



## From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Another summer horseshoe season is in the books. Congratulations to all the new and repeat State Champions and to our six World Tournament Class Champions. Please refer to other articles in this Shoe Biz for more complete information on these tournaments. Congratulations are also in order for the MOHPA annual award recipients. They were all deserving of our statewide recognition.

The MOHPA has seen some growth in membership already this year and we expect to see a significant jump by the end of the year due to some new clubs becoming sanctioned members of our charter. I am pleased to note our stagnant membership numbers have finally turned positive after a few years of decline. This indicates our Zone Directors and club members are becoming more proactive in our recruitment and organizing efforts. Four new clubs and the transfer of two clubs to new facilities are a positive step toward regaining our title as the largest NHPA Charter. It is a team effort and everyone is obviously doing their share to realize this statewide goal. Thanks for your support.

### MOHPA State Championships

This year marked the second year we have utilized the portable courts for an indoor venue – the Jefferson City Ice Arena. It was a great facility and removed the possibility of cancellations due to inclement weather. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Jefferson City Convention and Visitor Bureau, the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Commission, the Ice Arena staff, and the Central Missouri Eagles Hockey Club for their enthusiastic support of our event this year. These organizations went the extra mile to insure our success. One final thank you to the Truman Hotel and Convention Center for their support of our membership meeting and the awards banquet. We may never have it so good again!

You can pack up the long johns and sweaters for next year's

state tournament. It will all be outside at the Independence Horseshoe Club facility in McCoy Park, across from the Truman Library and Museum. I suggest you bring lots of suntan lotion, big brimmed hats, and wet towels.

### Scorekeeper Issues

Each year we struggle to get scorekeepers from the spectators to cover all our games. There is almost always a shortage and the days are hectic for those volunteers. To all those gracious volunteers, **thank you**. We couldn't do it without you. In an effort to make things easier for the scorekeepers and speed the flow of our class play there will be changes for next year.

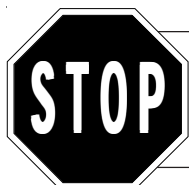
- **Doubles:** This year we brought back Doubles to our Championship weekend. As in the past, the day was longer than expected and had an impact on our business meeting. Next year we will start at least one hour earlier. Also, the scorekeeper **will not** annotate player lineup sheets with any game results. Players who want this information for their records can record the data from the class summaries posted at the end of class play. This action alone will save at least one-half hour during the day by allowing players to move to the next game without delay.
- **Singles:** Although not as significant, there are also delays caused when the scorekeeper enters game information on player lineup sheets. Each player receives either a yellow or pink copy of the game score sheet. To annotate a player's lineup sheet is a duplication of effort and has an impact on the length of the day. I ask that all players honor this effort to speed up play.

**Reminder:** Tobacco, beer and cell phone use is not allowed on the courts. They are no-nos. Judges will strictly enforce this rule. Between games **and** off-the-court use is permissible. But remember, their frequent use between games does lengthen class play and subsequently the entire day. Thanks for your consideration.

The officers are always looking for ways to improve the management of our four day event. If you have any ideas please let me know.

### Publicity Director

After 14 years as Publicity Director, Pam Henderson, one of the creators of the original MOHPA newsletter (now the Shoe *From My Court to Yours*, continued on page 3



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

This summer will go down as being the hottest and driest summer in 70 years. If you were pitching horseshoes during the summer you didn't need a meteorologist to tell you how hot it was.

As I write this article on October 4, the outside temperature is recording 94 degrees! And if you think the summer was bad, wait until you hear what the Farmer's Almanac has in store for us this winter! Good ole Missouri, if you don't like the weather, stick around it will change in the next five minutes.

All the really big tournaments are behind us now. Missouri was well represented at the World Tournament. Some pitched well and some didn't. Santa Claus made his first appearance at the WT and found himself in the Championship Men's Division in Gillette. Start making plans to attend the 2007 WT in Ardmore, OK. Look for information in the February Shoe Biz.

Our State Tournament in Jeff City was anything but hot. In fact, a little on the chilly side but I would never complain – after the summer heat an ice arena sounded pretty good to me. Look what State Champion found his way as the centerfold in this issue of Shoe Biz! And how about Missouri's eight-year-old PeeWee Champion pitching 45% on the courts at State this year! He even won B Class in an Open Tournament at Jeff City. He certainly showed them whose boss.

The State Awards Ceremony at the Truman Hotel was fabulous. Everyone there enjoyed the entertainment especially Michael Gillespie, Tamra Jenkins and Jill Knobbe. **"Let's Play Jeopardy"** took on a whole new meaning for these three contestants.

See the results of the baby who lost his hair from a case of rickets and the doctor suggested cod liver oil to bring it back. Remember you read it first in Shoe Biz! I know you'll be intrigued as you read about the castle that was built in the Missouri woods when you Wake Up to Missouri. Find out what

Charlie accomplished in a few days for the new NHPA Hall of Fame facility.

Take time to read, That's A Ringer; a simple explanation of the game of horseshoes written by the wife of a horseshoe pitcher that found its way into the local newspaper. You might want to do the same for your club to promote horseshoes in your area.

Even if you are not a brick layer, you are going to need to buy a brick in the coming year. Missouri needs all the bricks that we can possibly get for the new Hall of Fame walkway. Jump on the brick wagon and order your brick today!

We often think about our former horseshoe pitchers who no longer are able to pitch. Sam Kidd sums it up with an interesting poem that he wrote. Since the last issue of Shoe Biz we lost 3 more members.

I'm happy to tell you we have four new club reporters in this issue of Shoe Biz. Laura Estes of the Independence Horseshoe Club will be reporting news from their club and Glenn Bowman will now be reporting the Peculiar Horseshoe Club news since the Bransons are moving to the Lake. Jim & Carol Howard are making their first time appearance in Shoe Biz as reporters for the Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club. Eileen Reeves will now be reporting news for the Capitol City Horseshoe Club. By all reports, Missouri will be adding some new clubs in the near future and we hope to be receiving reports from each of you soon.

All the information in this fall issue of Shoe Biz was brought to you by these horseshoe enthusiasts: Jim Bainter, Roy Evans, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Rich Altis, Bob/Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Gregg Craven, Ginny Weiss, Melody Williams, Dave Loucks, Laura Estes, Glenn Bowman, Linda Lagergren, Pam Henderson, Sam Kidd, Ken Heinritz, Bob Reininger, Mary Ann Ell, Eileen Reeves, and Yours Truly.

Until next issue, I wishoe a bottle of Windex. If you should get the sudden urge to run around naked, drink some of it. It will keep you from streaking!!!

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Biz), has tendered her resignation. Pam has made significant contributions toward the growth of our organization. She will be missed.

I have asked Sharon Taylor to take over as our new Director and she has accepted the challenge. Sharon and I are making plans to expand the role of the publicity director to include more involvement in getting your clubs and events more visibility. Sharon and I feel this action is necessary to help achieve the growth I have envisioned throughout the state. Any time you have a tournament or league starting let her know at least 30 days in advance so she can make the appropriate media contacts for news releases. If we work together, we can increase the statewide visibility necessary to continue growing our membership.

### American Royal

One of Sharon's first projects was to get involved with the American Royal, one of the largest horse and livestock shows in the country. As a result, we have been given free space to conduct a horseshoe pitching demonstration and will allow spectators to pitch a few shoes with MOHPA members. This space is inside the Kemper Arena on 28 October. We plan to showcase our new state champions and show the attendees it's a sport for men, women and junior pitchers. The basic theme is that "It's not just for Granddads." We have a great location and expect to sign up several new pitchers for the Spring leagues. If it is as productive as we expect, we may try for two days next year. Does anyone have any ideas for other similar shows around the state that may provide the MOHPA more visibility?

### Club/Team Benefit Tournament

I mentioned in the last Shoe Biz that the 32 courts at the Exotic Animal Park were history. In 2007, the tournament will be open for clubs around the state to host. The bidding will be informal via a letter of intent sent to the MOHPA Secretary. The guidelines for hosting have been sent to all Club Presidents and are posted on the MOHPA web site. If your club is interested in hosting the event and can meet the established guidelines, I have extended the deadline this year until 1 December 2006. The MOHPA officers will be responsible for making the final selection. This event is the annual fund raiser for our association and I need your support to continue this "bragging rights" event.

### NHPA HOF and Museum

The site of this new facility is in Quail Ridge Park, near Wentzville in St Charles County. The groundbreaking was held in May. Construction is expected to start before the end of the year. Dedication of this facility is scheduled for May 2007 with the inaugural event, the Six Pac Invitational Tournament, being held shortly thereafter.

Missouri is the ultimate winner by being selected as the site for the NHPA HOF and Museum. It will be a premier facility in which to host State, World, Invitational, and Benefit events. As a result, we need to step up to the task and help raise the additional funds necessary to make this facility a recognized

state and national destination. The NHPF has established a Commemorative Brick program to help raise money to complete the HOF and Museum. I encourage clubs and members throughout the state to participate in this program and show the other charters how much this new facility means to us. The "Show Me" state can show them we take our horseshoe responsibilities seriously. You can get the program forms by visiting the NHPA web site [horseshoepitching.com](http://horseshoepitching.com). You can also call any of your MOHPA officers who will get the material to you. It's for a great cause—please consider participating.

I would like to wish each of you a safe and wonderful holiday season. Keep in mind this is a good time to approach all those friends and family members you don't see very often about pitching with us next season. Once they understand it is good exercise, inexpensive and a great way to meet new friends, you won't be able to keep them away. Happy Holidays. **"That's it from the Pits."**

## Shoe Biz Boosters

*by Vicki Winston*

If you would like to receive Shoe Biz via first class mail, please send a donation of \$10 or more to the MOHPA in care of our secretary, Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. A Shoe Biz Boosters donation entitles you to a listing and first class mailing for three issues. Expiration dates are listed below. Some folks continue to send multiple donations, but no listings have been extended past November 2007. Thank you all for your support of our newsletter!

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## This & That

by Vicki Winston

A successful 2006 membership year has come to an end and I am pleased to report that we showed an increase in both adult and junior membership totals over 2005. Our adult membership closed out at 851, which is an increase of 20. Junior membership closed out at 88, which is an increase of 15. I know that we had lots of clubs and lots of individuals who worked very hard to make this happen. Let's keep the momentum going and make 2007 an even better year. I am already hard at work processing 2007 membership cards. As of this writing I have signed up 142 adults and 8 juniors. Why don't you put your 2007 dues into the mail, if you haven't already. Then you will have this out of the way for another year. I think you will find an application form in this Shoe Biz. There is always a printable copy available on our web site. Snow birds should get their 2007 cards before heading to their winter locations, but if you forgot you may just send your dues whenever you are ready and tell me where to mail your card. This fall brings me to the beginning of my 20th year serving as your secretary/treasurer. They say that time flies when you are having fun. Well the past 19 years have gone by really fast, but I thought that might be because I am getting older. Birthdays do seem to come around a lot quicker now.

I do want to thank my fellow MOHPA officers and all of the volunteers who helped as computer staff, judges, maintenance workers or with any other task that enabled the 2006 State Tournament to run so smoothly. Those who were working the arena certainly didn't have to worry about becoming overheated. Ha! However, that facility was a real blessing when Sunday afternoon the skies opened up and rain poured down for a period of time. As luck would have it, that was the only time that there was no pitching scheduled on the outdoor courts. Thank you, God! The play continued in the arena with

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## Roy's Ramblings

Roy Evans, MOHPA vice-president

As I am rambling along, the weather is getting colder with frost on its way. It seems too early.

First of all, I missed seeing everyone and doing my part for the MO State Horseshoe Tournament due to the death of my mother-in-law. Suzanne wants me to mention how appreciative she is with all the cards and support from everyone all across the state.

Six of us just returned from Joelton, Tenn with the last load of horseshoe equipment and memorabilia. Andy Foulds and Joe Buskirk played the last game of horseshoes there. Andy said it made him sad. It is time to move forward now and prepare for the new facility. It will be filled with a lot of Joelton's equipment.

Our winter leagues have started at New Melle a lot earlier this year and there are a lot of new faces. It is encouraging to see our leagues grow and hope this is the trend across the state.

See you on the courts.

no interruption. We are looking forward to our visit to Independence and McCoy Park in 2007, but we will be at the mercy of Mother Nature once again. The past two years have been a wonderful respite from having to worry about the weather and we are grateful to the Jefferson City CVB and Jefferson City Parks Department for being such gracious hosts and providing such a fantastic venue for our state tournament.

The MOHPA promises Shoe Biz to all of our members, but through no fault of our own, we find that some of our members have not been receiving it for the past several mailings. Although we were furnishing new mailing lists before every issue, it turns out that the updates were not being used by the mailing service. Therefore, many of our new members, and some folks that had changes of address, have been missing out, while other folks that had been removed from our list were still receiving Shoe Biz. We have tried to rectify that problem before this mailing, so hopefully this issue will be reaching more of the people it should be reaching. However, the postal service does not always deliver bulk mail, so there are bound to be some failures. If any of you know of 2006 or new 2007 members who did not receive this issue of Shoe Biz, have them contact me. Also, if you have a change of address, please let me know. Remember, Shoe Biz mailed via bulk mail does not get forwarded if you move. Do not bother the editor with these concerns, as she just has to turn around and forward the information to me.

There is going to be a new NHPA rules book come into effect on Jan. 1, 2007. The Official Playing Rules, Guidelines and Specifications For The Sport of Horseshoe Pitching. It is nicknamed The RGS Book. There may be some changes, so every tournament director and every league director should have one of these books when they become available. The green rules pamphlet will be a thing of the past.

As chairman of the NHPA Hall of Fame voting committee, I urge all of our members to support the facility that will be constructed at Quail Ridge Park near Wentzville. You can do this by sending donations or buying commemorative bricks. What an honor that our state has been chosen as the site where NHPA Hall of Fame inductees will be enshrined. Earl and I have part ownership of a large commemorative brick, but the credit for that one went to Oregon, since it was a family affair and my brother sent in the order. We will do another for the Winston side of the family and I guarantee this one will get credited to Missouri!

Since Earl concentrates on bowling for the fall and winter months, I probably won't see you too often until next spring. However, you know how to reach me if you have any concerns. I hope everyone has a great fall and winter and until next time, I leave you with this thought, "When you reach for the stars you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either." Speaking of mud, it sure will be nice when the elections are over.

### Condensed Financial Report

Balance on Hand 11/01/05	\$10,507.33
Receipts	32,330.86
Expense	- 28,997.87
Balance on Hand 05/09/06	\$13,840.32

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

by Melody Williams, Junior Coordinator

Hello to all my Youth and their families! I would like to take this time to congratulate all of the Youth winners of the MOHPA State Tournament this year! **All of you did an excellent job!** All participants showed excellent sportsmanship and attitude! I think our MO Youth Horseshoe Pitchers are a **great** bunch of kids!

Special thanks also goes out to all of the adult volunteers/helpers that I had at the tournament. You all were a **great** help. This wouldn't be possible without you either!

Plans are already being discussed for next year's tournament! We are still trying to get a party/field trip, etc. arranged for all the Youth who participate in the state tournament. If you have any ideas/input regarding this please let me know! These little (and not so little) guys/gals work so hard trying to master the sport of horseshoes! Yes...some of us adults, (I won't mention which ones) are still trying to do this! Let's try and reward them for all their hard work and dedication.

Just a reminder for all Youth and their families that they can now pay their 2007 membership dues. Don't forget! Kids, remind your families to pay them!

We are still seeking volunteers/helpers for the different zones in the state. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let myself or Jim Bainter know.

If you have any new ideas, comments, concerns, that you would like to share, please let me know.

Do something nice for a Youth today! Encourage them to pitch horseshoes. It is a good cheap, fun, family sport! Let's

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shirt Design Contest

by Alvin Gwinn

Once again we will have a shirt design contest, so put on your thinking hat so that everyone will want to wear one. The State Championship will be held in historic Independence, Missouri! Lots of possibilities for you to come up with an outstanding design.



You have until February 10, 2007, to get your design in the mail. Please mail your designs to Alvin Gwinn, 916 S. Logan, Independence, MO 64050, or email to GwinnAD916@yahoo.com. Judging will be done by clubs in the Independence area. Liberty, Kansas City, and Peculiar will be represented.

The person who sends in the winning design will receive a free singles entry in the 2007 state championship tournament and a free shirt.

If you have any questions, you may call Al at 816-461-1746 or email at the above address. Thanks and good luck to all. Let's have a lot of designs to choose from. See you in Independence or somewhere on the courts.

keep our membership growing! We want to get another honor from the NHPA for our Youth membership growth! We couldn't do it without all of you!

Youth, I am challenging each and every one of you to enroll one or more of your friends or family in 2007! There might just be a surprise for you if you do so!

Have a great Fall/Winter! Keep pitchin' those shoes!

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## MOHPA Publicity News

by Sharon Taylor

Greetings from your newly appointed Publicity Director. I am looking forward to the coming year and handling the publicity for the MOHPA. Your president and I have been discussing some ideas for getting information out to the public regarding the great sport of horseshoe pitching. Hopefully we can initiate a publicity release form for all clubs to use. It would give all the clubs an opportunity to send in league information such as meeting dates, starting dates and a little info regarding horseshoe pitching. Also, tournament info such as dates, starting times, benefit information, if it is a benefit tournament would be appreciated. This form would be filled out by the clubs and sent to one specific person. At this time we are not sure who that will be.

For a starter this year, we are going to have demonstration pitching at the American Royal on Family Day, Saturday October 28. Our time will be 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Elwyn Cooper has a benefit tournament that same weekend but we are coordinating this with him. We would like as many pitchers as possible, men, women, juniors and pee wees. Pitchers at this time will have to pay for their admission to the American Royal.

