



From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

The holiday season is behind us and it's time to look toward our next horseshoe season. I hope everyone had a Great Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. May the horseshoe gods smile on everyone during the coming year.

NHPF/HOF Facility

It appears Missouri has been successful in acquiring this indoor/outdoor horseshoe complex, complete with plans for an improved NHPA Hall of Fame. Congratulations to all those who donated their time and effort to make this facility a reality. The New Melle Horseshoe Club membership will make this facility their new home and provide day to day management oversight. It will be a wonderful venue for the World Tournament and National and Statewide events. Please read the detailed article "It's a Ringer" written by your Editor, Jeanette Claas, inside this issue of *Shoe Biz*.

MOHPA Winter Meeting

The 2006 Winter Officer meeting will be held on 11 February in Jefferson City. If any of the membership has any complaints or suggestions that deserve to be placed on the agenda for discussion, please let me or your Zone Director know. This is your opportunity to make an input on how the MOHPA is managed.

MOHPA Membership

According to NHPA data, Missouri has fared better than most states in maintaining our membership. We must all do our part to promote the sport of horseshoe, pursue new pitchers, and encourage inactive pitchers to start pitching again. An important factor in maintaining and increasing membership is to get more youth involved in the sport. There are lots of kids and grandkids who are potential pitchers. They just need some encouragement. One of the agenda items for our Winter meeting is to develop a state-wide program for Juniors to help stimulate

their willingness to participate. I would like to hear your ideas and suggestions to make this a successful effort.

MOHPA Team/Club Benefit

This 3rd annual benefit tournament will be held in Strafford, MO, at the Exotic Animal Park on Saturday, 3 June 2006. The Pitchers Paradise Club of Strafford will host a sanctioned Open tournament the following day, Sunday, 4 June, to make this a full weekend event. Don't wait until the last minute to get your teams organized. It's been a great money maker for the MOHPA and a fun weekend for all the participants. Remember, it's a "Bringing Rights" event and a great way to get some publicity for your local club.

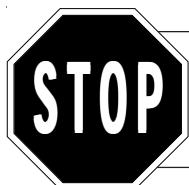
The Best Western Coach House Inn, last year's host hotel, has offered a rate of \$49.99 for this year. It's 99 cents higher than last year. This rate is good as long as we have at least 15 rooms - otherwise, the rate will be \$54.00. Be sure and ask for the Horseshoe rate when you call. The number is 800-287-1476 or 417-862-0701 for reservations. I looked at other hotels in the area but this was the best rate available. Get your reservations early so we secure the lower rate.

Shoe Biz Ad Sales

It looks like the ad sales program to help defray the costs of our *Shoe Biz* publication has lost the momentum it had a few months ago. If each club brought in just one quarter page ad each issue, it would help our overall financial condition and give us the option of helping out new clubs and improving our own state-owned equipment. Your efforts would certainly be appreciated.

2006 NHPA/MOHPA Membership Cards

Just a reminder — it's a new year and you need a 2006 card to pitch. Check this issue of *Shoe Biz* for a renewal application. **Tournament directors and league directors, beware.** That's it from the Pits.



**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

It's a ringer! 2006 will definitely be a most exciting year for Missouri horseshoe pitchers. Missouri just can't wait until the first shovel is dug into the ground for the new NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum building to be completed. New Melle members can hardly contain themselves with excitement. NMHC invites all Missouri pitchers to enjoy the new facility when it is completed. Above all, please support the NHPF, who made it all possible.

I would like to welcome all new members who have just recently joined the MOHPA. Looks like the Festus Horseshoe Club has picked up 15 new members! No matter what part of the state you are coming from, we hope you enjoy all your new experiences in horseshoes and stay with us for a long time. One of the most important forms in this issue is the New Membership application form. New members are vital to our state.

Check out the new 2006 tournament schedule that Coop has compiled for you. Start making plans now to attend the exciting World Tournament to be held in the wild, wild west this summer. You can find an entry form on the NHPA web site and don't forget to send it in by the middle of May. Plan to attend the MOHPA Benefit Team tournament in Springfield this year. Keep the Missouri State Fair tournament tradition alive in August. Real horseshoe pitchers will be spending their Labor Day weekend in Jeff City for both the Doubles & Singles competition. And while marking those calendars, plan to see horseshoe pitching at its best as

you attend the Six Pac Tournament held at NMHC in May. You'll learn much by watching the pros in action.

Now is the time for you to be thinking of who you would like to nominate for the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. Information and an application form are enclosed.

"Close isn't close enough," says our centerfold Missouri horseshoe pitcher who became a legend in central Missouri; a most interesting story of his life, love, and dedication to the sport of horseshoes.

In this issue we pay tribute to the third-oldest Missouri horseshoe pitcher, who recently passed away. You will Wake Up to Missouri when you read about this most peculiar town, and like a good neighbor, read how State Farm Insurance sent a couple to Missouri who found their way into horseshoes!

Who's hot and who's not: Missouri ladies are making a move! She's B-A-C-K! After a few years of regrouping, Jan Kreienkamp is back and pitching as good or better than she ever was. Keep your eyes on a newcomer from the Stockton area: Letha Harris has taken to horseshoes like a duck to water. Here come the Juniors! A lot of our juniors received special recognition last year: Bruce Thomson, J.J. Stanton, Michael Leger, and Laryssa Stanton. Watch for the talented Michael Bowman, as he recently pitched a tournament average of 70%. Will you be among the "picks" in 06'?

"Someday you're gonna see me in the movies, they're gonna make a big star out of me." Find out in this issue what ex-Missouri horseshoe pitcher is now singing that Buck Owens song as he makes his first video debut!

Hope you find a few minutes to sit down and design a T-shirt for the 2006 State Tournament. **Deadline is Feb. 15!** Show me

Shoe Biz
Deadlines

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



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www.horseshoepitching.com

Click on the US map to get to Missouri's page

an artist from Missouri and I'll show you someone who knows how to draw the line.

I would like to remind our readers if there is a special someone you would like to see spotlighted in the newsletter, let me know and I will help you with it. Don't hold back - I'm here 24/7. Share your articles that you may have seen in the newspaper with the readers.

This winter issue of *Shoe Biz* was brought to you by horseshoe enthusiasts: Jim Bainter, Roy Evans, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Rich Altis, Bob/Donna Bastel, Rowena Branson, Elwyn Cooper, Joe Faron, Bob Diekamp, Bea Feldewerth, Pam Henderson, Bob Reininger, Gregg Craven, Melody Williams, and Yours Truly.

Until next issue, I wishoe the warmth of a home at a low cost. Did any of you receive coal from Santa at Christmas? Might be what should have been on the top of our list this year.

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 February, 2007. Thank you all for your support of our newsletter!

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

by Melody Williams, Junior Coordinator

Hello to all Youth Horseshoe Pitchers and their families! We hope you had a great holiday season and wish you the best in 2006!

Now that the holidays are over, you can concentrate on horseshoes again! The winter is a great time for practicing, if you are lucky enough to be near an indoor facility! If you aren't that fortunate to have one in your area, take advantage of the pretty sunshiny days and pitch in the backyard! Yes, I realize in the winter there aren't many of those! One of the most important things to remember with horseshoe pitching is **practice, practice, practice!** (This is important to the adults too!)

We hope to see some new faces at the 2006 Missouri State Tournament. If you have never been to one of these competitions, this is a great opportunity to compete in a very fun sport and meet new people! This is a great family sport. If your parents or grandparents don't pitch, get them involved! If you have brothers or sisters get them interested too!

We need all of your input about the Youth program. We need to know what type of things you are interested in as well as what we can do to get other Youth involved in horseshoes. If you have any suggestions, comments, concerns, please let us know. We value your input. We are still searching for helpers in the State. If you are interested, please let us know.



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This & That

by Vicki Winston

By the time you read this, the New Year will be well underway. I hope that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and that things are going well for you so far in 2006. Earl and I had a great Christmas,

because our two sons, their wives and our two grandkids were all able to be with us on Christmas Day. Even our one and only grand dog was present. It was a very nice Christmas indeed.

For those that don't know, I have a new e-mail address: horshuvicki@socket.net I was not receiving all of my messages and not everyone on the sending end was getting a delivery failure message. Just so you will know, unless I am gone on a trip or am in the hospital, I answer all correspondence very promptly, both e-mail and snail mail. If you don't receive a prompt reply, you had better check to make sure I received your correspondence.

Since we are now in a New Year, I'm sure you know what I'm going to tell you next. Yes, several hundred of you now have expired NHPA cards and should not be currently participating in any sanctioned leagues or tournaments. We hope that you will take advantage of the membership application in this issue of Shoe Biz, or the one you can print out from our web site, and will get your 2006 dues sent in real soon. Then you can forget all about dues until time to renew for 2007 and you will have the remainder of this year to just concentrate on your pitching. Of course, the postage rates have gone up, but it's worth the couple of extra pennies to be a member of the NHPA and MOHPA. I do appreciate the 411 of our members who had their dues in by Jan.

8th. That is a big help to me and to the directors of our winter events. Another reminder to all sanctioned league and tournament directors: it is your responsibility to verify that every participant in your event is a current NHPA member. Just because a name is listed in NatStats does not mean that person has a current NHPA card. When starting a league, all pitchers should already have their card or should pay their dues at the first session of league play. The NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Coordinator, Lorraine Sternberg, requests that all sanctioned league directors send her their league roster within 2 weeks after the beginning of their league season. A copy of that roster should also be sent to your charter secretary. As latecomers join your league, those names should also be sent to both persons. This is very important and we have a few league directors that have been remiss in this part of their duties. For the most part, everyone is doing a good job and I thank you all very much for your hard work. All pitchers like to play horseshoe, but we have relatively few people who are willing to accept responsibility and do all of the work so that the others can have fun.

You will be reading elsewhere in this issue of *Shoe Biz* that we are on the threshold of having a new facility at Quail Ridge Park in the Wentzville, MO, area. This facility will house the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum as well as 24 indoor courts and 8 outdoor courts. This is a continuation of what was begun in Tennessee, but needed to be relocated after the death of Dr. Jack Freeman. What exciting news this is for those who have been pursuing this dream for so long. The idea was born many, many years ago, but nothing really materialized until Dr. Freeman came on the scene. What an honor it is for Missouri to be chosen as the

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New Member List

by Vicki Winston

Welcome to the following people who have joined the NHPA and Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association in 2006 for the very first time. This list includes all whose dues were received through January 5, 2006.

Name	City	Club
Maury Bargetzi	Arnold	Festus
Ryan Burger	Festus	Festus
Trebor Butenschoen	DeSoto	Festus
Chad Carney	Hillsboro	Festus
David Clay	LaBelle	
Eric Craven	Kansas City	Liberty
Mia Craven		
Toby Craven		
Russell Dickinson	Lebanon	
Rick Doughty	Kansas City	Liberty
Gary Doyle Jr	Festus	Festus
Louise Duke	O'Fallon	New Melle
Jayce Ellermann	Fulton	
David Fichtner	Joplin	Tri State
Derrick Floyd	House Springs	Festus
Frank Friedmeyer	Festus	Festus
Elaine Hersey	St. Clair	

Bernie Jasper	Marthasville	New Melle
Sally Jasper	Marthasville	New Melle
Joe Keller	Leopold	Backyard
John Keller	Leopold	Backyard
Elaine Langewisch	Defiance	New Melle
Sam Litton	Herculaneum	Festus
Jeremy Maher	O'Fallon	New Melle
Jeremy McWilliams	Fenton	Festus
Leslie Metts	St. Paul	New Melle
James Palmer	Fenton	Festus
Ed Peters	Union	New Melle
Rich Regna	Imperial	Festus
Terry Reiter	St. Louis	New Melle
Blake Roland	Kansas City	Liberty
Dewayne Roland	Kansas City	Liberty
Jim Roland	Kansas City	Liberty
Ron Sachs	Wentzville	New Melle
Roger Shockley	Imperial	Festus
Dean Showen	Stanberry	
Ethan Snow	Pierce City	Tri State
Reece Snow	Pierce City	Tri State
Bob Sohn	Arnold	Festus
Russel Stefanic	Fenton	Festus
Daryl Strohm	Independence	Independence
Steve Verdier	Dittmar	
Jon Yount	Imperial	Festus

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site for this project. I'm sure you will all want to be supportive of this facility with both your donations and your attendance.

An entry form for the annual MOHPA Club/Team Benefit Tournament, to be held at Strafford, MO, on June 3rd, can be found in this issue of *Shoe Biz*. Entry forms for our state championship singles and doubles tournaments will be printed in the June issue of *Shoe Biz*, as will the entry form for the Missouri State Fair Mixed Open in Sedalia.

Don't forget to report any changes in pitching distance to your charter secretary, along with the date that change is taking effect. Also, please report a change of address if you move. If you have internet access, be sure and periodically check our website Guestbook for announcements and feel free to sign it if you wish. Check the Tournament Schedule link for additional events as they are added. The last I heard from Elwyn, he had already sanctioned 81 tournaments for 2006 and this is only the first part of January. Looks like another busy year! If you have time to surf the net, you will find the MOHPA website full of interesting and/or useful information.

It is good to report that in 2005 we showed a slight increase in membership over 2004. How nice to know that everyone's hard work has not been in vain. Keep up the good work and let's have another membership increase in 2006. At the close of this column, you will see a Condensed Financial Report. Please keep in mind that when this article was written, no 2006 dues had yet been sent to the NHPA, so not all of the balance on hand actually is our money.

Until next time, I leave you with this thought, "Always remember that we pass this way but once...unless your spouse is reading the road map."

Condensed Financial Report

Balance on Hand 11/01/05	10,507.33
Receipts	4,302.21
Expense	- 2,113.49
Balance on Hand 01/09/06	12,696.05

Roy's Ramblings

by Roy Evans, MOHPA vice-president

- Winter is here but I have seen a robin in my yard in mid January.
- The officer's meeting is around the corner, so make known any concerns to the officers.
- The NHPA will have their annual meeting January 20-21 and the Rules Re-Write Committee will be presenting the new Rules, Guidelines, and Glossary at that time.
- Being on this committee made me realize what diverse opinion pitchers have on how the rules should be written. I attribute this to what type of club they have, whether they pitch indoors or outdoors, and how long they have been pitching. Still, this made for a difficult time distilling this down to something that would cover everyone.
- Only 6 to 8 Charters sent in comments to the committee for consideration, with Missouri sending in more than 20 suggestions. Some of the individual comments can still be seen on the NHPA Message Board under "Rules" and "Rules Re-Write."

- The design of the "Hall of Fame and Museum" complex is progressing. There will be a commemorative brick program to support the NHPF. A brick with one's name inscribed will be laid in a horseshoe shaped pattern outside for an amount to be determined. Ground breaking is scheduled for May 5, with quite a program. Officers from NHPA, NHPF, NMHC, MoHPA will be there along with members from the County Parks Department and many others who have been involved in this venture. Holiday Inn will be catering the event, free of charge, along with a donation of \$1000.00 to the Six Pac Tournament and reduced room rates for the participants who will be playing that weekend. Also, the county plans to give away horseshoe-type souvenirs.
- The NMHC has added a 2nd vice-president to handle some of the new responsibilities that the club will be undertaking with the new complex. Now if I could only remember his name.
- The West-East Challenge Tournament to be held at New Melle is not so far off, be sure to sign up for this very enjoyable tournament. I know the lucky West Side will be looking to extend their winning streak.

Zone 3 Director Reporting

by Bob Bastel

I hope all of you experienced a safe and happy holiday season.

As winter lingers on, I sit here next to my fire, looking over the list of 2006 tournaments. There are a few that I would like you to pay special attention to.

