



The President Speaks

by Joe Faron

The 79th Annual Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament, held at the Exotic Animal Paradise Park in Strafford, turned out to be one of the finest state tournaments in a long, long time. The facilities were in top shape and the weather was just perfect for the four-day event. The MOHPA thanks **Mr. Brad Eldridge** and **Mr. Ron Armitage** for hosting this year's tournament.

Congratulations to **Jim Bainter**, who was elected the president of the MOHPA. I am sure that Jim will do a fine job as your new president. **Roy Evans** was elected as the vice president for a one-year term. Congratulations to Roy! **Charles Killgore** and **Danny Williams** were voted back for additional two-year terms as Area Zone Directors for their appropriate zones. Congratulations to both of them.

The annual awards banquet was a huge success again this year. Thanks to **Stan Griggs** for all his efforts and the devotion that he brings to the banquet each and every year. The memorial that Stan presented to the horseshoe members and friends that passed away last year was just outstanding and very touching. I want to thank **Sharon Taylor** for coordinating the banquet details with the host motel and a very special thank you to Sharon for heading up the MOHPA raffle.

This was the first year that the MOHPA had a Juniors Girls championship class. All the MOHPA championship classes have a large traveling trophy, and when it was announced that the association would have a Junior Girls championship class starting this year, **Randy Grady** volunteered to make a large traveling trophy for the Girls championship class. I am proud to announce that the trophy was named in honor of the late **Jerry Griggs**. Thanks Randy, for your contribution to the MOHPA.

Lookout Jeff City, here we come!

The 2005 Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament will be held in Jefferson City, Missouri's state capital. The MOHPA membership voted to accept the bid from the Jefferson City Convention

and Visitors Bureau to host the 2005 State Horseshoe Tournament. The Jeff City CVB will be in partnership with the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Dept.

The possibility for the Jeff City CVB bidding this tournament would probably never would have been feasible without the help from the NHPF. Last year the Jeff City CVB received a \$1000 grant from the **National Horseshoe**

Pitchers Foundation. The outside courts at Washington Park were in need of some repairs and updating to host the tournament. The grant money provided the Jeff City CVB and Parks Dept. the funds to repair the outside courts so that the bid process could be fulfilled. The MOHPA thanks the NHPF for their support!

Mayor John Landwehr of Jefferson City states, "As the Mayor of Jefferson City, it will be an honor to host the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament in the capital city in 2005. Our city is privileged to have a multitude of sites and attractions that will appeal to your membership. You can feel confident that the city and its partner stand ready to assist you in making your tournament a huge success."

Congratulations to the 2004 MOHPA State Champions

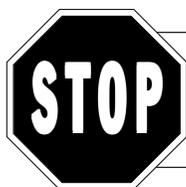
Stan Griggs (Men), **Pam Henderson** (Women), **Bob Long** (Men 30'), **Bob Outt** (Senior Men), **Tyler Elfrink** (Junior Boys), **Laryssa Stanton** (Junior Girls), **Carlyle Gricks** and **Dan Hobbs** (Doubles).

A Farewell

I enjoyed the years that I spent as a MOHPA officer. I feel that we took some long strides in growing the membership and promoting horseshoes in the state of Missouri during the last ten or so years. I want to thank all the MOHPA members that supported me in my tenure of office. I can't say enough about the MOHPA officers that I had the privilege to work with as president of the Missouri Association. They have been wonderful people to work with and for that reason it caused me to strive to make the Missouri Charter **the best** in the NHPA. I want to wish Jim Bainter the most success as he takes over the helm of the MOHPA. I know that the membership will give Jim the support that they so graciously gave to me. From my heart, **I thank all of you!**

Shoe Biz Deadlines

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A Touch of Claas

by Jeanette Claas

Finally, coming to grips with the fact that I cannot pitch horseshoes in the summer heat, Mother Nature did a complete turn-around and gave Missouri the most beautiful summer that I can ever recall. However, she also dumped some rain to keep our grass green all summer, causing Thursday league play to be canceled five times. Thursday became known as "Rainsday"!

By the looks of the new membership list, somebody out there has been busy recruiting. Wow! To all the new members who are receiving Shoe Biz for the first time, sit down, relax, and enjoy a few hours of reading as you enter horseshoe territory. We added a new rookie on our team this year, **Michele Insinna**, who is a delightful team member (a New Yorker no less) who has a lot to learn about horseshoes. And we can't wait to teach her!

The outdoor 2004 horseshoe pitching season is over but there have been some great tournaments and good times this year as you will read in this issue of Shoe Biz. **Coop** reported at the State Business Meeting that he had sanctioned 97 horseshoe tournaments for 2004! Pitching in a horseshoe tournament with **Elvis** singing on stage . . . well, who could ask for anything more!

There were certainly a lot of talented pitchers on the courts at the State Tournament this year, but we also discovered we had some very talented singers as we heard them singing the National Anthem. The sounds of **Vicki Winston, Jim Kinney, and Chara Page's** voices filled the air during the peaceful early morning hours before tournament play.

I stole a couple of columns that were included in **Bob Champion's** Colorado newsletter, "Double Ringer," that I thought would be of interest to you regarding the 2004 World Tournament in Pocatello. Missouri-born **Alan Francis** does it

again! **Jim Gregory** was our only World Class Champion this year. Those from Missouri who attended the WT say it was awesome! Don't miss reading about **Smitty's** surprising experience on his way home from Pocatello!

Missouri suffered the loss of 17 horseshoe members who passed away during the year. A loving tribute to each of them was held during our Annual State Awards Banquet at the State Tournament this year. You will be moved to tears as you read about a special horseshoe story and how a Missouri horseshoe pitcher won the State Title this year.

You will see the centerfold in this issue is not your "Average Joe." Read about the life and times of our MOHPA president as he steps down from office and a new leader tries to fill his shoes!

Good News! Check out what **Steve Bruemmer** is doing in Jeff City in the Missouri Horseshoe Club news section. We have another new club. How would you like to pitch at **Pitcher's Paradise Club?** **Ruth Hudson** has surely had an exciting horseshoe season from all reports. And if you're looking for a retirement community with horseshoe pits, **Coop** has found the spot for you. With the holidays just around the corner, you will find a fruit cake recipe in this issue that is a favorite of **Mary Ann Ell**. Try it and see if you like it. Donnie says, "You'll wuv it!"

Send your special horseshoe moments and other articles that you would like to share with our readers to the Shoe Biz editor. This issue of Shoe Biz was brought to you by: **Joe Faron, Jim Bainter, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Pam Henderson, Bob & Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Don Plowman, Kent Armstrong, Rich Altis, Bob Reininger, Greg Craven, Mary Ann Ell, Cal Jaeger, Susanne Evans, Steve Bruemmer, Howard Brandt, Roena Branson, Frank Hudson, Ken Sykora, Gidget Rahe, the New Melle Collation Team, and Yours Truly.**

Until next issue, I wish you good health. May your doctor know where to begin and may your masseuse know where to stop!

New Members for 2004

We welcome the following pitchers who have joined the NHPA for the first time during the 2004 membership year, or who have joined for the first time as a Missouri resident. This list includes all applications received from May 2 through October 1, 2004.

Name	City	Club
Robby Barnes	St. Joseph	Pony Express
Michael Benedick	St. Louis	
Ben Billingsley	Shelbina	Shelbina
Mack Booth	Rayville	Independence
Edward Boyer	Richwoods	
Carl E. Brown		
Dent Carpenter	Macon	Shelbina
Terry Carrow Jr.	Hillsboro	Festus
Scott Chase	Liberty	Liberty
Barb Christenson	St. Peters	First Capitol
Suzanne Conyers	Lee's Summit	Independence
Gary Dickerson	Liberty	Liberty
Jeff Downey	Fair Play	Stockton
Michael Elder	Galena	Crane
William Elder	Galena	Crane
Joe Elterman	Crystal City	Festus
Mike A. Fadler	Bloomsdale	Festus
Brad Gilchrist	Pleasant Hill	
Letha Harris	Stockton	Tri-State
Marion Harris	Stockton	Tri-State
Charles Huff	St. Joseph	Pony Express
Michele Insinna	St. Charles	First Capitol
Tina Jung	Ozark	Pitchers Paradise
Trent Kampe	Independence	Independence
Bob Kanippe	Kansas City	Lions Park
Marshel Keith	Marshfield	
Randy King	Marshall	Saline County
Tracy Kinney	St. Peters	First Capitol
Mike Kluesner	Oran	Backyard
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Violet Krohn	Stockton	Stockton
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Terry L. Massengill	Aurora	Pitchers Paradise
Aaren Mathes	Richmond	Ray County
Wesley P. Mead	Nevada	
Tony L. Miller	Springfield	
Mike Milner	Shelbina	Shelbina
Diane Mitchell	Myrtle	
Leroy Moss	St. Joseph	Pony Express
Don Norman	Napoleon	Independence
Chara Page	Pleasant Hill	Lions Park
Georgia Palmer	Macon	Shelbina
Betty Parnell	Diamond	Tri-State
Dalton Rakestraw	West Plains	Caulfield
Brandon Riley	St. Charles	
Megan Riley	St. Charles	
Alex Roberts	Greenwood	Liberty
Steve Roberts	St. Joseph	Pony Express
Tom Sansoni	Blue Springs	Liberty
Chris Shipman	St. Charles	First Capitol
Tricia Simon	St. Peters	First Capitol
Roger Smith	Macon	Shelbina
Sandy Smith	Macon	Shelbina
Angie Strunk	St. Charles	First Capitol
June Thompson	Chesnutridge	Pitchers Paradise
Bruce Thompson	Liberty	Liberty
Tori Vandeven	Whitewater	Backyard
Judy Widinger	St. Charles	First Capitol
Patrick Wilder	Myrtle	
Troy Williams	Blue Springs	Independence
Ryan Woodsmall	St. Peters	Golden Triangle
Gail Yarger	Fordland	Pitchers Paradise

YEAH: Youth Excited About Horseshoes

by Melody Williams

Greetings to all of our horseshoe pitching family and friends. We would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, friends, etc. who were responsible in getting your youths to the State Tournament this year. We appreciate you!

This was the first year for the Junior Girls competition, and it was quite exciting for everyone involved. It took everybody a little while to figure out how things worked, such as scoring, but once the girls got into the swing of things, it went pretty smoothly! Great job girls! There were six girls in this division, and we hope to see them back next year. We want to challenge everyone to double this amount for next year, so get those girls involved! It keeps them away from the boys! Ha! Ha!

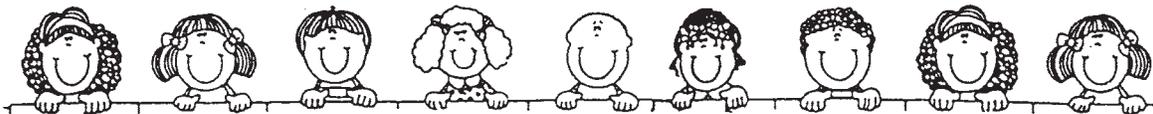
The Boys Junior Division was quite exciting too. There were 18 boys competing in this division, and there were quite a few first-timers in this event as well. Way to go! Keep those boys involved, too. It keeps them away from the girls! Ha! Ha!



This year we didn't have any Pee Wee participants, but word has it that there will be some at next year's competition. Stan Griggs' son is already making his debut. Watch out — those Pee Wees could go on to become our state champs some day. Keep up the good work. Get those little ones involved.

We challenge you to enroll at least one Junior pitcher in 2005. More than one would be great too. It will be one of the best things you can do for the youth of America!

If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact your Junior Co-Directors, Melody Williams and Ron Hughes. Keep pitching those shoes!





This & That

by Vicki Winston

The time has come that we must bid good-bye to our outgoing MOHPA president, Joe Faron. I can't begin to tell you all that Joe has done for the MOHPA during his years of service. I

will just say that we have been blessed by his generosity with his time and with his finances. Through his efforts, things have been accomplished that I never dreamed were possible. Thank you, Joe. It has been a pleasure working with you, and even though you will no longer be a part of our executive council, I know that won't stop you from continuing to promote the sport of horseshoe pitching. Best wishes as you begin to enjoy some leisure time and good luck as you resume pitching. We will look for you in future events.

I thought that everyone might be interested in knowing that Missouri has a claim to fame that is not shared by any other state. The only two people who have equaled the great Ted Allen's accomplishment of winning ten World Championships have lived in Missouri at one time in their lives. Just a few months shy of his 35th birthday, Alan Francis won his 10th Men's World Championship in Pocatello this summer. Alan lived in Missouri until Sept. 1995, when he left us for Ohio to be closer to his future bride. I won 3 world championships while still living in Oregon, but won the last seven while living in Missouri. Do you suppose it's something in our water? HA! I'm sure that Alan will continue to set records in the years to come and Missouri will be cheering for him, even if he did leave us.

There is information to pass along. First, the 2005 NHPA cards

have arrived. You may start sending your membership renewals at anytime, or you can sign up new members who will be able to compete in sanctioned events for the remainder of 2004 with their 2005 card. There is a printing error on the cards and the fine print still says 2004 for the year. I will try to change that 4 to a 5 when I think of it. The card numbers and decimal are correct. An application is elsewhere in this Shoe Biz and there is a printable membership application on our Web site. Snowbirds, be sure to have your 2005 card with you if you are planning on pitching shoes out of state after the first of the year.

A by-law revision was made at the 2004 NHPA Convention. Effective Jan. 1, 2005, an adult male may begin pitching shorter distance anytime during the calendar year in which he will reach his 70th birthday. Caution should still be used in making the change, as an established pitcher must have the required events at his new distance in order to enter the World Tournament or our state tournament. The state secretary must be notified of any changes in pitching distance, plus the date the change becomes effective. Junior boys should also notify the state secretary when they move back to the full pitching distance.

Here is some information from Lorraine Sternberg, the director of the NHPA Sanctioned Club/League program. If your league allows persons to make up games that were missed on league night, these games are to be pitched with an opponent and **not on an individual basis**.

Be sure and check out the Shoe Biz Boosters page for the latest on the first class mailing policy. Our out-of-state and non-member subscribers might also want to take advantage of the Boosters program, instead of paying the \$2.00 per issue subscription fee. For a few dollars more, a Booster donation will get you Shoe Biz mailed first class. I want to remind Shoe Biz subscribers to always watch the label and make note of the expiration date in the upper right hand corner.

It's always fun to have a friendly rivalry. I will concede that there was no contest and the East side of the state had the best baseball team by far this year. As of this writing, it's too early to tell about football teams. However, in case you didn't notice, the West side of our state is home to five out of six of our 2004 Missouri State Horseshoe Pitching Champions and they are what is really important to us. Way to go western Missourians and congratulations again to all of our state champions.

Here's wishing everyone happy holidays and a winter free of sickness. Until next time I leave you with this suggestion, "Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church."

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Earl's Pearls

A deaf mute goes into a hardware store. He wants to buy a pencil sharpener, so he walks up to the clerk, sticks a finger in his ear and rotates his other hand around his other ear. The next customer is a blind man. How does he let the clerk know he wants a pair of scissors? See page 27.

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Jim's Whims

by Jim Bainter, Vice President MOHPA

Labor Day and September have come and gone. Mother Nature cooperated this year and another State Tournament has been entered into the history book as scheduled. Congratulations to the crowned champions and all the other class winners. In fact, a big "Thanks" to all the participants — it wouldn't have been the success it was without each of you, your contributions and participation throughout the year. The successful winners were spread throughout the state, but seemed to have a concentration in the Diamond area. For a small club, Tri-State has certainly made their presence known — six winners. I heard Carl Gricks may have used his Marine background to get them motivated. Is that allowed by the rules?! Clubs, there is a message here. Work with your new and lower percentage pitchers to help them improve. The local publicity you gain by increased tournament success will generate more enthusiasm for the sport and bring in new members.

Another "Thank You" to all the pitchers who helped with the preparations on Thursday and Friday mornings before the start of the State Tournament, and to those who helped with the teardown and cleanup after the tournament was complete. It couldn't have been done as quickly and easily without your help. And to the scorekeepers — we appreciate your support throughout the tournament.

As most of you know, I will be replacing Joe Faron, our President for the last eight years, on November 1. Joe has been a great leader and was instrumental in building MOHPA into one of the premier state charters in the nation. His shoes, no pun intended, will be tough to fill, but with your help and support I believe we can take the MOHPA to the next level. As you all know, I am a relative novice in the sport but I bring to the table extensive

experience in leadership and management. Coupled with the 100-plus years of NHPA and MOHPA experience among the other elected officers, I know we can attain all the goals we set out to accomplish during my tenure.

Next year the state tournament will be held in Jefferson City. The facility will have both indoor (portable) and outdoor (permanent) courts. The format will change as a result of moving the doubles event to June 2005 as part of the 2nd Annual Team Tournament, which will be held in Strafford at the Exotic Animal Park. This change was approved by the membership for one year on a trial basis. The pitching schedule for Jefferson City will be finalized during the Winter/Spring officers meeting, along with scheduling of the business meeting and awards banquet. I have heard your concerns about the length of both functions. Several changes are being considered. However, please remember the officers must ensure all association business is conducted completely and in a professional manner. Sometimes it just takes longer than we want. With the exception of changes to the bylaws, I intend to charge the officers/zone directors with the responsibility of making more decisions during our Winter/Spring meeting to reduce the number of business meeting agenda items. I also expect to have an agenda for the general membership meeting posted on our web site well in advance of the meeting. This will allow concerned members an opportunity to offer input for items of discussion. Remember it's your association — please contribute.

This will be the last appearance of "Jim's Whim's." I hope my commentaries, and sometime rambling discussions, about issues related to horseshoes were informative, and stimulated some thought about our sport. This section will be filled in the next issue by your new vice president, Roy Evans, who should be able to provide many thought-provoking essays on a variety of subjects related to horseshoe pitching. I hope he has as much fun with it as I did. Good luck, Roy.

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Would you like faster delivery of Shoe Biz? As a result of the 2004 MOHPA business meeting in September, those persons having made contributions of \$10 or more are receiving Shoe Biz via first class mail for as long as their name appears on the Boosters list. A Shoe Biz booster donation is good for three issues. Be among the first to receive tournament schedules and entry forms. Just make your check payable to the MOHPA and send them to our secretary, Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. Thanks for your donation!

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Last Shoe

Jerry Griggs

October 6, 1929 – July 5, 2004

Jerry Griggs, 74, lifetime resident of St. Joseph, Mo., passed away on July 5, 2004. Jerry was diagnosed with prostate cancer six years ago and was in remission until last December, when it reappeared. He was a 30-year MOHPA and NHPA member. He retired after 50 years of service for St. Joseph Auto Parts and moved to Florida in 2001. Jerry was a Korean War veteran, having served with the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955.