That admission will also entitle them to tour the rest of the exhibits. Jim and I are still working on the details and will have more information available soon. If you have never been to the Royal you don't want to miss this. If you are interested in helping us out in any way, please e-mail Jim Bainter or myself by the week of October 16th.

This will be the first year since 1989 that MOHPA will be featured at the American Royal. We were offered two days for the event. We chose only one this year for a starter. We would like to get enough participation from our members to have a two day event next year.

All you horseshoe pitchers know how much fun it is. It is good fellowship, inexpensive (unless you are a Mike Gillespie) and wonderful way to make new friends.

Hope to see you at the American Royal exhibition.



### Earl's Pearls

One morning while she was eating breakfast, Elaine Bainter's diamond ring slipped off her finger and fell into a full cup of coffee, but the ring didn't get wet. Why not? See page 9.



# Last Shoe



## Jack Carl Meier

*January 17, 1929 – May 25, 2006*

Jack Meier, of Independence, passed away on May 25, 2006 suffering from prednisone poisoning that he had taken for treatment of a rare disease over the past 11 years.

Jack was a member of the Independence Horseshoe Club. He and his wife, Loree, former 1986 Missouri State Women's Champion, joined the club in 1981. Jack pitched in league play and only participated in two tournaments. He was Loree's official "pit digger" and enjoyed watching Loree pitch in women's competition. He also enjoyed watching his nephew by marriage, Alan Francis, on the courts.

Jack worked in road and bridge construction for over 40 years. He retired in 1989. Jack loved growing large gardens and when he was able to garden, he had garden plots that he tended that were some miles from his home. Jack is survived by his wife and two daughters, Carla Daniel, of Raymore, and Karen Meier of Lee Summit. Jack will be sadly missed by members of the Independence Horseshoe Club and all those who knew him.

## Sam Lawson

*September 4, 1923 – September 28, 2006*

Sam Lawson, of St. Louis, died on September 28 at the age of 83. Sam was a member of the Greater St. Louis Horseshoe Club. He joined the NHPA in 1989 and remained a member through 2004, for a total of 16 years. Sam was very active with the STL Club and was serving as treasurer when the club lost their indoor pitching facility. Sam will always be remembered as a gentleman on the courts.

## Oliver Lee Krueger

*April 7, 1931 – September 28, 2006*

Lee Krueger, of Union, passed away on September 29 at the age of 75 years. Lee suffered a stroke 4 years ago and died from complications.

Lee was an only child. His parents owned a vast amount of property in Franklin County and when they passed on Lee inherited this great wealth. Lee was a brilliant man who did various trades of work in his lifetime such as plumbing, construction and real estate. He ran a flea market at the Intersection of Hwy 44/50 with rental space.

He had several buildings on this property and inside one he installed four horseshoe courts, probably the first indoor courts in Missouri. Sam Carter, who was a friend of Lee's, was given a key to the building so that he could go practice whenever he wanted to. He was associated with horseshoe pitching for many years. Between 1966 and 2001 he joined the NHPA for a total of 10 years. Most of his pitching was of the unsanctioned variety. Lee averaged around 40-45%.

Lee is survived by his wife, Lita, and three children. Lee will be missed by all who knew him.

## Our Sympathies

- Clarence Eggert, of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, whose wife, Evelyn passed away in July.
- Suzanne Evans, of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, whose mother, Ruth Gray, passed away on Aug. 31, 2006.
- Bob Dwiggin, of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, whose mother passed away on July 8, 2006.
- Harold Gill, of Shelbyville, IL, whose 34 years old son passed away in August due to a heart attack.
- Pam Henderson, of the Independence Horseshoe Club, whose mother passed away on October 6.
- Nann Craven, of Liberty, who lost her father on October 8. He was 96 years old.

## Illnesses

- Kenny Pogue, of the Festus Horseshoe Club, was seriously injured on June 26 from a tractor accident while hay raking. He was lifted by helicopter to St. John's Hospital in St. Louis. Kenny was in ICU for almost 2 months with 2 punctured lungs caused by multiple broken ribs. Kenny is home now, in a wheelchair, taking rehab.
- Harold Hoffmeister, of the Lake of the Ozark Horseshoe Club, who missed the State Tournament due to a blood clot in the lung.
- Cal Jaeger, of Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, had a pacemaker installed at the end of August and had to miss the Mo State Tournament.
- Ursula Orf, member of the QRHC, had hip replacement surgery on July 24. She had to stop pitching several years ago because of hip pain. Hopefully by spring she will be back on the courts again.
- Donald Isaacson, member of the Lake of Ozarks Horseshoe Club, had a stroke last February and now walking with a cane and is improving. Donald will be moving back to Lexington.
- Joe Wolf, of QRHC, who passed out at a horseshoe club meeting and was taken away by ambulance.
- Mary Beeson, member of QRHC, had cataract surgery.

## Congratulations

- To Martin and Ursula Orf who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 12, 1956. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Martin and Ursula are still actively engaged in farming, operating the farm in Flint Hill that Martin's grandfather purchased in 1864.
- To Don and Shirley Roberts, of Richmond, who celebrated their Golden Anniversary on August 24, 2006.
- To Floyd and Sue Roberts, of Lee's Summit, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary in June 2006!
- To Bob & Donna Bastel on the birth of their grandson, Zachary, born on September 12. He is the first grandson to carry on the Bastel name. They proudly displayed pictures at the Hillbilly Festival proving he was carrying on the family tradition.

- To Ginny Weiss, of QRHC, upon the marriage of her son, Bryan on June 4, 2006. The wedding took place in Hawaii and all the family attended.
- To Danny & Roena Branson, who recently purchased a new home in Gravois Mills. They will be moving by the end of the year!
- Best wishes to Pat Barker, of Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club, who will be moving to Piggott, Arkansas in the near future.

Pat will be surrounded with her children and grandchildren who live in this area. She hopes to find a horseshoe pitching club around this area and continue pitching shoes.

- Congratulations to Danny Williams who was recently inducted into the SEMO Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. He was inducted at the annual SEMO Horseshoe Pitchers Annual Tournament of Champions.

## National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

### News, Views & Donations

By Dave Loucks

While disappointing, I guess a county-caused delay to our Hall of Fame Museum building project should not be a surprise. The decision making process in government entities seem to move so slowly. St. Charles County has not yet issued the contract for the grading of land and the removal of the old asphalt parking lot which has to be done before NHPF contractors can be scheduled to start the foundation and slab floor concrete pour. The last estimate provided me now has the County contractors doing their work in early October. This means that we will probably get the slab and metal building frame up by December, but winter weather will probably delay completion and occupancy until the spring of 2007.

The Joelton, TN, property has been on the market for several months and has brought a lot of inquiries and three offers on the two small parcels on which the horseshoe courts set. The first two offers were low-ball and our counter offer was not accepted. The third price offer was accepted by the NHPF Directors, but is subject to the buyer getting a use variance for the buildings and land. The County wants 90-120 days to study and discuss the planned usage before they rule. If a variance is not issued, the contract to purchase is void.

At the World Tournament in Gillette, my wife Cathie and I had the opportunity to discuss the St. Charles County building plans with many people. We had samples of the two sizes of commemorative bricks on display and took many orders from members who are interested in supporting this building project. We ran two 50-50 raffles each day and have to give a **big thanks** to David Spears of Idaho who worked the floor and grandstands selling tickets.

The Commemorative Brick Plaza will contain some 3,000

bricks. About 25% will be of an 8" x 8" size while 75% will be 4" x 8". Buying an engraved brick is a wonderful way to show your support for the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum building project. The NHPF, which is paying for the building construction, needs your financial contribution to assist in this project, our court improvement grant program, and the public education pursuits we are chartered to undertake. All members will soon receive an information flyer in the mail. Please take the time to read it and make out a check to the NHPF. Your contribution is tax-deductible and I can think of no better way to show your support for the association and the sport of horseshoe pitching. Mail your contribution to P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. A letter of thanks will acknowledge donations of \$25 or more.

In the months of June and July a total of \$17,610 in contributions and brick orders was received.

- Donating \$100-\$299 from Missouri was: Heart of America Horseshoe Club; and Bob and Donna Bastel.
- Donating \$1,000 from Missouri was: Kansas City Area Horseshoe Pitchers.
- Purchasing Bricks from Missouri were: New Melle Horseshoe Club, Jim & Carol Howard, Don & Gidget Rahe, Mel Bruemmer, Elwyn Cooper, Gary Buehler, Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club, Ralph Hummel, Bob & Donna Bastel, John Simms, Ginny Weiss, Lola Masters, Martha Setzer, Jim & Elaine Bainter, Missouri HPA, Stan Griggs, Christina Jordan, Rich & Mary Altis, Don and Jeanette Claas. (If you purchased a brick after the Newline Magazine came out, your name will be on the list in the next issue of Shoe Biz.).

**Missouri Moves Up:** Missouri is now #3 in the top 15 Contributing States with \$16,712. California is #1 with \$26,784 and Tennessee is #2 with \$20,602.



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Compiled by Vicki Winston

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Joey Jackson	Liberty	Liberty
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# Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

## Question

Beginning in 1907 attempts were made to establish a Missouri state parks system.

In 1917 the general assembly approved a state parks fund and in 1924 bought the first tract of land to become Missouri first state park. Today's 47 state parks are as diverse as Missouri's geography. The parks provide educational, scenic and entertaining adventures.

In 1909 Missouri Gov. Herbert Hadley proposed a part of the Osage River Hills region of the Ozarks as Missouri's first state park, but it was not to be until 1978. Ha Ha Tonka State Park was established in 1978 and was named for the local post office. The name was contrived of Indian-sounding words to mean "laughing water". High on a bluff overlooking an arm of the Lake of the Ozarks, poised over a cold, aqua blue springs that bubbles out from under a limestone bluff, are the ruins of a stone "castle" with a story to tell. Ha Ha Tonka might sound like a funny place, but it seems as though the land was a jinx to previous owners.

Robert Snyder, a wealthy Kansas City businessman, bought more than 5,000 acres there in the early 1900s, where he began building a sixty-room, European-style castle. Just a year later in 1906, he was killed in one of the state's first automobile accidents. His sons tried to complete their father's project, but financial problems caused them to scale back the original plans, and subsequently it was leased as a hotel. The interior was completed in 1922 by his son, Leroy. In 1942, sparks from a fireplace ignited a fire that gutted the structure, leaving only today's stark freestanding stone walls, an 80 foot tall water tower and trenches of the nine greenhouses. In 1976 vandals burned the 80-foot water tower. Now all that remains of the grand mansion are the spooky yet beautiful castle walls, looking for all the world like the setting for a Scottish romance novel here in the Missouri woods.

This state park is worth a visit for other reasons besides the castle ruins. It is a showcase of Missouri's karst topography—a honeycomb of caverns, sinkholes, springs, overhangs and natural bridges. Bluffs 250 feet high rise above Ha Ha Tonka Spring, which discharges about 48 million gallons of water each day. All of these wonders are the result of the collapse of underground caverns in ancient geological times. The park is free and opened year around. Exploring the many lovely trails, you get the impression that Robert Snyder and his family might have been spared their strange fate if he hadn't attempted to improve upon the beauty of this place.

Five miles southwest of this State Park lies the Hub City of the Lake of the Ozarks. The waters of the Big and Little Niangua River arms offer some of the calmest water on the Lake and are the perfect place to enjoy swimming, water skiing, boating and fishing. Either way you circle the lake, east or west, you will


end up in this town at the intersection of Highways 5 and 54. Can you name the city where this Missouri's unique state park is located?

## Answer


Camdenton, one of Missouri's newest county seats was precipitated by construction of Bagnell Dam. First Native Americans and then early explorers were drawn to the Niangua country and the remarkable beauty of the area. A horseshoe pitcher was also drawn to this area in Camdenton seven years ago. Gary Parks was born and raised in the Kansas City area, and later worked for the Kansas City Star newspaper for 17 years as a machine operator. He then moved to the Land of Lincoln where he continued his newspaper career until he retired in 1998. He did some horseshoe pitching in Springfield, IL, in some non-sanctioned leagues. He came to Camdenton to retire in a more relaxed atmosphere and to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren who also reside here. He bought five acres of land which keeps him busy cutting the grass in the summer months. Gary bowls three times a week in the winter and carries a current average of 165. In 2005 a fellow bowler encouraged him to join the Lake of the Ozark Horseshoe Club and he has been a member since that time. Gary has been plagued with arthritis in both hands but finds that horseshoe pitching helps him to keep the fingers moving. This past year he moved up to 30 feet and it has helped to improve his average tremendously. He won several tournaments in his division with a 40% average this summer. He finds the sport to be very enjoyable and gives him "something to do."



Missouri horseshoe pitchers are sure glad that this gentleman found his way to Camdenton and then to the Lake of the Ozark Horseshoe Club. He loves the Camdenton area and says being a "hillbilly" just comes naturally. Gary lives about 8 miles from Ha Ha Tonka State Park and says he has never been there but promised he would go take a look. Ha Ha Tonka is worth a visit as you look at the ghostly stone walls thrust up against the sky and visualize what took place inside those castle walls in the Missouri woods so many years ago. You, too, will be awed by what you encounter.


 **Answer to "Earl's Pearls"**  
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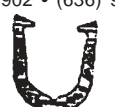
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# Profile: Michael Bowman

by Jeanette Claas

In order for our Missouri Charter to continue to grow in the future we must rely upon the young; particularly our juniors. Missouri does not have an abundance of juniors but we are growing in that field and so very proud of the ones that we do have. This year at the World Tournament Banquet held in Gillette, WY, Missouri received the award for the largest increase in junior membership. Although there have been few juniors in the past, Missouri has been blessed with some outstanding youngsters who have gone on to become state champions and leaders in horseshoes such as Stan Griggs and Alan Francis. If you follow horseshoes nationally, you will soon notice that in World Tournament competition, many of those champions started pitching when they were very young in the Junior Division, such as Walter Ray Williams, Sandy McLaughlin, Mark Siebold, Jim Walters and Alan Francis. As our school systems prove to us that as a child grows and develops the mind is more focused and relaxed making learning to become easier, the same applies in horseshoes.

Most children who pitch horseshoes come from a family that plays horseshoes. And that is what happened with the Bowman family. Long before Michael Bowman came into this world, his papa, Glenn Bowman, had been pitching backyard horseshoes throughout his lifetime. In 1993 a friend of Glenn's, Bob Blackman, asked Glenn if he would like to pitch with the Peculiar Horseshoe Club. He soon became very active in the club and by 1994 was elected to be the League/Tournament Director and has been doing so ever since.

Glenn and Terry Bowman were married in 1983. They would become the parents of Erika, 8/26/88, and Michael, 4/28/91. Glenn works for R.B. Industries in Harrisonville and Terry is employed with the U.S. Post Office in Belton. They live in the small community of Archie, population 800.

Archie is located 50 miles south of the Kansas City area. There are no stoplights in town and have one store. "The Store" is a grocery shopping center where the local residents buy their food supplies.

Glenn drove some stakes in his backyard and encouraged his family to practice with him. As a small child Michael would watch his Dad pitch horseshoes and Glenn would encourage the children to pitch with him. Glenn wanted to get the kids involved in the Junior Division, but first he wanted to make sure they could keep the shoes inside the pit so no one would get hurt. In the year 2001, Michael, at the age of 11, signed up for league play with the Peculiar Horseshoe Club. Erika joined the club in 2002. Michael started by throwing a flip shoe and had a ringer percentage of 10%. Five years later, Michael is now #1 in league play with the high point average of 108 and a high point game of 125. Erika has captured the Junior Girls Championship Title for the past two years. She has a ringer percentage of 30.65%.

Michael is now a sophomore at the local high school. His favorite subject is P.E. where he loves playing basketball. He says his first year in high school has been very good making A, B & C grades. His favorite core subject is Language Arts. Turning 15 this past April, Michael proudly displays his driver's permit—proving he is eligible to get behind the steering wheel as long as Mom or Dad is by his side. Let the fun begin!

Michael entered his first tournament in 2001 at the Peculiar Fall Tournament winning first place in the Class "K" Division with a ringer percentage of 27%. After much practicing one year later, he increased his percentage to 40%. Michael normally throws about 400 practice shoes daily before the next approaching tournament.

With the determination of a weed, Michael has now brought his ringer percentage up to 60% and better. During the last 12 months Michael has entered 33 tournaments always pitching against the greatest competitors in Missouri horseshoes. His most memorable moment for him came at the Holly Marie Tournament when he pitched a 70% tournament average winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Championship Class. At the 2006 Annual State Club Team Benefit held in Springfield, Michael won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Championship Class and for the first time hit the 80% mark pitching an 82.5% against Frank Hudson. Michael sends Frank his apologies.

Michael has pitched in three Missouri State Tournaments. In 2004 he entered with a 42% and pitched 56%. He took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Tyler Elfrink winning the title at 76%. In 2005 Michael entered the tournament with 51% average and finished with a 56% placing 3<sup>rd</sup> again as Jake Kluesner won the junior title with a 59%. This year was different. Michael



## 2006 MOHPA State Champions



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

**Stan Griggs**  
**Mary Vogel**  
**Tom Ebers**  
**Mickey Gillette**  
**Michael Bowman**  
**Erika Bowman**  
**Nathan Evers**  
**Rich Altis and**  
**Andy Foulds**

was hungry for a state title and all the practice and tournament competition paid off as he captured his first Boys State Championship Title with a record of 7-0 and a percentage of 66.4%.

