

From My Court To Yours

By Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Summer has come and gone. Another great season of horseshoes is history. I hope everyone had a successful year and saw significant improvement in their ringer average. There will be over 100 tournaments conducted in Missouri this year. This high pitcher participation is good for the promotion of horseshoes, and in fact, has enabled the MOHPA to show a little growth in membership this year. Many of our clubs have received media coverage for their events including some excellent TV footage. If we all work as a team throughout the state to get our sport the visibility it deserves we can regain the NHPA "Bob Pence Award" for Most Adult Members in short order. Another boost to our membership will be the NHPF/HOF facility in St Charles County. Let's keep the momentum going and show the NHPA that Missouri *is* the best place in the country to pitch horseshoes.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to all the 2005 State Champions and Class Champions — Good Pitching. Congratulations also to the 2005 President's Award recipient, Donna Bastel, and the two Achievement Award recipients, Pam Gettinger and Steve Bruemmer. They all went the extra mile for horseshoes.

World Tournament

In July, 27 MOHPA members, including one Junior Girl and one Pee Wee, made the trek to Bakersfield, CA, to participate in the World Tournament. Twenty pitchers ended up in the top 10 of their classes. Missouri was 5th in total attendance. We certainly made our presence known. Congratulations to all the participants. You represented Missouri well. Gillette, WY, is the site for next year. Then, the tournaments get closer to home — Ardmore, OK, in 2007 and Decatur, AL, in 2008. Start planning for the future and take advantage of the proximity of this World event. It's an experience your entire family will enjoy.

The NHPA business meeting was held on the Sunday between

sessions. Missouri, by virtue of membership, has nine delegates. Those positions are first offered to the MOHPA officers who plan to attend. The President then fills the remaining positions from the other Missouri attendees. Four officers attended — myself, Roy Evans, Charles Killgore, and Bob Bastel. I selected other attendees from around the state to provide a broad cross section of our pitchers. It was difficult to find enough people to say 'Yes'. The other delegates were Bob Kingsolver, Brady Craven, Donna Bastel, Suzanne Evans, and Mike Gillespie. My personal 'Thank You' to all the delegates. MOHPA appreciates your participation.

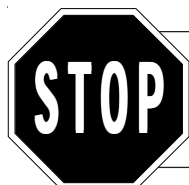
Next year will be an important year for the NHPA business meeting. The Rules and By-Laws are both being amended and rewritten. I'm sure the changes will generate a lot of discussion before and during the meeting. If you have any input, please send them to Roy Evans, who is on the NHPA rewrite committee, or Rich Altis, my focal point for input from the MOHPA membership. This is your opportunity to suggest changes to the way NHPA does business. Use it.

State Doubles Championships

During the September Membership Meeting, I stated that we would publish a survey in this Shoe Biz asking for your comments regarding the future of Doubles. After discussions with your MOHPA Officers and the inputs many of you have provided since then, we have decided to bring the Doubles back with the Singles Championships during Labor Day weekend. Certainly the decision was not unanimous but we finally reached agreement. There were valid arguments for separation from singles. However, those positive issues generated some problems that we felt would create more long-term complications. The Doubles will be played on Friday, and may be restricted to the first 80 entries. This would enable all classes to pitch inside and preclude any weather-related delays or cancellations.

2006 State Championships

As most of you already know, our tournament will return to Jeff City and the Ice Arena next year. By virtue of bringing the Doubles back into our Singles Championships there will be some scheduling changes to accommodate the larger number of pitchers. You will hear more about that in future issues of Shoe Biz.



**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

Summer is over and those days spent pitching in the hot sun on the horseshoe courts soon will be memories to be used to warm a cold winter day. But summer isn't the only time to enjoy pitching shoes. Between now and the summer of 2006 no matter where you are living in Missouri there is usually an indoor facility somewhere pretty close to pitch at. Aren't we lucky? And we are even luckier that we don't live on the gulf coastal region and have to worry about the hurricane season. Gasoline prices are bad enough in Missouri!

Big News on the Courts...Some 800 horseshoe pitchers were bakin' in Bakersfield this summer while attending the 2005 World Tournament, but one pitcher managed to stay cool. Congratulations to Missouri-born Alan Francis who pitched a perfect game (30 shoes, 30 ringers)—the first in the Men's division since 1968! While Missouri had no Class Champions, we did have some runner-ups.

Speaking of California, can you guess who the California girl is in the Who's Who in Horseshoes article? I bet not.

For the first time in Missouri horseshoe history our State Tournament was pitched indoors on an ice arena in Jeff City. Congrats to all our new State Champions. At our State Banquet and Awards Ceremony, a memorial tribute was paid to horseshoe pitchers who passed away during the last year. Stan Griggs did an outstanding job with his presentation again this year.

One Missouri horseshoe pitcher has been hot on the ice and hot on every court he came upon this year. You'll find his story featured in our centerfold of this issue.

Lots of people will find their

name in this fall issue, but how many animals find their name in a newsletter? If he was still alive, I believe Jim the Wonder Dog would turn to the very page. He's a dog who has a tale to wag in our Wake Up to Missouri column. You'll agree he's just doggone wonderful!

We hope all the new pitchers who have joined this year have enjoyed the excitement of horseshoes and are enthusiastic enough to remain with us for next year. To all our former horseshoe pitchers who were not well enough to pitch this year, we are thinking of you and wishing you well.

Remember to send your horseshoe moments and news to the newsletter editor so that we may share it with all the readers in Missouri.

And of course, we are all patiently awaiting for the best news of all...the final approval for the National Hall of Fame being moved to our great state. This is a big plus for Missouri and we hope that our entire state will share in the excitement and celebration that we are all feeling in New Melle. Our thanks to the NHPF for putting their trust into our hands.

The news in this issue of Shoe Biz has been brought to you by: Jim Bainter, Vicki Winston, Roy Evans, Stan Griggs, Bob & Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Rich Altis, Pam Henderson, Gregg Craven, Don Plowman, Mary Ann Ell, Bob Reininger, Joe Owen, Terry Leible, Roena Branson, Brady Craven, Melody Williams, Judy Wasiner, Richard Pistole, Steve Bruemmer, and yours truly.

Until next issue, I wishoe a good day...accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!

Shoe Biz
Deadlines

The magic number
is "9":
January 9
May 9
October 9



Thank You!

My sincere thanks to the MOHPA Hall of Fame Committee Members for selecting me into the Hall of Fame. It was a special 'Horseshoe Moment' in my life and I shall always be grateful and appreciative for this honor.

— Jeanette Claas

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General Membership Meeting

We had a good turnout for our annual meeting. I would like to see more member participation next year. It's your association; we need your input. I heard your complaints about length. Was this OK? One and one half-hours is the best we can do and still conduct the necessary business.

Awards Banquet

I haven't heard any complaints about the food quality, quantity or service. The plated dinners cost less and enabled the hotel staff to serve everyone more quickly than a buffet line. There was one minor problem — we lost control of entries as the dining area filled up. There were 10 meals served which were not paid for. Just because there were vacancies at some tables doesn't mean it's free. New procedures will be implemented next year. If you ate and didn't pay, we will still accept your check!

Host Hotel

In my opinion, the Ramada staff did an excellent job. Without their professional support we would not have had the success we experienced with both of our organized events. I have heard there were a few room complaints. Rooms in the main hotel are the same as in the other buildings — no one was slighted. If you had a housekeeping problem you should have talked to the Front Desk. All pitchers were supposed to be in the Main building. Due to some mix-ups and perhaps late reservations some people were assigned rooms in other buildings. I have talked to the Ramada Staff and they assure me it will not happen next year. Make your reservations early.

Junior Boys Championship

The 2004 Boy's champion opted not to defend his title this year. The reason was that due to his size and the limited number of junior boys in competition he was teased, intimidated and otherwise harassed to the point he felt he had to drop out of the tournament. Not all the adult antagonists were sanctioned pitchers but 2-3 of them were. I expect much of the harassment occurred as a result of their jealousy of the junior's success — the rest was simply poor sportsmanship. This conduct will not be tolerated within the MOHPA. Any future incidents of this nature will be investigated and MOHPA members involved will have their membership cancelled permanently. This is a family sport and conducted in accordance with NHPA rules. This negative adult interference doesn't support or promote our Junior's program or the sport of horseshoes. Please report all such incidents promptly but take action immediately to correct the situation.

Katrina Relief

To end on a positive note, thanks to your generous contributions the MOHPA has raised a few thousand dollars for Gulf Coast hurricane relief efforts. The MOHPA donated \$500. The funds were donated to the Red Cross through the KCP&L who offered to match all donations. Good going everyone. It demonstrates horseshoes is a sport with a big HEART.

Team/Club Championship

The Third Annual MOHPA benefit event will be held on 3 June in Strafford at the Wild Animal Paradise. **Yes, the 32 courts are**

Shoe Biz Boosters

by Vicki Winston

If you would like to receive Shoe Biz via first class mail, please send a donation of \$10 or more to the MOHPA in care of our secretary, Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. A Shoe Biz Boosters donation entitles you to a listing and first class mailing for three issues. Expiration dates are listed below. Some folks continue to send multiple donations, but no listings have been extended past November 2006. Thank you all for your support of our newsletter!

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still intact. Bob Bastel, Zone 3 Director, and I are working closely with Ron Armitage and the Pitcher's Paradise Club to get things back on track in Strafford. There will probably be a second Open event on 4 June but it's still in the planning stages. There are concerns about having two big events on the same weekend with no weather backup. We were lucky this year. We may not want to tempt fate or the weather gods again. Stand by for more information.

One More Thank You!

Thanks to all the MOHPA members and their families who volunteered their time and assistance to help make the State Tournament a success. It's a team effort, and the Officers couldn't do it without your great support. "That's it from the Pits"



This & That

by Vicki Winston

Greetings from your "new" secretary/treasurer. As a result of the election in September, it looks like you are stuck with me for another 2 years! When I first took this job, I had no intention of staying in it this

long, but starting Nov. 1st, I will begin year # 19. I appreciate the vote of confidence, but maybe the truth is that no one else really wants this job! It might be like some of my positions in my church. I think they have become lifetime appointments. Those of you who are in the same boat will know what I mean. Well, being your secretary/treasurer does give me something to do with my spare time. However, our pitchers are now active 365 days a year and thanks to e-mail, I do horseshoe related work 365 days a year. Someone wondered what I do during the slack period. There isn't one!

Pitchers who didn't take part in the 2005 State Singles Tournament at Jefferson City really missed out on a rare opportunity. Just about every charter in the country would be envious of the venue we enjoyed with 20 portable courts in an air-conditioned arena and 12 nice permanent courts outside in the park. We had some very colorful pitchers this year. Some of those playing outdoors were very red and some of those playing indoors were very blue. We aren't like some World Tournament hosts. When we promise air-conditioning, we mean it! The good news is that Jefferson City has invited us back again in 2006 and we have accepted. I hope many more of you will be able to enjoy this fantastic facility next year. From my vantage point, I was able to observe members of the local skating club coming in with cameras to take pictures of the horseshoe courts that

had been set up on a temporary floor on top of the ice. They could not believe what they had heard and had to come and see for themselves.

In case you haven't heard, the 2006 NHPA cards are now available. Postage is going up after the first of the year, so save yourself and the MOHPA a few cents by ordering your new card now. You will find an application form in this newsletter. Make a photocopy if you don't want to cut up your newsletter, or print a form by going to the Info and Forms link on our web site.

All league directors take note: It is your responsibility to verify that each league participant is a current NHPA member. Players should have dues paid by the first session of league play. Your league roster should be sent to Lorraine Sternberg within two weeks after the beginning of your league season. You can send updates as people come in later. Those pitchers beginning fall and winter leagues on their 2005 card will need their 2006 dues paid by Jan. 1, 2006 to continue in the league.

All tournament directors take note: You are responsible for verifying that all participants in sanctioned tournaments are current NHPA members. If someone shows up who isn't a member, you must collect their dues before they pitch in the tournament. I will be glad to assist any league or tournament director who wishes my help in verifying membership status of any Missouri pitchers. Just because a pitcher is listed in NATSTATS doesn't mean they are a current member. All tournament results should be sent to Stan Griggs as quickly as possible after the event.

Get all 2006 requests for tournament sanctions to Elwyn Cooper as soon as possible, if you want your event listed in the first issue of Shoe Biz for 2006. The deadline is the first week in January.

Changes of Address should be reported to me. You will probably not receive Shoe Biz if you don't do this. To the best of my knowledge, bulk mail is not forwarded, so if you want to keep up on the news of the MOHPA, I need your cooperation in making sure I always have your current mailing address. Sometimes you will not receive Shoe Biz even if I have your correct address, because the postal service has a way of mishandling some bulk mail. If this happens, let me know and I will mail a copy. You might want to look into receiving Shoe Biz via first class mail. See the Shoe Biz Boosters page for details. Shoe Biz is also available online via our web site.

Speaking of our web site, since we don't have a Message Board, we use the Guestbook for announcements between mailings of the newsletter. Check out our Guestbook frequently so that you don't miss anything important. The web site also contains links to Minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting, our MOHPA Rules and Bylaws, tournament results and an updated tournament schedule, plus many other items. Tournaments are being added to the schedule continuously. Stan Griggs works very hard to maintain this fabulous site that we have for your use and your enjoyment. Please take advantage of the site to learn more about our association.

I would like to thank those who sent cards and messages at the time of my surgery last spring. Your prayers were very much appreciated. Lab results were in my favor and no radiation or chemo was needed. The recovery went well and I was back to my normal routine well in advance of the arrival of my new grand-

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New Members for 2005

by Vicki Winston

We welcome the remaining 2005 members who have joined us for the first time this year and have not been listed previously. We hope you will be back in 2006.

Name	City	Club			
Christopher Audsley	Marshall		Chris Henson	Bloomsdale	Festus
Jack Barrett	O'Fallon	Golden Triangle	Corey Hudson	Crane	Hudson Hall
Clara Boyer	Richwoods	Mineral Area	Don Johanning	Springfield	Strafford
Jared Brant	Blue Springs	Independence	Harry Keenan	Cedar Hill	Festus
Russell Brockman	Grain Valley	Independence	Don Langdon	Huntsville	Shelbina
Ben Brown	St. Charles	Golden Triangle	Terrence LePage	Russellville	Capitol City
Leonard Bruemmer	Jefferson City	Capitol City	Alyssa Leger	Liberty	Liberty
Rebecca Bruemmer	St. Peters	Capitol City	Charles Leger	Liberty	Liberty
Ross Busby	Barnhart	Festus	Michael Leger	Liberty	Liberty
Sharon R. Campbell	O'Fallon		Rena Leger	Liberty	Liberty
Dexter Carter	Gravois Mills	Lake Ozark	Skylar Lichte	Pleasant Hill	Lions Park
Doug Carter	Gravois Mills	Lake Ozark	Mike Linsman	O'Fallon	Golden Triangle
James H. Caulfield	Marshfield	Strafford	Lynn Mareschal	St. Ann	First Capitol
Gene Crim	Marshall	Saline County	Nathan D. McCullough Jr.	Galena	Crane
Dennis Crocker	Festus	Festus	Tim Mueller	Troy	Golden Triangle
Darrell Cupp	Carterville	Tri-State	Zach Murdick	DeSoto	Festus
Mike Davault	Advance	Backyard	Marc Nivens	Imperial	Festus
August Dudenhoeffer Jr.	Jefferson City	Capitol City	June A. Noble	Walnut Grove	Strafford
Richard A. Dudenhoeffer	Linn	Capitol City	Austin Otto	Leonard	Shelbina
Hayley Dykes	Liberty	Liberty	Doug Paschall	Festus	Festus
Laura Estes	Independence	Independence	Ed Paschall	Festus	Festus
Nathan Evers	Eldon	Capitol City	Jason Pecant	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Eugene L. Fairfax	Jefferson City	Capitol City	Paul G. Presson	St. Charles	Golden Triangle
Gene Fairfax	Holts Summit	Capitol City	Homer J. Ray	Springfield	Strafford
Marlin Ferguson	St. Joseph	Pony Express	Ron Ray	Fair Grove	Strafford
Derek M. Fisher	Argyle	Capitol City	Tony Reeves	Jefferson City	Capitol City
John Fling	Shelbina	Shelbina	Kathy Reimer	St. Charles	First Capitol
Ben Francis	Pevely	Festus	Roger Rodeman	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Ashley N. Happy	Liberty	Liberty	John Seehaus Jr.	Sugar Creek	Independence
Hailey A. Happy	Kansas City	Liberty	Jeremy Smith	Gravois Mills	Lake Ozark
Tyler S. Happy	Kansas City	Liberty	Rex K. Smith	Sunrise Beach	Lake Ozark
Albert E. Haynes	Festus	Mineral Area	John E. Smith II	Green Ridge	
Frank Hays	Grain Valley	Independence	Dan Steiert	O'Fallon	Golden Triangle
Jason Heberlie	Imperial	Festus	Nate Talken	Jefferson City	Capitol City
John Heberlie	Imperial	Festus	Shirley Talken	Jefferson City	Capitol City
			Richard Tomlinson	Warrensburg	
			Brandi Tresler	Marshall	Saline County
			Josh Wells	Independence	Independence
			Marvin D. Wells	Festus	Mineral Area
			Mary Wilcox	Independence	Independence
			Darlene Wolken	Jefferson City	Capitol City
			Harold Wolken	Jefferson City	Capitol City
			Rodney Wolken	Jefferson City	Capitol City

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daughter on July 29th. Like all grandparents, we think she is the cutest baby ever, except maybe for her older brother.

That's about it for this time. Happy holidays to all and remember this, "God gave each of us two ends -one to think with, and one to sit on. Our success depends on which one we use the most: heads you win, tails you lose!"

Condensed Financial Report

Balance on Hand 11/01/04 (new fiscal year)	7,420.59
Receipts	33,000.73
Expense	- 32,187.31
Balance on Hand 05/11/04	8,234.01

2005 MOHPA State Champions



Men
Women
Elders (30 ft.)
Seniors
Junior Boys
Junior Girls
Doubles

Stan Griggs
Rose Diekamp
Tom Ebers
Sam Carter
Jake Kluesner
Erika Bowman
Rose Diekamp
and Red Barber



Last Shoe



Dennis L. Westhues

June 12, 1941 – May 22, 2005

Dennis Westhues, 63 of St. Charles, passed away on May 22, 2005 suffering from lung cancer. Dennis's wife, JoNell, passed away in January from ovarian cancer.

Dennis loved pitching horseshoes. Whenever friends were invited to their home, there was always a friendly game of horseshoes going on as the charcoals in the bar-b-que pit were getting hot. Dennis pitched with the Knights of Columbus horseshoe league for twenty years. He was a MOHPA member for only one year.

Dennis was born and raised in Glasgow, Mo. Dennis graduated from Glasgow High School in 1959. Dennis was attending college at Warrensburg when he met JoNell, through another Glasgow resident who was attending nursing school with JoNell in St. Louis. They would marry in 1962 and have four children. Dennis came to St. Charles and was employed by the Moellering Concrete Company. He then went to work for McDonnell Aircraft for a short time. He was a carpenter for Westhues Construction until his retirement in 2004. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who taught his sons to enjoy the great outdoors.

