

From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

I'm sure many Missouri pitchers are still enduring the ice and cold as a second major storm has taken its toll around the state. It sure put the skids on outdoor practice for those of us who don't live near an indoor facility. I had scheduled two trips to St Louis this winter. Both trips were cancelled due to these storms. I've been asked not to plan another trip to St Louis until Spring gets here!

The annual Winter/Spring MOHPA officer meeting is scheduled for 10 Feb in Jefferson City. We have a full agenda but your input is welcome.

Shoe Biz Distribution

I have heard that many of you have either not been receiving your issue or it has been late. There have been problems with our mail processor and with the post office. I think we have resolved all the issues with the processor but there is nothing we can do to push the PO. First Class mailings are not delayed but the bulk mail gets a much lower priority, particularly during the election season, catalog and early Christmas mailings. If you want to get the Biz without delay, send your Biz Booster donation to Vicki. If you don't get an issue, please let Vicki or one of the other officers know. We do have a limited supply of extra copies.

American Royal Pitching Exhibition

Last fall your new Publicity Chairperson, Sharon Taylor, obtained free indoor space at the Royal for two portable courts for one day of the two scheduled family weekends. This one-day event was an opportunity to showcase our sport and give spectators a chance to pitch a few shoes. It was a trial to determine if participation in public venues would help bring new pitchers to our association. The location provided the desired visibility. I believe we will pick up at least 6-8 adult and juniors memberships as a result. We may try again next year or look for another large venue around the state that would provide gratis exhibit space.

I would like to thank all the people who helped with set up and tear down as well as spending a few hours pitching and instructing novice players. The volunteers included Sharon

and Paul Taylor; Terry Kampe; Jim Kinney Jr; Glenn, Terry, and Michael Bowman; Sam and Mary Vogel; Stan Griggs; Dee McIntire; Floyd, Sue, and Alex Roberts; Mr and Mrs Jim Kinney Sr; and Bob and Hannah Johnson. It was a full day for the pitchers since many of them also pitched in a tournament at Don Harris Arena in Liberty. Once again, thank you. It was a success because of outstanding volunteer support.

NHPF Commemorative Brick Program

Great going everyone. Missouri is leading sales with more than 75 bricks purchased thus far. Keep up the good work. If you or your club has not yet made a commitment, there are still plenty of bricks available. This is your opportunity to show support for the NHPA and NHPF in a highly visible manner which will endure for decades to come.

2007 State Tournament

Independence is the host this year. Be aware that we are competing with the annual Independence Trails Days celebration and it has severely curtailed our options. I have looked around the area trying to find a hotel with reasonable rates that could handle our awards banquet dinner. The hotel meeting/banquet room rental rates are outside our budget. There may not be a Host hotel this year but we are looking at some meeting and banquet options that are more financially acceptable. The next Biz will have a list of local hotels and room rates with the necessary information for you to plan the weekend.

Club/Team Tournament

This year's MOHPA benefit event will be hosted by the Quail Ridge (New Melle) Horseshoe Club at the new NHPA/NHPF facility. Start now to identify and organize your team. By the time you receive the next Biz it may be too late to enter. I need your support to make this year the best yet.

New Memberships

As you begin thinking about participation in a league or local tournaments next spring, don't forget those friends and neighbors who may be interested in learning to pitch. If just one of every ten MOHPA members can sign up one new pitcher we will increase our membership by over 90 and regain the title as the largest state chapter. We are growing; let's continue the trend.

"That's it from the Pits."

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A Touch of Claas

by Jeanette Claas

What's new in '07? The good news for '07 is we already have 53 new members in Missouri. Welcome aboard! Hopefully the new NHPA/NHPF

Hall of Fame building will be completed by May and the new Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will host its first tournament, the prestigious Six Pac Tournament come this May. QRHC officers are hard at work discussing plans and tournaments for the new facility. We are still looking for brick buyers for the Hall of Fame Walkway. Don't procrastinate! Fill out your order sheet and mail it in as quickly as possible.

Check out the 2007 tournament schedule in this issue that Elwyn Cooper has organized for you. Start making plans now to attend the exciting 2007 World Tournament to be held in our neighboring state of Oklahoma — only 600 miles from our doorsteps! Look for an entry form on the NHPA web site and don't forget to send it in before the deadline sometime in the middle of May. The MOHPA Benefit Team Tournament will be held in June for the first time at Quail Ridge Park. Entry forms are located in this issue. You'll be heading to Truman territory for our State Tournament at Independence. In between these big events are numerous tournaments held in every area in Missouri, one close enough for you to attend.

Keep the tradition alive by attending the MO State Fair this year as Donna Bastel replaces Earl Winston's job after 52 years of service. Vicki has been assisting him each year. MO indeed was blessed to have these people among us.

Read about a Missouri Senior

horseshoe pitcher who has his own personal fan club that travels with him throughout the United States, drawing a lot of attention in the horseshoe circuit. Could be a first!

I hope you enjoy our "Wake Up to Missouri" town. It's a story you will go nuts over.

In this issue you will find the MO Hall of Fame application form. Start thinking now of who you would like to see in Missouri's Hall of Fame and get to work on their nomination. The deadline is somewhere around June 1.

More good news! Angie Higginbotham has joined the Shoe Biz reporters and will be sending us news from the Tri-State Horseshoe Club. Thank you, Angie, the readers of Shoe Biz welcome you with news from Diamond, MO. Also, let's give Terry Bowman of the Peculiar Horseshoe Club a big hand, as she was recently elected to be the reporter for their club after the Bransons moved away. We need to keep communication from our clubs alive in Missouri and this is the best way of doing so.

As a member of the MOHPA, remember your obligations. Besides paying dues and pitching shoes, be quick to volunteer your services to help out in your horseshoe club. Whether it be keeping score, helping on a clean-up day, digging pits, etc., your help is needed and necessary to keep our sport in #1 shape.

Due to the recent death of my mother, my horseshoes were placed on the back burner and I must apologize for the delay of this issue. Mother Nature also got into the act with an ice storm that left the St. Charles, St. Louis, and Springfield areas with a power outage that knocked out computer transmission, thus delaying our issue even more. In the St. Charles County and the St. Louis area, the iceman definitely left his calling card, leaving the area looking like a war zone. Many horse-

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Shoe Biz
Deadlines

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



Roy's Ramblings

Roy Evans, MOHPA vice-president

It's mid-January and the ice storm has passed and a snowstorm is coming and I am sitting at my computer writing my ramblings. As always, by the time you read this some things will have changed or been decided on but here is what I know as of today.

The world tournament for 2008 will be held in Iowa, Illinois, or Pennsylvania. The NHPA council will have their meeting this weekend to decide which place.

All the property in Joelton, Tennessee, has been sold for a reasonable amount.

Bob Dunn will be donating his collection of horseshoes to the NHPA Museum and is coming to St. Louis in early February to meet with the museum designer, Ginkgo Design Inc., to decide on the best way to display them. Because his collection is so large, only a portion of it will be displayed at one time. They will be rotated from time to time, as will be the other displays of horseshoe pitchers and such.

George Nick from Minnesota drove down to St. Louis in January to deliver plaques and background information on their historical value. While he was here, he visited the HOF construction site and was very impressed with the park.

Here is what I know about the construction of the facili-

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shoe pitchers were left without power for days and it was getting pretty doggone dark and chilly.

This winter issue of Shoe Biz has been brought to you by these horseshoe enthusiasts: Jim Bainter, Roy Evans, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Rich Altis, Bob & Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Bob Diekamp, Gregg Craven, Melody Williams, Laura Estes, Angie Higginbotham, Terry Bowman, Irene Reeves, Tisha Petree, Letha Harris, Jim Haupt, David Loucks, and Yours Truly.

Until next issue, I wishoe a great year. May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door.

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This & That

by Vicki Winston

Who said that we don't have winter weather in Missouri anymore? Well, this January has proved them to be in error. Thanks to my very brave husband, who makes all of the trips to the mailbox and back, I have been able to keep on with my horseshoe work and take care of the business that requires the use of snail mail. He has taken several spills on the ice, but fortunately has not suffered any serious injuries. I've had a few spills myself, but I wasn't on the way to the mailbox. I was trying to get back to the house after putting the van in a shed during a snow storm. That made me give up any thoughts that I might have had about getting out the ice skates! We really didn't need skates to slide around on our farm anyway. The cows haven't even wanted to move. When they walk, it has been with great caution. Where is some of that heat we had last summer when we really need it?

I have been really busy since the last issue of Shoe Biz. January isn't over and I've already processed 515 adult and 41 junior memberships for 2007. What happened to my winter break? With the advent of so many indoor pitching facilities, I have a year-round job. I do appreciate the club reps who have assisted in sending in several memberships at one time, but I also appreciate the individuals who have taken the time to send a check and get their 2007 cards. Our tournament directors appreciate you also, as it makes things a lot easier for them if participants have their cards before the day of the event. Even if you are only a spring and summer pitcher, I urge you to go ahead and get your 2007 card now. It will be time for outdoor pitching before you know it. As a heads up to those who look at the Condensed Financial Report at the bottom of this column, our financial status will look pretty good because at the time of this writing no 2007 dues have yet been sent to the NHPA. Sorry folks, but some of that money that we have on hand isn't ours.

As I write, I've just learned that the host motel for the 2007 World Tournament in Ardmore, Oklahoma, will be the Springhill Suites. Both the NHPA Convention and the annual Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet will be held at the Ardmore Convention Center, which is just across the street from the host motel. I un-

derstand that the site of the tournament itself will be just about a 5 minute drive from the host motel. If you want to be planning for next year, the 2008 World Tournament has been awarded to York, PA. The Alabama site had to withdraw their bid and bidding was opened up again. The NHPA Executive Board recently held a January meeting in Ardmore and awarded the 2008 World Tournament to Pennsylvania during their meeting. Several sites are interested for the 2009 World Tournament, so the voting at the convention this year may be very interesting.

I've had some inquiries, so once again I need to remind our male pitchers that if you reach the age that allows you to pitch a shorter distance and you want to make that change, you do need to notify me when that change is going to take effect. Our editor may have placed that form in this issue of Shoe Biz for your convenience. Your 40-foot stats will be removed from your record and you will be starting over again just like a brand new pitcher. You are allowed to change distance anytime in the year in which you will reach your 70th birthday. You do not have to wait until you have actually observed your 70th birthday. However, be advised that you will need the required number of events from your new distance in order to enter the state or the world tournament. It is not advisable to change pitching distance anytime you are in the midst of league play. Finish the league first, or make your change before you start a league. Timing is important. With the new NHPA rules now in effect, even if you are classified as being in the Elders Division, you may now pitch the full distance if you like. However, if you have declared your intent to be in the Elders Division and your card is marked as a less than 40 ft. pitcher, then at the state tournament and world tournament levels, you will have to enter the Elders (Men's 30 Ft.) division. You will not be allowed to enter what is considered to be a 40-foot division. If you want to pitch full distance, it would seem there would be no advantage to bothering to get classified as a short distance pitcher except that nobody will be able to holler if you step on or over the 37 ft. foul line.

Continue to watch the Guestbook on our web site from time to time, as we use it as a message board for announcements between issues of Shoe Biz. Our webmaster is now screening Guestbook entries, so a heads up to anyone trying to post a message. It isn't going to appear immediately after you post it, but it will make it eventually. Our web site contains lots of useful information and Stan does a tremendous job. Whenever you have time to surf the net, give our site a try.

Many thanks to our faithful editor, who has put together this issue of Shoe Biz since the passing of her mother. Thank you, Jeanette, for your devotion to making this newsletter what it is. I hope that our members sincerely appreciate the time, the effort and the hardships that you go through while making each issue of Shoe Biz possible.

I think I've used up more than enough space, so until next time I will leave you with this thought, "You can't take it with you, and sometimes you can't even keep it while you're here."

Condensed Financial Report

Balance on Hand 11/01/06	\$12,381.79
Receipts	6,606.06
Expense	- 2,300.96
Balance on Hand 01/21/07	\$16,713.11

www.mohpa.us

If you have access to the Internet, don't forget about all the useful information available to you at the click of a finger:

- Up-to-the-minute and updated Missouri tournament schedule with dates, contact names, phone numbers and email addresses
- Tournament results posted within 24-48 hours of conclusion of the tournament
- Important documents and forms you will find very useful
- And don't forget to check out the photo of the month each month, you never know it might just be you
- In 2006 we had 7,451 hits on our web page which averages out over 600 per month. The most hits on the Missouri web page was in the month of September with 875.



Last Shoe



Cornelius Herman Berg

January 22, 1917 – December 15, 2006

Cornelius “C.H.” Herman Berg, 89 of Marthasville, died on December 15, 2006, following surgery of a blood clot in the abdomen at St. John’s Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur. He was born Jan. 22, 1917, to Herman Edward and Gertrude Berg in Dutzow, Missouri.

He was united in marriage to Hertha Johanna Hinnah on November 23, 1939, in Augusta. They celebrated 67 years of marriage.

Mr. Berg was the owner of Woodland Builders, formerly known as C.H. Berg Builders and Woodland Taxidermy. He was the first mayor of Marthasville and a former member of the Marthasville Volunteer Fire Department.

For more than 70 years, C. H. was involved in the game of horseshoes in the Marthasville area. In 1973 he took over as President of the St. Charles and Warren County Horseshoe League. He managed the Dutzow “A” league for 24 years and the Marthasville “A” league for another eight years. As an administrator, C. H. ran the leagues, setup tournaments, and taught countless people the art of horseshoe pitching. He threw horseshoes for the last time just several years ago. For his contribution and dedication to the sport of horseshoes in the St. Charles County area, he was inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 1991. Mr. Berg’s middle name began with an H for Herman, but he would have preferred that it stood for “Mr. Horseshoe.”

