finished 4th, Joel Dunivent and Eddie Shroyer 5th, and Roy Flatt and Ron Jackson 6th.

We welcome new club members Bill Pilger, Sr., and Alex Pilger, father and son of Bill Pilger, Jr., from Polo; plus new Cadets Milee and Nason Bloss from Pleasant Valley, two more grandchildren of Denise and Bob Bloss, belonging to Chad and Kelly.

The Don Harris Arena has been a beehive of activity in recent months with the following indoor tournaments: February 18: Neal Straughn’s Window of Opportunity Benefit Open; March 4: Laura Johnson’s Down Syndrome Benefit Open; March 18: Elwyn Cooper’s Cancer Action Benefit Open; April 8: Chad Bloss – Our Little Angel Benefit Open; April 29: Gregg Craven’s Juniors Only Tournament.

The Juniors Only Tournament was moved indoors because of rain and produced three new class Champions: Class A, Kaleb Mullikin; Class B, Zane Morgan; and Class C, Trent Morgan. Other pitchers in Class A included Warren James Highley, Guillermo (Memo) Ramirez, and Madison Gwinn. Rounding out Class B were Marshall Morgan, Audrey Caravello, and Eli DeLaCruz. The other two pitchers in Class C were Milee Bloss and Anabelle Gray. Thank you, grandmothers and grandfathers, for sharing this great sport with your grandkids!

The 2016 Junior Scholarship Awards have been announced, and the Liberty Horseshoe Club has again fared well. These awards are given to Junior Pitchers who have pitched in at least one NHPA-sanctioned League and maintained at least a 3.00 GPA. Those receiving 2016 Trust Awards are: Cali Terrell, daughter of Christie Terrell, $175; Audrey Caravello, granddaughter of Audra and Gregg Craven, $150; Jessica Wilson, granddaughter of Denise and Bob Bloss, $150; and Merissa Caravello, granddaughter of Audra and Gregg Craven, $125. It should be noted that these recipients easily exceeded the minimum GPA. Congratulations and keep up the good work, both on and off the horseshoe courts!

The announcement of the 2016 Sanctioned League “Top Ten” lists seems to be reminiscent of the doo-wop and rock and roll band of the late 50s and early 60s, Danny and the Juniors . . . only this list came out with Gregg and the Juniors taking all the honors . . . as follows: Individual High Ringer Average—Cadets: 8th, Warren James Highley, 25.88%; Individual High Ringer Average—Elders: 4th, Gregg Craven, 74.13%; Individual High Ringer Average—Jr. Boys: 6th, Devin Wetzel, 47.55%; Individual High Ringer Average—Jr. Girls: 1st, Savanna Johnson, 44.89%; 6th, Megan McLeod, 21.86%; 7th, Jessica Wilson, 19.00%; Individual High Ringer Game—Cadets: 10th, Warren James Highley, 44.12%; Individual High Ringer Game—Elders: 7th, Jessica Wilson, 17.00%; National High Point Average—Adult—50 Shoe Games: 4th, Gregg Craven, 118.06; National High Point Average—Junior/Cadet—50 Shoe Games: 3rd, Savanna Johnson, 83.39; 4th, Devin Wetzel, 81.75; National High Point Game—Adult—50 Shoe Games: 4th, Gregg Craven, 135.00; National High Point Game—Junior/Cadet—50 Shoe Games: 4th, Devin Wetzel, 104.00; 5th, Savanna Johnson,
102.00; National High Point Game Over Average—Junior/Cadet—50 Shoe Games: 2nd, Megan McLeod, 41.19.

Our sympathies go to Gina and Charlie Baker for the death of her brother, Greg “Spanky” Dwayne Ball, on April 22; to Becky Jackson for the loss of her mother; and to Jim Kinney for the injuries to his dad and the death of his mother. Condolences go to Joe Barry for the loss of his brother and to Sarah and Hannah Johnson for the loss of their grandparent. We are happy to report that Mike Grissom and Lyle Samuelson are doing better. We congratulate Denise Haye with her new knee; after a bit of rehab, we will see her back on the courts.