At the Club Benefit Tournament held in June, Michael said he recently changed to a 1 ¼ turn. I wanted to see a demonstration. He effortlessly threw the shoes and the first four shoes were solid and on. Very impressive! "M.O. Turner inspired me to change from a flip to the turn shoe," Michael said. Jim Kinney worked with Michael teaching him to throw the turn shoe. He also bought a pair of Alan Francis shoes, and I would say, "The kid is Hot, Hot, Hot!" A few days after winning the State Title, Michael began practicing the ¾ reverse turn. He won the Peculiar Fall Open using this turn and a 60.8% tournament average with only a week of practice.

Already Michael has received National recognition. He is listed #6 nationally in the Boys Division. In 2005 Michael received high point average in league play 89.79; 2<sup>nd</sup> highest point game 112 National Division and 4<sup>th</sup> high ringer average 51.47 Boys Division and 7<sup>th</sup> high ringer game 68% in the Boys Division. He hopes to attend his first World Tournament in 2007 in Ardmore, OK.

Proud Papa Glenn says, "It's hard to believe just how far Michael has come in a few short years. It seems that Michael can do just about everything he puts his mind to. It is his determination that makes him succeed. He is a great kid and a wonderful son to me." I asked Michael if there was a certain horseshoe pitcher that he admired the most and inspired him on. He simply stated, "My Dad. He has supported me, encouraged me, and has been with me every step of the way." What a great compliment for both father and son. He also credits Stan Griggs for offering advice and encouragement. Stan is his idol and best friend in horseshoe pitching, while he admires Debbie Harris on the women's side.

Stan comments: "I have been an eye witness to his involvement throughout the past year with his new style. We pitched in 12 tournaments together, consisting of 13 games. We threw 652 shoes against each other. He learned how to compete with all the A Class pitchers, beating me his share of times. One particular game I remember we went 70 shoes and I averaged 67.1% in that game and only scored 25 points. Not sure what he hit but was probably over 80%. I now look back on Michael's past summer and memories of 28 years ago come back to me so vivid. Back then it was 1978 and I was the young 15 year old, just changing from a flip to a 1 ¼ turn. Offering advice and encouragement to me was also a top class pitcher, Mr. Lillard Pinion. I can still remember the joy, the same joy that Michael now is feeling."

This year marks a first for the Bowman family. Michael's Mom, Terry, joined the MOHPA and signed up for league pitching this year. She is a great scorekeeper, especially for the walking doubles. Terry won a first place finish in her division at the Peculiar Fall Open Tournament. Erika re-

ceived national attention in 2005 league play for having the 5<sup>th</sup> high ringer average, 23.61% in the Girls Division; 6<sup>th</sup> high ringer game, 36% in the Girls Division. Papa Glenn is also proud of his daughter stating, "Right now, Erika is almost 18 years old, working part time, and is a senior in high school and also "in love." If she found time to practice more, she could easily become a great horseshoe pitcher." Glenn pointed out the fact that her boyfriend is now pitching horseshoes and pitched his first tournament recently in Springfield. I would say to get into this family, "horseshoe pitching" must be a requirement. Glenn is also an accomplished horseshoe pitcher winning four state class titles and gives credit to all those who has helped him along the way. This year father & son have traveled together to many tournaments which have helped to improve each of their pitching ability.

The Bowman's have made Missouri horseshoe history with Michael and Erika becoming the first brother and sister to capture the Junior Championship titles in the same year. Each of them having their eye on the big trophy, they wanted desperately to achieve this goal. Mom and Dad were just beaming. When I asked Glenn just how does it feel to be the father of two state champions, his eyes welled up and he had to turn away, the words just couldn't come out, he was too emotionally proud to speak. Later Glenn exclaimed, "I thank God for what happened on September 2. God does answer prayers. This was the last chance this could possibly happen for our kids, and I will never forget this day. So, tears of joy? Yes! Proud parents? You bet ya."

Missouri is certainly proud of this horseshoe family who has dedicated so much time and energy to the sport of horseshoes. We are so proud of Michael and all that he has accomplished in a few short years. We all look forward to watching him grow into a young man and watching his talent in horseshoes exceed his wildest dreams. Asking for a comment after winning his first state title, he replied, "It's just the best thing that ever happened to me." At 15 years of age, Michael has found such enjoyment and achievement with horseshoes that he "intends to pitch horseshoes forever." His goal: "To keep on getting better." Papa Glenn sums it up:

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# Shelbyville Autumn Tournament

September 23-24, 2006

By Bob Reininger

The tournament was held as usual, with singles pitching on Saturday and the doubles class on Sunday. As always free beer both days and a free dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday and live music and dancing for everyone to enjoy. The dinner consisted of fried chicken with all the extras and of course, dessert with all kinds of cake. At the dance, Birdman was his usual self as anyone who has been there knows.

New Melle did not have a good turnout this year, probably due to the rainy weather. All reports were rain in both states. Old faithful Bob and Arlene Reininger and a new member of the club, Dave Schneider, and his friend Cyndy, were there. It was their first time and I don't think it will be their last. They both enjoyed the hospitality and the welcoming they received from all the people, especially Pete Rankin and Birdman. Dave pitched in Class D and was one game from the top man. Bob pitched in Class B singles, winning four games and losing three, placing 4<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday the two pitched in Class B doubles, winning four games, losing two, winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place and \$30.00.

Anybody who has been to Shelbyville knows how good of a time that tournament is. Next year we will do better and I can get the information out a lot sooner. It is always held in late September usually the last weekend.



## What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

Stu Sipma, the NHPA rules rewrite committee chairman, previewed the new RGS (Playing Rules, Guidelines, and Specifications) book to the delegates at the World Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken. The results were 124 to accept, 4 to reject and 2 abstentions. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2007 the New RGS book will become the official rules book for the sport of horseshoe pitching. In the back of the book you will find a very helpful Glossary. The Glossary contains definitions for most of the terms used in the RGS book and list where you will find these terms.

There were three situations that happened on or near the courts that I pitched on this summer.

A pitcher had a cracked shoe and would have pitched it had not another pitcher not stopped him.

- **Cracked Shoe:** If it is discovered that a shoe is cracked it shall be scored as it lies. After scoring it must be replaced before the game can continue.

At the world tournament an opponent stood on the opposite platform directly across from the pitcher. The pitcher quoted the rule and asked him to move completely off of the platform. The offending party said he had never heard of that rule.

- **The Opponent:** An opponent's position when not pitching, shall be standing quietly and stationary on or behind the same court's opposite platform and at least 2 feet behind a contestant who is pitching from the same or adjacent court. In mixed distance pitching, a short distance pitcher who pitches first must return to this position on or behind the 40-foot platform.

There was a discussion on how to call points, such as two dead one. As of January 1, 2007, here are the listed ways to call different point situations.

- **Section B: Alternative Calls:** As different phrases may be used in different regions of the country, here is a list of some of the more common **alternative** calls to become familiar with. **Note:** The recommended call (**in bold type**) is listed first, followed by most of the alternative calls that are used.

- **one point:** (usually the same)
- **two points:** (usually the same)
- **one ringer, three points:** "one ringer three", "ringer three", "three points"
- **one ringer, four points:** "one ringer four", "ringer four", "four points"
- **two dead, one point:** "one ringer each, one point", "ringer each, one", "ringers alike, one"
- **two dead, three points:** "three ringers, three points", "three on three", "three on a double", "three, three", "ringers alike, three"
- **two ringers, six points:** "two ringers, six", "six points". "six"
- **no score:** (usually the same), "nobody", "nobody home"
- **two dead, no score:** "one ringer each, no score", "ringer each, no score", "ringer each, nobody"
- **four dead:** (usually the same), "two ringers each, no score", "four ringers, no score"

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### Fifty Year Patch

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# Who's Who in Horseshoes

By Jeanette Claas



**It was the hair!** The dead give-away to the identity of the couple whose picture appeared in this column of the June issue of Shoe Biz. Who else in the MOHPA membership has as much hair as the Nile-lator. He came into this world with a head of hair and he'll go out of this world with a head of hair, only a different color! Actually, as a baby Nile had rickets and he lost his hair.

The doctor gave him cod liver oil for this ailment and his hair came in curly. The doctor was so impressed, he sent in his picture and they used it for an ad!

Nile Abbott and Reva Gramling, both lived in the small towns of Winnigan and Yarrow located in northeastern Missouri. Both towns are in farming communities and were just a wide path in the road located about 30 miles south of the Iowa border. They each attended one room schoolhouses that were kept warm by the old wood stove and used outside accommodations when having to "pause for the cause." You would think twice before meandering outside on those cold, cold days in this part of Missouri. Their paths would not cross until 1951.

Nile graduated from Green City High School in 1947 and Reva from Kirksville High School in 1952. Nile attended Chillicothe Business College for one year and then joined the U.S. Navy in 1948. Reva worked during her junior and senior high school years at one of the Kirksville's hospitals. Nile's father was ill with lung cancer and was admitted to the hospital where Reva would attend to his needs and care. Nile came home to visit his Dad in the hospital. Fate would have these two meet in this hospital room and instantaneously the romance began. After the death of Mr. Abbott, Nile went back to the East coast. They corresponded for the next year.

The Korean War began and Nile was extended for one year and was assigned to the aircraft carrier, the 'U.S.S. Tarawa', going on a Mediterranean Sea cruise for six months. Meanwhile back home Reva completed her high school years.

Nile was discharged in July of 1952. After his return he found work at the United Missouri Bank in Kansas City and lived in a boarding home for men. Reva moved to Kansas City that following October and lived with a distant cousin. She found work at the Commerce Bank and their courtship continued. They married on June 4, 1953 and have survived 53 years of married life. They have three children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all living in Platte County. Nile was in the banking business all his life until he retired from the Farmers Exchange Bank in 1991. Reva quit work when she had her children and returned back to the Commerce Bank. She retired after 33 years in 1998.

When Nile went to work at the United Missouri bank, one of the officers belonged to the Barbershop Singing Organization and wanted to get a quartet together. Nile had sang in glee clubs in high school and in the church choir. While in the Navy, Nile sang in the glee club on the ship that he was on. Remember Julius LaRosa who was a singer on the Arthur

Godfrey TV show? Well, he also sang in the same glee club while serving time in the Navy. His baritone and tenor voice quickly earned him a spot in the quartet. He sang in the chorus for 33 years and with a quartet for 25 years, competing with the Quartet and Chorus in many International and Regional contests.

Nile's mother's family always held an annual reunion. Some of the men would pitch horseshoes, one of them being Lyle Samuelson who married Nile's first cousin. Lyle invited Nile to pitch with the Liberty Horseshoe Club in 1990. Nile has been very active with the club for the last 16 years and assisted in the building of the Harris Arena and working with the directors. As a reward for all that he has done for the Liberty Club, Nile's peers chose him for the Sportsmanship Award in the early 1990's. Nile is now the current president of the Liberty Club. Nile has earned many trophies for his achievements on the courts. His highest league game ringer percentage was 74% and his highest tournament average for one game was a 71%. His current average is 54.5%.

Nile has pitched in seven MO State Tournaments and traveled to six World Tournaments. In 1999 Nile and Doug Peoples flew to Greenville via Kansas City, Chicago and Indianapolis. They rented a car in Indianapolis and as they drove out of the airport Nile turned left when he should have gone right and they entered a parking garage. They talked their way out of the parking garage without having to pay. On the way home from the tournament they missed their plane in Chicago. They were sent two terminals away to try to catch a different flight. Doug's knee was hurting and he could only see Nile's white hair to follow. They couldn't get another flight so they had to stay in Chicago overnight with no luggage, which meant no clean clothes until the following day when they could catch a different flight. What made this trip so memorable was the fact that Doug's wife, daughter and granddaughter traveled by car to see the World Tournament. Nile and Doug had so many complications getting home by plane that the three ladies beat them home traveling by car. They didn't win anything at Greenville but Doug still talks about Nile making the wrong turn in the parking garage bringing home memories of a good time.

While Reva never pitched horseshoes, she has been his #1 fan and scorekeeper. We salute Nile and Reva for all their dedication and contributions made to the sport of horseshoes. Missouri horseshoe pitchers are grateful to have them in our state organization!



I'm just a travelin' man  
Pitchin' horseshoes  
all over the land.  
Things to do, places to go,  
people to meet  
Some of those pitchers  
are darn hard to beat!  
Who Am I?

*Find out in the next Shoe Biz!*



## Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

Our Junior League was sanctioned five years ago and was awarded a plaque from the NHPA league program. We ran our one-week Junior League again this summer. The Parks Dept. helped us by finding three new pitchers this time: Brooke, Timmy, and Joey Jackson. They will all be pitching in our Fall Mixed League and will be bringing at least one parent into the league. The Junior Sportsmanship Award was voted by the players to Brooke Jackson. Alex Roberts had the High Over Average, High Game, High Average, and Most Improved. 10% patches went to Michael Leger, Alyssa Leger, and Nichol Craven. 6-9% patches were awarded to Ashley Craven, Brooke, Timmy, and Joey Jackson. The Junior Rookie of the Year was Jacob Daeges.

We had 50 pitchers in our Mixed Summer Leagues. League Champions were Wayne Dusenbery and Brady Craven in the Day League. Nick DiRaimo, Carlos Dorrel, and Floyd Roberts won the Evening League. Most Improved were Al Salmon and Ralph Richardson. High Average went to Dave Kincaid and Nick DiRaimo. High Game patches went to Audra Craven, Dave Kincaid, and Nick DiRaimo. High Over Average was Audra Craven and Richard Schmidt. Sammy Weese and Brady Craven were voted Sportsmanship Awards. Adult Rookie of the Year is Keith Johnson. 40% patches were awarded to Alex Roberts, Don Roberts (uncle), and Carl Harris. Elwyn Cooper was our Club/League Tournament Champion.

We are grateful to Lyle Samuelson for his 16 years of hard work as Secretary and several years as Treasurer since we combined the jobs. Our new secretary/treasurer is Missouri's Women's State Champion, Mary Vogel!

## Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club (formerly NMHC)

by Rich Altis

As most clubs are coming to the end of their pitching season, the Quail Ridge Club is just coming out of its summer hibernation. The 2006-2007 tournament schedule is in the mail and will be in this newsletter. Both winter leagues will be underway by the time you read this. We will start and finish the league season at the New Melle site.

At the October meeting, Roy Evans (vice president) and Suzanne Evans (secretary) were re-elected by acclamation. What a good job these two do for our club.

If you haven't ordered your Brick for the Hall of Fame walkway now would be a good time to put in your order. I got mine for Fathers day last year. Put it on your birthday, anniversary, or "I just want one" list.

The Quail Ridge Club wishes to thank Charlie Killgore for his donation of the Kentucky clay for the Quail Ridge courts. Speaking of the Quail Ridge courts, I heard that the dedication will be during the Six Pac Tournament.

Congratulations to the World Tournament competitors. Of

the forty-six Missouri pitchers that competed, five received first place class awards and one a second place class award. First place awards went to Doug Peoples, Elders Division class E; Ralph Richardson, Men's Division class G-1, and Bill Brown, Men's Division class G-2. In the Senior Division, Brady Craven, class D-1; Rich Altis, class A; and Elwyn Cooper with a second place finish in the Elders division. Rich Altis finished in second place in the Senior Championship class.

Next year the World tournament will be held in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Start making plans to attend.

## First Capitol Women's Horseshoe League

by Ginny Weiss

We wrapped up another season of horseshoes at the St. Charles Knights of Columbus Hall on Thursday, Aug. 24. The evening started off with a delicious fried chicken dinner and the awards banquet. Here's the way the season ended: 1<sup>st</sup> place, KC Pits; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sherman Towing; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Shoe Me Girls; 4<sup>th</sup> place, River City Concrete; 5<sup>th</sup> place, Suntrup Automotive; 6<sup>th</sup> place, Simon Crane; 7<sup>th</sup> Place, Plaza Lanes; and 8<sup>th</sup> place, Clinkers.

The Clinkers were a brand new team this year and we hope they had enough fun to join us next year. The team members are Barb Breigel, Lee Cavender, Debbie Dugger, Ellen Eatherton, Margie Furlong, Marcia Moor, Norma Rohlfing, Becky Rowe, Shirley Ryan, Rita Vossenkemper, and Capt. Elaine Neiters.

Our other new members are Connie Bredensteiner & Carol Tainter, Plaza Lanes; Melissa Feldmann, KC Pits; Jackie Lloyd & Leslie Metts, Shoe Me Girls; Heather Mueller, River City; Vicki Rodell & Laura Westhues, Simon Crane. Welcome, girls!

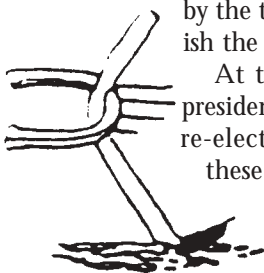
Other awards were: High Game 65 points, Tracy Sherman; High Average 53%, Rose Diekamp; Sportsmanship Award, Tami Knobbe; Rookie of the Year, Melissa Feldman.

We finished the evening by pitching a Round Robin Tournament. Suntrup Automotive took 1<sup>st</sup> place, River City & Plaza Lanes took 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There are two ladies that we would like to recognize for all the hard work and dedication they have provided for our league. That's our Co-Directors, Joan Buchheit & Sally Montgomery. These gals do a fantastic job of coordinating our league, and have now for the league's existence. **Thank you!** Joan sure was a proud grandma that evening! Joan's daughter & son-in-law, Tammy & Chris Laughman, had baby Mackenzie Lynn, born August 14th (7 lb, 13 oz, 19 in.). She has a big sister, Abby. They live in Kansas City, MO. Tammy used to pitch in our league until she moved away.