Mr. Berg was a humorous, well-liked fellow who did many things to make people laugh. At his Dutzow tournaments he would hang an empty milk jug on the fence with the words “Drug Testing” before all games! His lifelong occupation showed on the horseshoe courts. He stuffed several squirrels and displayed them pitching a game of horseshoes. If you were at the first MO State Tournament at New Melle in 1991 you probably saw them. His wife will be donating the squirrels to the new Hall of Fame building. He was a member of the MOHPA/NHPA for only five years and frequented non-sanctioned events when he was in his prime pitching years. He probably did more for horseshoe pitching in the St. Charles County area than any other pitcher. His unique and witty personality will be missed on the horseshoe courts by all who knew him.

He was a member of the National Turkey Federation, the National Taxidermists Association and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He was a member of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Marthasville.

He is survived by his wife, Hertha; three daughters, Sue Ellen Bert, Sally G. Rohe and husband Tony; Sandra L. Rohe and husband Orville; all of Marthasville; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Ken Kosky

1944 – 2006 (Wisconsin)

Ken Kosky, of Wisconsin, who was the NHPA Game Related Sales Director, passed away on October 11, 2006, suffering a fatal heart attack following surgery a week prior. He had been a promoter in his state for the sport of horseshoes, conducting several state tournaments indoors. He recognized the need and became publisher of the Wisconsin Horseshoe Newsletter in 1999 and in turn remade it into a premier horseshoe publication. Ken earned membership into the Wisconsin Hall of Fame in 2005 for the many services he contributed to better the game of horseshoes. His popularity was evident in the vast number of friends and players — next to an overflowing crowd — who attended funeral services in the Wausau funeral home.

Ken was a spectator at the Six Pac Tournament held at New Melle Horseshoe Courts many times, and attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hall of Fame building in St. Charles, thus allowing many Missourians to get acquainted with him. We will miss Ken’s enthusiasm and all he did for the sport of horseshoes.

Our Sympathies

- Jill Knobbe, of Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, whose father, William Relling Sr., passed away on December 28, 2006.
- Jeanette Claas, of QRHC and 1st Capital Women’s League, whose dear mother passed away on January 3, 2007.
- Karen Goldizen, of the Pony Express Club in St. Joseph, whose brother passed away on January 16.
- Dale Lindemann, of QRHC, whose mother passed away on Jan. 23.

Illnesses

- Wayne Trautwein, of Kansas City, recently underwent surgery to remove a colon blockage on Jan 4. He came through just fine. Wayne is the oldest active member of the MOHPA. Our prayers and thoughts are with him and his family at this time.
- Bob Diekamp, QRHC, spent several days hospitalized as the result of a slight stroke.
- Ann Struss, of Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, suffered a stroke while on her way to work. Ann is having tests made and taking physical therapy at this time.
- Lloyd Buchheit, of QRHC, having problems with his ankle.
- Randy Penberthy, of QRHC, recently underwent surgery.

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

Accidents

- Clarence Eggert, QRHC, totaled his car in November after having the front end completely knocked off. Clarence & grandchildren were fortunately not hurt badly.
- Julia Jaeger, of QRHC, fell off their Cub Cadet lawn mower and the lawn tractor ran over her legs. No broken bones, but pretty black and blue.
- Bob Reininger, of QRHC, fell off a ladder, no broken bones, suffered from embarrassment.
- Jim Kinney, of Peculiar Horseshoe Club, fell while skating with his girls and hurt his knee and was laid up for awhile. We hear he's back pitching on the courts again.

Congratulations to...

- Erika Bowman, of the Peculiar Horseshoe Club, upon her marriage to Michael Myler on March 3, 2007. Erika is our 2005 & 2006 Junior Girls State Champion, all grown up now.
- Natalie Altis, 14-year-old Junior horseshoe pitcher of QRHC, participated in her first gymnastics competition in Peoria, IL, on January 13. She placed 1st in trampoline, 3rd in floor (tumbling) and 5th in the mini tramp. They arrived home to a dark house that evening and found refuge with Mary's aunt who lives in St. Ann. Diehard Rich stayed in the dark for 5 days before the electric was turned on. He is still thawing out.

- Cori and Edgar Stoverink, of the Backyard Horseshoe Club, on the birth of a new grandson.
- Ron and Sheila LeGrand, who also have a new grandson and another one on the way in early May.
- QRHC members Mickey Gillette and Dorie Greco, who were married at the Six Gun Saloon in Tombstone, Arizona, on December 14, 2006. During a stage show, Mick was picked out of the audience to be hung on stage unless a pretty maiden would rescue him. Naturally, Dorie had no choice but to save him. They were then married on stage, and they lived happily ever after until he stopped on the roadside to pick up a cactus to take home for a souvenir and got more than what he bargained for — a handful of thorns! The next day, Mickey took Dorie into a deep copper mine. Dorie had second thoughts at that time. They had to leave quickly to avoid the snowstorm that followed them all the way home.

Thank You

I, Jeanette Claas, would like to thank all the horseshoe pitchers who sent cards, emails, those who came to the funeral visitation, and all those who supported me during the time of my mother's illness and funeral. Your words of sympathy and comfort meant so much to me. She was a wonderful mother and she will always be with me.

New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston

Welcome to the following who have joined the NHPA and the MOHPA for the very first time through Jan. 12, 2007, of the 2007 membership year.

Name	City	Club
Heather Campbell	Clinton	Golden Valley
Staci Christine	Independence	
James Collins	Orrick	Liberty
Bob Crabtree	Bourbon	Quail Ridge
Kathy Criswell	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
Gary Davault	Advance	Backyard
Jan Day	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Mike Day	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Eugene Donner	Bourbon	Quail Ridge
Carl Estep	Kansas City	Liberty
Jason Estep	Kansas City	Liberty
Tamra Estep	Kansas City	Liberty
Chad Flatt	California	
Marvin Flatt	California	
Loren Garrison	Sarcoxie	Tri-State
Tammy Garrison	Sarcoxie	Tri-State
Johnny Gill	Gladstone	Liberty
Donna Grossman	St. Charles	Quail Ridge
Tony Grossman	St. Charles	Quail Ridge
Jim Harrison	Kansas City	Liberty
Katie Hines	Stockton	Stockton
Paul Hudson	Raytown	Independence
Maggie Jackson	Liberty	Liberty

Stanley Jansen	Leopold	Backyard
Eric Jokerst	Ste. Genevieve	Festus
Jeff Jokerst	Ste. Genevieve	Festus
Jay Kimerer	Excelsior Springs	Liberty
Sam Kimerer	Plattsburg	Liberty
Penny Land	Independence	
Joshua Lane	Joplin	Tri-State
Liz Link	Arnold	Festus
Nancy McClelland	Orrick	Liberty
Megan McLeod	Plattsburg	Liberty
Scott Paulus	St. Louis	Festus
Ronald Pettitt	St. Louis	
Amy Pobst	Oran	Backyard
Larry Revis	Springfield	
Carolyn Schreckenber	Whitewater	Backyard
Virgil Schreckenber	Whitewater	Backyard
Howard "Jr." Smith	Leopold	Backyard
Butch Sponaugle	Gladstone	Liberty
Jeff Spry	Warsaw	Warsaw
Ryan Spry	Warsaw	Warsaw
Rick Strus	Hawk Point	Quail Ridge
Darrel Vandeven	Whitewater	Backyard
Darrell Vanhooser	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Katherine Wakefield	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Sierra Wickham	Fulton	
Whitery Wickham	Fulton	
Rich Wing	Middleton	Quail Ridge
Carol Wood	St. Peters	Quail Ridge
Ellie Young	Moscow Mills	Quail Ridge
Ron Ziy	Imperial	Festus

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

by Melody Williams, Junior Coordinator

Hello to all the Youth and their families! Happy New Year! We hope each and every one of you has a great year with horseshoes and wish you nothing but “ringers” in the New Year!

I hope that all of you have been practicing over the winter months. This is the time to correct all of your bad pitching habits and pick up the new ones. Ha, ha! I really find it hard to find time to practice with all of the other sports going on during the winter months. I know that all of you do, but please try to keep pitching whenever you can to help develop your skills. As with any other sport, practice makes perfect (At least that is what I have been told!). In horseshoes, though, I am not so sure this is the case! Some of us keep getting worse the more we practice!

Our newsletter editor, Jeanette Claas, has had an excellent idea and our president, Jim Bainter, and I think that it is an excellent idea. We are going to start “spotlighting” a junior horseshoe pitcher in upcoming issues of Shoe Biz. We just want to give

our junior pitchers a little more of the exposure that they deserve. Hopefully, this will develop an interest in more Youth pitchers and encourage them to get them involved in pitching. It will also let some of the adults get more acquainted with the Youth.

I look forward to hearing from each of you. If you need more space to answer the questions, please feel free to print it out and write on a different sheet of paper. Maybe Mom or Dad could help you out.

You can return the survey/questionnaire to me and I will see to it that they get back our editor in a timely manner to be published. Be patient as it may be a few months or so before yours is published as there are a lot of you to be heard from. Your profile will be in there.

Keep pitching those shoes and practicing. Who knows, maybe a challenge with the Youth Director may be in order! I am practicing too!

Youth Profile Information

Please print and return to Melody Williams, HCR 64, Box 817, Glen Allen, MO 63751 or you can email her at nipdpeg@prodigy.net.

Here are some things that we would like to know about you:

1. Name:
2. Age & date of birth:
3. Hometown and what like most about it:

4. Name of school and grade attending; favorite class or teacher:

5. Hobbies:

6. Number of tournaments you have entered. Any wins?

7. Brothers/sisters: How many and their names/ages

8. What do you want to be when you grow up?

9. Do you have pets?

10. Do you participate in any other sports?

11. Who got you started in horseshoes? Who encouraged you to start pitching?

12. What horseshoe pitcher do you admire the most and why?

13. What do you want to accomplish in horseshoes?

14. How would you encourage other Youth to start pitching horseshoes?

15. Send a school picture of yourself.

16. Any other comments that you might want to add that would be of interest.



Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

Question

Sometimes you feel like a nut! Well, if that's the case, you just might want to head for the Black Walnut Capital of the World! And yes, you guessed it, somewhere in our great state of Missouri, a town has earned that distinction. Located on the gently rolling Springfield plateau, the area is surrounded by rugged Ozark hills to the east and tall-grass prairie to the west.

This is the Hammons story in a nutshell. In 1945 Ralph Hammons, who owned a small-town grocery store, began buying Black Walnuts from the local Ozarks people. He shipped them to a company in Virginia. He knew people loved the distinctive flavor of Black Walnuts and recognized the abundance of those nuts around the state. So in 1946, Ralph bought a cracking machine and began to sell his own "Missouri Dandy" Black Walnut nutmeats. American Black Walnuts grow wild and are hand-harvested in the heart of America. Every fall, people in the Midwest and East-Central United States gather the nuts from their lawn and pastures and sell them to local buyers for delivery to Hammons. The "Hammons" brand, still family owned, is now the world's premier supplier of Black Walnut products.

Hammons is the largest industry in this small town of 2000 in Cedar County. The largest annual festival is the Black Walnut Festival held during the last full weekend in September in its city park. The festival includes a carnival, many contests and shows, and of course, a horseshoe tournament.

Much of the town's activity centers on their famous lake that was formed in 1969 when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer completed a dam across the Sac River. If you enjoy sailing, this is the lake for you. A boat can sail for miles without changing course because the lake doesn't twist and turn as much as other lakes. The lake has 25,000 surface acres of water and 30 miles of unspoiled shoreline. Its clear waters make it a popular place to scuba dive.

This town is pleasin' in any season. A perfect day at the lake, sailing in the summer, spring camping, fall hunting, and watching the eagles soar in the winter sky. A great town to visit — and a great place to live — says this enthusiastic horseshoe couple who direct the city's horseshoe tournament during its famous Black Walnut Festival. Can you name this



town that attracts thousands of people who go "nuts" picking them up and enjoying water recreation?

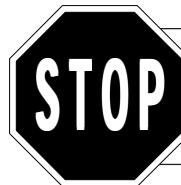
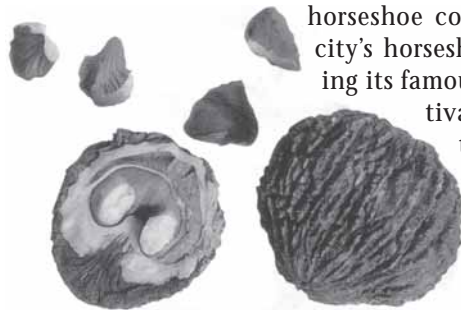
Answer

After marriage, Letha Harris, born in Omaha, NE, joined her husband, Marion, and moved to the beautiful town of **Stockton** in 1992. Marion was introduced to horseshoes by his uncle, Bob Renfro, a MOHPA member, during an Easter family gathering. Liking the game, Marion drove two pegs in the ground of his 78 acre farm and dragged Letha out to practice with him. It didn't take Letha long to warm up to the game. They pitched 200 shoes in Diamond at Carl Gricks' horseshoe facility to qualify for the 2004 MO State Tournament. Marion pitched 13.5% and Letha qualified at 14.5%. Their first tournament was at the Crane Boiler Festival where they were placed in the same class. The lightning that surrounded the area must have spooked Letha, as she smoked her husband 30-0! She placed 5th and Marion placed 6th. In a few short weeks they entered the 2004 State Tournament held in Springfield. Letha placed 3rd in Class E at 24.7%. Marion placed 4th in Class M. Since that time, they have entered tournaments in Diamond, Hudson Hall, Mt. View, Stockton, and Crane.

