



## From My Court to Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

First of all, a quick apology for the delay everyone experienced in receipt of the last Shoe Biz. We were using a mailing service for the processing of both our bulk and first-class mailings. Unfortunately, our three mailing lists were merged into a single bulk mailing list and as a result, those expecting quick receipt, including me, were disappointed. I have been assured it will not happen again. The best laid plans ...!

Well, it's been a long winter and it seemed like it would never warm up – **but the outdoor horseshoe season is back.** There has been a lot of activity since the last issue. We had a productive and successful Spring meeting in March. Since then, your officers have been busy preparing for the Club Team Championship and State Doubles Championship to be held in Strafford on 4-5 June. I hope you got your teams together and entries to Vicki before the deadline. It's going to be a great tournament. Be sure and get your reservations at the Coach House Inn, our host hotel.

Many of the details are finally coming together for the State Championships in Jefferson City 2-5 September. The following information is provided and was current as of 1 May. There will be 12 permanent outdoor courts with one or two portable playoff/warm-up courts nearby. There will be at least 20 portable indoor courts and up to four playoff/warm-up courts. The 20 courts will probably be set up on temporary flooring over the ice. This detail is still being worked out by JC Parks & Recreation personnel. This building is definitely air conditioned. If you are scheduled to play indoors or plan on keeping score, I suggest you bring a sweater or light jacket. The check-in station (Vicki) will be located inside the entryway of the ice rink building, overlooking the outdoor courts. The admin and computers will be located in another part of the building overlooking the indoor courts. All officers and other officials will have radios for maintaining contact. The awards ceremonies will be held inside, with air conditioning and plenty of seating, adjacent to the indoor courts and refreshment stand.

There will be refreshments sold indoors and outside, including beer. You will not be able to have refreshments on the courts except for water. You will not be able to bring your own coolers into the park. Please support the local vendors. We want them to want us back.

The pitching schedule will not be finalized until all entries are received. I have established the following tentative event schedule: Since Friday is no longer Doubles day, we are going to move the Elders to Friday afternoon, starting around Noon. There is a possibility we may also have some Seniors pitching that afternoon — this is entirely dependent upon the number of total entries. **The General Membership meeting will be held on Friday night. The Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday night.** Both events will be held at the Host Hotel — The Ramada Inn and Convention Center. Expect a 6:30-7:00 start time for the business meeting and a 6:00 cocktail hour with a served dinner at 7:00. I am planning for a maximum of two hours for both events to ensure a timely bedtime for those who pitch in the early shift the next day. I believe this schedule allows the MOHPA the best utilization of our pitching and event facilities and the most flexibility during our four day event. We will have the ability to use Sunday evening for a third indoor and/or outdoor shift to make up for any rainouts which may have occurred Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The reason for a Sunday PM makeup is to utilize the indoor courts since they will not be available the following weekend. The following weekend was scheduled as the makeup weekend. If it rained again, those classes not played during the Labor Day weekend will be cancelled. It might appear somewhat inconvenient for early rainouts to come back or stay over to play on Sunday PM, but I believe it will enable the MOHPA to successfully complete our pitching schedule without coming back the next weekend. At worst, we will reduce the number of classes pitching on the makeup weekend. All this barring a complete rainout.

As you may remember, last year we voted to separate the Doubles from the Labor Day weekend for a one year trial. I see the Friday afternoon Doubles event as a great draw for larger attendance at a Friday evening General Membership Meeting

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

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## A Touch of Claas

by Jeanette Claas

Show Me springtime in Missouri and I'll show you some anxious horseshoe pitchers just waiting to get out in the fresh air and start slinging' them shoes!

Something new in this issue! When I took over as editor of Shoe Biz, some ten years ago, the newsletter was 4-6 pages long. Today it looks like I have created a monster and the rising cost in publishing the newsletter is Missouri's biggest expense. The Shoe Biz Boosters have helped tremendously to defray cost, but as you will see in this issue something new has been suggested by our MOHPA state officers. Ads! Ads are an inexpensive way to say it — it could bring revenue to your business and at the same time help out the expense that is required to put out a great newsletter. If you have an announcement you'd like your friends to know about or something you wish to advertise contact our MOHPA president, Jim Bainter. Look for our full page ad telling you the details in this issue!

I had the opportunity to attend the Officer's Winter/Spring Meeting in March. It was a long 9 hours meeting beginning at 9:30am and adjourning after 6:30 that evening. The officers and non-elective officers put on some miles to gather for this official meeting where almost everything possible was discussed. If it wasn't for their time, service and dedication to horseshoes there would be no association — so let's be sure to thank them on every occasion for their good deeds.

Lots of other exciting news in our spring issue of Shoe Biz. On a happy note: All of Missouri is excitedly waiting for news on the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame!

Will you be joining the exciting Caravan to Bakersfield, CA this summer? By this time all who are planning to go to

the World Tournament in Bakersfield CA should be registered and entry fees turned in. It's going to be a first time for a lot of Missouri horseshoe pitchers to attend a WT in California. Good luck to each one of you in Bakersfield this summer!

Our spotlight shines upon Missouri's #1 high average man in the Men's Division and what a great fellow he is to know. He has done so much for Missouri horseshoes. You will be surprised when you read about his "other" hobby.

The word is out for all you mushroom hunters! Right here in Missouri is located the Mushroom Capitol of the World. If you are a fungus fanatic you won't want to miss this story in Wake Up to Missouri!

"Coop" will keep you busy this summer if you follow all the tournaments he has lined up for us. Something different in our schedule this year. The Missouri State Doubles Tournament will be held along with the Team Handicap Tournament in Springfield MO. Hope you are making plans to attend the Missouri State Tournament in Jeff City held over Labor Day weekend. It's centrally located and will be a first time for Missouri horseshoe pitchers to attend an indoor State Tournament. And it's air conditioned! Blood, sweat, and tears are no longer an issue!

On a sad note: Missouri lost some vibrant horseshoe pitchers in the last few months and more and more people are being struck with cancer in our own association.

On a small note: It is always good to hear from our horseshoe clubs in Missouri. It was particularly good to hear from the Festus Horseshoe Club. Thank you, Terry, you made my day!

And on a final note: If you are a new MOHPA horseshoe pitcher and reading this newsletter for the first time, I would like to welcome each and everyone of you and hope that you

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# Shoe Biz Boosters

by Vicki Winston

Our apologies, but due to circumstances beyond our control, our Boosters did not receive their February 2005 issue of Shoe Biz via first class mail. Therefore, all listings were advanced by one issue. However, none have been extended past the June 2006 issue, as we are getting too far ahead of the program.

If you would like to receive Shoe Biz via first class mail, please send a donation of \$10 or more to the MOHPA in care of our secretary, Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. A Shoe Biz Boosters donation entitles you to a listing and first class mailing for three issues. Expiration dates are listed below. Thank you for your support of our newsletter!

<b>Expires after</b>		David Redhage	
<b>June 2005 Issue</b>		Bob Renfro	\$30
Ann Strus	\$16	John Setzer	\$20
<b>Expires after</b>		Ken Sykora	
<b>November 2005 Issue</b>		Jerry Weller	
Wayne Barber	\$20	Earl/Vicki Winston	\$20
Wayne/Pam Henderson	\$20		
Jim/Carol Howard	\$20	<b>Expires after</b>	
Bob Long	\$20	<b>June 2006 Issue</b>	
Rodney Mallinckrodt	\$20	Rich Altis	\$20
Bob Reininger	\$20	Gary Ball	\$40
Bud Ward	\$20	Bob/Donna Bastel	\$20
<b>Expires after</b>		Danny/Roena Branson	\$20
<b>February 2006 Issue</b>		George Chichura	\$20
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John/Betty Fite		Dave/Bea Feldewerth	\$20
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Darrell Helton	\$20	Charles/Rita Killgore	\$20
Donald Isaacson		Frank Miles	\$40
Larry Kerns	\$20	Wesley Reed	\$20
Jon McKnight	\$15	Fred Smith	\$20
David Molitor		Mike Watkins	\$20

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and would like you to consider such a trial for the 2006 Championships. The Doubles entries are down this year. Is moving it the reason? I have been cautioned by some that the 2005 Friday meeting may have a significantly reduced attendance since many members won't be in Jefferson City that soon. They may be right, but the main reason for the tournament is to crown our State Champions, the meeting is secondary. Moving the Doubles back to the Labor Day weekend would resolve that argument. I hope your travel schedule will allow many of you to arrive early and attend the meeting. I want your support and inputs to help make the association even better.

I have already been hearing rumors about which classes will be inside and which will be outside. Favoritism plays no part in it. I know many people prefer permanent courts and others prefer to be indoors. Since the primary reason for the tournament is to crown our champions, they will be scheduled inside. After the championship classes in each shift are assigned courts, the higher classes of each shift will be scheduled indoors as courts allow. The remaining classes will be outside. Regardless, I know there will be some grumbling. Please bear with us, your officers are trying to make things better. The process is going to be evolutionary and that takes a little time.

You still have plenty of time to mail your entries for the State tournament. I would like for all the clubs throughout the state to push your members to come to Jeff City and help make this event one of the largest we have ever had. Please schedule your stay in Jeff City at the Ramada Inn. See their ad in this issue. They have been great to work with and have a wonderful facility. At check-in you will receive breakfast discount coupons and movie passes for their theatre on premises. There are also lots of fast food facilities in the area.

On a final note, one of the new features you will notice is the addition of advertising. The officers have opted to try this venture to help defray the rising costs of the Shoe Biz. Please try to use these businesses and tell them you saw the ad in our newsletter. We need your help too. If you have a business or know someone in the horseshoe family who owns a business, ask them to buy an ad. It will be beneficial to them and the MOHPA.

That's it from the Pits. Have a great summer.

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will enjoy our association as much as I have in the last 20 years. It has changed my life, I hope it changes yours!

News for this issue of Shoe Biz has been brought to you by these promoters in horseshoes: Jim Bainter, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Rich Altis, Bob & Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Pam Henderson, Gregg Craven, Roy Evans, Melody Williams, Bea Feldewerth, Roena Branson, Steve Bruemmer, Terry Leible, Randy Grady, Kent Armstrong, Judy Wasiner, Ken McAllister, Gidget Rahe, and yours truly.

Until next issue, I wishoe a safe trip this summer, no matter where you may be traveling. Remember its not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

## 2005 Club-Team Open and Missouri State Doubles Tournament

**Strafford, MO June 4-5, 2005**

The host hotel for these two events:

**The Best Western Coach House Inn**

(Located just across the street from the Lamplighter Inn in Springfield)

**1-800-287-1476 or 1-417-862-0701**

**\$49 per night**

Identify yourself with the MOHPA when making reservations.

(This info was omitted from the last issue of Shoe Biz. We apologize for the delay and any inconvenience it may have caused.)



## This & That

by Vicki Winston

Hello again. As I write, outdoor pitching is underway and it is a busy time of year for everyone. **This is a reminder that if you have not renewed your membership for 2005, you will**

**not be receiving any further editions of Shoe Biz unless you are a subscriber or on the Boosters list.** I hope I will receive your renewal application real soon. Membership application forms are available on our Web site. Just go to [www.MOHPA.us](http://www.MOHPA.us). If you are a Booster, we are sorry about the problem that occurred with first class mailing in February. We hope the June mailing will go better.

In this issue you will find the entry forms for both the Missouri State Fair Mixed Open Tournament at Sedalia in August and our Missouri State Championship Singles to be held in Jefferson City over Labor Day weekend. Please observe the entry deadlines of both and it is always helpful if you send entries in as early as possible. If entering both of these special tournaments, you may mail both entries at the same time. They come to the same mailbox, so you may use just one check for the total amount of both events. Giving you some advance notice, the officers have decreed that the State Tournament will have the Men's 30 Foot Classes scheduled for Friday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We could possibly schedule the Senior 40 Ft. Classes for that day also.

As I write this column, plans are made for a work party at the Missouri State Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Mo. State Fair has furnished the materials and we will be replacing all pegs and the backboards as part of the project. I thank Bob Bastel and Jim Bainter for doing the preliminary research for this project and am hoping the work day will see a good turnout of volunteers. Also, while on the subject of the Missouri State Fair, you should know that they will not be mailing out a large catalog to the general public this year. If you normally receive one, you can find all information that the catalog contains on the Web site of the Missouri State Fair. Just go to [www.mostatefair.com](http://www.mostatefair.com).