There is additional information included in this issue of *Shoe Biz* about the 2006 Team Tournament to be held in Strafford on Saturday, June 3. The Pitcher's Paradise Club is planning an open tournament for Sunday, June 4. This tournament is to raise funds to build a fence around the existing 32 courts. I would like to encourage as many people to attend this tournament as possible. This will enable you to get two tournaments in on the same weekend. With 32 courts, Strafford has the luxury of being able to host a large tournament during one session. So, everyone will be able to get away early for their drive home.

I would also like to promote the State Fair Tournament the weekend of August 18. This tournament has long been a Missouri tradition, for many years directed by the Winstons. Thanks to the help of many volunteers, the courts were refurbished in 2005 and are begging to be played on.

As most of you know by now, the 2006 State Singles and Doubles Championships will once again be held in our State Capitol at Jefferson City, centrally located in Missouri. Some of the inconveniences experienced last year, such as wet floors and delays in starting times have been addressed. I would like to see as many people as possible attend this year's state tournament. Support the MOHPA!

See you courtside.



Earl's Pearls

A Missouri mule is tied to a rope 10 feet long. Twenty feet away is a field of carrots. How does the Missouri mule get to the carrots? See page 8.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

News, Views & Donations

by Dave Loucks, from Jan/Feb Newline Magazine

The NHPA Hall of Fame memorabilia currently being stored in a secured location should find its way to a new permanent home in Missouri by the end of this year. On November 28, 2005, the St. Charles County Council gave unanimous approval to the NHPF proposal to build a 27,000+ sq. ft. facility in Quail Ridge Park. Construction will start this spring and should be concluded in 6 to 8 months. When completed, the heated and air-conditioned facility will have a large Hall of Fame and Museum room, a food center, restrooms, offices, storage rooms, 24 indoor clay courts and another eight courts outdoors for use by the general public. The NHPF will construct this facility with funds from its treasury and proceeds from the sale of its Joelton, TN, property. The County is providing a 3-acre site with a thirty year lease at \$100 per year. There are three 10-year renewal options included. In addition, St. Charles County will be investing \$300,000 to grade, landscape, and pave a 170-car parking lot, which the County will maintain.

Needless to say, the NHPA and NHPF Directors are very excited about this wonderful opportunity. The 200-member-strong New Melle Horseshoe Club will be the caretakers of the facility, which will be open to the general public without charge at least four days a week. Pitching instruction and league play will be available and NHPA-sanctioned events will be scheduled throughout the year. There has already been an encouraging amount of press on this project and some inquiries received about sponsorship opportunities. Naturally, every lead will be followed up and we intend to offer the NHPA membership an opportunity to own a small piece of the facility. In the next month or two, members will receive a personal mailing about the project and be given the opportunity of buying a commemorative engraved brick in the Walk of Fame or the planned Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza.

With the Hall of Fame construction project in Missouri now scheduled, it becomes very important that we receive a steady flow of contributions to assure its success. Our Hall of Fame members and the historical memorabilia of the game will have a highly visible home at the crossroads of America that all NHPA members can be proud of. Take this opportunity to show your support

by sending a tax-deductible contribution to the NHPF at P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA, 95946. Those that donate \$25 or more will receive an acknowledgement letter of thanks.

How Missouri ranks in number and dollars contributed

	<i>Contributors</i>	<i>Donations</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
1. CA	92	199	\$21,513
2. TN	30	61	\$20,552
3. NC	26	128	\$13,435
4. MN	39	200	\$11,165
5. OR	21	70	\$10,328
6. MO	49	95	\$10,166

The NHPF has been issuing grants for court construction and upgrading for the past three years. While the Directors have authorized approving up to eight \$1,000 grants a year, only 15 applications have been received in three years. There are two review and decision times a year, each March and September. This year only two grants were issued, both during the March review period. No applications were received for September. Applications can be printed from the NHPA website.

Questions Most Often Asked

by Bonnie Siebold, Newline Magazine

How Do They Figure Averages on Natstats?

All pitcher's averages are based on the three highest NHPA-sanctioned events pitched in the preceding 12 months or the last ten sanctioned events during the same period, whichever occurs first. An average is figured by dividing the total number of ringers by the total number of shoes pitched for those three events.

Any member without a current average at their pitching distance shall pitch a minimum of 100 consecutive shoes to establish their tournament seeding percentage. This qualifying must be scored in writing and witnessed by two NHPA members no more than 30 days prior to entering a tournament. Alternately, an NHPA-sanctioned club or league average may be used if it covers 400 or more shoes.

Members with less than three sanctioned events shall use the combined average of the one or two sanctioned events they have pitched.

Support the NHPF

The only horseshoe pitching related charity needs your tax-deductible donations to support many programs of the sport including the Hall of Fame and Grants to install new or upgrade existing courts.

Deadlines for Grant Applications
March 1 & Sept. 1

Mail inquiries & contributions to:
NHPF, P.O. Box 1628
Penn Valley, CA 95946

2005 MOHPA State Champions



Men	Stan Griggs
Women	Rose Diekamp
Elders (30 ft.)	Tom Ebers
Seniors	Sam Carter
Junior Boys	Jake Kluesner
Junior Girls	Erika Bowman
Doubles	Rose Diekamp and Red Barber



Last Shoe



Billy Garner

April 14, 1931 – December 1, 2005

Billy Garner, age 74, passed away on December 1, 2005, as a result of a staph infection. Billy entered the hospital in March for cauterization surgery when plaque broke off and clogged a main vein, creating a hemotoma. Since that time, Billy underwent four surgeries on the leg and was hospitalized for 16 weeks before his death.

Billy was born in Springdale, Arkansas, and moved to Mt. Ayr, Ohio, where he graduated from high school. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean War Conflict (1950-54) and was a member of the mine-sweep team. He was a lifetime farmer, living in the Rolla area for the past 30 years working on a dairy and beef cattle operation farm.

Billy loved to pitch horseshoes and was a 21-year NHPA member and also a member of New Melle Horseshoe Club. He traveled to tournaments in Crane and New Melle. His last tournament was pitched at the Turkey Trot Tournament in 2004. After that point, his health began to decline.

Billy and his companion of ten years, Veronica, traveled to several World and State Tournaments. Billy collected marbles and wooden toy tops. They would stop at various antique shops on their way to and from tournaments. His collection of more than 200 tops was passed on to his grandson. Veronica did not pitch shoes but she would keep score for him.

Billy was a member of the V.F.W., American Legion, and Korean War Veterans Post in Rolla. Billy is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Billy and Veronica were longtime friends before their spouses died. After their deaths they became companions for the last ten years and enjoyed their years together. Veronica was able to take care of him during his illness until his death.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers extend our sympathy to Veronica and to his family. Billy will be missed on the horseshoe scene.

William Paul

June 22, 1914 – December 15, 2005

William Paul, of Monroe City, passed away on December 15, 2005. He was 91 years of age and died of natural causes. Bill pitched horseshoes more than 49 years in his lifetime.

Bill's lifetime occupation was that of a truck driver. He was a World War II veteran. Bill was the third oldest horseshoe member in the MOHPA. Bill was a member of the Shelbina Horseshoe Club and New Melle Horseshoe Club.

He is survived by two daughters. Bill will be sadly missed by all those who knew him. Read "A Tribute to William Paul" in this issue of *Shoe Biz*.

Our Sympathies

- Bobbie Jones, Tri-State Club, in the loss of his wife, Joyce, on Sept. 20.
- Mike Volkart, California, MO, whose father, James Volkart, passed away on Nov. 3.
- Stan Gwin, of Liberty Horseshoe Club, in the loss of his wife, Beverly, on Dec. 7.
- Martin Orf, of NMHC, in the loss of his brother on October 6, 2005.
- Jim Howard, of NMHC, in the loss of his mother on October 21, 2005.
- Ron Wilmes, of NMHC, in the loss of his wife, Elaine, on Dec. 9, 2005.
- Clint Sloan, of Peculiar, in the loss of his father, Blake Sloan in November, 2005
- Chuck Mueller, of NMHC, in the loss of his mother, Marjorie Mueller, on Jan. 11, 2006.

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- Our thoughts are with our MOHPA President, Jim Bainter, as he faces a New Year with new problems. Jim was diagnosed with prostate cancer in December and is presently undergoing treatment. Jim is very optimistic and we are certainly with him every step of the way.
- Best wishes to Esther Kingsolver, of Caulfield, who underwent open heart surgery on Nov. 28. During the procedure, Esther suffered a stroke, and did not come to for five days. After a hospital stay of 15 days, Esther is now home recuperating while husband, Bob, waits on her hand and foot.
- Danny Williams, of Marble Hill, was hospitalized in November for blood transfusions but is doing well now.
- Jerry Weller, of Belle, had major back surgery in November, and reports that he is doing well but continues to have a slow recovery. He hopes to be back on the courts by midsummer.
- Good news has been received from Randy Grady. His wife, Connie, had her one-year series of tests and x-rays and the doctors gave her an excellent report. Best wishes, Connie!

Congratulations!

- Remember the song Buck Owens made famous a few years back, "Someday you're gonna see me in the movies. They're going to make a big star out of me." It's all coming true for an ex-Missouri horseshoe pitcher, Bob Blumenhein. Bob was a member of the Liberty Club who moved to Colorado several years ago and then moved close to Los Angeles this year. It seems he began acting classes at the age of 71 and he landed the part of a doctor in a Reba McEntire music video "You're Gonna Be." It was on CMT (Country Music TV) late in December.
- Chuckie's done it again! Not once, not twice, but three times for Chuck Mueller! Chuck bowled another 300 perfect game

See *Congratulations*, continued on page 9

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It's a Ringer for Missouri!

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame & Museum is Coming to St. Charles County

by Jeanette Claas

Dave Loucks, President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, is very happy to announce to horseshoe pitchers across America that a contract has been finalized and the NHPA Hall of Fame will be moving to St. Charles County. The plan was approved and signed on November 28, 2005, by the St. Charles County Council. A groundbreaking ceremony is tentatively planned for the spring of 2006 and construction should begin at that time.

With this new facility, St. Charles County could become the horseshoe pitching capital of the world. If organizers are successful, the facility could host the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament and for the very first time Missouri could host the 2009 World Horseshoe Tournament. County Executive Joe Ortwerth said a partnership with the NHPF would allow the county to add new features to its parks and show off their beauty and amenities to new visitors. St. Charles Council Chairman Doug Funderburk stated, "This is going to be quite a coup. I think it will add a new and great dimension to our parks system and it will introduce a lot of new people to the sport."

Up until 2001, all Hall of Fame memorabilia was kept in the basement of Earl and Vicki Winston's home in LaMonte, MO. At that time, the NHPF built an addition to Jack Freeman's horseshoe arena in Joelton, TN, and the NHPA Hall of Fame found its first established home. The Winston's, along with Joe Faron, of New Melle Horseshoe Club, traveled to Joelton with a truck and trailer full of collected horseshoe items from the past. The untimely death of Dr. Freeman in December 2003 shocked the horseshoe world. For all that Jack had worked for, the horseshoe facility suddenly found itself without a leader and without a local club to support it. The NHPF directors came to the conclusion that without Jack's presence, the NHPA Hall of Fame building should be moved to a different location. The NHPA Council agreed and encouraged the NHPF to investigate other possible sites.

Before his death, Jack had made plans to donate the entire facility to the NHPF in a three-step commitment. Jack died only a few days before the third step was completed so therefore the estate still owned the indoor courts. Before the NHPF could act, there had to be a settlement of the Jack Freeman estate. The NHPF directors agreed to pay \$200,000 for the Freeman courts if the estate would arrange for \$100,000 donation to be made to the NHPF. After acquiring the indoor courts, the NHPF directors were then in a position to actively pursue the interest at other sites.

The search was now on. Several horseshoe clubs expressed interest and were taken into consideration by the NHPF board, which consists of President Dave Loucks (CA), Mary Bastian (TN), Dick Hansen (WI), Joe Faron (MO), Ward Lutz (MN), Paul Stewart (NC), and Barry Chappelle (OR). It was decided that the ideal site should be centrally located in the United States where there is horseshoe

pitching activity. To purchase land and a building both would be out of the NHPF and NHPA budget range.

Joe Faron of New Melle met with a friend, Tom Shaw, who is a prominent realtor, to see what he could find for a site in the St. Charles County area. Realizing the financial budget that the NHPF had to work with, Tom suggested Faron contact Joe Brazil, the County Councilman for St. Charles County and the representative for the New Melle area. Full of enthusiasm, Joe Brazil suggested Faron meet with the St. Charles County Parks Department about the possibility of using donated land for a facility to be built on. At this time Faron met with Mrs. Bettie Yahn-Kramer, Director of Parks & Recreation in St. Charles County. She, too, was caught up in the excitement of the National Horseshoe Hall of Fame possibly coming to St. Charles. After numerous meetings, discussions, and proposals, the two planned a meeting that also included Joe Ortwerth, the St. Charles County Executive, and Dave Loucks of Penn Valley, California.

The site that Bettie had in mind was Quail Ridge Park, a 250-acre park located at the intersection of I-70 and I-64 (Hwy 40-61) in Wentzville, the "Crossroads of the Nation." Mr. Henry Stealey, a lifelong resident of St. Charles County, donated this tract of land to the Parks Department in 2000. Mr. Stealey and his wife, Janice, still reside on 12 acres that he retained. The park offers a beautiful lodge that is used as a rental facility for various functions, pavilions, a disc golf course, children's fishing pond, picnic areas, off-leash area, hiking trails, a three acre lake, and restrooms. It is estimated that 80,000-100,000 vehicles pass by this area daily. The site of the new NHPA Hall of Fame building can be clearly seen from the two major highways, which would be great exposure for the sport of horseshoes. In 1821-1826, St. Charles was the capital of Missouri until it was moved to Jefferson City. Today it is the fastest growing county in Missouri and in the top two percent nationally. Between 2000 and 2004, St. Charles County added 36,851 new residents.

At a September 2004 New Melle Horseshoe Club meeting, Joe Faron made the surprising announcement to the horseshoe club members that the St. Charles County area was being considered for the new NHPA Hall of Fame Building, which would also include a new horseshoe facility. The New Melle Horseshoe Club members could possibly be appointed caretakers of this new building. The NMHC members could hardly contain themselves, afraid to think, "It's almost too good to be true." But from that very moment, there was a feeling of "Christmas in the air" among its members. Could we commit ourselves? You bet!

Loucks arrived in Missouri in November 2004 to look the site over and to talk with park officials. He was joined by MOHPA president Jim Bainter, Joe Faron, and Roy Evans to meet with Joe Ortwerth and Bettie Yahn-Kramer to discuss the possibility of a facility to be built at the Quail Ridge Park. Later that week, Loucks came to the NMHC and announced to the members that he was very impressed with what he saw and those tentative plans would be in the making. Of this visit, Loucks stated, "I had the opportunity to meet others and see first-hand what makes Missouri such a terrific state for horseshoe pitching. The desire of the NMHC members to bring the National Hall of Fame to their area and the offer to maintain the site



Answer to "Earl's Pearls"

The other end of the rope isn't tied to anything.
(From page 5.)

was extremely encouraging. Needless to say, I was very impressed with their enthusiasm for our sport.”

At the 2005 World Horseshoe Tournament in Bakersfield, CA, Loucks gave a report to the NHPA delegates at the annual convention on the information that he gathered for the new site of the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum. It was a verbal consensus to pursue the St. Charles County site, which was strongly supported by the NHPA Council. Brady Craven, a MOHPA member who lives in the Kansas City area, put a feather in the NMHC’s hat by recommending the club by its past reputation to be responsible caretakers of this new facility.