Dennis is survived by his children, Dan, Denise, Darin, and Debi all of St. Charles; his mother, Mae Emma Westhues of Glasgow, a sister, Jeanne Hodges of St. Charles, and eight grandchildren. Dennis will be sadly missed by his family and friends, both on and off the horseshoe courts. We lost a dear friend who will always be remembered.

Clifford Baker

Oct. 18, 1942 – July 20, 2005

Clifford "Sonny" Baker 62, of Sheldon IL, passed away from injuries sustained in an auto accident. Cliff was on his way to work when his southbound pickup truck was struck in the side by another pickup.

Clifford was a cement finisher for 45 years and a member of the Masons Union. He was a member of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association and the Illinois Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Cliff participated at the MO-Illinois Top Gun Horseshoe Tournament held in New Melle for several years. He was an excellent horseshoe pitcher earning the title of Illinois State Champion nine times and Class C World Champion.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Linda, one son, three daughters and seven grandchildren. Cliff will be sadly missed by his friends in horseshoes both in Illinois and its neighboring state of Missouri. Memorials may be made to the National Horseshoe Pitching Association or to the Donor's Choice.

James J. Govero

Nov. 25, 1932 – June 16, 2005

James J. Govero, member of the Mineral Area Horseshoe Club passed away on June 16, 2005 at the age of 73. Two of his sons are also members of the Mineral Area Horseshoe Club. Missouri horseshoes pitchers extend their sympathy to his loved ones.

Eugene "Pete" Harris

January 18, 1921 – August 7, 2005

Pete Harris, of Desloge, and member of the Mineral Area Horseshoe Pitchers Club passed away on August 7, 2005. Pete won the State Senior's Championship Title in 1990. He and his wife, Irene, had nine children, 24 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Pete will be sadly missed by his friends in horseshoes.

Our Sympathies

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

- Leo Basler, of St. Genevieve, whose wife, Helen, passed away on April 18 at the age of 68, suffering from a kidney disease. Leo was also in a car accident before the State Doubles Tournament in June. He is doing better now and should be returning to pitching horseshoes soon.
- Mary Vogel, of Kansas City, whose mother passed away in June from a disease of the kidneys.
- Sally Montgomery, Co-Director of the First Capitol Ladies Leagues, in the loss of her father, Otto Buchheit on June 29, 2005.
- Ernie Ellerman, of Dixon – loss of his granddaughter, Cheyenne from SIDS on Feb. 25, 2005.
- John Ellerman, in the loss of his daughter, Cheyenne on Feb. 25, 2005.
- Sylvia Brown, of Hallsville, in the loss of both her mother and father who passed away within 8 days of each other in the month of April.
- Rhea Spainhower, of Liberty, whose wife passed away on July 22, 2005.
- Russell Ebbing, of Shelbina, who lost his mother on October 11.

Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes are being sent to:

- Joe Faron, our former state president, who had to have another stint inserted due to heart problems in August.
- Cal Jaeger, of NMHC, who suffered a heart attack on September 23, 2005.
- Ann Pogue, of Ellington, during her illness.
- Bill Waisner, of Crane, knee surgery in July and heart problems.
- Ruth Hudson, of Crane, atrial fib problem of the heart.
- Susanne Bichsel, of First Capitol Women's League, having a knee replacement in September.
- Joe Buskirk, of NMHC, who had surgery on his foot due to an injury in July.
- Francis Griesbauer, of NMHC, underwent Bladder Cancer surgery on June 8, 2005.
- Arlene Reininger, wife of Bob Reininger of NMHC, who underwent a biopsy for Cancer in June. Results were good!

- Kent Armstrong, of Heart of America Horseshoe Club. Besides the long, hot summer, Kent has had a terribly trying summer. He has been undergoing extensive cancer treatment, hospitalized with pneumonia, biopsy surgery, and blood transfusions. Since then he has mowed the yard three times and is now signed up for a horseshoe tournament this Saturday. Best wishes, Kent!

Congratulations to:

- Earl & Vicki Winston who became grandparents for the second time on July 29. They now have a new granddaughter.
- Charlie and Susanne Bichsel (of 1st Capitol Ladies League) who became grandparents not once, but twice in July. Both of their sons had babies, one born July 9 and the other born July 19.
- Bill & Judy Waisner attended the wedding of their oldest granddaughter, Brittani Olinger on July 16, 2005. Bill and Judy have a new email address: jwaisner@centurytel.net.

Road Rage!

On May 24, George Ivancic, of NMHC, and his wife, Audrey, were traveling on Zumbahl Road in St. Charles County when a car behind them kept honking their horn. George then took the exit ramp going onto Hwy 70 at the Cave Springs exit. The same car forced their car off the road and they skidded 165 feet before going down the embankment.

However, they were very lucky, George having only bumps and bruises while his wife suffered a broken leg and multiple bruises. They were fortunate that four people witnessed the accident and reported the license number to the police. The man was caught, arrested and charged with 2nd degree assault and causing and leaving the scene of an accident.

After getting a cast put on her leg from her hip to her toes, Audrey went to the Lincoln County Nursing and Rehab from May 28th until July 7, because she needed help with her daily care and for therapy.

George pitches on the Jack & Jill League at NMHC. He and his wife are both in their eighties.

Roy's Ramblings

by Roy Evans, MOHPA vice-president

As I contemplate the devastation Katrina and Rita heaped on so many states and people, I realize Missouri is so lucky and proud to have been chosen to have and preserve the National Horseshoe Hall of Fame and Museum. The many lessons learned after the hurricanes should also guide us all. We all need:

- Good communications
- Sharing of responsibilities
- Enthusiasm to participate
- Willingness to make everyone feel welcome
- Donations to help support the facility.

May we all do our share to make this Hall of Fame & Museum a success and available to everyone.

Zone 3 Director Reporting

by Bob Bastel

It's been another great season for horseshoes. With fall in the air, I would like to remind everyone of the indoor facilities in south-west Missouri: Hudson Hall in Crane and Tri-State in Diamond. These are two premier facilities and I hope you will try to attend at least one tournament at these locations this winter.

Best wishes to Caryle Gricks who recently underwent surgery for skin cancer. His wife, Pat, says he's doing just fine and is back practicing horseshoes.

There have been many rumors about the courts in Strafford. None of them are true. There has been a conflict between the existing club and the owner of the Exotic Animal Park. The courts are in tact and we have already scheduled our MOHPA Club/Team Benefit Tournament to be held there in June, 2006. Hopefully, the misunderstandings will be worked out in the near future.

I would like to take a moment to thank the following fourteen volunteers who spent one of their weekends in May reworking the courts at the Sedalia State Fairgrounds: Margie Whipple, Dave Whipple, Kelly Kasper, Mike Watkins, Tom Ebers, Tamara Jenkins, Jim Bainter, Bob Bastel, Donna Bastel, Oden Sullivan, Tim Franklin, John Rohde, Doug Peoples, and Harold Hoffmeister.

These hard working men and women worked very hard all day and was as fine a work crew as I have ever worked with. They replaced all of the backboards, either replaced or realigned all twenty-four pegs and replaced the 6" x 6" timber in front of the pits. The best way we can thank these hard working people is to show our support for the State Fair Tournament. This tournament has been a State tradition for many years.

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Profile: Tom Ebers

by Jeanette Claas

When you think of people who have worked hard and dedicated many years of promoting horseshoe pitching in Missouri, it is only natural that Tom Ebers comes to mind. He has worked hard promoting horseshoes and pitching horseshoes, finally winning himself a State Class Championship Title at the age of 70. Horseshoe pitching was introduced to Tom as a young man in 1958 and today, all that he has accomplished forty-seven years later, earns our respect and admiration. The 2005 horseshoe season has definitely been Tom's best year of his horseshoe career. As an added touch, Tom captured the Elders 30 Foot MO State Championship Title with a 69.4% tournament average! As you read his story you will also capture the strength of character he developed while growing up that made Tom, the man he is today.

Tom's mother, born in 1896, was widowed at a young age with five children when she married Ernest Ebers in 1925. Tom was born in a Pike County, Missouri, farmhouse on July 24, 1935, the youngest of 11 children, 6 boys and 5 girls. When he was three years old, his dad sold the farm and moved into the town of Ashley, MO, where his Dad began the trade of barbering. In 1944 the family moved to Bowling Green, MO, where Tom spent his high school years. Being the youngest of this large family, Tom had it best of all the children. It was brought up to him more than once, like "At least you had two pairs of shoes."

Tom remembers only four of these children living at home at one time. His older sisters married young and the older brothers served in World War II. His mother always was able to have food on the table. They ate a lot of leftovers, such as mashed potatoes for dinner and fried potato cakes for supper. There was homemade bread, churned butter, and sorghum molasses. "Mom also picked greens and cooked them. We didn't have running water or indoor plumbing until I was 14 years old," Tom recalls.

At the age of six, Tom remembers one memorable Christmas when he received his first Christmas gift. His oldest brother, Hurley, left one morning for a military exam at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. His mom was crying and Hurley told her, "Mom, don't worry. I'll be back. I won't pass the exam because of my broken ear drum." They didn't see him again for 4 years when the war was over. So much for the broken ear drum! While he was gone, he had his Mom put \$20 a month of his allotment into the bank. At Christmas he wrote for her to take \$10 and buy Christmas presents for Tom and his brother, Bob. "I was given a wagon and a scooter. Bob received a BB gun. He shot at a chicken and accidentally killed it. Mom didn't get too upset but said, "Well, we'll just have fried chicken for supper tonight."

Another brother, Bennie, served in the Army infantry in the Philippines and in New Guinea through the end of World War II, which made Tom's mother very anxious for him because of the heavy fighting with the Japanese and because of contending with head-hunting tribes in New Guinea. Another brother, Harold, although underage at 17

years old, enlisted near the end of the war and served four years in the Air Force. His brother Bob served 3 years in the infantry during the Korean War. Tom reported for the military exam at Jefferson Barracks in 1957. His wife was expecting their first baby and at that time men with children were not being drafted and did not have to go into the service. Tom's mother remarked, "It seemed right that at least one of my sons did not have to go into the military." In the end, all of Tom's brothers made it home safely. Tom's fifth brother died a few hours after birth. Bennie had an auto mechanic business after the war and looked after his younger brothers, keeping their car in good running condition during their teenage years. Today there are only three siblings still living: the first child, Wilma, 90 years old; the middle child, Gladys, 80 years old; and Tom, who is now 70 years old.

Tom was very sports-minded and lettered all four years in baseball and track. He played 2nd baseman in baseball and did the broad jump and pole vault in track. He played 2 years of varsity basketball, which was his main interest, even after he graduated from high school in 1953.



Tom went to work for the Elder Garment Company and married the boss's daughter, Melby Elder, in 1956. They had attended the same school but did not date until after Melby graduated. They had four sons and one daughter. In 1958, while they were living in Vandalia, he was briefly introduced to backyard horseshoe pitching with friends there. "I wasn't very good and the guys probably weren't enthusiastic about having me for a partner," Tom remembers. "My interest in horseshoes continued only at family gatherings once or twice a year.

In 1961, at the age of 26, Tom took up the family trade of barbering. He attended the Molar Barber College in St. Louis, graduating at the 'head' of his class. At the class reunion, they voted him 'most likely to recede.' Over the years, Tom opened up several barbershops, the first being in Bowling Green in 1962. Tom soon discovered that "men worry more about losing their hair than their heads!" Tom's brother Bob bought the barbershop from Tom in 1967 and owned it until 1995. It was the same shop that their Dad had barbered in from 1937 until 1956. There was only a five-year period (1956-1962) that an Ebers was not a barber in that shop. Tom then moved to Blue Springs, MO, where he worked in a barbershop for the next 3 years. In 1968, he bought a barbershop in Marshall where the Ebers would live and raise their family.

Living in Marshall he became involved in bowling and took that sport to the level of a high average of 201. In 1984, a bowling teammate, Bill King, and Tom reminisced about how they used to pitch horseshoes. They put up a horseshoe court in Bill's backyard with lights and pitched often into the night. Soon word spread through town about their pitching and many friends started coming out and pitching with them. One good friend, Russ Ebbing, then acting postmaster in Marshall, was knowledgeable about league play. A group of them joined the Higginsville Horseshoe Club and Tom was persuaded by Ken Catlett of that club to play in the Missouri State Fair Horseshoe Tournament in Sedalia in 1985. After qualifying 200 shoes he

played in Class G, with a 35% entry average and won first place with a 42% tournament average. Tom was thrilled and two weeks later he pitched in his first Missouri State Tournament. He pitched in Class H and again won first place. From that time on, he was hooked on horseshoe competition.

In 1986, with the help of Russ Ebbing, they organized a non-sanctioned league in Slater, MO. A future Hall of Famer, 1993 inductee Woodrow Shepard, was holding tournaments in Slater. With his help, they started the Saline County Horseshoe Pitchers Club and built 12 courts in Marshall Foothills Park. After Woodrow Shepard's death, his family gave \$5,000 to the Marshall Club and the MOHPA in Woodrow's memory. In 1989 the courts were dedicated to the memory of Bill King who died of cancer in 1988. Tom has been president and chairman of league and tournament play since that time, with yearly membership of 45 to 50 pitchers.

Tom recalls a time when several from Marshall went to a nighttime double's tournament in Shelbina at Library Park. After the tournament they went to the car, took out some beer, and headed back towards the courts. A young policeman spotted them and told them no beer was allowed in the park. So they put the beer back in the cooler and headed back to the courts empty handed. The guys were anxiously waiting expecting them to bring them a beer. Tom walked up to the guys and loudly said, "That darn cop said we can't drink beer here." One of the fellows answered, "We know, he's standing right here." It was a 'horseshoe' moment that the guys have never let Tom live down.

Tom had always pitched a flip shoe, but after watching Charles Killgore win the MO State Tournament in 1985, he decided to learn to pitch a turn shoe. Not being able to master the 1¾ turn like Charlie's, he settled on the ¾ turn. The ¾ turn he did master, earning him a spot in the Men's State Championship Class several times, where he won 3rd place twice. Tom's best-recorded game in league play was 88%, having 44 of 50 with 137 scratch points, 16 straight doubles. Some of his best performances were the 1989 Marshall Spring Open (62.3%), 1990 Independence Fall Open (68.7%), and 1997 Independence Fall Open (67.0%).

In the last several years, Tom's game continued to decline, so at age 70 he decided to move to the Elders Division, pitching under the 40 foot distance in hopes to compete at top level again. Today, if you have watched Tom in competition at 30 foot, you can see he's definitely on top of his game. He recently won the Singles Class A at the Strafford MOHPA Benefit Team Tournament held in Springfield with a record of 7-0 and an average of 65.7%. In July he won 1st place at the Maysville Tournament with a record of 7-0 and a high tournament average of 71.25%. Tom won the State Fair Championship title with a record of 7-0 and his best tournament average of 75.7%. For the first time Tom competed in the 30 Foot Elder's competition at the 2005 MO State Tournament in Jeff City entering with a current average of 73.57%. Losing one game in the Elders Championship division sent Tom into a 3-way tie for 1st place with defending state champion Bob Long and Frank Hudson. After an exciting playoff game, Tom earned the new title and proudly carried the trophy home with him.

Tom's health is good for a man his age and he still continues working full time. The kids are grown and gone and he and Melby now live in Kansas City near their daughter and son-in-law, hoping to be of help to them with their young family. The other grandchildren live far from them in Texas and Colorado, so they are glad to be able

to live near their Missouri grandchildren. They now have 10 grandchildren plus 3 step-grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren.

Tom continues his barbering in Marshall during the week and goes home on weekends. He still runs the Saline County Horseshoe Club. There is a singles league on Monday nights and a doubles league on Thursday nights during the summer months. Tom has been a hard worker, doing most of the court maintenance for many years. People are always calling on him to organize some of the local tournaments at street fairs or festivals and he has done a lot of those over the years in the surrounding towns of the area.

Even in small town, USA, Marshall has had its share of vandalism. The horseshoe courts in Marshall have a constant problem with vandals tearing up their fence at the courts and also shooting out or throwing rocks at the lights. The big event happened at a tournament a few years ago when a car came careening down the hill and was making a beeline to come straight through the horseshoe pavilion. No one saw it until it was almost there. The car hit a small ditch, which jerked the wheels enough that it veered to one side, and a water hydrant and some fencing stopped the car's progress. It did not hit anyone. Vicki Winston was one of those underneath the pavilion. "It would have wiped me out along with several others if it hadn't changed course. The car was in gear and the motor was running. It took more than one fence post impaling themselves in the car to stop it."

Jeanette Claas recalls pitching in the 1998 Woodrow Shepard Memorial Tournament in Marshall. "We would be in Tipton for a few days visiting relatives and called Tom to see if there were any openings left for the tournament that weekend. Being the gentleman that he is, he managed to squeeze us in at the last minute. He put me right up there in A Class with the big boys and I thought, "Oh, Boy!" My first game was with top seed Lou Rector! To my amazement and shock I managed to defeat him. After completing the game I walked back to the pavilion where Tom was and he asked me how I did. I told him "I won" and Tom replied, "You beat Lou Rector?" I will just never forget that horseshoe moment or the tournament.

Earl & Vicki Winston were scheduled to pitch in Marshall's Tournament in June of 1985, which actually was on their 25th wedding anniversary. Somehow Tom found that out and after the afternoon classes were finished, he brought out a big cake, surprising them and inviting everyone to stay for cake and to help them celebrate their silver anniversary.

That's just the type of guy Tom Ebers is. In September 2004 Tom was inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame for his contribution to Missouri horseshoe pitchers. "I am very proud of this honor and I hope to be worthy of it for many years to come." Missouri is certainly proud of Tom for all he has done for horseshoes and his accomplishments in the game that he so well loves. Tom's hair may have receded some since 1961, but the horseshoe pitchers of Missouri vote this barber, 'most likely to succeed.' For Tom, it's been a hair raising experience and one that he would do all over again!



Earl's Pearls

A woman shoots her husband, then holds him under water for more than 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But five minutes later, they both go out and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be? See page 20.

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4.	MN	39	194	\$10,945
5.	MO	48	93	\$ 9,866
6.	OR	21	66	\$ 9,395

At our state business meeting held in Jefferson City during the Missouri State Tournament, Joe Faron, one of the members of the NHPF Board of Directors, read a report from Dave Loucks, President of the NHPF Board. Joe Faron stepped up to the microphone with some very exciting news that we have all been waiting to hear regarding the NHPF Hall of Fame possibly being moved to the St. Charles County in Missouri. And we are ecstatic with the anticipation of this move.

At the meeting Joe read a quote from Paul Stewart, NHPA President: "Even though some alternative ideas were presented here, I certainly don't want the rest of you to think we have changed our minds as to how the NHPA council feels and how the majority of the delegates voted at the convention in Bakersfield. The NHPA will proceed with the plans to relocate the Hall of Fame to St. Charles, MO. Our recommendation is for the NHPF to put the Joelton property on the market for sale. We would much rather see the money in the bank, or being put to work on the St. Charles, Missouri project, than to have any further plans for the Hall of Fame in Joelton."