Jerry was a member of the Pony Express Horseshoe Club and, more recently, a member of The Villages Horseshoe Club in Florida. On December 18, 2004, The Villages Horseshoe Club will hold its first horseshoe tournament, which has been named the Jerry Griggs Memorial Tournament. All four of Jerry's children will be attending, with Stan and his sister, Tammy, participating in the event. They are extending an invitation to anyone in Missouri who would like to travel to Florida to join in this tournament. A memorial service will also be held for Jerry on the Friday before the tournament.

Jerry did much for the sport of horseshoes in Missouri and was honored for his dedication to and promotion of the sport when he was inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame in 2002.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Joan; three sons, Scott Griggs of Springfield; Stacy Griggs of Bixby, OK; and Stan Griggs of Raytown; and one daughter, Tammy Griggs of Atlanta, GA. Jerry had five granddaughters and one grandson. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and was given a Masonic service at the Meierhoffer Funeral Home. There was a graveside military service under the auspices of the Missouri Military Honors Program. Interment was at the Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Joseph. Memorials can be sent to the American Cancer Society, the Hospice Organization, or to the NHPF.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers extend their sympathy to Stan Griggs and the entire Griggs' family. Jerry will be sadly missed by the many friends he made and pitched with on the courts. Jerry once commented to his son after he moved to Florida that he realized what a special group of people (MOHPA) we have in our association and that it is very rare and special. A tribute to Jerry is written in this issue of Shoe Biz.

Marge Wolf

April 27, 1936 – August 5, 2004

Marge Wolf, 68 years old, passed away on August 5. Marge was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999. The cancer reappeared in March 2003. This time the doctors could not do much to help her, although she did undergo more chemo and radiation treatments to no avail.

Marge and her husband, Joe, joined the New Melle Horseshoe Club with the Jack & Jill League in 2000. They would pitch there for two years before her arm started hurting her and she finished out that year. Joe says Marge was probably the most patient woman he had ever known and never had an unkind word toward anybody. Her patience and calm demeanor was an asset as she raised their family of six children.

Marge was an office manager who had been employed by Community Living for the Handicapped in St. Peters for 18 years.

She was an active bowler at O'Fallon Bowl and always participated in the National Bowling Tournaments. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. She truly enjoyed her life. Marge was buried at the Assumption Catholic Church Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Joe, a current MOHPA member; and six children: Catherine Null, Linda Kenny, Donna Wolf, Robert Wolf, Thomas Wolf, and Phillip Wolf. She was blessed with 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Our sympathy is extended to her entire family and she will be missed on the courts at New Melle Horseshoe Club.

Patricia Bumgarner

March 26, 1943 – April 4, 2004

Patty Bumgarner, 61 years, passed away on April 4, 2004, after a two-year battle with cancer. She was a lifelong resident of St. Louis County, making her home in Hazelwood. Interment was in St. Charles Memorial Gardens.

Patty was a member of the First Capitol Ladies League from 1999 to 2001. Her golfing friend, Judy McEwen, was responsible for her joining the League. Pat had worked for the Riverport Deli for 7 years and they sponsored her horseshoe league team when she was pitching with them. Pat had to decline pitching when the cancer began wearing her down. Her teammates on "Tubby's Team" deeply miss the fun and laughter that she shared with them each week.

She was an avid golfer, belonging to the St. Louis Golf Association and the Missouri Women's Golf Association for approximately 20 years, where she definitely stood out in the crowd. Along with her partner, Judy McEwen, Patty participated in the St. Charles Senior Olympics and also the Mo. State Senior Olympics in Columbia, bringing home several gold and silver medals. Pat had a most unique golf club that she shared with her horseshoe friends.

She played softball in the Senior Olympics, helping her team to take first and second place in the two years that she was able to play. She was also a racquetball player and a pitcher on the women's fast-pitch softball church league and also enjoyed fishing. Patty and her husband were members and supporters of the Shriner's organization.

She was a small, petite, but strong and athletic lady whose quick wit touched everyone she knew. She was a bright and shining star on the league, a happy-go-lucky gal who was always fun to be with. She is survived by her husband, Larry, and their son, James Allen Bumgarner. She will be missed by the First Capital Ladies League but her spirit will live with us forever.

William Orf

August 9, 2004

Bill Orf, member of New Melle Horseshoe Club, recently passed away at his residence at the age of 80.

Bill was the owner of the O'Fallon IGA store for 45 years.

He was a former treasurer of the O'Fallon Civic Club, had been a volunteer firefighter for the city of O'Fallon, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council, 4th Degree.

For more than 60 years, Bill pitched in league competition, winning numerous trophies in the Knights of Columbus Horseshoe Tournaments. He would always choose a different partner each year because he liked to promote the game to young players and watch their enthusiasm as they competed against other players. He pitched with the New Melle Winter League since 1997, averaged nearly 50%, while fighting numerous illnesses.

Bill was an all-around athlete since his high school days. After that he played softball and baseball, and was a bowler for many years. He collected many trophies in different sports through the years. He was a 2003 inductee into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame for his many years of pitching horseshoes and for his love of the game. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and Cardinals fan.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lynn, four sons, one daughter, 12 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. His presence on the courts will be missed by all that knew him.

Alfred Mealman

While at the Mo. State Fair, Vicki and Earl Winston learned that Alfred Mealman, of Walker, Mo., passed away in early July from a heart attack. He and his wife, Cathy, were making plans to start a horseshoe club in the Nevada, Mo., area. Al had recently retired and was going to have more time to devote to horseshoes. He was just a third-year member of the MOHPA. Bob and Donna Bastel had spent time giving the Mealman's information and were going to help them. Vicki had spoken with them this summer at the St. Joe tournament where she had given them some more information to help get a club started. Al and Cathy had both pitched at the State Fair and the State Tournament last year.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers extend their sympathy to Cathy and their family. We will miss Al and the enthusiasm he had for the game of horseshoes.

Jefferson Frederick Mudd

May 29, 1935 – April 10, 2004

Jeff Mudd, member of the Festus Horseshoe Club, passed away on April 10, 2004. In January, 2003, Jeff had a stroke and eventually died from complications of myeloma cancer. He was 68 years old, and a 25-year NHPA member. He also pitched with the St. Louis Greater Horseshoe Club and was president of the Jefferson County Horseshoe League that traveled around the area. He was also a very good pool player. Jeff was a veteran of the armed forces.

Jeff was buried in Millwood, Mo., where he was born. His wife of 25 years, Joanne, passed away on August 15, 2004.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers extend their sympathy to his family. He will be especially missed by members of the Festus Horseshoe Club.

Melvin C. "Sonny" Saak

April 19, 1932 - September 29, 2004

Sonny Saak, member of the Ballwin Horseshoe Club and New Melle Horseshoe Club, died September 29, 2004. Sonny was di-

agnosed with a cancerous brain tumor in early spring and there was little that the doctors could do for him. Sonny was 72 years old.

Sonny retired from Burton Duenke after thirty years of service as a truck driver. He served in the Army from 1952-54 and was stationed in Korea during the Korean War. He was a 50-year member of American Legion Post 208.

After his time in the service was up, he married his wife, Norma Jean. They were married 48 years and lived in the same house in Ballwin through their entire marriage. They had one son, Dr. Thomas Saak, and two grandchildren, Julia and Collin.

Sonny was an original member the Ballwin Horseshoe Club, which started in 1980. Later he became a member of New Melle Horseshoe Club. He was a 12-year member of the NHPA. Sonny was a very active member of the horseshoe clubs, always helping whenever something needed to be done. During the 2000 State Tournament at NMHC, he was there putting in new stakes and helping grind the clay. Last year when the courts were being made for the Springfield tournament, Sonny made several trips there to help with those courts. He donated a silhouette horseshoe pitcher as a raffle prize, which now hangs at the Liberty Horseshoe Club. NMHC also has one on display.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers extend their deepest sympathy to Sonny's family. He will be sadly missed on the courts and by all the friends he made in horseshoes.

Our Sympathies...

Missouri horseshoe pitchers extend their sympathy to NMHC member, Tom Goodnick, whose mother passed away on August 17, 2004, at the age of 97.

New Melle Horseshoe Club sends sympathy to Pat Buehrle whose mother passed away on July 15, 2004.

The "Get Well" List

After having had gallbladder surgery this past July, our former MOHPA president, **Joe Faron**, was driven to the ER after the state tournament on September 17 by his wife, Alice, while suffering chest pains. After some tests, the doctors inserted two stents. Alice reported everything went well and Joe appears to be doing well once again.

The **Baldwin Horseshoe Club** reports that three of its members are having problems. **George Christ** is recovering from rotator cuff surgery and is pitching better than ever. **Joe Kaufman** has had a silent heart attack. He found that out while in the hospital for a blood clot in his leg. Joe is home after ten days in the hospital and is doing fine.

Our thoughts are with **Don Harris** as he faces the difficulties of cancer. We missed him at the State Tournament this year.

September must be the month for knee replacements. **Cal Jaeger** and **Sam Carter** were both recipients of them.

Bud Ward, member of NMHC and the Ballwin Horseshoe Club, is hanging in there. After pitching in the State Fair Tournament he realized he would have to drop out of the State Tournament, as the walking just too much for him at this time. Bud was recently in the hospital with pneumonia and is home recovering.

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Profile: Joe Faron

by Jeanette Claas

“Say it ain’t so, Joe.” After serving 14 years as a MOHPA officer, including eight years as MOHPA state president, Joe Faron has decided to step down from a position that he found so very satisfying and rewarding. Giving 110% of his time, energy, and money, Joe says, “It’s time to relax a little” as he approaches his 70th birthday. There is a little doubt that Joe will really slow down, as he has spent a lifetime “volunteering” every spare moment and old habits are hard to break. You will see this is no “average Joe” as you glance through his busy lifetime.

Joseph John Faron Sr. was born on the Feast of St. Joseph in 1900 and was thus given the name Joseph. Three other Josephs would follow. Joseph John Faron Jr. was the fifth child of Joseph Sr. and Clementine Faron, but was the first son. He would be called “Junie” by his family throughout his life. Another son followed four years later. They were raised on a nine-acre farm in Creve Coeur, Mo., in St. Louis County. Growing up in a large family, they learned early in life to pitch in and help where it was needed. There was always the garden to tend to and horses to be fed. Joe loved to ride horses and soon could be found at horse shows, jumping fences and barrel racing. Joe also rode horses as he took his bird dogs on field trial runs. He collected many trophies in both categories. This hobby kept him busy for more than 25 years.

With both parents over six feet tall, Joe grew to be 6’ 2” and became a strong, competitive athlete in basketball and baseball during his years at Chaminade High School, graduating in 1953. He won a college scholarship for his baseball abilities to St. Louis University, which he attended for three years.

To provide a living for his family, Joe Sr. owned a filling station at Lindbergh and Ladue Road. As soon as Joe was old enough, he and his brother, Bud, helped at the gas station. This popular Shell station once received an award for pumping two million gallons of gas per year for a four-year period. Joe remembers gasoline selling for 17 cents a gallon during the 1950s. In 1965, the Faron homeplace was replaced by Interstate 270. In 1966, Joe Sr. died and the two brothers took over ownership and ran the station until 1985, when Joe sold his partnership to his brother. However, Joe never ran out of gas!

In 1957, ‘G.I. Joe’ was drafted into the U.S. Army, taking his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood. He was in the reserves for the next six years, taking his summer training camps at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. One year, on a trip home from a World

Tournament in Bismarck, ND, Joe found himself back in familiar territory and revisited this still-active U.S. Army campsite.

While ‘Joe Cool’ was attending college in 1955, he met his lifelong partner, Alice Huhn from Westphalia, Mo. She and her twin sister were attending nursing school in St. Louis. It was chance meeting, as Alice went to a wedding reception that she wasn’t invited to, but Joe was, and it marked the beginning of a 45-year courtship. In the 50s, women were not allowed to marry while going to nursing school, and since Joe was doing his Army stint, they did not marry until May 30, 1959, a Memorial Day weekend. Alice began her nursing career in the emergency room at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Kirkwood. In recent years, her nursing skills played a vital role at a birthday dinner held for Joe’s aunt, Genevieve Dierberg. While enjoying their dinner, a guest choked on a piece of meat and Alice’s quick thinking and CPR training saved his life. Joe thought that this act would surely provide him enough groceries from the Dierberg chain for the rest of their lives!

Their first born child came into their life in 1960. Alice had some difficulty giving birth and during the state of confusion the doctor came out and told Joe he had a bouncing baby boy. Joe was beaming from ear to ear as he relayed the good news to his family and friends. Later, the doctor came out and apologized, telling Joe that it wasn’t a boy, but a girl instead! An embarrassed Joe had to call everyone back and tell them they had a daughter, not a son. It was a lucky mistake for Joe, as Mary Jo would be the only daughter born to them. The third Joseph John Faron made his debut in 1963 and Gregory came along in 1968. The boys followed in their Dad’s footsteps with athletic ability. Joe coached Khoury

League baseball for more than 15 years as the boys grew up. Mary Jo found horses to be her thing and appeared in many horse shows, just as her Dad had done.

The family lived in Olivette until their move to New Melle in 1974 bringing their dogs and horses with them. The move to New Melle changed another course in Joe’s life. Joe immediately joined the New Melle Community Club and saw that there was a traveling horseshoe league called the St. Charles Warren County League. From that point on, the dogs and horses were put on the back burner, as Joe’s love and enthusiasm for horseshoes was uppermost on his mind. At one time, there were more than 260 pitchers participating in this league, but very few MOHPA members. In 1978, the New Melle Community Club scheduled a Festival Horseshoe Tournament made up principally of local talent. There were only four outdoor courts and the tournament was called off due to heavy rain. The next four years, the Festival



Tournament was held under a rented tent. All went well until the fourth year, when a severe rainstorm blew down the main support pole and injured a man. The suit that followed nearly ended horseshoes in New Melle, but Joe prevailed. Working closely with the NMCC, he was successful in getting a pavilion erected over the four courts.

Forming and making the New Melle Horseshoe Club grow has been by far Joe's biggest project and achievement. With the help of Larry Langewisch and Jerry Kohler, Joe formed NMHC in 1990 with only 32 members. Although the club started out for men only, Joe soon opened the membership to women and from that point the club began to prosper and grow by leaps and bounds.

In 1989, Joe attended the Missouri State Tournament in Independence but was unable to participate due to recent back surgery. Rain delays during that tournament got Joe thinking about holding a state tournament in New Melle with the covered courts. After seeing Alan Francis for his first time, he wanted to showcase him in New Melle, so that other pitchers from eastern Missouri could see the possibilities of horseshoe pitching. In March 1990, Joe submitted a bid for the state tournament to MOHPA President Wayne Henderson and it was accepted. The NMHC members had their work cut out for them, and work they did, adding another four covered courts and another pavilion housing eight more. It was the largest state tournament ever held, with 400 entries. To accommodate all the classes, pitching began at 8:00 a.m., with the last classes starting at 8 p.m. and sometimes continuing to 1:00 a.m. More state tournaments would follow at NMHC, in 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, and 2000.

During this time, NMHC grew and grew, reaching over 250 members, more than the small town's population of only 200. The traveling league eventually disintegrated, but two winter leagues were formed. The Jack & Jill League started with 36 horseshoe pitchers and grew to an all-time high of 110 pitchers with 24 teams filling the facility to its capacity. The Wednesday Night Men's League kept growing. Both leagues are still in operation, but membership is not as bountiful.

The building now houses 12 indoor courts, restrooms, a large concession stand, a computer room, an office, and space for storage. By 1996, the club grew to be not only the largest club in the state but also the largest horseshoe club in the world, with more than 200 members. Joe worked tirelessly with the NMCC to make NMHC what it is today.

Joe was nominated and elected by MOHPA members to serve as vice president for four years (1992-1995). In September 1996, Joe was elected president of the organization and has served in that position until now. During his tenure, Joe has accomplished much for Missouri horseshoes:

- A state tournament was held in eastern Missouri for the first time.
- Portable courts were built, enabling other cities to host the Missouri State Tournaments.

- The association has its own trailer for storage and office space.
- An awards banquet was added to the State Tournaments to give special recognition.

For years, Joe was the director of horseshoe tournaments held at the New Melle Festival. For the past 11 years, Joe has organized and directed the Six Pac Tournament, which brings in the top horseshoe pitchers from across the United States. This tournament is considered by participants to be one of the best in the country. Joe was also responsible for various events that were held throughout the years: the Nashville Music City Tournament, Greater St. Louis Horseshoe Club Tournament, and the Top Gun Illinois-Missouri Tournament, all tournaments that brought about friendly rivalry and competition. Joe also initiated the "handicap" system in league play, enabling beginners to pitch against more experienced pitchers at a fair level. Joe has eagerly helped other horseshoe clubs in Missouri get established. He has been

instrumental in increasing the number of horseshoe pitchers in the state. Before the NMHC was formed, Missouri had approximately 300 registered horseshoe pitchers. Today, there are more than 850 pitchers, the state has received the Robert Pence Award for ten years as the state with the most registered horseshoe pitchers in the NHPA. Today, Missouri holds the second place honor.

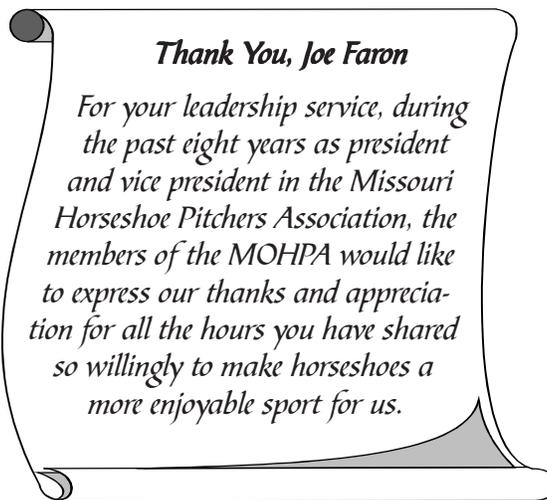
Pitching horseshoes since 1975, Joe has a memory bank of many horseshoe events that will last him a lifetime. As he thinks back on these years, Joe's enthusiasm is still there. Seeing his thoughts and ideas put to use and being satisfied that he has accomplished

a lot is quite rewarding for him. Joe states, "Without the enthusiasm and help of the NMHC members, none of this would have happened." He beams as he relives the days when the NMHC members worked together to hold the first state tournament on the eastern side of Missouri. "My years as a MOHPA officer would not have been successful without the help of the Missouri officers who supported me, especially Vicki Winston and Stan Griggs," he says.