The NHPF has contracted Kevin O’Meara, owner of Tinker Ridge Contracting, to be the project manager for construction of the building. Roy Evans, vice-president of NMHC, has worked closely with the project manager in the planning of the new horseshoe facility. Rose Diekamp, a vital member of NMHC and a professional architectural interior and exterior designer, has spent many volunteer hours on the design of the new facility. She started with Plan A and has worked herself now through Plan N, proving that she is as talented off the courts as she is on the courts. Bob Diekamp, her husband and an avid horseshoe pitcher, has also offered his services in this operation.

“Tentative plans in the making” seemed to be a long time coming for the anxious NMHC members. There were many more meetings, phone calls, correspondence, e-mails, and a year later a contract was drawn up between the NHPF and the St. Charles County Parks Department. The County was to lease to the NHPF a three-acre parcel of ground located in Quail Ridge Park. The contract calls for the foundation to build the facility on a 3-acre tract in Quail Ridge Park that it would lease for 30 years from the County for \$100 a year, with three 10-year options for renewal. The County expects to spend about \$300,000 on a parking lot, an entry road, and landscaping. The NHPF plans to spend \$625,000 on its facility, which would include about 24 indoor horseshoe courts and eight outdoor horseshoe courts that will be open to the general public. Some of the thoughts and plans that the NHPA are considering would include a brick program that would commemorate a “Walk of Fame” as you enter the building, corporate sponsors for the building, and personal court sponsorship.

In a courtroom at the beautiful dome courthouse in St. Charles, on November 14, 2005, a moment in horseshoe history was being made. Approximately fifty horseshoe pitchers from NMHC chose not to go to their regular league play, but to attend a rather important meeting that could nationally impact all horseshoe pitchers. They gathered to show their support by attending a public hearing at the St. Charles County Council. Legislation of Bill No. 2812 would be introduced to bring the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame to St. Charles County.

Joe Ortwerth, whose dad was also a horseshoe pitcher, enthusiastically introduced the bill to the Executive Council for legislation. Joe Faron, past president of NMHC, and past president of MOHPA, spoke briefly for the opportunity that was entrusted to us. He asked all members in support of this bill to stand up, and proudly we did. Dave Loucks next came to the podium to address the Council. Loucks stated his position as President of the NHPF and past President of the NHPA then gave a very brief history of horseshoe pitching dat-

ing its origin back to the days of the Roman Empire. He mentioned that the NHPA is an organization about 85 years old with some 14,000 members that sets the equipment guidelines and playing rules for the game that has some 15 million recreational participants nationwide. Loucks then stated how happy he was to be standing before the Council representing the organization that was on the threshold of seeing a 40-year dream of having a Hall of Fame & Museum become a reality. He thanked St. Charles County Executive Joe Ortwerth and Parks & Recreation Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer for all their support in this project and then mentioned that the dream probably had its start with two MOHPA and NHPA Hall of Fame members, Earl and Vicki Winston. Paul Stewart, NHPA President, came from North Carolina and spoke in support of the facility and of the great opportunity that the new facility would offer by having not only local and state activities, but also on the national level.

Who do we thank for this great opportunity? First we must thank Jack Freeman for his generosity and love for the sport of horseshoes. This building will actually be the “second house that Jack helped to build.” His financial support has made this all possible. NMHC made many trips to Nashville to enjoy the courts that he built. Little did we know that a part of Jack would be returning to Missouri in this form. In September 2005, a group of NMHC members traveled to Joelton to bring back the Hall of Fame memorabilia and equipment that could be utilized in the new facility. The spirit of Jack will forever live on in this new facility. Secondly, New Melle Horseshoe Club thanks the NHPF and the NHPA for this opportunity to be caretakers of the facility. To Dave Loucks, Paul Stewart, and Joe Faron, we say thanks for your time and dedication to this project. To all the horseshoe pitchers in Missouri and across the United States, this is your dream as well as ours. May we all be supportive and enjoy the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. Let the fun begin.

Congratulations, from page 7

at the bowling lanes in Carrolton. He’s sporting another ring on his finger for that remarkable feat! We would like to see him do that on the horseshoe courts.

- Like mother, like son! Congratulations to ten-year-old Kyle Sherman for bowling his first 300 game. Kyle is the son of MOHPA member Tracy Sherman. Kyle is believed to be the youngest child to have achieved this record. Kyle needs to start early to catch up with his mama, as she has about 10 of these games under her belt.
- Happy Birthday to one of our ladies in horseshoe pitching who recently turned the big 50. That would be Ginny Weiss who is movin’ on up not only in age, but in horseshoe statistics!
- Danny Branson started the New Year off right. On January 6, 2006 Danny quit working! After working for Sprint for 33 years, he declared, “Take this job and shove it!” Congratulations, Danny, and we hope you enjoy many years of happy retirement.
- Thank you! We would like to thank all of our friends in horseshoes for all the cards, letters, phone calls and especially the prayers during Danny Williams’s illness. The e-mails to the hospital were great! Danny is back to normal (as close to normal as he can be!). He is back on the horseshoe courts! Watch out!

Thank You!

My sincerest thanks to all horseshoe pitchers who have sent me cards, good wishes and prayers during my time of illness. Your kindness was so much appreciated. — *Cal Jaeger*

Profile: Kelly Hill

by Jeanette Claas

As in many sports, players and spectators look to an experienced individual for guidance, encouragement and support. That man could only be Kelly Hill of Columbia. For Kelly, there's no such thing as close enough in horseshoes. He is a master of his art. Using mismatched shoes as a young boy, he learned to play the game. Like many things in his lifetime Kelly has conquered all challenges that were thrown his way.

Kelly L. Hill was born on March 12, 1939, on a farm approximately 2.5 miles west of the small river community of Lupus, located in central Missouri between Columbia and Booneville along the Missouri River. He was the fifth child of Garling and Olive Hill. He was reared on a farm with three sisters and two brothers and his grandmother lived with them.

Growing up on the farm, Kelly learned many things that he enjoyed such as raising animals, milking cows by hand, riding and training horses, fishing, hunting, and having fun with his siblings and parents. During the early days on the farm, the Hill family lacked all modern conveniences like running water, electricity, telephones, and good local schools.

He was taught how to fish early in life as a necessity for food for the large family. Using a willow pole with line and a cork bobber, he and his brothers would fish while his Mother and Dad cultivated the land. As he grew older, he would set a multiple hook line and leave over night, checking them in the morning and removing the fish for lunch the same day. Kelly became an expert at fishing, and after leaving the farm, he would fish in lots of rivers and lakes. He was known to catch a big one now and then. And on this farm they also hunted for fresh meat daily, due to lack of refrigeration. In his early years, they hunted for squirrel, rabbits, ducks, quail and other small game using a single-shot .22 rifle. Gradually he moved to 20- and 12-gauge single shotguns and then with a pump shotgun. He was a good shot even though his family kidded him of having scared the game to death.

Schooling was somewhat of a problem for the Hill family. Schools were segregated and there was not a school for blacks in Moniteau County, so he attended school in Cooper County. Because of World War II, they did not have gas or tires for the family car and so they used horses or horse and wagon for their main transportation. Kelly remembers his first day at school and the teacher asked each student what they wanted to be when they grew up. Since he was the youngest student, the teacher asked him first. "I want to be a man, just like my daddy", replied Kelly.



It took his siblings to convince the teacher not to spank him for what the teacher called a smart aleck answer. This scared Kelly and he was through with school. After his dad had a talk with the teacher, Kelly was ready to give school another try. He started at the new school for blacks; the Old Liberty School was for whites. After three years, the school closed and he was transported to a school in Boonville. Again, his dad drove the family to and from school.

Kelly began playing basketball after his older sisters started high school in Boonville. He had never seen a basketball or game until his dad took the family to see Maxine play. The boys thought it would be fun, so they nailed the small ring off of an old wooden barrel on their smokehouse. That provided them with a goal and backboard and they used a playground ball. After Liberty School

closed, the boys were transported to the same school that his sisters attended, and there he learned to play real basketball. The brothers saved their money and purchased a basketball and goal for their home. In the fall of 1954, Kelly began his high school years in an integrated school in Jamestown. Jamestown High had three black students: his brother, Donald, his sister, Celestel, and himself. Kelly mastered the game of basketball and played on the school basketball

team all four years of high school. Because of integration, they had some difficulties when they traveled to some schools within the state, especially at state tournaments. Some places did not want Kelly or his brother to play, stay, or eat with the team. However, the team stood with them. Kelly says, "We stayed and played as a team or the team did not play. My sister being a cheerleader was also treated the same." Kelly graduated from Jamestown High School in 1958; his sister was valedictorian of their class.

After graduation, Kelly worked as a welder at an iron works factory until he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served for two years. After being discharged from the armed forces, he moved to Columbia, where he found employment at service stations and auto garages. In 1972 he was employed by the Truman Veteran's Administration Hospital as an industrial mechanic and worked there until he retired in 1999 after 29 years of service. He met his wife, Ceola, through Kelly's sister-in-law in 1963. They married on March 12, 1966. They have two children, Devin and LaDonya. They are the proud grandparents of Tre'veon, age two.

Kelly joined the Splice Creek Baptist Church in Prairie home at a young age. He attended church regularly and was ordained a Deacon and served as a Trustee until the church closed. Kelly still maintains the church cemetery. He presently attends the Second Baptist Church in Columbia.

Kelly started pitching horseshoes at a very young age. After church on Sundays, he and his dad would challenge his brothers to a friendly game of shoes. Their shoes never matched. One might have been a horseshoe from a horse and the other from a mule (smaller). Kelly, being the youngest, could walk about half the distance between the pegs. They counted ringers as five points

OOPS!

The State Class Champion of Women's D Class was **June Thompson**, not Julie Thompson as printed erroneously in the October *Shoe Biz* newsletter. My apologies.

and leaners as three. They would play until mother and the sisters had dinner ready.

His interest in the sport came when a friend from work asked him to join the Boone County Horseshoe Club in 1978. Until then his horseshoe playing opportunities were few and far between, playing at family gatherings and church picnics. The League would play at Cosmo Park in Columbia from April to October, whenever they turned the water on and unlocked the restrooms.

Shortly after he joined, Kelly built himself a box for carrying his horseshoes. One day when he brought the box to work, his friends found the box and labeled it "Gunner" Hill. A gunner is someone who plays a good clean game, but pushes hard to win. He won that reputation at the club and in tournaments. He didn't carry a trophy home in his first tournament, but he carried four of them home the following year. He topped that in 1980, winning 15 trophies from tournaments. In 1981, he won 17 trophies. Hill was elected president of the horseshoe club in 1981 through 1986. He would travel from county fair to county fair, winning just about wherever he pitched: Montgomery City, Boone County, and Cole County, including surrounding towns of Fulton, Sturgeon, Jefferson City, and others. With more than 200 trophies, ribbons, and plaques, he became a legend in the area. Kelly found himself spotlighted in the Columbia Tribune and Missourian newspapers that covered these events with stories and photographs.

Boone County Fair competition was held every night of the fair at 6:00 p.m. for one week. It was the best place for backyard pitchers to watch mid-Missouri's best. Since the 1987 Boone County Fair, Kelly has been quietly gathering, coordinating, and, in many cases, winning the horseshoe competition. Hill would pound the metal stakes in the 3x6 pitching boxes, which he groomed by hand and shoveled each evening. Sitting at a rusty red card table behind a horse trailer, Hill would run the contests. He oversaw their pitches from the sidelines and would coax curious passers-by into the arena to pitch a few. Some of his competitors felt outclassed and suggested a tactic for getting an edge on Hill, like making sure to get plenty of beer in him. Hill guaranteed that the scheme wouldn't work. In past tournaments, he disappointed even challengers who tried to get him sick on his real weakness — banana splits!

In 1980, Kelly joined the NHPA/MOHPA and participated in his first MO State Tourney in G Class, finishing 2nd at 6-1, 37.2%. The following year he was in E Class and finished 1st at 7-0, 48%, bringing home his first state class trophy. During the period that he was club president, he organized two non-sanctioned tournaments yearly that attracted many of the best pitchers in the state.

During that period, Kelly progressed and advanced to the level of "A" class competition. Between 1988 and 1994, he continually ranked among the state's top twenty pitchers. Between 1980 and 1998, he participated in 17 MO State Tournaments, six of which he was included in Class "A". His highest finish in state tournament competition was 1987, finishing in 5th place with a tournament average of 64.5%.

Kelly won many important wins at local Missouri tournaments. One of his most memorable tournaments was against Earl Winston in 1984 when Kelly won 1st place in Class B, after a playoff with Earl in Springfield during the Missouri State Tournament. He averaged 55.00%.

In 1991, during a horseshoe tournament at the Moniteau County Fair in California, MO, Kelly competed among competitors that featured ten former or current champions. Three games were pitched that exceeded 90% ringers. Cliff Baker won with a 82.2%; followed by Ken Pogue, Alan Francis, Sam Carter, Charlie Webb, Jerry Holt, Stan Griggs, Charles Killgore, and Merlin Potts. In trailing this field, Kelly averaged 62%.

His high tournament average of 66% was in 1993 at Shelbina. His longest consecutive string of ringers was 21 out of 22 shoes, a 95.4% average in August of 1991 at a tournament in Martinsburg. In 1999, Kelly, with partner Rose Diekamp, won the State Doubles Championship Title in St. Joseph. In Class A at the 2001 State Double's Tournament, Kelly, along with Suzanne Evans, won first place at St. Joseph.

Kelly has been the Horseshoe Commissioner of the Senior State games in Columbia from 1994 to 2005. The games are held at Cosmo Park. Kelly has been active in the Missouri State Fair Tournament, pitching for 22 years, nine of which he pitched in A Class.

Kelly Hill's advice to beginners: "First, learn to throw the 40-foot distance, trying for 1¼ rotations before the shoe arrives at the peg, open end first. When you get an open shoe, you'll find a peg," he says. Hill holds the shoe at his side, with his thumb on top and fingers underneath. He is staring at a spot about three inches from the bottom of the far peg. One step forward, and he releases the shoe just above the shoulder. The shoe rotates clockwise as it flies ("the higher the better," Hill says) toward the far peg. About 25 feet out, it's anywhere from 10 to 12 feet in the air. Five or 10 feet from the far peg, it opens up and hooks the peg.

When it comes to horseshoes, Kelly Hill's a ringer and Missouri horseshoe pitchers are proud to have him as one of our state members. Kelly not only skillfully learned to play and master the game, but has contributed much to the sport through the services that he has provided so that others can enjoy the game. For more than 25 years, Kelly has been promoting the game of horseshoes, always looking for a new competitor. Being a minority, Kelly says, "Race has never been an issue in horseshoes." And why should it be. We wouldn't want it any other way! Thank you, Kelly, for all you have given to the sport of horseshoes that you love so well!

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A Tribute to William Paul

by Jeanette Claas

William Paul, the third-oldest member of the Missouri Association, passed away on December 15, 2005, from natural causes. Mr. Paul turned 91 this year and had many, many fond memories of pitching horseshoes throughout his lifetime.

William (Bill) was born on June 22, 1914, in a log cabin located ten miles northwest of Monroe City, MO. He had one brother and two sisters, one of which is still living. Bill attended Benlow Elementary school in Marion County. As a child, Bill remembers that times were hard and that he would help his dad cut and sell wood for money to purchase food. They would kill rabbits and sell them for 13 cents each. For fun, Bill would fish for Missouri cat. Times were tough back in the '20s. As Bill grew older, he would join his dad working on the Route K Highway in Shelby County.

In 1938, Bill married Virginia Gill, of Lakenan, MO. The married couple eventually settled in Hunnewell, MO, where they raised two daughters, Virginia Ann and Rose Veronica. Bill has six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Bill's wife passed away in 1985. For the past several years, Bill resided at the Monroe City Manor, in Monroe City. He visited both his daughters and their families, living in Hunnewell and in Wentzville, regularly.