They soon became familiar with the Stockton Horseshoe Club and Wayne Barber, who built 12 horseshoes courts in the Stockton City Park. Several years ago, a tornado struck through Stockton, damaging the town square and horseshoe pits. They only have eight members in the Stockton Horseshoe Club, but they are proud of who they have: Wayne Barber, Maurice Hines, Russ Gillis, Bob Fortner, Chris Slate, Oren Harris, and Letha and Marion Harris.

They are now the official Tournament Directors of their club. They have recruited Marion's dad, Oren Harris, to join the MOHPA. At the 2005 State Tournament in Jeff City, Letha won the Women's Class A Division with 6 wins, 1 loss, and a tournament average of 43%. Oren won 1st place in his class and Marion placed 5th in his division. Letha set her eyes on the Women's Championship Division and that is exactly where she earned a place in the 2006 Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament, pitching over 50%. Not too shabby for a young lady pitching for only two years.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers are proud of this new couple and we look forward to having this enthusiastic pair in our organization for many years to come. They invite you to come to their Walnut Festival Horseshoe Tournament and visit their proud town of Stockton, where the walnuts are plentiful; and the scenery is beautiful and filled with friendly people. On the horseshoe courts, Letha is becoming "a Tough Nut to Crack!"



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

Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Jeanette Claas



No doubt Michael Gillespie has been the busiest and most-traveled horseshoe pitcher in Missouri during the past few years. Attending 61 tournaments this year alone earned him his third award and the title of "Player of the Year."

This enthusiastic newcomer to horseshoes joined the MOHPA in October, 2000. Previously, he pitched horseshoes only with family members at family outings. His sister, Chris, is married to Roy Flatt's son.

In the fall of 2000, he participated in the Walnut Festival Horseshoe Tournament held in Stockton. Wayne Barber gave him an application to be a member of the MOHPA. He played his first sanctioned tournament at the Carl Gricks horseshoe courts in Diamond.

He signed up for league play with the Peculiar Horseshoe Club for three years, then moved to the Independence Horseshoe Club. He also pitched in the fall and winter leagues with the Liberty and Heart of America Horseshoe Clubs.

In 2001, Gillespie was chosen "Rookie of the Year." In 1991, Stan Griggs, our state statistician, designed a program to encourage members to attend more tournaments. The breakdown for Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year is determined by points: Each tournament you enter equals 5 points; each league, 7 points; wins are 1 point; 1st place finish in tournaments, 5 points; 2nd place, 3 points; 3rd place, 1 point. As the 2001 Rookie of the Year, Gillespie accumulated 231 points.

In 2003, he picked up the title and award of "Player of the Year" with a total of 501 points. The following year, he again won the award with 567 points. At the 2006 State Banquet in Jefferson City, Michael picked up his 3rd award as Player of the Year with a total of 592 points. With a beginning average of 10%, Michael has raised that average to approximately 40%. He has attended six State Tournaments and four World Tournaments in his short career. He and partner, Ginny Weiss, captured the Class A Doubles Division at the 2006 MO State Tournament. At the 2004 World Tournament held in Pocatello, Idaho, Gillespie met on the same court with fellow Missouri horseshoe pitcher Jim Kinney Jr. in the Men's F1 Class for competition. The two of them travel together to many tournaments, sharing friendship and the cost of gasoline. They traveled to Crossville, TN, for the Volunteer State Open in June 2006. Gillespie was one of eight Missourians to attend the 'Big Money' tournament with a purse of \$77,000. Michael tied for 1st place in Class UU, but lost in a playoff game, giving him 2nd place.

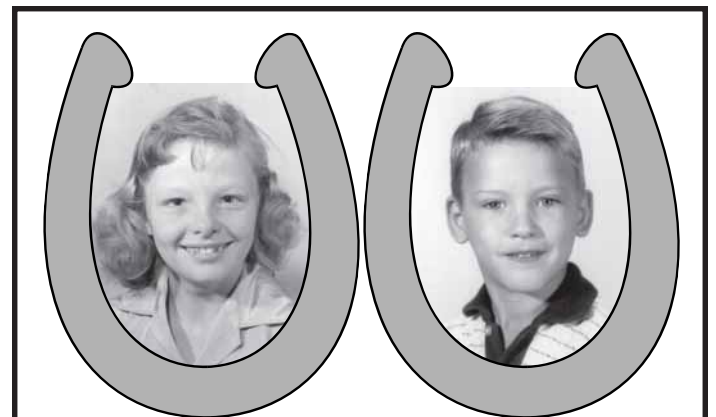
Michael was the only Missourian to place in the money, earning \$300.

How does a fellow aged 51 find time to attend all these tournaments? "The kids are all gone and the house is paid for," Gillespie said. "It's something I can do, but I'm not where I want to be yet." Gillespie is employed at the True Value Warehouse in Kansas City, where he has worked the past 17 years and has earned four weeks of vacation time. He uses his vacation days to attend many out-of-town tournaments.

Michael and his wife, Debbie, reside in the sleepy little farm town of Adrian, where they have lived for 15 years. They have two children, Courtney and Joshua, and now enjoy four grandkids. Michael and Debbie were attending a tournament in St. Joseph when they received word that their daughter was in labor. Debbie grabbed the keys, left Michael at the pits as he was in the midst of pitching, and drove to St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City. Michael finished the tournament, winning 1st place in his division, and then raced on to the hospital. Michael arrived just in time when Chase was born. Chase will inherit that 1st place trophy that Michael won on the day he was born.

Many of our male horseshoe pitchers are wondering how he gets away with going to all these tournaments. What does wife, Debbie, have to say about Michael's busy horseshoe schedule? She says, "I'm very proud of what Michael has accomplished in horseshoes." Debbie works full time at Peterson Mfg. Company and also has a full-time hobby of her own. About ten years ago, Michael bought her a parrot for about \$1200. She now has four parrots: Cassie, Tony, Dusty, and Savannah. She breeds, raises, and sells parrots and finches. These baby birds must be fed with a syringe until they reach their growth. "It gets quite noisy in the house at times," says Debbie, "Perhaps it's all the birds that drive Michael to all the tournaments. But then, Michael started it all."

"My main goal is to go to new places, meet new people, and have fun doing it," Gillespie states. Michael has a great personality and enjoys horseshoes and horseshoe people. It is great to continue to get new pitchers who are as enthusiastic as he is, which continues to help the MOHPA grow.



"These two cute little children
Grew up to be country western fans
Of look-alike Kenny Rogers and
Tammy as she stands by her man!"

Who are they? Find out in the next Shoe Biz!



Earl's Pearls

She threw away the outside
And cooked the inside.
Then she ate the outside
And threw away the inside.

What did Ginny Weiss eat? See page 12.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

NHPF News, Views & Donations

by Dave Loucks

Work is underway at the new Hall of Fame site in Wentzville, MO. Grading started in November and the site was ready for foundation work by early December. As I prepared this article, however, work had stopped as a winter storm hit the area, leaving a layer of snow and ice on the ground. Our project manager tells us that construction can proceed during the cold winter months just so long as the site doesn't get a prolonged very cold and hard freeze. Visitors to the NHPF link on the NHPA website can view photos of the construction progress.

Two of the three parcels in Joelton, Tennessee, have sold. The large farmland parcel remains on the market. It was sad to see the Joelton courts sold, but for reasons previously explained at the convention and in this column, it just was not economically feasible to maintain the Tennessee site with no active horseshoe club and only a handful of pitchers in the area. Proceeds from the Joelton sales are being used for the building in Wentzville, but additional monies are needed.

The Commemorative Brick program is helping to bring in some of the additional revenue that will be needed to complete the Hall of Fame building project. Members from the state of Missouri have really gotten behind this program and, by far and away, lead all charters in the early stages of brick sales. California is in the runner-up position for bricks purchased. By now, the NHPA should be finished with the mass mailing of the Commemorative Brick information brochure to all members. Since there are some 3000 bricks still available for engraving, we hope that a good percentage of the membership will purchase one or more. It's a great way to show your support in a very visible manner. Charters that get behind this program will have a designated area within the plaza where their Charter header brick can be surrounded by other bricks purchased by members from that state.

In addition to the brick program, the NHPF still needs cash contributions to continue its work in grant and educational

programs. Any donation amount would be appreciated. All brick orders and donations are to be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

In October and November, a total of \$16,976 in contributions and brick orders was received.

Purchasing Bricks from Missouri as of 1/10/07 are: New Melle Horseshoe Club (Harvey Wobbe), Mel Bruemmer, Elwyn Cooper, Ozark Horseshoe Club, Jim Bainter, MOHPA, Stan Griggs (Jerry Griggs), Rich Altis, Chrstina Jordan (Tom Ebers), Heart of America Horseshoe Club, Jim & Carol Howard, Don & Gidget Rahe, Gary & Rose Buehler, Ralph & Jan Hummel, John Simms (Rosalie), Bob & Donna Bastel, Lola Masters (W A Courtwright), John Setzer, Tisha Petree (Doug Peoples), Ginny Weiss, Ginny Weiss (Shoe Me Girls), Val Eikel (Veneata), Lions Park Horseshoe Club (George Chichura), Bob Winston/M A Bachman (Bruce), Connie Trautwein (Wayne & Fern), Kent & Sharon Armstrong, Ray Herman, David & Nancy Redhage, Dave & Bea Feldewerth (3), Martin Orf, Charlie Killgore, Roy & Suzanne Evans, KC area pitchers (Harris Arena), KC area pitchers (Don & Fern Harris, Johnny Egeland, Liberty HSC (W Hodgson, Founder), Jim & Carol Howard (In memory of), Bob Renfro, Jacki Langworthy (James Premer), Angie Higginbotham (Lucky Gricks Arena), Don & Jeanette Claas (Shoe Biz), Bob & Rose Diekamp, Gregg & Brady Craven (Ron Craven), Bob & Arlene Reininger, Harold Petticord, Nick & Angie DiRaimo, Donald Plowman (Chillicothe HSC), Ashleigh Robinson, Ashleigh Robison (Jill Knobbe), Ashleigh Robison (Tricia Simon), Gary & Joyce Rehm, Bob & Joann Eisenbeis, Ken Hardy, Sam Carter (Clyde Carter), Floyd Roberts, C W Gutshall, Harold & Louise Duke, Rodney Mallinckrodt, Ronny Mincks, Larry Brown, Jan Kreienkamp, Larry Gilchrist, Bill Molitor, Bob Kingsolver, Lions Park Horseshoe Club, Owen Moore, Nile Abbott, Don Ostmann, Lyle Samuelson, Don & Mary Ann Ell, Robert Griesbauer, Rick Strus, St. Charles Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, Earl & Vicki Winston.

If you purchased a brick after the Newsline Magazine came out, your name will be on the list the next issue of Shoe Biz.

Yes, I wish to support the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation.

Name _____

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Please provide full address so that a note of acknowledgment can be sent.

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Stewlie Bricks

by Jim Haupt, Wisconsin Newsletter

Gene Burlingame of Iowa, otherwise known as Burly, is the Stewlie Prez. He is responsible for a boatload of foolishness currently going on in the NHPA.

The Stewlie Organization has no bylaws or inlaws, only outlaws. Of course, there is no treasurer as there is no treasury. All officers are appointed whether they like it or not and are obligated to the bidding of the Prez.

Have you seen the brick brochure? It describes how a person or club can buy a brick to be laid at the entrance to the new NHPA Hall of Fame building going up in Missouri.

The Prez is stuck in that small space — between a rock and a hard place. He wants to buy a couple of bricks so that the Stewlies will be forever remembered. See the picture. "No Dues, No Don'ts." Makes sense, doesn't it? Bricks cost money but the Stewlies don't have any.

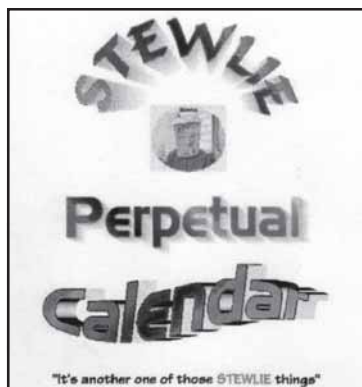
Burly remembers when he was a paperboy and made a ton of money distributing calendars. Here's the pitch. We have a perpetual calendar for you. For the measly pittance of five dollars you can own one.

It comes with a very colorful cover that will look nice on the coffee table. Inside is a page for each month, title on top ("January") and a totally blank page. Because . . . , we don't have any dates, we make up our own. If you want Washington's Birthday in March, put it there. We don't care. Christmas in July? It's your bag. All we care about is the five dollars for a brick.

This is your chance to get a couple of bucks into the brick scene without costing a whole sidewalk. We know you want to do this and here's how. Send your address with five dollars to:

Gene Burlingame
2869 Fillmore Lane
Davenport, IA 52804

From one Stewlie to another, "Thanks a ton, you're OK!"



2007 State Fair: A Horseshoe Tradition

by Donna Bastel

I have recently been accepted by the State Fair Board as the new Superintendent of Horseshoe Pitching, replacing Earl Winston. Earl became Superintendent of Horseshoe Pitching in 1954, when he was able to get the Missouri State Tournament moved back to Sedalia. The state tournament was held at the fair from 1921 until 1942, when the war put it on hold. The state tournament resumed at the State Fair in 1954 and continued until 1978, when the MOHPA membership voted to accept a bid from St. Joseph and began moving the state tournament around to different locations in Missouri. Vicki has assisted Earl by doing stats since 1960. The next time you see them, give them a big Thank You for all their years of hard work! I will do my best to keep this long-standing tradition alive.