The highlight of Joe's horseshoe career came in 1999 when he was rewarded for his achievements by being inducted into the Missouri Horseshoe Hall of Fame. The following year, Joe was inducted into the St. Charles Amateur Sports Hall of Fame for his horseshoe accomplishments in the area. In 1999, Joe began serving as the director of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation for the NHPA. He is also on the board of directors of the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, making sure that horseshoe pitchers are recognized for their achievements in the St. Charles County area.

Joe has carried a 42% average, pitching a perfect game in February 1993. Promoting horseshoes, organizing and setting many traditions at the NMHC, Joe has sacrificed his own pitching ability as he went about his leadership duties for making the game more enjoyable for others.

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Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Jeanette Claas

Did you recognize the handsome groom and lovely bride in the June issue of Shoe Biz? This couple, who recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary, has been around horseshoes for many years, him pitching on the courts and her sitting on the scorekeeper's stool.

Calvin W. Jaeger was born on his grandparent's farm in the Weldon Spring area of St. Charles County. He attended Weldon Spring School in the Francis Howell School District; all eight years in the same building with the same teacher.

At the age of 12, his Uncle Henry bought him a pair of Gordon horseshoes and taught him to throw a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn. He drove pegs in the chicken yard and learned how to pitch horseshoes, but did not pitch in competition for many years. At that age, Cal's love of baseball was foremost on his mind. He played with different teams in the area for the 19 years. During those years, he was scouted by the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cleveland Indians. He was classified 1A for the draft so, instead of waiting to be drafted, Cal joined the Merchant Marines. After the war, he came home in 1946 and again tried out for the Cardinals, but by then they felt he was too old. In 1989, he was voted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame for his baseball achievements in the St. Charles County area.

He met Julia through a blind date and they married June 12, 1948. That Sunday was the only Sunday Cal missed playing ball, but the newlywed couple did attend the Cardinal game at Sportsman Park.

It wasn't until 1964 while living in Imperial that Cal started his horseshoe pitching career. As they moved around, Cal pitched at the O'Fallon Civic Park, the Golden Triangle Club, the Warren County League, and then joined New Melle Horseshoe Club in 1990. At NMHC, Cal became very involved, helping to build the courts and the building. He served as club president for five years and vice-president for one and a half years. He pitched in both the Monday Jack & Jill League and Wednesday Men's League. In the summertime, he pitches at the KC Hall in St. Charles. He has pitched in many State and World Horseshoe Tournaments. His time and dedication to NMHC is relentless — he does every imaginable job that comes about. He and Julia both have been presented with several recognition

and achievement awards for their service to the sport of horseshoes.

Cal retired from work at the St. Charles Sand Company in 1991. Julia retired in 1994 from K-Mart where she held various positions. They raised two lovely daughters and now enjoy two grandchildren. They have their fifth-wheeler that they use for camping trips and traveling to horseshoe tournaments. That blind date opened their eyes to 56 years of experiences together. Julia and Cal have both had their share of bad health in recent years. Years ago, Julia had a terrific battle with cancer and it then re-occurred several years later. Cal, too, has had his troubles recently but today they are doing so much better. Julia is an avid quilter and Cal enjoys fishing. Cal is back on the courts, still a fierce competitor, and Julia is still there keeping score for him.

Missouri is very proud to acknowledge this horseshoe couple in Who's Who in Horseshoes as they know what's what in everyday life. Thank you, Cal and Julia, for all you have given to the sport of horseshoes!



Profile: Joe Faron, continued from page 9

This man, whose calendar is filled with one meeting after another, serves many others — not only in the horseshoe world, but also in his church, his country, and the community of New Melle. As he approaches a new decade in his life and moves up to 30 feet, Joe would like to concentrate on his personal horseshoe pitching.



**Don't throw me away!
Keep me for future reference.
I am full of useful information.**



He would like “a little less responsibility and a little more time to spend with his family,” which now includes five granddaughters and oh, yes, one grandson — little five-year-old Joseph John Faron IV who has much to learn from his grandfather.

Joltin' Joe. Mighty Joe. Broadway Joe. Joe Cool. G.I. Joe. We've seen them all! Each one is an awesome nickname, invoking the every essence of honor, power, and conviction. Never has Missouri horseshoe pitching had such a powerful leader bringing about excitement, enthusiasm, and high expectations to our state. Someone may fill his space, but no one will take his place. With horseshoes always on his mind, Missouri horseshoe pitchers salute this tall man of stature for all that he has done for the sport we all love. I'm sure you will agree, Joe Faron is no “Ordinary Joe”!



Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

Question

Most of southern Missouri is called the Ozarks — a rocky land full of streams, lakes, woods, and caves. The roads over the Ozark hills are steep and winding. Mum’s the word

as you drive through the scenic Ozarks during the fall season of the year. In the center of the state is the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks. In 1931, Bagnell Dam was completed on the Osage River, forming the Lake of the Ozarks. The gigantic lake is Missouri’s largest man-made lake and is a popular summer attraction for boaters and jet skiers. “There are people who come down here with more horsepower than brains,” attests a Missouri Water Patrol officer. The lake’s many small inlets are perfect quiet spots for fishing and canoeing in a gorgeous setting. However, the primary purpose of damming the river was not for recreation, but to provide electricity, which began on Christmas Eve, 1931.

This issue’s town in the spotlight doesn’t have any frontage on the Lake of the Ozarks. The majority of the people in the area who have homes on the Lake do not live in any city, but have mailing addresses of Sunrise Beach and Gravois Mills. If you added these people to its population, you would have some 5000 permanent residents. When you add the seasonal residents, the population swells from 663 to around 10,000. Much of the town’s annual business is seasonal, boosted by the influx of tourists and second homeowners in the area.

The Ozarks are famed for lagging behind the rest of the country in cultural and technological change. Its residents have been referred to as the most deliberately unprogressive people in the U.S. The region’s isolated valleys, bad roads, and self-sufficient living helped people in the Ozarks maintain their language and customs. Despite the invasion of modern life in the form of automobiles and TV, some traditional folk arts, like fiddle playing, quilt making, and woodcarving have survived. People who were born and raised in the Ozarks got the nickname “hillbillies” and the American pioneers from the area were known as “mountain men.” The Lake area hosts two festivals in September that have become a tradition for visitors and resident alike. The Hillbilly Fair, full of food, fun, and frolic, and the Mountain Man Festival, held below Bagnell Dam, give patrons a chance to see first hand what life was like in the early 1800s.

The Hillbilly Fair Committee was looking forward to making the Festival this year a special one, marking its 35th year with style. The town welcomes the event, as it draws a crowd of more than 10,000. Each year, a new Hillbilly King and Queen are crowned. A talent show that draws talent from as far as Springfield, St. Louis, and Kansas City is a main attraction. Visitors enjoy three days of free live entertainment on the main stage and at the Little Beer Garden stage on the fairgrounds. The children’s contests consists of The Lil’ Sprouts, Pea Pickers, and Lil’ Mr. and Miss Hillbilly. Other activities include Buck-A-Duck races, a mechanical bull, back-seat driving contests, a petting zoo at Noah’s Park, lots of food, and tons of crafts and other attractions. In short, a fun time for the entire family.

Before going to the Fair, you might want to stop at “Cousins”, a local Mom & Pop restaurant that serves a fantastic breakfast. The fairgrounds are located in a hollow next to Highway 5, but be quick on the pedal, as you more than likely will just miss it as you drive through this small town. For only \$2.00 you can enter into “hillbilly territory” and be guided by friendly hillbillies to a favorite parking spot. The area is full of tents, housing crafts and what have you. Walkways on the fairgrounds are lit up like some of the people who have been in the Happy Hollow Beer Garden! The fair atmosphere is made up of country music and wooden hillbilly statues, depicting an era that signifies a part of southern Missouri’s heritage.

But of course, if you are a horseshoe pitcher who came to the Fair to do some pitchin’, you’ll want to hang to the right. The rocky path will lead you down the hill and up another until you come to the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club; only to find that you are soon caught up in the entire atmosphere of the Fair. Can you name this small Ozark town that hosts this special event each year?

Answer

If you wake up to Missouri at the Hillbilly Fair, you will find yourself in the town of Laurie, located on Highway 5 about seven miles before you reach the Hurricane Deck Bridge. There are plenty of camping areas and motels right on the lake to give you the atmosphere you are looking for.

On the Fair Committee are Bob and Donna Bastel, who are also hosting and directing the sanctioned tournament held on the fairgrounds. The two-day tournament consists of seven or eight classes. Bob and Donna also started the Lake of the Ozark Horseshoe Club in 1996. There are 12 horseshoe courts sitting diagonally on a rocky hillside surrounded by hickory trees. It is that time of the year when the nuts are falling, so if you are pitching on Court 9, you might just want to wear a hard hat to be on the safe side. Benches surround the fenced-in courts, in honor or in memory of some of the local residents and horseshoe pitchers. There is one there for Doug Peoples. A small building housing restrooms and a storage room is close by for your convenience. The Lake of the Ozarks Club has much to be proud of. These “hillbillies” have worked hard for the results they have achieved. The sanctioned courts are immaculate, as they are well cared for by the members. None of the members actually live in Laurie, but live on the Lake, which is outside of any city limits. They have regular weekly members that come from as far away as Camdenton, Warsaw, and Eldon. In 2001, the league became a sanctioned league. The horseshoe club keeps growing little by little each year, and its members are now competing in other horseshoe events throughout the state. Missouri horseshoe pitchers salute this small Ozark town of Laurie, Bob and Donna Bastel, and all the members of the Lake of the Horseshoe Club!

Besides hosting the Hillbilly Fair in September, Laurie also hosts a Haunted Hay Ride for Halloween, an Enchanted Village of Lights during the Christmas season, and a sanctioned Bar-B-Q Cook-Off in August. If you haven’t ever been there, you should plan to visit this little slice of Heaven in the heart of Ozark County. Your family can enjoy diverse vacation activities and pitch horseshoes, too, of course.

2004 World Tournament News

by Bob Champion, editor of "Double Ringer," the Colorado newsletter

Ohio's Alan Francis captured his tenth World Championship to tie the legendary Ted Allen for total wins, and Sue Snyder of Kentucky won her fifth World title after Canada's Sylvianne Moisan had won four straight Women's championships.

Francis closed with a 22-1 record, losing only to Canada's Andre Leclerc (Sylvianne's husband) in the 24-pitcher round-robin schedule.

Francis had the only 80% overall with an 83.2%, his twelfth straight effort over the coveted mark. His all-time high percentage was 85%-plus figures in 1988 and 2001.

Alan finished one game in front of New Jersey's Joe McCrink, who finished second to Alan for the second straight year.

On the final day, Francis got down to business. Trailing McCrink by a game (18-0 to 17-1), Francis dismantled McCrink in the day's opener (40-1). Francis threw 30 ringers in 32 shoes.

"He was in a tough position," Francis said. "He was the only undefeated guy. Whether he was playing me or somebody else, that's not easy. Joe's still a great pitcher and a heck of a guy."

Snyder closed with a 21-2 record, one game in front of Tennessee's Joan Elmore, and two ahead of Moisan. Previously, Sue had won World titles in 1992, 1994, 1995, and 1999. Snyder defeated Joan Elmore of Tennessee and Moisan in the final day to win the title.

Paul LaCrosse of Colorado decided to enter the World Seniors Division in 2004 after competing nine years in the Men's Championship, and it paid off. LaCrosse became only the fourth Colorado pitcher to nail World titles in the top divisions at World tournaments. At Pocatello, LaCrosse closed with an 11-0 record in the seniors, two games in front of another former Men's Championship competitor, Kurt von Kleist from Pennsylvania. Paul closed with a 68% overall figure.

Nick Preston, of Vermont, claimed the NHPA Junior Boys Championship, with ten wins and one loss and a 76.92% tournament average. In second place was Buddy Dyrda of British Columbia with a record of 9-2 and a tournament average of 79.45%. Winning the Junior Girls Championship was Tava Cook of Wisconsin with a record of 5-1 and 60.53%.

The Best – Allen and Alan

by Bob Champion, editor of "Double Ringer," the Colorado newsletter

Pocatello, Idaho, site of the 2004 World Tournament, will be remembered as the place Alan Francis tied Ted Allen's record of ten Men's World Championship titles. Vicki Winston also shares the ten-title record with Alan and Ted, as ten-time Women's Champion. Francis nailed his tenth title at Pocatello last month, with a 22-1 record and ringer percentage overall of 83.2, the eighth time Alan has reach the 80%-plus mark in his ten victories. In fact, he was the only pitcher in the 24 to reach the 80-plus figure.

The overall totals reveal that only five pitched over 70% and

not one over 75%. What's happening? In the championship flight, ringer percentages went as low as 49%, with one in the 60s and six in the 50s.

Similar figures were posted by the women in their Championship competition. Only two women reached 80%, including second place Joan Elmore from Tennessee and four-time World Champion Sylvianne Moisan from Canada, who finished third. The World Champion, Sue Snyder from Kentucky, finished with a 77.6%. Six women were in the 70s, eleven in the 60s, and five in the 50s.

Getting back to the "Legend" and Alan Francis, a few figures of comparison might be interesting.

Ted Allen won his first title in 1933 at age 24. He competed in 31 World Championships and captured his tenth title at age 42 in 1959. Francis started his horseshoe-pitching career at age 12 by winning four junior titles. His first men's crown came in 1989 at age 19 and he won his tenth title this year at age 34. To date, Alan has competed in 17 Men's World Championships including two seconds, one third, two fourths, and one fifth.

Allen reached the 80% plateau when he won his fourth World title in 1940. Except for two years, he was in the 80s nineteen times until 1964. From that time, he was in the 70s, 60s, and 50s until he retired in 1973 with a 4-31 record and 58.3 ringer percentage.

Both Francis and Allen have respective State Championships. Allen won 13 state titles (ten in Colorado, two in California, and one in Oregon). To date and still active, Alan has won 17 state titles (ten in Missouri and seven in Ohio).

In the first 23 years of his career, Allen had 10 World titles (six seconds, two thirds, two fourths, one fifth, and two sevenths). In the last 16 years of Alan Francis' career, he has compiled ten World Championships plus two seconds, one third, two fourths, and one fifth.

A pair of excellent horseshoe pitchers, don't you think?

Pocatello Sites

by Susanne Evans

While Roy and I were attending the 2004 World Tournament on the campus of Idaho University, in Pocatello, Idaho, we visited the Idaho Museum of Natural History, also on the campus.

The museum had many rooms with exhibits of prehistoric animals including a recreation of a location in Idaho where they excavated bones of a dinosaur and other prehistoric creatures. They had these creatures assembled also. The museum was very interesting and informative. There was also a room dedicated to horses and horseshoes. There were pictures and displays tracing the history of the horse and information on how they made horse-

Our Thanks!

Missouri horseshoe pitchers would like to thank Pam Gettinger, who was the layout designer for the Shoe Biz newsletter during the past several years. The time and effort she spent was much appreciated by all who read the newsletter. **Thank you, Pam!**

shoes. There were many pairs of horseshoes displayed. There were life-sized pictures of Bobby Faulkner (Idaho World Horseshoe Tournament Director) demonstrating how to pitch horseshoes. He said they are trying to make this a traveling exhibit.

Pocatello is a lovely small town surrounded by mountains. One late afternoon as we were traveling back to Pocatello, we were in a valley on an Indian reservation. We could see this beautiful rainbow for several miles on our right. When we got closer, the rainbow made an arch over the road and as we went under the arch, we passed a road called Rainbow Road. If you turned right onto this road, you would come to an Indian casino. I now know where the pot of gold is!

Smitty's 'Pride' and Joy!

by Jeanette Claas

Thirty-four-year MOHPA member Fred Smith of Higginsville has participated in many World Horseshoe Tournaments since 1977. However, this year he went only to observe the horseshoe competition and to enjoy the camaraderie. Smitty flew to the World Tournament this year to avoid the long 1,600 mile drive from Missouri. On his way back home, he was sitting at the Salt Lake City Airport waiting for his connecting flight to St. Louis. While reading the newspaper, he glanced up and recognized one of his favorite entertainers, Charley Pride. Smitty introduced himself and told Charley of the time that Smitty pitched at the Missouri State Fair Tournament when Charley was also playing there, on stage that is.

While making conversation with Charley, another lady (from Kentucky) began to recognize the entertainer and mouthed the words to Smitty, "Is that Charley Pride?" Smitty mouthed back to her, "Yes, it is." The Kentucky lady wasted no time in introducing herself to Charley. She quickly pulled out her cell phone and asked Charley if he would talk with her mother (in the state of Washington) who is a big fan of Charley Pride. That was one phone call she will never forget! Meanwhile Smitty pulled out his camera, having two pictures left on the film, and asked the

lady if she would take his picture with Charley, after which Smitty would take the other picture of the two of them. After everyone had their pictures taken, Smitty told Charley, "You certainly made my day!" Then Smitty



caught his flight home, singing "You got to kiss an angel each morning and love her like the devil when you get back home."

As soon as he got home, Smitty went straight to Walmart to get his film developed. Going back the next day to pick up the pictures, the clerk, who just happened to be a friend of Smitty's) told him he didn't have to take all the pictures if he didn't want them. Yes, he wanted all the pictures, particularly the two with Charley Pride. The clerk surprised him by making an enlarged 8 x 12 and had it framed for him. Smitty then mailed the other to the lady in Kentucky.

This picture is certainly worth a thousand words to Smitty, to a lady in Kentucky, and another lady in Washington, and it made a very interesting article for Shoe Biz. Just ask Smitty, he doesn't mind showing you his 'Pride' and joy!

Guinness World Record Holder

from *Horseshoe Pitching NEWSLINE Magazine*

The World Tournament in Pocatello welcomed pitcher David O'Dell this year. He lives in Apple Valley, California. David is a nephew of Roy Rogers, but his real claim to fame is that he's a five-time world champion in the tobacco-spitting contest for the Guinness Book of World Records! He first won in 1996. His winning mark was for a distance of 53 feet, 3 inches, in 1999. He said the contest was held at the Calico Ghost Town, in Barstow, California, where 20 men and women competed.

What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

At the 2004 State Tournament, three questions came up pertaining to the rules of the game:

1. What do you do when a shoe breaks into two pieces?

Rule 6, Sec F. Broken and Cracked Shoes

If a shoe breaks into two or more parts when it hits the stake or lands in the pit, the parts shall be removed and another shoe shall be allowed to be pitched in its stead. If the shoe broke when striking the backboard or other foul ground, it is foul and may not be repitched.