After many years of loyal service, my computer began to ail several months ago. I coaxed it along for a few more months while the MOHPA officers discussed getting a new computer for me. Mine was quite obsolete as computers go. While they were making up their minds, I lost the ability to access the program where I keep the membership records. Don't panic. The official records are on file cards, so they were not lost,

and I had a backup copy of my computer data to that point, so the problem was not as huge as it could have been. Anyway, the computer purchase got speeded up and on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Roy and Suzanne Evans made the long

trip from St. Louis to my home for Roy to install the new machine and get some files transferred off the old computer. They arrived at 9:30 am and left at midnight. I tried to get them to sleep a few hours before heading home, but they wanted to get back to St. Louis. They have said they will be returning at a later date. Maybe next time they will bring their suitcase along. Ha! I certainly appreciate Roy's dedication to our sport and his willingness to drive all of this way to help me out. Earl, Suzanne and I had a great time visiting while Roy worked. I am writing this column with the new machine. This is actually the first computer that the MOHPA has purchased for the secretary. The machine I've been using was a gift from the family of Woodrow Shepard. When he passed away, they wanted to do something in memory of their father to help out the association. That was the most useful thing they could have done and their gift has been appreciated these many years. There must be something in the air, because I understand others in our horseshoe family have also experienced computer difficulties. To top everything off, a few weeks ago I had to get the drum replaced in the copy machine. That is not cheap, but thank goodness it only happens every 50,000 copies or so. The financial report at the close of this column does not include the purchase of the computer, the cost of the June Shoe

Biz or the expenses for the tournaments being held June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Neither does it include some dues owed to the NHPA, because I was unable to create a membership report while the old computer was on strike. Therefore, am just warning you that the MOHPA isn't quite as wealthy as it looks.

Someone has reported that the Pitchers Paradise Club in Strafford has signed up more members this year and has a Tuesday night league going. They also have some tournaments scheduled. The Capitol City Club in Jefferson City has recently held their first

sanctioned tournament. It's great to see these new clubs getting more active. Eugene Loyd now resides in Clinton, MO and he is seeking pitchers to help get a club started there. The Parks Department told Gene they would upgrade the courts at the park. I hope they will keep their word. Earl and I drove down to Clinton one evening several weeks ago to take Gene some materials. It would be a nice location to start a club and I hope that Gene will see his wish granted.

Our established clubs are signing up some new members and we also have some new pee wee pitchers and junior pitchers joining our ranks this year. Now if we could keep former members interested, we could give Minnesota a run for their money and try to become the largest charter again. Are you game to try? We need the help of everyone!! It's been a long time since Missouri received one of those recognition plaques from the NHPA. Anyway, the possibility exists for a good turnout of the youth for the state tournament in Jefferson City. Sure hope we have a good turnout of the adults too! A central location and the use of 20 courts in an air-conditioned building, plus 12 permanent outdoor courts, ought to make this a great event.

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**Shoe Biz Deadlines**

The magic number is "9":

January 9

May 9

October 9



# Roy's Ramblings

by Roy Evans, MOHPA Vice President

The days and grass are getting longer and so was the Spring Officer's meeting.

The applications for the World and State Doubles Tournament are down, but the gas prices are up.

The president of MOHPA is enthusiastic in his job and the secretary has a new computer.

The vice-president is learning quickly what the VP's duties are.

God willing, Vicki Winston is recovering well from surgery.

Harvey Wobbe was well enough to attend a successful Six Pac Tournament.

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## Zone 3 Director Reporting

by Bob Bastel

I am happy to report that the new club in Strafford, Pitcher's Paradise, is up and running and has recruited several new members, thanks to MOHPA horseshoe pitcher, Travis Arthur. To date, they have scheduled three tournaments and I encourage you all to support this club by attending at least one of these tournaments.

The Stockton Club is now being run by Marion and Letha Harris. They held their first tournament on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Under their guidance, I know this club will continue to grow.

In Branson, Bruce and Carolyn Webb are working hard to get a facility built and have indicated that there are several pitchers in the area that are interested in forming a league.

In the past few years, the MOHPA membership has been on the decline. If every one of you could talk one person into signing up, we could **double our membership**. It's easy. Talk to your neighbors and your co-workers. Many people you talk with will say, "I'm not good enough", but I'm living proof that you don't have to be that good to enjoy the game and camaraderie.

If you don't have a league in your town, check out the website (MOHPA.US) to see if there is a club near you. If not, start your own club. Your Zone Director would be happy to help you and provide you with all of the information you need to run your own league. Their names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are on the inside cover of this issue. If

The West Vs. East Tournament was a good time to renew good friendships.

The National Hall of Fame may be coming to Missouri.

The menu for the State Banquet is all set.

The Banquet entertainment will have before and after pictures.

The State Tournament may or may not be in Jeff City next year.

Jeff City's outdoor courts are getting a make over.

My horseshoe opponents are always up, because my pitching is down.

What I like most about horseshoes: If you miss your mark you always get a second chance.

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you lose your Shoe Biz newsletter, it is now available on our website.

Something new we hope you notice in this issue of Shoe Biz is advertising. The Shoe Biz is the single most expensive item in the MOHPA's budget. We need help paying for it so you can continue to enjoy this award-winning publication. See if you can sell an ad. Your Zone Director can provide you with information on the rate schedule. The cutoff date for the November Shoe Biz is October 9, 2005. See you soon at a court site.

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Into each life a little rain must fall and I have gotten a little damp lately. Unfortunately I have been diagnosed with breast cancer, but the good news is that it is highly curable. I will be undergoing a mastectomy on May 25<sup>th</sup> and should not be gone from home long, but will need a little time to recuperate. I will not be joining you for the big June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weekend in Strafford, but I will be thinking about you and wishing everyone good pitching. The prognosis is good and I am planning to watch my grandchildren grow for many years yet, as a second one is due in early August. I am trusting that God also has this plan programmed into His computer. Even though I may not be out and about for a little while, my office is in my home, so I'm close to my work. If you need something, don't be afraid to contact me. I could be out and about even before you read this.

My 18<sup>th</sup> year as your secretary/treasurer is coming to a close. At the present time, I would not be afraid to accept another term of office if you are willing to have me and by then I might actually know how to use some of the new programs on this computer. If anything changes, I will let you know at the business meeting at Jefferson City in September. I wish everyone happy pitching and a wonderful summer and until next time, I leave you with this thought, "To err is human; to think of someone to blame it on is genius."

## Condensed Financial Report

Balance on Hand 11/01/04 (new fiscal year)	7,420.59
Receipts	15,522.66
Expense	- 10,327.75
Balance on Hand 05/11/04	12,615.50

## MOHPA Publicity News

by Pam Henderson

We are trying to get some publicity info you can download on your computer. The Colorado people are going to help with this. Bob Champion made up this poster for all of us to use and they are now putting it on the web page. The Colorado Website address is [www.geocities.com/chpa.geo](http://www.geocities.com/chpa.geo). Stan Griggs has come up with some logos you may want to use on an information sheet or one that may advertise your league or club.

Contact your media. Tell them what a great sport we have. Keep up the good work and see you on the courts.



# Last Shoe



## Ralph McAllister

*August 21, 1925 – February 7, 2005*

Ralph William McAllister, 79, of Washburn, passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the Red Ross Inn of Cassville. He had surgery for a brain tumor and was in rehab. He had been fighting cancer for several years. He was born August 21, 1925, in Henry County, MO to Edward and Lila McAllister. In 1943 he married Hazel Neel and had 4 sons. In 1974 he married his current wife, Bernice Hauck.

Burial services were at the Hickman Cemetery in Washburn. He is survived by 4 sons; Edward of Webb City, Michael of Kansas City, Joseph of Seligman, and Ken of Kansas City. Two daughters, Rita Scarlet of Berryville, Arkansas and Zenda Hauck of Washburn. Two brothers Fred of Fairfield Bay Arkansas, Roy of Hot Springs, Arkansas. One sister, Ethel Barnett of Tipton, and four grandchildren.

Ralph grew up in Mt. Grove and worked for Burlington Northern Railroad for 38 years and was a cattle farmer. He was a member of the Brotherhood of United Transportation Union, Red Brangus Association, Boy Scouts Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the Baptist Church.

Ralph's dad, uncles, brothers and cousins were very good horseshoe pitchers when he was growing up. Family reunions always turned into a horseshoe tournament. Even though he wasn't very good for awhile in his life he never gave up. Ralph was a member of the NHPA for 16 years and kept pitching horseshoes even when he was sick. He pitched in 8 sanctioned tournaments in 2004 as well as in the Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club. He won four first places of those 8 tournaments. He won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class I at the MO State Fair and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 30 foot Class D at the MO State Tournament that he was very proud of. Ralph also received the High over Average in league for 2004. He also won 1<sup>st</sup> at MO State Fair and MO State Tournament in 2003. If Ralph got out his cigar, you better watch out. He and his son, Ken McAllister, had been pitching league this last summer together in Crane. His son Ken is also a new member of the Liberty Horseshoe Club.

Ralph will be sadly missed by his family, horseshoe pitchers of the Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club and by all Missouri horseshoe pitchers who knew him.

The Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club lost two of its members the same week ( Ralph and Eugene Appelhans). These two pitchers were always together at tournaments and at our league each week along with Jackie Cargile. The three always took turns driving from Cassville. At the 2004 Crane Broilerfest Tournament Eugene drove Ralph and Ken (Jack was golfing). Eugene, Ralph and Ken all took 1<sup>st</sup> place in their classes. It was decided Eugene would drive from then on. It seems a little ironic that the two of them died the same week and will meet again within only a few days apart like always. Their presence will be greatly missed at the horseshoe courts

in Crane. Missouri sends it deepest sympathy to the families of both pitchers.

## Eugene Appelhans

*October 18, 1930 –January 31, 2005*

Eugene Applehans, 74, of Cassville, passed away on January 31, 2005 at his home from complications of prostate cancer and leukemia. Eugene was born in St. Peter, Kansas. On November 28, 1953 he married Betty Houston in Wichita, Kansas who preceded him in death in 1992. He was also preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Richard, Elmer, Edmund and Julius. Survivors include one son, William, two brothers, Andrew and Marvin, one sister, Olivia.

Eugene moved to Holcomb, Kansas in 1938. From July 1948 until May 1952 he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After the service he moved to Wichita, Kansas and went to work for the Coleman Company. He began driving trucks for several different companies in Wichita which he continued to do so for 30 years. Upon his retirement, he moved to Cassville, where he was a member of American legion Post 118. He helped with Bingo every week and loved it.

Eugene was a ten year member of the NHPA and had just moved up to 30 feet due to his struggle with leukemia. He pitched all of 2004 even though it was a struggle at the last. He was a member of the Crane Creek ringers horseshoe Club. He was always polite, jolly and was the most consistent pitcher in the league. Eugene received the High Handicap award in league play this year with a 115 point game and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the first round.

Graveside services with military honors were held in Washburn Prairie Cemetery with contributions made to St. John's Hospice in his memory. He will be sadly missed by his family, horseshoe pitchers of the Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club and by all Missouri horseshoe pitchers who knew him.

## Bob Piper

*March 6, 2005*

Bob Piper, NHPA member from Kentucky, passed away suddenly due to a massive heart attack. He was a member of the Backyard Horseshoe Club in southeastern Missouri. His love of horseshoes would take him 2 hours to travel to Cape for horseshoe competition at the Backyard Horseshoe Club and also tournaments with the SEMO Association. He pitched in many tournaments in Joelton, TN and in Missouri he traveled to New Melle for tournaments representing the BHS. Bob donated his labor as well as the lights for the Williams's horseshoe facility. He was scheduled to pitch in a tournament on March 6 but called to cancel a day prior to the tournament as he wasn't feeling well. Bob was a wonderful person and a horseshoe enthusiast who will be missed by those who knew him in Missouri. He is survived by his mother, a daughter and 3 grandchildren.

## Jeffrey Thomas Stanton

January 5, 1963 - May 5, 2006

Jeff Stanton, member of the Liberty Horseshoe Club died suddenly on Thursday, May 5 of a heart attack. He was 42 years of age. Jeff had some heart problems several years ago and was recently experiencing some difficulty with the changing of medication.

Jeff was born in North Kansas City, MO. He was a 1981 graduate of Liberty high School where he played football. Jeff was a foreman and proud member of Labor Union 264.

Jeff loved the MU Tigers, KC Chiefs and the Liberty Blue Jays. Jeff was very family oriented. He and his wife, Tammy, started pitching about six years ago. Soon their two sons J.J. and Cappie decided they wanted to try it, too. Not long after that their daughter, Laryssa got interested and began pitching. He was an active league pitcher at Liberty and also pitched in a few tournaments. He won his class in the State Tournament at Festus.

Jeff was always a pleasure to be around. He will be sorely missed by the Liberty Horseshoe Club. Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their deep condolences to his wife, children and other family members during their time of bereavement.

### Our Sympathies

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers extend their sympathy to the following who have lost loved ones:

- John Ellerman of Dixon – loss of his granddaughter, Cheyann from SIDS, Feb. 25, 2005
- Paula & Jeff Darmon, Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club – loss of father, Dick Weber, on Feb. 14, 2005
- Elaine Neiters of 1<sup>st</sup> Capital Women's League – loss of husband, Tony on Feb. 19.
- Trish Dwiggin of 1<sup>st</sup> Capital Women's League – loss of brother in March.
- Elaine Bainter, wife of MOHPA president Jim Bainter – loss of mother in January.
- Janet Weber of 1<sup>st</sup> Capital Women's League – loss of mother in April.
- Roger Reeves of Jefferson City – loss of mother in March.
- Norman and Francis Ennis – loss of brother on Feb. 21, 2005.
- Bob Eisenbies of NMHC – loss of brother.
- Ken Hardy, NMHC – loss of mother in March.
- Gary & Robert Bowling of Crane Horseshoe Club – loss of mother on May 4.
- Wesley and Richard Bowling of Crane Horseshoe Club – loss of grandmother on May 4.

### Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes are being sent to:

- Susanne Bichsel of 1<sup>st</sup> Capital Women's League, knee surgery in January
- Floyd Beeson of NMHC, knee surgery.
- Carol Howard of NMHC, back surgery
- Harvey Wobbe of Festus Horseshoe Club/NMHC suffered with series of strokes in January
- Ron Hassler of Jeff City, suffering with shoulder problems

- Larry Gilchrist of NMHC, hospitalized with pneumonia in March

### More Notes

We have good news from Ronnie Attebery of Ewing, MO. Ronnie, a Missouri Senior State Champion, has reported that his colon and stomach cancer are currently in remission after 38 treatments. He has purchased his new 2005 membership card and hopes to pitch in some tournaments this year.

Our thoughts are with Kent Armstrong, former MOHPA President, as he battles cancer for the second time in the last ten years. Doctors have discovered cancer in both lungs, although they feel it is treatable. He will be on Chemo for the next 18 weeks, so he will miss the State Tournament. Kent was not able to come to the Cancer Action Tournament that he holds in April. Stay strong, Kent, you have a lot of support from the horseshoe pitchers in Missouri and don't forget that!

Congratulations to Val & Vaneata Eikel of Mexico who celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 16, 2005. Val has had some serious health problems this winter. He has been in and out of the hospital on five different occasions having eye surgery, colon problems & reactions to drugs. He is on a special diet now and back on the road to mend. Or so he thought. Val began experiencing problems with his leg recently. During a fall from a ladder about ten years ago he had to have plates and screws inserted. Now problems are developing and he had to have some of them removed. He is now in a leg cast and horseshoes will be out of the question until the healing process is done. Hang in there, Val, there will be better years ahead!

There will be some changes made for Steve Bruemmer! Congratulations to Steve and Dana Bruemmer who became the proud parents of their first baby, Rebecca Lynn, born on May 10, 2005. She weighed in at 7.5 lbs!

A big thank you from the members of New Melle Horseshoe Club to Mark Pisane for donating new markers for the scorekeepers to use in keeping track of the frames pitched!

## WANTED! Stan Needs Your Help!

In preparation for the 2005 State Tournament Awards Banquet Program Stan Griggs needs your help. Stan needs all kinds of interesting candid horseshoe pictures & horseshoe courts for a presentation that he is working on and will be shown at the Banquet in Jefferson City.

He also needs baby pictures of our horseshoe pitchers and a current picture of that same individual. All pictures will be returned at the banquet during the state tournament. There are no stipulations on the pictures — the more unique the better!

**Don't procrastinate — do this today!** Your involvement will result in a very pleasant and entertaining evening. Send to Stan Griggs ASAP!

# Profile: Randy Grady

by Jeanette Claas

The spotlight in this issue shines upon Missouri's #1 high average man in the Men's Division. With a ringer percentage average of 78.52%, Randy has had an impressive career in horseshoe pitching since he joined the MOHPA in 1981.

Charles Randall Grady was born in Evansville, Indiana on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1953. His parents were employed in the auto and garment manufacturing industry. The Grady family transferred to St. Louis when he was the age of five years old. By the time Randy was thirteen, his parents and younger brother, Ken, moved to Dexter where they lived until moving to Poplar Bluff in 1971. He graduated from Poplar Bluff High School and then attended Three Rivers Community College where he acquired an Associates Degree.

From the time Randy was born he was plagued with allergies and asthma problems. He was unable to participate in sports in high school because in those unpolitically correct times, if you had a handicap you were excluded compared to today's environment where some Olympic champions have asthma. After high school Randy enlisted in the Navy but failed the physical because of allergies and asthma problems. By the age of 29, Randy suffered two serious bouts with pneumonia, coming close to dying the second time. Speaking on this subject Randy says, "Horseshoe pitching has given me an exercise program to strengthen my lungs". He has trouble playing well in the spring and fall when the air is full of pollution and the pollen count is high, but with the help of inhalers and medication he is able to do so. After 23 years of pitching shoes, Randy's health continues to improve as well as his game.

In May of 1974 Randy married his high school sweetheart, Connie Marie Stewart of Bloomfield, MO. They settled in Cape Girardeau where he enrolled at Southeast Missouri State University graduating in 1977 with a B.S.Ed. Major in Industrial Technology. Randy and Connie moved to the bootheel of Missouri to the city of Sikeston where he taught Industrial Arts at two area high schools for six years. Deciding his six years of teaching was all the contribution to society that his nerves would allow, Randy put his teaching career aside and accepted employment with the Missouri Department of Transportation as a Construction Inspector in 1983. He is now employed with MoDOT as a Permit Inspector.

Using his industrial technology skills, Randy (along with Connie's help and support) undertook the challenge of designing and building their home. They resided there for fourteen years, sold their house and relocated to Benton in 1992 which is located about 15 miles north of Sikeston. There, they built their second home, where they now live and continue to enjoy today.

As a child, both Randy's mother and father were avid horseshoe players. His father, Charles "Lefty" Grady, was a skilled horseshoe pitcher who averaged 60 to 70% on any given day. His mother, Lorene, averaged around 50%. Randy remembers that his mother once pitched against Vicki Winston at a tournament that was held in Owensville at the Gasconade County Fair in 1963.

Although Randy can never remember any period in his father's life that his Dad wasn't actively involved in pitching horseshoes, he never participated in the state tournament. During most of

his Dad's years of employment as an autoworker, and usually at the time of the State Tournament, the plant was down for retooling or he was laid off, which interfered with the affordability to travel. However, he did participate in tournaments held in the St. Louis area. Randy reflects, "I grew up watching some of the best players in the state and nation pitch in tournaments at Carondelet Park and at various locations in Illinois and Indiana such as Paul Latray, Abe Carmack, Ray Martin, Earl Winston and Harvey Kolenberger. This allowed me the opportunity to see the proper techniques of pitching even though I had little interest in playing. In those years children and women were not encouraged to participate."

His Dad called him one Saturday in 1981 and said they were having a horseshoe tournament close by and would he like to go with him. It was an opportunity to do something with his Dad and Connie encouraged him

to go. The little "Fair" tournament was held in Chaffee, and was a draw partner event. As fate would have it, he drew his Dad for his partner and they won the tournament. Randy remembers, "The second place team said we cheated because my Dad pitched twelve ringers in a row and that would mean he was a professional!"

Randy wanted to find out more about horseshoe pitching. He went to the library and learned about the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. The name Vicki Winston appeared and he made contact. That fall in 1981, Randy joined the NHPA. For the first three years of participating in local tournaments, he pitched a one and a quarter turn, then discovered the one and three quarter turn served him better and has pitched this shoe ever since. Randy has improved his game considerably after switching to the Six Pac brand shoe. He has a backyard court where he tries to practice twice a week when the weather is above 45 and below 85. Yet, he had his best tournament when he had



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not picked up a shoe in 7 weeks. After Randy started pitching in the early 80's he met two good friends through horseshoes, Bill Masterson of Cape Girardeau and Oda Cook of Millersburg. Both have been long time practicing partners of his which has helped him to develop his skills. Sam Carter has been his inspiration.

There are lots of horseshoe pitchers in southeastern Missouri but very few who belong to the MOHPA. Randy began organizing horseshoe pitching in southeast Missouri. Most of the pitchers are members of the Knights of Columbus which holds a state tournament each year. It is probably the largest horseshoe event possibly in the United States that includes approximately 1,500 horseshoe pitchers. Even though Randy is not of that faith, he is usually there cheering his fellow horseshoe pitchers on and helping to run and organize the tournament. Randy has been the president of the SEMO Horseshoe Organization for six years; an organization that he has been slowly gaining recruits for the MOHPA over the past 20 years. He has directed many sanctioned and non-sanctioned tournaments in this area. One of his biggest sources of pride is the juniors he has brought on board. He has won the SEMO Tournament of Champions six times. He was honored in 2002 when he was inducted into the SEMO Hall of Fame for both pitching and administrative accomplishments.

By the year 1990, Randy's pitching skills qualified him for his first state championship class with the MOHPA. With the exception of two years Randy participated in the championship class 13 times. He pitched 157 games, winning 90/67 and has an average of 59.78%. He has finished in the top three the last six consecutive years. In 2001 he won his first Missouri State Championship title, and was state runner up in 1999 and 2002. Randy has participated in seven of the Six Pac Invitational Tournaments held at New Melle. To be one of the sixteen people selected for this tournament speaks well of Randy's pitching ability. Randy has represented Missouri twice at the Team World Tournament in Beloit, WI, his team finishing 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> place two separate times. Randy attended the 1990 World Tournament in Stone Mountain, GA where he placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Mens C Class division.

Randy is a member of the Park Hills Horseshoe Club and also the Backyard Horseshoe Club. Missouri honored Randy not only for his pitching skills but for his organizational and promotional skills by inducting him into the MOHPA Hall of Fame in 2002. "Having won the state title in 2001 and being inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002 were milestones in my pitching career and are memories I will always cherish. This last year has been an incredible year as far as improvements in my game." One of his personal pitching highlights came this year when he pitched his high sanctioned tournament percentage of 82.5%. Randy has pitched 22 consecutive ringers in sanctioned play and pitched 61 consecutive ringers in the backyard this summer!

Randy and Connie celebrated 30 happily married years together last May. Randy gives credit to his wife for many things, "Most of my horseshoe success has come from the encouragement of my

wife and my parents before they passed away." His other hobby is woodworking. In addition to building their homes, he and Connie have designed and physically built every piece of wood furniture in their home and have upholstered some pieces. Randy has a few years left before he will retire from MoDOT, at which time he plans to build custom furniture on a full time basis.

Although Randy & Connie have no children, children are very much a part of their lives. Randy has donated over 150 of his trophies to the kids in the SEMO youth horseshoe tournaments. For the first time this year, Missouri had a Girls Division included in the State Tournament. Very quickly Randy volunteered to make the beautiful walnut trophy that he donated for the Girls State Championship Class.

Randy has served as an elected officer for the MOHPA as the Zone 4 Area Director from 1998 through 2002. In the future he would like to play an active roll in our state association. Randy states, "My goal is to stay healthy enough to maintain an average high enough to continue to compete in the Championship Class and hopefully to win another title. I feel as an organization we will never go very far if we don't get large corporate sponsors and get it recognized as a healthy sport for all ages. We desperately need to find a way to get it promoted in order to gain public acceptance."

Indeed Randy has been involved in horseshoes all through his lifetime. He has given much of his time and energy promoting the sport, encouraging and helping others to improve their skills. And along the way, Randy developed his own skills and found himself a championship title. Missouri salutes this gentleman; his impressive horseshoe career, a Champion who has overcome a medical handicap, an asset to our organization and for his pursuit and love of the game!

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#### Earl's Pearls

A carrot, two lumps of coal, and a pipe lie together in the middle of a field. What happened?

See page 20.

# 2005 Missouri Horseshoe Tournament Information

by Jeanette Claas

Roads heading toward the Lake of the Ozarks region in the central part of our state leads to Missouri's state capitol. Crossing the bridge over the wide Missouri River, the imposing state capitol stands on a bluff high above the river. The main business here is state government, but come September 2,3,4,5, 2005, there's going to be a whole lotta "shoe" business going on.

The 80th Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament will be held for the second time in Jefferson City and hosted by the Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Jeff City CVB will be in partnership with the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Dept. Not since 1987 have horseshoe pitchers of Missouri invaded this town of 35,000 people. And for the very first time in Missouri horseshoe history we won't have to worry about the weather. Rain or shine, the "shoe" will go on! The Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Department is allowing us to use the Washington Park Ice Arena. Twenty courts will be held inside with twelve outdoor courts. Our state officers have made numerous trips to Jeff City to see that this state tournament will be a most memorable tournament for our state.

We have a new horseshoe league beginning in Jeff City this year under the leadership of Steve Bruemmer. Let's show them what enthusiasm and horseshoe support is all about by your appearance at the 80<sup>th</sup> MO State Horseshoe Tournament.

It is now time to start making plans and reservations for the Labor Day weekend event. The host motel will be the Ramada Inn and Convention Center in Jeff City. Call for reservations at 1-800-2RAMADA or 573-635-7171. The horseshoe room rate is \$56.00 which will include Ramada 4 Theatre tickets, breakfast

discount coupons and great room amenities. The Ramada intends to house the pitchers in the main building (87 rooms). Reservations for our "SHOE" rate will be accepted through the end of August. Please support our host hotel.

For those planning on camping and RV parking, Binder Lake Park is located west of Jeff City with 12 sites available (phone: 573-636-0665). Also, located 17 miles east of Jeff City, near the confluence of the Osage and Missouri Rivers is the Mari Osa Delta Campground (phone 573-455-2452).