Joe went on to read a report that he received from Dave Loucks:

1. Despite some member opposition to the moving of the NHPA Hall of Fame from the Joelton site to St. Charles County in Missouri, the NHPA Council supports building in the Quail Ridge Park in St. Charles County here in Missouri.
2. The NHPF has been requested by the NHPA to proceed with this project.
3. The most recent Ground Lease Agreement revision is now being reviewed by St. Charles County.
4. A Project Manager has been selected and preliminary drawings are being reviewed.
5. The facility will have minimum of 16 indoor courts, more likely there will be 20 indoor courts and probably 12-16 outdoor courts.
6. A tentative insurance quote has been received. The cost could be as much as \$20,000 annually.
7. Forms have been submitted to the County Assessor in an attempt to be exempt from property taxes.
8. If everything gets approved, the NHPF will have a 30 year lease with a 3 ten year renewal option.
9. The facility will have to be open to the public a minimum of 4 days a week, including weekends.
10. The New Melle Horseshoe Club members will act as non-paid caretakers, opening, closing, cleaning and running the site.
11. The normal schedule of league and tournament play hosted by the NMHC will continue.
12. The NHPF expects the MOHPA State Tournament to host their State Tournament frequently at this site and other financial support.
13. The overall construction cost is expected to exceed \$600,000.
14. In the next couple of weeks some of the NMHC members will travel to Joelton to pick-up the Hall of Fame items to be stored by Roy Evans.
15. Joelton will soon be put on the market as the proceeds from the property sale will be needed to build the new facility in Missouri.

New Melle Horseshoe Club Members Travel to Nashville

by Joe Faron

On September 20, 2005, ten Missouri horseshoe pitchers (Joe Faron, Cal Jaeger, Jim Bainter, Roy Evans, Don Claas, Andy Foulds, Jan Kreienkamp, Joe Buskirk, Larry Langewiesch & Bob Cutright) traveled in four vehicles, including three trucks pulling trailers and one van, for the 320 mile trip to the Jack Freeman Courts in Joelton to bring back the NHPA Hall of Fame memorabilia and equipment that will be housed in the new NHPA Hall of Fame when it is completed. Because there is not enough support in Tennessee to maintain the present location in Joelton, the NHPF has agreed to put it on the market as the proceeds from the property sale will be needed to build the new facility in



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Missouri. The site of the new NHPA Hall of Fame will be located in Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville, MO.

Part of the crew worked in the HOF building and the others worked in the indoor courts. Jack had put in a tremendous amount of work on making displays for hanging all the pictures of the inductees on the wall and various other displays. The second crew broke down the aluminum bleachers, loaded chairs, scoreboards, tables and shovels, etc., onto a 16-foot flat bed trailer. It was decided that another trip in the future would have to be made to pick up the remaining items. The same group has volunteered to make the second and final trip to Joelton. The Hall of Fame memorabilia will be stored in Roy Evans' business place and the heavier equipment stored in a secure place in New Melle.

Mary Bastian, who was Jack's right arm and assistant, was there with a heavy heart on Wednesday to help. Before she left the next day, she felt that the lettering "Jack Freeman's Courts" should be removed from the building. The crew did that and was able to save the letters for further use.

There was only one person on that trip who had not pitched horseshoes at this wonderful facility; the rest of the group had made many trips from New Melle to Tennessee to pitch in the shoot-outs between MO and TN that began in 1995. Nine of them have many fond memories of the Jack Freeman Courts and it was sad for them to perform this task. The one thing that they all felt good about is that all the time, effort, and money that Jack put into the facility will not be in vain, as the majority of the items and equipment will be put to use in the new building in Missouri. A lot of character of the Jack Freeman Courts will be brought into the new horseshoe facility.

Attention, Local Clubs, and League Directors

Stan Griggs, our state statistician and master of the Missouri web page, has done a major overhaul. State president Jim Bainter requested Stan to add a map of the state with all the clubs pinpointed on the map and also add a picture of the courts for each location. Stan has done that and more. The map lists all the local clubs/leagues with their own link that can be grabbed from the map and also from the list of clubs below the map.

There are quite of few clubs that Stan does not have maps to. He needs their actual address for the courts to generate a map. Also, many of them are missing pictures. Since each club/league now has its own page, more information can be added to the page. For example, list information about the yearly leagues, pitching times, winter, summer, etc., or any other information that the club would like posted on their page.

So, check out the Missouri web site and see if your club/league is missing information that Stan needs and contact him as soon as possible so that he can update your club's data. He can post any information that you would like.



Missouri Longevity Patches for 2005

10 Year	Don Mercier	Howard Brandt
Roger Albright	Debbie Mound	Don Claas
Cliff Blevins	Angelia Novel	Jeanette Claas
Levi Blevins	Joe Owen	Brady Craven
Bob Bloss Jr.	Gidget Rahe	Donald Ell
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Susan Fields	Danny Wetzel	Dale Parrott
Rick Frazier	Ron Wilmes	Bill Waisner
Everett Jones	Glennon Zerwig	
Mary Knobbe		30 Year
Gary Mann	20 Year	Donald Craig
Judy McEwen	Tony Bootka	Charles Lawrence

Y.E.A.H.!: Youth Excited About Horseshoes

by *Melody Williams, Junior Coordinator*

Hello to all! It's that time of the year again! It's getting cooler outside and fall and winter are just around the corner. Most of us (adults) tend to "hang up the horseshoes" for the winter and don't look back at them until early Spring! We hope that our Youth don't do that!

As your Youth Director, I would like to congratulate all of you on your great performance at the MOHPA State Tournament! All of our Youth participants involved showed great sportsmanship and behavior! Way to go!

I would also like to thank all of my adult helpers who helped me with different things throughout the MOHPA State Tournament! Special thanks to the youth that helped in scorekeeping! This too is an important part of the sport!

If you have any ideas, comments, thoughts, etc. that you would like for me to bring to the MOHPA Winter meeting in February, to be discussed, please let me know! Your input is very valuable to the organization regarding our Youth program.

I am still in need of volunteers to help with the Youth Program throughout the State. My goal is to have a helper/volunteer, etc. from each Zone, but any help at all is appreciated! Thanks again for all of the Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, Friends, or any other "kinfolk" that get their Youth involved with the sport!

Always remember: "The youth are the future of our MOHPA! Don't forget about them!"

Keep pitchin' those shoes, Youth! Don't "hang them up for the winter" like some of the adults do! I challenge all Youth to improve their overall pitching percentage by 10% before the Spring! Yes, I will try to do this also!

Hope to see you soon! Call me at any time if you have any questions, or concerns.

2005 World Tournament: Bakin' in Bakersfield

by Jeanette Claas

Bakersfield, CA was the sight of the 2005 World Horseshoe Tournament with only 800 pitchers attending. The pitching was in two different buildings; 24 courts in one building and the other building housed 18 courts. World Tournaments bring horseshoe pitchers and friends together year after year – usually under weather conditions that are “never like this”. Bakersfield turned out to be one of those weather extremes. Despite the outrageous heat outside, the tournament went very smoothly.

The championship classes had diluted averages with the entering numbers being at about 65% of normal. The only good thing that came out of that was that pitchers who normally may not get to the championship group were this year able to pitch against some of the world's finest pitchers.

Alan Francis cracks the record with his 11th World Championship Title in top fashion winning all games and adding a perfect game to boot. It was the first perfect game pitched in World competition since Elmer Hohl in 1968. Horseshoe fans saw Francis wipe out the competition. No other pitcher could score more than 20 points with Francis on the other approach. Pinch yourself. Are we all aware that the present World Champion is a contender for the best horseshoe pitcher ever? Just sixteen years ago Francis stepped up to the championship class winning his first open men's title in Spearfish, SD.

Sue Snyder, KY, retains the Women's World Championship Title with her sixth title. Her only loss was to Debra Odum, the 5th place finisher. Joan Elmore, TN, 2nd place, actually looked stronger but gave it up in the last game to third place and former world champion, Sylvianne Moisan of Canada. An exciting game between Elmore and Snyder consisted of 104 shoes. Sue threw 84.6% and Joan threw 81.7%. Snyder won with a score of 42/33.

The JR Girl's Championship Title went to Amy Horton of California. Kiri Cook, WI, made a run for it with her best game defeating Amy Horton in the final regular scheduled game. It caused a playoff of the longest game, 68 shoes. Kiri was just a few points shy of the world title at 36/41.

Matthew Korpela, MN, won the Boy's Championship Title with 73.06%. The Elder's Championship went to Paul McCreery, TX, with 11 wins, 1 loss, 76.41%. The 9 & Under Division was won by Jason Beach of KS with a 31.07%. Missouri is proud of Bruce Thomson, of Liberty, who was the runner-up.

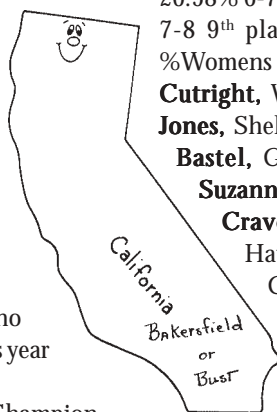
Angeline Moisan, Quebec, wins the Senior Women's title with 68.70% and Tommy Westrook, SC, won the Senior Men's title with a tournament average of 67.1%. Defending Champion, Paul McCreery, TX, won his 2nd Championship Title with a 76.41%.

Nine delegates from Missouri were in attendance at the convention. For the first time in convention history we had a tie in voting for the location of the 2007 world tournament site. After a meeting of the executive council and the bidders involved it was decided to award the 2007 WT to Ardmore, OK and the 2008 WT in Decatur, AL. The 2006 World Tournament will be held in Gillette, Wyoming.

At the Awards Banquet held on Sunday evening, Missouri horseshoe pitcher, Roy Evans, received a 2005 Achievement Award for

outstanding service to the sport of horseshoe pitching. Congratulations, Roy!

Twenty-seven horseshoe pitchers from Missouri traveled the long journey to Bakersfield to participate in the 2005 World Tournament. Those attending from MO were: **Charles Killgore**, Plattsburg, (Championship Class) 6-6 54.69% 12th; **Dee McIntire**, Gladstone, 20.58% 6-7 9th place Womens F; **George Chichura**, Belton, 14.17% 7-8 9th place Mens L1; **Mary Beeson**, Warrenton, 12- 41.83 % Womens B; **Audra Craven**, Liberty, 15 38.67% Womens B; **Ree Cutright**, Wright City, Womens D 2nd place 44.53% 13-3; **Joann Jones**, Sheldon, 6th place Womens D – 38.17% 9 ½ - 5 ½; **Donna Bastel**, Gravois Mill, 11-4 Womens E 3rd Place 11-4 33.67%; **Suzanne Evans**, St. Louis, 10th Womens E – 31.17% 6-9; **Gregg Craven**, Liberty, Mens C 4th place 11-4 37.67%; **Ann Strus**, Hawk Point, 14th Womens E 24.83% 4-11; **Bob Bastel**, Gravois Mills, Sr Mens D 28.08% 6-7 7th place; **Bob Cutright**, Wright City, 8-5 Sr Mens E 19.42 6th place; **Jim Bainter**, Gravois Mills, Sr Mens E 6-7 23.46% 9th place; **Roy Evans**, St. Louis, Mens H2 12th place 5-10 22.17%; **Brady Craven**, Liberty, Mens Div I 130.63% 12-4 2nd place; **Ron Highley**, Harrisonville, Mens Div I2 11th place 5 ½ - 9 ½ 24.50; **Michael Gillespie**, Adrain, Mens E1 38.01 9-3 31.67%; **Wayne Dusenbery**, Liberty, Mens E2 8-7 32.83% 9th place; **William Brown**, Hallsville, 7-8 9th place Mens G1 27.50%; **John Setzer**, Overland, Mens C1 6-7 10th 35.58%; **Robert Kingsolver**, Caulfield, 11th Mens D1 6-9 28.17%; **Paige Highley**, Harrisonville, Jr Boys & Birls Div D 12th 3-10 2.12% 12th; **Charles Killgore**, Plattsburg, Mens Div A1 5 1/2 – 7 ½ 56.73% 10th; **Bruce Thomson**, Liberty, Jr Boys and Girls Div 9 6-1 17.86% 2nd place; **Elwyn Cooper**, Kansas City, Elders 9th 7-6 47.50% Div C; **Doug Peoples**, Gravois Mills, Elders 12th Div C 37.69% 4-9; **Richard Schmidt**, Kearney, Elders H 4-9 10th place 12.12%.



Flying High!

Brady & Nan Craven, of Liberty, chose to fly the friendly skies to reach their destination, Bakersfield! They flew into LAX and took a shuttle bus to Bakersfield where they rented a car. At 8:00pm the bus boy at the hotel told them the temperature had dropped from 104 to 103. They knew they were going to have a hot time in Bakersfield! The tournament was very well organized as usual, although the lighting and yellow clay left much to be desired for those from MO who were used to the good blue clay. Brady played well enough to tie for 1st place with a 12-3 record, but then delivered a poor performance in the playoff game, dropping him to 2nd place. “I am never happy to lose, but felt very grateful and blessed to come home with a 2nd place trophy,” said Brady.

While in California, the couple went to the Sequoia National Forest where they saw the oldest largest living thing on earth – a tree called the General Sherman. They also saw Buck Owens perform at his dinner theater, got their feet wet in the Pacific Ocean at Pismo Beach, and traveled to Sacramento to visit one of Nann's oldest relatives.

Back at the tournament they enjoyed watching their friends from MO and KS compete and as it happens every year, made many new friends from across the country. Among the highlights for Brady was watching Liberty's Danny Wetzel and Bruce Thomson (Pewee) taking 2nd place. Brady en-



joyed seeing his brother Gregg, as he took 4th place in his division. "He continues to amaze me with his improved left hand pitching." They also witnessed a perfect 30 shoe 30 ringer game by Alan Francis in the open men's championship.

Nan kept cool in the shopping malls! Under the extreme heat, they all agreed that two weeks in Bakersfield in July were enough for an entire lifetime!

California or Bust!



Gregg and Audra Craven, of Liberty, chose to travel the highways that would lead them to Bakersfield. Their granddaughter, Ashley, traveled with them and they stopped to show her the scenic sights along the way. Stopping at the Grand Canyon, Ashley was very impressed. The canyon averages 10 miles wide and up to a mile deep. Very impressive no matter how many times you see it. Besides pitching in the tournament the Cravens were looking forward to visiting with other relatives on the west coast. Audra has a brother and plenty of nieces living there. The relatives arrived at the arena just in time to watch Bruce Thomson of Liberty pitch. More relatives arrived on the scene to support and watch Gregg and Audra's talents on the courts. A niece purchased a pair of American shoes so the California relatives could learn how to pitch. They managed to get autographs from world champions Walter Ray Williams and Sue Snyder. Starting on the trip home, Ashley asked her grandma, "Can I pitch in the World Tournament next year, please, please, please?" Coming home they traveled through Utah and Colorado and was much more pleasant than the southern route this time. They were extremely thankful for no problems on the road and the AC worked well. "Of course," Gregg says, "There's no place like home!"

Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Jeanette Claas



Missouri is certainly blessed with a lot of couples who along their life's journey discovered the joy of pitching horseshoes together. We have here another outstanding couple who didn't come into our association until 40 years after their marriage.

Sharon Frye came from northern Missouri, born in the historic town of St. Joseph. At six months of age this cute little baby was voted Little Miss St. Joe and was honored by riding in the Apple Blossom Parade in 1939. Due to her father's occupation he was transferred to Dallas, Texas. Later they moved back to the Kansas City area where she attended Rosedale High School until her sophomore year. Once more the family would move, this time to Versailles, MO located close to the Lake of the Ozarks. Sharon's parents purchased a restaurant, located next to the town's movie theater.

Paul Taylor was born in southern Missouri, the small town of Barnett, a few miles from Versailles. After graduation from Eldon High School, Paul was married for a short time and had a son, Michael. The marriage did not work out and Paul joined the Navy. After seeing all parts of the world, he returned home at the age of 24. Sharon was attending Versailles High School and working part time as a ticket clerk in the movie theater. Entered Paul into her life. Meeting at the movies a romance soon blossomed.

Alan Francis Pitches a Perfect Game at 2005 World

The first in the Men's since Elmer Hohl in 1968

Round 14		Court 3		Date 7/30/2005		
1. Alan Francis - OH		vs		11. Buddy Dyrda - BC		
Ringers	Points	Score	Shoes	Ringers	Points	Score
XX			2	XX		—
OX	3	3	4	X-		—
OO	6	9	6	--		—
XX			8	XX		—
OX	3	12	10	X-		—
OX	3	15	12	X-		—
OX	3	18	14	X-		—
OX	3	21	16	X-		—
XX			18	XX		—
OX	3	24	20	X-		—
OX	3	27	22	X-		—
XX			24	XX		—
OX	3	30	26	X-		—
OO	6	36	28	--		—
OO	6	42	30	--		—
			42	Score	0	
			30	Ringers	16	
			30	Shoes	30	
			100.0	Percent	53.33	

Paul found work at the shoe factory in Eldon for .75 cents an hour. The age difference and the fact that Paul had been "around" compared to his "little girl" didn't make Sharon's Dad too happy. But Paul soon won his approval and the couple became engaged. He purchased a small diamond ring for his young bride-to-be. Sharon's father reminded him that her mother's diamond was bigger than the one his daughter was receiving. Wedding plans were made for the couple to be married at church with only their immediate family attending. Paul, realizing he had forgotten to bring the marriage license ran back home to pick it up. Sharon found a ping-pong table in the church basement that kept her occupied until Paul returned. At the age of 17 in 1956 Sharon managed to graduate from high school, get married and went to work. They were married on August 18, 1956.

The couple would move to Kansas City where Paul found work hauling brick and Sharon went to work for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Paul soon changed jobs and went to work with the Manor Baking Company for the next 18 years. Later on he began driving for the PIE Trucking Company for the next 10 years and eventually retired from the Overnite Trucking Co. in September 1996. Sharon retired from the bank after 40 years of service. The couple would have only one child; a son, Jeff, born in 1965.

Charlotte Fisher was an employee at the bank where Sharon worked. Her husband, Warren, pitched horseshoes. Sharon and Paul went to watch him pitch during league play. Paul had pitched horseshoes at different times in his life, but had never pitched serious horse-

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shoes. Paul worked with Wayne Trautwein at the Bakery and the two of them often talked horseshoes. The couple thought it looked like it might be fun, so they joined the MOHPA in 1992 pitching with the Independence Horseshoe Club at McCoy Park. Warren Fisher became Sharon's mentor. Wayne Trautwein would sell Paul his first pair of horseshoes.

Sheer will and having a determined mind to conquer the game Sharon rose her percentage to 53% in just a short few years. She has been in the top 25 women's pitchers in Missouri. Meanwhile, Paul has reached that ripe old age where he moved up to 30' and has raised his current percentage to 53%. The two of them have traveled to six world tournaments. Paul finished 2nd place in Class J at Kitchener, Ontario and Sharon recorded 3rd place in her class at Ainsworth. She also won 1st Place for five straight years in the Corporate Challenge. Sharon has had severe back problems the last few years and has had to put horseshoes on the back burner giving her back time to heal. She is hoping to get back into the game soon.

Sharon's leadership abilities became apparent as she soon became vice-president and then president of the Independence Horseshoe League. She would later be elected as vice-president of the MOHPA for two years. During this time she was chairperson of the MOHPA Banquet and became better known to her audience as "Vanna Pitts". She was coordinator of our state raffle tickets that included all the Missouri horseshoe clubs that earned our state treasury money to help defray expenses.