2. When do Junior pitchers change to adult status and have to pitch at the full distance?

The change from Junior to Adult pitcher is in effect as of January 1 of the calendar year in which he or she turns 19 years old.

In other words, if you reach the age of 19 any time in 2005, you will be pitching as an adult as of January 1, 2005.

ARTICLE XII: ALL NHPA TOURNAMENTS

Junior Boys and Girls - any who will be 18 years old, or less, for the entire calendar year in which the tournament is played.

3. When and how do men change to short distance pitchers (Elders)?

You do not need to wait until your birth date! League players pitching in Fall 2004 and Winter 2005 leagues may want to check with their league director before making a change.

ARTICLE XII, SECTION 4,c

Change to read - Elders - Must be at least 70 years of age before the end of the year they wish to declare themselves a short distance pitcher. Once a member declares himself a short distance pitcher, (See Article XII, Section 3, a.) they must remain a short distance pitcher for that membership year. This division includes any male pitcher with a verified physical handicap that prevents them from pitching the full distance, provided an NHPA Medical Exemption form has been completed and approved by the State Charter.

Through My Eyes: A Horseshoe Story

by Stan Griggs

Foreword: This is my story of the past year; a story of many highs and many lows, but one that I felt should be told. This is a story of horseshoes, not only of the game itself or records, but also of the true meaning of what our sport means to us: the friendships and camaraderie we have for one another. If not for that, there would be no story to tell, because it is the horseshoes and the people that make this the story it is.

December 31, 2003, New Year's Eve: I was boarding a plane to Orlando, Florida. Dad was in the hospital; the cancer had come back. It had been six years since he was first diagnosed with prostate cancer and he had no major problems up to this point. Waiting to pick me up at the airport was one of dad's horseshoe friends from The Villages, Mike Tatonetti. I had never met Mike before but had talked to dad about him many times. I soon found out that this was a special friendship between two horseshoe pitchers.

The New Year rang in at midnight, 2004. What was about to happen in the next nine months was a surprise to all. After a short time, dad was feeling better and back home, slowly getting his strength back. He was actually back on the courts at a tournament in April. His final tournament was May 8, and he averaged 53%. In less than two months, he would be gone.

Dad was only home from the hospital two weeks when mom had a brain aneurysm. She was flown to Tampa for emergency surgery. She had a complete recovery and was sent back home with a good bill of health from the doctors, only after they told all she should never have survived this. Now we know why.

All through the spring while dad was feeling better and getting a chance to pitch horseshoes, we were planning his trip back to Missouri to attend the state tournament and see the whole Missouri gang. Those plans started to look bleak come the end of May. The pain was back and it was time to see the doctors again. After a month of no answers, a trip was made to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. It was **Saturday, June 26** — this was the day I put on my Lance Armstrong yellow wristband and pitched in the Saint Joseph Mixed Open. The band is still with me. Two days later my parents headed for Jacksonville.

Wednesday, June 30, I talked to dad and informed him that Tyler, his grandson and third generation Griggs horseshoe pitcher, threw his first double last night. I could tell in his voice how proud he was of him. I only wish he had a chance to see him pitch. Tyler started pitching horseshoes just this year as a peewee.

The next day, **Thursday, July 1**, I talked with dad very briefly. He was not very coherent; this would be our last conversation. Tests and more tests were performed and then the team of doctors gave the family the bad news. The cancer had spread throughout his body and unfortunately there was no more that could be done. They felt he had 3-6 months. My parents returned to their home in The Villages.

I was to fly down to Florida a couple of weeks later, but the hospice people advised us to come down sooner, so we moved that up a couple of days. This was the **4th of July**. After shooting off many fireworks throughout the night, Tyler and I sat watching the neighbors shoot off more fireworks. It was one of those

father-son moments. I can still remember looking at my watch: it was 11:00 p.m.; that would be midnight in Florida.

July 5, 1:00 a.m. The phone rang; it was mom. Dad was gone. He passed away just shortly after midnight.

The stacks and stacks of cards that we received reinforced to me the friendships he had made over the past 30 years of horseshoes. Plants, flowers, and cards from individuals and horseshoe clubs began arriving. It was decided the red roses received from the MOHPA would be taken to the cemetery for his military burial. Each family member from mom to all the grandchildren took a single rose as they left the cemetery as a remembrance of this day. I was touched by all the people who were able to come to the visitation and service, most of who came from out of town. This is what horseshoes is all about.

After a brief trip to Florida to help mom with issues around the house, I brought back a few horseshoe-related items to Missouri. One was a pair of dad's E-Z Grip Horseshoes. Two weeks before the state tournament, I decided to put my Allens on the shelf and take dad's shoes with me. I am not really sure why this happened, or why I decided to do this. Maybe I just wanted a piece of him with me, but this was to be the start of something very special.

Heading to Springfield that Thursday afternoon, I thought to myself, "This is not the way it is suppose to be." Dad was supposed to be here with me, but the one thing that always stuck with me was that I never got angry or mad. I just had a feeling of emptiness. I credit that to my faith.

Some horseshoe moments:

- I ran into Randy and Connie Grady at the courts and Randy wanted to show me something. As most of you know, Randy hand makes all the Championship Division traveling trophies. We added a new division this year, the Junior Girls. Out of his vehicle he pulls out the trophy bearing a plate engraved with "**Jerry Griggs Memorial**."
- During the banquet we had a candlelight memorial. The story behind this memorial was planned back during the officers meeting in the spring. Dad was actually supposed to light a candle in memory of Eddie Frakes; instead I had to have Fred Smith light a candle in memory of dad.
- My second game of the tournament, I was getting ready to pitch Sam Carter. We threw down and went to retrieve our shoes. Sam looked down at my shoes and said, "Those are not your Allens." I told him I was pitching dad's shoes. Sam smiled with approval and we went on our way. I had my high game of 77.8% that game.
- The goal is to get through the first day with no losses to put you in a good position for the following day. Game 5 was to be the last game of the day, which would be on Court 12 (more on that later). I had a tough battle with Steve Johnson, but I pulled out a win with a 67.3%.
- Game 8 against the current state champion, M. O. Turner, was a game I will never forget. Struggling throughout the game, after 20 shoes, I was down 28 to 7. At 40 shoes, he was about to end the game at 39-24. At this point I was ready to accept my first loss, but something came over me and I did not miss another shoe, winning 42-39. This was possibly the game that opened the door for me to win the title.

- Game 9 was the game with which I could clinch the title. It was against the 2001 state champion and Missouri's number one seed, Randy Grady. Finding my court stopped me dead in my tracks for just a second. Court 12, you see, was the court that I sponsored in memory of my daughter Holly Marie, since her birthday is August 12. At this point, I was running strictly on emotion, trying to keep my composure and stay focused. We pitched 74 shoes, the longest game of the tournament. Randy hit 70.3% to my 73.0%. Winning my fourth men's state title 43-36 was a special game I will never forget.

At the conclusion of the tournament, I was approached by a reporter from the Springfield newspaper for an interview. She informed me she had talked with Joe Faron and she wanted to do a special story about this tournament. Joe pointed me out and said, "He just won the state title and his is a special story." We started the interview going through most of the basic questions, and then she said, "Okay, I'm ready for your special story." I proceeded to tell her about the past few months and my decision to pitch this tournament with dad's horseshoes. Emotionally overwhelmed by the past two days, and still having a difficult time talking about Dad, I had a few moments where I choked up a little. When I finished my story, I looked up, apologized to her, and noticed she had tears in her eyes. Saying how touched she was by my story, she thanked me for the interview and congratulated me once again.

Three weeks after State, this horseshoe story was coming to a close. On Saturday, September 25, I was warming up for the Ray

Cavin Memorial Mixed Open at Saint Joseph. Fred Smith approached me and asked if I was pitching dad's shoes. I replied that, yes, the shoes were still with me; they were the only pair that I brought to the tournament. He informed me that if I would like, he could get them chrome plated to keep and pass down to Tyler and so on. I agreed but wanted to pitch them that day in one last tournament. I also had one condition. After they were plated, I wanted him to give me just one shoe back.

The last tournament with the shoes — winning the first four games with 67.5%, 69.0%, 71.4%, and 72.2% — made it 15 straight wins for me, going back to the 11-0 record from state. The last game of the tournament was against Pam Henderson, current women's state champion. We went 78 shoes, she hit 70% to my 68%, winning the game 42-37. I walked off the court and handed the shoes to Smitty. Pam would be the last opponent that I would pitch those shoes against. It reminds me of what Kevin Cone once told me many years ago. When you practice, never quit with a double, always quit with a miss, never stop during a streak. This was passed down to him from another great legend, Glen "Red" Henton. So it seemed right to let go of the shoes, at least from the courts. Of course, I will always have that chrome-plated shoe to remind me of *this horseshoe story*.

Oh, the other shoe that was plated? That was given to the only other person that the shoe was meant for, Dad's long-time horseshoe companion, Smitty.

This is my story of the past year: the impact of death, grief, and of all those who touched my life and those touched by it. It's a *horseshoe story, through my eyes*.

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The Independence Horseshoe Club reports several members on their sick list. **Roy Flatt** had a terrible time with eye surgery. His first cataract surgery went well, but not so on the second one. He had to miss the WT because of it. **Loree Meier** also had cataract surgery. She is having terrible neck pain and hasn't been able to pitch. We remember when you were tops on Monday night. Wayne Henderson is still having some health problems on both the neck and heel. He is hanging in there, trying out a new style. **Paul Taylor** had some surgery done and is still recovering from it. **Sam Kidd** is still not pitching with us, as he is still having some problems standing. We miss you, Sam. You should get Bruce to bring you up to see us.

Gidget Rahe of New Melle Horseshoe Club had an emergency appendectomy in June right before the 2004 Club Tournament in Springfield and had to cancel out. Several weeks later she was doing terrific and did a fabulous rendition of Tammy Wy-Not!

Danny Branson had lower back surgery on September 20. He is improving every day, but it is a slow process. This was his third surgery in less than a year, and since this time the doctor fused his back together, the third time has to be the charm. Danny and Roena want to say "Thank You" for all the cards, phone calls, and visits he has received while he has been home. It is wonderful to have such good friends.

Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club reports that **Gary Bowling** had just returned to pitching and then had to have open-heart surgery again, and is also on dialysis. He is trying to

pitch a little as his strength returns. **Sunny Blevins**, wife of Duwane, had to have surgery, but is doing well. Steve **Flood** had surgery after the State Tourney. **Eugene Applehans** has been ill and then had an injury at home, but is recovering now. **Bill Waisner** had two ruptured disks and lost feeling in his leg and foot, but is doing better. He can now feel three of his toes, and plans on trying to pitch again this winter if his leg is strong enough. We were glad to see **Jerry Kahle** of Arkansas back at our last tournament. He had been suffering with a shoulder injury.

Our best wishes to **Frank Hudson** as he undergoes major back surgery with all the trimmings on Oct. 11. Maybe he should talk with Danny Branson and compare notes. Our thoughts are with you, Frank, and all horseshoe pitchers who are suffering from an illness, and we hope good health returns soon!

Congratulations are in order to two Missouri horseshoe pitchers from the Backyard Horseshoe Club who tied the knot on October 9. Congratulations to Dawn Stone and Keith Morrow! And remember, the most dangerous year in married life is the first. Followed by the second, third, fourth, fifth, etc.

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Capitol City Horseshoe Club

by Steve Bruemmer

There is a new horseshoe club forming in Jefferson City, Missouri, at Washington Park. Sanctioned league play will start in May and will be held on either Thursday, Friday, or Sunday evenings. Sanctioned tournaments will also be held throughout the year. Refer to the web site at www.mohpa.us for specific dates. For more information, call Steve Bruemmer at 636-541-3232 or 636-922-3159, or email him at s.brummer@worldnet.att.net. Don't forget that Washington Park will be the place for the 2005 State Horseshoe Tournament. Come out and show your support for this new club!



Chillicothe Horseshoe Club

by Donald Plowman

The Chillicothe Horseshoe Club held its annual awards picnic and election of officers for 2005 on Monday, August 23. Nine teams participated in the league this year and the club really appreciated the sponsors for these teams. Without their support, we could not have such nice trophies. These trophies were awarded to the top four teams, highest series, highest game, and the most improved average. Two people were on each team.

The officers for 2005 are the same people that held the positions in 2004: president, Donald Plowman; first vice-president, Darrell Plowman; second vice-president, Paul Howard; secretary & treasurer, Frances Dominique.

For the 2004 league, the following awards were presented — 1st Place Team: HyVee Food Store, Paul Howard and Doug Yates; 2nd Place Team: Chillicothe Ford, Jim Plowman and Daniel Plowman; 3rd Place Team: Pat Thorne Lumber, Frances Dominique and Amy Wilson; 4th Place Team: Hudson Valley Polymer, Bill Jecusco and Bud Jones; High Series HDC: Donald Plowman, 238; High Game HDC: Leroy Dominique; Most Improved Average: Chip Vandlandingham, +5.



Heart of America Horseshoe Club

by Kent Armstrong

Well, our season finally ended. We never had a rain-out but our tournament did get cancelled. Well, with just about everything you do in life, there's good news and bad news. Our bad news is that Wayne Trautwein, who pitched more years than most people can count, retired. Wayne is 91 years old and was pitching from a distance of 30 feet. We will never forget him.

Our league ended with the final results — 1st: Carl Phillips/Al Kostelac; 2nd: Sharon/Kent Armstrong; 3rd: Carl Cole and a league average; 4th: Stan and Tyler Griggs.

On September 21, we held our year-end club tournament with the following results — 1st: Dan Stroud; 2nd: Dave Kincaid; 3rd: Kent Armstrong; 4th: Carol Cole; 5th: Tyler Griggs.

This was Tyler Griggs' (Stan's son) first year of pitching, and during our last night of league, Tyler was throwing his last pair of

shoes and threw a double which moved him and his dad into the trophy class.

It was a good year for us, as we had two juniors playing this year. Cooper's grandson, Caleb Edmonds, was a partner for Dee McIntire. Now we look forward to playing at the Don Harris Arena with a tournament every two weeks. For those of you who are tired of pitching with a lot of older people, come down next year and play horseshoes with our club.

April 16, 2005, will be the date for the next Cancer Action Tournament at the Harris Arena. Put this date on your calendar. We will again sponsor courts and please remember, there are so many people who count on your giving.



Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

Lots of news from Liberty. Many of you already know Ray Bendure was the 2003 MOHPA Rookie of the Year. Laryssa Stanton is the first Missouri state champion in the Junior Girls Division. Tammy Stanton is a 2004 State Class Champion (she also got that 60% patch this year). Our league tournament champion is Elizabeth Furner.

We have completed 4 leagues since the last issue. Spring League Champions: Clarence Boone, Edward Eberle, Roy Flatt, Richard Schmidt. Summer Indoor Champions: Lou Frazee, Phil Ronckowski. Tuesday: Lee Crabtree, Audra Craven, Hannah Johnson. Thursday: Elwyn Cooper and Angela DiRaimo.

Most Improved: Darl Parker (two in a row), 11.01%; Kathy Wetzel; Elwyn Cooper. High Average: Nick DiRaimo, 107.8%; Mary Vogel; Elwyn Cooper. High Game: Nick DiRaimo, 130; Mary Vogel; Audra Craven; Elwyn Cooper. High Over Average: Phil Ronczkowski, 32.26%; Brady Craven; Richard Schmidt; Joyce Wilson.

We also had some people earning their 50% patches: Lee Crabtree, Phil Ronczkowski, Darl Parker (rookie). We were glad to have several rookies this year: Darl Parker, Matt Rogers, Frank Martin, Ken McAllister, Loyd Adwell, and Justin Rabbass.



Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Donna Bastel

Another great year of horseshoe pitching is about to come to an end in the Ozarks. We added seven new pitchers to our membership this year. We held two summer leagues, and since 24 people had not had enough, we had a Fall League as well. More of our members pitched in tournaments outside our courts and attended the state tournament than ever before. We already have three new people that want to join us next year.

We held our last tournament of the year during our Hillbilly Fair on September 18 and 19. Somebody must have really hurt Mother Nature's feelings, because she cried 1½ inches of tears on us until noon on Saturday, causing four classes to be cancelled. Seven of those pitchers in those classes stuck around and we were able to get them in during the afternoon session.

We had eleven pitchers from the St. Louis area descend on us like vultures (ha)! And six of them went away with trophies, as

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you will see in the tournament results section. Mary Beeson was the Hillbilly Fair Horseshoe Tournament champion for the second year in a row.

At our fair, there is a lot of music going on all day, and just after the first game was underway on Sunday afternoon, an Elvis impersonator took the stage. One of the New Melle ladies really gets off on Elvis and wanted to forfeit as she had already lost her first game so she could go watch him perform. We made her stay and play, and once Elvis started singing, she never lost another game. Not to mention any names, but she took first place in the Class D. Before the trophies were presented, I saw her running down the hollow to the main stage entrance and her husband had to accept the trophy for her. Well, we know what comes first in her life, now don't we!

Before, during, and after the games were completed, we enjoyed the great food and ever-flowing beer in the Happy Hollow Beer Garden. About 9 p.m. Saturday night, someone said, "Let's go pitch some shoes," so we went back to the courts and turned on the lights for some friendly competition.

Until we see you all again at some of the beautiful indoor courts this winter, here's hoping all your shoes are ringers!



Independence Horseshoe Club

by Pam Henderson

Some of us went to the World Tournament in Pocatello, Idaho. It was a really nice place, the people were friendly, and they did a super job. I don't think anyone in our club won 1st place, but we all had a good time.

Terry Kampe took on a huge job for our club. He is the statistics person for Monday and Thursday nights and he had to learn the program that Ron Hughes set up for us. Thanks, Terry, for taking on two jobs!

Alex Roberts, grandson of Floyd and Sue Roberts, pitched his first double on August 12. He was on the sub list and then later became Floyd's partner. Good going, Alex, we enjoy having you in our club.

Troy Williams pitched his first double in league on August 16. He was subbing on Monday night. He was really happy and so were we.

Bryson Kampe is to get his 10% patch, pitching it against Mike Gillespie. Fred Smith was in the right place at the right time. He saw and talked to Charlie Pride, a great country and western singer. Jeanette interviewed Fred and the story appears in this issue. Anyway, he was really happy about meeting Charlie. They talked about the time Charlie played baseball and was traded for a bus. I guess Charlie was meant to sing and entertain us folks who like country music.