See Vicki's state entry requirements for all questions and starting times of tournament. Make plans to attend the Annual MOHPA Business Meeting to be held on Friday evening as important elections and decisions will be made. The Annual Awards Program and Banquet will be held on Saturday evening.

If you are interested in taking out an ad for the State Tournament Program Booklet, contact Jill Johnson, Executive Director, Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1-800-769-4183 or 573-632-2820 for further information. Don't forget to bring your club's flag to be put on display. As a reminder, you might want to bring lawn chairs. A light jacket might be recommended if you are keeping score in the air conditioned arena. Coolers will not be allowed in the arena or park area. However, a local beer distributor, Fechtel Beverage, will be operating concessions inside and outside during the tournament.

If you need further information, please contact any of your MOHPA officers. Their phone numbers are listed on the inside cover of Shoe Biz.

The Missouri State Troopers Headquarters are located in the heart of our state capitol city, so-o-o, fasten your seat belts, obey the speed limits and have a safe trip as you travel to Jefferson City. Don't forget to stop in at Central Dairy on 610 Madison Street for a cool treat. They make the best ice cream on the south side of the Missouri River!

Show me an air conditioned arena on a hot Labor Day weekend and I'll show you a cool building filled with hungry horseshoe pitchers looking for a state championship title!

## Congratulations, Bob Bloss!

by Donna Bastel

The MOHPA was not given the okay by Jeff City to have the concession on shirt sales in time to get the information to you in the November 2004 Shoe Biz, so there wasn't much time for you to think up and draw a design. So it didn't come as a surprise to us that we received only three designs for our First State Shirt Design Contest.

Bob Bloss came up with an awesome design for our MO State Tournament to be held in Jefferson City this September. He wins a free entry into the Singles Tournament and a free shirt displaying his winning design.

We will get an earlier start the T-Shirt Design Contest for the 2006 State Tournament when the site is chosen. We would like to extend our thanks to this year's entrants and we hope you will support the MOHPA by purchasing a shirt at the State Tournament.

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## Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

### Question

The late Charles Kuralt once called a nationally recognized authority on foraging for wild foods. "Mrs. Tatum, this is Charles Kuralt," the folksy CBS television journalist

began, "I have seen you on the Tonight Show and I have read your book. I'm in the area for a few days and I would like to come out and interview you." "I'm sorry," she interrupted before the man could scarcely finish before telling him. "The morels are up. I really don't have time for you!"

Kuralt might have been baffled, but morel aficionados have no trouble understanding her decision. When the morel mushrooms are up, and even for weeks beforehand, fungus fanatics can think of little else.

People will talk for hours about the best kinds of places to hunt mushrooms and the sure signs they are ready to pop up, but none of them will share where they actually find the elusive delicacy.

Wild mushrooms are much more tasty than the common cultivated mushroom. In the midwest, the mushroom season begins in late April and continues until hard frost in the fall. Mushrooms can be found where the soil is wet and moist mostly around dead trees. Morels are white to grey in color. A large size morel can range from 8-10 inches high. Mushrooms are not cheap, selling from \$5 to \$10 per pound.

Here are some helpful hints when you go mushroom hunting. Collect mushrooms in a flat-bottomed basket. Take along a roll of wax paper and wrap each species you find. Do not use plastic wrap since it hastens decay. A pocketknife or trowel is useful in extracting mushrooms from the ground. Be very careful not to disturb the underground root system more than necessary. You must be absolutely certain of the identification of the edible species.

The first time you eat any wild mushroom, eat only a small portion and, for Heaven's sake, do not drink any liquor. Clean morels in the field, cutting off the bottom of the stalk. At home, slice them in half, then soak them in water to get rid of insects and debris. Morels are best dried, then rehydrated and then cooked. Saute' them and serve with eggs or veal. M-M-M-M Good!

Ever have those nasty looking toadstools appear on your lawn at home? A horticulture agent says, "Home landscapers should be pleased when mushrooms or toadstools appear in their lawns. It's an indication that soil building is going on below your lawn. If the toadstools are offensive, remove them with a rake. But, a new crop will probably spring up the next day. "

This town so full of mushrooms is located in Ray County just over half an hour east of Kansas City, at the junction of Highways 13 and 10, is widely known as the Mushroom Capitol of the World! You can gather at the Mushroom Festival with thousands of fellow fans of fungi to celebrate this rite of spring. Held the first weekend in May, it's not just a great place to buy T-shirts, posters and bumper stickers; it's also a great gathering – even for people who won't eat mushrooms on their pizza.

The incredible range of activities include carnival rides, live music, dancing, a fine arts show, a golf tournament, a fun run, a

talent selection of little Mr. and Mrs. Mushroom, Humane Society animal adoptions, and a demolition derby. All this to celebrate a quiet pastime that causes people to take long, secretive walks in the deep woods, alone.

Come to think of it, with all that going on, the Mushroom Festival sounds like somebody's brilliant idea to keep everybody else out of the woods when the morels are at their peak! Can you name this farming community of 5,738 in western Missouri where the mushrooms are more in abundance than its residents?

### Answer

Mushrooms have put the city of **Richmond** on the map in Missouri! Richmond is the County Seat for Ray County, which includes the cities of Excelsior Springs, Lawson, Orich and Richmond. Buried not in a cemetery but in the middle of a street in town is Mexican War hero, General Israel Hendley. Other early settlers and pioneers are also buried there such as Oliver Cowdery, MO Governors Austin King and Forrest Smith, Bloody Bill Anderson and Bob Ford who killed Jesse James. You might want to visit the Ray County Museum and the Courthouse which has a 10 foot tall bronze statue of Alexander Doniphan. Both sites are listed on the National Historic Register. The town was named in honor of the capital of Virginia.

Now that I've let the cat out of the bag, I am sure come spring-time horseshoe pitchers all over Missouri will be heading there with their baskets in hand. But bring your horseshoes with you, too. The Richmond Mushroom Festival also host a horseshoe tournament each year, weather permitting. Toby & Eileen Carmichael, who are lifelong residents of Richmond, have been helping to organize the horseshoe tournament for years. Toby Carmichael started the Ray County Horseshoe Club many years ago, but has been inactive for the past several years. The 12 courts are located at West Park. Toby has been a NHPA member for 25 years. You might see Toby pitching at other tournaments today displaying a large mushroom on the back of his shirt. Eileen and Toby are also mushroom hunters. She says that a gallon of mushrooms can sell anywhere from \$40 - \$60 a gallon!

Love mushrooms? Or better still are you a mushroom hunter that finds it thrilling to locate a specific area where mushrooms grow in abundance? If so, Richmond is the place for you to visit. Of course the mushroom hunters in this town will not disclose their favorite hunting spaces, as it is their very own secret and a special place that they return year after year to pick this tasty gourmet food.

Other horseshoe pitchers living in Richmond are Bob Carmichael and Don and Shirley Roberts! Missouri horseshoe pitchers salute the historic town of Richmond, its horseshoe pitchers and its residents who are proud, proud, proud of their gigantic mushrooms! And remember, folks, mushrooms are valuable health food, low in calories and high in vegetable proteins. A single mushroom can produce as many as 40 million spores in a single hour! Holy Cow!

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# National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

## News Views & Donations

(Dave Loucks, *Newsline Magazine* – March/April 2005)

There has finally been a breakthrough in the settlement of the Jack Freeman estate, at least as far as the NHPF goes. Title to the indoor courts has apparently been cleared and a contract to purchase those is under review by NHPF attorneys in Nashville. Basically, the indoor courts and land on which they set, with an appraised value of \$220,000, needed to sell for at least \$200,000 in order for the estate to avoid further tax problems. After initially being told that the NHPF would not pay more than \$100,000, the estate attorney offered a proposal. Would we pay \$200,000 if the estate could arrange for \$100,000 donation to be made to the NHPF? The Directors agreed and this is the basis of a lengthy real estate contract that is now under review. Should all go well, escrow should close some time in April. After that and pending an expected proposal from St. Charles County, MO, to locate the Hall of Fame there, the NHPF Directors will decide whether to stay in Joelton or put the property up "For Sale" and move the Hall of Fame elsewhere.

Let's hope that during 2005 horseshoe pitching will grow in members and prosperity. The Joelton site issue should be resolved and a Hall of Fame location determined. The NHPF, by its non-profit tax-exempt charter, has to work for you, the NHPA and the development of Horseshoe Pitching. Make it a point this year to support our sport by sending your tax-deductible contribution to the NHPF at P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Those that donate \$25 or more will receive an acknowledgment letter of thanks.

## Cancer Action Tournament

April 16, 2005

by Kent Armstrong

On April 16<sup>th</sup> a great bunch of horseshoe pitchers took time off from their normal things and pitched in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Action Tournament held in Liberty at the Don Harris Arena. I couldn't be there this year, but I was able to call a good friend, Elwyn Cooper, who jumped in with both feet and did a great job as Tournament Director. I'm pretty sure Dee McIntyre and Gregg and Audra Craven helped out.

The last couple of years someone has always stepped up with a way to bring in more money. This year it was Wayne and Pam Henderson and Harless Kampe. Together with these pitchers, sponsored courts and everything given back we raised \$1,300 which was given to Cancer Action. Just to let these pitchers know how they helped last year: 280 clients received financial assistance to purchase 1,362 prescriptions, 987 rides to clients for medical appointments, 1,387 clients received 80,728 servings of nutritional supplements, and the list just goes on and on. I feel proud just knowing those who came out and pitched that day.

Congratulations to our grand champion of the tournament, Nick DiRaimo. Look for the other class champions in the tournament results section of Shoe Biz.

## Missouri Ranks #6 in Number and Dollars Contributed!

Listen Up, Fellow Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers! The possibility that the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association Hall of Fame will be moving to St. Charles County at the Quail Ridge Park located in Wentzville would be a dream come true for the Missouri Charter. Perhaps you have read the news in the St. Louis Post Dispatch or heard discussions at New Melle Horseshoe Club meetings. This new facility would hold 18-24 indoor courts plus a few more outdoors. This could open up all kinds of opportunity for Missouri horseshoe pitching. Perhaps the event of a World Horseshoe Tournament and other large tournaments. With the publicity about the NHPF Hall of Fame we could recruit many more horseshoe pitchers to join. Who could ask for anything more!

Promote our favorite sport by encouraging your friends, neighbors and family members to come out and pitch with you. Support the NHPF by sending your contribution TODAY! Let's join together and push the Show Me State to the top of the list in number and dollars contributed.

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# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Six Pac Invitational

## April 30 – May 1, 2005, New Melle, Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

When the snowballs bloom in Missouri, it naturally means the weather turns cool and this year was no exception. They were in full bloom with temperatures in the forties as the date for the prestigious Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament arrived. However, Mother Nature was kind to us sparring the rain that usually falls upon Missouri this time of the year.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament was very special this year. Harvey Wobbe, who generously sponsors this event each year was struck with a series of strokes earlier in the year and it was possible that he might not be able to attend. With the help of his good friend, Jerry Francis, he made sure he arrived just in time as they announced the pitchers on the court. It was good to see Harvey back in action once more.

The format for the two-day tournament was a 16 man round-robin for 40 footers only. Eight games were pitched on Saturday and the final seven games completed on Sunday. Arriving early for a warm-up session, the sound of horseshoes soon filled the air and it was time for another exciting show filled with talented horseshoe pitchers to begin.

Martin Orf, NMHC president, gloriously sang the National Anthem, acappella, before the contestants were introduced by announcer Bob Diekamp. Each pitcher was presented a medallion by Tournament Committee members, Harvey Wobbe,

Tim Henderson and Joe Faron to commemorate the event.

The horseshoe pitchers participating in the tournament traveled from afar in spite of the high cost of gasoline this year. They were: Alan Francis OH 86.44%; Walter Ray Williams FL 77.76%; Art Tyson NY 75.03%; Tom Westbrook SC 74.22%; Mandell Proctor MD 73.77%; Randy Hudson SC 72.20%; Mark Siebold IN 72.20%; Terry Hudson SC 71.02%; Mark Mauthe WI 70.10%; Charles Killgore MO 69.00%; Paul LaCrosse CO 68.08%; Stan Griggs MO 67.89%; Matt Guy KY 66.96%; Jerry Dumstorff IL 66.43%; M.O. Turner MO 65.69% and newcomer to the Six Pac Bob Booe KS 63.24%.

At the end of competition on Saturday, Alan Francis and Walter Ray had no losses with Tom Westbrook close behind with only one loss. On Saturday evening 36 horseshoe pitchers and NMHC members found themselves at Stefanino's Restaurant for a relaxing evening to share some good food and laughter before retiring for the night.

Spectators gathered to watch the final day of pitching on Sunday morning. Alan Francis of OH was red hot as he captured his eighth title as Six Pac Champion. Art Tyson of NY would claim the most points scored against him – 18 points. High game of the day was scored by Alan – 97.22%, 35 ringers – 36 shoes! His remarkable tournament average for the day 90.66%! During the years that Francis has participated in this tournament he has pitched a total of 143 games with only 3 losses. It was Alan's second tournament pitching with his own Alan Francis shoes that he is now distributing!