During the past seven years the Taylors became winter snowbirds in Florida enjoying the southern warm climate. Sharon was the Activity Director at the Holiday Travel Resort and soon got horseshoe pitching underway. Paul & Sharon both competed in Florida competition during the winter months. They recently sold their winter home and will be staying in Kansas City to be closer to their three grandchildren and to their doctors.



Today they participate mostly in tournaments and are members of NMHC. They enjoy the camaraderie of their friends they have made in horseshoes. Missouri is very proud and happy to have this delightful, fun couple in their association. Thank you, Paul and Sharon, for your contribution of leadership ability, service and dedication to horseshoes. You have been a great asset to our state.

By the way, that small diamond is now set in her current wedding ring. Some added diamonds included in this ring are diamonds that Paul received from his safe driving awards. After 50 years of marriage, "it must not be the size of the diamond in the ring that matters, but the size of the love in two peoples hearts." If Sharon's Dad was still living, she might say, "ta-da, ta-da!"

Missouri State Fair Tournament August 19-21, 2005

by Vicki Winston

Compliments were plentiful as pitchers surveyed the revamped horseshoe courts at the Missouri State Fair for the first time. Thanks to the efforts of the Bastels, Jim Bainter and their crew of volunteer workers, many pitchers declared the courts to be in the best shape they'd ever seen them since they were constructed. There were all new backboards, plus pegs reset and in neat rows (with one or two exceptions). Hopefully those can be fixed before next year. Some state fair workers had prepared the pits and edged the grass off the concrete. It was a pretty site indeed.

Although rain fell 9 of the 11 days of the state fair, our event went on as scheduled. Much of the rain came in large quantities. What rain fell on our weekend came during hours when no pitching was scheduled. Daytime events in the nearby arena had to be canceled, with the exception of the Mexicana Rodeo on Sunday afternoon. The worst problem for our pitchers was parking, as many of the parking lots had become mud lots and people had to seek parking elsewhere. A few pitchers arrived late because of this, but we got them all into the tournament. Hopefully the 2006 Missouri State Fair will enjoy somewhat drier conditions. However, we didn't have to worry

too much this year about the players not watering the courts.

The Sunday afternoon music must have inspired Tom Ebers, as he had a 7-0 record in Class A and a ringer average of 75.71%. Tom did not have a game under 70%. Coming in second was Stan Griggs with a 5-2 record and a ringer average of 68.93%. Out of the 14 classes that competed, there was only one other class that saw the winner go undefeated. That was Class M and the winner with a 5-0 record was Rodney Mallinckrodt.

For the first time at the State Fair Tournament, we used shoe limit games in all classes. Ties for first place in a class were pitched off. Classes C and F ended in three way ties. Classes B, G, I, L, and N ended in two way ties. Half of our classes ended in ties for the first place. Competition is keen as pitchers vie for those coveted Missouri State Fair Tournament plaques. Another unique thing about the tournament is that no one goes away empty handed – unless they leave too soon! All adult contestants receive a cash prize and a ribbon. All juniors receive ribbons and a plaque if they win first place.

Why not make a mental note now to be a part of the competition at the Missouri State Fair Horseshoe pitching Tournament in 2006. Dates will be August 18 – 20.

Missouri State Fair Mixed Open

Sedalia, Missouri • August 19-21, 2005

Tournament Directors: Earl & Vicki Winston

Class A

1. Tom Ebers	7-0	75.7%
2. Stan Griggs	5-2	68.9%
3. Oden Sullivan	4-3	63.9%
4. Steve Johnson	4-3	56.1%
5. M. O. Turner	3-4	61.1%
6. Rich Altis	3-4	51.4%
7. Pam Henderson	2-5	41.1%
8. Charles Killgore	0-7	37.5%

Class B

1. Chip Sloan	5-1	48.7%
2. Doug Peoples	4-2	52.0%
3. Jim Premer	3-2	52.8%
4. Wayne Barber	2-3	46.4%
5. Paul Taylor	1-4	40.4%
6. Bob Bloss	1-4	40.0%

Class C

1. Bob Kingsolver	7-2	40.0%
2. Jim Driver	5-3	44.3%
3. Kelly Kasper	5-3	42.1%
4. H. Hoffmeister	4-3	40.4%
5. Joann Jones	4-3	33.8%
6. Harless Kampe	3-4	37.1%
7. Michael Gillespie	2-5	32.9%

Class D

1. Lawrence Loney	4-1	45.2%
2. Ree Cutright	3-2	46.0%
3. Danny Gladden	2-3	44.0%
4. Gene Towne	2-3	38.4%
5. Chas Jackson	2-3	37.2%
6. Jerry Weller	2-3	33.6%

Class E

1. Bob Reininger	6-1	41.3%
2. Grant Kueck	5-2	32.1%
3. Larry Brown	5-2	27.9%
4. Steve Steck	4-3	30.8%
5. Earl Winston	4-3	29.2%
6. Ray Plute	3-4	29.2%
7. John Loyd	1-6	12.9%

Class F

1. Jackie Cargile	7-2	33.1%
2. Jim Kinney Jr.	5-3	37.5%
3. Pat Heathman	5-3	33.1%
4. David Whipple	4-3	35.0%
5. Joseph Welker	3-4	30.0%
6. Kelly Hill	2-5	31.4%
7. William Brown	2-5	30.0%
8. Stan Bailey	2-5	26.8%

Class G

1. Mike Watkins	7-1	32.1%
2. Wallace Kueck	6-2	30.0%
3. Donald Plowman	5-2	18.8%
4. John E. Smith	4-3	24.6%
5. Rich Schmidt	3-4	26.3%
6. Denise Bloss	3-4	25.0%
7. Daniel Gavin	1-6	17.9%

Class H

1. Ron Highley	6-1	27.1%
2. Bob Bastel	5-2	36.3%
3. Bob Cutright	5-2	25.0%
4. Brady Craven	4-3	23.8%
5. Douglas Tripp	3-4	21.3%
6. Dave Sage	3-4	19.2%
7. Terry Kampe	2-5	18.3%

Class I

1. Jim Bainter	6-2	23.4%
2. Brian Koss	5-3	26.6%
3. Rusty Dominique	4-3	27.9%
4. Dennis Mills	4-3	24.3%
5. Dale Stafford	4-3	20.4%
6. Alex Roberts	3-4	23.9%
7. Tim Warden	3-4	20.0%
8. Eugene Loyd	0-7	13.2%

Class J

1. Fred Smith	6-1	27.1%
2. Randy York	5-2	23.9%
3. Clint Sloan	4-3	28.9%
4. Fran Dominique	4-3	18.9%
5. Ken Grossman	3-4	21.1%
6. Ernie Ellermann	3-4	20.7%
7. David Redhage	2-5	19.6%

8. Jim Kinney	1-6	13.2%
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Class K

1. Dennis McHawes	6-1	20.8%
2. Julie Dominique	5-2	24.2%
3. Paul Howard	5-2	20.4%
4. Charles Hamilton	4-3	16.3%
5. Floyd Roberts	4-3	12.5%
6. Darrell Plowman	2-5	10.8%
7. John H. Smith	2-5	10.4%

Class L

1. Gary Lane	5-1	12.1%
2. George Chichura	4-2	10.0%
3. Carol Schlote	3-2	8.5%
4. Ray Herman	2-3	10.0%
5. Tim Franklin	1-4	7.5%
6. Johnny Egeland	1-4	3.0%

Class M

1. Rodney Mallinckrodt	5-0	6.5%
2. Gary Park	4-1	7.5%
3. Casey Kitchen	3-2	6.0%
4. Ethan Kueck	1-4	8.0%
5. Duane Sellers	1-4	7.5%
6. Robert Johnson	1-4	2.0%

Class N

1. Patrick Schlote	7-1	3.9%
2. Catherine Mealman	6-2	5.4%
3. Marge Whipple	4-3	5.4%
4. John E. Smith II	4-3	5.0%
5. David Heathman	4-3	4.2%
6. Robert Candler	3-4	5.0%
7. Hannah Johnson	1-6	1.3%



What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

The question: can a pitcher start or finish his or her delivery of the shoe with either foot off of the platform?

If you are not a contestant that would be pitching under the "Exceptions" below, you should visualize the platform as being elevated say three feet high. Then ask yourself what happens when you step off of the platform.

Rule 6. Play of the Game and Value of the Shoe.

Section D. Position of Contestants During Delivery

1. The Pitcher. During the entire address and release of the shoe, the pitcher must not start or step completely outside the platform with either foot.

Exceptions:

- A contestant observing the 37 foot foul line may start directly behind the platform provided they step within it when they release the shoe.
- A physically challenged contestant must have at least some contact with the platform and be completely behind the 27 foot line when the shoe is released.





2005 Missouri State Tournament

Jefferson City, Missouri • September 2-5, 2005



by Jeanette Claas

The summer of 2005 was hot and dry as August boiled into September and it continued to stay hot right until the Labor Day weekend when the effects of Hurricane Katrina blew in some cool air throughout the state. But Missouri horseshoe pitchers didn't have to worry about the weather this year as it was the first time the State Tournament was to be held indoors, air-conditioned no less. When they said bring jackets, they meant it! The weather was about as perfect as weather could be for a horseshoe tournament and many pitchers wanted to pitch outdoors just to enjoy the beautiful climate. However, the pitchers who did pitch on the outdoor courts in the afternoon soon found the bright sunshine to be pretty intense. What the horseshoe pitchers did have to worry about was filling up their gas tanks at a tune of \$3.00 per gallon!

The 80th annual event was held in Missouri's capitol city and at the Washington Park Ice Arena that housed 20 portable horseshoe courts and 12 outdoor courts. The tournament was hosted by the Jefferson City Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Missouri state officers and the regional zone directors organized and directed the tournament which consisted of 247 entries.

For the first time in Missouri the Doubles State Tournament was held separately from the Singles State Tournament. The Doubles Tournament was held in Springfield at the Exotic Animal Paradise

Park on Sunday, June 5. Sixty-four horseshoe pitchers participated within the four classes as they competed for the class title and championship titles. At the conclusion of the day, Rose Diekamp of O'Fallon and Wayne Barber of Fair Play were crowned the 2005 State Double's Champions. This would be Rose's 4th Double's State Championship Title.

During this same weekend in June, the 2nd Annual MOHPA Benefit Club-Team Mixed Open was held on Saturday, June 4. Twenty-three teams participated in the tournament, with the Springfield team of Travis Arthur, June Thompson, Donna McDaniel, Doug Tripp & Dale Stafford winning the event. The trophy was presented to Marshel Keith, who accepted on behalf of the Pitchers Paradise Horseshoe Club at the Awards Banquet held at the State Tournament. Tom Ebers of Kansas City was the Grand Class A Champion with a 7-0 record and an average of 65.7%.

Friday, September 2, at noontime, the Elder's 30 footers began the singles tournament competition. After a three-way tie for first place between defending State Champion, Bob Long, Tom Ebers and Frank Hudson displayed their talented skills during the playoff games. Tom Ebers would claim his first Elders State Championship Title with a 7-1 record and a tournament average of 69.4%

Friday evening MOHPA state president, Jim Bainter and the state officers held the annual business meeting that was well attended. It was voted by the present members that the 2006 tournament would again be held in Jefferson City. Re-elections were sought and other topics were discussed.

On Saturday pitching resumed with the Men's Classes C thru N crowning their class champions. The afternoon brought about the Juniors Boys and Girls Division. Jake Kluesner, age 15 of Oran, won his first Junior Boys State Championship Title with an average of 59.4% and a 5-0 record. Erika Bowman, age 17 of Archie, claimed the Junior Girls Championship Title with a record of 5-0 and an average of 25.0%. The Pee Wee Class was won by 7 year old Nathan Evers of Eldon. He had a 3-0 record with an amazing 33.3% tournament average!

The 7th Annual Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening at the Ramada Inn with Stan Griggs hosting the event. Randy Grady gave the invocation and a delicious dinner was served to over 100 pitchers and guests. A memorial candle lighting ceremony was held for the men and women of the MOHPA who passed away during the past year as a tribute to them. Presidential Awards and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the honored persons by Jim Bainter. Missouri honored one inductee into the MOHPA Hall of Fame, Jeanette Claas. Our state secretary, Vicki Winston, presented the MOHPA Longevity patches to ten, twenty and thirty year members.

The 2004 Missouri Player of the Year was won by Michael Gillespie, of Adrian, who attended 64 tournaments and pitched on three leagues over the year and earned 567 points. This was Michael's second year to achieve this award. He was the Missouri Rookie of the Year in 2001. The 2005 Missouri Rookie of the Year was earned by Cozy Bailey of St. Clair. She pitched in 15 tournaments and had a total of 149 points.

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Prior to the State Tournament, Stan Griggs posted a baby photo contest of horseshoe pitchers, "the Dirty Dozen", on the Missouri website and horseshoe members could cast their votes in guessing their identities. At the banquet he revealed their identities in a very interesting photo slide show. The lucky winner was Audra Craven who guessed ten of the Dirty Dozen. Stan also presented an outstanding powerpoint slide show to the audience. It was a wonderful event that will be remembered by all those who attended.

Sunday brought the crowning of the Women's State Champion. Rose Diekamp, of O'Fallon, claimed her fourth Women's State Championship Title with a 7-0 record and a tournament average of 64%. In the Men's Seniors competition, Sam Carter, of St. Clair, in his first year of pitching in the Senior Division, would claim the Seniors Championship Title with a record of 7-1 and a tournament average of 53.2%.

The Men's Championship Class consisted of Missouri's top 12 men who pitched six games on Sunday and five games on Monday morning to conclude the tournament. After the completion, Stan Griggs of Raytown, claimed his 5th Men's State Championship Title with a record of 10-1 and a tournament average of 60.1%.

Congratulations to all the State Class Champions! Look for all the tournament results in this section of the newsletter. A big thanks to all who participated in the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament. Without you, there would be no tournament. A great BIG thanks to our state officers and zone directors who did such a fabulous job in making this tournament successful. It was a wonderful place to hold a state tournament and a great place to be over the Labor Day Weekend. Missouri horseshoe pitchers also would like to thank the Capitol City Horseshoe Club, under the direction of Steve Bruemmer, who helped prepare the outdoor courts for the tournament.

80th Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament

Jefferson City, Missouri • September 2-5, 2005

Mens Championship

1. Stan Griggs	10-1	60.1%
2. Randy Grady	8-3	63.3%
3. M.O. Turner	8-3	59.6%
4. Rich Altis	6-5	54.6%
5. Jim Renfro	6-5	54.6%
6. Dale Parrott	6-5	54.0%
7. Steve Johnson	5-6	58.7%
8. Charlie Killgore	5-6	52.7%
9. Tim Henderson	5-6	50.7%
10. Ron LeGrand	4-7	48.0%
11. Ed Pashia	2-9	51.4%
12. Bob Renfro	1-10	40.6%

Mens A

1. Dan Hobbs	6-1	55.0%
2. Bob Bloss Jr.	5-2	50.0%
3. Kelly Kasper	5-2	44.6%
4. Duwane Blevins	4-3	39.2%
5. Andrew Foulds	4-3	37.9%
6. Marion Harris	3-4	40.0%
7. Jim Howard	1-6	23.3%

Mens B

1. Mike Fadler	6-1	45.1%
2. James Driver	5-2	38.9%
3. Bob Kingsolver Sr.	4-3	39.3%
4. Ed Griffith	4-3	36.1%
5. Mel Bruemmer	3-4	40.6%
6. Donald Rahe	3-4	31.4%
7. Jimmy Higginbotham	2-5	37.9%
8. Michael Gillespie	1-6	30.0%

Mens C

1. Glenn Bowman	7-0	42.5%
2. Jim Bruemmer	6-1	42.9%
3. Edgar Stoverink	5-2	32.1%
4. Daniel Gladden	3-4	36.4%
5. Roger Reeves	3-4	33.9%
6. John Setzer	2-5	37.5%
7. Jim Kinney Jr.	1-6	30.7%
8. Ray Canchola	1-6	19.3%

Mens D

1. Wayne Dusenbery	6-3	35.8%
2. Jesse Dowell	5-4	33.1%
3. Jim Larkin	4-4	30.6%
4. Grant Kueck	4-4	26.3%
5. Larry G. Brown		3-4 34.6%
6. Patrick Blevins	3-4	30.0%
7. Danny Williams	3-4	29.6%
8. Rusty Bass	3-4	25.0%

Mens E:

1. Steve Steck	7-0	33.9%
2. Jack Cargile	6-1	32.5%
3. William E. Brown	4-3	30.0%
4. Darryl Gettinger	4-3	28.6%
5. Rick Gwinn	3-4	22.1%
6. Neal Straughn	2-5	21.4%
7. Mike Watkins	1-6	27.1%
8. Larry McAlister	1-6	21.8%

Mens F

1. Stan Bailey	6-2	27.8%
2. Kelly Hill	5-3	27.8%
3. Keith Patton	4-3	35.0%
4. Pat Heathman	4-3	31.4%
5. Mike Davault	4-3	30.4%
6. Jim Riley	3-4	27.9%
7. Bill Mac Belt	2-5	23.9%
8. John E. Smith	1-6	23.2%

Mens G

1. Edward Boyer	7-1	31.9%
2. Duane Buhr	6-2	31.3%
3. Harold Wolken	5-2	27.1%
4. Howard Lane	4-3	24.3%
5. Bob Bastel	2-5	28.2%
6. Steve Riley	2-5	22.5%
7. Wallace Kueck	2-5	18.9%
8. Oscar Reeves	1-6	20.0%

Mens H

1. Richard Bandy	7-0	37.1%
2. John Vandeven	6-1	26.7%

3. Tim Warden	4-3	21.3%
4. Bob Cutright	4-3	19.2%
5. Dannie McDaniel	3-4	22.5%
6. Clint Sloan	3-4	15.0%
7. Steve Eisenbeis	1-6	22.5%

Mens I

1. Larry Riley	5-1	27.3%
2. Dennis Mills	4-2	27.0%
3. Adam Schepers	3-2	25.2%
4. Jim Bainter	2-3	22.0%
5. Jim Claxton	2-3	15.2%
6. Cliff Blevins	0-5	16.0%

Mens J

1. Rusty Dominique	7-1	32.8%
2. Roger Sinclair	6-2	30.6%
3. Wayne Westbay	5-2	33.6%
4. Dennis McHawes	4-3	22.5%
5. Paul Beard	3-4	25.0%
6. Kenneth Grossman	2-5	24.6%
7. Danny Wetzel	2-5	16.4%
8. Marshel Keith	0-7	13.6%

Mens K

1. Rich Dudenhoefter	6-1	22.2%
2. Ernest Ellermann	5-2	26.3%
3. Jason Bruemmer	5-2	21.0%
4. David Redhage	5-2	19.3%
5. Dan Couch	4-3	13.5%
6. William Mize	2-5	22.5%
7. Steve Bruemmer	1-6	12.5%

Mens L

1. August Dudenhoefter	6-2	20.0%
2. Daniel Allen	6-3	14.4%
3. John H. Smith	5-3	17.1%
4. Frank Mills	4-3	18.3%
5. Alfred Mundy	4-3	15.8%
6. Steve Reeves	3-4	16.7%
7. George Chichura	2-5	14.6%