Our banquet will be on October 22, but here are some league results: Monday night team winners were: 1st, Michael Beem/Johnna Bales; 2nd, Don Norman/Lee Crabtree; 3rd, Harless Kampee/Jesse Seehaas. Monday night individual winners: Championship Class — 1st, Lee Crabtree; 2nd, Johnna Bales; 3rd, Lee Miller. A Class — 1st, Dennis Bales; 2nd, Carl Brown; 3rd, Bill Hathhorn. Monday night champion was Lee Crabtree. Thursday night team winners: 1st, Ken

Heithoff/Neal Straughn; 2nd, Mike Gillespie/Don Roberts; 3rd, Gerald Thomas/Ron Hughes. Thursday night individual winners: Championship Class — 1st, Pam Henderson; 2nd, John Loyd; 3rd, Al Gwinn. A Class — 1st, Jack Meier; 2nd, DD Casey; 3rd, Floyd Roberts. Thursday night champion was Pam Henderson. The winner of the grand-champion match between Lee Crabtree and Pam Henderson was Lee Crabtree.

The state fair has come and gone, but Carl Brown, a brand new member, won his class at the fair and was so proud. He was so excited and we are all excited for him. Congratulations!

Our congratulations go out to Johnna and Dennis Bales for winning their classes at the state tournament. That's great! Husband and wife, what a team. A big congratulations to all who did good at the state and fair tournaments. And I, Pam Henderson, won state champion again.

Good luck to all our members in their pitching this winter. I hope everyone wins their class. Don't forget to sign up for the Independence Memorial Tournament on Feb. 16. Call Wayne and he can put you down now. Merry Christmas and have a ringer of a New Year.

Pony Express Horseshoe League

by Richard Pistole



The Pony Express Horseshoe League completed a successful season. Twenty-six members pitched 438 games, 21,900 shoes, scored 26,180 points, threw 5,536 ringers and had an overall average of 60 points.

The high ringer percentage went to Ed Blakley with 51.22%; Gene Newkirk took the high game award with a game of 102. Greg Canchola earned the high game over average award with a game of 101 points while carrying an average of 70. The most improved award went to Ray Canchola, while the rookie of the year is Leroy Moss. The league members voted James Walker the sportsmanship award.

Those receiving increase in percentage awards were: Robbie Barnes, 50%; Greg Chancola, 50%; Katy Gatewood, 20%; Charles Huff, 30%; Leroy Moss, 30%; Gene Newkirk, 50%; Steve Roberts, 30%; Phil Ronskowski, 30%; Terry Snodgrass, 30%; Dennis Walker, 30%; James Walker, 40%.

Phil Ronskowski and Gene Newkirk took the team title with a record of 29 wins and 11 losses.

Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club

by Judy & Bill Waisner



Crane has had a good season this year, except for the rain outs on our tournaments. Our April tournament was rained out and the afternoon classes in the Broiler Festival had to be cancelled.

Markus Bleveins received his first NHPA patch and 1st place trophy in Crane and got 2nd place in our Fall tournament. He placed 1st at State as did his dad, Duwane Blevins. We are proud of Markus and hope he will keep up the good work as our only junior from Crane.

We had an exciting game in our Fall Open between Melvin Bray and Frank Hudson. The game went 90 shoes with Melvin

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pitching 66 ringers and 23 doubles with a 73.33% and Frank pitching 62 ringers and 21 doubles with a 68.88%. Melvin won the game 42/38. This was the highlight game of the day.

We also just finished our summer league at Crane with Jackie Cargile of Washburn winning the first round, Duwane Blevins of Reed Springs, 2nd, and Frank Hudson of Crane, 3rd. The second round of league, the winners were: 1st, Frank Hudson of Crane; 2nd, Eugene Applehans of Cassville; 3rd was a tie between Ruth Hudson of Crane and Bruce Webb of Galena.

The high point average went to Ruth Hudson, who had a 102.1. The high ringer percent went to Ruth Hudson, who had a 61% for the year. She also had the high game award with a 120 point game. She and Frank had 17 games over 100 during the season. Frank held onto the title with a 116 for a long time. Frank says Ruth cheated. Ha, Ha!

The high handicap game went to Eugene Applehans with a 115. Patrick Blevins had held this title with a 114 until the last round. The high over average award went to Ralph McAllister who pitched 16.3% over and 17.4 points over his ending average. He was really on fire that game. He had a 80 point game and pitched 36%. He was really jumping up and down over that one.

We had two rookies this year, brothers Michael and William Elder. They were so close in point average, ringer percentage, and improvement, a rookie patch was given to both of them. And each won their 40% patch. Michael Elder had a 23.4 point average, a 5.2% ringer average, and a high game of 37. William Elder had a 25.1 point average, a 5.3% ringer average, and a high game of 38.

The most improved award goes to Ruth Hudson, who raised her average from 82 to 102, raised her ringer percent from 48% to 61%, maintained above a 50% average, had the most 100-shoe games, achieved her 70% patch, had the highest game, highest ringer percentage, highest point average, and never missed a night of pitching!

We had another great year and hope to see everyone next year.



Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Roena Branson

I want to start out by saying "a job well done" to Joe Faron, president of the MOHPA. We want to wish you and Alice the best of luck in your future endeavors. We also want to give congratulations to Jim Bainter as the new president and Roy Evans as the new vice-president. I know you will make a good team.

We had three tournaments this year, and I must say I do believe we had the best weather we have ever had. Maybe the weather isn't so peculiar in Peculiar after all. Thank you to each and every one for attending; we all had a great time.

Once again, another summer league play comes to an end. About 50% of our league members attended the World Horseshoe Tour-

namment in Pocatello, Idaho, this year. Danny and I had never been before and it was a good experience for us. We didn't pitch as well as we would have liked. I pitched like I had never had a shoe in my hand! Oh well, I always thought I was pretty calm but when I stepped out onto the courts and started pitching my knees were knocking. I was so nervous, I was a mess. Next time, I hope to do better. We had a wonderful time camping with our friends. We went to Yellowstone, Wyoming, and saw some of the most beautiful country, and the waterfalls were just out of this world. It was a trip I will always remember.

Our club stands for the State this year were: Dawn Bishop, 2nd place, Class D; Terry Bishop, 3rd place, Class D. Singles were: Glenn Bowman, 1st, Class F; Terry Bishop, 2nd, Class L; Clint Sloan, 1st, Class M; Chara Page, 3rd, Womens Class D; Michael Bowman, 3rd, Jr. Boys Championship Class; Chip Sloan, 3rd, Junior Boys A Class; Erika Bowman, 2nd, Junior Girls Championship Class. Congratulations to all of you!

2004 standings for the Peculiar Leagues: League Champions, Glenn Bowman and Michael Bowman. Percentage patches awarded to Andrea Kinney, 6-9%; Paige Highly, 6-9%; Correen McCubbin, 10%; Bob Kanippe, 20%; Chara Page, 30%; Clint Sloan, 30%; Lee Miller, 30%; Chip Sloan, 40%; Cory Bishop, 40%; and Michael Bowman, 60%. Congratulations!

2004 standings for the Peculiar Year End Awards: Roena Branson, High Game and High Average; Jim Kinney Jr, High Game Over Average; Michael Bowman, Most Improved; Clint Sloan, Rookie of the Year. Our Class Champions were Andrea Kinney, Class D; Erika Bowman, Class C; Chip Sloan, Class B; and Lawrence Loney, Class A. Congratulations to each of the award winners.

Hudson Hall Horseshoe Club

by Frank Hudson



A note from Hudson Hall: I am going to have major back surgery on Oct. 11. The surgeon will be fusing 4 vertebrae together with metal hardware. I will have a stiff back but maybe it won't hurt as bad. We still plan on having tournaments this year and next. Just check the tournament schedule in this issue for the dates and times. Classes will start at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. This will give the pitchers another half-hour to get here.

Ruth and I visited Branson last week. Everyone we worked with at Branson wanted to know why we weren't pitching there this year. The visitors to the city want us back again, I guess, but I couldn't have done it. If my surgery goes well, we will be back again. I have some real good buddies who I think will get the courts ready at Hudson Hall, and I think that surely I can do the paperwork.

We had a guy call who wanted to join the NHPA. He is coming Saturday and bringing 3 more pitchers to qualify. He talked with me while we were at Branson last year. That will make five people who were influenced by our shows. I had better shut up or else I will break my arm patting myself on the back!

Directions to Hudson Hall: Go 2½ miles out of Crane on D Hwy to Hwy TT, go 2½ miles on TT to first blacktop road, F

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Road 1240, go ½ mile south to Cemetery and F Road 2035, right 1½ miles to first house on left. (Editors note: I believe if you can find Hudson Hall using these directions, that should qualify you to be a member of the MOHPA and just forget about throwing 200 shoes. Just kidding. Welcome to Hudson Hall!)

Backyard Horseshoe Club

by Melody Williams



Hello from the backyard (horseshoe club, that is)! We hope this finds all of our horseshoe friends and family well. It was nice seeing everybody at the state tournament. We saw a lot of familiar faces and met some new ones.

Congratulations are in order for our club president, Danny Williams. He was voted in again as Zone 4 Regional Director for the SEMO region at the annual MOHPA business meeting held at the state tournament. Also, on a local level, Danny received recognition in our association for having second place in the most trophy points. Way to go, Danny! All that hard work and practicing finally has paid off.

We were quite proud of our club overall with our members' accomplishments at the state tournament! There were about 25 participants from our club that went and competed, and out of

that 25, we received four first-place trophies, four second-place trophies, four third-place trophies, and three fourth-places. We also had three "first timers" to the state competition. Way to go, Backyard! Considering our club is so small, we were quite pleased over all with their performances!

We have been busy "winterizing" the club. There are some new lights being installed that were donated to us by a fellow member. Our members are great about helping us out with donations of items and their time. Thanks so much!

We will be competing once again with the New Melle Club for the annual NMHC vs. BYHC on December 4, 2004, at NMHC. If you are interested in participating for either club, just let us know! We hope to take away their title this year. We are ready for them!

Once again Danny would like to remind everyone that it is approaching time to pay your 2005 MOHPA dues. These must be paid in order to participate in any sanctioned club event for 2005. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns for Danny (your Zone 4 Director for the SEMO region), please feel free to contact him anytime. We hope to see you during the winter months at some of the indoor tournaments. Have a great pitching year!



MOHPA Publicity News

by Pam Henderson

According to the NHPA Co-op Program, a club can have approximately \$1,800 a year to spend on advertisement or for the state to get new members. The Lake of the Ozarks Club in Laurie has made a sign to hang up on their fence. Banners have been made for the MOHPA. If your club would like to have a permanent sign, seek out Stan Griggs or Vicki Winston.

The Independence Horseshoe Club recently picked up a new member from a display of horseshoe literature that they had placed in the city's library. Several other people said they saw it. Perhaps your club can work on getting business cards to hand out to prospective members. Be sure to always have handouts available.

Put your news in the newspaper and, whenever you can, on television. If you see yourself or those you know on TV or in the news, be sure to call the TV station or newspaper so they know someone is reading it or seeing it.

I hope everyone is having a great time in all the winter pitching that we can now enjoy. Thanks to all who build indoor courts for us to pitch in during the long cold season.

Thanks to all of you who work hard for horseshoes. All suggestions are welcome.

Pricing and information requested for permanent signs for display at horseshoe courts for individual clubs.

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Per the MOHPA officers, each club will be responsible for ordering and paying for the signs, and for sending in proper paperwork to the NHPA for Co-op payment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Stan Griggs at the office at (800) 878-0209 or (816) 421-0209, or on his cell phone at (816) 918-0495. You can also reach Stan by emailing him at sgriggs@midwestembroidery.net.

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Tournament schedule



Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament

September 3 – 6, 2004, Springfield, Mo.



Mother Nature certainly sent her apologies for last year's rain-out by sending us almost perfect weather the weekend of the state tournament. Cool morning temperatures soon gave way to plenty of sunshine in the afternoons. There were lots of Rednecks seen on the tournament grounds, a souvenir for those with their backs toward the sun while keeping score.

When we left the 2003 State Tournament, it resembled a lake, and the tournament wasn't complete until five weeks later. The 79th annual event was again hosted by Brad Eldridge of the Springfield Sports Commission and by Ron Armitage, owner of the Exotic Animal Paradise Park, and was held in Missouri's third-largest city, Springfield. The 32 concrete courts were anxiously waiting for the horseshoe pitchers to arrive.

The doubles tournament began at noontime on Friday as 80 horseshoe pitchers began competition within the five classes. At the conclusion of the day, we had crowned Carlyle Gricks and Dan Hobbs with a record of 6-2 as our new Doubles State champions. Other champions were: Class A, Danny Gladden and Paul Parnell; Class B, Karen Goldizen and Jim Claxton; Class C, D.D. Casey and Jesse Dowell; Class D, Marion Harris and Bob Cutright.

Saturday morning, the singles tournament began. Forty-four women participated in the Women's Division. In the championship class after the completion of 7 games, Pam Henderson of Independence and Cori Stoverink of Leopold had 6 wins and 1 loss. After a playoff game, Pam claimed her third Women's State Title.

In the Class A Women's Division, Jill Knobbe of St. Charles went undefeated to claim the title, but not without a worry. Her friend, Ginny Wiess, whom she had come to the tournament with, was sick back in the motel and was unable to participate in the tournament. Making a fast trip back to St. Charles on Sunday morning, Jill drove her straight to the emergency room. Scar tissue had developed from an old surgery and wrapped around her colon. Ginny was one sick lady. It was one tournament she, or Jill, will never forget.

In the afternoon, 16 men participated in the Senior Men's Division. In the Championship Division, Bob Outt won the title with 7 wins and 1 loss. Roy Evans of St. Louis County went 5-0 as he won the Class A Division. Roy was spotted on Channel 12 TV News after a lengthy interview on the courts. Mercy!

In the Junior Boys Division, Tyler Elfrink, 17 years old, claimed his fifth Junior State Championship title on Saturday. Tyler, of Leopold, was 5-0 with a 76.2% tournament average. His high game was 81.4%. Mason Jennings of Richland won 2nd with a high game of 83.3% and Michael Bowman of Archie placed 3rd with a high game of 75%. Great pitching, boys!

Junior Boys Class A was won by Justin Riley of St. Charles, with 5 wins and no losses and a ringer percentage of 40%. The winner of Junior Boys Class B was Marcus Blevins of Reeds Springs, with a record of 5-0 and a ringer percentage of 15.7%. Nineteen boys participated in the Junior Division this year.

In a first for Missouri Horseshoe pitching history, a Junior Girls

Division was held. Six girls participated in this class. Laryssa Stanton of Liberty claimed the first Girls Championship title with a record of 5-0 and a ringer percentage of 27.4%. Erika Bowman of Archie placed 2nd and 3rd place went to Tori Vandeven. The championship trophy was made by Randy Grady.

One hundred twenty-seven men participated in the Men's Division, which included the Championship Division and Classes A through O. The Men's Championship Division included Missouri's top 12 men, who pitched 6 games on Sunday and finished their competition on Monday. After the completion, Stan Griggs of Raytown claimed his fourth Men's State Title with 11 wins and no losses and a tournament average of 64%. It was a special horseshoe moment for Stan. After the death of his father, Stan decided to use his Dad's shoes at the tournament before retiring them. And we all saw what happened. I do believe someone was smiling down and encouraging him all the way. Congrats, Stan! Rich Altis of Ballwin, with 9 wins and 2 losses, placed 2nd, and 3rd place was won by Randy Grady of Benton. In the Class A Division, Jim Wilson of Rich Hill won 1st place with a record of 7-0 and a tournament average of 52.9%.

Twenty-nine men pitched in the Men's 30 Feet Division in five classes. With a record of 7-1 and a ringer percentage of 59.8%, Bob Long of Webb City claimed his first State Seniors Title. Oden Sullivan of Columbia placed 2nd, and 3rd place was won by Frank Hudson of Crane. Missed by all was the exciting Don Harris, who was unable to attend this year due to health problems. Get well soon, Don!

A big thank you to the MOHPA officers, who served as the tournament directors and did a great job as usual making this tournament so successful. Another big thank you to all the Missouri horseshoe pitchers who competed in the event; without you there would be no tournament.

Win or lose, there is always a lot of excitement and enthusiasm during the state tournament. This year we discovered plenty of singing talent in our horseshoe membership as they displayed their voices singing the National Anthem. Vicki Winston, with her soprano voice, sang beautifully on Monday morning. On Sunday morning, a new MOHPA member, Chara Page, of Peculiar, sang the National Anthem for the first time in public and did a great job. On Saturday morning, Jim Kinney's strong baritone base voice rang melodiously throughout the courts before the games started. Jim began voice lessons several years ago and has even sung in an opera in Italy. He hopes to continue to be successful in this career. All three did a wonderful job that left goose bumps as we listened so proudly.

If you did not attend the 6th annual awards banquet held Saturday evening at the Lamplighter Inn, you certainly missed an exciting and enjoyable evening. Stan Griggs, our emcee, just gets better and better each year. A candlelight ceremony was held as a tribute to the 17 men and women Missouri horseshoe pitchers who passed away during the past year. They were: Herman Pirch, Warren Green, Charles Kenny, Marshall Armstrong, Ralph Moses,

Larry Lowery, Patty Bumgarner, Wilbur Hodgson, Jeff Mudd, Eddie Frakes, Ed Gaertner, Rodger Goings, Jerry Griggs, Alfred Mealman, Marge Wolf, Jeff Mudd, and Bill Orf. Candles were also lit for Phyllis Negaard of Minnesota and Dr. Jack Freeman of Tennessee.

This year, Missouri honored three inductees into the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame for their skill, talent, promotion of, and dedication to the game of horseshoes. Congratulations to Tom Ebers, Rose Diekamp, and Rich Altis. Rose was seen on the tournament grounds the next day, getting autographs on her shirt from all the horseshoe pitchers. Missouri is blessed to have these three in our membership and we are very proud of all their contributions to the sport of horseshoes.

MOHPA president Joe Faron presented Presidential Awards to Skip and Judy Penfold, Roy and Suzanne Evans, and Bob Bastel. Certificate of Appreciation awards were presented to Don and Gidget Rahe, Russell Ebbing, Bob Diekamp, Audra Craven, and the Festus Horseshoe Club. Scorekeeper Awards were presented to Esther Kingsolver, Larry Gilchrist, and Joe Kaufman.

Player of the Year was awarded to Michael Gillespie of Adrian, who attended 58 tournaments over the year. Missouri's Rookie of the Year was Ray Bendure of Liberty. NHPA longevity patches for 10, 20, and 30 years were given to the recipients.