Another "thank you" goes out to Busken Printing for donating the printing of our score sheets for the season. Then there's the friendly men of the KC, who wait on our girls with curb service throughout the season. Thanks, fellas!

The First Capitol Women's League was also very proud of three teams who were skillful enough to place in the Missouri



State Knights of Columbus Tournament in Leopold, MO, the weekend of August 18-20. Christine Steinhoff & Laura Westhues, 1<sup>st</sup> place "D" Class; Tami Knobbe & Joan Weber, 3<sup>rd</sup> place "A" Class; and Peggy Skaggs & Julie Bogar, 3<sup>rd</sup> place "C" Class. Congratulations!

Good Luck & Good Shoes throughout the rest of the year everyone.

## Independence Horseshoe Club

by *Laura Estes*

We would like to start off thanking those of you who chose Independence Horseshoe Club for the 2007 MO State Tournament. We have improved our courts with a lot of new things this year. One major improvement is the six foot coated chain link fence, and many more you will see when you arrive.

The following are the results of the Fall tournament winners: Class A, Tom Ebers; Class B, Charles Killgore; Class C, Bob Bloss; Class D, Joann Jones; Class E, Dee McIntire; Class F, Lee Miller; Class G, Carl Harris; Class H, Floyd Roberts; Class I, George Goldizen.

The League team standings are: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ray Phelps/Don Swihart; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Michael Gillespie/David Thompson; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Stan Griggs/Jeffery Swihart; 4<sup>th</sup> place, John Hargrove/Mary Wilcox; 5<sup>th</sup> place, Russel Box/Jared Brant.

The results of the Singles Play-offs: Championship: 1<sup>st</sup>, Al Gwinn; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Terry Kampe; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lee Miller. Class A: 1<sup>st</sup>, Darrell Pulliam; 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Seehaas; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tim Chrissis; and our Grand Champion, Al Gwinn.

Now with some great achievements: Ray Phelps received his 20-year patch with the MOHPA; Michael Gillespie won Player of the Year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in a row; Pam Henderson received an Achievement Award for being Publicity Chairman for the MOHPA; Stan Griggs won the Missouri Men's State Championship; Michael Gillespie/Ginny Weiss won Class A State Doubles; Rick Gwinn won Class G; Lee Miller won Class H; Roy Flatt won 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Senior Championship Class; Al Gwinn won 8<sup>th</sup> place in the 30-foot Championship Class; John Loyd won 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 30 Foot E Class, and Terry Kampe won 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 30 Foot F Class. Our club is so proud of every player that was able to go to State. Congratulations to all who have won and achieved award this year. Our Independence League is growing every year and we are looking forward to the opportunity of hosting the 2007 Missouri State Tournament. **See you there!**

I would like to thank Pam Henderson and Al Gwinn for all the help in putting this news together; they are the **best!**

## Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by *Glenn Bowman*

Autumn is in the air and the outdoor tournaments are winding down and the indoor tournaments are about to begin. We had three successful tournaments this year and I would like to thank everyone who played in them and to all our league members

who helped to make them successful.

Our club had nine people participate in the State tournament, and did pretty good. First, Jim Kinney Jr. sang the National Anthem two or three days and did a wonderful job. We are proud of our winners. George Chichura took first in Double Class D and Ray Herman took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Doubles Class D. George Chichura took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Men's Division Class K. We had four 1<sup>st</sup> places: Michael Bowman in Jr. Boys State Championship Class, Erika Bowman in Jr. Girls State Championship Class, and Ralph Richardson in Sr. Class A. Other participants who played but didn't fair so well were Roena Branson and Joann Jones in Women's Class A, Glenn Bowman in Men's Class A, and Jim Kinney Jr. in Men's Class B. Next year's tournament is in Independence and hopefully our club will have more people participating.

At the Awards Banquet, our club brought home more hardware. First, Jim Kinney Sr. received his 10-Year Membership Patch and our club brought home both Rookie of the Year trophies. Ray Herman won the adults and Dylan Mountain won the juniors.

I would like to take this time to say that Danny and Roena Branson will be leaving our club and moving to Laurie. I just want to say thank you for all of your blood, sweat, tears, time and effort in everything you did to make this club successful. Words cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for this club and my family. Thank you Danny, for helping me with my horseshoe pitching. We wish you luck in all you do.

Until next time, we'll see you around the courts.

## Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by *Donna Bastel*



Another pitching season at the Lake comes to a close. In April we added three additional courts, bringing our total to 15. We needed more courts to accommodate the 30 pitchers who wanted to play in our Singles/Team league. The winners were Harold Hoffmeister, Dick Byersdorfer, and Frank Stimac. We had 38 participants in our Doubles league and the winners were Dan Couch and Jeff Lahay. These two leagues ran for 15 weeks, from May through August. Some of our die-hard pitchers wanted to play some more, so we set up a short Fall Singles League with 20 pitchers. Since this article had to be sent in before completion of the league, we don't know who the winners are yet.

We held our three standard annual tournaments, the Spring Fling, Summer Splash, and Hillbilly Fair. The Hillbilly Fair Tournament is normally our largest. We had 86 entries, but Mother Nature once again won the day. On Sunday, it started raining at 6 a.m. and didn't quit all day. So, the four top classes (30 people) never got to pitch a shoe. Maybe next year.

Our Fair tournament seems to be a magnet for potential

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pitchers. This year, six people signed up to be called when we start our leagues in the spring. Last year we also had six sign up and in the spring, when we called them, four of them joined our Club. We also helped sign up a new member for the Quail Ridge/New Melle Club. We know we already have two new members for the 2007 season. A couple from the Peculiar Club, Danny & Roena Branson, have purchased a new home at Lake of the Ozarks and will be moving here in the near future. We welcome them with open pits.

We have started a little inter-club rivalry here in the Ozarks. On October 14, we held our first Lake of the Ozarks & Capitol City Shootout. All proceeds will be donated to the new Hall of Fame project at Quail Ridge Park in St. Charles County.

As winter approaches, we wish you many ringers at the numerous indoor courts in the Show Me State.

## Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club



*by Jim/Carol Howard*

League Directors, Jim & Carol Howard, report the Golden Triangle League has finished its second year at Westoff Park in O'Fallon. Finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place was the team "Close Counts".

The team consisted of Jack Barrett, Angie Davis, Dale Kuester, Tom Englert, Gloria Mueller, Skip Bowen, and Patricia Barker. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the team, "Over the Hill Gang", and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to P&A Drywall.

Men's High Average Award went to Rich Altis with 54.1% and Women's High Average Award went to Bea Feldewerth with 42.04%. High Game went to Rich Altis, 24 ringers of 26 shoes, and Women's High Game, Patricia Barker, 18 ringers of 26 shoes. High Game Over Average went to Rich Altis, 9.93 ringers, and for Women, Mary Duke, 8 ringers. Rookie of the Year was Glenn Young and the Sportsmanship Award was awarded to Jack Barrett.

## Capital City Horseshoe Club

*by Eileen Reeves*

The Capital City Horseshoe Club is winding down the season with its Octoberfest Mixed Open (Oct. 8), Fall 2006 Singles League and the Laurie vs. Capital City tournament planned for Oct. 14.

Congratulations to Leonard Bruemmer, Hugo Bisges, and Nathan Evers for taking first in their class at the State Tournament. Nathan Evers (Pee-Wee) also broke two state records for the highest ringer percentage for a game and tournament. Well done, Nathan!

A special thanks to everyone who participated and helped out with the mixed open tournament, held on Sunday evening during the State Tournament weekend. Profits from the tournament went towards this year's State Tournament Doubles plaques.

The annual Awards Banquet/Business Meeting was held on rainy Sept. 17. Congratulations to all award recipients. Special congrats to Ron Hassler, who won the Thursday evening

singles league; and the team of Mark Schepers, Adam Schepers, Nathan Evers, Mike Bunch, Chris Evers and Travis Evers, who won the Sunday evening doubles league. Despite the rain, eight players participated in the annual double-elimination tournament, where Adam Schepers took first.

Jim Bruemmer won the 2006 Mixed Open Player of the Year award, which amounted to \$324. Good job, Jim!

Get-well wishes go out to club member Herb Boeckman.

The Capital City Horseshoe Club will hold its first 2007 mixed open on March 31; come join us in Jefferson City at the pits! The Spring Singles League is scheduled to start on April 1; welcome to all new and old club members. A ten-week team/doubles Sunday evening league is also planned to start late spring.

Last but not least, many thanks to Club President, Steve Bruemmer, for all his hard work and time he has devoted to the Capital City Horseshoe Club.

## A Farewell to the Peculiar Horseshoe Club

*by Roena Branson*

What a beautiful day this has been, October 8, 2006. Fall has arrived and the leaves are falling like a rain storm so guess what? Get out the old leaf rakes, put out the mums and the pumpkins.

Well this is a happy newsletter and a sad one at the same time for Danny and me. This will be my last report for the Peculiar Horseshoe Club. We are having a Real Estate and Moving Sale on October 15 and selling our home, fifth-wheel travel trailer, and just about everything else we own (except for Danny.) I never knew we had so much stuff until we started going through boxes and boxes that we hadn't been in for 18 years. It is amazing what you will find and what you forgot what you have. This is the longest time that Danny and I have lived in one place at one time, believe it or not. Working with Sprint, we had to move every four years, so I only unpacked what I needed and left the rest in boxes. We are very excited about this adventure because we are planning on moving to Laurie, MO (so now I guess we will be hillbillies). Oh well, I guess we were that anyway, one leg shorter than the one. If all goes well, we will be joining the Hillbilly Horseshoe Club because we have to keep up with our pitching and make new friends. Maybe they can give us some pointers.

Danny and I have so much love for our Peculiar Horseshoe Club, no one will ever know. We just want to say "Thank You" to all of our members and friends for all the dedication and hard work that everyone gave us through the hard times and the good times. *We love each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts.* But make no mistake, Danny and I will be back to pitch in the tournaments. We treasure each and every one.

Now, on to the good things. We want to say congratulations to Ralph Richardson who won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the World Tournament. We were all biting our nails on Ralph's last day, but he managed to pull it off. Great job, Ralph. Not only that but Ralph also won 1<sup>st</sup> in his class at the State Tournament as well.





You go, Ralph, keep it up. We all had a good time at the World but you might have known if we planned a cookout dinner for our friends that were camped with us, it would rain and that is just what it did. The wind blew like crazy, but it didn't stop the good old Missouri guys and gals. We just took our steaks and ran. What a good meal it was.

Congratulations to Mr. Ray Herman on his award for "Rookie of the Year." Ray, the Peculiar Horseshoe Club is so proud of you and good luck and keep on pitching. We are so proud to have you as one of our team members. By the way, this makes two MOHPA rookies of the year from Peculiar.

Congratulations to Erika and Michael Bowman on their win at the State Horseshoe Tournament. Both of them won State Champion in their class. What can I say about this sister and brother team? They are just outstanding and we are so proud of them. Keep up the good work; we love you both very much.

I know I will miss someone so I want to say "Congratulations" to each and everyone that won awards in tournaments for the Peculiar Horseshoe Club this year. I look forward to pitching with you in future tournaments.

I could go on and on, but in closing, Danny and I want to say "Thank You" to each and everyone for all of your hard work, dedication and we will miss each and every one of you.

From our courts to yours, good luck!



## Backyard Horseshoe Club

by Melody Williams

Congratulations goes out to Danny Williams on his recent induction into

the SEMO Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame! This was presented to him at the annual SEMO Horseshoe Pitchers Tournament

## Knights of Columbus State Horseshoe Tournament

by Mary Ann Ell

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Horseshoe Tournament was held on August 18-20 in Leopold, MO.

The festivities began on Friday evening with a mixer: a poker tournament, washer tournament, and horseshoe pitching with bragging rights going to the winner. The participants could also view the bracket board.

Registration began Saturday morning at 6:30. Breakfast was served in the hall. Opening ceremonies were at 8:30 and pitching began at 9 a.m. This year the council held a "Silent Start," meaning that the teams who were to pitch at 9:00 would go to their respective pits to begin promptly. The tournament is run on a bracket scoring system. It is a double elimination tournament with teams playing a game consisting of two out of three wins; games played to 21 points.

There were a total of 569 teams consisting of 427 men's teams, 8 senior men's teams, and 134 women's teams on 74 portable pits. A total of 296 players were pitching at one time.

Pitching was delayed for about one hour in the late afternoon because of rain and lightning. The play resumed on Sun-

day morning at 9 a.m. and wrapped up late that evening.

Also, on the same day, Cori Stoverink received a 2<sup>nd</sup>-place award for the most trophy points and Martin Williams received an award for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. She defeated him by one trophy point!

Backyard Horseshoe Club has been very busy lately with getting ready for the Fall/Winter pitching season. We haven't yet closed the building up for winter but I am sure that will be soon! We have picked up four new members so far this fall and I am sure we are going to be getting more. We have recruited a few diehard KC horseshoe pitchers!

We have 12 scheduled sanctioned tournaments for the winter. Come on down and join us! We have a lot of fun!

Also, we would like to congratulate all of our winners from the MOHPA State Tournament. We came home with several trophy winners! We had about 25 members who participated and 15 or more of them came home with trophies! We felt that this was an excellent show from SEMO!

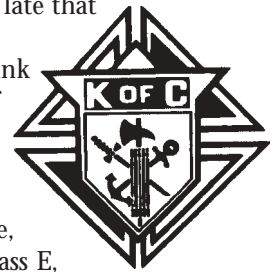
Also, we would like to thank each and every one of the MOHPA members who supported us with our bid for the 2007 MOHPA State Tournament! Better luck next time!

A very special thanks goes out to member Terrie Rose for her hard work and efforts with helping with the presentation! We couldn't have done it without her!

We hope to see y'all sometime. Come join us this winter for a tournament! (See tournament schedule for listings.)

day morning at 9 a.m. and wrapped up late that evening.

All participants would like to thank the St. Isadore Council #5898 of Leopold for hosting this event. Congratulations to the following MOHPA winners who participated in this event: Mens Division Class C, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Richard and August Dudenhoeffer; Class E, 4<sup>th</sup> place, Harold Wolken; Women's Division Class A, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Cori Stoverink; Class A, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Gloria Mueller and Angie Davis; Class A, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Joan Weber and Tami Knobbe; Womens D Class, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Laura Westhues and Christine Steinhoff.



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# 2006 Missouri State Tournament

Jefferson City, Missouri • September 1-4, 2006



by Jeanette Claas

For the second year in a row, the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament was held in Missouri's capitol city at the Washington Park Ice Arena that house 20 portable horseshoe courts and 12 outdoor courts. The tournament was co-hosted by the Jefferson City Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Commission. The Capitol City Horseshoe Club assisted with the set up, daily maintenance and tear down of the courts.

And for the second year in a row, Mother Nature delighted Missouri horseshoes pitchers with a beautiful sunny sky and temperatures in the mid-eighties. Pitching indoors at the Ice Arena, some horseshoe pitchers were seen pitching wearing long sleeve shirts and jackets. Rumors were that some may have even been wearing long underwear to keep warm.

And the biggest difference at the MO State Tournament this year? The price of gasoline was going down, down, down, hitting a low price of \$2.29. Go figure!

The Doubles State Tournament started the weekend at 11 a.m. on Friday, the first day of September, with all pitchers pitching in the arena. Eighty horseshoe pitchers participated within the five classes. In the Championship Class, a tie between the teams of Rich Altis/Andy Foulds and Dan Hobbs/Doug Peoples would be decided with a play off game. At the conclusion of the competition, the team of **Altis/Foulds** would be the 2006 Doubles State Champions. This was Altis's second State Doubles Title and Foulds' first. Other class champions were: Class A, **Ginny Weiss/Michael Gillespie**; Class B, **Dan Couch/Don Claas**; Class C, **Roger Schnur/Bob Reininger**; and Class D, **Leo Basler/George Chichura**.

On Friday evening, the annual state business meeting was held at the Truman Hotel. President **Jim Bainter**, Statistician **Stan Griggs**, and Zone Directors **Charles Killgore** and **Danny Williams**, were all re-elected to their positions. Many other topics of interests were discussed. It was voted by the present

membership that the 2007 State Tournament would be held in Independence.

On Saturday morning, pitching began for the State Singles competition with 236 horseshoe pitchers competing in the three day event. In the indoor courts, the Missouri Men's Division began warming up the courts. On the outdoor courts, in the Junior Girls Division, 18-year-old defending State Champion, **Erika Bowman** of Archie, captured her second State Title. In the PeeWee Division, 8-year-old **Nathan Evers**, of Eldon, poured it on with a 45.6% tournament average to claim his second State Title!

There was plenty of action in the afternoon session in the Junior Boys Division. With a record of 7-0 and a ringer percentage of 66.4%, 15-year-old **Michael Bowman**, of Archie, claimed his first State Championship title. Runner up was **Martin Williams**, of Glen Allen, with a 56.1% average. This would be a first for Missouri horseshoe history with a brother and sister each earning the Junior Championship Titles.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet was held on Saturday evening at the host hotel, the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City, with Stan Griggs hosting the event. Charlie Killgore gave the invocation and a delicious dinner was served to more than 100 pitchers and guests. A memorable candle-lighting ceremony presented by Stan Griggs and the junior pitchers was held for the men of the MOHPA who passed away during the past year as a tribute to them. They were: **Bill Garner**, **William Paul**, **Ricky Creek**, **Duane Heldenbrand**, and **Jack Meier**.

**Vicki Winston**, MOHPA Secretary Treasurer, distributed Longevity Patches to 36 recipients. 25 received ten-year patches and seven received 20-year patches. Thirty-year patches were presented to **Stan Griggs** and **Bob Long**. **Val Eikel** received his 40-year patch and **Charles Killgore** received his 50-year membership patch. Charlie is now the third Missouri member to reach this award; the other two recipients are Earl & Vicki Winston.