Mens M

1. Oren Harris	7-2	14.6%
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2. Wesley Reed	5-3	16.6%
3. Ray Herman	5-3	10.6%
4. Chris Hudson	4-3	16.4%
5. Dick Byersdorfer	4-3	13.6%
6. Gary Park	3-4	10.6%
7. Carroll Sinclair	1-6	8.2%
8. Terry Bishop	1-6	7.1%

Mens N

1. Michael Elder	7-0	13.9%
2. Tony Reeves	5-2	19.3%
3. William Elder	4-3	13.9%
4. Keith Morrow	4-3	12.9%
5. Tony L. Miller	3-4	7.1%
6. Daniel Olson	2-5	8.9%
7. Rodney Mallinckrodt	2-5	6.4%
8. Joshua Mundy	1-6	5.0%

Womens Championship

1. Rose Diekamp	7-0	64.2%
2. Cori Stoverink	5-2	55.1%
3. Pam Henderson	4-3	54.1%
4. Jill Knobbe	4-3	45.1%
5. Audra Craven	3-4	45.6%
6. Mary Beeson	2-5	40.8%
7. Jeanette Claas	2-5	36.0%
8. Roena Branson	1-6	43.0%

Womens A

1. Letha Harris	6-1	43.0%
2. Jan Kreienkamp	5-2	45.7%
3. Karen Goldizen	5-2	41.5%
4. Ree Cutright	4-3	41.1%
5. Ginny Weiss	4-3	40.0%
6. Debbie Harris	3-4	36.1%
7. Pam Gettinger	1-6	17.5%
8. Carol Howard	0-7	18.2%

Womens B

1. Suzanne Evans	6-1	23.8%
2. Donna Bastel	5-2	33.8%
3. Melody Williams	5-2	30.8%
4. Ann Struss	4-3	29.2%
5. Joyce Wilson	4-3	25.4%
6. Kathy Wetzel	3-4	24.6%
7. Angelia Novel	1-6	17.1%

Womens C

1. Mary Ann Ell	6-1	39.6%
2. Mary Duke	5-2	27.1%

3. Jane Couch	4-3	26.3%
4. Gidget Rahe	4-3	24.2%
5. Denise Bloss	4-3	24.2%
6. Dee McIntire	3-4	25.0%
7. Darlene Wolken	2-5	30.8%

Womens D

1. JulieThompson	6-1	34.5%
2. Nita Ross	5-2	38.9%
3. Terrie Rose	5-2	32.5%
4. Paula Trest	4-3	31.3%
5. Clara Boyer	3-4	25.0%
6. Dawn Morrow	3-4	23.9%
7. Terri Mills	1-6	23.2%
8. Joann Wall	1-6	20.0%

Womens E

1. Julie Dominique	6-1	25.0%
2. Shelia LeGrand	5-2	21.7%
3. Donna McDaniel	5-2	20.8%
4. Trisha Bass	4-3	17.9%
5. Eileen Reeves	3-4	19.2%
6. Dawn Bishop	3-4	12.5%
7. Anna Vangilder	2-5	12.9%

Junior Boys Championship

1. Jake Kluesner	5-0	59.4%
2. Kory Kluesner	4-1	48.1%
3. Michael Bowman	3-2	51.3%
4. Martin Williams	2-3	50.7%
5. Justin Riley	1-4	31.9%
6. Chip Sloan	0-5	37.3%

Junior Boys A

1. Daniel Allen	7-1	26.4%
2. Wesley Stoverink	6-2	20.0%
3. Alex Roberts	5-2	23.3%
4. Brandon Riley	4-3	12.9%
5. John E. Smith II	4-3	9.6%
6. David Heathman	2-5	6.7%
7. Ethan Kueck	1-6	3.3%

Junior Girls Championship

1. Erika Bowman	5-0	25.0%
2. Tori Vandeven	4-1	31.9%
3. Hayley Dykes	3-2	13.8%
4. Megan Riley	2-3	11.9%
5. Natalie Altis	1-4	6.3%

Pee Wee Championship

1. Nathan Evers	3-0	33.3%
2. Felecia Gwinn	2-1	4.4%
3. Gabe Heathman	1-2	1.7%
4. Noah Heathman	0-3	0.0%

Seniors Championship

1. Sam Carter	7-1	53.2%
2. Marvin Gray	6-2	50.0%
3. Mick Gillette	5-2	54.1%
4. Wayne Barber	4-3	40.5%
5. Gregg Craven	3-4	40.1%
6. Bob Outt	2-5	34.7%
7. Jerry Weller	2-5	34.6%

Seniors A

1. Ron Hassler	7-0	51.3%
2. Brady Craven	6-1	32.1%

3. Franklin Rohlfling	5-2	31.7%
4. Ronnie Attebery	4-3	30.0%
5. Don Claas	2-5	21.3%
6. Roy Evans	2-5	17.5%
7. Reese Warden	2-5	16.3%

Seniors B

1. Lee Roy Wisdom	7-0	38.8%
2. Gary Buehler	5-2	21.7%
3. Don Ell	5-2	20.0%
4. Frank MacArthur	4-3	24.2%
5. Fred Smith	4-3	19.4%
6. George Goldizen	2-5	6.3%
7. Gary Strohm	1-6	10.9%

30ft Mens Championship

1. Tom Ebers	7-1	69.4%
2. Frank Hudson	7-2	59.2%
3. Bob Long	6-2	60.7%
4. Oden Sullivan	4-3	57.8%
5. Carlyle Gricks	2-5	50.0%
6. Don Enke	2-5	47.4%
7. Paul Taylor	2-5	44.7%

30ft Mens A

1. Bob Fortner	7-0	51.8%
2. Harrold Pettiecord	5-2	40.7%
3. Douglas Peoples	4-3	47.1%
4. Bob Diekamp	4-3	46.8%
5. Elwyn Cooper	4-3	39.8%
6. Greg Canchola	3-4	46.5%
7. Nile Abbott	1-6	39.3%
8. Harless Kampe	0-7	33.2%

30ft Mens B

1. Harold Hoffmeister	6-1	50.0%
2. Martin Orf	5-2	42.5%
3. Charles Jackson	5-2	41.7%
4. Val Eikel	5-2	37.5%
5. Al Gwinn	4-3	46.3%
6. Robert Reininger	2-5	24.2%
7. Dean Jameson	1-6	17.9%

30ft Mens C

1. Earl Winston	5-0	50.4%
2. Bobbie Jones	2-3	32.4%
3. Clarence Eggert	2-3	32.2%
4. Larry Volo	2-3	31.2%
5. Terry McDonald	2-3	30.y%
6. David Whipple	2-3	28.0%

30ft Mens D

1. Donald Isaacson	5-0	41.6%
2. Roger Schnur	3-2	31.2%
3. Terry Kampe	3-2	28.4%
4. Leonard Bruemmer	2-3	24.4%
5. Kenneth Hardy	1-4	26.8%
6. Richard Schmidt	1-4	16.8%
7. Russell Gillis	1-6	11.7%

30ft Mens E

1. Lile Harper	5-0	33.6%
2. Paul Van Evercooren	4-1	22.0%
3. Leo Basler	3-2	23.6%
4. Eugene Loyd	2-3	15.4%
5. D.D. Casey	1-4	15.6%
6. Floyd Roberts	0-5	5.5%

Happy 80th
Birthday

Cal Jaegar

October 22, 2005

On top of Old frosty,
all covered with fudge
Stand more birthday candles,
than a forklift could budge.

Missouri State Doubles Championships

Strafford, Missouri • June 5, 2005

Doubles Championship

1. Rose Diekamp	6-2	61.0%
1. Wayne Barber	6-2	41.2%
2. Carlyle Gricks	6-3	47.7%
2. Elwyn Cooper	6-3	42.8%
3. Rich Altis	5-3	48.5%
3. Bob Diekamp	5-3	34.3%
4. Andy Foulds	4-3	42.5%
4. Charles Killgore	4-3	36.4%
5. Bob Long	3-4	55.1%
5. Duwane Blevins	3-4	27.8%
6. Dan Hobbs	2-5	39.4%
6. Nile Abbot	2-5	39.0%
7. Nick DiRaimo	2-5	44.1%
7. Jeanette Claas	2-5	33.1%
8. Bob Renfro	2-5	39.5%
8. Bob Outt	2-5	34.1%

Doubles A

1. Paul Farnell	5-2	29.6%
1. Karen Goldizen	5-2	28.6%
2. Roena Branson	4-3	49.5%
2. Jim Kinney	4-3	22.4%
3. Ginny Weiss	4-3	35.2%
3. Don Claas	4-3	25.5%
4. Daniel Gladden	4-3	32.7%
4. Michael Gillespie	4-3	25.0%
5. Joann Jones	4-3	31.1%
5. Donna Bastel	4-3	25.5%
6. Bob Bloss Jr.	3-4	29.1%
6. Larry G. Brown	3-4	28.1%
7. Jim Howard	2-5	41.3%
7. Pam Gettinger	2-5	19.9%
8. Jerry Weller	2-5	27.0%
8. Bob Reininger	2-5	24.0%

Doubles B

1. Lyle Samuelson	5-2	28.1%
1. Angela DiRaimo	5-2	18.9%
2. Mike Watkins	4-3	33.2%
2. Darryl Gettinger	4-3	28.6%
3. Jim Larkin	4-3	32.7%
3. Gary Rehm	4-3	26.5%
4. Denise Bloss	4-3	27.6%
4. Larry McAlister	4-3	26.0%
5. Meldoy Williams	4-3	28.6%
5. Stan Bailey	4-3	21.4%
6. Marion Harris	3-4	29.1%
6. Reese Warden	3-4	18.4%
7. Danny Williams	2-5	25.0%
7. Terrie Rose	2-5	22.4%
8. Gary Ball	2-5	20.4%
8. Jane Couch	2-5	17.9%

Doubles C

1. Daniel Gavin	6-1	17.9%
1. Dan Couch	6-1	13.8%
2. Douglas Tripp	5-2	15.3%
2. Ray Herman	5-2	11.7%
3. Dale Stafford	4-3	21.5%
3. Wesley Reed	4-3	11.0%
4. Fred Smith	4-3	18.0%
4. Dawn Bishop	4-3	11.5%
5. Floyd Roberts	4-3	10.2%
5. Terry Bishop	4-3	9.2%
6. Tom Warden	3-4	13.8%
6. Kevin Renfro	3-4	10.7%
7. George Chichura	1-6	9.7%
7. Don Roberts	1-6	7.7%
8. Cliff Blevins	1-6	9.7%
8. George Goldizen	1-6	6.6%

2nd Annual Shirt Design Contest

by Donna Bastel

In 2005 we held our first annual shirt design contest. As most of you know, Bob Bloss was the winning designer and we hope all of you are wearing one of the 2005 State Horseshoe Tournament shirts.

We didn't give you much time last year to let your creative juices flow. So, you don't have that excuse this year. You have until February 11, 2006, to get your design in the mail.

The State Championship tournament will, once again, be held in Jefferson City. See if you come up with something new and exciting relating to our State Capitol or just horseshoes in general.

Judging on the designs received will be done at the Officers Meeting on February 18, 2006.

Please mail your designs to Donna Bastel, 1028 Oak Point Drive, Gravois Mills, MO 65037, or e-mail to lkhouse@usmo.com.

The person who sends in the winning design will receive a **free** Singles entry in the 2006 State Championship Tournament and a **free** shirt.

If you have any questions, you may call Donna at home (573-374-8243) or at work (573-374-8878) or e-mail to the above address.

The Nite Owl Special Tournament

July 9, 2005

by Jeanette Claas

Thirty-six "nite owls" grabbed their partners and headed for the beautiful horseshoe facility located at Westhoff Park in O'Fallon, MO. The 9-team round robin doubles' handicap tourney was pitched on 8 courts with two classes A & B.

The early bird may get the worm, but the nite owls had all the fun at the Nite Owl Tournament on July 9. The atmosphere was enhanced by Tournament Directors Don & Jeanette Claas as they strung 'colorful' owl lights along the fence as the pitchers threw under the stars and a quarter moon on a warm July evening. Only a few leftover firecrackers and an occasional train coming down the tracks next to the courts could be heard above the clanking of the horseshoes.

This tournament was strictly for nite owls as pitching began



at 7:00pm and completed at 1:00am. You might say it was a two-day tournament, but most pitchers were saying, "they didn't give a hoot" as they were having way too much fun!

The 24 shoe game took longer than the directors anticipated as they worried that the pitchers may be chased out of the park at 11:00pm or left completely in the dark as the lights might be shut down by the Park Dept., but it never happened. We just kept pitching until the tournament was completed with some surprising results. The team of one-time MO State Champion Tracy Sherman and Sue Busch, with 8 wins and 1 loss, were the grand champions of the tournament. High games were pitched by Rich Altis-79.16%; Tracy Sherman-75%; and Rose Diekamp-70.83%. In "B" Class the 8th place seeded team of Ashleigh Robison and Tami Knobbe were the class champions. It was Ashleigh's first time in tournament competition. We also welcomed newcomer, Tricia Simon, who pitched her first tournament play and finishing in 3rd place! The high game in B Class was 54.16% pitched by Cozy Bailey. Prizes

consisted of 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons and buttons with each winner given a horseshoe car flag that was designed for the 2005 World Tournament. Congratulations to all the winners; may you wave your flag proudly from your car.

Francis Griesbauer, who had signed up early for the tournament had to drop out due to cancer surgery several weeks before the tournament, however, he made a surprise appearance at the tournament for which we were glad to see he was improving so well. It was also good to see family members and spectators who came to cheer their friends on. The tournament directors would like to thank: the scorekeepers who tackled the fearful 'doubles' scoresheets; to Joe Buskirk who arrived early to help prepare for the tournament; to Floyd Beeson who helped out a handicapped tournament director; and to Bea Feldewerth who gave her valuable assistance. A special thanks to Rich Altis, our stats man for his expertise in making the first NiteOwl Tournament a success!

WHO-O-O! Does your feet fit a limb? Will you be there next year for the late, late shoe?

Chillicothe Mixed Open *May 21, 2005*

by Donald Plowman

The Chillicothe Horseshoe Club held its annual sanctioned tournament on Saturday, May 21, 2005 with 36 pitchers participating. Dick Wilson from Wyoming was the high percentage pitcher of the tournament. He also pitched a high game of 80% and held a 70.14% tournament average. Nick DiRaimo won the A Class with a record of 5-0 pitching a 58.4%. He beat out Dick Wilson by only 1 point. Winners were: B Class – Nile Abbott, C Class-Michael Gillespie, D Class-Grant Kueck, E Class Angela DiRaimo and F Class- Doug Yates.

Leroy and Frances Dominique, Paul Howard, Darrell and Donald Plowman worked together to make the tournament run smooth. Also a special thank you to the pitchers that came early and then stayed late to help keep score. All the extra help and support made our tournament great!

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their monetary support to help sponsor the tournament: HyVee Food Store, Plowman's Garage, Dominique Rentals, Dickerson Tool & Die, State Farm Insurance and Pat Thorne Lumber.

2nd Annual Westhoff Tournament *June 11, 2005*

by Bob Reininger

New Melle Horseshoe Club sponsored the 2nd Annual Westhoff Tournament held at Westhoff Park in O'Fallon, MO on Saturday, June 11, 2005. Tournament Directors, Larry Volo and Bob Reininger report that 23 people pitched in the three Class tournament.

A rare thing happened in St. Charles County during the A Class session play. RAIN! Very little rain occurred in this part of Missouri until that day. Pitching was stopped several times and

after 4 games the event had to be called off. However, 4 games constitute a complete tournament and Rich Altis was declared grand champion with a record of 4-0 and a tournament average of 65.50%. He also pitched the high game of the day, 76%. Stan Bailey was the B Class Champion with a record of 5-2 and tournament average of 32.81%. George Christ in B Class has the biggest increase in percentage from 26.72% to 30.15%. He had the high game in that class with a 55.55%. Joann Wall with 23.33% earned the Class C title with 5 wins and 1 loss. Joann also had the high game of 45.83% in C Class.

Larry and Bob wish to thank the following for their assistance on a rainy day: Dave & Bea Feldewerth, Joe Buskirk, Pam & Darryl Gettinger, George Christ, Stan Bailey and David Schneider, plus whoever else that may not have been mentioned. A special thanks to Rich Altis as the statsman.

Tournament Director Bob Reininger was not able to attend that day due to his wife Arlene's recent surgery.

Maysville Mixed Open *July 2, 2005*

by Joe Owen

President Joe Owen, of the Maysville Horseshoe Club reports a huge, successful tournament that was played over the July 4th weekend. A total of fifty-four pitchers participated in this event. Eight classes were filled which paid out \$720 in prize money, paying the top three places - \$40, \$30, & \$20.

Tom Ebers was the Class A champion with a record of 6-1 and a total of 71.25% ringer average. Other Class Champions were: Class B-Elwyn Cooper; Class C-Earl Winston; Class D-Dean Jameson; Class E-Richard Pistole; Class F-Brady Craven; Class G-Billey Hammond; and Class H-Bill Mize.

Next year the tournament will be held on July 1 with the same amount of prize money, except Class A will be \$75, \$50, \$30 and \$20.

The Owen's wish to thank Debbie Harris and Gregg Craven for all their help with the tournament.

Shelby Autumn Shrugs Off Rain *September 24-25*

by Bob Reininger

Spirits were not dampened and champions in singles and doubles were still crowned at the 29th Annual Shelby Autumn Horseshoe Tournament. Saturday the weather was beautiful for singles competition, although a little hot, but Sunday the rains came. Doubles competition was still completed thanks to the kindness of Ed and Nellie Flemming, who allowed the Shelby Autumn to be moved to their indoor courts in Palmer, Illinois.

Singles champion in Class A was won by Ervin Starwalt of Toledo, 2nd went to Charlie Webb of Muscutah, and 3rd went to Dennis Griesbaum of Trent. Class B-Patty Bailey, Class C: Bill Marvin, Class D: Max Maisch and Class E: Dale Westendorf.

The top doubles competition (Class A) was won by Dick Long and Lester Dumstorff, 2nd – Jerry Dumstorff and Chuck Carlson, 3rd place- Bob Vandiver and Lannie Robinson.



Answer to "Earl's Pearls"

The woman is a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry. (From page 9.)

In addition to the competition, Shelbyville Horseshoe Club held a Saturday meal catered by D & W Restaurant of Mattoon with entertainment provided by the Shelbyville live band, "Road Trip." Free beer on both days. The club also gave out awards. Honored for his support of the club as the perennial champion raffle ticket seller was Lonnie Matlock. Others honored were: Bill and Sue Coons, Janet Mayhem and Brandon Stephens who is relocating to be a chaplain in the military. Stephens accepted the honor, but threw kudos back on to Pete Rankin and Harold "Birdman" Gill for their tireless leadership of the club and service to horseshoe pitching statewide in Illinois. "Where can you go in the state for horseshoes, and they haven't heard of the Birdman?" Stephens said.

New Melle Horseshoe Club was represented by two couples this year, Bob and Arlene Reininger and Dave and Bea Feldewerth. Next year will be the 30th anniversary for the Shelbyville Autumn. Let's make a good showing in 2006.