The annual state business meeting was held on Sunday evening, and many decisions were made. Our newly elected president of the MOHPA is Jim Bainter of the Lake of the Ozarks. Pam Henderson and Roy Evans were nominated for vice president, with Roy Evans being elected. Zone Directors Charlie Killgore and Danny Williams were re-elected by acclamation to serve another term. It was voted that Jefferson City would host our 2005 State Tournament.

"The family that pitches together, stays together" was certainly applicable to this State Tournament. We had many horseshoe couples pitching in different division, brother against brother in some classes, and we had several three-generation groups pitching on the courts, including the Hines and Kuecks families. The Stanton family of Liberty included dad, mom, son, and daughter, with mom and daughter winning 1st place in their divisions. But the Riley family of St. Charles wins the prize this year. There were four brothers pitching in the Men's Division, with two sons and one daughter pitching in the Junior Division.

Danny and Roena Branson of Peculiar attended the tournament but were unable to pitch. Danny will soon undergo his third back surgery since last October. This time, they will install some metal hardware to keep it in place. They did, however, attend their first World Tournament in Pocatello and thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of it. After a ride on a bicycle Danny found himself with back trouble again. It was a long painful journey home. Hope you will be *back* on the courts in no time and *back* to good health soon, Danny!

This State Tournament will mark Wayne Barber's last tournament, as he and his wife will be moving to Nebraska in the near

future. Wayne, of Fairplay, has been a promoter of horseshoes in that area, especially with the young set. We will miss him but wish him the best of luck!

After pitching the Doubles Tournament, Don Claas noticed his fingers swelling so he pulled off his wedding band and put it on his small finger. (Or so he says. Actually, he noticed some new women on the courts this year.) Getting ready at the hotel on Saturday morning, he realized the ring was missing. After a frantic search through the motel room and dirty laundry, we knew it wasn't there. Upon arriving at the tournament grounds, a small search party was formed and "ol' eagle eye" soon spied it under the bleachers in the thick grass. Donnie Ell might not have been a hero on the courts, but he certainly was our hero for finding that small memento, which cost me an arm and a leg. Thank you, Donnie!

After the banquet on Saturday evening, the Jim McKinney family found themselves stranded on the highway when their car suddenly broke down. After walking to the Exotic Animal Paradise Park, they found their way to the MOHPA trailer and discovered a window unlocked. One of the children crawled in, unlocked the door, and the McKinney family spent the night in the trailer. The accommodations were not too bad, as they were close to the portapots and breakfast was served on the grounds the next morning.

Sam Carter reported that he would be having knee replacements on both knees one week after the tournament. Are you ready for this, Marlene? It will be payback time when Marlene has another knee replacement six weeks later. Shaking his head in anticipation of the weeks ahead of him Sam remarked, "I won't have a leg to stand on!"

It was good to see former Senior state champion Lou Rector on the grounds watching the men's championship class. Yes, he misses horseshoes, but his heart problems won't allow him to pitch over 30 minutes at a time. Every now and then he goes to his back yard to see if he can still pitch a few ringers. Just the other night he threw 37/40 ringers! Once a horseshoe pitcher, always a horseshoe pitcher!

While attending the World Horseshoe Tournament, the Beesons were enjoying some R&R with a ride on their bikes. Mary hit a ridge on the bumpy path and found herself looking at the ground, flat on her face. The fall left her stunned, black and blue, and very painful. Mary said, "I'll never come that way again!" Before going to the State Tournament, she lost vision in her left eye and had to seek medical attention. It was discovered that she had three fractures around the eye and will now have to see a specialist — after the Laurie Tournament, that is!

Floyd Beeson and Donnie Ell each put \$10 into a raffle drawing thinking they could possibly win. And sure enough, they did. The raffle prize was \$25.00, so they split it, each winning \$2.50!

I had a surprise visit from a long-lost relative while at the tournament — a cousin of mine from Licking, Missouri. Small world that it is, his daughter married Tyler Hines' father and they stopped by the tournament to pick up Danny Hines. Today, my cousin

2004 MOHPA State Champions

	Men Women Elders Seniors Junior Boys Junior Girls Doubles	Stan Griggs Pam Henderson Bob Long Bob Outt Tyler Elfrink Laryssa Stanton Carlyle Gricks and Dan Hobbs
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Jack is a minister and I was so glad to see him. After my sad pitching results, I needed a few words of comfort.

Family Feud took on a new meaning to those who were selected to participate in this game at the banquet, and apparently the audience also got a big bang out of it. Alice Faron was talking to one of the junior boys who had attended the banquet and saw this entertainment. She asked him if he was having a good time over the weekend. "Yes" he said, "I've been to the Bass Pro Shop and drove through the Exotic Animal Park, but the most fun was the Family Feud!" Moo-Moo!

Missouri State Fair Tournament

August 20-22 , 2004, Sedalia, MO

by Vicki Winston

Something new was introduced at the 2004 Missouri State Fair Tournament. For the first time ever, all scorekeepers were under cover and were seated at the ends of the courts, thanks to two new 10' x 20' tents purchased by our association. As luck would have it, the weather was pleasant and made for one of the cooler State Fair Tournaments that we've experienced in a long while. Still, it was nice to have the extra shade when needed.

There have been some who wonder why we have the Missouri State Fair Tournament. One reason is that it is a part of our history. All of our State Tournaments were held there from 1921 through 1942. From 1945 through 1953, there was either no state tournament, or it was held in Neosho when John Elkins could find some sponsorship. In 1954, Earl Winston was responsible for getting the state tournament reinstated at the Missouri State Fair, where it remained through 1977. After that, the Missouri State Fair became our second largest event of the year, and it eventually evolved into an Open Tournament, with NHPA members from other states being welcome to participate. The Missouri State Fair graciously donates \$950 to the prize fund and furnishes all of the plaques and ribbons. The MOHPA collects the entry fees and puts the entry money back into the tournament prize fund. This tournament is good for the exposure it provides us in helping to make our sport known to the general public. Some have never heard of horseshoe pitching, or they did not know there is a state or national organization that they can join. We have several inquiries every year.

People often mention the noise that invades our area. Folks, I'm here to tell you that is nothing to what we have endured in the past. Years ago, we were next to the grandstand, with car races going on all day. Later, we had helicopters taking off every few minutes and flying directly over the length of the courts, so low they would blow the caps off the pitcher's heads. Then, it was tractor and truck pulls all day long right next door. On Fridays we now have perfect quiet. On Saturday afternoons, the demolition derby provides some brief periods of noisy competition, interspersed with long periods of quiet, except for maybe the announcer. Something new was added on Sunday afternoon this

year, and there was a period of lively music as a Mexican rodeo was held in the Dodge Arena for an hour or two. These things all pale in comparison to past years, and perhaps add to the flavor of the event. After all, we are at the Missouri State Fair.

Thanks once again to Bob and Donna Bastel and Jim Bainter for their hard work in helping to make the 2004 tournament possible. They got the MOHPA trailer there, plus the equipment needed to conduct the tournament. Jim was then responsible for getting the trailer back down to Strafford. Donna did all of the stats by computer, which is a tremendous help. The MOHPA officers do intend to see that improvements are made to the courts before the 2005 event. Several of our members have already volunteered to be part of a work crew. We will keep you posted as plans materialize.

2004 Club Team Benefit Tournament

by Donna Bastel

Harebrained idea? I think not. Bob Bastel and Jim Bainter were on their way home from a work party in Strafford last summer and were brainstorming about what could be done to raise some money for the MOHPA. Bob started throwing out ideas for some sort of club team competition. Returning home they bounced it off me, and the three of us put our heads together and came up with some preliminary ideas. Bob presented these ideas to the rest of the officers at the 2003 State Tournament and everyone thought it might work. Joe Faron assigned the task of refining the rules and directing the tournament to the four Zone Directors. And as they say, the rest is history.

The first Club Team Benefit tournament took place on June 5, 2004, in Strafford at the Exotic Animal Park and was a "ringing" success. There were 125 entries out of a possible 182, which included 22 teams. The following clubs entered one or more teams:

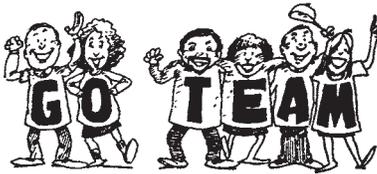
Backyard Club – Glen Allen	1 team
Festus Club – Crystal City	1 team
Lake Ozark Club – Laurie	5 teams
Lions Park Club – Peculiar	3 teams
Stockton Club – Stockton	1 team
Tri-State Club – Diamond	3 teams
Heart of America Club – Kansas City	1 team
Liberty Club – Liberty	3 Teams
New Melle Club – New Melle	4 teams

"The tournament," as Joe Faron said, "ran smooooth as silk!" There was no rain either, considering we were in Strafford. Thanks to the participation of 125 of our members, we were able to raise \$1500 for the MOHPA.

The Heart of America Club in Kansas City, consisting of Stan Griggs, David Kincaid, Sharon Armstrong, Kent Armstrong, and Elwyn Cooper, were crowned the Club Team Champions for 2004, winning by a margin of 2 points over one of the Lake of the Ozarks teams, which included Don Isaacson, Charles Jackson, Carl Folsom, Dennis Mills, and Dick Byersdorfer. Third place went to yet another Lake of the Ozarks team, Roger Sinclair, Kelly Kasper, Bob Lemon, Jane Couch, and Merv Moeller.

The champions received their plaques and were presented with

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the first Club Team Champion plaque at the 2004 State Tournament Awards Banquet.

We have already scheduled the Second Annual

Club Team Benefit Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2005, in Strafford. The State Doubles Horseshoe Tournament portion of the 2005 State Tournament will be held the next day, Sunday, June 5. This will be a great opportunity to get in two tournaments in one weekend.

The rules and entry forms will be in the February issue of Shoe Biz. Get your team entries in early. Don't get shut out!

First Annual Sanctioned Westhoff Horseshoe Tournament

by Bob Reininger

New Melle Horseshoe Club members want to thank the O'Fallon Parks Dept., especially Mike Lueck and his staff, for their generous support and the use of their wonderful eight horseshoe courts for this tournament. Tournament Directors Bob Reininger and Larry Volo, with the help of Joe Faron, met with Mike to get the tournament scheduled at the Park. Our great statistician, Rich Altis, put together the classes for the event. He also helped on the day of the tournament.

The tournament was originally to be held at the Rotary Park but then changed to Westhoff Park on June 12, 2004. Bob Reininger picked up all the equipment and materials used for the tournament from the NMHC. All the players were very pleased with the convenience of having rest rooms and concessions so close by. They also enjoyed the makeup of the area and want to come back again.

Sixteen players were entered into two classes, Class A and B. The high ringer percentage was 46.89%, pitched by Joe Buskirk, with a high game of 58.82%. Bud Ward pitched in his first 30' tournament, coming in with an average of 20% and finished the day with 30.59%. Plaques were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Congrats to Joe Buskirk for winning Class A and to Bob Griesbauer who won Class B.

Bob and Larry wish to thank all who helped to get the courts ready for the event.

Craven's Four-Generation Tournament

by Gregg Craven

The Craven's Four-Generation Tournament was held at Liberty on July 14, 2004. Cole (Brady's grandson) lives in Lexington, Kentucky, and pitched league with us this summer. He won his class in our League Tournament. Our son, Dale, lives in China and pitches only about once a year. He beat me in a tournament a few years ago, which is why I did not enter (Ha!).

- 1st – Audra Craven 4-1 53.1%
- 2nd – Ron Craven 30' 4-1 40.6%
- 3rd – Brady Craven 21/2 15.0%
- 4th – Dale Craven 21/2 13.8%
- 5th – Cole Craven (Ky.) 2-3 1.9%

18th Old Tyme St. Peters Horseshoe Tournament

by Mary Ann Ell

Eighty horseshoe contestants competed in the St. Peters Olde Tyme Picnic Benefit Horseshoe Tournament in July. All proceeds from the doubles event are donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at All Saints Church in St. Peters.

After a sudden inch or more rainfall on Friday evening, the event began after an hour delay with the Women's Division. First Place winners were Mary Ann Ell and Alma Gantney. Second Place winners were Ginny Weiss and Rose Buehler.

Saturday morning brought some sunshine and a beautiful weekend for the Men's Division. The winners were:

- Class A: 1st Place, Don Mercer and Frank Miles; 2nd Place, Rich Altis and Mick Gillette
- Class B: 1st Place, Jim Klump and Dave McManus; 2nd Place, Jon Rimert and Gary Bals
- Class C: 1st Place, Bob Reininger and Harvey Wobbe; 2nd Place, Charlie Sexton and Jim Collins
- Class D: 1st Place, Larry Wehmeyer and Charlie Grienke; 2nd Place, Gary Buehler and Jim Kelley

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Knights of Columbus State Horseshoe Tournament

by Mary Ann Ell

On August 21–22, the 24th annual Knights of Columbus Horseshoe Tournament was held in Washington, Mo.

The festivities began on Friday night with a mixer, with music, a poker tournament, and horseshoe pitching with “bragging rights” going to the winner. The participants could also view the bracket board.

On Saturday morning, breakfast was served and opening ceremonies were held at 8:30 a.m. Pitching began at 9 a.m. The tournament was run on a bracket scoring system. It was a double elimination tournament, with teams playing a game consisting of two out of 3 wins.

There were 438 men’s teams in Classes A through H, with six pits for each class. There were 136 women’s teams in three classes. This was the first year for a senior division with seven men’s teams. The tournament resumed on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and continued until the teams were eliminated and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places in each class were determined.

All participants would like to thank the Fr. Seisl Council 1121 for hosting this event. Congratulations to the following MOHPA winners who participated in the event:

- Men’s Class A: 1st, Mel Bruemmer/Jim Bruemmer; 2nd, Bob Winston/Gary Grass; 3rd, Charles Kertz/Michael Kertz; 4th, David Bahr/Kevin Bahr.
- Men’s Class G: 1st, Kevin Nenninger/Kevin Ruether.
- Women’s Class A: 3rd, Angie Davis/Gloria Mueller; 4th, Ginny Weiss/Jill Knobbe.
- Women’s Class B: 1st, Jen Ostmann/Rose Buehler.

Hall of Fame Rings Benefit Tournament

by Jeanette Claas

When Stan Bailey, a member of the New Melle Horseshoe Club, learned that Missouri Hall of Famers have to pay for their own rings when they are inducted into the Hall of Fame, he darned near had a hissy. “Anyone who is inducted into the Hall of Fame for accomplishments that they have established in the sport of horseshoes should never have to pay for their own rings,” Stan declared. And he decided to do something about it.

On October 2, 2004, he became a first-time tournament director to hold a benefit for this cause. With the assistance of Rich Altis, Stan learned how to direct a tournament, and was proud of what he had done. The tournament cleared approximately \$600. Since Stan came up with this idea in 2003, he has decided to begin with the 2003 Hall of Famers as a starting point.

Forty-six horseshoe pitchers participated in a doubles tournament that included three class divisions, with four Hall of Famers participating. They were Rose Diekamp, Harvey Wobbe, Val Eikel, and Rich Altis, all proudly sporting their rings.

We were glad to have three new pitchers participating in their very first tournament, and would like to welcome them to come back again. They were Elaine Twehous, Alan Muscott, and Rick

Bandy. It was Ed Boyer’s first time pitching at New Melle, and it was good to see Nina Ross (Tim Henderson’s sister) pitching again at New Melle.

The winners in Class A were Don Mercier and Frank Miles. High game in Class A was pitched by Rich Altis, 80.76%. In Class B, the winners were Clarence Eggert and Stan Bailey. The high game of 62.5% was pitched by Pam Gettinger. Dave and Armin Schneider won Class C, and the high game of 57.14% was pitched by Armin Schneider. The high tournament average (59.52%) was pitched by Don Mercier. The winners were awarded their Class Winners Award Patches for their achievements. A new plaque will be placed on the wall at New Melle to commemorate all benefit tournaments. Bob Reininger donated the wooden frame and Martin Trophy donated the gold plate. The names of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each class will be engraved on it.

Stan would like to say a special thanks to Rich Altis for his tremendous help with the tournament and for also doing the stats. Thanks to all who participated in the tournament for making this a success. And our thanks to Stan for jumping right in, getting your feet wet as a tournament director, and for coming up with a cause and a good idea!

The Shelby Autumn September 25-26, 2004

by Bob Reininger

With sunny skies and warm temperatures during the first weekend of Fall, the weather was perfect for a two-day horseshoe tournament in Illinois.

The Shelby Horseshoe Club president, Pete Ranker, and vice-president, Harold Gill, were busy preparing for the 28th Shelby Autumn Horseshoe Tournament. One hundred twenty horseshoe pitchers from across Illinois and Missouri traveled to Shelbyville to participate in this exciting singles and doubles event held on Saturday and Sunday.

All refreshments were free for the pitchers, and a delicious fried chicken dinner was catered for the horseshoe pitchers and their families. Music was provided by a very talented disc jockey. At a disc jockey convention in Las Vegas, this DJ rated 27th out of 3000.

Congratulations to Vic Long and Lester Dumstorff who claimed the A Class Doubles championship for the seventh straight year. Lannie Robinson and Bob Vandiver of Illinois won Class B, Jim and Carol Howard of Missouri took 2nd place. Class C winners were Nellie Fleming and Max Malsch, and Class D winners were Gary and Aggie Houston of Illinois.

Winners of the singles event held on Saturday were: Class A, Dennis Griesbaum; Class B, Don Cassidy; Class C, Chuck Carlson; Class D, Ken Tate (3rd place was won by Bob Reininger of NMHC); Class E, Bob Brankane; Class F, Harvey Wobbe of Mo.; and Class G, Dedra Myers.

Thirteen New Melle Horseshoe Club members attended the horseshoe tournament. It was a first time for Jerry and Debbie Weller, Rick Maassen, and a fella named Dave. The NMHC donated \$60.00 to the SHC. A lifetime membership was given to Bob Reininger for his efforts in helping and supporting the Shelby Horseshoe Club throughout the years.

After all was said and done, Harvey Wobbe’s was the last car to leave.