Missouri honored one inductee into the MOHPA Hall of Fame, **Kelly Hill**, of Columbia, for his promotion, dedication, and talent in the sport of horseshoes. The 2005 Missouri Player of the Year was won for the third time by **Michael Gillespie**, of Adrian, who attended 61 tournaments during the past year. The 2005 Missouri Rookie of the Year was won by **Ray Herman**, of Raymore. And the first "Junior Rookie of the Year" Award went to **Dylan Mountain**, of Archie.

Jim Bainter presented the President's Award to **Joe Faron** for his work in bringing the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum to St. Charles County. Two Achievement Awards were presented to, one to **Pam Henderson** for her 14 years of work as the MOHPA Publicity Chairperson. **Sharon Taylor** will be taking her place. **Sally Montgomery** received the other Achievement Award for her work as league secretary for the First Capitol Women's League.

**Stan Griggs**, assisted by Vanna Pitts (**Sharon Taylor**), entertained the audience with a mock version of Jeopardy.

## A Note of Thanks

By Pam Henderson

I want to thank everyone for all the encouragement and help I received during my stay as Publicity Chairperson. The plaque I received from the MOHPA was just beautiful and much appreciated. I loved doing my work, but as you know after a long while it seems a fresher mind is needed.

I started in 1983 for the Independence Horseshoe Club and when Wayne became President of the State Association, I just started doing publicity for the State as well. I think I was officially appointed when Joe Faron became President. I will miss it, but will continue with the Independence Horseshoe Club.

Thanks again and good luck to Sharon Taylor. I know she will do an excellent job!

Three contestants from the audience were chosen to play the game: **Jill Knobbe**, **Michael Gillespie**, and **Tamra Jenkins**. Jill Knobbe, of St. Charles, used all the wisdom she accumulated over the years to become the final Jeopardy winner. She was presented with a 2007 Entry Singles State Tournament fee and her dues for the 2007 NHPA and MOHPA will be free.

The ladies took the floor on Sunday for some added attraction and brought the crowning of a new Women's State Championship. **Mary Vogel**, of Kansas City, claimed her first State Championship Title in the very city that she grew up in with a record of 5-2 and a ringer percentage of 53.9%. At the completion of the Men's Senior competition, **Mickey Gillette**, of Warrenton, would win his third State Championship Title with a record of 7-0 and a 54.6%.

The Men's Championship Class consisted of Missouri's top twelve men who pitched six games on Sunday and five games on Monday morning to conclude the tournament. After the competition, **Stan Griggs**, of Raytown, earned his sixth Men's State Championship Title with a record of 10-1, a tournament average of 70.6%. **M.O. Turner** was the state runner-up. **Steve Johnson**, of Jefferson City, pitched a high thrilling game of 20 ringers/22 shoes for a 90.91%.

The exciting 30 Foot Men's Division also pitched on Monday, consisting of six classes. At the conclusion of this competition, **Tom Ebers**, of Kansas City, captured his second State

Title with a record of 7-0 and a 72.6% tournament average. **Frank Hudson**, of Crane, was the state runner-up.

The 2006 Missouri State Tournament was directed by the **Missouri State Officers** and assisted by their spouses, who did a splendid job to make the 81<sup>st</sup> MO State Tournament a memorable event. Missouri horseshoe pitchers would like to thank the Missouri State Officers, the Jefferson City Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Capitol City Horseshoe Club for making it another successful State Tournament.

### State Records Broken or Tied at the 2006 MO State Tournament

#### Senior's Division

- Shortest Game 22 shoes Mick Gillette
- Four Deads 4 Bob Renfro/Greg Craven

#### Junior Girls Division

- Total Ringers 54 Erika Bowman

#### PeeWee's Division

- Complete Tourn. 45.6% Nathan Evers
- Total Ringers 73 Nathan Evers
- Single Game 60.0% Nathan Evers
- Combined Ringer % 35.0% Nathan Evers/Andrew Lau

#### Double's Division

- Longest Game 88 shoes Rose Diekamp & Mel Bruemmer vs Rich Altis & Andrew Foulds

## Missouri State Doubles Championship Jefferson City, Missouri • September 1, 2006

### Doubles Championship

1. Rich Altis	7-2	59.0%
Andy Foulds		47.3%
2. Dan Hobbs	6-3	53.3%
Doug Peoples		51.3%
3. Jill Knobbe	5-3	52.0%
Earl Winston		49.0%
4. Sam Carter	5-3	48.6%
Bob Diekamp		43.8%
5. Rose Diekamp	3-4	53.8%
Mel Bruemmer		39.5%
6. Charles Killgore	2-5	46.4%
Roena Branson		38.4%
7. Roy Flatt	2-5	45.9%
Tim Henderson		35.4%
8. Carlyle Gricks	1-6	40.7%
Bob Outt		35.8%

### Doubles A

1. Ginny Weiss	7-1	44.6%
Michael Gillespie		36.2%
2. Paul Parnell	6-2	44.2%
Ree Cutright		35.0%
3. Marion Harris	4-3	36.7%
Lyle Samuelson		33.2%
4. Nile Abbott	3-4	36.7%
Nita Ross		35.7%
5. Jim Kinney Jr	3-4	40.3%
Joann Jones		28.1%
6. Glenn Bowman	2-5	41.8%

John Setzer		33.7%
7. Karen Goldizen	2-5	34.3%
Jeanette Claas		29.8%
8. Don Enke	2-5	37.8%
Danny Williams		19.9%

### Doubles B

1. Dan Couch	6-2	41.1%
Don Claas		31.7%
2. Melody Williams	5-3	27.2%
Debbie Harris		27.2%
3. Richard Bandy	4-3	42.4%
Jack Cargile		29.8%
4. Darryl Gettinger	4-3	32.7%
David Clay		28.1%
5. Ralph Richardson	4-3	29.1%
John Simms		27.6%
6. David Schneider	3-4	35.2%
Mike Davault		20.9%
7. Donna Bastel	2-5	34.3%
Jim Howard		10.6%
8. Gary Park	1-6	27.6%
Terrie Rose		23.5%

### Doubles C

1. Roger Schnur	7-0	36.2%
Bob Reininger		33.2%
2. Tamra Jenkins	5-2	52.6%
Daniel Gavin		16.3%
3. Steve Steck	4-3	32.7%

Roger Sinclair		25.5%
4. Ronnie Attebery	4-3	29.6%
Bob Bastel		28.1%
5. Stan Bailey	4-3	27.6%
Carol Howard		24.5%
6. William Brown	3-4	27.6%
Jane Couch		21.4%
7. Mike Watkins	1-6	23.5%
Don Roberts		20.9%
8. Bob Beaver	0-7	26.0%
Kelly Hill		6.6%

### Doubles D

1. Leo Basler	6-1	18.9%
George Chichura		14.3%
2. Bob Cutright	5-2	16.8%
Steve Bruemmer		12.8%
3. Ray Herman	4-3	13.8%
Dennis McHawes		10.2%
4. A. Dudenhoefter	4-3	15.8%
Jack Slough		8.2%
5. Fred Smith	4-3	17.3%
George Goldizen		5.1%
6. Floyd Roberts	3-4	14.3%
Jim Claxton		13.8%
7. Wesley Reed	2-5	11.1%
Ed Davis		6.6%
8. Ernest Ellerman	0-7	12.6%
Rodney Mallinckrodt		1.0%

# 81<sup>th</sup> Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament Results

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## Mens Championship

1. Stan Griggs	10-1	70.6%
2. M.O. Tirmer	9-2	62.5%
3. Rich Altis	8-3	66.8%
4. Randy Grady	8-3	66.4%
5. Steve Johnson	7-4	61.3%
6. Dan Hobbs	6-5	54.4%
7. Tim Henderson	5-6	52.9%
8. Dean Renfro	4-7	51.4%
9. Sam Carter	3-8	52.2%
10. Charles Killgore	3-8	51.1%
11. James Driver	2-9	48.6%
12. Ron LeGrand	1-10	50.9%

## Mens A Class

1. Duwane Blevins	6-2	43.3%
2. Kelly Kasper	5-3	47.8%
3. Andy Foulds	4-3	41.6%
4. Glenn Bowman	4-3	38.0%
5. Jim Renfro	3-4	45.0%
6. Mel Bruemmer	3-4	40.7%
7. Joe Buskirk	2-5	41.8%
8. Marion Harris	2-5	34.6%

## Mens B Class

1. Jimmy Higginbotham	7-1	41.6%
2. Jim Bruemmer	6-2	45.3%
3. Daniel Gladden	5-2	32.1%
4. Bob Bloss	4-3	47.1%
5. Jim Kinney Jr.	2-5	37.1%
6. Jim Gregory	2-5	36.4%
7. Sam Vogel	2-5	35.4%
8. Edgar Stoverink	1-6	25.0%

## Mens C Class

1. Bob Kingsolver	6-1	36.6%
2. Joie Welker	5-2	42.9%
3. Richard Bandy	5-2	41.1%
4. David Schneider	4-3	35.4%
5. Michael Gillespie	3-4	37.7%
6. John Setzer	3-4	32.5%
7. Darryl Gettinger	2-5	31.4%
8. Danny Williams	0-7	22.9%

## Mens D Class

1. Patrick Blevins	6-1	32.1%
2. Wayne Dusenbery	5-2	36.1%
3. Ed Griffith	4-3	31.1%
4. David Clay	3-4	32.9%
5. Jesse Dowell	3-4	31.8%
6. Larry G Brown	3-4	29.6%
7. Jack Cargile	3-4	27.9%
8. Mike Davault	1-6	28.9%

## Mens E Class

1. Stan Bailey	6-1	40.0%
2. Steve Steck	5-2	30.8%
3. Michael Massa	5-2	30.0%
4. Reese Warden	4-3	28.8%

5. Pat Heathman	4-3	26.7%
6. Mike Watkins	3-4	30.8%
7. Oscar Reeves	1-6	24.6%

## Mens F Class

1. Jim Spidle Jr.	6-1	29.6%
2. Adam Schepers	5-2	31.3%
3. Bob Bastel	5-2	30.8%
4. William E. Brown	4-3	30.4%
5. Oren Harris	4-3	27.9%
6. Mike Kluesner	3-4	26.7%
7. Wayne Westbay	1-6	18.8%

## Mens G Class

1. Rick Gwinn	6-2	30.6%
2. Dennis Mills	5-3	28.8%
3. Roger Sinclair	4-3	27.9%
4. Steve Riley	4-3	24.6%
5. Daniel Gavin	3-4	26.8%
6. Rich Dudenhoeffer	3-4	21.8%
7 = Gary Kuehn	2-5	18.9%
8. Harold Wolken	2-5	17.9%

## Mens H Class

1. Lee Miller Jr	7-0	32.8%
2. Jim Riley	4-3	24.6%
3. Paul Beard Jr	4-3	23.6%
4. Kenneth Grossman	4-3	23.6%
5. Francis Ennis	4-3	23.2%
6. Ernest Ellermann	3-4	21.5%
7. William Mize	2-5	25.7%
8. Danny Wetzel	0-7	22.1%

## Mens I Class

1. Larry Riley	6-1	21.8%
2. Terry Murray	5-2	30.0%
3. Dick Byerdorfer	4-3	22.2%
4. James Govero	4-3	20.1%
5. Harry Rother	3-4	19.7%
6. Bob Cutright	3-4	17.5%
7. Dennis McHawes	2-5	15.0%
8. Tim Warden	1-6	16.1%

## Mens J Class

1. Alfred Mundy	5-2	15.9%
2. Dan Hines	4-3	17.6%
3. Mark Schepers	4-3	16.2%
4. Joe Keller	4-3	13.6%
5. Joshua Mundy	4-3	11.1%
6. Jim Claxton	4-3	8.8%
7. Wesley Reed	3-4	16.8%
8. Tony Reeves		0-7 10.4%

## Mens K Class

1. Daniel Allen	7-0	18.2%
2. Michael Bunch	5-2	19.6%
3. George Chichura	4-3	13.9%
4. Doug Carter	4-3	13.6%

5. Justin Reckner	3-4	15.4%
6. Ray Herman	3-4	11.1%
7. Steve Bruemmer	2-5	15.4%
8. William Elder	0-7	7.5%

## Mens L Class

1. Keith Morrow	7-2	17.5%
2. Jeff Lahay	6-3	10.8%
3. John Keller	5-3	14.4%
4. Michael Elder	5-3	9.4%
5. George Goldizen	3-4	8.6%
6. Lyle Hedges	3-4	6.4%
7. Daniel Olson	2-5	13.6%
8. Rodney Mallinckrodt	0-7	5.0%

## Womens Championship

1. Mary Vogel	5-2	53.9%
2. Rose Diekamp	4-3	57.4%
3. Jan Kreienkamp	4-3	57.3%
4. Cori Stoverink	4-3	55.5%
5. Audra Craven	4-3	48.6%
6. Mary Beeson	3-4	48.7%
7. Jill Knobbe	2-5	50.0%
8. Letha Harris	2-5	49.4%

## Womens Class A

1. Karen Goldizen	5-0	43.6%
2. Theresa Barry'	4-1	44.4%
3. Ginny Weiss	3-2	50.4%
4. Roena Branson	1-4	41.2%
5. Jeanette Claas	1-4	38.4%
6. Joann Jones	1-4	31.6%

## Womens Class B

1. Melody Williams	7-0	41.3%
2. Ree Cutright	5-2	44.6%
3. Terrie Rose	5-2	35.4%
4. Pam Gettinger	3-4	34.6%
5. Debbie Harris	3-4	34.6%
6. Donna Bastel	3-4	30.0%
7. Nita Ross	2-5	32.9%

## Womens Class C

1. Tamra Jenkins	5-1	39.5%
2. Mary Duke	4-2	40.0%
3. Dee McIntire	3-2	34.3%
4. June Thompson	2-3	31.2%
5. Denise Bloss	2-3	26.8%
6. Angela DiRaimo	0-5	27.6%

## Womens Class D

1. Rose Buehler	7-0	33.3%
2. Carol Howard	6-1	27.5%
3. Darlene Wolken	4-3	25.8%
4. Kim Luebbering	4-3	21.3%
5. Dawn Morrow	3-4	20.1%
6. Jane Couch	2-5	19.6%
7. Eileen Rees	2-5	10.8%

**Womens Class E**

1. Sheila LeGrand	7-0	34.6%
2. Sherri Terwelp	5-2	30.4%
3. JoAnn Wall	5-2	30.0%
4. Elaine Hersey	5-2	19.2%
5. Lena McDonald	3-4	15.8%
6. Anna Vangilder	2-5	5.4%
7. Donna McDaniel	1-6	15.8%

**Jr. Boys Championship**

1. Michael Bowman	7-0	66.4%
2. Martin Williams	6-1	56.1%
3. Jake Kluesner	5-2	59.9%
4. Markus Blevins	4-3	31.5%
5. Dillon Glastetter	3-4	25.0%
6. Daniel Allen	2-5	38.9%
7. Alex Roberts	1-6	29.1%

**Jr. Boys Class A**

1. David Heathman	7-0	16.3%
2. Tylor Hines	5-2	21.7%
3. Wesley Stoverink	5-2	19.2%
4. Dexter Carter	5-2	15.8%
5. Brandon Riley	3-4	12.5%
6. Matthew Lau	2-5	6.7%
7. Gabe Heathman	1-6	1.7%

**Jr. Girls Championship**

1. Erika Bowman	5-0	27.0%
2. Tori Vandeven	4-1	13.5%
3. Megan Riley	3-2	16.0%
4. Natalie Altis	2-3	6.5%
5. Katie Stone	1-4	2.5%
6. Beth Davault	0.5	3.5%

**Pee Wee Championship**

1. Nathan Evers'	6-0	45.6%
2. Andrew lau	3-3	6.9%
3. Noah Heathman	3.3	3.8%

**Senior Mens Championship**

1. Mick Gillette	7-0	54.6%
2. Bob Renfro	5-2	47.5%
3. Gregg Craven	4-3	48.1%
4. Rot Flatt	4-3	43.4%
5. Marvin Gray	3-4	46.7%
6. Bob Outt	3-4	42.9%
7. Ron Hassler	2-5	43.2%
8. Brady Craven	0-7	26.6%

**Senior Mens Class A**

1. Ralph Richardson	5-2	34.3%
2. Ronnie Attebery	4-3	37.1%
3. Franklin Rohlfing	4-3	36.4%
4. Jim Bainter	4-3	35.4%
5. Carl Folsom Sr	4-3	31.1%
6. Bob Beaver	3-4	33.9%
7. Larry Langewisch	2-5	28.9%
8. Don Claas	2-5	26.8%

**Seniors Mens Class B**

1. Keith Peck	6-1	27.1%
2. August Dudenhoeffer	5-2	27.8%
3. Fred Smith	5-2	25.4%
4. Marshel Keith	4-3	19.0%
5. Don Ell	3-4	20.0%
6. Gary Buehler	3-4	20.0%
7. Floyd Beeson	2-5	17.9%
8. Larry Anderson	0-7	5.4%

**30 Ft Mens Championship**

1. Tom Ebers	7-0	72.6%
2. Frank Hudson	5-2	63.2%
3. Oden Sullivan	4-3	61.0%
4. Carlyle Gricks	3-4	58.1%
5. Bob Long	3-4	53.7%
6. Bob Fortner	3-4	52.0%
7. Nick DiRaimo	2-5	60.1%
8. Al Gwinn	1-6	41.8%

**30 Ft Mens Class A**

1. Paul Taylor	4-1	44.4%
2. Douglas Peoples	3-2	54.0%
3. Bob Diekamp	3-2	38.0%
4. Earl Winston	2-3	43.2%
5. Nile Abbott	2-3	41.2%
6. Elwyn Cooper	1-4	40.0%

**30 Ft Mens Class B**

1. Hugo Bisges	4-1	52.8%
2. Terry McDonald	3-2	45.6%
3. Harless Kampe	3-2	44.4%
4. Don Enke	3-2	43.6%
5. Bobbie Jones	1-4	37.2%
6. Val Eikel	1-4	31.2%

**30 Ft Mens Class C**

1. Dan Couch	7-1	47.5%
2. Lile Harper	6-2	41.8%
3. Gary park	5-2	38.8%
4. Charles Jackson	3-4	37.5%
5. David Whipple	3-4	33.3%
6. John Simms	3-4	23.3%
7. Larry Volo	2-5	31.7%

**30 Ft Mens Class D**

1. Leonard Bruemmer	6-1	40.4%
2. Floyd Lahay	5-2	40.4%
3. Glenn Govero	5-2	31.3%
4. Roger Schnur	4-3	35.8%
5. Richard Schmidt	3-4	25.4%
6. Terry Kampe	3-4	23.8%
7. Clarence Eggert	2-5	22.9%

**30 Ft Mens Class E**

1. Robert Reininger	7-0	26.1%
2. Paul Van Evercooren	6-1	29.6%
3. Don Roberts	4-3	23.2%
4. John Loyd	4-3	19.6%
5. Floyd Roberts	3-4	18.9%
6. Jack Slough	2-5	5.4%
7. Eugene Loyd	1-6	12.5%
8. Arlie Combs	1-6	8.6%

**Multiple Title Count of Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers: Listing of Total State Titles Won**

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

# 2006 Missouri State Fair Tournament

by Vicki Winston

Whether it was fear of hot weather, the high price of gas or a combination of things, attendance at the State Fair Mixed Open Tournament declined from previous years and we did not hold any competition on Friday. Perhaps this is a good thing. If my memory is correct, on Friday we could have been cooking eggs on the pitching platforms. On Saturday and Sunday the conditions were more bearable and the courts were busy all day long on both days. The MOHPA tents were also in place to provide shade for the scorekeepers when needed.