Bill's occupation as a truck driver took him across the country and into Canada. Bill claimed that he traveled more than 4.9 million miles in his trucking career without an accident. He was 23 years of age when he started in the trucking business and he retired from Dealers Transit at the age of 63.

Mr. Paul was a WWII veteran. He was drafted into the Army in 1942. With tears in his eyes, he recalls standing at the Monroe City railroad station and telling his wife and young daughter goodbye. He was sent to Midland, Texas, for basic training and then chose driving an ambulance as his service task. Mr. Paul served in the European Theater and then was headed through the Panama Canal toward the war in the Pacific when the men and women on board ship heard that the war was over. The atomic bombs had been dropped on Japan and Japan finally surrendered. The ship was silent as they turned around in the middle of the

ocean and headed back to New York City. Bill was discharged in 1945 and returned to the greater Monroe City area where he continued in the trucking business.

Bill was in his early fifties when he began horseshoe pitching. Since 1981, Bill acquired some 45 trophies as souvenirs of his talent and skill on the horseshoe courts. Just after retirement, a lot of pitching was involved in non-sanctioned tournaments beginning in Shelbina, MO. Encouraged by Russ Ebbing, of Shelbina, Bill joined the MOHPA in 1981. In 1987, Bill earned 3rd place in the Eagles State Tournament in Quincy, IL. In the following years, Bill received many 1st place trophies in other state and local tournaments. Bill fondly remembered many of his 100% games throughout this period.

Bill attended four world tournaments in Spearfish, SD; Stone Mountain, GA; Biloxi, MS; and possibly Columbus, OH. He recalled that on his second trip to Spearfish, 1993, he never really got there. There was the great flood across many of the midwestern states and Bill was turned away just north of Omaha, NE, as he headed in the South Dakota direction.

Bill had fond memories of his first world tournament in Spearfish, South Dakota. The area was so busy that he had to go 13 miles north to Belle Fourche for lodging. Bill recalled the abundance of fish in the local stream and that the fellowship with other pitchers was wonderful. In 1990, Bill attended the World Tournament in Stone Mountain, GA. He earned the trophy for 2nd place in Class C. His efforts at World Biloxi provided similar results.

Bill helped organize many tournaments and leagues throughout northeastern Missouri and taught many boys the art of horseshoe pitching. Because of his expertise, he was asked to set up courts around the community. In appreciation for his efforts, some of the completed courts have been named in his honor.

Bill appeared at New Melle Horseshoe courts last May and threw a few shoes. Of this visit he said, "I have pitched shoes in a lot of places, but this is the best place so far." As the years went by and his strength weakened, he was unable to participate in tournaments, but his spirit and love of horseshoes never weakened. He traveled with Pat Heathman, of Shelbina, to attend the 2005 State Tournament in Jefferson City.

In the past year, he removed all the engraving plates off his trophies and offered them for local tournaments for the youngsters. Bill was also a great supporter of *Shoe Biz*, sending large donations to help defray the cost of the newsletter.

Bill was a people person; he never met a stranger. We shall miss this horseshoe pitcher of 40 years who, in his love for horseshoes, always promoted his favorite sport. He served his family, his community, and his country well. He was laid to rest in Monroe City on Dec. 17. Two of his casket bearers were two of his friends in horseshoes, Russ Ebbing and Pat Heathman. We salute Mr. Paul and bid him a fond farewell until we meet again. May he rest in peace.



A few of William Paul's accomplishments

- 1990 World Stone Mountain, Georgia, 2nd place, Class C
- 1990 Missouri State Fair, 1st place, Class 70+
- 1993 Missouri State, 1st place, Class A 70+
- 1994 Missouri State, 1st place, Class A 70+
- 1996 Missouri State, New Melle, 2nd place, Class C 70+
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place positions in local tournaments from Shelbyville Old Settlers Days, Bethel Harvest Festival, Calloway, Swinkey Picnic, Farmers Day, NEMO Old Thrashers Gathering to the Adams County Fair.



Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

Question

How important is a name? Even before Missouri ever had a name, there was a land with hills, streams, and rivers, forests that included giant pine, oak, and hickory trees. Today, the land has been packaged into counties, cities, towns, and hundreds of divisions. All of them have names. Many small towns were named by people who wanted to bring a post office to the community. If they wanted mail delivery, they had to think of a town name.

In pre-Civil War times, the pioneer settlers decided their drowsy, maple-shaded hamlet ought to have a name. After several sessions in the general store they narrowed the choice to three names, but couldn't settle on any one. The three names were sent to the post office for consideration, however all three names were in use elsewhere. They decided to let the postmaster general make the final decision, saying "We don't care what name you give us, so long as it is sort of peculiar."

This small community town in Missouri was established in 1868. It is located in Cass County, 25 miles south of Kansas City off Highway 71. The early settlers came to build a new community in which their growing families could find opportunity and in which they could take pride.

In 1887, the railroad bought several pieces of property from a Kentuckian, George Moore. His daughter, Carry, would undoubtedly become the town's most famous resident! Who's that you might be asking? Carry's father was at one time a prosperous man, but through bad investments he eventually become impoverished. He was a wanderer and consequently Carry's education was badly neglected. She was an invalid much of the time from her 9th to 15th years and was unable to participate in the normal pastimes of childhood. Her thoughts became weak and depressing and she turned more to the reading of the Bible. At the age of 19 she married a Dr. Charles Gloyd, a young physician in Belton, MO, and she would give birth to a daughter. However, after a brief period of marriage she was forced to leave her husband because of his drinking and failure to make a living. Ten years later she married David Nation and lived with him for 24 years, but it was a period of quarrels and strife having few things in common. The greatest bone of contention, it is said, was her excessive dominating belief in religion and he viewed with great disgust her plans for changing mankind. Being a part of the Women's Christian Temperance Union she embarked on her noted saloon-smashing career and temperance crusade, which was to take her thousands of miles. She continued to attack Masonry, to grab cigarettes and cigars from smokers, to make fun of people with fine clothing, to advocate women's suffrage and to fight the liquor interests. Wherever she went and whatever she did, Carry Nation stirred up excitement and commotion.

Today, the city encompasses approximately four square miles and a current estimated population of 2,600 and an outreach population of approximately 7,500. This peaceful town has six churches, nine schools, one park, and one lake. The city is growing and incorporating new land, business, and residents continuously. However, it remains a wonderful, warm community, with a 'small town' feel, in which to raise a family. Activities and opportunities are abundant, particularly if you are a horseshoe pitcher.

So what name do you think the postmaster general gave to this community that is peculiar in name only?

Answer

After much thought and given consideration over their predicament, the general postmaster wrote, "My conclusion is that in all the land it would be difficult to imagine a more distinctive, a more peculiar name than **Peculiar**." A name that has overshadowed its rich history. Yet, this peculiar name has somehow set apart persons associated with it, creating chemistry within them, which makes them very important to each other. For years, Peculiar has just been Peculiar, with a few old-time residents hating the name, but most being fiercely proud of its peculiarity.

Terry Bishop and Delbert Prichett formed the Peculiar Horseshoe Club in this town in May 1992. The Lions Club donated \$1500 for six courts and several years later another six courts were built. Terry Bishop was president for ten years until October 2004. Danny Branson now fills that position.

Danny and Roena Branson have been pitching horseshoes for more than 20 years, pitching at county fairs and on ball diamonds. On Sunday afternoons, Roena's family, which included her brother, Jerry Weller, would gather for some plain ol' horseshoe pitching fun in her father's backyard. One Saturday in 1988, Danny and Roena were bystanders at McCoy Park where the Independence Horseshoe Club was holding a tournament. Roena saw a pitcher with the Peculiar Horseshoe Club logo on the back of his shirt. They joined the club in April 1995 and have been pitching ever since. Countless hours of the Bransons' time have been spent working on the improvement of the horseshoe courts. They became very active in both local and state pitching. Last year they attended their first World Horseshoe Tournament in Pocatello, ID, and were so impressed they are definitely planning to attend more in the future.



Danny was the MOHPA vice-president for two years. After three back surgeries in one year, horseshoe pitching has been put on the back burner for Danny until he fully recuperates. Roena is a tough competitor on the courts, with her developing skills of a very respectful 49.86 percent. She has also been the reporter for the Peculiar Horseshoe Club. She was overjoyed when she won the Rookie of the Year in September 1996. Their trips to Joelton, TN, with the NMHC members are memorable to them. The generosity and kindness of Jack Freeman was very impressive to them.

Missouri is so fortunate to have enthusiastic couples like Danny and Roena Branson. Their hours of volunteer work have helped to make horseshoe pitching in MO an outstanding charter in the NHPA. We salute this town of Peculiar, the Peculiar Horseshoe Club and all its members.

**Belle, Bland, Boss and Doss
Competition, Concord, Leeper and Sleeper
Now ain't it Peculiar
From Aaron to Zwanzig
Run the names of Missouri . . .**

Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Jeanette Claas



Did you recognize the handsome Marine and his California girl in October's issue of *Shoe Biz*? This quiet, friendly couple frequently appears on the horseshoe scene in local, state, and national events.

Bill Brown is a native of Oklahoma's panhandle, a town called Beaver. Beaver is not a horseshoe-pitching town, but it is the Cow Chip Pitching Capital of the World in case you want to make plans for your next vacation. When Bill graduated from high school, he signed up for the Marine Corp and was sent to California.

While stationed in Santa Anna, he and some of his Marine buddies went to a skating rink and picked up some girls, which turned into an all-night party. Bill set his eyes on this California girl in September of 1958 and three months later, he and Sylvia were married at her church on New Year's Eve.

Sylvia was working for State Farm Insurance and Bill wanted to farm, so after his discharge, Sylvia requested a transfer with State Farm to "anywhere in the Midwest," which turned out to be Columbia, MO. Ten hours after he was discharged, they headed for Missouri. As new Missourians, the Browns found 223 acres of ground and an old house. "We just about froze to death that first winter, but we were so much in love we didn't care," Sylvia recalls. Though Bill sold that first farm and now owns only 27 acres north of Columbia, he farms rented land and does custom farm work for others in this area.

For 20 years, Bill greeted each dawn with a smile and containers of milk neatly placed on the doorsteps of his 300 bosses, working for various local dairies. Bill says all the jokes you have heard about the "milkman" just ain't so. At least it never happened to him. What about the canine corp? "I've never met a dog who didn't like me," Bill says. "There's just a few that liked to chew on me."

After their two daughters, Cheryl and Deanna, were old enough, Sylvia went to work as a secretary at Hickman High School so she could be at home with the children during the summer months and holidays. In 1976 she moved over to the University of Missouri as an administrative assistant for the Health & Exercise Sciences Department. By then, Bill was growing tired of traveling around delivering milk and retail sales of bread and meat to stores and restaurants. The traveling salesman went to work at the University in maintenance. In April of 2000, Sylvia and Bill both retired from Missouri University. Their daughter, Deanna, has worked at the University of Missouri full time since she graduated from high school. Over the years she has taken one or two classes a semester; she received her Bachelor's Degree and is now working on her Master's. Her husband, Robert, works full time at the University, and their daughter, Maria is presently a junior at the University.

Today, Bill has gone back to work part time with the University and spends many hours working with the Marine Corp League which earns money for Toys for Tots, veterans, and scholarships for children of Marines. Sylvia enjoys working in her flower and rock garden and spends many hours volunteering for the day care

in her home. The day care has ten children and is run by Cheryl and Jessica, her daughter and granddaughter. And they both enjoy pitching horseshoes.

Horseshoes came into their life around 1990. Bill started pitching by accident when "a kid at work didn't show up for a contest and talked me into taking his place." The guys would pitch horseshoes during their lunch hour at UMC. Bill met up with Kelly Hill, of Columbia, who was running the horseshoe contests at the Boone County Fair. Bill soon found himself pitching in a horseshoe league at Cosmo Park. Bill joined the MOHPA in 1993 and installed some pits in their backyard. Soon Sylvia found herself in the pits practicing with Bill and began tossing a few ringers. She joined in 1995. Though they say their fascination with the sport is purely recreational, the determination, concentration, and finesse with which they play for trophies are truly competitive — in a friendly sort of way. Today the couple pitches in tournaments at New Melle and in Liberty. They have traveled to Nashville and pitch at the State Fair annually. They have participated in many state tournaments and attended ten world tournaments. Bill placed 3rd at the 1999 World Tournament held in Greenville, OH, and received one of the beautiful hand-made trophies that were presented to the winners. That award has earned its resting place on the mantle above their fireplace.

Today the couple is content living on their land and taking care of a few animals. When not showing off flowers, throwing horseshoes, or volunteering, Bill and Sylvia's lives are spent with their two granddaughters, "the light of our lives." "We didn't know a thing about Columbia, but we came here in 1959 and have loved every minute since," say the Browns. Sylvia Brown knows that our world can be a better place only if we each give back more than we take. Adding to her generous spirit, she does it all with that ever-present smile. Missouri horseshoe pitchers are certainly glad that State Farm Insurance, like a good neighbor, pointed the California girl and the Oklahoma lad to Missouri making themselves a good life and finding their way into horseshoes!



**T'was the day after Christmas in 1962
The congregation was quiet as they said "I do!"
Although they were younger, they still look the same.
Can you guess who we are and call us by name?
Find out who we are in the next *Shoe Biz*!**

World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament

Gillette, Wyoming • July 10-22, 2006

Welcome to Gillette, Wyoming! The skies don't get any bigger than this! From the Big Horn Mountains to some of America's most prized grasslands, the landscape is alive. The vigorous city of Gillette lies in the heart of the nation's richest coal fields, between two of the West's most enchanting and historic mountain ranges, on the path to Wyoming's greatest national parks and monuments.

The coal and oil booms in the 1970's transformed Gillette into the "Energy Capital of the Nation". From it, a youthful, industrious community of 22,000 people has emerged. If Campbell County were a nation, it would be the 6th largest coal-producing country in the world; as it is, it now mines more than a quarter of all American coal. Want to see a coal mine up close? Free tours leave from the Visitor's Center throughout the summer.

The CAM-PLEX (where the WT will be held) is the beating heart of Gillette's flourishing cultural community, covering more than 1,000 acres. Gillette offers uncrowded and affordable fun. I'm sure you'll want to try out the Powder River Thunder Run Waterslide—a monster 383 foot waterslide—for pure thrill! Drive-in movies are still alive under the Wyoming sky. For a rockin' good time, you may want to visit the Rockpile Museum. While you are in Gillette, you might want to go over and check out Deadwood, where winners play and players win. Other area attractions include the Centennial Museum and the Durham Buffalo Ranch.

There is a place where nature's most unusual and magnificent artistry is displayed for all to see...the state of Wyoming. Wyoming continues to be a top destination spot for thousands of the nations' most avid hunters and anglers. While most city parks have wading pools, Cody, Wyoming, has a park with rivers, lakes, and geysers. It's called Yellowstone.

Devil's Tower-Buffalo Bill Country stretches from Yellowstone to the Black Hills and is a kaleidoscope of natural wonders, intriguing history, and sharp contrasts. In the east the rolling landscape is punctuated by Devils Tower National Monument. The center offers the sky-scratching grandeur of the Big Horn Mountains and the wide open spaces of Thunder Basin National Grassland. In the west, the Absaroka Mountains and the valley of the Shoshone River lead you to Yellowstone. America's mountain icons, the Teton Range, completely dominate the skyline from any vantage point in the valley known as Jackson Hole.

Summertime brings a wealth of water sports that include boating, wind surfing, water skiing, jet skiing, and riding wake boards. As you might expect, rodeo in the 'Cowboy State' is a big deal,

with the world-renown "Daddy of 'em All" — Frontier Days in Cheyenne.