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Men's Championship

1. Stan Griggs	11-0	64.0%
2. Rich Altis	9-2	60.0%
3. Randy Grady	8-3	61.5%
4. Steve Johnson	8-3	52.4%
5. Dale Parrott	7-4	57.4%
6. Charles Killgore	5-6	50.8%
7. M.O. Turner	5-6	50.2%
8. Ron LeGrand	5-6	48.0%
9. Sam Carter	3-8	45.1%
10. Tim Henderson	3-8	44.2%
11. Elwyn Cooper	2-9	44.6%
12. Larry Joe Lucas	0-11	36.1%

Men's A Class

1. Jim Wilson	7-0	52.9%
2. Dan Hobbs	6-1	48.6%
3. Dean Renfro	4-3	40.0%
4. Jim Renfro	3-4	45.4%
5. Kelly Kasper	3-4	42.1%
6. Bob Renfro	3-4	37.9%
7. Roy Flatt	2-5	31.4%
8. Joe Buskirk	0-7	27.1%

Men's B Class

1. Duwayne Blevins	6-1	45.7%
2. Andy Folds	5-2	40.7%
3. Bob Bloss Jr	4-3	35.7%
4. Jerry Weller	4-3	32.0%
5. Andrew Reeves	3-4	37.1%
6. Steve Flood	3-4	36.8%
7. Ed Griffith	2-5	38.0%
8. Jim Howard	1-6	26.8%

Men's C Class

1. Mike Fadler	6-1	41.1%
2. Danny Gladden	4-3	40.4%
3. Jim Higginbotham	4-3	39.6%
4. Jim Gregory	4-3	35.7%
5. Jim Kinney Jr	3-4	36.4%
6. Michael Gillespie	3-4	29.6%
7. Sam Vogel	2-5	37.5%
8. Danny Williams	2-5	27.1%

Men's D Class

1. Robert Kingsolver	6-1	41.1%
2. Bob Diekamp	5-2	35.4%
3. Pat Heathman	4-3	29.3%
4. Jack Cargile	4-3	28.2%
5. Stan Bailey	3-4	28.2%
6. Patrick Blevins	3-4	23.2%
7. Wayne Dusenbery	2-5	28.9%
8. Don Claas	1-6	20.4%

Men's E Class

1. Edgar Stoverink	6-1	33.2%
2. Grant Kueck	5-2	26.4%

3. Robby Barnes	4-3	31.4%
4. Rick Gwinn	3-4	28.6%
5. Keith Patton	3-4	23.6%
6. Larry Brown	3-4	23.2%
7. Steve Reeves	3-4	22.1%
8. Lee Miller Jr.	1-6	17.1%

Men's F Class

1. Glenn Bowman	7-0	38.7%
2. Dannie McDaniel	5-2	29.6%
3. Levi Blevins	4-3	22.5%
4. Mike Watkins	3-4	27.5%
5. Mike Kluesner	3-4	27.5%
6. Toby Carmichael	2-5	23.9%
7. Darryl Gettinger	2-5	22.5%
8. Al Gwinn	2-5	21.8%

Men's G Class

1. Wallace Kueck	7-1	25.4%
2. Jim Riley	6-2	23.9%
3. Bob Bastel	5-2	22.1%
4. Steve Eisenbeis	4-3	23.3%
5. Jim Bainter	3-4	25.4%
6. Howard Lane	3-4	19.6%
7. Jim Claxton	1-6	18.4%

Men's H Class

1. Steve Riley	6-1	26.4%
2. Jesse Dowell	5-2	32.5%
3. Dale Stafford	5-2	26.1%
4. Paul Beard Jr	5-2	23.2%
5. Leonard Lentz	4-3	27.5%
6. Travis Arthur	2-5	26.8%
7. Steve Bruemmer	1-6	15.7%
8. Randy York	0-7	20.7%

Men's I Class

1. Larry McAlister	6-2	22.5%
2. Erbie Wisdom	5-3	25.6%
3. John Fite	4-3	27.1%
4. Daniel Gavin	4-3	23.6%
5. Neal Straughn	4-3	17.9%
6. Robert Riley	3-4	21.8%
7. Dennis McHawes	2-5	20.7%
8. Eugene Fields	1-6	11.4%

Men's J Class

1. Dennis Mills	6-2	25.0%
2. James Adkins	6-3	19.2%
3. Frank Mills	5-3	19.1%
4. James Walker	4-3	26.1%
5. Douglas Tripp	4-3	19.6%
6. Dennis Walker	3-4	20.7%
7. Cliff Blevins	2-5	24.6%
8. Wesley Reed	0-7	8.6%

Men's K Class

1. Tim Warden	6-1	12.1%
2. Bob Cutright	5-2	23.9%
3. Kenneth Grossman	5-2	23.2%
4. Ernest Ellermann	4-3	21.1%
5. Ron Hughes	3-4	15.5%
6. Darrell Plowman	3-4	11.4%
7. Dan Couch	2-5	11.8%
8. Dan Hines	0-7	10.6%

Men's L Class

1. Larry Riley	7-0	27.1%
2. Terry Bishop	5-2	12.1%
3. Tim Garvey	4-3	15.7%
4. Lester Powell	3-4	17.5%
5. Danny Wetzel	3-4	16.0%
6. Chuck Mueller	3-4	11.4%
7. Kevin Renfro	2-5	13.7%
8. Donald Isaacson	1-6	11.8%

Men's M Class

1. Clint Sloan	5-0	23.6%
2. Marshal Keith	3-2	18.4%
3. Daniel Allen	3-2	15.2%
4. Marion Harris	2-3	21.6%
5. Alfred Mundy	2-3	16.8%
6. Don Roberts	0-5	8.0%

Men's N Class

1. Dennis Bales	4-1	12.0%
2. Corey Raines	3-2	12.8%
3. George Goldizen	3-2	6.8%
4. Daniel Olson	2-3	14.8%
5. Dick Byersdorfer	2-3	10.0%
6. Jeff Stanton	1-4	9.6%

Men's O Class

1. Tony Miller	6-1	12.1%
2. Daniel Candler	4-3	11.4%
3. Dale Guerrini	4-3	10.0%
4. Charles McNeil	4-3	6.8%
5. William Elder	4-3	6.1%
6. Michael Beem	4-3	5.7%
7. Ken McAllister	1-6	6.8%
8. Michael Elder	1-6	6.4%

Thanks to everyone for the well wishes and prayers when I was taken ill at the State Tournament. I'm back to work, but only for a half day. I'm still moving slow and get tired easily. I still need my nap! Thanks.

—Ginny Weiss

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Women's Championship

1. Pam Henderson	7-1	64.0%
2. Cori Stoverink	6-2	62.0%
3. Rose Diekamp	4-3	59.0%
4. Carolyn Webb	4-3	57.7%
5. Ruth Hudson	3-4	60.3%
6. Mary Vogel	3-4	49.1%
7. Audra Craven	2-5	48.5%
8. Elizabeth Furner	0-7	53.6%

Women's A Class

1. Jill Knobbe	7-0	44.6%
2. Mary Beeson	6-1	49.2%
3. Jeanette Claas	4-3	36.7%
4. Joann Jones	4-3	35.0%
5. Donna Bastel	4-3	33.8%
6. Carol Howard	2-5	38.8%
7. Pam Gettinger	1-6	28.8%

Women's B Class

1. Tammy Stanton	7-1	40.3%
2. Ree Cutright	7-2	37.5%
3. Karen Goldizen	6-2	34.3%
4. Suzanne Evans	3-4	30.0%
5. Angie Higginbotham	3-4	29.3%
6. Betty Fite	2-5	32.0%
7. Sharon Armstrong	2-5	28.4%

Women's C Class

1. Melody Williams	6-1	34.4%
2. Angela DiRaimo	5-2	27.0%
3. Kathy Wetzel	4-3	32.4%
4. Denise Bloss	4-3	31.0%
5. Cozy Bailey	4-3	28.7%
6. Mary Duke	3-4	25.5%
7. Jane Couch	2-5	21.0%

Women's D Class

1. Rose Buelher	4-1	26.0%
2. Rita Killgore	3-2	25.6%
3. Chara Page	3-2	20.4%
4. Dee McIntire	2-3	24.0%
5. Terrie Rose	2-3	22.8%
6. Dawn Bishop	1-5	13.2%

Women's E Class

1. Johnna Bales	7-1	23.8%
2. Susan Fields	6-2	21.2%
3. Letha Harris	4-3	24.7%
4. Billey Hammond	4-3	15.7%
5. Sheila LeGrand	3-4	14.7%
6. Lena McDonald	3-4	8.7%
7. Marge Whipple	2-5	8.0%

Seniors Championship

1. Bob Outt	7-1	47.7%
2. Wayne Barber	6-2	43.0%
3. Mick Gillette	5-2	48.1%
4. Gregg Craven	4-3	35.3%
5. Kelly Hill	3-4	32.4%
6. Tom Ebers	3-4	26.6%
7. Ralph Richardson	1-6	24.4%
8. Reese Warden	0-7	19.9%

Seniors A Class

1. Roy Evans	5-0	23.6%
2. Fred Smith	4-1	16.0%
3. Lile Harper	3-2	18.4%
4. Bobbie Jones	2-3	17.2%
5. Gary Park	1-4	10.8%
6. Don Ell	0-5	10.8%

30 Ft. Men's Championship

1. Bob Long	7-1	59.8%
2. Oden Sullivan	6-2	58.5%
3. Frank Hudson	4-3	60.8%
4. Nick DiRaimo	4-3	60.6%
5. Don Mercier	3-4	59.6%
6. Don Enke	3-4	52.8%
7. Frank Miles	2-5	53.7%
8. Eugene Newkirk	0-7	43.3%

30 Ft. Men's A Class

1. Carlyle Gricks	5-0	50.0%
2. Doug Peoples	4-1	44.0%
3. Maurice Hines	3-2	42.8%
4. Val Eikel	2-3	35.2%
5. Harrold Pettiecord	1-4	35.2%
6. Nile Abbott	0-5	34.4%

30 Ft. Men's B Class

1. Charles Jackson	6-1	35.0%
2. David Whipple	5-2	32.5%
3. Harold Hoffmeister	4-3	35.4%
4. Earl Winston	4-3	30.4%
5. John McIntosh	3-4	30.4%
6. Larry Volo	3-4	29.6%
7. Bob Reininger	3-4	25.4%

30 Ft. Men's C Class

1. Gary Ball	5-0	37.6%
2. Bruce Webb	3-2	30.7%
3. Roger Schnur	3-2	29.6%
4. Dean Jameson	2-3	24.4%
5. Kent Armstrong	2-3	22.1%
6. Harvey Wobbe	0-5	17.6%

30 Ft. Men's D Class

1. Ralph McAllister	7-0	19.2%
2. Russell Box	6-1	23.3%
3. D.D. Casey	5-2	22.5%
4. Lou Frazee	4-3	15.4%
5. Terry McDonald	3-4	21.3%
6. Richard Schmidt	2-5	15.8%
7. Russell Gillis	1-6	11.7%

Junior Boys Championship

1. Tyler Elfrink	5-0	76.2%
2. Mason Jennings	4-1	69.9%
3. Michael Bowman	3-2	56.5%
4. Jake Kluesner	2-3	50.8%
5. Dylan Elfrink	1-4	53.2%
6. Martin Williams	0-5	39.5%

Junior Boys A Class

1. Justin Riley	5-0	40.0%
2. Kory Kluesner	3-2	46.1%
3. Chip Sloan	3-2	41.2%
4. Cory Bishop	3-2	30.7%
5. Daniel Allen	1-4	37.0%
6. J.J. Stanton	0-5	19.9%

Junior Boys B Class

1. Markus Blevins	5-0	15.7%
2. Wesley Stoverink	4-1	21.8%
3. Tylor Hines	2-3	13.2%
4. Brandon Riley	2-3	6.4%
5. Aaren Mathes	1-4	5.0%
6. Ethan Kueck	1-4	5.0%

Junior Girls Championship

1. Laryssa Stanton	5-0	27.4%
2. Erika Bowman	4-1	21.2%
3. Tori Vandeven	3-2	12.5%
4. Natalie Altis	2-3	6.3%
5. Megan Riley	1-4	3.5%
6. Corissa Bishop	0-5	2.0%

Thank You!

I want to thank the Hall of Fame Committee for selecting me for this honor. I feel very privileged to have my name included with the other pitchers who are in the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. It is a great honor. I will continue to represent the sport of horseshoes and work with the MOHPA for the betterment of the sport. I extend my congratulations to Rose Diekamp and Tom Ebers on being inducted into the MOHPA Hall of Fame.

—Rich Altis



Answer to "Earl's Pearls"

The blind man says, "I'd like to buy a pair of scissors." (From page 4.)

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Double's Championship

1. Carlyle Gricks	6-2	46.0%
Dan Hobbs		43.1%
2. Carol Howard	5-3	36.2%
Larry Joe Lucas		33.5%
3. Don Enke	4-3	55.6%
Bob Outt		30.1%
4. Wayne Barber	4-3	46.3%
Maurice Hines		31.4%
5. Sam Carter	3-4	47.6%
Bob Renfro		38.2%
6. Charles Killgore	3-4	49.4%
Jim Howard		36.3%
7. Rich Altis	2-5	50.5%
Andrew Fouldls		30.8%
8. Dean Renfro	2-5	35.4%
Roy Flatt		28.9%

Doubles C Class

1. D.D. Casey	6-1	22.4%
Jesse Dowell		20.4%
2. Harvey Wobbe	5-2	19.4%
Larry McAlister		18.9%
3. Roger Schnur	4-3	25.5%
Jim Bainter		23.5%
4. Leonard Lentz	4-3	23.5%
Eugene Fields		18.4%
5. Leo Basler	4-3	19.9%
Fred Smith		17.9%
6. Bruce Webb	2-5	18.9%
Dennis McHawes		11.2%
7. Steve Bruemmer	2-5	15.7%
Ralph McAllister		12.7%
8. Dale Stafford	1-6	21.6%
Daniel Gavin		18.6%

Doubles A Class

1. Daniel Gladden	6-1	45.4%
Paul Parnell		36.7%
2. Donna Bastel	5-2	37.8%
Ginny Weiss		35.7%
3. Jill Knobbe	4-3	48.0%
Reese Warden		20.4%
4. Roger Reeves	3-4	37.8%
Jack Cargile		29.6%
5. Joann Jones	3-4	35.7%
Danny Williams		29.6%
6. Pam Gettinger	3-4	37.8%
Suzanne Evans		24.0%
7. Jim Kinney Jr	2-5	32.1%
Earl Winston		28.6%
8. Jerry Weller	2-5	31.1%
Bob Reininger		23.5%

Doubles D Class

1. Marion Harris	6-1	21.4%
Bob Cutright		15.3%
2. Letha Harris	4-3	17.0%
Dawn Bishop		11.0%
3. Susan Fields	4-3	13.5%
Terry Bishop		13.5%
4. Tim Warden	4-3	13.3%
Don Roberts		12.2%
5. Ron Hughes	4-3	13.8%
Kevin Renfro		10.7%
6. Cliff Blevins	3-4	14.3%
Ken McAllister		9.2%
7. Douglas Tripp	2-5	17.3%
Floyd Roberts		9.7%
8. Wesley Reed	1-6	4.1%
George Goldizen		2.6%

Doubles B Class

1. Karen Goldizen	6-1	35.6%
Jim Claxton		22.8%
2. Ree Cutright	5-2	41.3%
Bob Bastel		24.0%
3. Gary Ball	5-2	31.1%
Melody Williams		28.6%
4. Stan Bailey	5-2	27.6%
Darryl Gettinger		27.6%
5. Cozy Bailey	2-5	27.2%
Lyle Samuelson		26.7%
6. Ralph Richardson	2-5	31.6%
Lee Miller		16.3%
7. Harold Hoffmeister	2-5	27.6%
Dannie McDaniel		13.8%
8. Don Claas	1-6	21.9%
Roy Evans		17.9%

Horseshoes In Owensville

by Howard Brandt

Just a line to report results of our fourth year of horseshoe tournaments at the Owensville Fair. We had nice cool weather for tournament except on Thursday, when we had rain. We did complete three games and gave awards at that time.

Saturday night, we saw the tournament go down to the last game as Rich Altis and Don Enke (both 6-0) had a close game, with the Duke (Don Enke) winning the championship.

I also organized the Rosebud Tournament on July 17. This is a fun tournament that draws a large crowd to watch, and there's good country music playing nearby. We're always filled up for this tournament.

I haven't pitched too much this year. I'm slowing down, as I had a light stroke in December, and after helping to organize 322 tournaments, I'm going to slow down there, too.

2004 Horseshoe Winners

Class A

Don Enke, Owensville	7-0
Rich Altis, Ballwin	6-1
Terry Crider, Owensville	5-2

Class B

Danny Marquart, Owensville	7-1
Tom Clendenin, Bland	7-1
Mike Bryan, Sullivan	6-2

Class C

D J Shockley	3-0
Josh Joers, Gerlad	2-1
Howard Brandt, Rosebud	2-1

Class D

Scot Adams, Gerald	7-0
Ricky Joers, Gerald	6-1
Dan Bossaler, Owensville	4-3



The Class A Horseshoe Tournament was held Sunday, July 11, at the Franklin County Youth Fair in Union. The winners, from left, are **Don Enke**, first place; **Sam Carter**, second place; **Rich Altis**, third place; and **Tim Henderson**, fourth place.

Missourian Photo.