Walter Ray Williams of FL placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 73.16%. Williams changed from pitching right handed to left handed after the World Horseshoe Tournament last year. At the Dogwood Festival Tournament Williams was pitching against Tom Westbrook when Westbrook noticed that he was pitching left-handed. Westbrook was admiring just how well he could pitch with his left hand. Before he knew it, he realized the game was over and he had just lost the game. Before the Williams-Tyson match, Tyson quipped, "You beat me pitching right handed, but I'm not going to let you beat me left-handed." Tyson did win that match pitching his high game of the day, 76.31%.

Wearing his traditional plaid shorts and unusual stance, Paul LaCrosse of CO won 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 11 wins and 4 losses and a tournament average of 67.71%. It was an exuberant Paul that accepted his 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize money!

While waiting for the final tallies of the scorekeeping, Matt Guy challenged several of the horseshoe pitchers to a game of toss beanbags. Matt displayed a special talent in that sport, too!

Behind the scenes preparations for the tournament were made by the housecleaning committee of: Dave/Bea Feldewerth, Roy/Suzanne Evans, Ken/Angie Novel, Bob Reininger, Martin Orf, John Simms, Kevin Nenninger, Jan Kreienkamp & Ernie Brakensiek. Good compliments from the horseshoe pitchers were given to the scorekeeping crew of: Jullia Jaeger, Nona Collins, Angie Novel, Bob/Arlene Reininger, Joe Buskirk, Martin/Ursula Orf and Gidget Rahe.

Our Poster Boy, Larry Volo, did another excellent job as he skillfully posted wins and losses after each inning. A big thank you to our stats crew: Rich Altis, Dave and Bea Feldewerth.

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The tournament directors would like to thank the spectators who came to support the horseshoe pitchers during the competition. A special thank you to Dick Hanson, Secretary/Treasurer of the NHPA, who drove to NMHC all the way from Wisconsin. Dick was accompanied by his lovely wife, Paulette.

The horseshoe pitchers all agree that the Six Pac Invitational is one of the finest horseshoes tournaments held for

competition, purse, facility and central location held in the United States. Tournament Director Joe Faron and NMHC members wish to thank all the horseshoe pitchers that traveled so far to attend our tournament. Their display of skill and talent was hard to beat. No one goes away a loser from this tournament.

The results of the two-day event are below.

Place	Name	Won	Lost	Score	Ringers	Shoes	Percent	Prize Money
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Francis, OH	15	0	619	602	664	90.66%	\$1,500 & trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walter Ray Williams, FL	12	3	575	559	764	73.16%	\$1,000 & trophy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul LaCrosse, CO	11	4	531	558	824	67.71%	\$ 650
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Westbrook, SC	10	5	537	558	816	68.38%	\$ 400
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Seibold, IN	9	6	507	476	710	67.04 %	\$350
6 <sup>th</sup>	Art Tyson, NY	9	6	534	606	914	66.30%	\$250
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mandell Proctor, MD	9	6	503	597	902	66.18%	\$200
8 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Guy, KY	8	7	540	594	864	68.75%	\$ 150
9 <sup>th</sup>	Stan Griggs, MO	7	7	488	498	790	63.03%	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Hudson, SC	6	9	503	607	924	65.69%	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Killgore, MO	6	9	404	490	818	59.90%	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Hudson, SC	5	10	413	450	748	60.16%	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Dumsorff, IL	4	11	392	507	834	60.79%	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Booe, KS	3	12	381	473	802	58.97%	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Mauthe, WI	3	12	356	442	782	56.52%	
16 <sup>th</sup>	M.O. Turner, MO	2	13	320	372	688	54.06%	

## State Officer's Winter Meeting, March 12, 2005

by Jeanette Claas

With temperatures rising from 30 degrees to 74 in the afternoon, Mother Nature supplied the officers and appointed directors of the MOHPA with a beautiful day of travel to the Grand Glaize Inn on the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks. Some came from Kansas City, St. Louis and all the way from Cape Girardeau to attend the state meeting that is so vital and important to the Missouri charter of the NHPA.

Jim Bainter, MOHPA president, holding his first state meeting after being elected in September, had done his homework looking for every possible way to improve the game and make it more exciting for the horseshoe members of Missouri. His well-organized and enthusiastic agenda was presented on a projector & slide as he demonstrated all activities that were discussed during the meeting.

Those attending beside Jim, was our new vice-president, Roy Evans, taking pictures and fulfilling his new role as VP. Our state secretary and treasurer, Vicki Winston, was there with all the answers and facts that anyone wanted to know. Her great 18 years of past experience as secretary makes her a knowledgeable book of information, but she is in great need of a new computer. Our state statistician, Stan Griggs, (with 19 years of service in this category behind him) reported everything going well in his elective role. Our four Zone Directors: Charlie Killgore, Rich Altis, Bob Bastel, and Danny Williams reported activity going on throughout the state. Elwyn Cooper, who has been the Regional Director for 15 years shared a good report. The other appointed officers, Pam Henderson (Publicity Chairman), Melody Williams (Junior Chairman)

and Jeanette Claas (Newsletter Editor) offered valuable information to many topics.

Many discussions were held as all voices were heard and opinions shared. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated staff in Missouri. The only unpleasant thing that happened during the meeting was this bird that kept running into the large window in the meeting room off and on all day long. A bird flying into a closed window is an old wives superstition meaning death is close by. I thought he would have learned after the first time but he kept coming back for more indicating the bird was possibly a male. Anyway I held my breath all the way home and hoped that everyone else made a safe trip to their destination. By the time we reached home the temperature had dropped to 38 degrees signaling that the presence of winter is still here but spring not too far in the distance.

### 2004 MOHPA State Champions



Men	<b>Stan Griggs</b>
Women	<b>Pam Henderson</b>
Elders	<b>Bob Long</b>
Seniors	<b>Bob Outt</b>
Junior Boys	<b>Tyler Elfrink</b>
Junior Girls	<b>Laryssa Stanton</b>
Doubles	<b>Carlyle Gricks and Dan Hobbs</b>



## Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club by Donna Bastel

We are very proud to announce that we have signed up ten new pitchers to the MOHPA this spring. We also stole a couple of Liberty's members. Not really. They moved to the Lake area and are now closer to us. The good news is that they didn't just quite horseshoes, they found out where they could play near their new home.

Our members have really gone out there and talked up the sport of horseshoe pitching. They have recruited their neighbors, bowling cohorts and customers. Last year we signed up 90 year old Harvey Dutzel, who turned out to be the oldest member of the MOHPA and he's back this year. We hoped to have the youngest pitcher too, our almost 4 year old grandson, Ethan. But that was wishful thinking. His attention span isn't quite long enough yet. He wants to do everything that PaPa does, so maybe next year. There are some horseshoes available from Ken Kosky for kids. They are the same size as regular shoes but only weigh 1.5 lbs. You can get a set of two pair for \$30.00.

We started our Singles and Doubles Leagues the first week of May with 38 pitchers in Doubles and 24 in Singles. We also have one tournament, the Spring Fling, under our belt and have our Summer Splash tournament coming up July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Until we see you again, I hope all your shoes are ringers. Mine too! HA! That'll be the day!



## Independence Horseshoe Club by Wayne/Pam Henderson

We will be starting our league on May 5. The Monday Morning Blahs League that was held this winter in the Don Harris Arena was a lot of fun and we had four pitchers pitching over 100 points. Good going guys and gals! The winners this year were Don Plowman and Tom Ebers. We all went to Ponderosa to have lunch and celebrate. Ponderosa sponsors our trophy for the Monday Morning Blahs League. Wayne Henderson runs that league for us.

We wish everyone good pitching this year and good health!

## Peculiar Horseshoe Club by Roena Branson

Hello Everyone! Well, I guess all the spring leagues are getting started and the tournaments are going full force and finally the leaves are turning green and of course the mowing begins too, but at least the winter is over!

Well, there were several of us that went to New Melle for the West Vs. East Tournament and of course we had a great time but the East won again. West was ahead for a little while and then I don't know what happened. I guess the East got another wind and took home the trophy. It was a lot of fun and I want to thank Roy and Suzanne Evans and anyone else



involved. They did a great job. We are looking forward to the next time.

Peculiar Horseshoe Club had their cleanup day on April 9<sup>th</sup>, so we could get everything ready to start league and be ready for our tournament. Danny and I would like to say "Thank You" to Ralph Richardson, Lawrence Loney, Cling and Chip Sloan, Terry and Dawn Bishop. I know others probably would have helped but sometimes other things do come about and you just can't make it.

I just have to let everyone know about this. This is something as a league we are so proud of. Michael Bowman, member of our Peculiar Horseshoe Club, accomplished the following for the 2004 League Play. Junior National Division: 2<sup>nd</sup> High Point Average 78.30, 7<sup>th</sup> High Point Game - 101, 7<sup>th</sup> High Ringer Average - 42.78%. Boys Division - 7<sup>th</sup> High Ringer Avg. - 42.78%, 9<sup>th</sup> High Ringer Game 60%. **We are so proud of you, Michael!**

Our league membership is now totaling 26 members with 6 juniors. We just keep growing and growing. We are so proud of each and everyone of you and we have so much fun. By the way, that is a 23% junior league member percentage. Can anyone beat that?

I want to let everyone know not to forget the Team Tournament on June 4<sup>th</sup> and the Doubles on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. This will be held in Springfield at Strafford across from the Exotic Animal Paradise Park. Look out for the Peculiar's teams. Hope to see everyone there.

If anyone wants to see how our first tournament results, you can find it on [www.mohpa.us](http://www.mohpa.us) under tournament results. It was cold and windy but we still had a great group to show up under the conditions.

At this time I want to say, the Peculiar Horseshoe Club wants to wish the best to our loved ones that are sick and we wish them the best. Our prayers are with them each and everyday. Kent Armstrong, you get better fast. I want to see you in our winter league next year so you can beat me (Roena) next year. Ha! Ha! Also, Floyd Roberts, Pat Casey, Donnie Roberts, Gerald Thomas, you all have a speedy recovery.

From our horseshoe courts to yours, come pitch with us!

## New Melle Horseshoe Club by Rich Altis

The main topic of the April club meeting was the possibility of the NHPF building a Horseshoe facility in the St. Charles County area. Roy Evans and Bob Diekamp reported on the events that have taken place since Dave Loucks visited the club last month. This facility would have sixteen to twenty-four courts. Also there would be a kitchen, storage, office, restrooms and an area to house and display the NHPA's Hall of Fame material

The officers needed a commitment from the club membership to find out how they feel about taking on the responsibility of managing the new horseshoe complex. The members in attendance were in favor of the project. The

members not at the meeting were asked and the response was unanimous in favor of the project. At this time we are awaiting word from the St. Charles county supervisor and from the NHPF officers.

**Leagues:** The Wednesday Night Men's League had a play-off between Mick Gillette's first half winning team and Don Rahe's second half winners. Don Rahe's team came out on top. Members of the winning team are Don Rahe, Charles Bextermiller, Steve Bruemmer, Jerry Parmentier, Ralph Pieper and Tony Rohe. Third place went to Rich Altis's team.

Highs for the Wednesday league are; High Average Francis Griesbauer 59.33%, High Game Rich Altis 83.33%, High Game Over Average and Most Improved Keith Noah, Rookie of the Year Mike Burger, Sportsmanship Award went to Bea Feldewerth.

These pitchers received 80% patches Keith Noah, Andy Foulds, Mick Gillette, Rich Altis and Francis Griesbauer.

The top three teams of the Monday Night Jack & Jill League are: Third place the Stake Trackers /Francis Griesbauer, Second place The Jump Starts / Diekamps, and the winning team The Honeymooners/Don and Jeanette Claas, Don and Mary Ann Ell.

High Average Francis Griesbauer 51.6 points/ Rose Diekamp 50.71 points. High Game Rich Altis 67 points / Rose Diekamp 65 points. High Game Over Average Joe Buskirk 22.79 / Jan Kreienkamp 26.31 points. Rookie of the Year Theresa Barry. Most Improved Theresa Barry 4.08 points / Calvin Jaeger 6.66 points. Sportsmanship Award Don Class. High Game patch 80% Rich Altis.

**Health & Welfare:** Condolences to Ed Brown's family, Ed Passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Larry Volo is pitching again after recuperating from knee surgery and broken fingers. It is good to see Charlie Smith again he had heart surgery in January. After his surgery he spent the winter in Florida. Chuck Mueller had knee surgery and was starting to pitch again when his shoulder started giving him problems. Sam Carter had knee surgery after the state tournament last year. It was good to see him back on the courts at the New Melle Picnic. Bud Ward has added three more stents to his collection.