Plan your vacation in Wyoming as you attend the 2006 World Horseshoe Tournament. Stretching from the stark beauty of the high desert in the south and northward through the Teton Nation Forest to the world-famous Jackson Hole area is a big reason for Wyoming's well-deserved standing as a vacationer's heaven. You can relax and have a shake or malt at a real soda fountain in Shoshoni or Chugwater, visit a general store in Aladdin, or see J.C. Penney's first store in Kemmerer. Maybe you'd like to visit a dinosaur museum or dig site in Springs State Park or Saratoga, the real thing—and so are the half-million people in the ninth largest state. When that person in a pickup waves at you, don't be surprised. He'll be there to help you, if you need it. Contact the visitor's Information Center at 1-800-544-6137 or visit them at www.gillettewyoming.net.

Camping Info: All campsites are on Cam-Plex grounds. Early arrival begins July 8. Campgrounds must be vacated by noon Monday, July 24. All necessary info can be found in the Nov/Dec issue of *Newslines* magazine. For further info, contact Barbara Steele at 307-682-0552; Fax 307-682-8418 or email her at Barbara@com-plex.com. Other campgrounds are the Green Tree/Crazy Woman Campground (307-682-3665) and High Plains Campground (307-687-7339).

Motel rooms/rates for the World Tournament can also be found in the Nov/Dec issue of *Newslines* magazine.

- Best Value Inn: 307-682-9341
- Best Western Towers West: 307-682-2210
- Budget Inn Express: 307-682-2210
- Clarion Hotel & Convention Center: 307-686-3000
- Comfort Inn & Suites: 307-686-3000
- Days Inn: 307-682-3999
- Holiday Inn Express: 307-686-9576
- Motel 6: 307-686-8600
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1st Revised Cancels Original 2006 Missouri Horseshoe Tournament Schedule

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Elected State Zone Directors: Charles Killgore (Zone 1), Rich Altis (Zone 2), Robert Bastel (Zone 3), Danny Williams (Zone 4).

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Date	Sanc. Number	Tournament Name/Location	Contact	E-mail/Cell Number
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	
01-08	19-06-066	Snowflake Classic* @ Glen Allen	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
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
01-22	19-06-067	Melody Mixed Open @ Glen Allen	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
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	
02-05	19-06-068	Early Sweetheart Classic* @ Glen Allen	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
02-18	19-06-034	Spring Team Handicap* @ New Melle	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@aol.com
02-18	19-06-009	Independence Memorial* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Henderson 816-257-1853	waynepam@juno.com
02-18,19	19-06-025	Late Valentine Day* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
02-19	19-06-069	Blizzard Mixed Open @ Glen Allen	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
03-04	19-06-010	Jeff Stanton Memorial* @ 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	
03-12	19-06-070	March Wind Mixed Open @ Glen Allen	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
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
03-26	19-06-071	Spring Fling Mixed Open @ Glen Allen	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
04-01	N/S	Fool Pitch @ Stockton	Harris 417-876-4104	
04-01,02	19-06-037	East vs. West (handicap) @ New Melle	Evans 314-878-3845	revans@evanspe.com
04-08	19-06-023	Camp Fire USA Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
04-15	19-06-013	Cancer Action Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Armstrong 816-453-4052	armstrongkent@aol.com
04-16	19-06-081	Lake of the Ozarks vs. and @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
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	19-06-055	Spring Tune-Up* @ Crane	Waisner 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* @ New Melle (by invitation only)	Diekamp 636-240-6260	rdiekamp@charter.net
05-06	19-06-072	Roberts & Raines Memorial* @ Stockton	Harris 417-876-4104	
05-06,07	19-06-040	Six Pac Invitational @ New Melle (men; by invitation only)	Faron 636-398-5028	bugsfaron@aol.com
05-13	19-06-059	Laurie Spring Fling Mixed Open (cell no. 816-918-6789)	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
05-13	19-06-076	Independence Spring Mixed Open	Gwinn 816-796-0213	
05-20	19-06-012	Chillicothe Mixed Open (limited to 6 classes of 6)	Plowman 660-646-0174	dauljpearplowman@sbcglobal.net
05-20	19-06-041	Mayflower Marathon* @ New Melle	Gettinger 314-429-4427	pamgettinger@anheuser-busch.com
05-21	19-06-078	Kansas City Mixed Open	McIntire 816-452-0254	dmcintire@kc.rr.com
05-27	19-06-049	Memorial Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
05-27	19-06-056	Memorial Day Mixed Open @ Crane	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
06-03	19-06-060	MOHPA Club/Team Benefit Mixed Open @ Strafford	Bastel 573-374-8243	lkhouse@usmo.com
06-04	19-06-079	Raising the Fence* @ Strafford	Keith 417-859-2781	cny30414@centurytel.net
06-10	19-06-030	Peculiar Summer Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com
06-10	19-06-042	Westhoff Park Mixed Open @ O'Fallon	Volo 314-434-4075	
06-17	19-06-014	Wilbur Hodgson Memorial* @ Liberty (indoor/outdoor) %%	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
06-18	19-06-050	Father's Day Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
06-24	19-06-074	St. Joseph Mixed Open	Campbell 816-238-7312	pcampbell@co.buchanon.mo.us
07-01	19-06-015	Maysville Mixed Open (Joe Owen 816-632-1046)	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
07-01	19-06-051	Jefferson City Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
07-01	N/S	Firecracker @ Stockton	Harris 417-876-4104	
07-08	19-06-061	Laurie Summer Splash Mixed Open (cell ph. 816-918-6789)	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
07-10-22	WY-sanctioned	World Tournament @ Gillette, WY	Hansen 262-835-9108	nhpa.sec.treas@worldnet.att.net
07-15	19-06-057	Hot Times* @ Crane	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
08-13	19-06-052	Sizzlin' Summer Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
08-18,19,20	19-06-063	Missouri State Fair Mixed Open @ Sedalia	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
08-26	19-06-077	Independence Fall Mixed Open	Gwinn 816-796-0213	
08-26	N/S	Crane Boiler Festival	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
09-01	19-06-064	Missouri State Championship Doubles (adult) @ Jefferson City	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
09-02-04	19-06-065	Missouri State Championship Singles @ Jefferson City	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
09-09	19-06-031	Peculiar Fall Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com
09-16	19-06-058	Fall Open* @ Crane	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net

09-16,17	19-06-062	Laurie Hillbilly Fair Mixed Open	Bastel 573-374-8243	lkhouse@usmo.com
09-23	19-06-053	Second Annual Big Money Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
09-30	19-06-075	Ray Cavin Memorial Mixed Open @ St. Joseph	Campbell 816-238-7312	pcampbell@co.buchanan.mo.us
09-30	N/S	Walnut Festival @ Stockton	Harris 417-876-4104	
10-07	19-06-017	Frostbite Open* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Cooper 816-741-0043	ivdead@hotmail.com
10-07	19-06-080	Fall Shoedown Mixed Open @ Strafford	Keith 417-859-2781	cny30414@centurytel.net
10-08	19-06-054	Octoberfest Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net
10-14	19-06-073	Hillbilly Hoedown* @ Stockton	Harris 417-876-4104	
10-14,15	19-06-018	West vs. East (handicap) @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-4132	gregganda@juno.com
10-21	19-06-044	Fall Team Handicap* @ New Melle	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@aol.com
10-21	N/S	Crane Doubles	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
10-28	19-06-019	ALS Benefit* @ Harris Arena %% (Cooper 741-0043) or	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
11-04	19-06-020	Sixth Annual Holly Marie Memorial* @ Harris Arena %%	Griggs 816-313-1814	moshoo@kcnet.com
11-04,05	19-06-004	November Mixed Open @ Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
11-18	19-06-021	Snow Bird Fly Away* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Craven 816-781-4132	gregganda@juno.com
11-18	19-06-045	Turkey Trot* @ New Melle	Feldewerth 636-978-1292	dbfeldewerth@aol.com
11-18,19	19-06-027	Before Turkey Day* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
12-02	19-06-022	Here Comes Santa Claus* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
12-02	19-06-046	BHC vs. NMHC* Handicap @ New Melle	Orf 636-332-3310	morf@mail.win.org
12-02,03	19-06-005	December Mixed Open @ Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
12-09	19-06-047	Jingle Bell Rock* @ New Melle	Volo 314-434-4075	
12-16,17	19-06-028	Winter Is Coming* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434

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%% If canceling late at Don Harris Arena, call G. Craven at 816-419-5631, B. Craven at 816-588-4536, or C. Killgore @ 816-592-0100.

Note: Sanctioned tournaments are preregister. Enter seven days before (40+ days in winter).

NHPA card: State and national dues, adults \$20, juniors \$5; get from MOHPA secretary.

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What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

How well do you know your NHPA Rules?

1. The Foul Lines are

- The line three feet in front of the stakes.
- The lines that surround the pitching platforms.
- The lines at the front of the pitching platforms at 27 and 37 foot from the front of the opposite stake.

2. Backboard size and location

- Twelve to fifteen inches high, three feet behind the stake, extend the width of the pit.
- At least three feet behind the stake, at least 1 foot high, and extend the width of the pit.
- Four feet behind the stake, one foot high, extend the width of the pit.

3. Pitching Distance for Temporary/Raised Pits

- To compensate for the added height of pit, pitching distance is reduced by $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches.
- Distance is reduced by one-third of the height of the raised pit.
- Forty foot from front of stake to front of stake at the base of the stake.

4. While waiting for the games of the current round to be completed you should

- Go to where your next game is and prepare the pit and practice until your opponent arrives.
- If you want to practice, use the court that you just finished pitching on.
- Go to the next court and prepare both pits while waiting for your opponent. Practice if you want.

5. Games are broken down to innings

- One inning consists of two shoes for each contestant.
- One inning consists of one trip down and back.

6. Delivery of shoes

- Contestants may deliver a shoe from either side of pitching platform during an inning.

B. Contestants must deliver both shoes from the same side during an inning.

C. Contestants must pitch the entire tournament with the same arm or hand.

D. Contestants may use either hand or arm while pitching in a tournament

7. Starting position for full distance pitcher

- You may start on or directly behind the platform, through the release of the shoe you must step on the platform but must not step on or over the foul line or off of the platform with either foot.
- Both feet making contact with the platform, you must not step on or over the foul line or step off the platform with either foot.
- At least one foot on the platform and no stepping on or over the foul line through the release of the shoe.

8. Starting position for Females

- Anywhere on the extended platform observing the 27ft. foul line.
- Except females pitching in an elder class, anywhere on the full or extended platforms observing the 27ft. foul line.

9. NATSTATS average is based on

- My last three tournament averages
- My highest three tournament averages of the last ten tournaments or the past twelve months whichever comes first.
- Average of total shoes and ringers of the highest three tournaments out of the last ten tournaments or the past twelve months whichever comes first.

10. Changing pitching distance from full to short distance

- Notify state secretary that you want to become a short distance pitcher on your 70th birthday.
- Notify state secretary that you want to become a short distance pitcher and that you will be eligible Jan 1st of the year you turn seventy.
- Tell the tournament director that you want to pitch at the short distance in your next tournament.

See answers on page 23.

The Stats of the State

At the conclusion of the 80th Annual Missouri State Championships in Jefferson City, Missouri, the following stats and records have been inscribed into our history.

<i>Times</i>	<i>Location</i>	Host Sites <i>Years</i>
46	Sedalia	1921-1977
6	Neosho	1946-1953
6	St. Joseph	1978-2001
6	Independence	1985-1997
6	New Melle	1990-2000
2	Springfield	1983-1984
2	Jefferson City	1987-2005
2	Strafford	2003-2004
1	Columbia	1980
1	Crane	1988
1	Park Hills	1998
1	Festus	2002

<i>Years of Service</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Years</i>
President		
27	Earl Winston	1951-1978
8	Charles Killgore	1978-1986
8	Joe Faron	1996-2004
6	Wayne Henderson	1986-1992
4	Kent Armstrong	1992-1996
1	Ramon Carver	1950-1951
1	Jim Bainter	2004-2005
Unknown	Jack Claves	1930-?
Vice-President		
18	Charles Killgore	1960-1978
9	Vicki Winston	1978-1987
5	Kent Armstrong	1989-1991 and 1996-1999
5	Joe Faron	1991-1996
4	Frank Baker	1953-1957
3	Leonard Coffey	1950-1953
2	Claude Long	1958-1960
2	Bob Barnes	1987-1989
2	Danny Branson	1999-2001
2	Sharon Taylor	2001-2003
1	Bill Young	1957-1958
1	Jim Bainter	2003-2004
1	Roy Evans	2004-2005

In 1934 we had various Vice-Presidents

1st	Jack Erwin	1934
2nd	Dan Cook	1934
3rd	Sidney Plott	1934
4th	W.L. Reid	1934
5th	Charles Tatum	1934

<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	<i>Years</i>
18	Jim Acock 1960-1978
18	Vicki Winston 1987-2005
9	John Elkins 1950-1957 and 1963-1965
5	Alfred O. Smith 1958-1963
4	Harold Heidel 1965-1969
1	J.A. Larson 1957-1958

In 1934 we had two to do the job:

Secretary	Henry Kuhlmann	1934
Treasurer	William Foster	1934

Statistician	<i>Years</i>
18	Stan Griggs 1987-2005

Regional Directors	<i>Years</i>	
15	Charles Killgore	1990-2005 NW
8	Dale Parrott	1993-2001 SW
6	Calvin Jaeger	1993-1999 NE
6	Richard Altis	1999-2005 NE

4	Randall Grady	1998-2002	SE
4	Robert Bastel	2001-2005	SW
3	Dick Cotter	1990-1993	NE
3	Frank Hudson	1990-1993	SW
3	Danny Williams	2002-2005	SE
2	Bill Masterson	1996-1998	SE

Men's Division

• Stan Griggs won his 5th Men's State Title

<i>Number of titles</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
15	Dave Baker	Wentworth
10	Alan Francis	Blythedale
6	John Elkins	Neosho
6	Paul Lattray	Webster Groves
5	Stan Griggs	Raytown
4	Sam Carter	St. Clair
4	Tom Meagher	Kansas City
3	Bob Bales	Kansas City
2	C.C. Davis	Kansas City
2	Jack Erwin	Independence
2	Charles Killgore	Plattsburg
2	Lilliard Pinion	St. Joseph
2	Lawrence Robinson	Polo
2	Ed Walls	St. Joseph
1	Earl Winston	LaMonte
1	Randall Grady	Benton
1	M.O. Turner	

Top Ten All-Time Victory Leaders

<i>Player</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Games</i>	<i>Pct.</i>
1. Dave Baker (S-H)	Wentworth	251	300	71.20
2. Charles Killgore (S-H)	Plattsburg	234	404	63.61
3. Sam Carter (S-H)	St. Clair	209	312	65.63
4. Stan Griggs (S-H)	Raytown	160	228	64.41
5. Earl Winston (S-H)	LaMonte	159	334	61.82
6. Elwyn Cooper (H)	Kansas City	151	297	60.88
7. Paul Lattray (S-H)	Webster Groves	123	169	70.05
8. John Elkins (S-H)	Stella	122	181	64.51
9. Lillard Pinion (S)	St. Joseph	120	205	63.97
10. Bob Bales (S-H)	Kansas City	119	175	65.61

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Won-Lost Percentage

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>TN</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Games</i>	<i>W-L</i>
1. .9916	Alan Francis	10	1986-1995	119	118-1
2. .8366	Dave Baker	28	1954-1988	300	251-49
3. .8125	Oscar Bozich	8	1934-1941	112	91-21
4. .7307	Wilbur Steinkamp	4	1934-1940	52	38-14
5. .7278	Paul Lattray	13	1937-1968	169	123-46
6. .7166	Jimmie Denny	4	1935-1942	60	43-17
7. .7018	Stan Griggs	19	1983-2005	228	160-68
8. .6800	Bob Bales	14	1940-1972	175	119-56
9. .6760	Joe Wors	11	1933-1952	142	96-46
10. .6740	John Elkins	18	1937-1963	181	122-59