Missouri State Fair Mixed Open

Sedalia, Missouri • August 20–22, 2004 • Tournament Directors: Earl and Vicki Winston

Class A

1. Oden Sullivan	5-1	61.4%
2. Rich Altis	4-2	56.8%
3. M.O. Turner	3-2	59.1%
4. Don Enke	2-3	56.9%
5. Steve Johnson	2-3	55.2%
6. Charlie Killgore	0-5	19.1%

Class B

1. Jim Wilson	6-1	46.0%
2. Nile Abbott	5-2	46.6%
3. Dan Hobbs	5-2	43.1%
4. Doug Peoples	4-3	47.5%
5. Wayne Barber	3-4	41.7%
6. Ron Hassler	2-5	38.4%
7. Tom Ebers	2-5	36.5%
8. Kell6 Kasper	1-6	31.8%

Class C

1. James Driver	6-1	41.4%
2. Roy Flatt	5-2	30.7%
3. Lawrence Loney	4-3	35.5%
4. Val Eikel	4-3	32.0%
5. John Loyd	4-3	30.6%
6. Joann Jones	3-4	34.6%
7. Kelly Hill	2-5	28.4%

Class D

1. Earl Winston	6-1	35.6%
2. Jerry Weller	4-3	35.1%
3. Danny Gladden	4-3	34.1%
4. Michael Bowman	4-3	32.5%
5. Chas Jackson	4-3	32.5%
6. Michael Gillespie	3-4	34.9%
7. Debbie Harris	2-5	30.8%
8. Bob Bloss	1-6	31.5%

Class E

1. Robert Kingsolver	7-1	39.6%
2. Ree Cutright	6-2	35.2%
3. H. Hoffmeister	4-3	33.7%
4. Jim Kinney	4-3	27.9%
5. Pat Heathman	3-4	29.0%
6. Jackie Cargile	3-4	23.0%
7. Bob Reininger	2-5	19.8%

Class F

1. Jim Premer	7-1	41.5%
2. Cozy Bailey	6-2	35.7%
3. Glenn Govero	5-2	26.2%
4. Chip Sloan	4-3	38.6%
5. Larry Brown	3-4	28.0%
6. Norman Bud Ward	2-5	21.0%
7. Stan Bailey	2-5	17.9%

Class G

1. Grant Kueck	7-0	28.2%
2. David Whipple	6-1	33.3%
3. Mike Watkins	4-3	27.8%
4. Denise Bloss	3-4	26.0%
5. William Brown	3-4	25.0%
6. Everett Jones	3-4	23.6%
7. Lee Miller	1-6	19.0%
8. Charles Rapp	1-6	16.8%

Class H

1. Roger Otto	7-1	35.3%
2. Bob Bastel	6-2	31.6%
3. Harvey Wobbe	5-2	27.8%
4. Leonard Lentz	3-4	25.5%
5. Dale Stafford	3-4	24.0%
6. Wallace Kueck	3-4	22.5%
7. Ron Highley	2-5	17.1%

Class I

1. R. McAllister	6-1	21.3%
2. Jim Bainter	5-2	22.3%
3. Russell Box	5-2	19.2%
4. Richard Schmidt	4-3	23.5%
5. Fred Smith	4-3	21.5%
6. Daniel Gavins	2-5	20.1%
7. Steve Boswell	2-5	17.7%
8. Dennis McHawes	0-7	7.9%

Class J

1. Donald Plowman	7-0	19.4%
2. Erika Bowman	5-2	23.0%
3. Brian Koss	4-3	26.3%
4. Dennis Mills	3-4	24.1%
5. Oscar Reeves	3-4	22.4%
6. Douglas Tripp	3-4	17.8%
7. Charles Hamilton	2-5	19.8%
8. Paul Howard	1-6	17.3%

Class K

1. Bob Cutright	7-0	24.0%
2. Ernie Ellermann	6-1	22.3%
3. Eugene Loyd	5-2	21.1%
4. Ron Hughes	4-3	16.7%
5. Ken Grossman	3-4	20.4%
6. Casey Kitchen	2-5	8.7%
7. Dawn Bishop	1-6	9.0%

Class L

1. Chara Page	7-2	25.3%
2. Tim Warden	6-3	17.4%
3. Danny Wetzal	6-3	21.6%
4. Wes Rapp	5-4	15.3%
5. Darrell Plowman	3-4	16.8%
6. William Weaver	3-4	16.7%
7. Terry Bishop	2-5	17.0%

Class M

1. Tim Garvey	7-0	24.7%
2. Darryl Ross	6-1	19.7%
3. Clint Sloan	4-3	16.3%
4. Billey Hammond	4-3	14.0%
5. George Chichura	3-4	9.3%
6. Brady Craven	2-5	16.7%
7. Sue Roberts	2-5	7.0%

Class N

1. Eileen Reeves	5-0	21.2%
2. Don Roberts	4-1	11.2%
3. Gary Lane	2-3	9.2%
4. Floyd Roberts	2-3	6.8%
5. Charles Koss	2-3	6.4%
6. Randy King	0-5	6.0%

Class O

1. Carl Brown	5-0	18.0%
2. Daniel Candler	3-2	10.8%
3. Ken McAllister	3-2	8.8%
4. Pat Schlote	3-2	6.4%
5. Hannah Johnson	1-4	2.4%
6. Robert Johnson	0-5	4.0%

A Unique Retirement Community

A few days before the state tournament, Elwyn Cooper was relaxing, reading his daily newspaper, the *Kansas City Star*, when he discovered that he may have found his ideal retirement community. The headline read, "Nudists lay bare their lifestyle."

The community is the Forty Acre Club, located outside Lonedell, Mo., which is about 60 miles southwest of downtown St. Louis. There is a heated outdoor swimming pool, a clubhouse and a horseshoe pit! The Forty Acre Club has been in existence since 1950.

When the club called a hardware store in Washington, Mo., to order a riding lawn mower, the clerk, after being told it was a nudist camp, couldn't resist asking if they mowed the lawn nude. The caller answered, "We're nudists, we're not stupid!"

There are closer camps to Kansas City. Even the Heartland Naturists at Smithville Lake, Mo., who get together for regular swims and an annual 5 kilometer run. The Show Me Acres (aptly named) in Stover, Mo., offers campground-type settings.

Apparently there is not a horseshoe pit at the closer camps, so you know where I am going! No shirt, no shoes (except horseshoes) and no britches leg garter! The only thing you wear is a smile — no problem. Where's my horseshoes? I can't wait to try to get that perfect ringer to encircle the 15 inch stake. Wanna retire and play two?

Missouri Tournament Results

May–September 2004

Roberts & Rain Memorial (Stockton)

5/8/04, Director: Wayne Barber

Class A: Carlyle Gricks 30'	6-1	55.7%
Class A: Dale Parrott 40'	6-1	43.7%
Class B: Paul Parnell	6-1	36.9%
Class C: Wallae Kueck	5-2	22.7%
Class D: Frank Mills	6-1	20.9%
Class E: Tylor Hines	7-0	15.7%

Independence Spring Open

5/8/04, Director: Wesley Cline

Class A: Pam Henderson	5-0	67.6%
Class B: John Loyd	6-1	42.5%
Class C: Rick Gwinn	4-1	31.6%
Class D: DeeMcIntire	5-0	28.4%
Class E: Lee Crabtree	5-0	30.0%
Class F: Johna Bales	3-2	12.0%
Class G: Brady Craven	6-1	10.8%

Wayne's World Open (Liberty)

5/10/04, Director: Gregg Craven

Class A:		
1 st : Elwyn Cooper	5-0	60.0%
2 nd : Wayne Dusenbery	4-1	34.0%
3 rd : Gregg Craven	2-3	33.0%

Mountain View May Open

5/15/04, Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Archie Matheny	7-0	66.5%
Class B: Michael Gillespie	5-2	38.3%
Class C: Dewayne Moody	6-1	35.7%

Ballwin Spring Open

5/15/04, Director: Rich Altis

Class A:		
1 st : Ed Griffith	7-0	50.4%
2 nd : Andy Foulds	6-1	48.3%
Class B:		
1 st : George Christ	6-1	25.2%
2 nd : Armin Schneider	5-2	29.5%

Chillicothe Mixed Open

5/15/04, Director: Don Plowman

Class A: Elwyn Cooper	5-0	55.6%
Class B: L.Dominique	3-2	43.6%
Class C: Wayne Dusenbery	5-0	34.4%
Class D: Lyle Samuelson	4-1	32.8%
Class E: Denise Bloss	5-0	31.2%
Class F: Danny Wetzel	4-1	15.2%

Spur of Moment Open (Liberty)

5/17/04, Director: Brady Craven

Class A:		
1 st : Elwyn Cooper	5-0	57.5%
2 nd : Audra Craven	3-2	55.0%
3 rd : Ron Craven	3-2	44.4%

Crane Creek Ringers Open (Crane)

5/29/04, Directors: Bill & Judy Wasiner

Class A: Melvin Bray	7-0	68.6%
Class B: Bob Outt	7-0	51.8%
Class C: Dewayne Moody	6-1	35.1%
Class D: Paul Davis	6-1	33.9%
Class E: Douglas Tripp	9-0	19.4%

1st Annual MOHPA Team Championship (Strafford) 6/5/04

Dirs: Donna Bastel & the zone directors

1. Heart of America Club	26-9	35
2. Lake Ozarks Team #3	23-9	33
3. Lake Ozarks Team #1	24-10	31
4. New Melle Stake Lovers	23-12	30
5. Lake Ozarks Team #4	21-12	29
6. New Melle Tuff E Nuff	21-14	28
7. Lions Park Team#2	19-15	27
8. Liberty Slingers	19-14	26
9. Backyard Glen Alen	18-15	26
10. Festus Crystal City TNT	19-15	25
11. Lake Ozarks Team #5	16-16	25
12. Stockton Team #1	18-16	24
13. Liberty Pitfalls	18-16	24
14. Lions Park Team #1	16-16	22
15. Tri State Fire & Ice	17-18	22
16. Lake Ozarks Team #2	11-21	20
17. New Melle Good Guys	16-18	20
18. Liberty Flips & Turns	14-21	19
19. TriState Sand Baggers	13-21	15
20. Lions Park Team #3	9-25	14
21. New Melle Full House	12-23	13
22. TriState Daimond Gems	9-26	12

Westhoff Park Open (O'Fallon)

6/12/04, Director: Bob Reininger

Class A: Joe Buskirk	6-1	46.9%
Class B: Bob Griesbauer	7-1	30.6%

Stormy Spring Open (Park Hills)

6/12/04, Director: Boxie Schrum

Class A: Randy Grady	7-0	76.4%
Class B: Lew Hayes	5-0	31.5%
Class C: Daniel Allen	7-0	28.9%

Peculiar 12-Pack Open 39% & Under

6/12-13/04, Director: Terry Bishop

Class A: Michael Gillespie	4-1	34.0%
Class B: Toby Carmichael	4-1	32.8%
Class C: Denise Bloss	7-1	32.5%
Class D: Cory Bishop	5-1	32.7%
Class E: Sharon Bazzell	4-1	14.0%
Class F: Tim Garvey	4-1	20.0%
Class G: Alfred Mundy	5-0	12.8%

Wilbur Hodgson Memorial (Liberty)

6/19/04, Dirs: Brady and Nan Craven

Class A: Pam Henderson	7-0	75.4%
Class B: Elwyn Cooper	5-0	53.5%
Class C: Harless Kampe	4-1	41.5%
Class D: Michael Bowman	4-1	46.0%
Class E: Jim Kinney	4-1	42.2%
Class F: Glenn Bowman	4-1	46.0%
Class G: Lyle Samuelson	5-0	37.5%
Class H: Kent Armstrong	4-1	36.0%
Class I: Leroy Mills	4-1	27.0%
Class J: Angela DiRaimo	5-0	21.0%
Class K: Erika Bowman	5-0	25.5%
Class L: Billey Hammond	5-0	20.0%
Class M: Robert Johnson	4-1	7.5%
Class N: Michael Beem	5-1	6.7%

Hillbilly Hoedown (Stockton)

6/19/04, Director: Wayne Barber

Class A: Frank Hudson	6-1	61.5%
Class B: Maurice Hines	7-0	50.5%
Class C: Bob Kingsolver	5-0	36.9%
Class D: Rusty Bass	5-0	31.9%
Class E: Douglas Tripp	6-2	21.0%
Class F: Chris Slate	5-1	17.3%

St. Joseph Open (St. Joseph)

6/26/04, Dirs: Ron and Peggy Campbell

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	5-0	68.8%
Class B: John McIntosh	5-0	47.5%
Class C: Robbie Barnes	6-2	35.0%
Class D: Lyle Samuelson	5-0	29.5%
Class E: Bob Beaver	6-1	27.5%
Class F: Angela DiRaimo	7-1	24.3%
Class G: Billey Hammond	5-1	19.2%
Class H: Larry Anderson	7-0	10.8%

Ballwin Days Open (Ballwin)

6/26-27/04, Director: Rich Altis

Class A: Don Enke	7-0	67.1%
Class B: Carol Howard	7-0	52.7%
Class C: Bob Griesbauer	6-1	31.1%
Class D: George Christ	8-1	21.8%

Summer Splash Open (Laurie)

6/26-27/04, Director: Jim Bainter

Class A: Kelly Kasper	6-1	49.7%
Class B: Donna Bastel	4-1	37.3%
Class C: Joyce Wilson	5-0	34.5%
Class D: Jane Couch	6-1	35.0%
Class E: Roger Sinclair	6-1	28.3%
Class F: Mike Briggs	5-0	18.0%

Happy 70th Birthday,
Bob Diekamp
November 9, 2004

Maysville Mixed Open**7/3/04, Director: Joe Owen**

Class A: Pam Henderson	7-0	66.1%
Class B: H Pettiecord	7-0	49.2%
Class C: Cathy Amos	5-2	32.9%
Class D: Gregg Craven	6-1	34.2%
Class E: Lee Crabtree	6-1	28.3%
Class F: Fred Smith	7-0	27.1%
Class G: Donald Plowman	6-1	16.8%
Class H: George Goldizen	5-0	5.6%

Firecracker Open (Glen Allen)**7/3/04, Dirs: Danny and Melody Williams**

Class A

1 st : Cori Stoverink	8-1	50.7%
2 nd : Edgar Stoverink	7-2	36.3%
3 rd : Melody Williams	7-2	34.7%
4 th : Martin Williams	7-2	31.4%

Liberty Club Tournament (Liberty)**7/10/04, Director: Gregg Craven**

Champ: Elizabeth Furner	3-0	61.3%
Class A: Elizabeth Furner	4-1	61.0%
Class B: Bob Bloss	4-1	36.5%
Class C: Lee Crabtree	5-0	31.5%
Class D: Joyce Wilson	4-1	40.5%
Class E: Ray Bendure	4-0	16.0%
Class F: Danny Wetzel	5-0	17.5%
Class G: Floyd Roberts	4-2	10.8%
Class H: Cole Craven	4-2	4.2%

Mountain View July Open**7/10/04, Director: Dan Hobbs**

Class A: Dale Parrott	7-1	56.5%
Class B: Michael Gillespie	9-2	37.6%
Class C: Erbie Wisdom	7-0	26.2%

Last Chance Open (Park Hills)**7/10/04, Director: Boxie Schrum**

Class A: Don Mercier	6-2	60.4%
Class B: Lew Hayes	5-0	27.0%
Class C: Harvey Wobbe	5-1	27.0%

Cravens Four-Generation Tournament (Liberty) 7/14/04, Dir: Gregg Craven

1. Audra Craven	4-1	53.1%
2. Ron Craven	4-1	40.6%
3. Brady Craven	2-2	15.0%
4. Dale Craven	2-2	13.8%
5. Cole Craven	2-3	1.9%

Last Call Open (Glen Allen)**7/16/04, Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams**

Class A: Cori Stoverink	5-1	54.6%
2 nd : Kory Kluesner	4-2	46.7%
Class B: James Adkins	7-0	21.7%
2 nd : Johnny Fields	5-2	32.1%

Pre-World Invit. (Don Harris Arena)**7/18/04, Director: Charles Killgore**

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	7-0	69.6%
Class B: Nile Abbott	6-1	57.2%
Class C: Wayne Dusenbery	6-1	37.0%
Class D: Richard Schmidt	7-0	25.9%

Hot Times Open (Crane)**7/31/04, Director: Bill Waisner**

Class A: Raymond Bowling	7-1	51.6%
Class B: Robert Kingsolver	6-1	33.2%
Class C: Jesse Dowell	6-1	34.3%
Class D: Markus Blevins	5-1	10.8%

Caulfield Mixed Open**8/14/04, Director: Robert Kingsolver**

Class A: A.Matheny	5-1	6.6%
Class B: Robert Kingsolver	5-0	32.6%
Class C: Bill Morris	5-0	30.9%

In Between Invit. (Don Harris Arena)**8/15/04, Director: Charles Killgore**

Class A: Pam Henderson	6-1	71.5%
Class B: H. Pettiecord	6-1	48.0%
Class C: Ray Bendure	7-0	27.3%

Dog Days Inv. (Don Harris Arena)**8/28/04, Director: Charles Killgore**

Class A: Pam Henderson	7-0	72.0%
Class B: Roy Flatt	6-1	50.9%
Class C: P Ronczkowski	7-0	35.3%

Pitchers Paradise Kickin Off (Strafford)**8/28/04, Director: Travis Arthur**

Class A: Dale Parrott	4-1	51.9%
Class B: David Whipple	4-0	28.0%
Class C: June thompson	3-1	23.0%
Class D: Lile Harper	4-1	12.0%

Peculiar Fall Open**9/11-12/04, Director: Terry Bishop**

Class A: Charles Killgore	7-0	60.5%
Class B: Michael Bowman	7-0	45.4%
Class C: Chip Sloan	4-1	40.0%
Class D: Denise Bloss	5-1	26.3%
Class E: Grant Kueck	4-1	28.0%
Class F: Chara Page	4-1	18.4%
Class G: Don Plowman	5-0	21.7%
Class H: Cindy Wisdom	5-1	17.6%
Class I: Al Mundy	5-1	16.8%
Class J: Alex Roberts	5-0	9.6%

Independence Fall Open**9/18/04, Director: Wesley Cline**

Class A: Pam Henderson	7-0	75.0%
Class B: Joann Jones	6-1	43.8%
Class C: Lee Crabtree	6-1	41.7%
Class D: Gerald Thomas	4-1	29.2%
Class E: Angela DiRaimo	5-0	23.5%
Class F: Ray Phelps	6-1	23.8%
Class G: Darrell Pulliam	4-1	15.0%

Hillbilly Fair Open (Laurie)**9/18-19/04, Dirs: Bob & Donna Bastel**

Class A: Mary Beeson	4-1	55.4%
Class B: Carol Howard	5-0	51.0%
Class C: Mike Gillespie	7-1	35.5%
Class D: Jeanette Claas	6-1	35.0%
Class E: Grant Kueck	7-2	26.9%
Class F: Roger Sinclair	7-2	22.1%
Class G: Alex Roberts	5-1	8.0%

Rosebud Threshers Doubles Tournament**7/17/04, Director: Howard Brandt**

1. Howard Brandt	7-1
Terry Crider	7-1
2. Mike Bryan	6-2
Scot Adams	6-2
3. Steve Adams	6-2
Jim Adcox	6-2
4. Don Enke	5-3
Ricky Joers	5-3
5. Lowell Baumbach	3-5
Ed Griffith	3-5
6. D J Shockley	3-5
Greg Hicks	3-5
7. Dan Marquette	3-5
Norman Ennis	3-5
8. Ron Landwehr	3-5
Rick Reeves	3-5
9. Bob Hicks	0-8
Josh Joers	0-8

Fruit Cake Recipe

You'll need the following: a cup of water, a cup of sugar, four large eggs, two cups of dried fruit, a teaspoon of baking soda, a teaspoon of salt, a cup of brown sugar, lemon juice, nuts and a bottle of whisky (sample the whisky to check for quality)

Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again. To be sure it is the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer; beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again. Make sure the whisky is till okay.

Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer. Break two legs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaters pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the whisky to check for tonsistency. Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Check the whisky.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.

Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window. Check the whisky again and go to bed.

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.

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