## Capital City Horseshoe Club

by Steve Bruemmer

Capital City Horseshoe Club held its first tournament with 32 participants on April 30. We are getting ready to start the Sunday evening league on May 22 and will also be holding a sanctioned tournament on May 29. If anyone is interested in league play or sanctioned tournament play, please contact Steve Bruemmer at 636-541-3232 or e-mail at s.bruemmer@att.worldnet.net. Thank you to the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Department for updating the courts for the club and for hosting the upcoming Missouri State NHPA Tournament. Also, thank yous go out to Jim Bainter and Ken Grossmen for helping with the sanctioned tournament on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success!

## Festus Horseshoe Club News

by Terry Leible

Ed Valle, president of the Festus Horseshoe Club (FHC), will be giving updates since the 2002 Missouri State Tournament that they hosted.

After ten years of renting, FHC was finally able to purchase the building they were renting and are currently busy making much needed changes. The first major project for FHC was to remove the pitching pads and pour a new complete floor so that one can pitch from a level surface. The new floor is clearly marked for 30 and 40 foot pitchers. The floor also adds to the interior appearance. A new gas furnace was purchased to make the winter league a more comfortable session.

The pitching sessions have been very successful for the summer and winter leagues. The summer league usually includes 11 teams and the winter league includes nine or ten. FHC always welcomes new pitchers to join in their leagues. If interested in joining the FHC, please contact Ed Valle at 636-933-3528.

## Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven



Our horseshoe club is saddened and shocked at the recent death of one of our dear member, Jeff Stanton. He will be sorely missed by each of us.

We are all very grateful to Lou Frazee for his ten years as our president. We are looking forward to working with our new president – Nile Abbott. Our other officers remain the same – VP –Angela Di Raimo, Secretary/Treasurer -Lyle Samuelson. Tournament Director – Brady Craven and League Director – Gregg Craven. We are all very grateful to Lee and Beverly Crabtree for the many hours they put in keeping our courts looking great.

Here are some of our winter league results: Champions (56-34) Mary Vogel, Elwyn Cooper, Richard Schmidt, and Hannah Johnson. Most Improved – Bob (Hatman) Bloss (14.4 points). High Average – Nick DiRaimo 115 points, High Game Nick DiRaimo 134 points (and 86%), High Over Average J.J. Stanton 29.21 points. Congratulations to Daphne Happy for her retirement from UMB in May! Watch that average go up now! Elizabeth Furner will be taking a break for some healing at least part of the summer. We all hope she is able to pitch without pain soon. Floyd Roberts underwent 5-way bypass during the winter and Darl Parker will have cataract surgery before you read this. Both plan to pitch in the summer league.

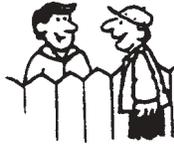
We will let you read about the West vs. East results somewhere else in this issue of Shoe Biz. I know all the West pitchers are anxious to pitch the East once again in October. Go West!

Seems like it is hard to find a time for a junior league that they are not occupied with something else. We are going to try something different this summer. We plan to have a ONE week sanctioned junior league Monday through Friday from

June 27 to July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 to 11:30am. Any child or grandchild would be welcome from Independence, KC, etc. Contact Gregg at 781-4132 or greggandA@juno.com.

## Backyard Horseshoe Club

by Melody Williams



Hello to all! The horseshoe season is in full swing in the backyard (horseshoe club)! We have been having a great time and have been “dusting the cobwebs” off the horseshoes! HA! HA! Some of our pitchers have become quite “rusty” during the off season (myself included)!

We removed the sides off the club this weekend to make it Summer proof. This made the club much more “breezy”! This too allows all the little “critters” from the outside to make their way inside! This included a friendly little hummingbird. It was so beautiful! It was flying around in the club while we were pitching a tournament. This is another “unique” feature of our club, having the wonders of nature right in our club!

On March 6, 2005 the Backyard Horseshoe Club lost a very dear member and friend, Robert “Bob” Piper. He passed away very sudden, collapsing with a massive heart attack. He was a very devoted father, and grandfather, friend and “never met a stranger”. He will truly be missed by all! He had donated his time as well as all the lights and supplies needed to install the new lights in our club this fall for us. He wouldn’t take any money for doing this and said, “I am doing it for everybody who loves horseshoes and will pitch in this club.”

In honor of Bob, the club held a benefit horseshoe tournament for his family on Sunday, May 8, 2005. We had 13 teams in attendance (26 people) plus several other specta-

tors and we raised a total of \$130.00 for his family. The club also had a plaque made in memory of him that will be displayed in our club. Once again, our horseshoe pitchers came together to help each other! After all, this is what horseshoe families are all about, right?

Backyard Horseshoe Club will be hosting a horseshoe tournament at a local town’s festival. We were approached by the City Council and Mayor of a local town to do this and we have “jumped at that chance!” This will be held the second weekend of June. We are quite excited about this! All the money that we take in we will be allowed to make use of in the club. We hope this gives us some good publicity for MOHPA and for the club.

On Thursday, May 12, 2005, we are on the agenda to give a presentation to the local Chamber of Commerce in Marble Hill, MO. They are wanting us to give them a brief presentation of what horseshoes is all about and also discuss having a horseshoe tournament at their local Fall Festival in early October. This is really a positive step for horseshoes in our community. We have tried in the past to get this accomplished and they wouldn’t even talk to us about it. Hopefully, with lots of persuasion on our part and explaining horseshoes to them in more detail that it is not a “bad” sport, they will allow us to pursue horseshoes in our local community! They have it in their heads that horseshoes promote alcohol, roughness, etc. so it is our job to convince them that we aren’t all that way! This will be a quite challenging task, but it is not impossible! We hope this gives us an opportunity to promote MOHPA more in our area!

Our club is growing gradually and we would like to thank everybody who helps us in our growth!

**Upcoming sanctioned events at Backyard Horseshoe Club:** July 2, 2005 1:00 P.M. – July 16, 2005 1:00 P.M.

There may be more events added at a later time. They will be posted on the MOHPA web site as we do not have the definite dates, times, etc. available at this time! We hope to see everybody at the State tournament or before! Keep pitchin’ those shoes!

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## Shamrock Fling Tournament

by Gidget Rahe

Well, the flu bug hit the March tournament at New Melle with a bang! With everyone dropping out because of the flu and a few emergencies popping up, we were short a whole class. I want to give Rich Altis a very big “thank you” for stepping in and putting together a whole class of juniors almost over night.

All in all the tournament proved to be a success. We had six juniors in F Class and I think they all had a good time. Brent Fitzgerald took 1<sup>st</sup>, Matt Vogel came in 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Natalie Altis placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jared Vogel, Danielle Henry and Dylan Henry hung right in there and made them work for their trophies.

Thanks to Stan Bailey and Dave Feldewerth for pitching both morning and afternoon sessions. We were glad to see the guys from Illinois who participated in the tournament. Thanks to all who pitched and to everyone who helped out.

Congratulations to all our class champions. (See tournament results in this issue.) Rose Diekamp recorded the highest game of the day of 78.57%. The biggest increase was made by Bob Cutright from 25.59% to 30.27%.

Hope to see you in the Spring Fling Tournament next year!

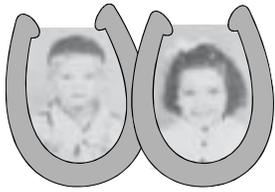
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# Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Jeanette Claas



Did you guess those cute little kids you met in the last issue of Shoe Biz who have since grown up and are now in their early sixties? Indeed these kids were classmates in kindergarten. Donnie Ell and Mary Ann Achelpohl were 5 years old when they entered

Lincoln Elementary School in 1947. Each were born and raised in St. Charles, living only several miles apart.

After kindergarten, they went to separate grade schools and would not meet again until junior high school. Donnie would walk her home from school. He would carry her books home as he had none to carry. They would see each other at basketball games and occasionally at the movies. Donnie would sit next to her and bravely put his arm around her. "And they called it Puppy Love!" As they attended their high school years at Duchesne High School this off-and-on romance would blossom. In 1962 while they were double dating they were involved in a serious car accident and Mary Ann would receive the Last Sacraments. Recovering they would soon marry on September 3, 1962 over the Labor Day weekend. In 1965 they would move to 1750 Barbara Drive where they are presently living. The couple would have one daughter, Peggy. She would give them two grandchildren to enjoy for the rest of their lives.

Donnie has been in the concrete business for over 40 years. He went into partnership and formed the River City Concrete Company until he retired in 2001. Mary Ann stayed home raising their daughter and baby-sitting other children. In fact one of those children, Debbie Mound, now pitches horseshoes on the same horseshoe league with Mary Ann. Being a stay-at-home

Mom, Mary Ann developed into a talented seamstress, as anyone close to her can see.

Mary Ann is a "shaker and a mover" and has accomplished most everything in life she started out to do. She has been a member of the bowling association for 42 years, having a high game of 287, a 704 high series and a 188 average. She was inducted into the St. Charles County Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 for her achievements in the sport of bowling.

Mary Ann & Donnie have spent many hours volunteering their time and services in every phase of life. Every summer when the grass grows, you will find Mary Ann on her church grounds mowing and trimming up the yard just in time for services on Sunday morning. Donnie poured & finished the concrete flooring for NMHC when it was built – and has poured countless horseshoes courts & patios for his friends. The Ells donated a TV for NMHC members to enjoy. Mary Ann covered bar stools at NMHC for scorekeepers to sit on. They have been Tournament Directors for the Olde Tyme Picnic Benefit Horseshoe Tournament for the past 15 years. Donnie's business sponsored both men's and women's horseshoe leagues for over 20 years supplying them with team shirts.

Donnie began pitching horseshoes when he was 16 years old and became quite an accomplished horseshoe pitcher by the time he was 40 years old as a backyard pitcher. By 1980 he had the whole neighborhood pitching shoes and joining The Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club in 1984 forever changing the lives of many people who still enjoy pitching horseshoes today. They have been members of NMHC since 1993 pitching on the Jack & Jill League during the winter months. In the summertime Mary Ann is a member of the First Capitol Women's League and Donnie pitches on a non-sanctioned horseshoe league on the Knights of Columbus grounds. Donnie & Mary Ann have participated in all the Knights of Columbus State Tournaments since it began in 1980. Mary Ann has been the team captain of the River City Concrete Team since it originated in 1984. They have each participated in many state tournaments throughout the years.

Mary Ann, a horseshoe naturalist who seldom practices, qualified to pitch in the Women's Championship Class 12 times since she began pitching. She entered her first State Tournament in 1988, pitching in B Class, placing second with an average of 52%. She was state runner up in 1997, losing in a play-off game to Rose Diekamp. She earned third place twice and 4<sup>th</sup> place three times. She has held a 56% average and has a recorded high game of 90.1%. Her high tournament average was 64.7%.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers are certainly grateful to this couple who have given their time and generosity to the sport of horseshoes. Today the Ells are active in bowling, traveling to NASCAR races, attending the Cardinals baseball and Rams football games, and of course, participating in all the events that their grandchildren are a part of. Mary Ann visits her 94 year young mother daily at a health care center close to their home. They will celebrate 43 years of marriage this year. And they called it "Puppy Love."



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**Answer to "Earl's Pearls"**

They're the remains of a melted snowman.  
(From page 9.)

# New Members for 2005

by Vicki Winston

We welcome the following pitchers who have joined the NHPA and MOHPA for the first time during the 2005 membership year. This list includes all applications received from 1/09/05 through 5/14/05. We're glad to have you as a part of our organization.

Name	City	Club			
Scott Adams	Gerald	New Melle	Irene Garvey	Jefferson City	
Donna Bailey	Gerald		Kay Goddard	St. Charles	First Capitol
Raymond Beard	Gravois Mills	Lake of the Ozarks	Ron Gray	Versailles	Lake of the Ozarks
Michael Berry	Kansas City	Heart of America	Felicia Gwinn	Independence	Independence
T. J. Bowman	Raymore	Lions Park	Dave Hagedorn	Gravois Mills	Lake of the Ozarks
Dennis Brown	Sedalia		Ben Harris	Strafford	
Liz Brown	Harrisonville	Independence	Donna Harris	Strafford	
Jason Bruemmer	Jefferson City	Capitol City	Oren Harris	Stockton	Stockton
Jim Bruemmer	Jefferson City	Capitol City	Ron Harris	Strafford	
Justin Casey	Peculiar	Lions Park	Gabe Heathman	Shelbyville	Shelbina
Rodney Chambers	Independence	Independence	Noah Heathman	Shelbyville	Shelbina
Terry Coleman	Foley	New Melle	John Helmer	Pleasant Hill	
Julie Cracraft	St. Charles	First Capitol	Danielle Henry	St. Charles	New Melle
Ashley Craven	Kansas City	Liberty	Dylan Henry	St. Charles	New Melle
Nichol Craven	Kansas City	Liberty	Olivia Jackson	Liberty	Liberty
Jesse Edler	Fulton		Derek Johnson	Strafford	
Sara Ell	O'Fallon	Golden Triangle	Matthew Lexa	Fulton	
Lukas Ellermann	Fulton		Nathan Lexa	Fulton	
Trenton Ellermann	Fulton		Mike Masterson	Independence	Independence
Ernie Ellermann IV	Kansas City		Bill Mize	Parkville	Heart of America
Brent Fitzwalter	St. Charles	New Melle	Dylan Mountain	Archie	Lions Park
Jim Flory	Liberty	Liberty	Zack Renfro	Diamond	Tri-State
John Foley	Independence	Independence	Amy Rice	Irwin	
Mary Franz	St. Charles	First Capitol	Harry Rother	Gravois Mills	Lake of the Ozarks
			Shirley Ryan	St. Charles	First Capitol
			Carol Schlote	St. Clair	
			Ben Sharp	Kingsville	Lions Park
			Richard Shaver	Climax Springs	Lake of the Ozarks
			Mark Sherman	Gravois Mills	Lake of the Ozarks
			Joseph Simonelli	Camdenton	Lake of the Ozarks
			Frank Stimac Sr.	Gravois Mills	Lake of the Ozarks
			Lee Sullivent	Gravois Mills	Lake of the Ozarks
			Jared Vogel	Foristell	New Melle
			Josh Wells	Independence	Independence

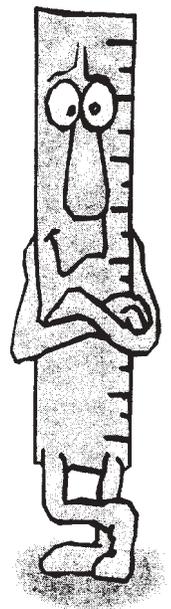


## What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

Here are a few rules that some of the newer pitchers might not be familiar with.