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Ringer Percentage

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>TN</i>	<i>Years</i>
1. 79.61	Alan Francis	10	1986-1995
2. 71.20	Dave Baker	28	1954-1988
3. 70.05	Paul Lattray	13	1937-1968
4. 65.63	Sam Carter	29	1975-2004
5. 65.61	Bob Bales	14	1940-1972
6. 65.60	Bob Stowe	5	1968-1974
7. 65.45	Ron Frakes	16	1968-1990
8. 65.10	Oscar Bozich	8	1934-1941
9. 64.51	John Elkins	18	1937-1963
10. 64.41	Stan Griggs	19	1983-2005

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Games Played

<i>Games</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Years</i>
1. 404	Charles Killgore	1964-2005
2. 334	Earl Winston	1942-1991

3.	312	Sam Carter	1975-2004
4.	300	Dave Baker	1954-1988
5.	297	Elwyn Cooper	1976-2004
6.	228	Stan Griggs	1983-2005
7.	219	M.O. Turner	1986-2005
8.	205	Lillard Pinion	1962-1985
9.	195	Ray Cavin	1957-1976
10.	182	Claude Long	1953-1972

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Tournaments

Tournaments	Player	Years	
1.	37	Charles Killgore	1964-2005
2.	31	Earl Winston	1942-1991
3.	29	Sam Carter	1975-2004
4.	28	Dave Baker	1954-1988
	28	Elwyn Cooper	1976-2004
6.	20	Lillard Pinion	1962-1985
7.	19	Stan Griggs	1983-2005
	19	M.O. Turner	1986-2005
9.	18	John Elkins	1937-1963
10.	17	Ray Cavin	1957-1976

- 184 men have pitched in the Men's Championship Class over the 80 year history
- 1 woman has pitched in that same class (Vicki Winston: 1964)
- 29 of them have won a Men's State Title
- 32 of them are in the Hall of Fame

Women's Division

- Rose Diekamp won her 4th Women's State Crown

Number of titles	Name	Hometown
20	Vicki Winston	LaMonte
4	Rose Diekamp	O'Fallon
3	Pam Henderson	Independence
1	Loree Meier	Independence
1	Tracy Sherman	O'Fallon
1	Jan Kreienkamp	Union

Top Five All-Time Victory Leaders

Player	Hometown	Wins	Games	Pct.
1. Vicki Winston (S-H)	LaMonte	142	154	72.44
2. Pam Henderson (S-H)	Independence	82	143	55.53
3. Loree Meier (S)	Independence	75	123	56.38
4. Rose Diekamp (S-H)	O'Fallon	69	88	64.37
5. Joyce Francis	Blythedale	40	68	47.45

Top Five All-Time Leaders in Won-Lost Percentage

Percent	Player	TN	Years	Games	W-L
1.	.9221	Vicki Winston	24	1976-2000	154 142-12
2.	.7841	Rose Diekamp	12	1994-2005	88 69-19
3.	.7429	Judy Sappington	5	1976-1982	35 26-9
4.	.6098	Loree Meier	19	1983-2003	123 75-48
5.	.5882	Joyce Francis	10	1979-1993	68 40-28

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Ringer Percentage

Percent	Player	TN	Years
1.	72.44	Vicki Winston	24 1976-2000
2.	64.37	Rose Diekamp	12 1994-2005
3.	56.38	Loree Meier	19 1983-2003
4.	55.53	Pam Henderson	21 1982-2005
5.	51.94	Jan Kreienkamp	10 1993-2002

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Games Played

Games	Player	Years	
1.	154	Vicki Winston	1976-2000
2.	143	Pam Henderson	1982-2005
3.	123	Loree Meier	1983-2003
4.	88	Rose Diekamp	1994-2005
5.	78	Mary Ann Ell	1988-2002

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Tournaments

Tournaments	Player	Years	
1.	24	Vicki Winston	1976-2000
2.	21	Pam Henderson	1982-2005
3.	19	Loree Meier	1983-2003
4.	12	Mary Ann Ell	1988-2002
5.	12	Rose Diekamp	1994-2005

- 56 women have pitched in the Women's Championship Class in the 30 year history of this class.
- 6 of them have won a Women's State Title
- 4 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

Junior Boys Division

- Jake Kluesner won his 1st Junior Boy's State Championship

Number of titles	Name	Hometown
6	Alan Francis	Blythedale
5	Brett Francis	Blythedale
5	Tyler Elfrink	Leopold
4	Danny Plute	Warrensburg
3	Steve Barnes	Odessa
3	Levi Blevins	Galena
2	Stan Griggs	St. Joseph
1	Jake Kluesner	Oran

- No active players are in the top ten of any of the lists
- 117 juniors have pitched in the Junior Boy's Championship Class in the 40 year history of this class
- 19 of them have won a Junior Boy's State Title
- 2 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

Senior's Division

- Sam Carter won his 1st Senior's State Title...

Number of titles	Name	Hometown
4	Wayne Trautwein	Kansas City
3	Don Harris	Smithville
3	William "Lou" Rector	Appleton City
3	Clifford Collins Sr.	Hawk Point
2	Mick Gillette	Warrenton
2	Steve Hrabovsky	St. Louis
1	Earl Winston	LaMonte
1	Don Mercier	Jennings
1	Bob Diekamp	O'Fallon
1	Ronnie Attebery	Ewing
1	Bob Outt	Neosho
1	Sam Carter	St. Clair

Top Five All-Time Victory Leaders

Player	Hometown	Wins	Games	Pct.
1. Wayne Trautwein (S-H)	Kansas City	54	69	50.78
2. Don Harris (S-H)	Smithville	37	44	53.80
3. Steve Hrabovsky (S)	St. Louis	35	47	48.89
4. Clifford Collins (S)	Hawk Point	30	45	39.06
5. Pete Harris (S)	Desloge	30	66	37.18

Top Five All-Time Leaders in Won-Lost Percentage

Percent	Player	TN	Years	Games	W-L
1.	.9583	William "Lou" Rector	4	1991-1994	24 23-1
2.	.8409	Don Harris	7	1982-1991	44 37-7
3.	.8333	Mick Gillette	4	1999-2005	24 20-4
4.	.7826	Wayne Trautwein	11	1977-1989	69 54-15
5.	.7446	Steve Hrabovsky	7	1989-1996	47 35-12

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Ringer Percentage

Percent	Player	TN	Years
1.	58.43	William "Lou" Rector	4 1991-1994
2.	53.80	Don Harris	7 1982-1991
3.	52.01	Mick Gillette	4 1999-2005
4.	50.78	Wayne Trautwein	11 1977-1989
5.	48.89	Steve Hrabovsky	7 1989-1996

- 89 seniors have pitched in the Senior's Championship Class in the 32 year history of this class
- 20 of them have won a Senior's State Title
- 12 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

30 Ft. Men's Division

- Tom Ebers won his 1st 30 Ft. Men's State Championship

Number of titles	Name	Hometown
9	Don Harris	Smithville
1	Woody Juncker	Independence
1	L.C. Kelly	Old Monroe
1	Dick Cotter	St. Louis

1	William "Lou" Rector	Appleton City
1	Frank Miles	Crestwood
1	Bob Long	Webb City
1	Tom Ebers	Kansas City

Top Three All-Time Victory Leaders

Player	Hometown	Wins	Games	Pct.
1. Don Harris (S-H)	Smithville	74	81	67.53
2. Oden Sullivan	Columbia	37	60	62.62
3. William "Lou" Rector (S)	Appleton City	31	40	66.02

Top Three All-Time Leaders in Won-Lost Percentage

Percent	Player	TN	Years	Games	W-L
1. .9136	Don Harris	12	1992-2003	81	74-7
2. .7750	William "Lou" Rector	6	1995-2001	40	31-9
3. .6167	Oden Sullivan	9	1997-2005	60	37-23

Top Three All-Time Leaders in Ringer Percentage

Percent	Player	TN	Years
1. 67.53	Don Harris	12	1992-2003
2. 66.02	William "Lou" Rector	6	1995-2001
3. 62.62	Oden Sullivan	9	1997-2005

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Games Played

Games	Player	Years
1. 81	Don Harris	1992-2003
2. 60	Oden Sullivan	1997-2005
3. 47	George Weldon	1996-2002

Top Ten All-Time Leaders in Tournaments

Tournaments	Player	Years
1. 12	Don Harris	1992-2003
2. 9	Oden Sullivan	1997-2005
3. 7	George Weldon	1996-2002

- 41 Men have pitched in the 30 Ft. Men's Championship Class in the 16 year history of this class
- 8 of them have won a Elder's State Title
- 6 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

**Multiple Title Count
Listing of total State titles won**

Titles	Pitcher	Divisions
21	Vicki Winston	20 Women, 1 Doubles
16	Alan Francis	10 Men, 6 Juniors
15	Dave Baker	15 Men
12	Don Harris	9 30ft, 3 Seniors
8	Sam Carter	4 Men, 3 Doubles, 1 Seniors
8	Rose Diekamp	4 Women, 4 Doubles
7	Stan Griggs	5 Men, 2 Juniors
6	John Elkins	6 Men
6	Paul Lattray	6 Men
5	Tyler Elfrink	5 Juniors
5	Brett Francis	5 Juniors
5	William Lou Rector	3 Seniors, 1 30ft, 1 Doubles
4	Pam Henderson	3 Women, 1 Doubles
4	Tom Meagher	4 Men
4	Danny Plute	4 Juniors
4	Wayne Trautwein	4 Seniors
3	Bob Bales	3 Men
3	Steve Barnes	3 Juniors
3	Levi Blevins	1 Juniors
3	Cliff Collins	3 Seniors
3	Steve Hrabovsky	2 Seniors, 1 Doubles
3	Earl Winston	1 Men, 1 Seniors, 1 Doubles
2	C.C. Davis	2 Men
2	Jack Erwin	2 Men
2	Mick Gillette	2 Seniors
2	Dan Hobbs	2 Doubles
2	Jim Howard	2 Doubles
2	Charles Killgore	2 Men
2	Lilliard Pinion	2 Men
2	Lawrence Robinson	2 Men
2	Ed Walls	2 Men

2005 Fall West Vs. East Challenge

October 15-16, 2005

by Claas/Craven

For the fifth time the East met the West in Liberty at the fabulous Don Harris Arena for some friendly rivalry and competition. The West team was pretty nervous with the East winning the four previous contests, but you could detect the hungry look on their faces.

As we traveled I-70 on this beautiful fall weekend, we just had to get off the beaten path and drive through the historic Arrowrock State Park. Evidently some schools also took advantage of the nice fall day, as the park was loaded with big yellow buses and children everywhere. We decided not to stop and headed west on Highway 41, which led us to the town of Marshall.

After doing some research on this town and writing about it in the last issue of *Shoe Biz*, I just had to check out things for myself. First, we headed for the Indian Foothills Park to show the Evans' the well-maintained horseshoe courts where so much horseshoe activity has taken place over the years. We next headed toward the cemetery to check out the scene. We spotted some caretakers (I suspect it was the skeleton crew working the graveyard shift) and asked if they could guide us to the Dennis Brothers monument, which they



did. "Oh, and by the way could you tell us where Jim the Wonder Dog is buried?" I asked as the occupants in the car sunk down in the

seats. After satisfying my curiosity, we headed for the town square and the Memorial Gardens where a statue of Jim stands. A cool treat at an ice cream parlor satisfied our hunger and we headed back to I-70 to reach our destination.

Newcomers from the East to Liberty were Don & Gidget Rahe, John & Martha Setzer, Dave & Bea Feldewerth, Mick Gillette, and John Sims. All were very impressed by the Don Harris Arena. Roy Evans, the Co-Tournament Director from the East, gathered 20 pitchers and Co-Tournament director, Gregg Craven, from the West loaded his team with 30 excellent pitchers. Before the tournament started, Craven reminded the pitchers that the last time we met at Liberty, "It was a Claas Act that won the tournament. Jeanette Claas says she is on the D.L. but we suspect she just sat out to give us a chance."

The tournament format consisted of three sessions: two on Saturday, one on Sunday. Ten people pitched in each of the six classes. A total of 150 games were played. All games were cancellation with 90% handicap. Cash prizes were awarded for the top four places in each session and class champion patches were given to the first place winners. The team with the most wins would receive the traveling trophy that was purchased by both the East and West teams. The trophy holds enough space for 19 more future challenges.

After a briefing, Lyle Samuelson led the National Anthem and the competition was underway. After the first game of the first session, the East was up three games. Here we go again! As noontime approached, the first session was completed and the West took the lead 25½ to 24½. After the second session in the

afternoon the West still led by one game, 50½ to 49½. It looked like whatever Yogi says all over again.

At the end of the day on Saturday, we headed towards town with the East bunch following their leader, Roy, as he led them back to the motel. He soon found out that Liberty is loaded with one way streets as he made one of these wrong turns and the whole parade continued to follow him. And it happened right next to the bank where Jesse James held his first daylight bank robbery. Only I would have noticed that! It was time out for a little R & R as 30 horseshoe pitchers from the East & West chewed and viewed together at Chiles Restaurant in Kansas City.

The final completion of the tournament began at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. With only two games left to play, the West went up by five points. Then the East came back to within one before the final game. This time the worm turned as the West held on to win the match, 76.5 to 73.5! The trophy stays at Liberty this time.

Tom Ebers, who just keeps pitching better and better, was the Champion of Class A, pitching a 73.% average with two high games of 77.5%. It was definitely Terry Kampe's best tournament, as he shot 16.37% over his average for a 44.50%, and Don Claas won first place twice in two sessions pitching a 39.7% and 46.50%. Craven says, "We decided he needed a nickname after his class and going undefeated both days. We are going to call him, "First Claas." Other class champions were: Joe Buskirk, Joann Jones, and John Sims. High games were pitched by Audra Craven (62.5%), and Oden Sullivan and M.O. Turner, each with a 75.0%.

Thanks to the good cooking of Audra Craven and the other members of Liberty who brought in delicious pies and refreshments for us to enjoy. It was a great tournament with some good pitching. The West will meet the East in New Melle on April 1-2, 2006. Let's see what April Fools do when they come to the New Melle courts!

Fall Team Tournament at New Melle October 22, 2005

by Jeanette Claas

The pumpkins were smilin'. It was a sure sign that Halloween must be near as we drove to New Melle for the 8th New Melle Team Tournament. Horseshoe pitchers traveling from Cape Girardeau and the Lake of the Ozark all reported signs that another beautiful fall in Missouri was upon us.

Tournament Directors Jim and Carol Howard organized a tournament of 71 pitchers that participated in the event. Unfortunately, Jim's mother passed away a few days before the tournament, but other New Melle horseshoe pitchers quickly responded and filled in for them. A big thank you to Dave & Bea Feldewerth, Carol Buskirk, Rich Altis, Rose Diekamp, Donna Bastel, Joe Faron, and Larry Volo for their last minute efforts that was appreciated not only by Jim & Carol but all of the horseshoe pitchers involved. And thanks to Carol Buskirk who brought in some delicious homemade cupcakes for the hungry horseshoe pitchers.

We would like to recognize all the new MOHPA members who pitched in this tournament for the first time. They were: Donald Isaacson, Harry Rother, Trish Dwiggin, Bob Greisbauer, Elaine Hersey, Louise Duke, Elaine Reeves, and Steve Schnyder. Pitching for the first time in any MOHPA event were Louise Duke and Elaine Hersey. We hope you all will return for the next Team Tournament, which will be held on February 18, 2006.