**Peculiar Lions Park Horseshoe Club**
by George Chichura

Spring has sprung, and we began our 2017 pitching season Friday, May 12 (rescheduled from a rained-out Wednesday night). Our league nights are now Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

The Peculiar Spring Open was held May 13. Thirty-five players participated and were treated to beautiful 80-degree spring weather.

The top 3 finishers were class A: V. Highley, L. Lonely, and J. Kinney Jr.; class B: B. Craven, L. Johnson, and R. Highley; class C: H. May, K. Johnson, and R. New; class D: W. Highley, J. Ramirez, and J. Michaels; class E: G. Chichura, J. Lewis, and Bob Mitchell.

All finishers received a plaque made by Victoria Highley. Vicki will be making plaques for future tournaments and awards. They are of her own design and are neat!

I’ve heard that World Tournament entries are very low. I hope your name is on the list. I’m planning to attend more tournaments away from home. How about you?

**Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club**
by Jeanette Claas

Buckets of rain fell in eastern Missouri. Some of the major highways were closed, making it impossible for some to get to their places of employment. Whenever the weather turns cool, the snowballs bloom and that is the case here at home. Everything is sloppy wet, but at least it is green, and another winter is behind us. Now let’s pray for a cool summer.

We have had another busy winter schedule. We started the New Year with a tournament cancellation due to inclement weather in January, but rescheduled the New Year’s Ringers the following week. As usual, our own “Little Richard” captured the Championship Title. This is beginning to be a regular habit for him.

Our Happy Hearts Tournament was filled and included four out-of-state pitchers: the Tennessee Twins, Jim Culver (Kentucky), and Jim Spidle Sr (Illinois). Maxine Griffith won this tournament. We are also happy to see Cori and Wesley Stoverink competing in our tournaments. Our first Future Youth Champions was held, and our Spring Team Handicap Tournament in February included 14 teams. The team of Tim Henderson, Randy York, Ralph Thurman, and Ed Naup were Team Champions. Chuck Gleason was the only one to win all his games!

The Shamrock Fling in March was won by Rich Altis with a 77.7% average. He just keeps getting better and better. The April Showers Tournament included nine out-of-state pitchers from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois, with Rich Altis again winning the championship title, with a big 80.5% average.

Our Memorial Tournament this year was dedicated to the memory of Mike Dentsbier, whose passing last December still haunts us. We miss him so much. Twenty-eight members of Mike’s family attended. We thank all of you who donated food and money to this tournament. All proceeds went to help defray the costs of the Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament. Should I mention that Rich Altis also won this tournament, with another 80% average?

Our friends from the west side of Missouri came for a visit in April. Always good having fun and friendly competition with the Liberty Horseshoe Club. This year the West vs. East Challenge was another good time. By the way, East won 49-36, so the winner’s plaque will stay at Wentzville this year. Next year’s competition will be held at the Don Harris Arena.

The 6th Annual Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament was held May 6 and 7 and was an exciting event for all. Pitchers came from across the country, and it was a delight to see their skill and talent on the courts. Our spring cleaning started two weeks before the event, and I want to thank all of you who helped on this project, especially Mark Snead, Bill Holmes, and Mark Neubauer, whose many hours of manpower on the courts were much appreciated. Thank you to the HOF committee, who did much of the behind-the-scenes work. Thank you to Ralph Hummel and Mike Smith for painting the backboards and to all the concession workers. Thanks to all who sent in food for our banquet. It takes a village to put this tournament on. That about sums up our tournament for the first part of 2017 with the exception of a washer tournament held in early March. Now we look forward to our summer schedule.