- All female contestants may pitch from any place on the full-distance or extended platforms and observe the 27 foot foul lines, except that any woman pitching in an Elders class must pitch less than 40 feet.
- Any shoe which has been changed from its original design (calk, notch, etc.) shall be considered an "altered" shoe. An "altered" shoe is illegal and cannot be used in sanctioned play.
- Each contestant is responsible for one pit, but a contestant may have someone else do the preparation. During a game, a contestant shall not step on, mash, or otherwise repair any of the substance in the scoring area of the pit without the consent of the opponent or a tournament official.
- A contestant may practice while waiting for their next opponent.
- If during the time it takes to complete a round a contestant wants to practice he/she shall practice on the court where they just finished their game so as not to be a distraction by preparing a court near a game still in progress.
- The game is broken down into innings. Each inning consists of four pitched shoes, two by each contestant.
- If both contestants use the same platform to deliver their shoes, the contestant pitching first should cross over to the other platform in front of the pit and then move to the proper position. As the first contestant is crossing in front the second contestant should be crossing over in back and mounting the platform from the rear.
- If it is discovered during an inning that a contestant has pitched the shoe of an opponent, then if the contestants agree the remaining shoes may be pitched and the score be based on the shoes they pitched. If they don't agree on pitching the remaining shoes then the shoes shall be picked up and the entire inning shall be re-pitched using the correct shoes.



## Common Superstitions about Horseshoes

Taken from the *Superstitions Library* at <http://www.csicop.org/superstition/library/horse.html>

The horseshoe is considered very lucky and used to be hung in many homes to protect and attract good fortune for the family residing inside. As with many superstitions, there are contradictions to be found with the beliefs associated with the horseshoe. For instance, many believe that to hang it with the ends pointing upwards is good luck as it acts as a storage container of sorts for any good luck that happens to be floating by, whereas to hang it with the ends pointing down, is bad luck as all the good luck will fall out. Others believe that no matter which way you hang the horseshoe, good luck will come. According to this superstition, the ends-pointing-down display simply means that the good luck is able to flow out and surround the home. If the horseshoe is hung over a doorway, ends up will catch good luck and ends down will let the good luck spill over the door and stop evil from entering. Perhaps a combination of the two was used so that after a few days, when the horseshoe was filled with good luck, it would then need to be emptied so that residents could benefit from that luck and the process would be repeated until the end of time.

Horseshoes were also considered lucky because they were made by blacksmiths, which is also considered a very lucky trade. Because they worked with elemental fire and magical iron, they were thought to have special powers. It was believed that a blacksmith could heal the sick and if a couple was married by a blacksmith, their marriage would be a happy one. Their work with horses also brought them much power and prestige, not just because they made the lucky horseshoe but also because they were the keepers of the Horseman's Word (the basis for the movie, *The Horse Whisperer*.)

Horseshoes were originally made from iron, which may also account for the superstitions that are associated with this object. Iron was considered magical because it was able to withstand fire and was much stronger than other metals. The superstitions for iron are thought to originate in prehistoric times. It was used as a charm to ward off evil spirits.

Another aspect of the horseshoe that added to its good luck was the fact that it was commonly held in place by seven iron nails. Since ancient times, the number seven was considered very important. Life was divided into seven ages; a rainbow has seven colors; astrology once held that seven planets made up the universe; there are seven deadly sins; a seventh child was thought to have special powers; there are seven days in a week; the moon changes from one phase to another every seven days; and a long-held belief states that the body goes through a radical change every seven years.

Best Wishes to...  
**Vicki Winston**  
*MOHPA Secretary/Treasurer*  
Get Well Soon!

## Superbowl Special Horseshoe Tournament

New Melle Horseshoe Courts, January 15, 2005

by Jeanette Claas

Chilling temperatures of 12 degrees with snow on the ground was a typical January day in Missouri as horseshoe pitchers made their way to the indoor courts in New Melle. Chuck Mueller arrived early to knock off the chill before the pitchers started arriving. Thanks, Chuck!

Tournament Directors Don Claas and Clarence Eggert report 48 horseshoe pitchers participated in the tournament consisting of a 6-class round robin tournament. There were some cancellations due to illness and surgeries the week of the tournament keeping our stats man, Rich Altis, busy up to the last minute. Thanks, Rich for your help.

Rose Diekamp scored another touchdown as she captured the Superbowl Champion Tournament in Class A with a record of 7-0 and a tournament average of 64.83%. Steve Johnson pitched the high game of the tournament with a 75%. Andy Foulds was the Class B Champion with a record of 6-1 and tournament average of 43%. Ginny Weiss had the high game of 60.71% and also the high tournament class average of 48.62%. In Class C there was a tie for first place between Jim Howard and Pam Gettinger with Jim winning first place with the high average of 50.42% and high game of 66.66%.

In the morning classes David Schneider won the Class D Championship with 6-1 and a tournament average of 34%. Three people had high games of 50%: David Schneider, Keith Patton, Suzanne Evans. In Class E Frank Garcia earned first place with 7-0 and high class average of 29.25%. Ernie Brakensiek scored the high game of 42.85% in E Class. The Class F Champion was Bob Riley with 7-0 and a tournament percentage of 26.22%. He also scored high game of 42.30%.

The lucky winners of the 50/50 drawings were Pam Gettinger and Clarence Eggert.

The clean up crew of Floyd/Mary Beeson, Chuck Mueller, Bob Reininger, Ray Nadler, Don Claas, Clarence Eggert arrived early the previous Thursday morning to prepare for NMHC's first tournament of the new year. When they left the courts they found themselves walking out into a blustery snowstorm which the forecasters had somehow missed. Thanks to all who helped on that cold snowy morning.

Plenty of scorekeepers were on hand for the morning classes, but the afternoon classes were left empty handed as Don Claas scrambled to find scorekeepers. It seems that most of the morning pitchers left without giving any thought to keeping score for their fellow pitchers in the afternoon. We need to keep this in mind—it's very difficult to pitch in a tournament if you have to keep your own score. And it's tough enough responsibility for the tournament directors to keep things rolling if they also have to keep score. So let's think about what our priorities should be on days of tournament play.

The tournament directors would like to thank all pitchers who participated in the tournament and made another

See *Superbowl Special*, continued on page 23.

# St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame Honors 9 New Members to Class of 2005

by Jeanette Claas

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame Banquet was held on March 12 at the American Legion Hall in St. Charles. The St. Charles County Amateur Sports hall of Fame was established in 1983 and is an organization formed to honor and recognize amateur sports participants, contributors, umpires and referees from the St. Charles County area.

The St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame board of directors voted to induct nine new members and one Outstanding Achievement Award. Compiled from records, correspondence and evaluation data submitted to the board nine new members were inducted in five different categories: baseball, bowling, dartball, horseshoes and softball.

Larry Langewisch, of Defiance, a horseshoe pitcher of 40 years plus, was inducted because of his endless hours of volunteered services to the sport of horseshoes. Larry became involved with the sport in 1962 when he helped to run a horseshoe tournament in Ellisville and then pitched with the Clayton Road Backyard Shoes. In 1978 Larry moved to St. Charles County where he joined the Crossroads Team. Larry started the Pot Roast Tournaments to benefit terminally ill children. More recently he held a Dream Factory Tournament, a part of the American Cancer Society to benefit chronically ill children in the granting of their dreams by raising \$1,500.00.

In 1992, along with Joe Faron, they directed a horseshoe league for juniors to participate. The Crossroads Horseshoe Club was a part of the St. Charles Warren County Horseshoe League where he pitched for the next ten years. At one time there were more than 260 horseshoe pitchers in this league.

Along with the help of Joe Faron and Jerry Kohler, Larry was instrumental in forming the NMHC in 1990. The club added 4 more courts and decided to enclose the existing courts with a roof and sides so that pitching could take place all year around. Larry furnished and installed a heating system, electrical equipment and lights for the new building. When the MO State Tournament was to be held for the first time on the eastern side of the state a pavilion had to be erected that housed eight more courts. Larry spent many hours on evenings and weekends helping to get this job done. Bringing modern tech-

nology to the horseshoe courts, Larry installed a computer program to do the stats for the handicap leagues at NMHC. Larry was among the group of volunteers that built 32 portable courts that would enable other facilities to host the state tournaments. When you look inside the building there just isn't much that Larry did not have his hands in.

Not only is Larry a 'behind the scene' man, he loves pitching horseshoes and has been a great competitor on the courts averaging 40 to 50% throughout the years with a recorded high game of 78%. Larry attended his first state tournament in 1983 and has only missed a few since then. He has participated in eight World Tournaments since 1980. Larry has been a long time member of the NHPA and the MOHPA. He is a charter member on the Jack & Jill League and also on the Men's Wednesday Night League. He has directed many tournaments and collected many trophies throughout his horseshoe career.

His love of the sport and enthusiasm for the game for over 43 years has not waned. It was only appropriate that Larry was honored for his contribution, donations and service to horseshoes by being inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2005.

St. Charles County horseshoe pitchers thanks Larry for all he has done to better the game of horseshoes.

## Ode to Horseshoe Playing

By Frank Pavlick

There's horseshoe fever in the air,  
Not just one place, but everywhere,  
30 to 40 feet of fun,  
Great exercise for everyone.

Horseshoes, say people who are sold,  
Belongs to both the young and old.  
Close counts in horseshoes, is the thought,  
Of all the great close friends you've got.

Picnics or beaches or campground,  
Horseshoes have always been around.  
Folks don't care — sunshine, rain or snow,  
They're happy to get out and throw.

Of course, some throwers do gain fame,  
The longest ever perfect game;  
A Canadian named Elmer Hohl,  
56 ringers round the pole.

Turn it or flip it end to end,  
Each horseshoe is a special friend.  
No matter what your final score,  
You'll find much happiness, for sure.

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*Superbowl Special, from page 22.*

Superbowl Tournament successful. We only wished that the St. Louis Rams could have been as successful in the Superbowl playoff game that took place after our tournament was completed. At the close of the day, horseshoe pitchers were surprised when they walked out into another winter wonderland as Mother Nature surprised us once again by showering some more white stuff upon us. The forecasters missed this one too. How would you like to have a job that you only had to be correct about 35% of the time and still get paid for it!

# Missouri Tournament Results

January-May, 2005

## Happy New Year @Harris Arena

1/8/05 Director: Charles Killgore

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	7-0	71.7%
Class B: Gene Newkirk	6-1	53.2%
Class C: Gregg Craven	6-1	34.2%
Class D: P Ronczkowski	7-0	36.3%
Class E: Jim Bainter	6-1	25.0%
Class F: Alex Roberts	6-1	12.9%

## New Years Resolution @ Glen Allen

1/9/05 Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Boxie Schrum	5-0	54.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cori Stoverink	4-1	59.0%
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Oda Cook	3-2	51.2%
Class B:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Martin Williams	5-1	45.2%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dylan Elfrink	5-1	44.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Melody Williams	2-4	30.4%

## Super Bowl Special @ New Melle

1/15/05 Dirs: Don Claas/Claren Eggert

Class A: Rose Diekamp	7-0	64.8%
Class B: Andy Foulds	6-1	43.0%
Class C: Jim Howard	6-1	50.4%
Class D: David Schneider	6-1	34.0%
Class E: Frank Garcia	7-0	29.2%
Class F: Bob Riley	7-0	26.2%

## New Years Open @ Park Hills 1/15/05

Director: Boxie Schrum

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Ed Pashia	7-0	57.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Ron LeGrand	5-2	54.6%
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Cori Stoverink	4-3	60.5%
Class B: Mike Fadler	7-0	53.3%
Class C: Jim Govero	7-1	30.4%

## Lucky Gricks Memorial @ Diamond

1/15-16/05 Dir: Carlyle Gricks Jr.