Hillbilly Fair Horseshoe Tournament September 17-18, 2005

by Jeanette Claas

Summertime seemed to have disappeared overnight with the temperatures cooling as we traveled southwest to attend the 9th Sanctioned Annual Hillbilly Fair Horseshoe Tournament held on the fairgrounds in Laurie, Missouri. Fall weather was upon us as we arrived at the Deepwater Inn by the Hurricane Deck Bridge. A quick trip to Camdenon took us to one of Missouri's most interesting State Parks, Ha Ha Tonka. After seeing the castle ruins, we ventured to the natural bridge and then saw a trail that looked very inviting. Following the trail we soon noticed it becoming very narrow, winding and more uphill than we anticipated leaving us (even the fearless leader) huffing and puffing and wondering if we would ever again reach civilization. We could have spent hours at the park but we were anxious to drive to Laurie and throw a few practice shoes.

The fairgrounds were alive as the city of Laurie presented its 36th Annual Hillbilly Fair with music from the 50's, carnival rides, crafts, buck-a-duck races and good food that set the atmosphere as the Hillbilly Fair 'Came alive in 05.' It was a special year at the fair for the Bastels as their 4 year old grandson, Ethan Colgan, won the Little Mr. Hillbilly contest! The ladies in horseshoes soon found the face painting booth and were sporting some lucky "horseshoes" on their faces.

On Saturday the cool temperatures in the 60's soon dissipated with bright sunshine; perfect weather for a horseshoe tournament. Tournament Directors Bob and Donna Bastel filled the tournament with 78 pitchers that pitched in the eleven divisions. The horseshoe pitching event was sponsored by Dick's Halfway Inn. New to the tournament in Laurie for the first time were Will Mize, Nita Ross and Rich Bandy. Missouri's oldest active horseshoe pitcher, Harvey Dutzel, 91 years young of the Laurie Horseshoe Club, also pitched in the tournament. Classes E-K pitched on Saturday, Saturday evening, 14 horseshoe pitchers found themselves forming a fun mini-tournament that they called "A Hillbilly Affair." Bragging rights went to Class A Mary Beeson and Don Claas in Class B. Will this become a new Hillbilly Fair tradition? Come and see in 2006.

The sounds of thunder woke me up in the early morning hours on Sunday. I thought sure it was the old man snoring, but lightning soon proved that theory wrong. Oh my gosh, there just might not be a tournament today! Eating some good 'down home' cookin' for breakfast at Cousins who do we run into but Nile Abbott, of Liberty. I asked him if he thought we would have a tournament today. "Oh, yeah," he says, "these people are mudders! A little rain ain't gonna bother them!" And indeed, he was correct.



Breezy winds and gentle rain was still falling down as we arrived on Sunday for the final rounds of the tournament. With the help of a shop-vac the hard working men emptied the water from the pits as they soon started drying out, enabling the women plenty of time to shop for bargains! The rain soon stopped and the tournament was well on its way. It turned out to be a beautiful day, in spite of its beginning, especially for Bob Bloss as he won the Championship Title in Class A with a record of 6-1.

All too soon the great event came to an end as we said our goodbyes, filled the old gas tank for a grateful price of only \$2.47 per gallon and headed for Central Dairy in Jeff City for some good ice cream to fill our food tank. We all enjoyed our weekend of fun in the Ozarks, definitely a 'hillbilly affair!'

Knights of Columbus State Tournament Jackson, Missouri • Aug. 19-21, 2005

by Mary Ann Ell

The 25th Annual Knights of Columbus Horseshoe Tournament was held in Jackson, MO on August 19, 20 & 21. Jackson is located about 10 miles from Ste. Genevieve and 30 miles north of Cape Girardeau. It was a terribly hot weekend with the heat index at 115 degrees.

The festivities began on Friday evening with a mixer: a Texas Hold'em poker tournament, a horseshoe tournament with 'bragging rights' going to the winner and the viewing of the bracket board.

Breakfast was served Saturday morning in the K.C. hall. Opening ceremonies were held at 8:30am with tournament play beginning at 9:00am.

The doubles tournament is run on a bracket scoring system with a game played to 21 points. The team with the best two out of 3 games played advance to the winner's bracket and the losing team progresses to the loser's bracket. This is a double elimination tournament.

All plywood pits are portable and filled with sand. There were 48 portable pits in the men's division, 16 pits in the women's class and three pits in the senior division. Gordon horseshoes are used by all participants.

The tournament resumed on Sunday morning at 9:00am and played through the day until there is a winner in each class. Trophies are presented to the four top finishers in each class. There were 457 men's teams, 135 ladies' teams and 9 senior men's teams with a total of 1,202 pitchers.

All participants would like to thank Bishop Timon Council #6405 in Jackson for all the hard work in hosting the tourna-



ment this year. An extended special thanks to the tournament committee, workers and volunteers that dedicated a lot of time and effort in making the tournament successful. Following is a list of the winners:

- Class A: Gary Grass/*Kevin Grass, St. Genevieve
- Class B: Tim Mueller/Andy Mueller, St. Paul
- Class C:* Gary Rehm/*Doug Dickbernd, St. Charles
- Class D: Craig Boyer/Jason Brewer , DeSoto
- Class E: Tony Buehrle/MarkBuehrle, Cape Girardeau
- Class F: Terry Pinson/Emanuel Boyer, DeSoto
- Class G: Dennis Bange/Dennis Vomund, St. Paul
- Class H: Jerome Kleekamp/Kevin Ruether, Dutzow
- Senior Men's Class: James Kleffner/Hugo Bisges, Argyle
- Women's Class A: Marcia Meyer/Donna Meyer, St. Genevieve
- Class B: *Theresa Barry/Michelle Navatto, St. Paul
- Class C: Diana Vomund/Martha Fields, St. Paul
- Class D:Wendy Krome/Shana Rimert, O'Fallon

Note: *indicates MOHPA members. The MOHPA would like to congratulate other MOHPA members who participated in the horseshoe tournament and took home one of the top four trophies for their accomplishments: Class A 3rd place: Mel Bruemmer/Jim Bruemmer, Jeff City; Class B 3rd place Ron LeGrand, Dexter; Class E 3rd place Ronald Phinney, Dardenne; Class A Womens Division, 2nd place Trish Dwiggin/Joyce Rehm, St. Charles; and Class B 1st place Theresa Barry/Michelle Navatto, St. Paul.

Although not K.C. members, MOHPA members Randy Grady, Danny & Meldoy Williams were on hand to judge and assist the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of this great activity. "This is one large event and it takes a tremendous effort by a lot of people to pull it off," says Grady. They were also on hand to pass out NHPA flyers in hopes of recruiting new members. The next Knights of Columbus Tournament will be held in Leopold for the 2006 Tournament on August 18-20, 2006.

**MOHPA 2nd Annual Team Club Benefit:
Yes, It Was A Success!**

by Donna Bastel

The 2nd Annual Team/Club MOHPA Championship Benefit was a great success! Over \$1,700 was brought in, which will almost cover the cost of printing and mailing one issue of the Shoe Biz Newsletter.

Ten of the twenty-three clubs in Missouri were represented at this year's event. Some of them even had special shirts printed. 123 adults and 4 juniors participated. The winning team this year was the Strafford Wild Ones from the Pitcher's Paradise Club in Strafford. The team members were: Travis Arthur, Dale Stafford, June Thompson, Donna McDaniel and Doug Tripp. Each received a plaque at the close of the event and the team plaque was pre-

Happy 80th Birthday
Frank Miles
October 5, 2005
No use bein' grouchy, no need feeling glum.
The tough part is over, the best's yet to come!

sented to them at the 2005 Awards Banquet in Jefferson City on September 3.

In 2nd place were the New Melle Five: Bob & Rose Diekamp, Ginny Weiss and Joyce & Gary Rehm.



In 3rd place were the Ozark Ringers from Laurie: Jim Bainter, Kelly Kasper, Dennis Benson, Dan Couch and Marge Whipple.

Plans are already underway to hold the 3rd Annual MOHPA Club/Team Benefit on June 3, 2006 in Strafford, once again. Wouldn't it be great if all 23 clubs in Missouri could be represented. With something to think about, this is Donna Bastel, the tournament director. Make it your choice, or not.

Look for the tournament rules and entry forms in the February, 2006 newsletter. **Talk it up!** Support the MOHPA!

**The National Sanctioned
Club/League Tournament
October 8-9, 2005**

By Suzanne Evans

The National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament was held in Edinburgh, Indiana on October 8 & 9, 2005. Lorraine Sternberg was the Tournament Director assisted by Bonnie Siebold. It was a beautiful fall weekend and the landscape filled with colorful foliage.

There were 13 teams from MO, IL, IN, OK, WI, and MI. First place went to Marion IN team consisting of Curly Seibold, Jenny and James Morris. The New Castle IN team took second place. The members were Ralph Guffery, Eugene Powell and Ron Womack. Third place was won by the Wells Park IL team: Dalton Simmons, Hallie Romanelli and Richard Andrysiak. Fourth was won by the New Melle team: Rich Altis, Mick Gillette and Roy Evans.

Saturday night Lorraine Sternberg and her husband with the help of club members hosted a free bar-b-que for everyone at the courts. It was a fun social evening. The New Castle Club has an impressive building consisting of 18 freshly painted white courts, a large lunch room, and a kitchen which they serve some good home cookin'. The comfortable guest seating extended the whole length of the building.

Mary and Natalie Altis and Suzanne Evans enjoyed shopping at the Edinburgh Premium Outlet Mall consisting of 70 outlet shops. Edinburgh is also close to the Brown County State Park. This is a beautiful hilly area and it includes the town of Nashville. In this area there are 300 shops, galleries, studios, and entertainment venues. Roy and Suzanne enjoyed shopping in Nashville on the way down.

This tournament will be held next year the first week of October in Edinburgh IN again, and they are hoping for more teams and states in attendance.

The NHPA Internet Website is
www.horseshoepitching.com
Click on the US map to get to Missouri's page

Missouri Tournament Results

May-September, 2005

Independence Spring Open 5/14/05

Director: Rick Gwinn

Class A: Bob Booe (KS)	6-1	52.5%
Class B: Gene Towne	6-1	39.3%
Class C: Dean Jameson	6-1	34.6%
Class D: Neal Straughn	6-1	29.3%
Class E: Donald Plowman	6-1	26.1%
Class F: Eugene Loyd	6-1	30.0%
Class G: Frank MacArthur	7-0	20.8%
Class H: Dylan Mountain	7-0	17.1%

Mt. View May Mixed Open 5/14/05

Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Dewayne Moody	5-0	44.7%
Class B: Joseph Welker	7-0	31.7%
Class C: Jesse Dowell	7-1	29.8%

Mayflower Marathon @ New Melle

5/21/05 Dirs: Gettingers & Weiss

Class A: Rich Altis	7-0	67.4%
Class B: Armin Schneider	7-0	43.4%
Class C: Keith Patton	6-1	32.6%
Class D: Theresa Barry	6-1	39.7%
Class E: Joann Wall	7-0	24.8%

Chillicothe Mixed Open 5/21/05

Director: Donald Plowman

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	5-0	58.4%
Class B: Nile Abbott	5-0	53.6%
Class C: Michael Gillespie	4-1	40.0%
Class D: Grant Kueck	5-0	32.5%
Class E: Angela DiRaimo	4-1	21.2%
Class F: Doug Yates	5-0	26.4%

Caulfield May Mixed Open 5/21/05

Director: Robert Kingsolver Sr.

Class A: Dale Parrott	5-0	50.4%
Class B: Bill Morris	4-1	40.4%
Class C: Daniel Gavin	5-1	32.9%

Mayday Open @ Jeff City 5/28/05

Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Mel Bruemmer	6-1	49.1%
Class B: Leonard Bruemmer	7-0	35.9%
Class C: Julie Dominique	7-0	22.1%

Memorial Day Open @ Crane

5/28/05 Dirs: Bill & Judy Waisner

Class A: Frank Hudson	7-0	66.1%
Class B: Gary Bowling	9-0	46.7%
Class C: Marion Harris	7-0	46.6%
Class D: Ron Ray	6-1	23.4%
Class E: Chris Slates	8-2	19.7%

2nd Annual MOHPA Benefit Club-Team @ Strafford 6/4/05

Director: Donna Bastel

1st Place: Strafford Club

2nd: NMHC New Melle Five

3rd: Lake of Ozarks Ozark Ringers

4th: Backyard Club Backyard 5

5th: Lake of Ozarks -Ringer Flingers

6th: Lions Park Club-Peculiar Mules

7th: Lions Park Club - Sly Fox

8th: Stockton Club Stockton Survivors

9th: Lions Park Club -Peculiar Bears

10th: Heart of America Club K.C.

Class A: Tom Ebers 7-0 65.7%

Class B: Dan Hobbs 6-1 50.0%

Class C: Bob Diekamp 6-1 41.7%

Class D: Roena Branson 5-2 42.9%

Class E: Glenn Bowman 6-1 35.0%

Class F: Wayne Dusenbury 7-0 35.0%

Class G: Gary Rehm 6-1 34.6%

Class B: Lyle Samuelson 7-0 34.2%

Class I: Don Isaacson 7-0 32.9%

Class J;Dennis Benson 5-2 30.4%

Class K: June Thompson 6-1 27.1%

Class L: Douglas Tripp 6-1 23.2%

Class M: Jan Kreienkamp 7-0 47.9%

Class N: Dan Couch 5-0 16.5%

Class P: Dawn Bishop 5-2 11.1%

Class P: Bruce Thomson 6-1 10.0%

Westhoff Park Open @ O'Fallon

6/11/05 Dirs: Volo & Reininger

Class A: Rich Altis 4-0 65.5%

Class B: Stan Bailey 5-2 30.2%

Class C: Joann Wall 6-1 23.3%

Peculiar 12-Pack Mixed Open

6/11/05 Director: Glenn Bowman

Class A: Harless Kampe 5-0 42.0%

Class B: Joann Jones 4-1 45.5%

Class C: Jim Kinney 5-0 30.5%

Class D: John Smith 4-1 25.0%

Class E: Rusty Dominique 4-1 25.5%

Class F: Floyd Roberts 5-0 13.2%

Class G: Alex Roberts 3-0 11.7%

Class H: Gary Lane 3-2 10.0%

Pitchers Paradise Kickin Off @ Strafford

6/18/05 Director: Travis Arthur

Class A: Marvin Gray 3-0 45.3%

Class B: June Thompson 3-0 28.0%

Class C: Donna Harris 2-1 18.0%

Class D: Ron Harris 3-0 10.7%

2nd Annual Wilbur Hodgson Mem.

6/18/05 Dirs: Brady & Nan Craven

Class A: Pam Henderson 4-1 68.0%

Class B: Gregg Canchola 4-1 51.2%

Class C: Al Gwinn 4-1 44.0%

Class D: Glenn Bowman 4-1 39.2%

Class E: Kathy Wetzel 5-0 40.0%

Class F: Lyle Samuelson 5-0 41.6%

Class G: Ron Highley 5-0 32.5%

Class H: Brady Craven 3-2 27.2%

Class I: Robbie Claiborne 5-0 23.2%

Class J: Alex Roberts 4-2 19.2%

Class K: Dylan Mountain 4-2 15.4%

Class L: Paige Highley 6-0 3.8%

Early Summer Open @ Park Hills

6/18/05 Dir: Boxie Schrum

Class A: Ken Pogue 5-0 64.0%

Class B: Mike Fadler 6-1 45.7%

Class C: Lew Hayes 6-2 29.5%

Hillbilly Hoedown @ Stockton 6/18/05

Dir: Letha Harris

Class A: Frank Hudson 5-1 61.2%

Class B: Marion Harris 5-0 45.5%

Class C: Jim Larkin 5-0 37.0%

Class D: Lile Harper 5-0 27.6%

Class E: Josh Mundy 5-1 8.4%

JuneBug Open @Jeff City 6/19/05

Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Michael Gillespie 6-1 42.0%

Class B: Steve Steck 7-0 33.8%

Class C: Mike Briggs 6-2 19.4%

Ballwin Days Doubles Open 6/24/05

Director: Rich Altis

Class A:

1st: Rich Altis 6-2 63.4%

Joe Buskirk 42.3%

2nd: Andrew Foulds 5-3 52.8%

Jan Kreienkamp 42.0%

Class B:

1st: Pam Gettinger 5-1 36.2%

Darryl Gettinger 22.8%

2nd: George Christ 4-2 29.9%

Mike Burger 18.2%

Ballwin Days Singles Open 6/25/05

Director: Rich Altis

Class A: Rich Altis 7-0 62.6%

Class B: Bob Reininger 6-1 34.2%

Class C: Angie Novel 7-0 31.7%

Class D: James Adkins 6-1 22.7%

Mt. View June Open @ 6/25/05

Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Dale Parrott 5-1 50.3%

Class B: Bob Fortner 7-0 52.0%

Class C: J Branden Borg 6-2 32.0%

Class D: Douglas Tripp 5-1 16.3%

6/25/05 In Memory of Jerry Griggs

Continue the Game @ St. Joseph

Directors: Ron & Peggy Campbell
 Class A: Dick Wilson 5-0 60.4%
 Class B: Greg Canchola 5-0 50.0%
 Class C: Denise Bloss 6-1 30.2%
 Class D: Brady Craven 7-0 27.0%
 Class E: Billey Hammond 7-0 20.9%
 Class F: Daniel Candler 6-1 16.4%

Maysville Mixed Open July 2, 2005

Director: Joe Owen
 Class A: Tom Ebers 7-0 71.3%
 Class B: Elwyn Cooper 7-0 51.7%
 Class C: Earl Winston 6-1 39.2%
 Class D: Dean Jameson 6-1 38.8%
 Class E: Richard Pistole 4-1 26.0%
 Class F: Brady Craven 6-1 32.5%
 Class G: Billey Hammond 6-1 25.0%
 Class B: Bill Mize 5-0 27.6%

Firecracker Open @ Glen Allen 7/2/05

Dirs: Danny/Melody Williams
 Class A:
 1st: Jake Kluesner 5-0 65.5%
 2nd: Kory Kluesner 4-1 52.5%
 Class B:
 1st: Melody Williams 4-2 26.6%
 2nd: Mike Davault 3-3 26.3%

Junior Pre-World @ Liberty 7/6/05

Director: Brady Craven
 Class A:
 1st: Bruce Thomson 5-0 16.3%
 2nd: Hayley Dykes 4-1 8.1%
 3rd: Adam Craven 3-2 4.4%
 4th: Cole Craven 2-3 6.9%
 5th: Olivia Jackson 1-4 3.1%

Summer Splash Open @ Laurie 7/9/05

Director: Jim Bainter
 Class A: Michael Bowman 7-0 58.0%
 Class B: Kelly Kasper 7-1 40.4%
 Class C: Donna Bastel 6-1 35.8%
 Class D: David Whipple 6-2 30.4%
 Class E: Lile Harper 7-0 30.0%
 Class F: Billey Hammond 5-0 23.5%
 Class G: Dick Byersdorfer 5-2 17.5%
 Class H: Pat Grannan 5-2 14.2%

Nite Owl Doubles @ O'Fallon 7/9/05

Directors: Don & Jeanette Claas
 Class A:
 1st: Tracy Sherman 8-1 52.1%
 1st: Sue Bush 8-1 45.8%
 2nd: Rose Diekamp 7-2 58.3%
 2nd: Bob Diekamp 7-2 53.1%
 3rd: Jill Knobbe 6-2 51.6%
 3rd: Ginny Weiss 6-2 28.6%
 Class B:
 1st: Tami Knobbe 8-1 20.3%