Good Luck goes to all the Missouri members who are going to the Team World Event in Beloit, Wisconsin. Bring home another title, like you have the past 2 years! Next will be the World Tournament in St. George, Utah. Have a great time! To all going to the State Fair Horseshoe Tournament and to the Missouri State Tournament in Jefferson City, we hope you have lots of ringers and bring home some of the beautiful trophies, and let’s hope we have a good weekend.

We are looking forward to the St. Charles Golden Games to be held at our facility on May 11. We also have our eyes on the St. Louis Senior Games, May 26.

Don’t forget to sign up for the MOHPA Team Benefit to be held on June 3 at our facility. Always fun seeing everyone from Missouri having fun and competing together. The following week, June 10, will be QRHC’s picnic and awards program. We will also be celebrating five more Lifetime members who have turned the big 80 this year.

Several newspaper reporters and writers have come to our facility and taken lots of film and interviews for the HOF facility. We hope that the publications will produce more publicity and attract many more horseshoe pitchers.

The NHPA Game-Related Sales is selling out, but the QRHC GR5 will still be a distributor selling items. Not sure of all the details yet, but we just want to thank Gary and Dee Null for all their help.

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their time and effort they have put into this project. They did a great job.

The St. Charles County Parks Department will be celebrating Eclipse Day on August 21. The QRHC will be serving concessions to approximately 1,000 people who will be in the park. At about 3 PM, there will be a total blackout.

Thank you to Pat Griewing, who is Missouri’s State Vice President and will be resigning as VP this year. Chuck Gleason will be our new Summer League Director, replacing Mike Dentsbier. Mark Neubauer is elected to be our temporary 2nd VP. Andy Foulis will be our new Tournament Coordinator. Congratulations to Ginny Weiss and Gary Buehler, who were inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in March.

Speedy recoveries to all our members who have fallen ill in 2017: Ralph Hummel (carpal tunnel), Vernon Griesbauer (heart surgery), Larry Langewisch-Diabetes, Teresa Stocker-Vertigo, and Pat Griewing (still recovering from foot surgery). By the time you get this issue, our members Andy and Melanie Zerr should have had Baby #3. Congratulations to all the kids who have joined our organization, and we hope you will all continue to keep pitching those ringers and coming to our Youth Tournaments. WE NEED YOU KIDS! Our sincere sympathies go to the family of Warren Cutright, to the family of Skip Penfold, and to Dave LaChance for the loss of his brother. A brick will be placed in their honor at the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Walkway.

That about wraps it up for now. Don’t forget our Red, White & Blue Tournament on July 8—come and sign up, please. We have lots of openings; it can be good practice before the World Tournament. This will be our only tournament this summer.

Our League results are given below. The club members received their awards at the QRHC Picnic on June 3.

**Wednesday Night Men’s 2016-17 Winter League; Rich Altis, League Director**

1st Place: Rich Altis, Tom Boyer, Roy Evans, Gary Mueller, Lonnie Nasalroad, Martin Orf. 2nd Place: Bobby Schwent, Don Gillette, Ben Kleffner, Mike Ogborn, Andy Zerr, Mike Dentsbier. 3rd Place: Vern Griesbauer, John Griesbauer, Jim Klump, Mike Smith, Dan Wilmes, Ron Wilmes, Pat Herrmann. 4th Place: Jim Brown, Dave Becher, Chuck Gleason, Tom McKenna, Don Puder, Mark Sneed.


**Fall Day League 2016; Jim Howard & Bob Diekamp, League Directors**

1st Place: Kay Jones, Carol Howard, Mike Dentsbier. 2nd Place: John Setzer, Louise Duke, Bill Mueller. 3rd Place: Rose Diekamp, Carol Compton, Bill Besancenez.