Have you been to the State Fair tournament in recent years? If not, you should come out and see the improvements that have been made to the courts. Almost two years ago, 13 of our great volunteer pitchers installed all new backboards and pegs. This spring the State Fair Board has agreed to replace many of the concrete runways that have cracked through the years. You can't blame your pitching on tripping anymore.

I have contacted the vendor that is located closest to the horseshoe courts (the one with the beer) and he has agreed to have his concession booth open by at least 11am on each pitching day — Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Another bit of good news is that the State Fair has changed their 'Dollar Day' from the first Sunday of the fair to the last Sunday. So, those of you who will pitch on Sunday will only have to pay \$1 to enter the Fair. You can also save \$2 on each day's entry fee by getting advanced tickets. For the last several years, advance tickets have been sold at Orschlen Farm & Home, Breaktime service stations, and O'Reilly Automotive stores statewide. Contracts are not yet in place for 2007, so check your June Shoe Biz for confirmation of where to purchase advance tickets.

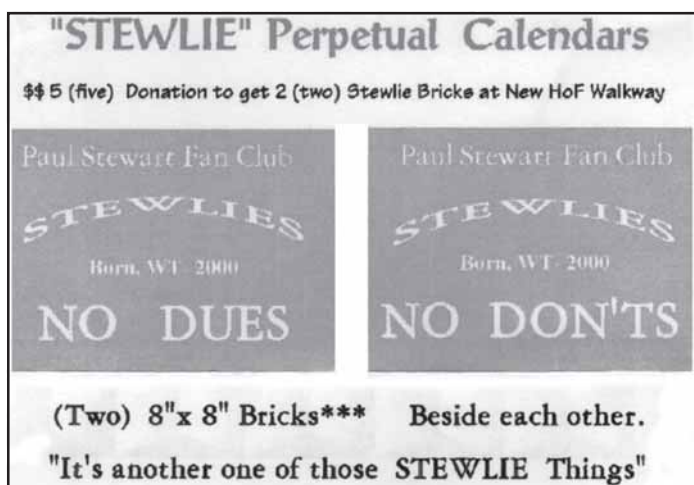
I have also realigned the allocation of prize money. All places will still receive prize money, and first place in each class will also receive a plaque shaped like the state of Missouri (no cash for juniors). The least amount to be received will be \$8, which will at least cover the cost for you to enter the fairgrounds. With any luck at all, next year we may be able to get an increase in the total prize money we receive from the State Fair.

The last thing that I have heard numerous complaints about is the heat we experience during Fair time. I'm sorry to say we can't control Mother Nature. Ice-cold drinking water will be available. Bring some damp washcloths in a cooler that you can put around your neck to cool you down. I have also found that orange juice can be a great pick me up when I get too hot.

Hopefully, the above-mentioned improvements will entice you to revisit the State Fair Tournament. The entry requirements and entry forms will be in your June Shoe Biz.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please contact me at 573-374-8243 or e-mail Lkhouse@usmo.com or dbastel@charterinternet.com.

We look forward to meeting you at the Fair!



World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament

Ardmore, Oklahoma July 23–August 4, 2007

Get your motor running, get out on the highway. Go looking for adventure on the horseshoe courts, and you just possibly could get a world class trophy! There are many roads to get you to Ardmore from Missouri. There's the fast trek I-44, the classic Route 66 and the scenic Heaven drive on Route 77. From St. Charles you will travel approximately 600 miles and you can do this within 9 hours unless you plan to do some sightseeing along the way, and why not? A vacation on a tankful!

Surrounded by the beauty and abundance the Arbuckle Mountain area has to offer, Ardmore shines like a star. Ardmore, Oklahoma, is located in the southern part of the state and has a population of approximately 30,000. The town lies at the foot of the beautiful Arbuckle Mountains and with more than 30 attractions, including six lakes, it offers something for everyone. Ardmore is the ideal blend of southern charm and a bustling city.

Ardmore is located halfway (90 miles) between Oklahoma City and the Dallas/Fort Worth area. It is the largest town in the Chickasaw Nation, and is now the largest city in the south central portion of Oklahoma. The odds are you will wind up on an Indian reservation somewhere, possibly see a teepee or



two and catch an Indian Pow Wow Festival along the way. You'll want to visit Turner Falls Park, the oldest park in Oklahoma, one of the three geological windows into our past. Don't miss seeing the Tucker Tower Nature Center that has a history as colorful as the view from high atop the tower.

Traveling in the Ardmore area of south central Oklahoma, you will pass Ponder's Restaurant. Friends, it's time to stop passing and come on in where many road warriors make it a regular stop on I-35. You can expect a delicious meal, friendly service, and the low-down on who's doing what on the horseshoe courts.

Walk through the doors of the Gene Autry OK Museum and you'll be carried away to the time when men were men, women were women, and the West was truly wild. Back to a time when a singing cowboy rode in on his trusty steed, saved the day, kissed the lady, and galloped off into the sunset. No blood and guts, no sex, no R ratings — just blissful happy endings. Those were the glory days!

The Lake Country Horseshoe Pitching Association plans to host the 2007 World Horseshoe Tournament in the historic Hardy Murphy Coliseum, a 129,000 square foot facility with more than 38,000 square feet of air-conditioned space. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the Ardmore Convention Center.

With more than 900 available rooms, lodging choices range from the traditional hotel/motel to bed and breakfast to floating villas at Lake Murray. If camping is more your style, more than 200 sites are located with 20 miles of the Coliseum. Check the Convention & Visitors Bureau in Ardmore for more information (phone: 888-223-7765, email: www.ardmore.org) or contact the Arbuckle Mountain Area Tourism Assn. (866-843-6858, email www.arbuckles.com).

So we ask you, fellow Missouri horseshoe pitchers, if you have the money and the time, make this trip to Ardmore a memorable vacation. While attending the World Horseshoe Tournament you'll experience this city's southern hospitality and friendliness. You'll be glad you came.

2007 Missouri State Tournament

Independence, Missouri • August 31- September 3, 2007

By Laura Estes

Just a little reminder that we need more designs for the 3rd Annual Shirt Design Contest. The deadline is February 10, 2007. Contact Al Gwinn at 816-461-1746.

The Independence Horseshoe Club welcomes any club or business to place an ad in the State Tournament program book. Ads cost as follows:

- Business card size: \$25.00
- ¼ page: \$50.00
- ½ page: \$75.00
- Full page: \$100.00

We will have a special price for different clubs to buy an ad:

- Small: \$10.00
- Business card size: \$20.00

Also, we will have a special section in the State Program book to place our appreciation to all that can help with donation of anything: funds, supplies, time, tools, or whatever it may be. We are calling this part of the program "Friends of Horseshoes." So if you would like to place an ad or contribute your support in any way please call or write to:

Al Gwinn
916 South Logan,
Independence, MO 64050
816-461-1746
E-mail address is GwinnAD916@yahoo.com



Answer to "Earl's Pearls"

Ginny ate an ear of corn! *From page 9.*

Shoe Biz Boosters

by Vicki Winston

If you would like to receive Shoe Biz via first-class mail, please send a donation of \$10 or more to the MOHPA in care of our secretary, Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. A Shoe Biz Boosters donation entitles you to a listing and first-class mailing for three issues. Expiration dates are listed below. Some folks continue to send multiple donations, but no listings have been extended past February 2008. Thank you all for your support of our newsletter!

Listing expires after Feb. 2007 Issue		Frank Miles	\$40
Sam Carter	\$20	Wesley Reed	\$20
Jim Claxton	\$20	John Simms	\$20
Richard Haller	\$20	Mike Watkins	\$20
Jim/Carol Howard	\$20	Ginny Weiss	\$20
Donald Isaacson	\$20	Listing expires after Nov. 2007 Issue	
Jon McKnight	\$20	Gary Ball	
David Molitor	\$20	Wayne/Pam Henderson	
John Setzer	\$20	Rodney Mallinckrodt	\$20
Ken Sykora		Bob Reininger	\$20
Earl/Vicki Winston	\$20	Bob Renfro	\$20

Listing expires after June 2007 Issue		Listing expires after Feb. 2008 Issue	
Richard Altis	\$40	Wes Brakensiek	
George Chichura	\$20	Ernie Ellermann Jr.	\$20
Elwyn Cooper	\$20	Dave/Bea Feldewerth	\$40
Lee/Beverly Crabtree	\$20	Carlyle Gricks Jr.	\$20
Val Eikel	\$20	Ken Grossman	
Joe Faron	\$20	Charles/Rita Killgore	\$20
Edward Griffith		Fred Smith	\$30
Dan Hobbs		Jerry Weller	
Jill Knobbe	\$20		

Jingle Bell Rock Tournament

by Bob Reininger/Larry Volo

Christmas spirit filled the horseshoe dome as Bea & Dave Feldewerth hung the Christmas decorations. The sign-up sheets for the tournament were filled early along with the alternates. Tournament Directors Bob Reininger and Larry Volo would just



like to remind people that when you sign up, be sure and put your area code with your phone number and call early if you need to cancel.

We would like to thank the clean up crew and to Rich Altis, our statistician for completing the roster and getting us started on time.

Congratulations to the following winners: Class A, Rose Diekamp (66.6%) and Steve Johnson, high game (75%). There was a tie for the Class B champion, but Don Rahe won by less than 1%. John Simms was hot as he pitched a 72.72% high game. Mary Duke ran away with a 7-0 record to win 1st place in Class C.

Michael Gillespie had high game of 64.28%. In the morning classes, Ed Griffith won the Class D Champion and had high game of 60.71%. And Jim Howard was the lucky winner of Class E, pitching a 36.84% and throwing a high game of 50%. JoAnn Wall was declared winner of Class F of a three way tie. She also had a high game of 45.45%.

6th Annual Holly Marie Memorial

by Stan Griggs

Another eighteen angels have earned their wings and were presented for the top three places in each class at the 6th Annual Holly Marie Memorial Mixed Open at the Don Harris Arena in Liberty, MO, on November 4th.



This is a 100% proceed-generated tournament, all proceeds were donated between Catholic Charities and the NHPA Hall of

Fame in memory of Holly Marie Griggs and Jerry Griggs.

The angel count is now at 108; look to see if you can find them on the courts at your next tournament.

The entry donations were \$410, with additional contributions made from Tammy Griggs (GA) and Joan Griggs (FL). A special Thank You goes out to Michelle Barone from "On A Wing And A Prayer" for her support with this tournament. The total for this year's tournament was \$485. The tote board is now at \$3,080.55.

Class A was a classic championship class, if you did not average close to 70%, you were not going home with an angel. Tom Ebers high game was 90.0% and won 1st place. Michael Bowman won 2nd place with two 80.0% games.

Class A:

1 st : Tom Ebers	73.7%**
2 nd : Michael Bowman	73.1%**
3 rd : Nick DiRaimo	67.3%**

Class B:

1 st : Paul Taylor	54.1%**
2 nd : Gregg Craven	52.5%**
3 rd : Nile Abbott	50.0%**

Class C:

1 st : Ralph Richardson	39.2%*
2 nd : Lyle Samuelson	45.8%**
3 rd : Donna Bastel	40.4%*

Class D:

1 st : Denise Bloss	41.8%**
2 nd : Jim Bainter	41.1%**
3 rd : Terry Kampe	31.1%*

Class E:

1 st : Clint Sloan	30.8%*
2 nd : Fred Smith	27.5%***
3 rd : Bill Lee Jr.	23.5%*

Class F:

1 st : Ray Herman	14.4%*
2 nd : Floyd Roberts	15.6%**
3 rd : Terry Bowman	10.6%*

* Angels won

Profile: Doug Peoples

Whoever said “You’re never too old to learn” must have had Doug Peoples in mind. He didn’t discover organized horseshoe pitching until the mid 90s and when he did, there was no stopping him. Missouri horseshoe pitchers are very proud of one of their senior horseshoe pitchers who just seems to keep getting better and better on the horseshoe courts. Mr. Peoples turned 80 years young this January and serves as quite an inspiration to all horseshoe pitchers, both young and old. Doug is the “People’s Choice” as a family man. Who else in Missouri, or the United States, has his own fan club that travels to the World Tournaments to cheer him on? Read on how his proud granddaughter, Tisha, feels about her grandpa.

Grandpa, Arthur Douglas Peoples, was born the youngest of four children in Morgan County, Missouri, on January 14, 1927, to Arthur and Lucina Peoples. Doug’s mother was 40 years old at the time of his birth. He lived most of his young life in Syracuse, a small farming community about 50 miles west of Jefferson City.

Grandpa started pitching horse-shoes as a young boy at family gatherings and church picnics. Family legend has it that at age 14, he accidentally hit his nephew in the head with a mule shoe and knocked him out. Just ask Norman Earl Peoples to show you his scar.

On January 14, 1944, Grandpa was 18 years old and a senior in high school when he got a calling from Uncle Sam. On Feb. 5 he passed his physical and was told he had 30 days to get things in order. So he cleaned out his locker, graduated early and off to war he went. Grandpa served in Japan as a paratrooper and glider trooper. As a member of the 11th Airborne Division, he had 14 jumps. As the war was soon over, Grandpa only had to serve two years and was honorably discharged.

Returning home to Syracuse, Grandpa met his future wife, Alma Combs, on a hayride. They began dating and about a year later, on May 21, 1949, they married. Grandpa and Grandma had five children while living in the house where he grew up in. When the house was destroyed by fire in the late Fifties, the Peoples’ family relocated to a farm east of Otterville.