1st: Ashleigh Robison 8-1 13.5%
 2nd: Pam Gettinger 7-2 37.5%
 2nd: Darryl Gettinger 7-2 24.0%
 3rd: Joan Weber 6-3 31.8%
 3rd: Tricia Simon 6-3 16.1%

Jefferson City Mixed Open 7/10/05

Director: Steve Bruemmer
 Class A: Tom Ebers 6-2 70.5%
 Class B: Travis Arthur 7-1 31.7%
 Class C: Jason Brummer 6-1 22.2%
 Class D: R. Mallinckrodt 6-1 9.2%

Last Call #2 Open @ Glen Allen 7/15/05 Dirs Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:
 1st: Danny Williams 4-1 34.0%
 2nd: Dawn Morrow 4-1 32.0%
 3rd: Mike Devault 3-2 29.5%

PreWorld Open @ Harris Arena 7/16/05

Dir: Charles Killgore
 Class A: Tom Ebers 5-2 74.3%
 Class B: H.Pettiecord 6-1 47.1%
 Class C: Jim Kinney 6-1 35.8%

James J. Govero Memorial Open @ Park Hills 7/16/05 Dir: Boxie Schrum

Class A:
 1st: Randy Grady 7-0 70.0%
 2nd: Ron LeGrand 5-2 62.1%
 3rd: Ed Pashia 5-2 60.7%
 Class B:
 1st: Paula Trest 7-2 25.9%
 2nd: Ed Boyer 6-3 28.6%
 3rd: Glenn Govero 6-3 26.8%

Melting Away Open @ Strafford 7/16/05 Director: Travis Arthur

Class A: Chad Hyatt 5-0 53.5%
 Class B: Bob Fortner 5-0 58.5%
 Class C: Don Iacson 4-1 28.4%
 Class D: Terry McDonald 6-1 35.4%
 Class E: Randy York 4-1 24.8%
 Class F: Ron Harris 5-0 9.5%

Last Chance Open @ Glen Allen 7/16 Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:
 1st: Jake Kluesner 5-0 60.0%
 2nd: Kory Kluesner 4-1 49.0%
 Class B:
 1st: Mike Kluesner 5-0 28.0%
 2nd: Mike Devault 3-2 21.5%

Las Call Renenge @ Glen Allen 7/22/05 Dir: Danny/Melody Williams

Class A:
 1st Place: Martin Williams 7-0 39.6%
 2nd Place: Mike Davault 5-2 33.8%
 3rd Place: Danny Williams 5-2 28.3%

4th Place: Dawn Morrow 4-3 22.1%
 5th Place: Melody Williams 3-4 23.8%

Hot Times Open @ Crane 7/23/05

Director: Bill Waisner
 Class A: Dan Hobbs 4-1 55.7%
 Class B: Steve Flood 5-0 45.6%
 Class C: Jim Larkin 7-1 24.3%
 Class D: Joseph Welker 7-1 28.8%

Liberty League Tourn @ Harris Arena 8/6/05 Dir: Gregg Craven

Class A: Audra Craven 4-1 47.0%
 Class B: Lyle Sammuelson 5-0 39.0%
 Class C: Sam Vogel 5-0 29.2%
 Class D: Brady Craven 5-0 27.2%
 Class E: Ray Bendure 4-1 21.8%
 Class F: Bruce Thomson 5-0 24.6%
 Class G: Renae Leger 5-0 11.3%
 Class H: Michael Leger 4-1 3.8%

Sizzling Summer Open @ Jeff City 8/13/05 Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Jame Driver 5-1 54.0%
 Class B: Rusty Dominique 7-0 33.6%
 Class C: A.Dudenfoeffler 6-1 20.5%

Kansas City Open 8/27/05

Director: Dee McIntire
 Class A: Tom Ebers 7-0 71.5%
 Class B: Paul Taylor 4-1 48.8%
 Class C: Gregg Craven 5-0 44.8%
 Class D: Earl Winston 4-1 46.0%
 Class E: Wallace kueck 4-2 32.9%
 Class F: Jim Armstrong 6-0 10.4%

AR-MO Shootout @ Caulfield 9/10/05 Director: Bob Kingsolver Sr.

Class A:
 1 - Dale Parrott 7-1 50.6%
 2 - Wayne Barber 7-1 47.8%
 3 - Dan Hobbs 7-1 46.9%
 4 - Bob Kingsolver 6-2 36.9%

Peculiar Fall Open @ Peculiar 9/10/05 Director : Glenn Bowman

Class A: Charles Killgore 5-1 51.6%
 Class B: Roena Branson 5-0 49.1%
 Class C: Lawrence Loney 5-1 43.7%
 Class D: David Whipple 5-0 38.0%
 Class E: Denise Bloss 5-1 37.1%
 Class F: Julie Dominique 5-1 28.4%
 Class G: Dawn Bishop 5-1 13.8%
 Class H: Josh Mundy 5-0 3.5%

Saline County League Tour 9/12/05 @ Marshall Director: Tom Ebers

Class A:
 1 - Tom Ebers 6-1 75.5%
 2 - Oden Sullivan 5-2 66.7%
 3 - Everett Jones 5-2 35.0%

4 – Orland Young 4-3 39.1%
 5 – Larry Brown 3-4 36.5%

Independence Fall Open 9/17/05

Director: Rick Gwinn

Class A: Tom Ebers 5-0 72.3%
 Class B: Gene Towne 4-1 49.2%
 Class C: Jim Kinney 6-1 32.5%
 Class D: Terry Kampe 6-1 32.5%
 Class E: Darrell Pulliam 6-1 8.3%

Hillbilly Fair Open @ Laurie 9/17-18/05

Dirs: Bob & Donna Bastel

Class A: Bob Bloss 6-1 42.9%
 Class B: Roena Branson 6-1 48.8%

Class C: Don Isaacson 6-1 42.1%
 Class D: Richard Bandy 7-1 34.3%
 Class E: Tamra Jenkins 7-0 41.3%
 Class F: Richard Bandy 6-1 43.3%
 Class G: Jim Bainter 6-1 32.9%
 Class H: Dennis Mills 7-0 29.6%
 Class I: Dick Byersdorfer 7-1 11.9%
 Class J: Gary Lane 4-1 17.8%
 Class K: Gary Park 7-1 11.9%

Crane Fall Open @ Crane 9/17/05

Directors: Bill and Judy Wasiner

Class A: Gary Bowling 5-0 59.8%
 Class B: Terry McDonald 7-0 37.1%
 Class C: Oren Harris 7-1 20.3%

Class D: Joie Welker 4-1 43.0%

Big Money Open @ Jefferson City

9/24/05 Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Tom Ebers 9-0 73.6%
 Class B: Don Isaacson 8-1 42.5%
 Class C: Dennis McHawes 9-1 21.1%

Ray Cavin Memorial @ St. Joseph

9/24/05 Dirs Ron & Peggy Campbell

Class A: Audra Craven 4-1 58.0%
 Class B: Ed Blakley 6-1 47.1%
 Class C: Denise Bloss 4-1 32.5%
 Class D: Donald Plowman 4-1 20.5%
 Class E: Roger Albright 4-1 19.8%

Missouri Horseshoe Club News



Chillicothe Horseshoe Club

by Donald Plowman



The Chillicothe Horseshoe Pitching Association concluded its 2005 season at the Clay Street Park Horseshoe Courts with its annual post season picnic, awards presentation and election of officers.

The Championship Team was State Farm Insurance as the sponsor with duo of Bud Jones and Sherman Garst. Garst also won the High Game handicap of 120 and the Most Improved Average of a plus 4.

Frances Dominique won the High Series Handicap with 231 points.

Officers elected for the 2006 year were: President – Donald Plowman, Vice President – Darrell Plowman, 2nd Vice President – Paul Howard, and Secretary/Treasurer Frances Dominique.

We had six team sponsors this year with two members per team participating. We would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting our teams this year: Pat Thorne Lumber, HyVee Food Store, State Farm Insurance, Dominique Rental, Dickerson Tool & Die and Plowman's Garage.

Next year the league will start April 24. There will be one sanctioned tournament in 2006 which will be held on Saturday, May 20.

Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven



Liberty Horseshoe Club just completed our summer leagues. We had two mixed leagues and a one week junior league. Two of our new juniors, Tyler and Hailey Happy, will be pitching in one of our fall leagues and will be bringing their parents to pitch also. Of course, we have Aunt Daphne to thank for getting them started. Another new junior, Hayley Dykes, finished 3rd in the Girls Championship at State and plans to pitch more tournaments. Bruce Thomson, a junior with a little more experience, finished 2nd in the 9 and under division at the World Tournament in Bakersfield. League Champion Juniors are: Tyler Happy and Michael Leger; Mixed Indoor- Brady Craven and Audra Craven, Outdoor - Wayne Dusenbery, Bruce Thomson and Alex Roberts (another junior). Most Improved Junior- Olivia Jackson; Indoor-Nick

DiRaimo 107.2; Outdoor- Bob Bloss. High Game Junior-Alex Roberts; Indoor- Nick DiRaimo 122; Outdoor -Bob Bloss. High Over Average- Junior Alex Roberts 33.2 (34 shoe games!), Indoor – Lou Frazee; Outdoor-Alex Roberts. Junior Sportsmanship Award – Alex Roberts. Alex just started last year. He finished 3rd in the Junior A Class at Jefferson City.

Angela DiRaimo is having a second bout with acute bronchitis and is on oxygen. We hope to see her well enough to pitch soon. Elizabeth Furner will be on the courts again this fall!



Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Donna Bastel

Is summer over already? Time flies when you are pitching shoes. Our Club experienced another record year in adding new pitchers. We signed up 15 new MOHPA members, bringing our club total to 54 this year.

We held two summer leagues starting in early May and ending in late August. Our Single's League, consisting of 24 pitchers, presented the First Place Award to Harold Hoffmeister, Roger Sinclair and Merv Moeller with a record of 68.5/57.5. Our Doubles' League had 38 pitchers and 1st Place went to Dan Couch and Lile Harper, sponsored by Hibdon Gravel. Harry Rother was this year's Rookie of the Year. He improved his average point per game by 7 points and his ringer percentage by 5.63%. We started two fall leagues the week of Sept. 21, which will run for 6-7 weeks, weather permitting.

We just completed our third tournament of the year – The Hillbilly Fair. We had 76 entries. The Tournament Champion was Bob (HatMan) Bloss, with a 5/1 records and 42.92%. In five out of the 11 classes, our club members placed first, which means, they love their home courts. Congratulations to you all.

Five club members went to Nationals this year: Jim Bainter, Bob & Donna Bastel, Doug Peoples and Jim Premer. Fifteen members participated in the State Tournament.

Now that outdoor pitching is over in the Ozarks for this year, we hope to see you at some of the indoor facilities over the winter.

Happy Holidays to you all! Be good little boys and girls and maybe Santa will bring you some shoes full of ringers for Christmas.



Independence Horseshoe Club

by Wayne/Pam Henderson

We are proud to have a PeeWee in our club, Felecia Gwinn. We hope she had a good time and will come back next year. She won second place at State. That's just super. One of our new members, Liz Brown, had a terrific game one night. She is a 22 point average pitcher, and this night she pitched 44 with two doubles in a row and three in the game. She was really happy and so was her partner, Pam Henderson. They went on to win the Stakes team. Jared Brant, another new pitcher, pitched an exceptional game against, Pam Henderson. It was his highest game for the season. We hope all our new pitchers and old ones will come back to pitch in 2006. Can't hardly believe how time flies by.

We had Stakes and Clay Teams. The winners were Pam Henderson/Liz Brown winning the Stakes and Gene Towne/Laura Estes winning the Clays. I will have a full report in the next issue.

Michael Gillespie, our only member that went to World won 5th in Class E1 with a 10-5 record. He also won the 2004 Player of the Year. Pam Henderson is no longer Women's State Champion for 2005. Rose Diekamp won her 4th Title. Congratulations to her. She was a cool pitcher. Ha. As we pitched on the ice.

Perry Mann had double hernia surgery and was off for quite a while and came back and pitched with us on the last couple of weeks and went on to win the Independence League Championship. Way to go, Perry.

Russell Box had to quit pitching because of a bad back and now his knees are bothering him. Hope you can come back, Russell.

We had a good season and wish everyone well the rest of the year. Will report all our accomplishments in the next newsletter as they are not all in yet.

Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Roena Branson

Show Me fall time which means the gardens are almost finished and the mowing is slowing down and now comes the preparation for "Old Man winter."

On Sunday, May 22, Roena Branson represented the Sprint Corp in the Corp Challenge of Kansas City in the Women's Horseshoe event. It's a 50-shoe game. This event has been held since 1986, which the previous record established in 1997 with 99 PTs. Roena set the new all time record this year pitching 60% with 104 PTs, receiving 1st place and the Gold Medal!

On July 9th, the Peculiar Horseshoe Club once again held the horseshoe event for the Cass County Fair at Pleasant Hill, MO. We had 38 pitchers this year which is the most we have ever had to attend. It was a very hot day but everyone that participated had a good time and gave it their all even in the heat. It was a long day as well; we started at 1:00pm and finished at 8:30pm. Chip Sloan and Ralph Richardson ended up in a pitchoff, it was a big decision of who had the most energy left to go on. The last game of the day started and it was down to the wire with 1st place going to Chip Sloan; 2nd to Ralph Richardson and 3rd to Roena Branson. Danny and I want to say "Thank You" to Terry Bishop, Clint Sloan, Chip Sloan and Ralph Richardson for helping with this event.

We had 5 members from the Peculiar Horseshoe Club to attend the World Tournament in CA this year: Ron Highley, Victoria



Highley, Paige Highley, George Chichura and Joanne Jones. We are so proud of the ones that did get to go and participate to represent our club. With the World Tournament being held in Gillette, WY in year 2006, I believe we will have more people to attend, at least we hope it will be cooler.

On August 28th, we had our league tournament and what a tournament it was. In Class A we had a pitch off between Michael Bowman and Roena Branson which was a close game all the way to the end. Michael won 1st place by 3 points: 2nd - Roena and 3rd Lawrence Loney. In Class B, Jim Kinney, Jr won 1st place and in Class C, we had another pitch off between hubby and wife, the Bishops. I think if Dawn ever wanted to win, this was the game and the girl did it. Way to go, girl.

Our year-end tournament Class Champions are: class A: Michael Bowman, Class B: Jim Kinney Jr, Class C: Dawn Bishop. High Average: Michael Bowman, High Game: Michael Bowman; High Game Over Average: Chip Sloan, Sportsmanship Award: Ed Kinney, Rookie of the Year: Joann Jones, Most Improved: Michael Bowman.

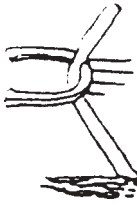
Also, we are very proud of Ed Kinney for receiving the "Sportsmanship Award". We are honored to present this award to Ed because he was a great sport, he never missed a league night and never complained, "only he was having terrible time making ringers." I think we can all relate to that. Ed did not win a lot of games but he kept on trying and was available to assist in whatever needed to be done at the club. That shows a true sportsman. Congratulations, Ed.

Danny and I want to say "Thank You" to Cory Bishop, Lawrence Loney, Chip and Clint Sloan and Chara Page for helping us to clean up, mow and water the courts for our tournament that was held on Sept. 10. We also would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to each and everyone that attended our tournaments this year. We enjoyed having all of you come by and we look forward to next year.

The Peculiar Horseshoe Club is very proud to announce that we have a celebrity in our club. Chip Sloan received a personal letter from Mike McGhee, State Representative Dist. #122 recognizing Chip for winning 1st place in B Class at the MO State Fair Tournament. Mike even said he was a pretty good pitcher, himself, and they may have to have a game sometime. I think this would be a good challenge. "Congratulations, Chip."

The Peculiar Horseshoe Club is very proud of Erika Bowman, this little lady took the traveling Championship Class trophy home for winning first place in the girls junior class at the State Tournament in Jefferson City. "Congratulations, Erika, we are so happy for you.

Our year end banquet was a great success. We had a very nice dinner with pulled pork, baked beans which the club furnished and everyone brought a covered dish. We gave out so many awards I can't name them all. Our league team winner this year again!!!! were the Bowman guys, Glenn and Michael. We just can't seem to catch these guys. Ralph Richardson and Roena Branson placed 2nd, and Lawrence Loney and Joann Jones placed 3rd. Those receiving percentage patches were: Chip Sloan, 50% ; Joann Jones, Clint Sloan, 40%; Erika Bowman, 30%; George Chichura, Ray Herman, Robbie Claiborne, Dylan Mountain, 20%; T.J. Bowman, Ben Sharp, 10%; and Skylar Lichte, 6-9%. President Danny Branson would like to say "Thank you" to everyone that helped make this league year a great success. We all make a good team. From our courts to yours, have a beautiful fall and God Bless America.



New Melle Horseshoe Club

by Rich Altis

New Melle Horseshoe Club Meeting, Sep.30th. The main points of interest were the re-election of Martin Orf, president, and Dave Feldewerth, treasurer. These guys did such a good job I think they deserve a couple more terms. A new addition to the officers is a second vice president to help share the work as we prepare for the new facility. Mr. Don Claas will fill that position.

Club members made a trip to Joelton to retrieve equipment and HOF material. There is a separate article about the trip to Joelton.

The New Melle Horseshoe Club donated one thousand dollars to the NHPF.

The telephone number for the New Melle Club is **636-828-5498**. This is where you will get your information about cancellations or for the club being closed on Sunday after a Saturday tournament. The New Melle facility will be open on Sundays starting Oct. 9th around 11:30.

The 2006 tournament dates have been set. You will find them in the tournament schedule. New Melle leagues will be starting Monday Oct. 24th and Wednesday Oct. 26th.

NHPF/NHPA: The NHPF has voted to build the Hall of Fame Horseshoe facility in St. Charles County in Quail Ridge Park, which is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Hwy 40 and 70 at Wentzville. Spring 2006 is the projected starting time for the project.

2005 State tournament: The state tournament is history. We appreciate Jim Bainter and the other state officers that worked so hard to put on the state tournament. We also want to thank Jill Johnson of the Jefferson City Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the Park Department and the staff at the Ice Arena. They did a super job hosting the tournament. For those that were inside, it was a cool experience pitching in the Ice Arena. The pitchers that pitched on the outside permanent courts had great weather for the most part.

Stan did another outstanding job with the entertainment. It was interesting to see all of the old pictures and see what handsome ladies and gentlemen they turned out to be. The hotel, with the exception of the fire alarm going off, was as good as expected. The food was very good, the staff courteous and helpful.

Jeanette Class was inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame. The New Melle club members are so proud of her. What a lucky day it was for the horseshoe pitchers when she decided to take up pitching.

New Melle's Rose Diekamp is once more the MOHPA Women's Champion. Congratulations to Rose on winning her fourth title. New Melle pitchers that finished first in their class were, Suzanne Evans (B), Mary Ann Ell (C), Sam Carter (Senior Ch.), Stan Bailey (F), Rich Bandy (H) and Larry Riley (I).

NHPA: The NHPA is in the process of rewriting "The Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching". Say your opponent is thirty percent better than you. What if you could throw three shoes instead of two. Would that even it up?

If there is a rule that you would like to amend, now is the time to let us know about it. Contact Roy Evans or Rich Altis to make your wishes known.