High Average – Men: Owen Moore, 28.70%; Women: Rose Diekamp, 46.20%; Elders: Jim Howard, 49.60%. High Game – Men: Owen Moore, 89 pts; Women: Rose Diekamp, 110 pts. High Game Over Average – Men: Owen Moore, 23.1 pts; Women: Mary Dames, 22.7 pts; Elders: Gaylord Compton, 29.2% pts. Sportsmanship – Bob Gettemeier. Rookie of the Year – Bill Besancenez. Most Improved – Louise Duke, 8.50%.

**Monday Night Mixed League 2016-17; Daryl Miller, League Director**

1st Place: The Bent Pegs; 2nd Place: Tuff E Nuff; 3rd Place: Bucks and Does; 4th Place: Desperados.

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**Fund Raiser – Maybe**

*By Dee McIntire*

Who says money-making ideas have all been used up? Well, they are alive and making money for your local club and for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. The adjacent photo is a way for your local club to make money!

This is a small metal horseshoe pitcher that measures 9 × 16 inches. It comes with rods so it can be put in the ground, or they can be removed to hang the pitcher anywhere you wish.

I will have them for sale at our State Tournament in Jefferson City, or you can call or e-mail me to order some for your club to sell! They sell for $20. Of that, $5 of every sale goes to the NHPF and $10 to your local club. Contact Dee McIntire at 816-547-4995 or dinetamcintire@gmail.com to order yours today!
New Member List
Compiled by Jim Bainter

Welcome to our new members who have joined the NHPA and MOHPA for the first time. We hope that you will enjoy your association with us!

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Prison Tours by Chris Wilson

The Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau is excited to announce that, in conjunction with the 2017 Missouri State Horseshoe Pitching State Tournament (held Labor Day weekend), the proceeds of the tournament will be dedicated to building the TLC’s horseshoe courts.

If you are interested in pursuing tax credits and/or the numerous naming opportunities, please contact Laurie Shadoan at shadoan@somocampus.org or 913-798-0353. More information about this exciting, life-changing project can also be found at www.somocampus.org.

Come to the Capital for the 2017 Missouri State Tournament!

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for future generations of athletes who touch the lives of so many Missourians.

Donors can benefit from Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB) tax credits, available to any Missouri taxpayer who donates $1,000 or more to support the TLC. A donation of $1,000 or more can earn a tax credit of 50%, which, combined with federal and state tax deductions, can reduce taxes even more.

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NOTE: Enter at least 7 days in advance (much earlier in winter).


Attention Tournament Directors: Please check all facts listed pertaining to your tournament(s) and immediately report any errors to the Regional Director so that timely changes can be made.
19th ANNUAL
MOHPA AWARDS BANQUET
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

Place:  Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
Time:   6:00 PM — Social Hour (cash bar)
        7:00 PM — Plated Dinner
        8:00 PM — Program & Awards Presentations

Price:  $20.00 each (All fees included)

Plated Dinner Menu
Beef Pot Roast  Garden Salad
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  Dinner Rolls and Butter
Green Beans  Brownies
Iced Tea, Coffee, or Water

This will be a plated dinner, not a buffet. There will be no seconds. Because the Juniors’ Party will
be held at the same time, no children’s prices are given.

Tickets must be ordered in advance, and orders must reach Jim by August 29. Tickets will not be
mailed. Please pick them up from Jim at the Capital Plaza Hotel or the Tournament check-in desk.

Those who are not attending the dinner are welcome to come later for the program and awards.

BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM
Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017

NAME ___________________________________________   PHONE (__________)________________________
E-MAIL _____________________________________________
Tickets ________ @ $20.00 ea.  =  _______________
Total Amount Enclosed  _______________
Makes Checks Payable to:  MOHPA

Mail with Ticket Order to:  Jim Bainter, 31870 Sunset Rd., Gravois Mills, MO 65037; e-mail mo4dead@charter.net

Your order must be received by August 29, 2017. A final count is required within 72 hours of the dinner.
The Quails and Quailettes at the QRHC were praying that the rain, storms, winds, and cold weather would go away and that the highways would be open for all horseshoe pitchers traveling to Wentzville. Some came by plane, others traveled by car, and we heard it rumored that some might be coming by boat. By Friday, May 5, Mother Nature was kind to us and the sun proved to us it did exist. It turned out to be a beautiful weekend.