Grandpa spent twenty one years working for the Missouri Highway Department. At that time he had the opportunity to become his own boss as the owner/operator of the Syracuse Grain Elevator. Grandpa was 62 years old when he retired

from the business in 1989 after ten years of service. He used to hire some of the prisoners at the nearby prison to work for him. And then when one of them got out of prison, he came back and robbed him. That episode put an end to the hiring of prisoners.

In 1972, the Peoples’ family moved to Tipton with Mitchell, their youngest son and the last child living at home. They stayed there for 20 years. While living there, family and friends would often gather around the horseshoe pits Grandpa had installed in the backyard.

When Grandma Alma retired from the Missouri Department of Corrections around 1990, the two of them moved to the family lake house at Beverly’s Beach off Lake 135-3 near Laurie. The first thing Grandpa did after moving to the lake full time was put in horseshoe pits. The pits were less than six feet away from the water, and there was always the problem of having to fish some of his opponents’ horseshoes out of the lake. It was at this time that Grandpa began getting more serious about horseshoes and got into the habit of throwing at least 50 shoes every day, weather permitting.

A neighbor at the lake, Nile Abbott, whose permanent home and horseshoe club is in Liberty, talked him into pitching at the Hillbilly Fair Tournament in Laurie. In the mid 90s, Grandpa joined the local Lake Ozark Horseshoe Club. The club holds league doubles pitching on Wednesday nights. Over the years, Grandpa has encouraged other family members to participate in the club’s activities. Grandma Alma; his late sister-in-law, Mary Beatrice Sawyer; his daughter and son-in-law, Dixie and Albert Riegel; and I were all members of the club at some point.

Grandpa entered his first State Tournament in the Senior Division in 1999 at St. Joseph. To his surprise, he won his first state class title in Class A, finishing with a record of 4-1, losing to Jerry Griggs. Though he has yet to repeat his class title win, he has competed in every State Tournament since 1999. His current average is over 50%.

Nile also convinced Grandpa to participate in the World Tournament that would be held in Greenville, Ohio, in 1999. The pair flew by plane while family members Grandma Alma; his daughter and my mom, Jenny Hibdon; and myself traveled by car. Grandpa finished in 6th place that year and fully enjoyed himself. It was a real treat for him to watch the championship class competition and meet a fellow bowler/pitcher named Walter Ray Williams Jr. That year began a family tradition.

The following year the World Tournament was held in



Bismarck, ND. Again, Grandma, Mom, and I accompanied Grandpa to the tournament. We traveled across South Dakota, turning it into a full-blown vacation. There was a surprise in store for Grandpa that year. When we showed up to cheer him on the first morning, we were wearing bright yellow Doug Peoples Fan Club T-shirts! He was sure tickled by that. He could be seen tapping his opponent on the arm so he could point out his cheering section with a gleam in his eye.

The fan club grew by leaps and bounds in 2001. Thirteen members to be exact — Grandma Alma; her sister and brother-in-law, Bea & Jim Sawyer; daughters Blenda O'Brien, Jenny, Dixie and her husband, Albert; son Mitch Peoples; granddaughters, Katie and Christie Knipp; and of course, myself. Family friends Marvin and Mary Riegel also went. This year we sported new lime green T-shirts! The club caused quite a stir; strangers wanted to take pictures of our boisterous group.

In 2001, the World Tournament was held in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Grandma, Dixie, Albert, Marvin, and Mary went to the tournament and then continued on to see the sights of Alaska. Blenda, Jenny, and Mitch returned home after the tournament. In January of 2002, I gave birth to triplets so I had to stay home to take care of the babies.

Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was the site of World Tournament in 2003. A new member of the family went to watch Great-Grandpa. This year, Riley, one of the triplets, would attend; her two brothers didn't get to make the trip. This was the first year that all five of Grandpa and Grandma's children accompanied them. His son Bill and his wife traveled with the group for the first time. Blenda, Jenny, Dixie, Albert, Mitch, Marvin, and Mary and I also went. Grandma's cousin, Donna Dee Williams, also made the journey.

In 2004, the group flew to Idaho to watch Grandpa compete in Pocatello. The group included Grandma, Blenda, Jenny, Dixie, Albert, Mitch, and myself. In 2005, only Grandpa, Grandma, Dixie, and Albert were able to attend the World Tournament in Bakersfield, CA.

In 2006 all three triplets were able to go to Gillette, Wyoming, to cheer for Great Grandpa. Four-year-old Riley and her brothers Tucker and Cade were small but energetic fans. Grandma, Jenny, Dixie, Albert, and I kept one eye on the triplets and the other eye on Grandpa. Grandma's brother, Jiggs Combs, and his wife, Peggy, came along for the first time.

The first day of the tournament, Grandpa won 3 games and lost two. As one could imagine, Grandpa was hoping for

better results. He was a much more satisfied man after winning all five games on Day 2. At the beginning of pitching on Day 3, Grandpa was in third place. Grandpa, never one to be rattled by competition, started off doing what he does best, pitching consistent horseshoes. The top two guys faltered and Grandpa kept plugging away, winning all five games on Day 3 to clinch the Class E Championship Title. At the end of his last game, Grandpa looked up into the bleachers where his fan club was sitting and with a grin gave them a "thumbs up" finish. "He almost gave me a heart attack," replied Grandma Alma.

Winning the NHPA World Tournament Elders Class E division Championship was the most memorable and exciting moment of Grandpa's horseshoe pitching career. After attending seven world tournaments with no championship titles, it was a goal of his to come out on top. He placed in the money (the top eight) at every World Tournament he pitched with the exception of Red Deer and Bakersfield. Having his family travel with him to cheer him on has been a much added bonus to his success as a pitcher. Not very many other pitchers have an official fan club with matching shirts waiting in the stands.

Grandpa is well-respected by his fellow horseshoe players as a tough competitor and as a model of good sportsmanship. He is admired and looked up to by

many both on and off the courts.

When Grandpa isn't pitching horseshoes he also loves bowling, playing darts, gardening, doing woodcrafts, and fishing. He has also been known to play a practical joke or two, quite often using one of his 15 grandkids as targets. Let's just say, if someone is missing a shoe, check the ceiling fan!

Grandpa and Grandma will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary this June. Their family, like the love they give to each other and to others, continues to grow. At present time, they have 5 kids, 15 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 7 step-great-grandchildren. There is always someone at their lake home visiting with them.

That was definitely a very proud granddaughter who wrote this story about her loving grandpa – and Doug Peoples is very proud of her, too, as he quickly flashes pictures of the triplets. A park bench at the Ozark Horseshoe Club was bought in Doug's honor for Father's Day in 1999 by his daughter Jenny and granddaughter Tisha. Doug has turned this 'horseshoe thing' into a family affair and has brought on a whole new scene at the World Tournaments.

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At the age of 75, he began to lose some of his strength due to physical problems and Doug moved up to 30 feet which helped him to get the horseshoe to the other end of the court. He throws a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn and pitches Dead Eye horseshoes. He won the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club's Summer Splash Tournament in June 2006 in a playoff game with Tom Ebers. The top four pitchers in the championship seven-man class tied after regulation, forcing a two-game ladder style playoff. Peoples reached the finals where he defeated Ebers, the reigning Missouri State Men's 30-foot champion. "I was getting too tired by then, I was just glad it was over with," said Peoples, who had never faced Ebers before in competition. "He was just good, but he was getting like me — he was getting tired." Peoples said he's won several tournaments before, but never against a player of Eber's caliber. "I swelled up like a toad," said Peoples of how proud he felt. "The handshakes and congratulations are worth more to me than the award," he said after the victory.

Bob & Donna Bastel, directors of the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Pitching Club, well remember that tournament and the day that Doug joined their club in 1997, and he hasn't been missed a year since. "Since our club was sanctioned in 2001 and the NHPA started sending us patches for the "Sportsmanship Award," Doug has won the award every year in at least one of our leagues. Doug participates in both, twice a week. Doug is everyone's friend. He doesn't rub it in too much when he beats you and he's always trying to help new pitchers learn the ropes. He can't do as much physical work as he used to, but when we have a work party, he always comes out to supervise the project. We are proud to have him in our club."

Missouri horseshoe pitchers are also proud to have Doug in the MOHPA, as he represents Missouri proudly no matter where he goes. Serving his family, his community, and his country are the characteristics that Doug continues in his daily life. Now that we have met Alma, Jenny, Tisha, Bea & Jim Sawyer, Blenda O'Brien, Dixie and Albert, Mitch, Katie & Christie, Marvin and Mary, Riley, Tucker and Cade, Jiggs and Peggy Combs, and Donna Dee Williams, I'm sure this 'Fan

Love to Live

Congratulations to Doug Peoples, who celebrated his 80th birthday on January 14, 2007!



Today, Dear Lord, I'm 80 and there's
much I haven't done.
I hope, Dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.

But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do,
Would you please let me stay a while until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see.
Do you think that I could manage to make it to 83?

The world is changing very fast; there is so much in store.
I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.

And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 85!

More planes will be in the air, so I would like to stick
And see what happens to the world when I turn 86.

I know, Dear Lord, it's much to ask
(And it must be nice in Heaven),
But I'd really like to stay here until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late,
But it would be so pleasant to be here at 88.

I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time,
So I'm sure that I'd be willing to leave when I'm 89.

Just one more thing I'd like to say:
Dear Lord, I thank you kindly,
But if it's okay with you, I'd love to live past 90!

Club' will only continue growing and bringing attention to this man named Doug Peoples. Doug says, "I used to take care of all those kids, now they take care of me."

This past Christmas, Doug received a certificate from his family stating they had purchased a brick in his honor to be placed at the new Hall of Fame Walkway. The brick reads, "Doug Peoples, World Class Champion, 2006." He was quite honored and laughed as they told him, "We were really glad you won your Class Championship as we couldn't figure out what to put on the brick!"

Having reached a milestone 80th birthday on January 14, Doug says he takes plenty of pills and moves around fairly slow but he gets where he is going. Doug was diagnosed with prostate cancer about six years ago. Each year the doctor puts a time release transplant into his arm that treats his cancer. Then they told him he had an enlarged heart about three times the normal size. "Well, that's nothing new," Doug told him, "I've always known I have a big heart!" And with that we all agree.

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

Guess What? We Call it Horseshoe Pitching

by Bob Champion (Colorado Double Ringer)

Men and women of all ages and sizes converge on a little acre of iron stobs stuck down in mud with tiny cement sidewalks and they lob iron horseshoes back and forth, back and forth, back and forth for two to three hours. They interrupt their walking every 20 minutes or so to lob with someone else but they don't talk except to an accountant sitting near by who won't talk back ... that is probably 'cause they paid the accountant to be quiet just before they commenced to lobbing. They seem intent on lobbing iron 'shoes to get close or touch the stob and they get real joyous when a 'shoes goes around the stob like a ring. They speak about "shooting," "dead" and shout in anger at the accountant nearly every time they pick up the 'shoes they threw away. You can tell it isn't a test to see how far they can throw them 'shoes, or how high, or how long they can keep it up ... it appears they throw them away and pick 'em up and throw them away again and again until the accountant has had enuf and makes 'em stop.

Some throw their 'shoes by grabbing it by the right leg while others grab it by the left leg. Some spin their 'shoes real fast, round and round, some spin 'em slow and a bunch of them flip-flop 'em ... so there don't appear to be any rules on anything except that they always gotta throw from the same spot they started from on the first throw. Old geezers, all women and every kid starts throwing 10 ft. closer than men who start next to a stob and aim at hitting another stob 40 ft. away. People are walking back and forth, paying no attention or keeping up with other people next to them throwing at other stobs. Sometimes they get mixed up and call a "judge" to figger out which 'shoe is which.

The mud gets hot and they splash water on it to cool it down after each fight. Then, they figure out the water made it too messy for the 'shoes and they use a shovel to cover up the mess with drier mud. Seems they all make the same stupid mistake when they change to a different pair of stobs.

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The accountants make out a report card and takes it to the head accountant who had collected money from everyone that came to throw 'shoes. After two or three hours of strenuous exercise, the accountants declare they won't work any more and everyone waits for the head accountant to give the money back. But apparently good behavior pays off, 'cause the head accountant only pays back about half the people who paid in the first place.

The people shake hands before fighting and when they finish fighting ... but they never shake hands with the accountant or the "judge." The accountants keep the tips people bribe them with and don't share none with "judges" or their boss, the head accountant. You can figure the head accountant kept the money from some that didn't get paid back, but how the "judge" gets any money is hard to figure.

Everyone has a tiny suitcase or sturdy bag that they use to carry two to four 'shoes, a file, a measuring stick and some other things like lipstick, suntan oil, band aids, etc. And lots of people with bad backs have 'hook' to pick up 'shoes without painning their back. Spectators sit there like tennis fans, turning their heads from side to side. Happiness is like tennis fans, turning their heads from side to side. Happiness is bliss ... and these people lobbing horseshoes seem to be full of bliss before and after a day's workout lobbing 'shoes. They do this thing about every weekend and sometimes on evenings during the week. They seem to be a healthy lot so the exercise must do them real good ... guess they have good reason to be full of bliss.

What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis



Rule 8: Length of Games, Breaking of Tie Games

Section A: Length of Games

There are three (3) options:

1. Point Limit
2. Shoe Limit
3. Point Limit or Shoe Limit

Section B: Breaking of Time Games

There are two (2) options:

1. Game Remains Tied: Each contestant may receive $\frac{1}{2}$ win and $\frac{1}{2}$ loss. (This option must be used if a handicap system is in effect.)
2. Additional Innings: A two-inning tiebreaker may be played, **using the same method of play that was used to begin the game. In the event of another tie, this same procedure shall be continued until the tie is broken.** Note: In "Point Limit or Shoe Limit" games (See A-3, above), the contestant who *may* reach (or exceed) the point limit *first* is the winner.

Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

We just finished two mixed leagues in the Don Harris Arena involving 56 pitchers. Tuesday League Champions (60.5-29.5) were Nick DiRaimo & Chris Kluge (Junior), Butch Sponaugle & Carl Estep. Monday Morning League Champions (31-14) Bill Lee Jr. and Gregg Craven. Most Improved in the two leagues were Robert Booe (KS) 13 points and Denise Bloss 12.8 points. High Averages went to Nick DiRaimo (111.1) and Tom Ebers (120.6). High games Nick DiRaimo 126, Tom Ebers 134. Robert Booe got his 80% patch and Bill Lee Jr and Keith Johnson earned 30% patches. High Over Average went to Audra Craven in both leagues (26 and 30.5 points). We have about the same number in our two winter leagues.

We are proud to announce some Sanctioned League National Top 10 Awards (50 shoe games). Robert Booe: (KS) 110.2 average; 10th in National Division, 65.2% average; 8th in Men 40ft. Mary Vogel: 7th in two Women's categories, 74% game and 58% average. Nick DiRaimo: 127 point game, 7th in National. In the 30' Div. he was 7th with an 80% game and 5th with a 65.45 average. J.J. Stanton had three awards in the Junior National, 32.6 points was 5th over average, 107 point game was 5th, and 74.4 point average was 9th. In the Boy's Division, J.J. had 10th in High Over Average % and a 68% game was 5th. Lance Dykes had quite a game one night. He pitched 34.7 over his ringer average for 2nd in the Boys and 55.5 points over for 1st in the Junior National Division.

All received certificates and one or two patches, and Lance also received a nice plaque with his name on it. Of course, most of these feats were accomplished in the Don Harris Arena. Good luck everyone. Hope everyone in Missouri gets more ringers than last year.



Last year, \$600 was donated to the Early Childhood Center.

Feb 3: Rick Gwinn's tournament will be "Special Olympics." Last year \$650 was donated to Special Olympics.

Feb 17: Wayne Henderson's tournament will be "Independence Memorial," dedicated to all those who are no longer with us.

The first week of November, Stan Griggs has his annual "Holly Marie Memorial" tournament.

We are so grateful to have the Don Harris Arena in Liberty to hold these special tournaments.

The Independence Club welcomes any club or business to place an ad in the state tournament program book. Ads costs are: Business card size, \$25; quarter-page, \$50; half-page, \$75; whole page \$100.

We will have a special price for different clubs to buy an ad: small, \$10; business card size, \$20.

There will be a special section in the state program book to place notes of appreciation to all who help with donations of any sort, including funds, supplies, time, tools, are whatever it may be. We are calling this part of the program "Friends of Horseshoes." So if you would like to place an ad or contribute your support in any way, please write to Al Gwinn, 916 S. Logan, Independence, Mo. 64050, call 816-461-1746, or send e-mail to GwinnAD916@yahoo.com.

Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Terry Bowman

Happy New Year to everyone from the Peculiar Horseshoe Club. Since Danny and Roena have moved to the Ozarks, I have been voted in as the reporter. So, I hope I can do an okay job.

I hope everyone made it through the snow storm we had back at the end of November and the first of December. We here at Archie had about 14 inches and my parents about 20 miles south of us had about 2 feet. I guess it was a little bit hard to get out to the barn to do the chores.

We have a very busy year ahead of us in 2007. There are several of us playing in the winter tournaments that keep us busy. In April, it really begins as PHC holds its very first outside tournament. Hope to see you there.

We are getting ready for a wedding. Erika Bowman, you all know her as the Jr. State Girls Champion, is getting married in February. She's not a little girl anymore. Anyway we are going to be pretty busy for the next few weeks.



Independence Horseshoe Club

by Laura Estes

Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday! Happy New Year from the entire Independence

Horseshoe Club!

Speaking of the New Year, the Independence Club is working hard to get ready for the state tournament. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you, and are very hopeful that it will be the best.

Congratulation to Michael Gillespie for reaching over 600 points in 2006; this is quite a goal. Independence is happy to have him represent our club and horseshoes as the dedicated player he is.

Several of our members will be holding tournaments in Liberty in 2007.

Jan 20: Neal Straughn will host "Window of Opportunity."

Just a little reminder we need more designs for the 3rd Annual Shirt Design Contest. Deadline is February 10, 2007. Contact Al Gwinn at 816-461-1746.

Missouri Horseshoe Club News

Back in November, Jim Kinney fell while skating with his girls and hurt his knee and was laid up for a while. But we hear he's back on the pitching courts again. Glad to hear you're better, Jim.

In 2006, Peculiar had two leagues, a spring and a fall. Here are the results: League Champions, Chip Sloan/Clint Sloan; 2nd place, George Chichura/Ray Herman; 3rd place, Joann Jones/Lawrence Loney. High Game, Michael Bowman; High Average, Michael Bowman; High Over Average, Chip Sloan; Sportsmanship Award, Danny & Roena Branson; Rookie of the Year, Terry Bowman. Percentage Patches: 0-5%, Madison Page; 6-9%, Amanda Haynes, Kenny Simily; 10%, Corissa Bishop, Terry Bowman, Helen Christensen, Scott Christensen, Paige Highley & Michael Myler; 70%, Michael Bowman.

2nd League results: League Champions, Michael Bowman/Hannah Dods; 2nd place, George Chichura/Chip Sloan; 3rd place, Terry Bishop/Jim Kinney Jr. High Game, Michael Bowman; High Avg, Michael Bowman; High Over Avg, Joanne Jones; "Sportsmanship Award, George Chichura; Most Improved, Victoria Highley. Percentage patches: 20%, Victoria Highley; 50%, Joann Jones; 80%, Michael Bowman. Congratulations to all.

The new Peculiar Club officers are: President, Ralph Richardson; Vice President, Lawrence Loney; Treasurer, Ron Highley; League/Tournament Director, Glen Bowman; Reporter, Terry Bowman.

Glen Bowman just received the Junior's National Top Ten League results. They are: Michael Bowman, National Div., 1st High Point Average, 106.67; National Div., 2nd High Point Game, 127; Boys Div., 1st High Ringer Average, 66.43; and Boys Div., 3rd high Ringer Game, .82. Erika Bowman, Girls Division 8th High ringer Average, 19.66; and Girls Div., 10th High Ringer Game, 34. Congratulations to Michael and Erika on their achievements!

Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Donna Bastel

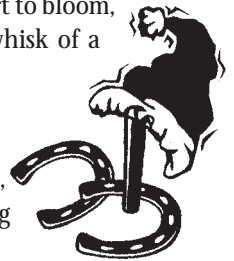
"Winter Wonderland" at the Ozarks

'Twas the middle of winter and all through the park,
Not an arm was swinging, nor even a horseshoe ringer.
The courts are covered with a blanket of snow,
Nothing is showing except skinny poles.
The grounds are all decorated with a Christmas glow,
While the squirrels and deer eat nuts in the snow.
All of the pitchers are home in their beds,
Dreams of ringers circling in their heads.
The sport of horseshoes is taking a rest
Until spring brings warm weather that is the best.
While we are waiting for warm weather to return to our city,
We will travel to pitch and show no pity.
We will pitch with our friends who have indoor courts,
While we are waiting for the season when we can wear shorts.



When the birds start singing and trees start to bloom,
We will clean up our courts with the whisk of a broom.

Here's hoping winter is short,
So our friends can return to their sport.
Enjoy your fire and stay warm if you can,
For soon we will hear horseshoes ringing again.



Tri-State Horseshoe Club

by Angie Higginbotham

Howdy-Ho Neighbors! Hope everyone had a safe, healthy, and happy Christmas Season! Boy, we sure had one heck of a snow-storm in early December, huh? And right on the weekend of the December tournament. But Carl Gricks persevered and held the tournament anyway. And it was a good thing too, because almost everyone still braved the elements and came to play. Carl and Pat are thankful to those who made it and for those who were unable to be here, even though we missed y'all, we'd rather you be safe than sorry. We hope to see ya in January.

As for as the December tournament, as usual, there were six classes, A through F, three on Saturday and three on Sunday. Thirty-five of the 42 people who were signed up made it to play. Class winners were: A, Robert Long; B, Michael Gillespie; C, Angie Higginbotham; D, Ethan Snow; E, Terri Mills; and F, Lena McDonald.

We have two juniors that participate in our tournaments, Marcus Blevins from Crane and Ethan Snow (our nephew) from Diamond. We also have some new members this year, Loren Garrison (from Sarcoxie) and Joshua Lane (another nephew) who lives in Joplin.

Also in November, we got together and raised enough money to buy the large brick for the NHPA Hall of Fame Walkway in honor of Carl and Pat and their late son, Lucky. They were thrilled and really grateful to all for their thoughtfulness.

Hope to see y'all throughout the rest of the tournaments. Take care and good luck to all.

Backyard Horseshoe Club

by Melody Williams

Happy New Year! We hope this finds all of our MOHPA friends and their families enjoying the New Year and hope it is off to a great start! We wish you "nothing but ringers" in 2007! We welcome all of our new BYHC members to our club.

This past week, we started having Friday night tournaments/
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practice sessions at 7:00 p.m. This is for whoever wants to come out and pitch horseshoes and have fun! We are trying this as an attempt to recruit new MOHPA members. We had ten people show up this past Friday night!

Our sanctioned tournaments are really growing! A few months back, we had three classes pitching in the afternoon, a first for the club! We have had a good turnout for all of our tournaments lately! Word of mouth about our club and the MOHPA is finally spreading to the "die-hard" dirt and sand pitchers that our clay isn't so bad!

We still have several sanctioned tournaments coming up this winter. If you are interested in pitching in any of those events, please call us ahead of time so we can reserve you a spot in the tournament.

We want to congratulate some of our pitchers on their recent additions to their families in the way of grandchildren. Cori and Edgar Stoverink have a new grandson, while Ron and Sheila LeGrand have a new grandson and another on the way for early May! Needless to say, these horseshoe pitchers haven't had much time for pitching horseshoes.

The club has recently installed new pegs as the old ones were in need of replacement. Thank you to the volunteers who came out to help us with this project. We will be having a work day at the club as soon as the weather permits.

Look for our tournament schedule in this issue of Shoe Biz. Just a reminder to all BYHC pitchers: Your 2007 MOHPA dues are now due and must be paid before you will be allowed to pitch in any sanctioned tournament! They are \$20 for adults and \$5 for juniors. The dues can be paid to us at the club or mailed to our MOHPA Secretary, Vicki Winston. Remember: **no pay, no play!** We will be checking for your cards at the tournaments!

Capital City Horseshoe Club

by Irene Reeves

It's been a long winter! Capital City Horseshoe Club is gearing up for spring and horseshoes. After all the snow and ice, the pits in Jefferson City are ready to be dug up. So check the tournament schedule in this issue of Shoe Biz and mark your calendars to attend any of the four tournaments we have scheduled between now and June. Contact Steve Bruemmer, 636-541-3232, if you wish to pitch in them.



Capital City Horseshoe Club is adding a Spring Singles League in 2007, which is scheduled to start April 1. The Doubles League is scheduled to start late spring. Hope everyone has a great 2007!

Changing Pitching Distance to Less Than 40 Ft.

1. Effective Jan. 1, 2005, NHPA by-laws will allow an adult male to begin pitching a shorter distance in the calendar year in which he will reach his 70th birthday. You will not have to wait until the actual day you reach age 70.
2. Notify the MOHPA Secretary of your decision to make the change to shorter distance by filling out and mailing the form at the bottom of this page. Be sure that you have included the date your change in distance is taking effect.
3. Establishing your new pitching average must be done at the local league or tournament level. You cannot enter the World Tournament or the Missouri State Tournament with less than the required number of sanctioned averages at your new pitching distance.
4. To establish a starting average from your new distance, contact the director of the first league or tournament where you plan to compete. Ask the director the number of qualifying shoes that you must pitch from your new distance in order to establish an entering average for that event. Those qualifying shoes should be pitched within 30 days of when the event will be held and the score must be kept by two NHPA members. Both must sign the scoresheet. **The scoresheet should then be sent to the tournament or league director,** who will use that ringer average to place you in the event.
5. Once you have changed to less than the 40 foot pitching distance, you must remain at that distance for at least the remainder of that calendar year.