Pony Express Horseshoe Club

by Richard Pistole, League Director

The Pony Express Horseshoe League of St.

Jopseph has completed a successful season. Thirteen members pitched 271 games, 13,550 shoes, scored 16,206 points, threw 3,322 ringers, and had an overall average of 60 points per game.

The HIGH RINGER PERCENTAGE went to Gene Newkirk with 47.08%; Gene Newkirk took the HIGH GAME award with a game of 107. Ray Canchola earned the HIGH GAME OVER AVERAGE award with a game of 82 points while carrying an average of 56. The MOST IMPROVED Award went to Gregg Canchola while the ROOKIE OF THE YEAR is Marlin Ferguson, who also received the SPORTSMANSHIP award.

Those receiving increase in percentage awards were: Karen Goldizen 50%, Gene Newkirk 60%, Richard Pistole 30%, Marlin Ferguson 20% and Bob Candler 10%.

Dean Jameson and Gene Newkirk took the TEAM TITLE with a record of 33 wins while losing only 13.

A singles tournament was held and the winners were: Group I - Greg Canchola, Group II - Richard Pistole, and Group III - Marlin Ferguson.

Capitol City Horseshoe Club

by Steve Bruemmer



The Capital City Horseshoe Club held its first league with 35 participants on Sunday evenings this summer with the Double Ringers going 73 wins and 35 loses. Members of the winning team are Jim Bruemmer, August Dudenhoeffer, Richard Dudenhoeffer, Jim Driver and Eileen Reeves. Highs for the Sunday evening league are:

High average Steve Johnson 56.80 %; High game Steve Johnson 72; High game over average Darlene Wolken; Most improved Roger Reeves; Rookie of the year Adam Scheppers; Sportsmanship Award Rodney Malinckrodt.

Next year we look to have a singles league on Thursday evenings and have our team league on Sunday evenings. We had several tournaments scheduled throughout the year and all had great participation. Our "Big Money" tournament was attended well but would like to have more pitchers participate next year. Each class paid \$250.00 in winnings. Congratulations to Tom Ebers - A Class, Don Isaacson - B Class, and Dennis McHawes - C Class.

In 2006 we will collect \$2.00 from everyone's tournament entry and put it towards a "Jefferson City Player of the Year Award" fund. The winner will receive the total amount collected. To become the player of the year, the person with the most points will receive the award. Points can only be earned for tournament play.

The point system is the same as the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association's "Player of the Year Award." If this award was given this year, it would be worth \$350.00.

I do appreciate the attendance from the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club - Laurie and for all of their support at our tournaments.

If anyone is interested in joining the club, please contact Steve Bruemmer at 636-541-3232 or email s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net.

Festus Horseshoe Club News

by Terry Leible



Our summer session comes to an end at the Festus Horseshoe Club after five hot months. It was very successful with no rainouts. The club included 51 players divided into nine teams. The team of the Diamonds ended the season on top as the winning team. From Diamonds, Dan Peterson ended with the high point game 52/60 points) and high ringer per-

centage (85%) for the club. Other notables included Jesse Yount, Ron Deno, and Ed Pashia all with 80% ringer percentages.

Three men represented the Festus Horseshoe Club in the State Tournament in Jefferson City this year with excellent results. Mike Fadler was titled the Class Champion for the Men's B Class. Ed Boyer donned the title of Champion for Men's G class. Frank Rohlfing completed the tournament with a third place finish in the Senior's Class A. Congratulations to our members and all those who participated around the state.

Our fall session began October 4 with ten teams. The members will be pitching two nights a week for ten weeks. Festus Horseshoe Club is a handicap league where all players, despite the skill level, have equal opportunity to win. All enjoy the time together for a good game of shoes! Everyone is welcome to come by the club on Saturdays around noon for a games of shoes!

Backyard Horseshoe Club

by *Melody Williams*



Greetings from the Backyard (Horseshoe Club)! It has been an exciting and fun summer for BYHC! We feel quite honored with all of the great accomplishments our club members and their families have achieved this year!

First of all, we would like to congratulate all of our members who were winners at the MOHPA State Tournament! GREAT JOB! We had several first time pitchers participating in this event! All of the club members who went and participated in the event all commented on how nice and smooth everything was run and that everyone involved should be proud of how everything turned out. Most of them reported that they will plan on returning next year because they had such a great time! (Some of them more than others! HA!HA!) A few club members commented that they would have had more fun if they had won! HA! HA!

A few of the first time participants are also participants in the annual MO KC State Tournament and commented on how different this was than that one, that the MOHPA tournament was much more challenging and you couldn't blame your partner for losing !HA! HA! (I had never thought about it that way!). This is a good point however!

We are looking forward to competing against the New Melle Horseshoe Club again on Saturday, December 3, 2005! We are ready for you! We will be on our own turf this year! HA!HA! Anyone interested in coming out to participate or help support the club, etc. please let us know! We do admit that the plaque does look VERY NICE on our wall as well and we aren't going to surrender it without a fight! HA! HA!

We have scheduled several sanctioned events through the end of 2005. There will be 2 classes in all of these. If you are interested in participating in any of them, please let us know. The dates on these are:

- October: Sunday, Oct. 16, 1:00 p.m. & Sunday, Oct. 30, 1:00 p.m.
- November: Sunday, Nov. 6, 1:00 p.m. & Sunday, Nov. 27, 1:00 p.m.
- December: Saturday, Dec. 3rd, NMHC VS BYHC 10:00 a.m. & Saturday, Dec. 18, 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or comments at any time, please feel free to call the BYHC. Hope to see you all in December!

Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club

by *Judy Waisner*



The Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club will end the 2005 season with our annual "Two Bit" Tournament and Barbecue on Saturday Oct. 15. It is the old time standing doubles tournament, lots of good food cooked by "Horseshoe" Bill Waisner which always includes his famous gumbo. He has been fixing this since we pitched in the 1991 World Tournament in Biloxi, Mississippi and toured New Orleans the week before pitching. The tournament gets bigger every year and people come just to eat and watch the pitchers from around the area. LaVerne has become well known for his pineapple deer roast that never seems to make it to the table before people are sampling them. Anyhow it is a great time and hope some of you from the other areas take time to come down and enjoy it some time.

The Crane Creek Ringers League Awards are also given before we eat and pitch the doubles tournament. We had 14 pitchers this year and hope to have a few more next year in the league. We have seen these new pitchers almost double their averages since last year. We only had one junior pitcher who also has improved a lot. We played two rounds this summer. The winners of the 1st round league were:

1st place: Markus Blevins, Junior pitcher (Playoff between Frank Hudson and Markus Blevins ; 2nd place Frank Hudson; 3rd place William Elder. 2nd round winners of league: 1st place: Steve Flood - 2nd place: William Elder - 3rd place: Michael Elder.

NHPA League awards: Markus Blevins 30% patch; William Elder 20% patch; Corey Hudson 6-9% patch; Nathan McCullough 6-9% patch; High game: 112 Frank Hudson; High average: 61% Frank Hudson; High game over average: Duwane Blevins 25.2 pts. over (111-85.8pts) ; 20.5% over 64% game (64-43.5%); High handicap game 106 pts. : Michael Elder; Most Improved: Markus Blevins raised his point average 18.9 pts & raised his ringer percent from 10%-20.2%. Two Rookie of the Year Awards (they were so close in everything we felt they both deserved the award: Nathan McCullough & Corey Hudson.

We had another great year with more new pitchers and several more interested late in the season. Hopefully they will join next year. We really missed Ralph and Eugene in the league and tournaments. That is a big void in our club with them gone, but the memories are still here. When you see Jackie Cargile drive up you still expect the other two to get out of that car.

Thanks to all the pitchers who came to Crane despite the gas prices and the heat. We lost a lot of our Arkansas pitchers due to the gas prices, but hopefully they will be back next year.

Bill has had silicone injections in his knees and they are working on his atrial fib problem now. He is seeing a new heart surgeon who specializes in his problem at this time and the Dr. hopes to improve his condition. There is a new surgery to fix the atrial fib or possibly a pacemaker, but all the tests are not done yet to decide which will be the best for him. We should know more October 13. Keep him in your prayers. He is trying to pitch again a little every day and hopefully we will see him on the courts next year. Our new email is jwaisner@centurytel.net. See you in 2006!

New E-mail Address

Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club
jwaisner@centurytel.net



Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

Question

Nestled between the bright lights of Branson and the beautiful skylines of St. Louis and Kansas City lies our “Wake Up to Missouri” town located directly in the heart of Saline

County. This frontier town was established in 1839 to serve as the county seat of Saline County, so named for the importance of salt springs in the early days of its history. Saline County has 75 miles of land along the Missouri River, the most of any county in the nation!

This town which was named after a Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, is located away from the river, however, it became a prosperous town in the years before the Civil War. Prominent families that settled into the area gave it an aristocratic tone lacking in most of the frontier towns. Its virgin soil turned out to be very rich and productive. The renowned Missouri mules were also produced in the area.

Much of the work was done by slaves brought to Missouri by their southern owners. On a political note, Abraham Lincoln did not receive one vote in Saline County in that year’s presidential election. Once the Civil War came, the town’s southern sympathies became clear. Marshall was a federal garrison for most of the war and businesses were closed and military actions took place throughout the vicinity. The Ridge Park Cemetery contains the Dennis Brothers Monument. The statue is a composite of both the Confederate and Union soldier. Austin Dennis fought for the South and Davis Dennis fought for the North. After the Civil War its residents set about rebuilding their economy.

Although it is located within 1½ hours drive of historic Arrow Rock, Columbia, The Lake of the Ozarks, Sedalia, Slater and Sweet Springs, this Missouri town boasts much more than just a central location. It boasts the home of Missouri Valley College and Nicholas-Beazley Aviation. It was in this town where E.L. Cord sold groceries in the 1920’s before he began to manufacture the Duesenberg and Cord automobiles. And by the way, Sam Walton (1918-1992), founder of Walmart, attended high school here.

An unexpected part of its history led to the town becoming the home of the world’s largest civilian air school in the late 1920’s. A new plane, the Barling NB-3, was manufactured here, and an airfield was built. It attracted students from all over the world and many of them would fly back home in planes they made during their stay. Unfortunately, the great depression came along and ended the dream of major airline industry here.

Ever since 1963 the town is proud to be the smallest American city with a full size symphony orchestra (about 60 players) utilizing local musicians, ages from 13 to 80 and whose occupation ranges from goat farmers to librarian. The philharmonic has won several TV Emmy Awards.

Long before Lassie and Rin Tin Tin appeared in the movies, this small town claims another dog that far outweighed the talents of the other movie stars. Such was the case with “Jim”, a Llewellyn Setter born in the Taylor Kennels in Louisiana on March 10, 1925. He was a gift to Samuel VanArsdale, owner of the Ruff Hotel. His owner wanted to use him as a hunting dog.

Jim didn’t take to the training, but once in the field, he proved to be amazing. He knew where to find quail and refused to go into fields that had no birds. VanArsdale lost count of the birds Jim tracked at 5,000!

But Jim became known for other talents as well. He could do things on command, such as pick out certain kinds of trees; locate a car by color, make or license number; follow instructions given to him in foreign languages, shorthand or Morse Code. He could also predict the sex of unborn babies and successfully predicted the winner of the 1936 World Series and seven Kentucky Derbies. He was unique and blessed with a special gift. Veterinarians could find nothing abnormal about him.

He became known as Jim the Wonder Dog, a psychological mystery and marvel, and his fame spread. He was featured in Ripley’s Believe It or Not, Reader’s Digest, Outdoor Life and other magazines. A book was even written about him. But doggonit, Jim died in 1937 and was buried in Ridge Park Cemetery, the only animal in the cemetery for people. A statue of Jim has been placed near the town square. Can you guess the name of the town that hereby wags a tale?

Answer

In the 158 years since its official birth, **Marshall**, Missouri has grown from a tiny farming community to an attractive, progressive city where tree lined streets effectively blend the old with the new. Blessed with some of the richest farmland in the country, this fertile spot inside the MO River Valley offers a front row seat of the happenings in central Missouri. By retaining its small town charm and a relaxed friendly atmosphere, with a population of almost 13,000, is poised to move into the 21st century without losing sight of its historical past. Marshall is definitely proud of its roots while preparing for the future. Located in Marshall is the beautiful Indian Foothills Park consisting of 240 acres that includes an aquatic center, golf course, skate park, tennis courts, volleyball courts and at the bottom of the hill lies 12 well-attended horseshoe courts. Ever since 1987 when Tom Ebers and Russ Ebbing and with the help of Woodrow Shepard, started the Saline County Horseshoe Pitchers Club, this has been the scene of many horseshoe activities. Some of Missouri’s greatest competition has been held on those courts. Today, Tom still organizes and keeps stats on 66 members of the club. They have one non-sanctioned doubles league with 32 pitchers (16 teams) in Marshall and 20 pitchers (10 teams) in Blackburn, a neighboring town, both non-sanctioned. Missouri recognizes the 14 sanctioned members of the club: Gene Crim, Elmer VanBuren, Orland Young, Everett Jones, Larry Brown, Brandi Tresler, Darryl Ross, Richard Rodden, James Rodden, Everett Chess, Oden Sullivan, Chris Oswald, John Rohde and Tom Ebers who have helped to keep horseshoe pitching alive in Saline County. Marshall is indeed a town to be proud of; a great place to raise a family, make a living and play horseshoes! Missouri horseshoe pitchers salute the town of Marshall and the Saline County Horseshoe Club. It’s residents all agree it’s just a doggone wonderful place to be!

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Remaining 2005 Missouri Horseshoe Tournament Schedule

Date	Sanc. Number	Tournament Name/Location	Contact	E-mail/Cell Number
10-01	19-05-062	Open benefit @ New Melle [tourney canceled]	Bailey 573-764-3631	
10-08	19-05-017	Frost Bite* @ Don Harris Arena, Liberty	Cooper 816-741-0043†	ivdead@hotmail.com
10-08	19-05-079	James Belt Memorial* @ Caulfield	Kingsolver 417-284-3042	
10-09	19-05-091	Octoberfest Mixed Fall Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sbruemmer@worldnet.att.net
10-15	N/S	Doubles @ Crane	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
10-15, 16	19-05-074	West vs. East* @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-4132†	gregganda@juno.com
10-16	19-05-109	(BYHC) Boo Classic* @ Glen Allen, 1 p.m.	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
10-20	19-05-110	(BYHC) Spook Classic* @ Glen Allen, 1 p.m.	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
10-22	19-05-063	Fall Team (Handicapped)* @ New Melle (R)	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@aol.com
10-22	19-05-082	Mountain View October Mixed Open	Hobbs 417-934-6741	
10-29	19-05-018	Halloween Open* @ Don Harris Arena, Liberty	Kampe 816-252-5263†	tkampe62@yahoo.com
11-05	19-05-019	5th Annual Holly Marie Memorial* @ Harris Arena	Griggs 816-313-1814†	sgriggs@midwestembroidery.net
11-05, 06	19-05-005	Tri-State Horseshoe Club Mixed Open No. 4 @ Diamond	Gricks Jr. 417-325-4456	
11-06	19-05-111	(BYHC) Turkey Revenge* @ Glen Allen, 1 p.m.	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
11-19	19-05-020	Snow Bird Fly Away* @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-4132†	gregganda@juno.com
11-19	19-05-064	Turkey Trot* @ New Melle (R)	Feldewerth 636-978-1212	dbfeld@excite.com
11-26, 27	19-05-041	Hudson Hall After Turkey Day* @ Crane	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
11-27	19-05-112	(BYHC) Leftover Special* @ Glen Allen, 1 p.m.	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
12-03	19-05-021	Here Comes Santa Claus* @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-7581†	brcraven@webtv.net
12-03	19-05-113	BYHC vs. NMHC @ Glen Allen, 10 a.m.	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
12-10	19-05-065	Jingle Bell Rock* @ New Melle (R)	Volo 314-434-4075	
12-10, 11	19-05-006	Tri-State Horseshoe Club Mixed Open No. 5 @ Diamond	Gricks Jr. 417-325-4456	
12-17	19-05-022	(c) Santa Is Here* @ Don Harris Arena	Kampe 816-252-5263†	tkampe62@yahoo.com
12-17, 18	19-05-042	Hudson Hall Pre-Christmas Open* @ Crane	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
12-18	19-05-114	Countdown Christmas Classic* @ Glen Allen, 1 p.m.	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
Early 2006 Tournaments				
01-07	19-06-006	Happy New Year* @ Don Harris Arena†	Killgore 816-930-3353	chask@centurytel.net
01-07, 08	19-06-001	Lucky Gricks Memorial* @ Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
01-14	19-06-032	Super Bowl Special* @ New Melle	Claas 636-447-3039	dclaas@juno.com
01-21	19-06-007	Window of Opportunity 3* @ Don Harris Arena	Straughn 816-246-0310†	nmstraughn@netzero.net
01-21, 22	19-06-024	January Thaw* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
02-04	19-06-008	Special Olympics Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena	Gwinn 816-796-0213	
02-04	19-06-033	Happy Heart* @ New Melle	Kreienkamp 636-583-6446	
02-04, 05	19-06-002	February Mixed Open @ Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
02-18	19-06-009	Independence Memorial* @ Don Harris Arena	Henderson 816-257-1853	waynepam@juno.com
02-18	19-06-034	Spring Team Handicap* @ New Melle	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@aol.com
02-18, 19	19-06-025	Late Valentine Day* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
03-04	19-06-010	Robin Red-Breast* @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-7581†	brcraven@webtv.net
03-04	19-06-035	Shamrock Fling* @ New Melle	Rahe 636-462-6337	gidgesue@aol.com
03-04, 05	19-06-003	March Mixed Open @ Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
03-18	19-06-011	Spring Break* @ Don Harris Arena	Killgore 816-930-3353†	chask@centurytel.net
03-18	19-06-036	Open Benefit* @ New Melle	Bailey	636-395-3640
03-18, 19	19-06-026	Spring Is Monday* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
04-01, 02	19-06-037	East vs. West* @ New Melle	Evans 314-878-3845	revans@evanspe.com
04-15	19-06-013	Cancer Action Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena	Armstrong 816-453-4052†	armstrongkent@aol.com
04-22	19-06-029	Peculiar Spring Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com
04-22	19-06-038	April Showers* @ New Melle	Buskirk	573-384-5573
04-22	19-06-026	Spring Tune Up* @ Crane	Wasiner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
04-29	19-06-048	Capital City Mixed Open @ Jefferson city	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
05-06	19-06-039	30-Foot Invitational* (by invitation only)	Diekamp 636-240-6260	
05-06, 07	19-06-040	Six Pac Invitational (men; by invitation only)	Faron 636-398-5028	bugsfaron@aol.com
05-20	19-06-041	Mayflower Marathon* @ New Melle	Gettinger 314-429-4427	pamgettinger@anheuser-busch.com
05-20	19-06-012	Chillicothe Mixed Open (limited to 6 classes of 6)	Plowman 660-646-0174	daultpearplowman@sbcglobal.net
05-27	19-06-049	Memorial Mixed Open @ JeffersonCity	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
05-27	19-06-056	Memorial Day @ Crane	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
07-10/22	WY-sanc	World Tournament @ Gillette, Wyo.	Hansen 262-835-9108	nhpa.sec.treas@worldnet.att.net

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