The National Anthem was sung beautifully by the voice of Terrie Rose of Marble Hill. Wow, can she sing! Joe Faron gave the latest up-to-date news on the NHPF Hall of Fame building and asked for the support of all the people in our state.

Competition of the handicapped event was underway. Donna Bastel graciously moved from her team to the #4 team, which was short pitchers. It was a good move that helped the team to finish in the top four at the end of the tournament. Each of the twelve teams pitched two games against each team and concluded with 44 games that were pitched by each team. Francis Griesbauer pitched the high game of the day with a 76.92%. Rich Altis carried the high ringer tournament average of 62.82%. Judy Geisler and Clarence Eggert were the only two people who won every game they pitched. Jan Kreienkamp had the most wins, 10½ games of the 12 that she pitched.

It was a very close race up until the last four games of the day between three teams. Team #1 (Claas) cinched the tie for first place as the last two shoes were pitched against Team #2 (Beeson). Andy Foulds threw a double and Floyd Beeson only scored one point. Team #10 (Altis) cinched the tie for first place against Team #11 (Gettinger) by winning both games. Team #5 (Diekamp) was short one game to tie with the other two teams. An exciting playoff game between Team #1 (Jan Kreienkamp and Andy Foulds) and Team #10 (Rich Altis and Rich Bandy) with a score of 157-138 was won by Team #1.

The Tournament Champions that won first place with 35 wins and 11 losses, prize money of \$330, and a tournament champion patch, was Team #1 consisting of Jeanette Claas, Jan Kreienkamp, Andy Foulds, Don Claas, Clarence Eggert, and Ed Griffith. The 2nd place team with 33 wins and 13 losses, and prize money of \$210, went to Team #10 were: Rich Altis, Mickey Gillette, Bob Reininger, Martin Orf, George Christ, and Rich Bandy. Third place went to Team #5 with 32 wins and 12 losses, and prize money of \$100: Bob & Rose Diekamp, Francis Griesbauer, Ginny Weiss, Judy Geisler, and Trish Dwiggin. In the prize money for 4th place, \$90, was Team #8 with 28 wins and 16 losses: Dave Schneider, Rick Maassen, Ralph Hummel, Frank Garcia, and Donna Bastel.

Thanks to all the pitchers who participated and those who helped out to make it another successful Team Tournament at New Melle. We express our deepest sympathy to the Howard family during this difficult time.

5th Annual Holly Marie Memorial Liberty, MO • November 5, 2005

by Stan Griggs

Another eighteen angels have earned their wings and were presented for the top three places in each class at the 5th Annual Holly Marie Memorial Mixed Open at Don Harris Arena in Liberty, MO, on November 5th.

This is a 100% proceed generated tournament—all proceeds were donated between Catholic Charities and the NHPA Hall of Fame in memory of Holly Marie Griggs and Jerry Griggs.

The angel count is now at 90; look to see if you can find them on the courts at your next tournament. Roy Flatt is the only

See *Holly Marie Memorial*, continued on page 23

Missouri Tournament Results

October-December, 2005

Frostbite Open @ Harris Arena

10/8/05 Dir: Elwyn Cooper

Class A: Tom Ebers	6-1	67.9%
Class B: Roy Flatt	7-0	50.8%
Class C: Carl Phillips	7-0	50.4%
Class D: Helen Velasquez	7-0	38.6%
Class E: Clifford Pierce	6-1	27.1%
Class F: Ray Herman	6-1	13.3%

James Belt Memorial @ Caulfield

10/8/05 Dir: Robert Kingsolver

Class A: Dale Parrott	7-1	56.9%
Class B: Reese Warden	5-0	35.2%
Class C: Tim Warden	6-1	20.1%

Octoberfest Open @ Jefferson City

10/9/05 Dir: Steve Bruemmer

Class A:		
1 st : Steve Johnson	6-1	60.2%
2 nd : Mel Bruemmer	5-2	45.4%
Class B:		
1 st : Oscar Reeves	6-1	40.7%
2 nd : Nathan Evers	5-2	31.1%

West vs. East Open @ Harris Arena

10/15-16/05 Dir: Gregg Craven

West wins 76.5 - 73.5

Class A: Joe Buskirk	4-1	52.5%
Class AA: Tom Ebers	4-1	73.0%
Class B: Joann Jones	5-0	41.5%
Class BB: Don Claas	5-0	46.5%
Class C: Don Claas	5-0	39.5%
Class CC: John Simms	5-0	38.0%

BOO Open @ Glen Allen 10/16/05

Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Ronald LeGrand	5-0	56.0%
2 nd : Danny Williams	4-1	36.0%
3 rd : John Vandeven	3-2	14.0%

October Frost Open @ Park Hills

10/22/05 Dir: Boxie Schrum

Class A:		
1 st : Randy Grady	5-0	75.0%
2 nd : Jerry Dumstorff	3-2	58.5%
Class B:		
1 st : Ed Boyer	6-1	33.4%
2 nd : Mike Merseal	4-2	36.5%

Fall Team Handicap @ New Melle

10/25/05 Dirs: Jim & Carol Howard

1st Place Team:

Jan Kreienkamp	10-1	51.6%
Andy Foulds	8-4	42.6%
Ed Griffith	7-3	37.7%
Clarance Eggert	5-0	29.2%
Don Class	5-1	36.5%
Jeanette Claas	0-1	38.5%

Mt. View October Open 10/22/05

Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Bob Fortner	6-1	55.1%
Class B: Letha Harris	5-1	44.1%
Class C: Joie Welker	9-0	36.7%
Class D: Russel Gillis	4-5	22.9%

Halloween Open @ Don Harris Arena

10/29/05 Dir: Terry Kampe

Class A: M.O. Turner	6-1	67.5%
Class B: Elwyn Cooper	6-1	52.1%
Class C: Glenn Bowman	6-1	45.0%
Class D: Michael Gillespie	4-1	43.6%
Class E: Alex Roberts	5-0	24.8%
Class F: George Chichura	5-0	18.0%

Spook Open @ Glen Allen 10/30/05

Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Oda Cook	6-1	55.7%
2 nd : Dylan Elfrink	4-2	53.8%
Class B:		
1 st : Melody Williams	5-0	28.0%
2 nd : Terrie Rose	4-1	32.5%

5th Annual Holly Marie Memorial @

Harris Arena 11-5-05

Dirs: Stan & Stephanie Griggis

Class A: Tom Ebers	6-1	77.1%
Class B: Bob Fortner	6-1	58.3%
Class C: Gregg Craven	6-1	48.8%
Class D: Denise Bloss	6-1	42.1%
Class E: Brady Craven	7-0	36.3%
Class F: Dylan Mountain	7-0	27.5%

Turkey Revenge @ Glen Allen

11/6/05 Dirs: Danny/MelodyWilliams

Class A:		
1 st : Dawn Morrow	7-0	35.4%
2 nd : Danny Williams	6-1	36.8%
3 rd : John Vandeven	4-3	27.5%
4 th : Melody Williams	4-3	24.6%
5 th : Tori Vandeven	3-4	15.7%

Tri-State Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena

11/5-6/05 Dir: Carlyle Gricks

Class A: Bob Renfro	4-1	51.0%
Class B: Bob Outt	4-1	47.5%
Class C: Bobbie Jones	5-1	49.0%
Class D: Jim Larkin	7-0	30.8%
Class E: Reginald Kuhs	7-0	29.2%
Class F: Lena McDonald	7-0	12.1%

Snowbird Fly Away Open @ Harris

Arena 11/19/05 Dir: Gregg Craven

Class A: Tom Ebers	6-1	72.1%
Class B: Earl Winston	7-0	58.2%
Class C: Joann Jones	6-1	47.9%
Class D: Terry Kampe	7-0	35.0%

Class E: Ralph Richardson 6-1 28.9%

Class F: Don Roberts 6-1 22.5%

Turkey Trot Open @ New Melle

11/19/05 Dirs: Dave/Bea Feldewerth

Class A: Ron LeGrand	6-2	55.9%
Class B: Jan Kreienkamp	6-1	61.8%
Class C: Roger Reeves	6-1	54.0%
Class D: Suzanne Evans	5-2	34.7%
Class E: Stan Bailey	6-1	30.8%
Class F: Randy York	7-0	31.6%

After Turkey Day Open @ Hudson Hall

11/26-27/05 Dir: Frank Hudson

Class A: Carlyle Gricks	4-1	57.4%
Class B: Letha Harris	5-0	54.6%
Class C: Terry McDonald	5-1	40.8%
Class D: Douglas Tripp	6-1	26.3%
Class E: James Caufield	7-1	21.1%

Leftover Open @ Glen Allen 11/27/05

Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Edgar Stoverink	5-0	45.5%
2 nd : Oda Cook	3-2	39.5%
Class B:		
1 st : Steve Riley	5-1	18.8%
2 nd : John Vandeven	3-3	20.8%

BYHC vs NMHC @ Glen Allen

12/3/05 Dirs: Danny&Melody Williams

Backyard Team Wins with 38 points

Backyard Club:		
Randy Grady	3-6	65.4%
Oda Cook	3-6	33.8%
Ron LeGrand	0-9	42.3%
Cori Stoverink	0-9	47.0%
Edgar Stoverink	8-1	35.0%

New Melle Club:

Rich Altis	2-7	47.4%
Francis Griesbuaer	2-7	54.3%
Joe Buskirk	5-4	37.2%
Donald Rahe	5-4	40.2%
Martin Orf	5-4	38.0%

Jingle Bell Rock @ New Melle 12/10/05

Dir: Volo & Reininger

Class A: Rose Diekamp	7-1	63.4%
Class B: Don Rahe	6-1	48.6%
Class C: Ginny Weiss	6-1	47.6%
Class D: Stan Bailey	5-2	32.2%
Class E: Randy York	6-1	30.1%
Class F: Roy Evans	7-0	23.9%

Tri-State Open #5 @ Gricks Arena

12/10-11/05 Dir: Carlyle Gricks Jr.

Class A: Marion Harris	4-1	54.9%
Class B: Letha Harris	5-0	53.5%
Class C: Terry McDonald	5-1	36.0%

Class D: Rick Jordan	5-1	30.9%
Class E: Oren Harris	4-1	18.0%
Class F: Ethan Snow	6-1	11.9%

Class E: Edward Eberle	6-1	27.5%
Class F: Chris Kluge	5-1	11.7%

**Countdown Christmas Open @
Glen Allen 12/18/05**

Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

1 st : Melody Williams	4-1	39.5%
2 nd : Danny Williams	4-1	37.0%
3 rd : Mike Davault	3-2	31.0%
4 th : John Vandeven	3-2	28.5%
5 th : Lester Powell	1-4	21.5%

**Santa is Here @ Don Harris Arena
12/17/05 Dir: Terry Kampe**

Class A: Tom Ebers	5-0	73.2%
Class B: Paul Taylor	6-1	49.2%
Class C: J.J. Stanton	4-1	48.8%
Class D: Danny Wetzel	6-1	22.5%

**Pre-Christmas Open@ Hudson Hall
12/17-18/05 Director: Frank Hudson**

Class A: Letha Harris	4-2	50.8%
Class B: Michael Gillespie	5-1	36.6%
Class C: Joie Welker	7-0	38.3%
Class D: Jim Claxton	5-2	20.0%
Class E: Al Mundy	6-1	12.5%

Holly Marie Memorial, from page 21

pitcher who has received an angel every year since the tournament originated.

The entry donations were \$410, with additional contributions made from Tammy Griggs (GA) and Stacy Griggs (OK), and all sales from concessions. A special Thank You goes out to Michelle Barone from "On a Wing and a Prayer" for her support with this tournament, and kudos to Gregg Craven for covering me during the week.

The total for this year's tournament was \$601.30, so the tote board is now at \$2,595.55.

Class A was a classic Championship Class; if you did not average 70%, you were not going home with an angel. Tom Ebers high game was 87.5% and he added two more 82.5%'s to win 1st place. Oden Sullivan pitched a 90% game not once, but twice. Both opponents did score four points each. The up and coming youngster, Mr. Michael Bowman, pitched five games in the 70% range with his high game at 77.5%. I am glad I was watching from the sidelines. Those receiving angels were:

- Class A: 1st - *Tom Ebers 77.1%; 2nd - *Oden Sullivan 73.9%; 3rd - Michael Bowman 70.4%.
- Class B: 1st - *Bob Fortner 58.3%; 2nd - *Audra Craven 50.0%; 3rd - *Nile Abbott 48.3%.
- Class C: 1st - *Gregg Craven 48.8%; 2nd - *****Roy Flatt 49.2%; 3rd - *Glenn Bowman 44.2%.
- Class D: 1st - *Denise Bloss 42.1%; 2nd - Lyle Samuelson 43.9%; 3rd - ***Dean Jameson 43.6%.
- Class E: 1st - *Brady Craven 36.3%; 2nd - **Ron Campbell 33.3%; 3rd - ***Dee McIntire 30.0%.
- Class F: 1st - *Dylan Mountain 27.5%; 2nd - *Floyd Roberts 15.4%; 3rd - **D.D. Casey 17.5%.

(asterisk denotes angels earned during past tournaments.)



Turkey Trot Tournament

November 19, 2005

by Dave & Bea Feldewerth

Tournament Directors Dave & Bea Feldewerth report there were six classes that pitched in the Turkey Trot Tournament, Classes A through F. There were 13,024 shoes pitched and 4,745 ringers were recorded. The average ringer percentage was 36.43%.

The highest ringer percent game was 85% pitched by Roger Reeves. Jan Kreienkamp pitched the biggest increase in ringer percentage from 45.65 to 61.83%, which was also the highest ringer percent for the tournament.

Class A had a play-off between Rich Altis and Ron LeGrand, with LeGrand winning 1st place. Other champions were: Class B,

Jan Kreienkamp; Class C, Roger Reeves; Class D, Suzanne Evans; Class E, Stan Bailey; and Class F, Randy York.

We had two out-of-state horseshoe pitchers from Auburn, Pennsylvania: Jo An Douglas and Walter Burtner. Their goal is to pitch in a horseshoe tournament in every state. Walter has pitched in 29 states and Jo An has pitched in 28 states. We enjoyed talking to them and glad to have them in our tournament.

Cleaning up for the tournament we had good help from: Floyd & Mary Beeson, Mick Gillette, Dori Greco, Ken Hardy, John Simms, George Christ, and Ray Nadler. Thanks for all the great help getting everything ready for the tournament.

Thanks to all the faithful scorekeepers. It makes our job as tournament directors much easier when we have such a good bunch of scorekeepers. Thanks again to all who helped make the Turkey Trot Tournament a success.

Jingle Bell Rock Tournament

December 10, 2005

by Bob Reininger

Tournament Directors Bob Reininger and Larry Volo report that in spite of the white stuff that fell the night before, the Jingle Bell Rock Tournament had a good turnout. It only made the atmosphere more real for a "jingle bell" tournament.

Congratulations to Rose Diekamp, who was the grand champion of the Tournament with a 63.42% average. Rose also pitched the highest game of the tournament, 75%. Class B Champion was Don Rahe with a 48.59% average. Ginny Weiss won Class C with a 47.61%. She also had the largest increase in ringer percentage, 38.37 to 47.61%. Other Class Champions were: Class D, Stan Bailey (32.22%); Class E, Randy York (30.07%); and Class F, Roy Evans (23.91%).



After all classes were over, Dave Feldewerth presented Larry Volo and Bob Reininger a plaque for all the years (1993-2005) that they have been Tournament Directors for the Jingle Bell Rock.