The 2-day event included a 40’ Men’s Division and a 30’ Mixed Division consisting of men over 70 years and women of all ages. The format of each division consisted of a 16-person round-robin with fifteen 40-point games. Eight games were played on Saturday and seven on Sunday. The $8,000 purse would be divided between the two divisions.

Tournament Directors Joe Faron, Gary Buehler, and Bob and Rose Diekamp reported that we had some new faces coming to this year’s Tournament. It was good to see some of the familiar faces that have been coming from time to time. New in the 40’ division were Gary Opper (IN), Joshua Olson (MN), and Dalton Rakestraw (IL). Making their first appearances in the 30’ division were Daniel Dunn (IN), Jim Ellison (AL), and Jim Culver (KY). Russ Phillips (WA) was present and scheduled to play but was unable to do so because of extreme pain in his right arm. Amy Francis (OH) filled in for him.

Special Guests at this tournament included members of the NHPF Board of Directors: President Casey Sluys (CA), Vice President Joe Faron (MO), Treasurer Gary Buehler (MO), Secretary Phyllis Quist (WA), and Jim Scully (CT). Also visiting were NHPA Historians Bob and Paula Dunn (MN) and very special guest 10-time Women’s World Champion Vicki Winston (MO).

Sue Snyder (IN) was not present this year due to illness. Herschel Walters was not present, but we extend our congratulations to him, as he will be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame at the World Championship Tournament this July in St. George, Utah.

Introduction of the horseshoe pitchers was made by Bob Diekamp on the Dave Loucks Court in the North Pavilion. The National Anthem was sung by Dalton Rakestraw, and the sound of horseshoes filled the air as the competition began. At the end of the eight games for the 40’ division on Saturday, Alan Francis (OH) and Gale Greene (VT) remained undefeated. On the Jack Freeman Courts in the South Pavilion, those left undefeated were Dan Dunn (IN), Joan Elmore (TN), and Kathy Brazier (AL).

After Saturday’s competition, the QRHC members served a delicious buffet dinner for the horseshoe pitchers and their families to enjoy. Marlene Ray mentioned that she enjoyed this part of the tournament the best. Larry Brown (MO) led a most impressive dinner prayer. At the banquet, each pitcher received a certificate depicting the number of years he or she had pitched in this event. This tournament has been held for 24 years, and Alan Francis (OH) has attended the most—21 years. For some fun and entertainment after dinner, the QRHC invited Larry Brown, a horseshoe pitcher from Fulton, MO, to tell some of his famous stories and sing a few horseshoe songs, “I want another ringer, I need another ringer, to keep this game alive!” He was enjoyed by all.

The pitchers arrived early Sunday morning to complete the tournament. After 2 days of exciting games in the 40’ Men’s Division, Alan Francis (OH) won 1st place with 15 wins and 0 losses and an average of 81.8% to mark his 18th title as HOF 40’ Champion. On the south courts, the 30’ Open Division was battling it out for the prize money, too. Joan Elmore (TN) claimed her 7th Title as the HOF 30’ Champion, with 15 wins and 0 losses and an average of 78.8%

Pitching high scores of 80% and above in the 40’ division were Alan Francis (OH), 90.5%, 83.3%, 86.1%, 83.3%, 88.3%, 92.3%, 86.4%, 81.6%; Dan Watson (AL), 84.2%, 82.4%, 81%; Gary Bearpaw (OK), 80.4%; and Stan Griggs (MO), 80.4%. Pitching high scores of 80% and above in the 30’ division were Joan Elmore (TN), 82.1%, 81.3%, 82.6%, 81.8%, 88.2%, 83.3%; Marlene Ray (TN), 81%, 82.6%, 83.8%, 80.8%, 81%, 81.8%; Dan Dunn (IN), 93.8%, 84.1%, 87.5%; Rich Altris (MO), 85%, 84.4%, 85.2%, 85%; Roger Vogel (KS), 80%, 80%; Kathy Brazier (AL), 80%, 83.3%, 84.1%; Jim Ellison (AL), 80.8%, 81%, 83.3%; J. D. Drake (MI), 84.8%, 81.5%; Ed Griffith (MO), 86.1%; and Maxine Griffith (TN), 80%.