There was a first for the State Fair tournament when a pee-wee took part in Class K. There were also 2 junior boys in the same class of eight pitchers. Someone expressed concern about the boys being able to complete 7 games and 280 shoes or more. They needn't have worried. Not only did all of the boys hold up well, one of the juniors (David Heathman) won the class and it was the first class to finish all of their games. There may have been some adults a little tuckered out from trying to keep up with the kids. We used 40 shoe games throughout the tournament.

High game for the tournament was pitched by Tom Ebers, who threw 36 out of 40 for 90% ringers against Stan Griggs during the Class A round robin. Class A ended in a three way tie for first place. In the first playoff game, Stan Griggs defeated Michael Bowman 21-20. In the second playoff game, Tom Ebers defeated Stan Griggs 23-21 to secure the first place finish. Other high games in Class A were a 75% by Tom Ebers, three 75% percent games by Michael Bowman and a 75% game

by Steve Johnson. There were also a few games of 72.5% pitched in Class A. Earl Winston pitched a 70% game on his way to winning Class B and Tamra Jenkins pitched a 72.5% game as she worked her way to the top of Class E. Some pitchers seem to do very well on the State Fair courts.

Once again, we are grateful for the volunteers who helped to make this tournament possible. Thanks to Jim Bainter and Bob Bastel, who made it possible for the MOHPA office trailer to be on site and then made another trip to set up the platforms for the trailer and the tents for scorekeepers. Thanks to Donna Bastel for bringing a computer and printer and doing the stats for both days of the tournament. That sure beats pencil pushing on the old fashioned Master Summary Charts.

The 2006 Missouri State Fair Tournament marks the end of an era. Earl and Vicki Winston have submitted their resignations to the Director of the Missouri State Fair and are stepping down as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of this event. Earl has been the Horseshoe Pitching Superintendent at the fairgrounds since 1954. Vicki has been assisting with this event most of the time since 1960. A person has volunteered to assume the responsibilities of Superintendent of Horseshoe Pitching and the recommendation has been made to Mel Willard, the Director of the Missouri State Fair. As of this writing, nothing has been finalized and therefore we will not make any premature announcements. If our recommendation is acted upon, we know the tournament will be in good hands. This is not Vicki and Earl's tournament. We merely were employees of the Missouri State Fair. The tournament is co-sponsored by the MOHPA and the Missouri State Fair. We hope that you will continue to give the tournament your support in the years to come.

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## Tennessee Adventure

by the Phantom Writer

This adventure was told to me by one of our famous Missouri pitchers. Can't recall the name though, but I know him when I see him.

Before he left for the First Annual Volunteer State Open Tournament in Crossville, TN, he told me there would be eight pitchers from Missouri competing in this tournament: Ron and Sheila LaGrand, Jim and Bob Renfro, Randy Grady, Michael Gillespie, Jim McKinney, and Bob Outt.

As I understood, it was a long, long way to Crossville, TN. The long 11½ hour trip was good, but since he didn't leave as early as he should have, he tried to stay awake during the trip to the tune of the National Anthem. He didn't arrive in Crossville until 4:00 a.m. Friday morning, and he had to pitch on Friday evening.

The Centennial Park in Crossville was the site of the tournament. It had 12 covered courts, 12 on a hill, and six down the street at the Fairgrounds. The courts were good and the clay was pretty nice.

It was cold and rainy, but not so much rain that you couldn't pitch, but it was cold. He froze his um, can't say that.

When he was talking to me about this trip before he left, I said to him to be sure and watch the top pitchers. I asked if he

had ever watched them before and he said, "No, but I'm going to and I'm going to take lots of pictures." He kept score for Alan Francis and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. He marveled at Alan's pitching, as all of us do. Alan is just so super good at ringing that peg. He also marveled at the hole around the stake that Alan made when he pitches so many ringers. All those ringers, when the clay is just right, nice and soft, will make a hole around the stake.

He told me Walter Ray, when he sees him on TV, looks really tall, but he could look him in the eye. Perhaps, that's because this fellow isn't so short either.

He also told me how only one Missourian won in the prize money. Only one Missourian named Michael Gillespie, won second place in his class. Took home \$300. Michael is a member of the Independence Horseshoe Club. Congratulations!

This guy wanted to stay for the ending, but as many of the other pitchers, had to hurry home for work, remembering it was a long, long trip.

So Alan Francis and Sue Snyder are still the champs, just about everywhere they go. So many good pitchers out there. Every one of you is as good as it gets. Be proud.

To say the least about this trip, the top class is a sight to see. This ends the big adventure story and he was really glad he went and will be going to so many more tournaments and having so much fun. Until next time I hear from someone else, so long!

# Missouri State Fair Mixed Open

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## Class A

1. Tom Ebers	7-1	69.7%
2. Stan Griggs	7-2	64.7%
3. Michael Bowman	6-2	69.1%
4. Oden Sullivan	4-3	56.1%
5. Steve Johnson	3-4	56.1%
6. Rich Altis	2-5	53.9%
7. M.O. Turner	1-6	48.6%
8. Charles Killgore	0-7	44.6%

## Ladder Play-Off

Game 1	Pts	Ringers	Shoes	%
Stan Griggs	21	27	40	67.5
M. Bowman	20	27	40	67.5
Game 2				
Tom Ebers	23	25	40	62.5
Stan Griggs	21	25	40	62.5

## Class B

1. Earl Winston	7-0	56.1%
2. Doug Peoples	6-1	51.8%
3. Ron Hassler	4-3	41.4%
4. Lawrence Loney	3-4	35.7%
5. Kelly Kasper	2-5	42.5%
6. Roy Flatt	2-5	40.0%
7. Harless Kampe	2-5	36.4%
8. Joann Jones	2-5	31.1%

## Class C

1. Joie Welker	7-0	42.5%
2. Jim Kinney Jr.	6-1	43.2%
3. David Whipple	5-2	35.7%
4. Ree Cutright	4-3	41.1%
5. John Simms	3-4	32.9%
6. Chip Sloan	2-5	32.9%
7. Gary Park	1-6	30.7%
8. Darryl Gettinger	0-7	28.6%

## Class D

1. Dan Couch	7-0	47.5%
2. Pam Gettinger	5-2	36.4%
3. Michael Gillespie	4-3	35.4%
4. Bob Kingsolver	4-3	33.2%
5. David Schneider	2-5	38.6%
6. Charles Jackson	2-5	31.4%
7. Jim Bainter	2-5	27.1%
8. Larry Brown	2-5	25.0%

## Class E

1. Tamra Jenkins	7-0	51.1%
2. Pat Heathman	5-2	41.8%
3. Steve Steck	3-4	33.2%
4. Terry Kampe	3-4	32.9%
5. Mike Watkins	3-4	27.9%
6. Stan Bailey	3-4	26.8%
7. Jack Cargile	2-5	35.4%
8. Oscar Reeves	2-5	20.4%

## Class F

1. William Brown	6-1	35.0%
2. Daniel Gavin	5-2	30.7%
3. Bob Bastel	4-3	30.7%
4. Ron Highley	4-3	29.3%
5. Richard Schmidt	3-4	27.5%
6. Randy York	3-4	26.1%
7. Norman Kiso	2-5	23.6%
8. Dennis Mills	1-6	26.4%

## Class G

1. Brian Koss	7-1	30.6%
2. Donald Lucas	6-2	27.2%
3. Bob Reininger	5-2	22.1%
4. Fred Smith	3-4	23.2%
5. Alex Roberts	3-4	21.8%
6. Clint Sloan	3-4	21.1%
7. Chara Page	2-5	28.9%
8. Donald Plowman	0-7	16.8%

## Class H

1. Clay Caswell	6-2	29.4%
2. Keith Peck	5-3	26.6%
3. Dick Byersdorfer	4-3	22.1%
4. Ernie Ellermann	4-3	18.9%
5. Gary Lane	3-4	22.9%
6. Charles Hamilton	3-4	20.1%
7. Bob Cutright	2-5	17.1%
8. Eugene Lloyd	2-5	16.8%

## Class I

1. Floyd Roberts	7-0	18.9%
2. Paul Howard	5-2	20.0%
3. George Chichura	5-2	17.1%
4. Darrell Plowman	4-3	14.3%
5. Dennis McHawes	3-4	18.2%
6. Bill Lee	3-4	16.1%
7. Wesley Reed	1-6	8.9%
8. Ed Davis	0-7	9.6%

## Class J

1. John Loyd	6-2	15.8%
2. Jack Slough	6-3	2.5%
3. Robert Candler	5-3	9.2%
4. Carol Schlote	4-3	11.3%
5. Ray Herman	4-3	9.6%
6. Chuck Koss	4-3	8.3%
7. Robert Johnson	1-6	4.6%

## Class K

1. David Heathman	6-1	17.6%
2. Dale Guerrini	5-2	11.3%
3. Rodney Mallinckrodt	4-3	11.1%
4. Pat Schlote	4-3	8.6%
5. Larry Casswell	3-4	6.8%
6. Gabe Heathman	3-4	5.7%
7. Noah Heathman	3-4	2.9%
8. Hannah Johnson	0-7	2.9%

## Delilah's Secret

By Ken Heinritz

Three times Delilah implored Samson to tell her the secret of his strength. But her inquisitive ways were marred with evil intent. Unlike Delilah many well-meaning individuals would like to know the secret to successful horseshoe pitching.

If the shoe delivery is not the secret, it must be the type of shoe, eh? Ken Kosky will tell you that the hottest selling shoe is the Alan Francis shoe. But how many of them actually throw the ¾ reverse like Alan. I may add that the Ringle Single horseshoe gained some recognition. Not exactly how I hoped as fellow class pitchers called me 'Cyclops' or 'One Peg'. They do laugh, but let me tell you nobody likes to get beat by a guy with only one hook.

So what is the secret? If it's not the type of shoe or style you pitch or the pace you play or amount of time you practice or intensity you come with, what is the answer?

The one person who I believe is in the best position to an-

swer that question is none other than now 12-time World Champion Alan Francis.

So, Mr. Francis, how does one become successful in this sport?

"Don't be afraid to try different things. Try different turns, different shoes, different stances, different delivery – you have to find your own nitch. Everyone has their own individual style. But then 'tweak it' a little. Make little changes here and there. Watch the good pitchers. Watch the A Class pitchers. You will learn a lot because there are certain things in their delivery that you will want to do as well. Watch for those key things. You can pick up a lot of knowledge just by watching.

For me it's a matter of confidence. I'm confident in my ability. If I get down early in a game, I have every bit of confidence I can come back and throw a string of ringers to beat the guy. So for me it's confidence."

*(This article appeared in the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter and thought the Missouri readers would enjoy it.)*

# 2006 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament

## Gillette, Wyoming • July 10-22, 2006

by Jeanette Claas

Traveling to and from Gillette, we registered a total of 3200 miles. The price of gasoline was small compared to the memories that we have and shared at the 2006 World Horseshoe Tournament. What makes horseshoe pitchers travel hundreds and thousands of miles to attend this event to pitch a game of horseshoes? Well they are just plain crazy—crazy about horseshoes, that is!

At the 82<sup>nd</sup> World Tournament, horseshoe pitchers competed for \$114,000 in prize money. There were 904 pitchers entered, including seven children less than nine years of age, including entrants from 46 US states, five Canadian provinces and Norway. The hosting facility held 42 regulation portable clay courts at the Cam-plex. Most participants played three consecutive days with five games per day. The youngest competitor was Jaxon Rosancranz of SD at seven years, and the oldest was Bob Champion of CO, age 89. By the way, Bob lived up to his name and was a real champion, winning his division at the World Tournament this summer; an accomplishment not many of us will ever achieve.

Our mission on this trip was more than just another trip to a horseshoe tournament. Our daughter is a collector of zipper-pull mini-license plates from all the states with her name on it—Renee. If you have ever been on a wild goose chase, this has got to be the granddaddy of them all. And if your driver only likes to stop for gas and pit stops, you are really in trouble! But for “our” daughter, we do anything! Stopping in Russell, Kansas, looking for some historic fort, we stopped at a Goodwill store for directions. Lo and behold, in a small basket on the counter was a mini-Kansas license plate for only 29 cents; this would be the sole bargain of our trip! The rest would be more difficult to find, taking us to an old mining town in Creed, CO; a Little America resort in Cheyenne, WY, that a gas attendant referred us to; and a small shop under a bank in Deadwood, SD!

On our trip, we enjoyed a visit with my sister, Janet, and her family in Alamosa, CO (only a few miles off the path to our destination). I’m sure you are not interested in this, but it was a two-day nonstop conversation that I thoroughly enjoyed. Leaving there, we traveled through Colorado Springs, Denver, and on to Wyoming. It is clear that we are in the land of horses, hats, and western history. If you like the wide-open spaces, Wyoming is the state for you. What we thought at first sight were deer, turned out to be antelope, and we saw

hundreds of them on the rolling plains as we traveled to Gillette. And at last we knew where they were headed—the Antelope Valley Baptist Church sitting there in Antelope Valley. We also saw many trains pulling up to 190 cars full of coal from the Gillette area, the “Energy Capital of the Nation.” This operation carries on 24/7.

The Missouri horseshoe pitchers were scattered over the Gillette Community and on the outskirts of town. We stayed in Moorcroft, about 25 miles away. As we traveled on I-90 we saw lots of smoke in the sky and fire trucks along the interstate hosing out the grass fires to stop them spreading. Some towns were being evacuated. Acres and acres of black scorched dry grass could be seen for miles around. Just as smoke follows beauty, so does summer heat follow horseshoe pitchers. Temperatures in the hundreds were setting records throughout the Midwestern states. At one point, the thermostat in our car registered 111 degrees. We arrive at our motel in the small town of Moorcroft, population 808, which

would be our home for the next six days. It didn’t take us long to get acquainted. The following morning we meet one of its most prominent citizens – the Chief of Police! He clocked (by radar) Don going 39 in a 30 mile zone. (In Don’s defense, when we pulled over we were sitting at the 40 mph speed sign – go figure!) I told Don to tell him that we heard there was a grass fire

and we were evacuating in a hurry. While in town, we ate at Donna’s Diner and at The Hub and pitched in the sand horseshoe pits next to the VFW hall, which was located across from the Police Department. He waved to us several times during our short stay.

At the Camplex in Gillette we meet up with our Missouri friends and see some others we have met over the years from across the United States. The excitement begins. Before you know it, it is time to check in, get your shoes weighed and measured, and have pictures taken. It is your turn for the really big shoe! If you keep your mind focused on the game and your feet level on the ground, you will most likely win just pitching your normal average. You cannot imagine the excitement, the adrenalin, and the anxiety that fills you. The desire to win sometimes does weird things. As Donna Bastel puts it, “It’s like being in a snake pit and can’t wait to get out of it!”

This is what happened to the Missourians that attended this big event:

First, congratulations to Missouri-born (Blytheville) **Alan Francis**, who won the World Men’s Championship Title with a record of 19-0 and ringer percentage of 87.83%. Even though Alan now resides in Ohio, we all remember his exciting performances while he was living in Missouri, and still claim his roots.



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[www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)

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Missouri is especially proud of **Rich Altis**, of Ballwin. Little Richard placed first in the Senior Men's A Division with a 13-2 record and ringer percentage of 59%, qualifying him for the Senior Championship Round. At the completion of this class, Rich placed 2nd with 9 wins and 2 losses and a ringer percentage of 64.48%. He brought home two world class trophies and \$1,300 prize money.