All the pitchers arrived on time to get the tournament started. Everyone except the man in the red suit. Thanks to all the scorekeepers who kept score, especially the ones who stayed all day. We want to thank the clean up crew, Dave & Bea Feldewerth, Rich Altis for putting the tournament together and last minute adjustments. Thanks to Carol Buskirk who did the computer stats.

Answers to What's That Rule Quiz (page 17)

1. c, 2. b, 3. c, 4. b, 5. a, 6. b and c, 7. a, 8. b, 9. c, 10. b

Missouri Horseshoe Club News



Hudson Hall Horseshoe Club

by Frank Hudson (This article was inadvertently left out of the October issue.)

Seven miles out of Crane on a black top road is where we are located. We got the best hamburger cooker in southwest Missouri. Indoor toilets all heated with gas. Also, we have a smoke eater in the dining area. Three courts that are separated from the dining area so the folks who are watching can stay warm. We have glass windows in the wall so you can watch the pitching.

We are going to cut down to two classes a day to give folks a little more time to get here and the late class can get home earlier. Classes will be 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., barring playoffs, each day, Saturday and Sunday.

My wife and best friend has had to lay off pitching for a while. She has a heart problem that we hope to get fixed in October. It's a new procedure so we have to go to Hayes, KS; Milwaukee, WI; or somewhere in Florida. I got the trailer all loaded and ready to go. I think we are going to Hayes, KS, about 450 miles. Probably be gone for one to two weeks. We hope just one. We saw a few of you folks in Jeff City, but I pitched on Friday afternoon and Ruth didn't pitch, so we came home early. When you don't feel good, home is where you want to be.

Everybody have a good winter pitching season. We hope to see you here someday. Just give me a call and we will try to find a place for you.

Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven



Three fall leagues (one by HOA Club) just finished in the Don Harris Arena (Thank you, Don and Fern). Tuesday Champions: Al Salmon and Mary Vogel, record 29-16. Day League Champions, Bob Booe (KS), Lee Crabtree, Ralph Richardson, and Ray Herman, record 52-38. Most Improved: Bob Booe, 11.97 points; Hayley Dykes, 14.1 points. High Averages: Nick DiRaimo, 111.4; and Bob Booe, 110.2. High Games: Bob Booe and Nick DiRaimo, both 122 points. High Over Average: J.J. Stanton, 32.71; and Audra Craven. A 60% patch for J.J. Stanton (68%) and a 50% patch for Denise Bloss.

We were excited to have seven juniors in our mixed leagues

and six juniors from area clubs in the last tournament. We will be starting a winter league in January along with one by the Independence and the Heart of America Club. If you haven't pitched in the Arena this winter, there is still time to sign up for a tournament. Check the revised schedule in this issue of *Shoe Biz*.

Flash! Congratulations to the following Liberty pitchers — The Sanctioned League National Top Ten Winners: J.J. Stanton, 5th High Points Over Average (32.25%) and 8th High Point Game (99); Michael Leger, 10th High Points Over Avg (29.90). Boys Division: Bruce Thomson, 10th High Ringer Over Average (26.65). Girls Division (Fall 2004): Laryssa Stanton, 6th High Ringer Average. Womens Division: Mary Vogel, 8th High Ringer Avg (62.86%), 8th High Ringer Game (76.00%). National Division (adult): Nick DiRaimo, 4th High Point Game 134, 5th High Point Avg (115). Men's 30-ft Div: Nick DiRaimo, 3rd High Ringer Game (86%), 4th High Ringer Avg. (70.33%).

Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Roena Branson



Happy New Year everyone. It is so hard to believe it's 2006 already. I am hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

We hope everyone is ready for a great year of pitching horseshoes, I know several of us are getting geared up by signing up for the January 7th tournament at Liberty. That's the way to start the new year.

Our weather has been outstanding so far, we have only had one big snow this winter and some great temperatures. I have to say, it sure doesn't hurt my feelings at all; I will take warm weather any day.

Well, we have to say "congratulations" to the Bowman children, Erika and Michael. I understand Erika is #1 in State for the girls and Michael is #1 in State for the boys. We are hoping they can maintain this for 2006 as well.

We want to extend our sympathy to the Clint Sloan family. Blake Sloan, father of Clint Sloan passed away in November 2005.

I want to report that my brother, Jerry Weller, is improving every day and getting stronger. He had fusion on his back on November 4, 2005. It's the same surgery my husband had a year ago; I really hope it's not contagious.

It's almost time for the leagues to start up again and I want to remind all the Peculiar Horseshoe members that our league will start on April 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars. Also, if you have not done so already, it's time to send in your dues for your new 2006 NHPA card. You can send the dues to Vicki Winston, 10326 Highway D, LaMonte, MO, 65337.

I am sure some of you have already heard the news, but for those that haven't, my husband, Danny Branson, is officially retired. Danny's last day of work was January 6, 2006, with 33 years



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An Apology

We apologize to Frank Hudson, whose article on Hudson Hall was inadvertently left out of the October issue of *Shoe Biz*.

of service with Sprint. I know this will take some adjusting for both of us. As you know I have been retired for 2 years and did whatever I wanted and when I wanted but this might change now! Let's look at it this way, I will have some help mowing, taking care of the pool, and weed eating now. Yeah! "Congratulations" to my husband. I know, Honey, it has been a long road but you made it and I am so very proud of you. Now, maybe we can do more camping, traveling, and, of course, pitching horseshoes.

Well, get out the horseshoes, brush off the rust, and paint them up—it's time to throw those ringers. From our courts to yours, have a wonderful year. God Bless America.

New Melle Horseshoe Club

by *Rich Altis*

We made it through another year—2005 is history and 2006 holds many challenges and opportunities.

There were twenty-six members that spent New Years Eve at the club. There was plenty of food, drink, cards, and horseshoes as we said good-bye to the old year and welcome to the New Year.

The Wednesday-night Men's League first half winner is Micky Gillette's team, Making Believe, with seventy-one wins. The team members are Martin Orf, Jerry Parmentier, Jeff Schneider, Bob Dwiggins, and Gary Presson.

We have a club meeting January 10th at New Melle to inform the members of the progress of the NHPA Hall of Fame project. At that time we will find out what the club is expected to do and get a plan for accomplishing the task.

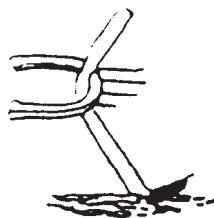
It was voted on at the club meeting that NMHC will be changing its name. All suggestions for a new name are welcome. There is a box at the courts for suggestions or you may call Don Claas or email names to him.

The success of the NHPA Hall of Fame project depends not only on the New Melle members or the Missouri members but the cooperation of the Horseshoe pitchers across the country. We will need your support and their support in many ways. In order to save on the building cost, we will solicit donations of time, material, and financial support. We will need people to keep the Hall of Fame building open, tournament and league directors, cleaning crews, and people to fill jobs that at this time we don't know what they are.

By working together, the NHPA will have a showplace that all horseshoe pitchers can take pride in. We have the good fortune to be at the right place at the right time and the responsibility to make it work. The year 2006 will be a very interesting year.

New Melle Men's league first half standings:

Place	#	Team	Wins	Losses	Captain
1	11	Making Believe	76	56	Micky Gillette
2	10	Good Ole Boys	75	57	Ray Nadler
3	12	Noni's Boys	72.5	59.5	Cliff Collins
4	5	Don's Team	67.5	64.5	Don Rahe
5	3	Walnut Acres	67.5	64.5	Bob Eisenbeis



Backyard Horseshoe Club

by *Melody Williams*

Hello from the Backyard! (Horseshoe Club that is)! We hope all of you have survived the winter weather and such so far! We hope all of you have a great holiday and wish you the best in the New Year!



Once again, Backyard Horseshoe Club defended their title and got to keep the traveling plaque from their tournament with the New Melle Horseshoe Club. It was a very close match, right down to the last few games! Backyard Horseshoe Club had 38 wins and 34 losses, New Melle had 34 wins and 38 losses. We would like to thank all of our members who participated and the New Melle Horseshoe Club members who participated in the tournament.

Our club is growing. Word is finally spreading in our area about our club and we are getting a better turnout at our tournaments. The people in our area are getting used to our clay pits. We have converted some of the "sand pit pitchers." It is possible to convince them that our clay is not so bad!

We have several sanctioned tournaments scheduled for the winter months. We would love to have you come and join us! Here they are as a reminder:

- Sunday, January 27, 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 5, 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 19, 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 12, 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 26, 1:00 p.m.

We also have open practice nights on the Saturday nights before the sanctioned tournaments on Sunday. This is a draw your partner tournament, \$1.00 per game. We have a lot of fun at these tournaments!

If you are interested in knowing more about our club, tournaments, etc. please give us a call! See you on the courts!

Capital City Horseshoe Club

by *Steve Bruemmer*

The Capital City Horseshoe club is gearing up for its second season. Single League play begins on Thursday, May 4th, and double league play begins on Sunday, May 7th. Our first tournament will be held on April 29th at Washington Park, Jefferson City. The club will be implementing a "player of the year award" in which points will be awarded to each tournament participant. The player of the year will then receive a commemorative traveling trophy and a cash award determined by the number of participants in our tournaments. We are eagerly awaiting the 2006 State Tournament on Labor Day weekend, with the doubles being added this year. A good turnout is expected. In the spring, the Capital City Horseshoe Club will be hosting the 1st annual Capital City/Lake of the Ozarks team tournament. For more information about joining the club, please contact Mel Bruemmer at 573-635-9394 or Steve Bruemmer at 636-541-3232.



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Entry Requirements

3rd Annual MOHPA Open/Team Championship Benefit

Exotic Animal Paradise, Strafford, MO • June 3, 2006

1. This tournament is a MOHPA fundraiser. All profits realized from this event will stay with the MOHPA.
2. This is an NHPA sanctioned event. All pitchers will be placed according to their NatStats average as of May 11, 2006. New pitchers may use a sanctioned league average of at least 400 shoes (Attach signed letter from League Director) or send a score sheet for 100 shoes pitched consecutively (Attach score sheet witnessed by 2 sanctioned league members).
3. **Entry Information:** All entries must be submitted on an Official Entry Form and must be signed and dated. Send entries to: Vicki Winston, 10326 HWY D, LaMonte, MO 65337. **Make checks payable to: MOHPA.**
 - **Singles:** Open to all current NHPA members, regardless of residence. Adult entry fee: \$15.00. Juniors: Free. Entries must be received by May 6, 2006. Late entries will be put on a standby list. No refunds for cancellations received after May 6, 2006.
 - **Team event:** Open to Missouri residents. Out-of-state pitchers may also enter if they are currently members of a Missouri club. Team entry fee:\$25.00. Have your Team Captain fill out the official team entry form listing all 5 team members. Please submit one check for the \$25.00 team entry and the singles entry fee of \$15.00 per pitcher. Total check amount: \$100.00. Entries must be received by May 6, 2006. No refunds for cancellations received after May 6, 2006. Your club may enter as many 5-person teams as you wish.
 - Note: At least 3 people on each team must be club members. If you do not currently belong to a club, please contact one of the clubs and let them know you would like to be a part of their team at this event.
4. **Singles portion of tournament:** Will be limited to 128 pitchers. Classes will be scheduled for eight-person round robins where possible. All games will be cancellation scoring. All classes will pitch 40-shoe games. In the case of a tie, each player will pitch an additional 4 shoes. If the score is still tied, an additional 4 shoes must be pitched until the tie is broken. All games are subject to NHPA and MOHPA rules and judges decisions will be **final**.
5. Each singles participant also signed up as a **team** member will accumulate points based on their win/loss record: 1st Place – 8 Points, 2nd Place – 7 Points, 3rd Place – 6 Points, 4th Place – 5 Points, 5th Place – 4 Points, 6th Place – 3 Points, 7th Place – 2 Points and 8th Place – 1 Point. Any Classes with less than 8 pitchers will still start with 8 points for 1st Place. Tie Breakers: 1) Win/Loss percentage, 2) losing points scored.
6. **Any pitchers** not completing their schedule forfeit all prizes unless officially excused.
7. **All pitchers** must wear a shirt with at least their last name lettered neatly on the back.
8. **All pitchers** must pay their scorekeeper \$1.00 prior to the start of each game.
9. **Trophies:** Plaque and patch will be presented to 1st Place only in each singles class.
10. **Notification:** Pitching times will be mailed to all entrants
11. **Team portion of tournament:** Points accumulated by team members during normal singles play will be added together. If there is a tie for 1st Place, the tie-breaker will be as follows: (1) Winning Percentage, (2) Losing points scored. **No playoff games.** The team with the highest points will become the **Missouri Club Team Champions**.
12. **Team Trophies:** One State Club Team Championship plaque will be presented to the 1st Place Club Team at the 2006 MOHPA Awards Banquet to be held in September, 2006. Individual plaques will be presented to each of the five 1st Place Club Team members.

Tentative Schedule: (Subject to change)

Saturday, June 3 @ 9:00 am: Classes I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P
Saturday, June 3 @ 1:30 pm: Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

For questions, contact:

Donna Bastel, Tournament Director, at 573-374-8243 (home) or 573-374-8878 (office)
Monday–Friday, 8–4:30, or e-mail lkhouse@usmo.com.

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

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

Adults: \$15.00 Entries must be received by May 6, 2006 Juniors: Free

Signed: Dated:

Team Entry Form Team

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Signed: Dated:
(Team Captain)

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

Team: \$25.00 Adults: Open, \$15.00 Each Team, \$5.00 Juniors: Open, Free Team, \$5.00

Entries must be received by May 6, 2006



MOHPA Hall of Fame

by Bob Diekamp



Many people have asked how to nominate a person for induction into our State Hall of Fame. Without your support and nominations, there would be no Hall of Fame. Won't you take some time to think of someone who is deserving of this honor and follow the instructions as listed below. A MOHPA nominee form from is located in this newsletter. The committee considers three categories of eligibility, which are listed below with items to be considered concerning each category. Get started on it now while it is fresh in your mind. You will make someone very happy and feel especially honored.

Player Category

1. Should have a minimum of 5 years of MOHPA tournament pitching.
2. Include information on any NHPA or MO State pitching records, such as high percentage games, longest consecutive string of ringers, high tournament percentage, etc.
3. List important tournament wins in MO or other states, along with tournament averages, if known.
4. List any State titles with year and their average pitched.
5. List any outstanding World Tournament performances.

Promoter Category

1. List any tournaments organized and where.
2. List any outstanding publicity obtained for our sport.
3. List number of horseshoe clubs the nominee helped to organize and where located.
4. List any Club, State, or National office the nominee has held.
5. Give total years the nominee has worked to promote our sport and any other qualifications you think make the nominee worthy of this honor.

Player/Organizer Category

1. Some persons have achieved a degree of excellence in both categories. It becomes difficult to place them in just one.
2. List any information pertinent to your candidate from both of the categories.

Junior boys and girls are usually excluded because of the brief time spent in Junior activity. If that person continues on to an adult pitching career, the junior performances can also be included in their record of achievements.

In the event of a tie with 2 or more with 4 yes votes, there will be another vote on the candidates with the 4 votes. You have to receive 6 yes votes from the 8-committee members to be inducted.

The nominations should be printed or typed and mailed to the Chairman of the Hall of Fame, Bob Diekamp, 222 Deer Hollow Court, O'Fallon, MO. 63366. Bob requests that all nominations be in his hands by June 1.

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Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall Of Fame

(Evaluation Data)

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

(Please print or use typewriter)

Name of Applicant _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

What do you consider your top (most important) achievements in horseshoes?

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

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

Submitted by _____

Membership Application

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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

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

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

Vicki Winston
MOHPA Sec/Treas.
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LaMonte, MO 65337
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(Cut along dashed line and return this portion with dues. Make additional copies if more than one form is needed.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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