Notification of Change in Pitching Distance

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ NHPA Card # _____

Mailing Address _____ City & State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ Effective date of change to less than 40 ft. _____

Please mail this form to the MOHPA Secretary

Missouri Tournament Results

October–December, 2006

Frostbite Open @ Harris Arena

10/7/06 Dir: Elwyn Cooper

Class A: Michael Bowman	6-1	69.7%
Class B: Joyce Francis	6-1	47.5%
Class C: Ralph Richardson	7-0	43.3%
Class D: Dean Jameson	5-2	34.6%
Class E: Don Roberts	6-1	30.0%
Class F: Bill Lee	6-1	20.8%

Bubba Winter Open @ Glen Allen

10/7/06 Dirs: Danny/Melody Williams

Class A:		
1. Martin William	6-1	50.4%
2. Oda Cook	5-2	43.2%
Class B:		
1. Amy Pobst	7-0	35.8%
2. Carol Schreckenber	5-2	27.5%

James Belt Memorial @ Caulfield

10/7/06 Dir: Robert Kingsolver

Class A:		
1. Archie Matheny	7-1	58.6%
2. Dale Parrott	6-2	49.7%
Class B:		
1. Eldon Roth	6-0	24.2%
2. Andrew Lau	4-2	11.7%

Fall Showdown @ Strafford 10/7/06

Director: Marshel Keith

Class A: Darrin Sherman	6-1	38.8%
Class B: June Thompson	7-0	34.6%
Class C: Ron Ray	5-0	28.0%

Oktoberfest Open @ Jeff City 10/8/06

Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Roy Flatt	6-1	50.0%
Class B: Steve Steck	6-1	41.1%
Class C: Clay Caswell	7-0	31.8%

Hillbilly Hoedown Open @ Stockton

10/14/06 Director: Letha Harris

Class A: Carlyle Gricks	5-0	52.8%
Class B: David Wilson	7-0	35.4%
Class C: Jerry Dugan	7-2	20.7%

East vs. West @ Harris Arena 10/14-15/06

Director: Gregg Craven

West Defeats the East		
Class A: Gregg Craven	5-0	52.0%
Class AA: Elizabeth Furner	5-1	50.0%
Class B: Nile Abbott	5-1	51.7%
Class BB: Michael Gillespie	4-1	41.0%
Class C: Kathy Wetzel	5-0	35.0%
Class D: Daryl Strohm	5-1	13.3%

Lake of Ozarks VS Jeff City 10/14/06

Directors: Steve Bruemmer/Bob Bastel

Class A:		
1. Dan Couch	5-1	53.7%
2. Tamra Jenkins	5-1	46.7%
Class AA:		
1. Roger Sinclair	5-1	28.3%
2. Wes Rapp	5-1	20.0%

Fall Team Handicap Tourn @ New Melle

10/21/06 Dirs: Jim/Carol Howard

Class A:		
1. Ginny Weiss	7-1	39.4%
2. Rose Diekamp	6-2	63.9%
3. Jill Knobbe	6-2	48.6%
4. Francis Griesbauer	4-2	51.9%
5. Trish Dwiggins	4-3	35.2%
6. Bob Diekamp	1-2	29.5%

Spooktacular Open @ Glen Allen 10/22/06

Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A: Cori Stoverink	5-0	57.0%
Class B: Amy Pobst	6-1	34.6%
Class C: James Hillis	7-0	22.1%

6th Holly Marie Memorial @ Harris Arena

11/04/06 Directors: Stan/Stephanie Griggs

Class A: Tom Ebers	6-1	73.7%
Class B: Paul Taylor	6-1	54.1%
Class C: Ralph Richardson	6-1	39.2%
Class D: Denise Bloss	5-2	41.8%
Class E: Clint Sloan	5-2	30.8%
Class F: Ray Herman	4-1	14.4%

Fall is in the Air @ Glen Allen 11/4/06

Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A: Boxie Schrum	7-0	56.3%
Class B: Terrie Rose	5-0	34.0%
Class C: John Vandeven	5-0	20.0%

November Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena

11/4-5/06 Director: Carlyle Gricks

Class A: Bob Long	7-0	61.3%
Class B: Jim Higginbotham	6-1	49.2%
Class C: Marion Harris	7-0	50.8%
Class D: Angie Higginbotham	5-0	48.5%
Class E: Frank Mills	6-1	20.4%
Class F: Lena McDonald	4-1	22.5%

Snow Bird Fly Away Open @ Harris Arena

11/18/06 Dir: Gregg Craven

Class A: Tom Ebers	6-1	70.1%
Class B: Elizabeth Furner	7-0	59.6%
Class C: Ralph Richardson	6-1	47.9%
Class D: Ray Canchola	6-1	28.3%
Class E: Danny Wetzel	6-1	20.0%
Class F: Ray Herman	6-1	13.3%

Turkey Trot Open @ New Melle 11/18/06

Dirs: Dave/Bea Feldewerth

Class A: Rich Altis	7-1	69.3%
Class B: Ginny Weiss	6-1	45.8%
Class C: Armin Schneider	6-1	47.8%
Class D: Glenn Young	6-1	42.3%
Class E: Angelia Novel	7-0	34.0%
Class F: Terry Murray	6-1	30.6%

Before Turkey Day Open @ Hudson Hall

11/18-19/06 Dir: Frank Hudson

Class A: Bob Long	7-1	61.0%
Class B: Jim Kinney	6-1	45.5%
Class C: Tom Edmondson	7-0	47.5%
Class D: Bruce Webb	5-1	18.9%
Class E: Alfred Mundy	5-2	9.7%

Turkey Leftovers Open & Glen Allen

11/25/06 Dirs: Danny/Melody Williams

Class A:		
1. Boxie Schrum	5-0	70.0%
2. Oda Cook	3-2	33.0%
Class B:		
1. Melody Williams	5-1	26.3%
2. Frank Rohlfing	4-2	28.8%

Here Comes Santa Clus Open @ Harris

12/2/06 Director: Brady Craven

Class A: Tom Ebers	4-1	76.5%
Class B: Ray Plute	4-1	62.5%
Class C: Lawrence Loney	4-1	44.0%
Class D: Joann Jones	4-1	41.0%
Class E: Denise Bloss	4-1	38.5%
Class F: Donald Plowman	5-0	27.0%
Class G: Neal Straughn	5-0	30.5%
Class H: Pamela Garner	5-0	22.0%
Class I: Sue Roberts	5-0	5.4%

December Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena

12/2/06 Director: Carlyle Gricks

Class A: Bob Long	5-0	66.0%
Class B: Michael Gillespie	6-2	44.6%
Class C: Angie Higginbotham	5-1	44.5%
Class D: Ethan Snow	5-0	34.5%
Class E: Terri Mills	4-1	18.0%
Class F: Lena McDonald	4-1	18.5%

Jingle Bell Rock Open @ New Melle 12/9/06

Dirs: L. Volo/B. Reininger

Class A: Rose Diekamp	6-1	64.3%
Class B: Donnie Rahe	6-1	45.6%
Class C: Mary Duke	7-0	39.4%
Class D: Ed Griffith	6-1	42.7%
Class E: Jim Howard	7-0	36.8%
Class F: Joann Wall	5-2	26.8%

Santa Open @ Glen Allen 12/9/06

Dirs: Melody & Danny Williams

Class A:		
1. Cori Stoverink	7-0	66.7%
2. V. Schreckenber	6-1	35.8%
Class B:		
1. C. Schreckenber	7-0	33.9%
2. Larry Riley	6-1	28.6%

2-Long Between Open @ Harris Arena

12-16-06 Director: Charles Killgore

Class A: Tom Ebers	7-0	75.0%
Class B: Ralph Richardson	5-2	48.2%
Class C: Michael Gillespie	4-1	39.2%
Class D: Dee McIntire	5-1	29.3%
Class E: Pamela Garner	4-1	23.2%
Class F: Laura Johnson	6-1	6.7%

Jingle Bells Open Park Hills 12/16/06

Director: Boxie Schrum

Class A: Randy Grady	6-1	59.5%
Class B: Dan Peterson	5-1	41.2%
Class C: John Sappers	5-1	31.9%

Winter is Coming Open @ Hudson Hall

12/16-17/06 Dir: Frank Hudson

Class A: Gary Bowling	6-1	56.7%
Class B: Marion Harris	5-0	47.6%
Class C: Darrin Sherman	5-1	36.9%
Class D: Gary Ball	5-0	26.0%
Class E: Alfred Mundy	5-0	16.5%

Horseshoe Pitching Locations in Missouri

As known 09/29/06. Some locations may not have sanctioned league or tournament play.
Contact the following people for information.

Backyard Horseshoe Club (Glen Allen)

Indoor

Danny & Melody Williams

HCR 64, Box 817

Glen Allen, MO 63751

(573) 238-0047

E-mail: nipdpeg@prodigy.net

Ballwin

Rich Altis

232 New Ballwin Rd.

Ballwin, MO 63021

(636) 394-3640

E-mail: richaltis@juno.com

Bevier Double Ringer Horseshoe Club

Junior Nute

301 Adair

Bevier, MO 63532

(660) 773-6940

Capitol City Horseshoe Club (Jefferson City)

Steve Bruemmer

48 Marcus Dr.

St. Peters, MO 63376

(636) 541-3232

E-mail: s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net

Caulfield Horseshoe Club

Bob and Esther Kingsolver

11508 County Rd. 7630

Caulfield, MO 65626

(417) 284-3042

Chillicothe Horseshoe Club

Donald Plowman

1712 Clay St.

Chillicothe, MO 64601

(660) 646-0174

E-mail: dauljpearplowman@sbcglobal.net

Crane Creek Ringers Club (Crane)

Bill or Judy Waisner

37445 State Hwy 413

Crane, MO 65633

(417) 723-0081

E-mail: jwaisner@century.tel.net

DeKalb County Horseshoe Club (Maysville)

Joe Owen

518-B Hillcrest Dr.

Cameron, MO 64429

(816) 632-1046

Festus Horseshoe Club (Crystal City)

Indoor & Outdoor

Eddie Valle

1626 Scenic Dr.

Festus, MO 63028

(636) 933-3528

First Capitol Women's League (St. Charles)

Sally Montgomery

2745 Penbrooke Lane

St. Charles, MO 63301

(636) 947-1391

Golden Triangle League (O'Fallon)

Jim & Carol Howard

119 David

St. Charles, MO 63304

(636) 441-7679

E-mail: HorseshoeJC@aol.com

Golden Valley Horseshoe Club (Clinton)

Eugene Loyd

414 W. Allen

Clinton, MO 64735

(660) 885-3868

Heart of America Club (Kansas City)

Kent Armstrong

4011 NE 52nd Terr.

Kansas City, MO 64119

E-mail: armstrongkent@aol.com

Heartland Indoor Horseshoe Assoc.

(Don Harris Arena - Liberty)

Indoor

Gregg Craven

1474 Hemlock

Liberty, MO 64068

(816) 781-4132

E-mail: GreggandA@juno.com

Hudson Hall (Crane)

Indoor

Frank and Ruth Hudson

Rt. 1, Box 139

Crane, MO 65633

(417) 723-5429 or (417) 840-5434

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Independence Horseshoe Club

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Independence, MO 64050
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Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club (Laurie)

Bob & Donna Bastel
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Gravois Mills, MO 65037
(573) 374-8243
E-mail: lkhouse@usmo.com

Liberty Horseshoe Club

Nile Abbott
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Parkville, MO 64152
(816) 741-4188
E-mail: nabbott@kc.rr.com

Lions Park Horseshoe Club (Peculiar)

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403 W. Walnut
Archie, MO 64725
(816) 293-5403
E-mail: glennbowmans@wmconnect.com

Marshfield-Pitchers Paradise Horseshoe Club

Marshell Keith
320 Hill Haven Rd.
Marshfield, MO 65706
(417) 859-2781

Mineral Area Horseshoe Club (Park Hills)

Indoor
Boxie Schrum
1331 Perry Dr.
Bismarck, MO 63624
(573) 734-2658

Mountain View (3 Ringer Courts)

Dan Hobbs
1230 County Rd. 3030
Mountain View, MO 65548
(417) 934-6741

Nemo Horseshoe Club (Kirksville)

Gary Coy
1606 S. Downing St.
Kirksville, MO 63501
(660) 665-2402

Novinger Coal Miners Horseshoe Club

John Airale
P. O. Box 176
Novinger, MO 63559
(660) 488-5341

Pony Express Horseshoe Club (St. Joseph)

Dean Jameson
3311 Messanie
St. Joseph, MO 64501
(816) 232-5577

**Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club (Wentzville)
(formerly New Melle Horseshoe Club)**

Indoor
Martin Orf
4706 Hwy P
Wentzville, MO 63385
(636) 332-3310
E-mail: morf@mail.win.org

Saline County Horseshoe Club (Marshall)

Tom Ebers
c/o 162 W. Court
Marshall, MO 65340
(660) 885-5520 (work)
E-mail: mebers@usa.com

Shelbina Library Park Horseshoe Club

Russell Ebbing
105 Windmill Cir.
Shelbina, MO 63468
(573) 588-2244
E-mail: russelle@dstream.net

Stockton Horseshoe Club

Wayne Barber
19670 E. 1700 Rd.
Fair Play, MO 65649
(417) 276-6022

Tri-State Horseshoe Club (Diamond)

Indoor
Carlyle Gricks Jr.
18765 Beech Rd.
Diamond, MO 64840
(417) 325-4456

Warsaw-3 Ringers 3 Horseshoe Club

David Whipple
26453 Wiedenmann Pl.
Edwards, MO 65326
(660) 438-5730

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Pitchers Association secretary:

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Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club
May 5, 2007