By 3 PM Sunday, the competition was all over. It was time to give out the prize money the players were anxious to receive and to wish the pitchers a safe return to their home states. We thank all of our sponsors for helping us out to keep this event alive and to all who donated for the raffles. We look forward to seeing the pitchers again next year, same time, same place. Horseshoes – that’s what it’s all about! Hey!
Missouri State Fair Tournament

Department Y
Section A

HORSESHOE Pitching

Superintendent - Jim Kinney, Drexel, MO
Phone: 816-636-9845

Asst. Superintendent - Scott Rainer, Hannibal, MO
Phone: 573-719-0269

Judge - Ron Highley, Harrisonville, MO
Jim Bainter, Gravois Mills, MO

Amount offered in this department by State Fair ............ $750.00
Amount offered by Mo. Horseshoe Pitchers Assn........... $750.00
Total offered in this department................................ $1,500.00

JUDGING PROGRAM
Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, 2017

RULES OF PLAY
1. This tournament shall be known as the Missouri State Fair Mixed Open Tournament. Any current NHPA member meeting eligibility requirements may enter, regardless of residence. There are 12 dirt courts available with concrete walkways and pitching platforms. This is a NHPA sanctioned event.
2. The first 96 entries will be put in classes limited to those shown on the prize list. Entries will be accepted in the order they are received. All entrants will compete together and will be placed according to averages.
3. All pitchers will be placed by their NatStats average as known on August 3, 2017. NEW PITCHERS may use a sanctioned league average of at least 400 shoes or may send a scoresheet of 100 qualifying shoes. Qualifying shoes must be pitched consecutively and recorded on a scoresheet witnessed and signed by two NHPA members in good standing. League averages must be verified in writing by the league director.
4. Entry fee for adults - $15.00. Juniors - Free, but they must have a membership card. Check should be made payable to Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. (MOHPA) and should be sent to Jim Bainter, 31870 Sunset Road, Gravois Mills, MO 65037. Entries must be received by July 28, 2017. The tournament committee reserves the right to rerate qualifying scores. Contestants will be notified of their class and pitching time by email or, if no email available, by mail.
5. This tournament is conducted under the rules of the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the N.H.P.A. The judge’s decisions will be final. Classes will be scheduled for 8 player round robins where possible. Contestants failing to appear forfeit all prize money.
6. All pitchers must wear shirts with their names lettered on the back.
7. The Missouri State Fair does not guarantee premium money, merchandise, prizes or special awards. Because the State Fair Commission is without constitutional or statutory authority to borrow money for its operation, it reserves the right to prorate premium money because of state budget restraints.

Tentative schedule: (subject to change)
Saturday, August 12, 9:00 a.m. - Classes J, K, L
Saturday, August 12, 1:00 p.m. - Classes G, H, I
Sunday, August 13, 9:00 a.m. - Classes D, E, F
Sunday, August 13, 1:00 p.m. - Classes A, B, C

PLAQUES AND RIBBONS
Missouri State Fair - All first-place plaques
Missouri State Fair - Ribbons to all places

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NOTE: Juniors will not be awarded cash prizes.