Missouri is very proud to present to you five more World Class winners who placed first in their division, bringing home a first place trophy and \$300 prize money: **Doug Peoples**, Gravois Mills, Elders E Div. 13-2, 51.17%; **Ralph Richardson**, of Peculiar, Mens Div. G1, 12-1, 35.58%; **Bill Brown**, of Columbia, Mens Div. Class G2, 13-2, 32.50%; **Brady Craven**, of Liberty, Senior Mens Div, Class D, 14-1, 39.83%; **Bob Beaver**, of Marceline, Senior Mens Div, Class F, 11-2, 28.85%.

Those Missouri contestants who tried harder, placing second and bringing home prize money of \$200 were: **Elwyn Cooper** of Kansas City, Elders Div, Class G, 10-3, 46.15%; and **Dee McIntire**, of Kansas City, Womens Div, Class G, 11-4, 31.17%.

Other Missourians who placed within the top seven of their division and brought home prize money were: **Ree Cutright**, of Wright City, 3rd place, Womens Div E, 10 ½-4 ½, 41%; **Jim Renfro**, of Diamond, 4th place, Mens Div. B1, 9-6, 47.76%; **Danny Wetzel**, of Kansas City, 7th place, Mens Div H1, 9 ½-5 ½, 24.33%; **Ernie Ellerman**, of Dixon, 6th place, Mens Div J1, 9-6, 17.67%; **Bob Cutright**, of Wright City, 5th place, Mens Div J2, 9-6, 20.33%; **Bob Bastel**, of Gravois Mills, 5th place, Sr Mens Div, 9-6, 31.50%.

Missouri would like to congratulate the new 2006 Women's World Champion who claimed her first World Title, **Joan Elmore**, of Tennessee with a record of 18-2, 82.20%.

Two Missourians were the proud recipients of awards given at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet held at the Clarion Hotel on July 16 in Gillette. The Presidential Award was presented to **Harvey Wobbe**, of Hillsboro, by NHPA President Paul Stewart, for his contribution and dedication to the sport of horseshoes. We were happy to see that Harvey was able to attend and accept the award in spite of his recent illness. **Joe Faron**, of New Melle, was presented the Arch Stokes Award by NHPA Vice President Bonnie Siebold. Arch Stokes was four-time president of the NHPA. His efforts rescued the game following World War II and built the courts in Murray, Utah, where the WT was held 13 times. This award is considered the most prestigious given by the NHPA and is presented each year to the person who has done the most during the preceding three to five years to promote, foster, and build the sport.


**Jim Bainter**, president of MOHPA, accepted a membership award for the state having the biggest increase of junior members for the 2005 membership year! Vicki and Earl Winston announced the 2006 Hall of Fame Inductee, **Ralph "Kelly" Spencer** of Iowa.

After the Junior Boys Championship games were over, alone on top of the heap stood a young Native American Indian named Tommy Lee. The double flip he carried from his stomping grounds in South Dakota put him on top of the totem pole. It was one of the most exciting games held at the

2006 WT, the playoff game for 1<sup>st</sup> place Junior Boys World Championship. The match was between former Junior World Champion Drew Becker, of Ontario, with a 72.07% and a record of 11-1, and fourth-place-seeded Tommy Lee. Tommy had an entry ringer percentage of 68.7% and a record of 11-1. During the tournament competition, Tommy lost to Trevor Sipma, and Drew lost to Tommy Lee. The game was nip and tuck all the way to the end of the game. Tommy had three chances to clinch the title and each time missed the clinching ringer; but on the fourth try he did! The spectators gave both boys a standing ovation for an outstanding performance on the courts. The Juniors competition at the World Tournament level is probably the most exciting one of all. I could only wonder what our Missouri juniors could have done. We hope to see them at the next World Tournament.

For many Missourians, the trip to the World Tournament was also a sightseeing vacation. For our big winner, Rich Altis and wife, Mary, they said it was a fantastic trip taking in every possible site to see, including the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, Chief Crazyhorse Mountain, and much more. He even has enough money left over to finance his trip to Oklahoma next year! The Bastels and the Setzers spent some exciting days and nights in Deadwood, SD. And it looks like Elaine Bainter and Donna Bastel picked up early Christmas presents in Gillette! Elwyn Cooper and Dee enjoyed a trip to Devils Tower, one of our national treasures and the first historic monument in the U.S. Leaving Gillette, the Winstons traveled all the way to Vicki's home in Oregon for the celebration of her mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jim Kinney purchased several new pairs of Alan Francis horseshoes. Jim also sang the National Anthem at the WT. The Bransons got stoned at the Rockpile Museum. The Bainters visited the coal mine on a really hot day when their bus broke down. The Beesons would just as soon as forget the month of July—Mary's pitching was bad and Floyd's gasoline line problems on their camper were even worse. Returning home, many of the pitchers from the St. Louis and St. Charles area found themselves without electricity and with many trees down that had to be cleaned up. The Evanses could not get into their house as the garage door wouldn't open, so they went to their boat on the river only to find out there was no electricity there either. The streets were jammed, as no signal lights were working. Yes, it was definitely a memorable trip. And the happiness as our daughter's eyes lit up when she received 5 more mini license plates to add to her collection made it all worthwhile.

Missouri is proud of all the 41 contestants who traveled well over 1,000 miles to attend this exciting event. You haven't pitched horseshoes until you pitch in this World Class Event. We want to encourage more Missourians to attend next year's World Tournament that will be held in one of our neighboring states, only 600 miles from St. Charles. Now is the time to start thinking about it, so mark your calendars for July 23 through August 4, and make plans early. Remember, you will see more, do more, and pitch more, in Ardmore, Oklahoma!

Shoe Biz Deadlines	
The magic number is "9":	
January 9	
May 9 October 9	

# A Gift from Missouri: Provided by a Man on a Mission

by Jeanette Claas

If you have ever had the opportunity to pitch at the Harris Arena in Liberty, Missouri, the first thing you will notice is the unique clay. And if you were ever lucky enough to pitch at the Jack Freeman Courts in Joelton, TN, you would have noticed the same unique clay. The clay is “perfect,” **the best in the U.S.A.**, and requires little maintenance. After Jack died in 2003, the courts were shut down. Two years later when the New Melle horseshoe pitchers went there to pick up items to be used in the new Hall of Fame building project in St. Charles, MO, several of the pitchers decided to pitch a few shoes before leaving, for old time’s sake. What they noticed was the clay; it had the same consistency as when the doors closed two years earlier. Amazing!

When a new location and building was to be established for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame, Charlie Killgore knew that the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club would want that same special clay for everyone to enjoy. Charlie Killgore, a 50-year member of the NHPA and Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association, knew exactly what he wanted to do and what he could do. After all, he had done the very same thing for the Liberty Horseshoe Club when the Don Harris Arena was built. Charlie, a man of few words but a man of action, set forth a plan to get the clay into the new facility when it opens in the spring of 2007.

Charlie contacted Joe Faron, of New Melle, and asked if he would make arrangements with the St. Charles County Parks Department so that when the clay arrived they would have a place to store it. The employees at the Park said they would take care of that. Charlie called Joe the evening of August 9 with his plan. He would leave Plattsburg at 3:00 a.m. on August 10, just a few days after his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday, and head for Kentucky to a company named Kenlite that manufactures lightweight byproducts for making lite aggregate (a form of concrete). The company usually discards the off-fall (real fine granule pellets). The granules mixed with water makes the clay. Demands for this clay are requested by horseshoe pitchers

across the U.S.A. For 16 indoor courts and 8 outdoor courts it would take 50 tons. It would cost \$12.00 per ton, making the total cost \$630. The clay is not cheap and very expensive to ship.

Charlie has been employed with the Sur-Gro Plant Food Company in Plattsburg, MO, for 42 years. The Sur-Gro Plant Co. was established in 1951 and now has 15 plants in Missouri. Jim Rakestraw, owner of the company, offered Charlie the use of the company truck, a hooded-trailer with a belly dump, for this adventure. Since Charlie would be traveling through four states, they would have to be licensed in the states of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky for permits. Mr. Rakestraw would donate \$1,326 to cover trucking expenses. Charlie contributed not only his manpower but \$1,555 for other expenses that included fuel costs, permits, and the clay.

Charlie arrived in Louisville, KY, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, caught a few winks in the truck and loaded the truck at 3:00 p.m. at the Kenlite Company. The rains waited until the truck was filled—25 tons of wet granule pellets was not what Charlie needed. Leaving there he drove to the halfway point in Indiana, arriving there at 12:30 a.m. for his first rest stop. He slept in the truck. Charlie arrived at the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Park at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 11. He waited for the park employees to arrive at 6:00 a.m. and he dumped the pellets on the asphalt parking lot in a matter of 30 minutes. He left the park at 7:00 a.m. for his second trip to KY to collect the other 25 tons of clay. He arrived at the Kenlite Plant at 5:30 p.m. and again it looked like the rain might come, but they managed to beat the rain once more. Charlie decided it was time to stop at a rest area and slept in the truck until 1:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 12. He arrived for the second time at the Quail Ridge Park at 7:00 a.m. and dumped the clay, taking up a space 80-90 feet long, 2 feet high, and 3 feet wide – a total of 50 tons of potential blue clay. Roy Evans had previously dropped off tarps from the New Melle Horseshoe Club to cover the huge pile. Mission accomplished, Charlie headed home to Plattsburg, completing the trip of 1,768 miles and arriving at his destination, his home, 58 hours later on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Charlie, a lifetime member of the NHPA and MOHPA, never seeks recognition for anything that he does. **He did this as a gift for all horseshoe pitchers to enjoy.** The state of Missouri is indeed blessed to have Charlie, a very special person, in our membership. Charlie is a man with a plan! The word “special” seems too ordinary a word to describe this gentleman who shares his love of horseshoes in every possible way.

Whenever you make the trip to Missouri to visit the New Hall of Fame Building, perhaps you will find the time to pitch some shoes in this great clay and think of the trip that Charlie made as a gift for all horseshoe pitchers to enjoy.

## Santa Appears at World Tournament

A horseshoe pitcher named Duncan McKenzie made a long trek to compete in the World Tournament. He took a 32-hour train ride from his home in Nova Scotia to Santa’s house (Earl Vanderhart) in Ontario. No kidding, Earl Vanderhart’s full time career is playing Santa Claus and yes, he sure looks the part. His website is [www.hollywoodsanta.com](http://www.hollywoodsanta.com). Then, from Ontario, they drove another 19 hours to Gillette. Fifty-five years pitching horseshoes and this year was his first World Tournament. His toilsome journey landed him in the Men’s Championship Class. He was the only guy other than Alan Francis to beat Walter Ray Williams Jr. His low liner can be deadly.

## A Sheep Story

They say sheep are alike. Actually, they have mutton in common.

# That's A Ringer

by Linda Lagergren

From time to time, I like to stop by the Hillbilly Fairgrounds to watch the games.

While some may prefer baseball or softball, the games I have in mind are horseshoes. It is somewhat surprising, but Missouri has one of the largest groups of "organized" horseshoe pitchers in the country, and our community is host to the second largest club in Missouri.

In fact, the club has twice increased the number of pits to accommodate the demand and to enable them to host tournaments of other pitchers from around the state.

Horseshoes is a simple sport that requires minimum equipment.

Although the original shoes were the same ones that the horses used, the ones designed for pitching are a little wider, and easier to grip. Two stakes, a measured distance apart, complete the necessities. In regulation play, there is also an area around the stakes that is marked out, and there are lines drawn to designate the distance away from the stake where the player stands. To assure fair competition, children, women, and those over 70 are allowed to stand a little closer to the stake. After that, all that you need is a good eye and a steady hand.

Even scoring is fairly simple. In the doubles game that I like to watch, a ringer counts for three while a shoe landing near the stake earns one. No referees are required. The players call

their own scores with one player from each team making the decision. Two players stand at either end of the 'pit' and take turns of pitching. The pace is slow, and conversations are quiet to avoid distracting the concentration required by the pitcher. Good tries and successful pitches are rewarded by simple praise.

On the sidelines, spectators might call for a ringer or even a six-pack (two ringers in one turn). However, they know to hold their calls until no one is preparing to pitch. The whole event has a soothing rhythm that fits in well with hot summer days. It's a game that reminds you of picnics and old-time fun. There's time to take a sip of something cool or to wipe off sweating brows. There's also time to get to know your fellow players while your partners are checking your results, and preparing to pitch.

The slow back and forth of the play reminds me of the swinging of a hammock, or the rhythm of a bobber in the lake. All of these activities are best enjoyed by someone who is willing to slow down, at least for a little while. If you stop by the park to watch the play, you'll be tempted to stay. You might even be tempted to play when you see the wide range of ages and skills among the players. So, listen for the ringers. It's what's happenin' on the Senior Scene.

*(Editor's note: This article appeared in the Westside Star Newspaper and was written by the wife of Bill Lagergren, a horseshoe pitcher with the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club.)*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Westoff Park Tournament

by Bob Reininger

Tournament Directors Bob Reininger and Larry Volo report there were 25 pitchers participating in this tournament held on June 10, 2006. Two classes were held in the morning and one class in the afternoon. Awards were given out at 6 p.m. It was an extremely hot day in the low 90s. Some of the pitchers were getting pretty warm and had to take it easy between games with liquid refreshments.

There were 2,120 ringers recorded for the tournament and 7,396 shoes pitched. The average ringer percentage was 28.66%. The highest game pitched was by Rich Altis with a 69.23%. The biggest increase in percentage was Ralph Hummel 4.09% increase. Rich Altis was the champion of A Class; Darryl Gettinger, champion of B Claas; and Doug Bowem, champion of C Class.

The Tournament Directors would like to thank the scorekeepers and all those who helped set up the courts before hand, particularly, Stan Bailey. Thank you to Dave & Bea Feldewerth who made up the envelopes. Thanks to our statistician who recorded everything by hand and then recorded them later on the computer.

**There are two theories to arguing with a woman.  
Neither works!!!**

## The Empty Peg

Sam Kidd

He looks at the peg and throws the shoe,  
But it doesn't land as it used to do.

He hopes for a ringer or a close one to measure,  
But it winds up short and gives him no pleasure.

For he has grown old as his features will show,  
And his actions once fast, have now become slow.

Oh, why my pitching days are over  
And I have to hang up my shoes;  
And when the cheers that I used to get  
Suddenly turn to boos.

And when the time comes that I'm laid to rest  
I hope that you remember me  
As a 30-footer who tried to do his best.

Some guys rush to drink their booze,  
I'm out in back 'a-pitching shoes.

*(Sam has been a member of the Independence Horseshoe League for over 20 years. He is an honorary member for life.)*

# Missouri Tournament Results

May-September, 2006

## Roberts/Rains Memorial Open @ Stockton 5/6/06 Director: Letha Harris

Class A: Carlyle Gricks	7-0	61.7%
Class B: Joann Jones	4-1	40.6%
Class C: Rained Out		
Class D: Maurice Hines	5-0	27.5%
Class E: Jim Caulfield	4-1	10.0%
Class F: Tony Miller	5-0	7.0%

## Independence Spring Open 5/13/06

Director: Rick Gwinn

Class A: Stan Griggs	5-0	67.4%
Class B: Audra Craven	6-1	50.4%
Class C: Lee Crabtree	5-2	38.8%
Class D: Dee McIntire	4-1	29.5%
Class E: Johnna Bales	4-1	27.5%
Class F: Darrell Pulliam	5-0	16.5%

## Spring Fling @ Laurie 5/13/06

Director: Jim Bainter

Class A: Jim Premer	6-1	55.3%
Class B: Lile Harper	6-1	31.7%
Class C: Dan Couch	5-0	36.0%
Class D: Roger Sinclair	6-1	22.1%
Class E: Tim Garvey	6-1	24.6%
Class F: Bill Lee	6-1	11.3%

## May Mixed Open @ Mt. View 5/13/06

Dir: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Dan Hobbs	5-1	51.8%
Class B: Paul Davis	3-2	46.1%
Class C: Bob Kingsolver	5-0	37.8%
Class D: Wanda Davis	3-2	33.8%

## Mayflower Maraton @ New Melle 5/20/06

Dir: Pam & Darryl Gettinger, Ginny Weiss

Class A: Jill Knobbe	7-0	53.6%
Class B: Ray Nadler	6-1	32.7%
Class C: Keith Patton	5-2	36.6%
Class D: Leonard Stulce	6-1	26.0%
Class E: Dennis McHawes	4-1	17.2%

## Chillicothe Mixed Open 5/20/06

Director: Donald Plowman

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	5-0	68.4%
Class B: Michael Gillespie	4-1	39.5%
Class C: Bob Beaver	5-0	35.5%
Class D: Frances Dominique	5-0	21.5%

## Caulfield Spring Open 5/20/06

Director: Bob Kingsolver

Class A: Archie Matheny	5-0	60.6%
Class B: A. Crow	5-0	40.1%
Class C: Bill Mac Belt	5-0	26.8%

## Kansas City Open 5/21/06

Director: Dee McIntire

Class A: Stan Griggs	6-1	65.4%
Class B: Glenn Bowman	5-0	48.4%
Class C: Elizabeth Furner	5-0	43.6%
Class D: Bill Lee	5-0	17.2%

## Memorial Open @ Jeff City 5/27/06

Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Jim Spidle	6-1	46.9%
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Class B: Jim Bruemmer	6-1	42.1%
Class C: Bob Beaver	5-2	28.6%
Class D: Eileen Reeves	6-1	25.0%
Class E: Kim Luebbering	7-0	26.8%