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Entry Requirements

4th Annual MOHPA Open/Team Championship Benefit

Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, MO • June 2, 2007

1. This tournament is a MOHPA fundraiser. All profits realized from this event will stay with the MOHPA.
2. This is an NHPA sanctioned event. All pitchers will be placed according to their NatStats average as of May 10, 2007. New pitchers may use a sanctioned league average of at least 400 shoes (Attach signed letter from League Director) or send a score sheet for 100 shoes pitched consecutively (Attach score sheet witnessed by 2 sanctioned league members).
3. **Entry Information:** All entries must be submitted on an Official Entry Form and must be signed and dated. Send entries to: Donna Bastel, 1028 Oak Point Dr., Gravois Mills, MO 65037. **Make checks payable to: MOHPA.**
 - **Singles:** Open to all current NHPA members, regardless of residence. Adult entry fee: \$15.00. Juniors: Free. Entries must be received by May 4, 2007. Late entries will be put on a standby list. No refunds for cancellations received after May 4, 2007.
 - **Team event:** Open to Missouri residents and out-of-state pitchers who are currently members of a Missouri club. Team entry fee: \$25.00. Have your Team Captain fill out the official team entry form listing all 5 team members. Please submit one check for the \$25.00 team entry and the singles entry fee of \$15.00 per pitcher. Total check amount: \$100.00. Entries must be received by May 4, 2007. No refunds for cancellations received after May 4, 2007. Your club may enter as many 5-person teams as you wish. Note: At least 3 people on each team must be club members. If you do not currently belong to a club, please contact one of the clubs and let them know you would like to be a part of their team at this event.
4. **Singles portion of tournament:** Will be limited to 128 pitchers. Classes will be scheduled for eight-person round robins where possible. All games will be cancellation scoring. All classes will pitch 40-shoe games (this will allow ample time for team tie breakers, if required). In the case of a tie, each player will pitch an additional 4 shoes. If the score is still tied, an additional 4 shoes must be pitched until the tie is broken. All games are subject to NHPA and MOHPA rules and judges decisions will be **final**.
5. Each singles participant also signed up as a **team** member will accumulate points based on their win/loss record: 1st Place – 8 Points, 2nd Place – 7 Points, 3rd Place – 6 Points, 4th Place – 5 Points, 5th Place – 4 Points, 6th Place – 3 Points, 7th Place – 2 Points and 8th Place – 1 Point. Any Classes with less than 8 pitchers will still start with 8 points for 1st Place. Tie Breakers: 1) Win/Loss percentage, 2) losing points scored.
6. **Any pitchers** not completing their schedule forfeit all prizes unless officially excused.
7. **All pitchers** must wear a shirt with at least their last name lettered neatly on the back.
8. **All pitchers** must pay their scorekeeper \$1.00 prior to the start of each game.
9. **Trophies:** Plaque and patch will be presented to 1st Place only in each singles class.
10. **Notification:** Pitching times will be mailed to all entrants
11. **Team portion of tournament:** Points accumulated by team members during normal singles play will be added together. If there is a tie for 1st Place, the tie-breaker will be as follows: The 5 pitchers on each team will be matched by ringer %. Each of the paired pitchers on opposing teams will play one game using a 90% Handicap and alternate pitch. The team with the highest win record will become the **Missouri Club Team Champions**.
12. **Team Trophies:** One State Club Team Championship plaque will be presented to the 1st Place Club Team at the 2007 MOHPA Awards Banquet to be held in September 2007. Individual plaques will be presented to each of the five 1st Place Club Team members.

Tentative Schedule: (Subject to change)

Saturday, June 2 @ 9:00 am: Classes I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P
Saturday, June 2 @ 1:30 pm: Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

For questions, contact: Donna Bastel, 573-374-8243, e-mail lkhouse@usmo.com.

Zone 1: Charles Killgore (816) 930-3353

Zone 2: Rich Altis (636) 394-3640

Zone 2: Bob Bastel (573) 374-8243

Zone 4: Danny Williams (573) 238-0047

Hotel Information

The Holiday Inn – Wentzville, 900 Corporate Parkway, is offering rooms for horseshoe pitchers who will be attending this event on June 1 or June 2 at the rate of \$57.95 plus tax. They are reserving a 40 room block area for the MOHPA pitchers. Call 636-327-7001, tell them you are with the horseshoe association.

Camping Information

Quiver River State Park offers overnight camping. Located 3 miles east of Troy on Highway 47. Call (636-528-7247) for more information. The campsite is located approximately 15-20 miles from Quail Ridge Park.

4th Annual MOHPA Open Benefit
Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, MO • June 2, 2007

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____ Phone (____) _____
NHPA Card # _____ Birth Date _____ Adult _____ Junior _____
E-Mail _____

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

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

Adults: \$15.00 Entries must be received by May 4, 2007 Juniors: Free

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Team Entry Form Team

4th Annual MOHPA Team Championship Benefit
Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, MO • June 2, 2007

Team Name _____ Team Captain _____

1. Name _____ Address _____ City _____
ZIP _____ Phone (____) _____ NHPA Card # _____ Birth Date _____
Adult _____ Junior _____

2. Name _____ Address _____ City _____
ZIP _____ Phone (____) _____ NHPA Card # _____ Birth Date _____
Adult _____ Junior _____

3. Name _____ Address _____ City _____
ZIP _____ Phone (____) _____ NHPA Card # _____ Birth Date _____
Adult _____ Junior _____

4. Name _____ Address _____ City _____
ZIP _____ Phone (____) _____ NHPA Card # _____ Birth Date _____
Adult _____ Junior _____

5. Name _____ Address _____ City _____
ZIP _____ Phone (____) _____ NHPA Card # _____ Birth Date _____
Adult _____ Junior _____

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

Signed: _____ Dated: _____
(Team Captain)

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

Team: \$25.00 Adults: Open, \$15.00 Each; Team, \$5.00 Juniors: Open, Free; Team, \$5.00
Entries must be received by May 4, 2007

MOHPA Hall of Fame

by Bob Diekamp

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

Player Category

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

Promoter Category

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

Player/Organizer Category

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

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

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

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

MOHPA Hall of Fame Committee

Bob Diekamp, Chairman

Val Eikel, Don Harris, Tim Henderson, Tom Ebers, Fred Smith, Sharon Taylor, and Ron Hassler

1984 Charter Members

Ezra Beard, Jack Claves, Dan Cook, Billy Crick Sr., Frank Crumm,
C.C. Davis, F.L. Ludemann, Tom Meagher, William Pfender, Lawrence Robinson

1985 Inductees

Bob Bales
John Elkins
Jack Erwin
Wayne Winston

1986 Inductees

Ray Cavin
Paul Lattray
Alfred Smith

1987 Inductees

Earl Winston
Vicki Winston

1988 Inductees

James Acock
Dave Baker

1989 Inductee

H.P. Heidel

1990 Inductees

Charles Killgore
J.A. Bud Larson
D.E. "Red"
Wommack

1991 Inductees

Oscar Bozich
Wayne Trautwein

1992 Inductee

Louis "Lefty"
Steinmann

1993 Inductee

Elwyn Cooper
Woodrow Shephard

1994 Inductee

Charles Picraux

1995 Inductee

Don Harris

1996 Inductee

Sam Carter

1997 Inductee

None

1998 Inductees

Val Eikel
Stan Griggs
Wayne Henderson
Mel Ingram
Don Jones
Art Schroeder

1999 Inductees

Joe Faron
Sam Foster
Kent Armstrong
Alan Francis

2000 Inductee

Harvey Wobbe

2001 Inductee

Carl W. "Cotton"
Gutshall

2002 Inductees

Jerry Griggs
Pam Henderson

2003 Inductee

Randy Grady

2004 Inductees

Rich Altis
Rose Diekamp
Tom Ebers

2005 Inductee

Jeanette Claas

2006 Inductee

Kelly Hill

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall Of Fame

(Evaluation Data)

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

(Please print or use typewriter)

Name of Applicant _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

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

Skills:

Organizer:

Promoter:

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

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

Submitted by _____

1st Revised Cancels Original 2007 Missouri Horseshoe Tournament Schedule

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Date	Sanc. Number	Tournament Name & Location	Contact	E-mail or Cell Number
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* @ Lucky Gricks Arena, Diam.	Gricks 417-325-4456	
01-13	19-07-025	Super Bowl Special* @ New Melle (R)	Claas 636-447-3039	djclaas@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* DonHarris Arena%%	Straughn 816-246-0310	nmstraughn@netzero.net
01-20	19-07-084+	Jan. Freeze Mixed Open @ Park Hills	Mc Entire 573-431-6107	573-330-2766
01-20,21	19-07-047	Winter is Here* Hudson Hall @ Crane	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 @ Lucky Gricks Arena, Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
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	19-07-085+	St. Valentine Day Mixed Open @ Park Hills	Mc Entire 573-431-6107	573-330-2766
02-17,18	19-07-048	Spring is Coming* @ Hudson Hall @ Crane	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* @ New Melle	Bailey 573-764-3631	
03-03,04	19-07-004	Mar. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena, Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
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	19-07-086+	March Winds Mixed Open @ Park Hills	Mc Entire 573-431-6107	573-330-2766
03-17,18	19-07-049	St. Patrick's Day Mixed Open @ Hudson Hall @ Crane	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
03-24	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
04-14	19-07-046	Dustoff the Horseshoes* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg@prodigy.net
04-14	19-07-077	Caulfield Spring Mixed Open	Kingsolver 417-284-3042	
04-14,15	19-07-005	April Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena, Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
04-14,15	19-07-030	West vs East* @ New Melle	Evans 314-878-3845	revans@evanspe.com
04-21	19-07-063	Peculiar Spring Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowmans@wmconnect.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
04-28	19-07-070	Crane Spring Tune Up Mixed Open	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.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 (Mens Div. 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
05-12	19-07-060	Spring Fling Mixed Open @ Laurie	Jenkins 573-216-1580	hun02@hotmail.com
05-12	19-07-081	Mountain View Spring Mixed Open	Hobbs 417-934-6741	
05-19	19-07-001	Chillicothe Mixed Open (limited to 6 classes of 6)	Plowman 660-646-0174	dauljpearplowman@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
05-26	19-07-071	Crane Memorial Day Mixed Open	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
06-02	19-07-066	MOHPA Club/Team Benefit* @ Quail Ridge	Bastel 573-374-8243	lkhouse@usmo.com
06-09	19-07-064	Peculiar Summer Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com

06-09	19-07-078	Caulfield Summer Mixed Open	Kingsolver 417-284-3042	
06-16	19-07-016	Wilbur Hodgson Memorial* @ Liberty (in-out)	Craven 816-781-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
06-16	19-07-035	Summer Heat* @ Quail Ridge (R)	Volo 314-434-4075	
06-16	19-07-082	Mountain View Summer Mixed Open	Hobbs 417-934-6741	
06-17	19-07-055	Father's Day Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
06-30	19-07-072	Crane Summer Mixed Open	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
06-30	19-07-075	St. Joseph Mixed Open	Campbell 816-238-7312	pcampbell@co.buchanan.mo.us
07-07	19-07-036	Nite Owl Special Doubles* @ Quail Ridge 5:00 PM (R)	Claas 636-447-3039	djclaas@sbcglobal.net
07-07	N/S	Caulfield Pro-AM	Kingsolver 417-284-3042	
07-14	19-07-061	Summer Splash Mixed Open@Laurie (cell 816-918-6789)	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
07-15	19-07-056	Jefferson City Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
07-23/08-04	OK Sanc.	World Tourn@(Hardy Murphy Colliseum) Ardmore, OK	Hansen 262-835-9108	nhpa.sec.treas@worldnet.att.net
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08-04	19-07-057	Sizzlin' Summer Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
08-17,18,19	19-07-067	MO State Fair Mixed Open @ Sedalia	Bastel 573-374-8243	lkhouse@usmo.com
08-25	19-07-024	Independence Fall Mixed Open @ Independence	Gwinn 816-796-0213	fgwinn@comcast.net
08-25	N/S	Crane Broiler Festival	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
08-31	19-07-068	State Championship (adult) Doubles* @ Independence	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
09-01,02,03	19-07-069	State Championship Singles @ Independence	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
09-08	19-07-065	Peculiar Fall Mixed Open	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com
09-08	19-07-079	MO-Ark Shoot Out* @ Caulfield	Kingsolver 417-284-3042	
09-14,15	19-07-062	Hillbilly Fair Mixed Open @ Laurie	Bastel 573-374-8243	lkhouse@usmo.com
09-15	19-07-074	Crane Fall Mixed Open	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
09-22	19-07-015	Kansas City Mixed Open @ Don Harris Arena (1ST 44)	McIntire 816-452-0254	dmcintire@kc.rr.com
09-23	N/S	Hoot & Holler @ Gainesville	Kingsolver 417-284-3042	
09-29	19-07-076	Ray Cavin Memorial Mixed Open @ St. Joseph	Campbell 816-238-7312	pcampbell@co.buchanan.mo.us
09-29,30	19-07-058	Big Money Mixed Openh @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
10-13	19-07-080	Caulfield Fall Mixed Open	Kingsolver 417-284-3042	
10-13,14	19-07-017	West vs East* @ Don Harris Arena	Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
10-14	19-07-059	Octoberfest Mixed Open @ Jefferson City	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
10-20	19-07-037	Fall Team Handicap* @ Quail Ridge (R)	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@aol.com
10-20	N/S	Crane Doubles & Barbecue	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
10-27	19-07-018	A L S Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena (Coop 8167410043)	Craven 816-781-7581 %%	brcraven@webtv.net
10-27	19-07-083	Mountain View Fall Mixed Open	Hobbs 417-934-6741	
11-03	19-07-019	7th Holly Marie Memorial Benefit* @ Harris Arena	Griggs 816-313-1814 %%	moshoe@kcnet.com
11-03,04	19-07-006	Nov. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena, Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
11-17	19-07-020	Snow Bird Fly Away* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
11-17	19-07-038	Turkey Trot* @ Quail Ridge (R)	Feldewerth 636-978-1292	dfeldewerth@centurytel.net
11-17,18	19-07-050	Before Turkey Day* @ Hudson Hall @ Crane	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
12-01	19-07-021	Here Comes Santa Claus* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Craven 816-741-7581	brcraven@webtv.net
12-01,02	19-07-007	Dec. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena, Diamond	Gricks 417-325-4456	
12-08	19-07-039	Jingle Bell Rock* @ Quail Ridge (R)	Volo 314-434-4075	
12-15,16	19-07-051	Christmas is Coming* @ Hudson Hall @ Crane	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434

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