NAME ___________________ ADDRESS ___________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP ______________ PHONE NUMBER __________
NHPA CARD# __________________ DATE OF BIRTH ____________ ADULT _____ JUNIOR _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS ________________________

CHECK ONE: _____ Use my official NatStats average

_____ I am a new pitcher and am entering under the provision of Rule #3. Required documents enclosed.

_____ I don't have internet access, please mail information to me.

ADULTS $15.00-(Scorekeeping fee included.)
JUNIORS ARE FREE-(Scorekeeping fee $3.50, must be submitted with entry.)

Entries must be received by July 28, 2017.
2017 Missouri State Championships

Singles Entry Information
1. Open to current Missouri residents who are 2017 NHPA and MOHPA members.
2. **Entry Requirements:** Adult pitchers will be placed into the tournament according to their NatStats average as known August 4, 2017. NatStats must show participation in at least three sanctioned events. A sanctioned league average of 400 shoes or more is considered an event. Adult men who have changed pitching distance need three events from their new distance. **Juniors or Cadets** require only one sanctioned event listed in NatStats by August 4, 2017.

3. **New Pitchers:** Persons who have been NHPA and MOHPA members for a total of 2 years or less and who haven’t previously participated in a Missouri State Tournament may be seeded by one of the following methods if they lack three sanctioned events: (a) Average from any sanctioned events that have been completed. (b) A current sanctioned league average of 400 shoes or more (must be verified in writing by the league director). (c) 200 consecutive qualifying shoes (100 for juniors and 50 for cadets). Qualifying shoes must be scored by two NHPA members who must sign the score sheet. The score sheet must be submitted with the entry form.
4. **Entry Information:** You must use the official entry form or a copy. Adult entry fee: $35 (This includes scorekeeping fees). **Juniors or Cadets:** No entry fee. Make checks payable to MOHPA. Mail entries to Jim Bainter, 31870 Sunset Rd, Gravois Mills, MO 65037. Entries must be received by August 8, 2017. Late entries will be placed on standby. Have questions? Call 816-918-6789 or e-mail mo4dead@charter.net. No refunds will be made after the tournament line-up is on our website.
5. **Six Divisions Available** (circle only one on the entry form). **Open Men:** Any age adult men who pitch 40 ft. **Women:** All adult women. **Men’s 30’s:** Elder men 70 years of age or older, and men with medical exemptions who pitch less than 40 ft. **Junior Boys:** Age 18 years or younger for the entire calendar year. **Junior Girls:** Age 18 years or younger for the entire calendar year. **Cadets:** Youths age 12 years or under for the entire calendar year who observe the 20-ft. foul line.
6. **Classes:** Eight-person round-robin when possible. All games will be cancellation scoring. Length of games as set by the tournament committee. All games are subject to NHPA and MOHPA rules. Judges decisions will be final.
7. **Pitchers** who do not complete their schedule forfeit all prizes unless officially excused.
8. **All Pitchers** must wear a shirt with at least their last name lettered neatly on the back.
9. **Junior Pitchers:** Pay scorekeeper $1 before the start of each game. **Cadets:** No charge.
10. **Prize Fund:** $12 of each entry fee. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each adult class.
11. **Trophies:** Furnished by the hosts to the top three places in each class. All juniors and cadets will receive awards. A traveling trophy is awarded to adult division champs and junior boy and girl champs.
12. **The schedule** will be on our website. Schedule letters will be mailed only if requested when entering.
13. **Courts:** 12 permanent outdoor courts and 16 portable outdoor courts on a level asphalt surface.