## Memorial Day Open @ Crane 5/27/06

Dirs: Bill & Judy Wasiner

Class A: Carlyle Gricks	7-1	53.6%
Class B: Dean Renfro	6-2	50.0%
Class C: Steve Flood	6-1	42.4%
Class D: Jack Cargile	5-1	33.6%
Class E: Jerry Dugan	6-1	24.2%
Class F: Alfred Mundy	5-1	13.8%

## 3rd MOHPA Benefit Club-Team Tourn @

Strafford 6/3/06 Director: Donna Bastel

Teams:

1 <sup>st</sup> : Ringer Slingers	33	.8235
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Peculiar Bears	31	.6666
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Ringer Flingers	29	.6666
4 <sup>th</sup> : Full House	28	.5714
5 <sup>th</sup> : Peg Finders	27	.5938
6 <sup>th</sup> : The Hummingbirds	27	.5667
7 <sup>th</sup> : The Bobcats	24	.5313
8 <sup>th</sup> : Hillbilly Slingers	24	.5294
9 <sup>th</sup> : Ozark Ringers	22	.5455
10 <sup>th</sup> : Peculiar Mules	22	.3940
11 <sup>th</sup> : Just Peculiar	22	.3871
12 <sup>th</sup> : Left and Rights	22	.4412
13 <sup>th</sup> : Pacesetters	21	.4286
14 <sup>th</sup> : Peculiar Mules II	19	.3940
15 <sup>th</sup> : Stake Lovers	19	.3940
16 <sup>th</sup> : Tuff E Nuf	17	.3333
Class A: Bob Fortner	7-0	65.0%
Class B: Nile Abbott	6-1	48.2%
Class C: Andy Foulds	5-2	49.3%
Class D: Bob Kingsolver	7-0	36.4%
Class E: Lile Harper	7-0	38.3%
Class F: Tamra Jenkins	7-0	40.4%
Class G: Gary Park	7-0	40.0%
Class H: Erika Bowman	6-1	31.7%
Class I: Ken Grossman	6-1	20.4%
Class J: Merv Moeller	7-0	14.2%
Class K: Terry Bishop	7-0	13.3%

## Raising the Fence @ Strafford 6/4/06

Dir: Marshal Keith

Class A: Rich Altis	6-1	67.1%
Class B: Andy Foulds	4-1	47.5%
Class C: Jim Gregory	4-1	35.0%
Class D: David Schneider	4-1	27.5%
Class E: Douglas Tripp	5-0	29.0%
Class F: Dawn Bishop	4-1	10.0%

## Westhoff Park Open @ O'Fallon 6/10/06

Dirs: Larry Volo/Bob Reiningerr

Class A: Rich Altis	7-0	52.1%
Class B: Bob Griesbauer	6-1	31.8%
Class C: Rose Buehler	8-1	28.1%

## Peculiar Summer Open 6/10/06

Dir: Glenn Bowman

Class A: Michael Bowman	5-0	62.5%
Class B: Jim Renfro	4-1	47.5%
Class C: Gregg Craven	4-1	45.0%

Class D: Elwyn Cooper	5-0	45.0%
Class E: Debbie Harris	4-1	36.5%
Class F: Erika Bowman	3-2	29.0%
Class G: Alex Roberts	4-1	29.0%
Class H: Tylor Hines	3-2	25.0%
Class I: Floyd Roberts	5-0	15.5%
Class J: Butch Goldizen	5-0	5.5%

## Caulfield Summer Open 6/10/06

Director: Bob Kingsolver Sr.

Class A: Archie Matheny	5-0	66.0%
Class B: Hal Hurst	5-0	38.6%
Class C: Steve Mayo	7-0	20.0%

## Wilbur Hodgson Memorial @ Liberty

6/17/06 Dirs: Brady & Nann Craven

Class A: Stan Griggs	6-1	67.8%
Class B: James Premer	4-1	52.0%
Class C: H.Pettiecord	6-1	37.1%
Class D: Elwyn Cooper	5-0	40.8%
Class E: Brady Craven	7-0	35.0%
Class F: Elizabeth Furner	4-1	47.2%
Class G: Cliff Pierce	5-2	26.7%
Class H: Toby Carmicahel	5-0	22.8%
Class I: John Anderson	7-0	20.8%
Class J: John Loyd	5-0	15.6%
Class K: Daryl Strohm	5-0	10.0%
Class L: Jake Grom	5-0	10.0%

## June Mixed @ Mt. View 6/17/06

Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Rained Out		
Class B: Joie Welker	4-1	32.6%
Class C: Daniel Gavin	3-2	24.1%

## Summer Open @ Park Hill 6/18/06

Director: Boxie Schrum

Class A: Randy Grady	9-1	71.9%
Class B: Melody Williams	4-1	33.0%
Class C: Mike Merseal	4-1	30.5%

## Father's Day Open @ Jeff City 6/18/06

Dir: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Tom Ebers	7-0	74.3%
Class B: Jim Gregory	6-1	39.3%
Class C: Eileen Reeves	6-2	32.5%
Class D: Adam Schepers	8-1	34.1%

## Ballwin Days Doubles 6/23/06

Director: Rich Altis

Class A:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : Rose Diekamp	5-1	53.7%
1 <sup>st</sup> : Bob Diekamp	5-1	52.3%
Class B:		
1 <sup>st</sup> : George Christ	5-0	38.8%
1 <sup>st</sup> : John Simms	5-0	38.6%

## Ballwin Days Open 6/24/06

Director: Rich Altis

Class A: Rose Diekamp	6-1	65.0%
Class B: Armin Schneider	5-2	41.0%
Class C: Glenn Young	7-2	34.9%
Class D: James Adkins	8-1	25.2%

**St. Joseph Mixed Open 6/24/06****Directors: Ron & Peggy Campbll**

Class A: Michael Bowman	5-0	63.9%
Class B: Glenn Bowman	6-1	47.5%
Class C: Brady Cravey	5-0	42.0%
Class D: Richard Pistole	6-1	28.8%
Class E: Frances Dominique	6-1	27.5%
Class F: Jake Grom	6-1	14.3%

**Jefferson City Mixed Open 7/1/06****Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A: Jim Bruemmer	9-0	43.2%
Class B: Jesse Dowell	6-1	34.3%
Class C: Chris Oswald	7-1	24.2%

**Summer Splash Open @ Laurie 7/8/06****Dir: Jim Bainter**

Class A: Doug Peoples	7-2	53.4%
Class B: H. Hoffmeister	6-1	47.9%
Class C: David Whipple	5-0	39.0%
Class D: Gary Park	7-0	40.0%
Class E: P. Van Evercooren	7-0	35.0%
Class F: Marvyn Moeller	6-1	25.8%
Class G: Harvey Dutzel	7-0	12.5%

**Pre-World Open @ Don Harris Arena****7/8/06 Dir: Charlie Killgore**

Class A: Stan Griggs	4-1	73.3%
Class B: Elwyn Cooper	5-2	41.7%
Class C: Angela DiRaimo	7-1	31.4%

**Last Chance#1 @ Glen Allen 7/8/06****Dirs: Dann6/Melody Williams**

Class A:		
1st: Martin Williams	5-0	59.0%
2nd: Cori Stoverink	4-1	52.0%
Class B:		
1st: Mike Massa	7-1	33.2%
2nd: James Hillis	6-2	23.9%

**Last Chance#2 @ Glen Allen 7/9/06****Dirs: Danny/Melody Williams**

Class A:		
1st: Cori Stoverink	5-0	49.0%
2nd: Martin Williams	4-1	44.5%
Class B:		
1st: Mike Kluesner	5-0	35.5%
2nd: James Hillis	4-1	21.0%

**James J. Govero Mem. @ Park Hills 7/15/06****Dir: Boxie Schrum**

Class A: Martin Williams	5-0	55.0%
Class B: Rich McEntire	6-0	61.6%
Class C: Glen Govero	5-1	31.0%
Class D: Leo Basler	5-0	11.0%

**Hot Times Open @ Crane 7/15/06****Director: Bill Wasiner**

Class A: Bob Long	7-0	63.3%
Class B: Duwane Blevins	7-0	46.5%
Class C: Tom Edmondson	6-1	36.1%
Class D: Larry McAlister	5-1	26.3%
Class E: Alfred Mundy	5-1	20.0%

**Liberty Club Handicap Tourn 7/29/06****Dir: Gregg Craven**

Class A: Elwyn Cooper	8-2	48.9%
Class B: Gregg Craven	5-3	44.3%
Class C: P.Ronczkowski	7-1	23.9%

Class D: Kathy Wetzel	6-2	26.1%
Class E: John Anderson	7-2	20.0%
Class F: Robert Johnson	6-1	6.1%
Class G: Brooke Jackson	5-2	3.6%
<i>Championship Play-off:</i>		
1st: Elwyn Cooper	3-0	
2nd: Brooke Jackson	1-1	
3rd: John Anderson	1-1	
4th: Robert Johnson	1-1	
5th: P.Ronczkowski	0-1	
6th: Kathy Wetzel	0-1	
7th: Gregg Craven	0-1	

**Dog Days @ Don Harris Arnea 8/5/06****Director: Charlie Killgore**

Class A: Michael Bowman	5-0	64.9%
Class B: Gregg Craven	7-0	54.6%
Class C: Lyle Samuelson	4-1	41.6%
Class D: P Ronczkowski	5-0	32.0%
Class E: Carl Harris	5-0	24.8%

**Sizzline Summer Open @ Jeff City 8/6/06****Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A: Steve Johnson	6-1	57.0%
Class B: Nathan Evers	7-0	43.0%
Class C: Justin Reckner	7-0	18.3%
Class D: Mike Bunch	7-0	23.6%

**World Qualifier @ Liberty 8/16/06****Director: Gregg Craven**

Class A:		
1st: Toby Craven	3-0	.8%
2nd: Mia Craven	2-1	1.7%
3rd: Gregg Craven	1-2	40.8%
4th: Dale Craven	0-3	4.0%

**Independence Fall Open 8/26/06****Director: Rick Gwinn**

Class A: Tom Ebers	7-0	76.4%
Class B: Charles Killgore	6-1	52.5%
Class C: Bob Bloss	6-1	41.7%
Class D: Joann Jones	6-1	42.5%
Class E: Dee McIntire	7-0	31.3%
Class F: Lee Miller Jr.	6-1	27.9%
Class G: Carl Harris	6-1	21.1%
Class H: Floyd Roberts	6-1	20.1%
Class I: George Goldizen	7-0	5.6%

**Pony Express Club Tourn 9/7/06****Dir: Richard Pistole**

Class A: Greg Canchola	5-1	49.0%
Class B: Ray Canchola	4-2	25.6%
Class C: Brandon Grom	5-1	14.8%
Class D: George Goldizen	5-1	6.5%
Class E: Jake Grom	5-0	13.0%
Class F: Rayetta Fitzgerald	6-0	6.0%

**Peculiar Fall Mixed Open 9/9/06****Dir: Glenn Bowman**

Class A: Michael Bowman	5-1	60.8%
Class B: Kelly Kasper	5-0	51.6%
Class C: Joie Welker	5-0	45.0%
Class D: Wayne Dusenbery	5-0	37.6%
Class E: Alex Roberts	4-1	24.4%
Class F: Danny Wetzel	4-1	28.7%
Class G: Carl Brown	5-0	22.4%
Class H: Terry Bowman	5-0	13.6%

**Saline County Club Tourn. 9/13/06****Director: Tom Ebers**

Class A:		
1st: Pam Garner	5-0	16.4%
2nd: Earl Winston	2 ½	47.6%
3rd: Orland Young	2 ½	40.8%

**Crane Fall Mixed Open 9/16/06****Dirs: Bill & Judy Wasiner**

Class A:		
1st: Bob Long	7-0	61.6%
2nd: Frank Hudson	6-1	55.7%
Class B:		
1st: Terry McDonald	6-1	43.0%
2nd: Tom Edmondson	5-2	44.2%
Class C:		
1st: Darrin Sherman	9-0	33.8%
2nd: Reese Warden	7-2	27.8%

**Hillbilly Fair Open @ Laurie 9/16-17/06****Dirs: Bob/Donna Bastel**

Rained Out: Classes A, B, C, D

Class E: Terry Kampe	6-1	38.3%
Class G: Roger Sinclair	7-1	35.0%
Class G: Carol Howard	4-1	31.0%
Class H: Dick Byersdorfer	5-0	22.0%
Class I: Ken Grossman	5-0	19.6%
Class J: Doug Carter	5-1	17.9%
Class K: Marshel Keith	4-1	17.0%
Class L: Arlie Combs	5-0	10.3%

**Capital City Double Elim @ Jeff City****9/17/06 Dir: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A:		
1st: Adam Schepers	6-1	38.2%
2nd: Nathan Evers	3-2	44.5%
3rd: Michael Bunch	2-2	18.8%

**2nd Big Money Open @ Jeff City 9/23-24/06****Dirctor: Steve Brummer**

Class A: Rich Altis	7-0	61.9%
Class B: Michael Gillespie	7-1	38.2%
Class C: Rich Dudenhoeffer	9-1	37.7%

**Independence Club Tourn 9/28/06****Director: Rick Gwinn**

Class A: Tony Bootka	5-0	46.9%
Class B: Johnna Bales	5-0	16.3%
Class C: Neal Straughn	5-0	26.3%
Class D: Brian Bilyeu	5-0	12.5%

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Date	Sanc. Number	Tournament Name & Location	Contact	E-mail or Cell Number
11-04	19-06-020	6th Annual Holly Marie Memorial* @ Harris Arena %%	Griggs 816-313-1814	moshoo@kcnet.com
11-04	19-06-111	Fall is in the Air* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
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 (R)	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
11-25	19-06-112	Turkey Leftovers Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
12-02	19-06-022	Here Comes Santa Claus* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
12-02,03	19-06-005	December Mixed Open @ Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
12-09	19-06-047	Jingle Bell Rock* @ New Melle (R)	Volo 314-434-4075	
12-09	19-06-113	BYHC Santa Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
12-16,17	19-06-028	Winter is Coming* @ Hudson Hall (Crane)	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434

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01-06	19-07-008	Happy New Year* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Killgore 816-930-3353	chask@centurytel.net
01-06,07	19-07-002	Lucky Gricks Memorial @ Diamond	Gricks417-325-4456	
01-13	19-07-025	Super Bowl Special* @ New Melle (R)	Claas 636-447-3039	djclaa@sbcglobal.net
01-13	19-07-040	Blizzard Mixed Open* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
01-20	19-07-009	Window of Opportunity 4 Benefit* Don Harris Arena%%	Straughn 816-246-0310	nmstraughn@netzero.net
01-20,21	19-07-047	Winter is Here* @ Hudson Hall	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
01-27	19-07-041	Icicle Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
02-03	19-07-010	Special Olympics Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Gwinn 816-796-0213	fgwinn@comcast.net
02-03	19-07-026	Happy Heart* @ New Melle (R)	Kreienkamp 636-583-6446	
02-03,04	19-07-003	Feb. Mixed Open @ Diamond	Gricks417-325-4456	
02-11	19-07-042	Sweetheart Special-Cupid Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
02-17	19-07-011	Independence Memorial* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Henderson 816-257-1853	waynepam@juuno.com
02-17	19-07-027	Spring Team Handicap* @ New Melle (R)	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@aol.com
02-17,18	19-07-048	Spring is Coming* @ Hudson Hall	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
02-24	19-07-043	Birthday Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
03-03	19-07-012	Robin Red Breast* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
03-03	19-07-028	Mo. State Hall of Fame Benefit Doubles* @ New Melle	Bailey 573-764-3631	
03-03,04	19-07-004	Mar. Mixed Open @ Diamond	Gricks417-325-4456	
03-10	19-07-044	BYHC Spring Fling* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
03-17	19-07-013	Spring Break* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Killgore 816-930-3353	chask@centurytel.net
03-17	19-07-029	Shamrock Fling* @ New Melle (R)	Rahe 636-462-6337	gidgesue@aol.com
03-17,18	19-07-049	St. Patrick's Day Mixed Open @ Hudson Hall	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
03-24	19-07-045	Spring is in the Air* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
03-31	19-07-014	Cancer Action Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Armstrong 816-453-4052	armstrongkent@aol.com
03-31	19-07-052	March Madness Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
04-07,08	19-07-005	Apr. Mixed Open @ Diamond	Gricks417-325-4456	
04-14	19-07-046	Dustoff the Horseshoes* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
04-14,15	19-07-030	West vs East* @ New Melle	Evans 314-878-3845	revans@evanspe.com
04-28	19-07-031	April Showers* @ New Melle (R)	Buskirk 573-384-5573	
04-28	19-07-053	Spring has Sprung Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
05-03	19-07-022	Thursday Night Club Tournament* @ Independence	Gwinn 816-796-0213	fgwinn@comcast.net
05-05	19-07-032	30-Foot Invitational (Adults only) @ Quail Ridge	Diekamp 636-240-6260	
05-05,06	19-07-033	Six Pac Invitational (Men only) @ Quail Ridge	Faron 636-398-5028	bugsfaron@aol.com
05-12	19-07-023	Independence Spring Mixed Open @ Independence	Gwinn 816-796-0213	fgwinn@comcast.net
05-19	19-07-001	Chillicothe Mixed Open (limited to 6 classes of 6)	Plowman 660-646-0174	daultpearlowman@sbcglobal.net
05-19	19-07-034	Mayflower Marathon* @ Quail Ridge (R)	Gettinger 314-429-4427	pam.gettinger@anheuser-busch.com
05-19	19-07-054	Beginning of Summer Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
06-16	19-07-016	Wilbur Hodgson Memorial Mixed Open @ Liberty (in-out)	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
06-16	19-07-035	Summer Heat* @ Quail Ridge	Volo 314-434-4075	
06-17	19-07-055	Father's Day Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net

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