Class A: Jim Renfro	7-0	57.5%
Class B: Paul Parnell	7-0	44.6%
Class C: Terry McDonald	6-1	24.2%
Class D: Bill Rodebush	7-1	27.3%
Class E: Tim Warden	5-1	18.6%
Class F: Harley Tucker	7-0	15.4%

## Window of Opportunity Benefit

@ Harris 1/22/05

Director: Neal Straughn

Class A: Pam Henderson	4-1	66.8%
Class B: Lorin Mills	5-0	61.6%
Class C: Roy Flatt	5-0	52.4%
Class D: Michael Gillespie	4-1	40.8%

Class E: Steve Ronk	5-0	42.0%
Class F: Chara Page	4-1	34.4%
Class G: Ray Bendure	4-1	26.0%
Class H: Raymond Phelps	4-1	21.2%
Class I: Ray Herman	5-0	11.6%

## Hudson Hall January Thaw @ Crane

1/22-23/05 Director: Frank Hudson

Class A: Carlyle Gricks	5-2	55.3%
Class B: Bruce Webb	6-1	33.4%
Class C: Terry McDonald	6-1	25.1%
Class D: Terri Mills	5-1	21.8%

## Snowflake Open @ Glen Allen 1/23/05

Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Cori Stoverink	5-0	62.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Joe Lucas	4-1	41.5%
Class B:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Glen Govero	5-0	30.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Vandeven	3-2	26.0%

## Happy Heart @ New Melle 2/5/05

Dirs: Jan Kreienkamp & Andy Foulds

Class A: Rose Diekamp	7-0	72.6%
Class B: Jill Knobbe	7-1	51.2%
Class C: Bob Reininger	7-0	41.7%
Class D: David Schneider	7-0	34.7%
Class E: Gidget Rahe	5-0	28.2%
Class F: Larry Riley	6-1	19.4%

## Blizzard Open @ Don Harris Arena

2/5/09 Director: Charles Killgore

Class A: Bob Booe	6-1	66.4%
Class B: Eugene Newkirk	6-1	50.4%
Class C: Gregg Craven	5-2	39.2%
Class D: Larry Brown	6-1	38.8%
Class E: Angela DiRaimo	6-1	25.7%
Class F: Chuck Koss	5-0	16.4%

## St. Valentines Day Open @ Park Hills

2/12/05 Director: Boxie Schrum

Class A: Randy Grady	7-0	72.5%
Class B: Terry White	7-0	39.2%
Class C: Jim Govero	4-1	30.2%

## Tri-State Open-Lucky Gricks Arena

2/12-13/05 Dir: Carlyle Gricks Jr.

Class A: Melvin Bray	7-0	58.8%
Class B: Bobbie Jones	7-1	38.1%
Class C: Rusty Bass	5-0	34.5%
Class D: Tim Warden	4-1	22.0%
Class E: Jim Larkin	4-1	17.5%
Class F: Lena McDonald	5-0	18.0%

## Spring Team Handicap @ New Melle

2/19/05 Dirs: Jim & Carol Howard

1 <sup>st</sup> Place: 15 wins - The team of		
Darryl Gettinger	7-2	33.3%
Gidget Rahe	7-2	31.6%
Pam Gettinger	7-2	29.5%
Joe Buskirk	4-4	44.7%
Patsy Pool	4-1	15.4%
Angie Novel	1-4	23.9%

## Independence Memorial-Harris Arena

2/19/05 Dirs: Wayne/Pam Henderson

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	4-1	66.5%
Class B: Roy Flatt	4-1	55.5%
Class C: Chip Sloan	4-1	51.0%
Class D: Kent Armstrong	5-0	44.5%
Class E: Alvin Gwinn	4-1	46.6%
Class F: Ray Canchola	5-0	36.5%
Class G: Terry Kampe	4-1	34.6%
Class H: Joe Owen	5-0	24.5%
Class I: Ray Herman	5-0	13.0%

## Sweetheart Open @ Glen Allen 2/20/05

Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Boxie Schrum	5-0	61.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Randy Grady	4-1	67.0%
Class B:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Paula Trest	4-1	28.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Govero	4-1	21.0%

## Hudson Hall Spring Open 2/26-27/05

Directors: Frank & Ruth Hudson

Class A: Maurice Hines	5-1	41.8%
Class B: Gary Bowling	5-1	43.8%
Class C: Archie Matheny	7-0	34.1%
Class D: Markus Blevins	9-2	21.9%

## Robin Red Breast Open @ Harris Arena

3/5/05 Dirs: Brady & Nan Craven

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	7-0	75.4%
Class B: Al Gwinn	6-1	46.7%
Class C: P.Ronczkowski	7-0	42.9%
Class D: Bill Brown	6-1	33.6%
Class E: Sylvia Brown	6-1	23.3%
Class F: Ray Herman	6-1	12.5%

Hall of Fame Rings  
Tournament  
NMHC - October 1, 2005  
Has been changed from  
Doubles to Singles

**Shamrock Fling Open @ New Melle****3/5/05 Dirs: Don & Gidget Rahe**

Class A: Rose Diekamp	7-0	68.1%
Class B: Armin Schneider	6-1	33.7%
Class C: Ann Strus	7-0	34.0%
Class D: Bob Cutright	7-0	30.3%
Class E: Mike Burger	6-1	21.2%
Class F: Brent Fitzwalter	5-0	6.7%

**Lucky Shamrock Open @ Glen Allen****3/6/05 Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams**

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Melody Williams	5-1	27.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Vandeven	5-1	23.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Lester Powell	2-4	16.0%

**Tri-Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena****3/12-13/05 Dir: Carlyle Gricks Jr.**

Class A: Bob Renfro	6-1	57.9%
Class B: Michael Buche	7-0	43.8%
Class C: Letha Harris	6-2	37.7%
Class D: Larry McAlister	4-1	34.0%
Class E: Terri Mills	6-1	28.3%
Class F: Harley Tucker	6-1	12.5%

**Spring is in the Air Open @ Glen Allen****3/13/05 Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams**

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Martin Williams	5-0	43.6%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Ron LeGrand	4-1	53.9%
Class B:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Melody Williams	4-1	25.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Larry Riley	4-1	23.5%

**Spring Break Open @ Harris Arena****3/19/05 Dir: Charles Killgore**

Class A: Audra Craven	5-2	58.8%
Class B: Paul Taylor	7-0	59.6%
Class C: Kelly Kasper	6-1	42.9%
Class D: Gregg Craven	6-1	47.1%
Class E: Neal Straughn	6-1	34.3%
Class F: Joe Owen	7-0	28.8%

**March Winds Open @ Park Hills****3/19/05 Dir: Boxie Schrum**

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Ron LeGrand	7-0	58.2%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Boxie Schrum	6-1	58.8%
Class B:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Frank Rohlfing	6-1	38.6%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Danny Williams	4-3	40.8%

**Spring Is Here @ Hudson Hall****3/26-27/05 Dirs: Frank & Ruth Hudson**

Class A: Frank Hudson	4-1	64.0%
Class B: Letha Harris	5-1	39.1%
Class C: Dannie McDaniel	5-2	24.9%
Class D: Chris Hudson	5-0	14.6%

**West Vs. East Challenge @ NMHC****4/2-3/05 Dirs : Roy Evans & Gregg****Craven**

Class A: Mary Beeson	6-0	57.9%
Class B: Paul Taylor	5-1	52.5%
Class C: L Dominique	5-1	33.8%
Class D: Ray Bendure	6-0	27.5%
Class E: Jim Howard	5-1	44.6%
Class F: Theresa Barry	5-1	36.3%

**Showery April Fools @ Glen Allen****4/3/05 Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams**

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Ron LeGrand	5-0	60.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Boxie Schrum	4-1	57.0%
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Bob Hartley	3-2	26.0%

**April Fools Open @Don Harris Arena****4/9/05 Dir: Elwyn Cooper**

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	6-1	73.9%
Class B: Don McCance NE	5-2	55.0%
Class C: Greg Canchola	6-1	53.3%
Class D: Ray Canchola	6-1	41.4%
Class E: Dee McIntire	6-1	28.8%
Class F: George Chichura	7-0	13.1%

**After Easter Open @ Hudson Hall****4/2-3/05 Dirs: Frank & Ruth Hudson**

Class A: Jim Renfro	7-0	57.7%
Class B: Kenny Starnes	7-1	37.1%
Class C: Douglas Tripp	4-1	23.6%
Class D: Chris Hudson	4-2	15.0%

**Cancer Action Benefit @Harris Arena****4/16/05 Dirs: Kent & Sharon Armstrong**

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	5-0	67.5%
Class B: David Kincaid	5-0	61.5%
Class C: H.Pettiecord	5-0	49.5%
Class D: Bob Bloss	4-1	42.3%
Class E: Ray Canchola	4-1	37.0%
Class F: Denise Bloss	4-1	31.0%
Class G: Dave Sage	4-1	34.5%
Class H: Jim Bainter	4-1	24.5%
Class I: Ray Herman	4-1	13.5%

**Crane Spring TuneUp 4/23/05****Dir: Bill Waisner**

Class A: Frank Hudson	5-2	53.2%
Class B: Kenneth Starnes	7-0	35.1%
Class C: Jim Larkin	7-0	32.5%
Class D: Gary Ball	4-1	26.4%

**April Shower Open @ Park Hills****4/23/05 Dir: Boxie Schrum**

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Randy Grady	7-0	66.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jerry Dumstorff	6-1	61.8%
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Charlie Webb	5-2	72.0%
Class B:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Frank Rohlfing	4-2	31.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Bob Hartley	3-3	26.5%

**Peculiar Spring Open 4/23/05****Dir: Glenn Bowman**

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	5-0	54.5%
Class B: Greg Canchola	5-0	48.0%
Class C: Jim Gregory	5-0	43.6%
Class D: Dean Jameson	4-1	48.0%
Class E: Denise Bloss	4-1	22.5%
Class F: Grant Kueck	4-1	33.5%
Class G: Don Plowman	5-0	24.0%
Class H: Danny Wetzel	4-1	24.0%
Class I: Frank MacArthur	5-0	13.5%
Class J: Ray Herman	4-1	24.0%
Class K: Robbie Claiberne	5-0	16.5%

**April Showers @ New Melle 4/23/05****Dir: Joe Buskirk & Kevin Nenninger**

Class A: Rich Altis	7-0	61.9%
Class B: Armin Schneider	7-0	42.9%
Class C: Ann Struss	7-0	46.4%
Class D: Jim Riley	5-2	34.9%
Class E: Dave Feldewerth	5-2	23.0%
Class F: Gary Buehler	6-1	16.9%

**Roberts & Rains Memorial Open****@ Stockton 4/30/05 Dir: Letha Harris**

Class A: Frank Hudson	5-1	59.6%
Class B: Donna Bastel	6-1	32.9%
Class C: Larry McAlister	7-1	31.2%
Class D: Terry McDonald	5-0	30.5%
Class E: Marge Whipple	5-0	6.5%

**Spring Fling Open @ Laurie 5/7/05****Dir: Kenneth Grossman**

Class A: Bob Renfro	7-1	51.8%
Class B: H Hoffmeister	5-2	43.3%
Class C: Bob Fortner	5-0	39.2%
Class D: Gary Ball	4-1	33.6%
Class E: Brian Koss	3-2	22.0%
Class F: Leslie Lambrecht	6-1	27.9%
Class G: Marilyn Rothove	4-1	17.5%
Class H: P VanEvercooren	5-0	24.0%

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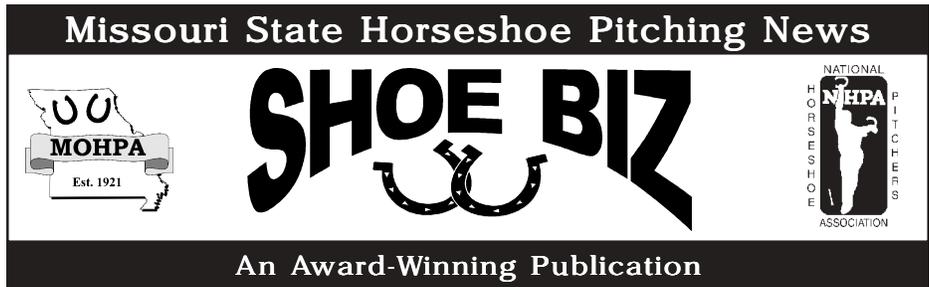
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# Membership Application

## Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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

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

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

Vicki Winston

MOHPA Sec/Treas.

10326 Highway D

LaMonte, MO 65337

Phone/Fax: (660) 563-3536

E-mail: SecMOHPA@iland.net

### Adult Dues

12.00 national

8.00 state

\$20.00 Total Dues

### Juniors and PeeWees

5.00 national

0.00 state

\$5.00 Total Dues

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Street address or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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