Doubles Entry Information
1. **For Adults Only** and limited to the first 112 entries received, or a lesser number divisible by 16. Entries that do not make the cut will be put on standby. Those who do not get to play will have their entry fee refunded. Doubles will be played Friday, September 1, 2017, starting at 10:00 AM. There will be a lunch break.
2. **Entry Requirements:** Same as for the Singles, but using MO Stats averages instead of NatStats.
3. **Entry Information:** Use the official entry form. **Entry fee:** $35 (includes scorekeeping). Make checks payable to MOHPA. Mail entries to Jim Bainter, 31870 Sunset Rd, Gravois Mills, MO 65037. Entries must be received by August 8, 2017. Late entries will be placed on standby. No refunds will be made for cancellations after the tournament line-up is on our website.
4. **Shirt Requirements:** Same as Singles.
5. **Format:** Walking Doubles. You pitch your own horseshoes. Partners are paired by dividing the list of entrants into classes of 16 persons by their entering averages. The top 16 form the Championship class, the next 16 Class A, and so on. In each class, #1 will be paired with #16, #2 with #15, and so on.
6. **Prizes:** Cash to the top three places in each class. Plaques to the top three places in each class.
7. **The schedule** will be available on our website. Schedule letters will be mailed only if requested when entering. The doubles lineup is always subject to change as cancellations occur.
Singles Entry Form
2017 Missouri State Championships • Sept. 2–4 • Jefferson City, MO

Name __________________________________________________________ Address ________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________________ ZIP ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
NHPA Card # ___________________________ Birth Date_____________ E-Mail _________________________________________________

Circle Division Being Entered
Open Men  Women  Men’s 30’ (Elders)  Junior Boys  Junior Girls  Cadets

___ Check here to have a schedule letter mailed to you. The tournament info will also be listed on our website—mohpa.us.
___ Check here if entering under Entry Requirement #3 for New Pitchers. Enclose required documents if entering under parts (b) or (c).

Participant Liability Release: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release, and forever discharge the Mo. Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc., all officers, agents, employees, and servants of the afore stated 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 Pitching Tournament.

Signed: _____________________________________________ Date: _______________________________________

Adults: $35     Juniors/Cadets: Free     Must be received by August 8, 2017
Adult scorekeeping fees included in entry fee; Juniors will pay scorekeepers on site; cadets, no charge.

Doubles Entry Form
2017 Missouri State Championships • Sept. 1 • Jefferson City, MO

Name __________________________________________________________ Address ________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________________ ZIP ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
NHPA Card # ___________________________________________ E-Mail _________________________________________________

___ Check here to have a schedule letter mailed to you. The tournament info will also be listed on our website—mohpa.us.
___ Check here if entering under requirements for New Pitchers. Any required documents enclosed for your Singles entry will also be used for the Doubles.

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Signed: _____________________________________________ Date: _______________________________________

Adults Only: $35 (This includes scorekeeping fees.)
Limited to first 112 entries.
Entries must be received by August 8, 2017
MOHPA Hall of Fame

by Dee McIntire

The nomination deadline for 2017 has passed. As you think toward 2018, don’t forget to submit a nomination for that special someone who has made the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association something special. It can be either as a player or as a promoter. You know who that person is, so get writing!

The nomination form for that someone special to MOHPA is on the next page, or you can access it on the MOHPA web site. Nominations can be submitted within this next year either by e-mail at d incentamcintire@gmail.com or by mail to Dee McIntire, 3205 NE 66th Terrace, Gladstone, MO 64119.

Each nominee must have been an active adult NHPA/MOHPA member for at least 10 years. The three categories are listed below with recommended items that should be addressed during the completion of the nomination form. Please remember that 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.

Those who submit nominations are encouraged to use additional pages to describe the activities of the nominee so the selection committee has a complete understanding of the nominee.

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1992
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1993
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1997
None

1998
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Art Schroeder

1999
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2000
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2001
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2002
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2013
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2015
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Frank & Ruth Hudson

2016
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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 __________
Club Affiliations:______________________________________________________________
Date of Birth ____________________________ Date of Death ____________________________

What do you consider the nominee’s most important achievements in horseshoes?
Player:

Organizer:

Promoter:

What recognition has the nominee received for: Playing Ability, Leadership, Administrative, etc?

What services, etc., has the nominee rendered or contributed toward the advancement and/or support of the sport 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 _____.

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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 year’s 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 him.

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Name: ____________________________________________ Phone: ______________________
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