

From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Spring is here and the pitching begins in earnest. After curtailing my planned visits to the St Louis area to limit their vulnerability to ice and snow storms, I now bring rain and flooding. If only my pitching was so consistent!

Club/Team Benefit

Laurie and the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club, originally the alternate site and host for this year's event have been working hard to make it the best benefit ever. Team entries have been slow and we have more single entries than we expected. Donna will try to get the singles assigned to a team to help stimulate the friendly competition. Be sure and get your room reservations ASAP or you will be driving further and paying more.

NHPF Commemorative Brick Program

Way to go, Missouri. We have purchased almost 25% of the more than 400 bricks sold thus far. With many weather delays finally behind them, the contractors are making progress on the new NHPA facility. Put the dedication ceremony on your schedule for October and plan to check out the museum and hall of fame. Thanks again for your enthusiastic support.

2007 State Championship at Independence

The Independence club has been working feverishly to complete their planning for this year's tournament. The next four months will pass quickly so be sure and get your entries in and make reservations early. This could be the biggest state tournament we have had in years. The alternate pitching site in case of inclement weather will be the Liberty Horseshoe Club courts and Harris Arena at Stocksdale Park in Liberty. Remember, the goal of the tournament is to crown the state championship winners required by the NHPA. These classes will have priority in the Harris Arena if we encounter rain over the Labor Day weekend. The makeup weekend will be 22 September. This will give the MOHPA Secretary time to reschedule cancelled classes and make the appropriate notifications well in advance. This date will interfere with a sched-

uled Kansas City Horseshoe Club event at Harris Arena. Let's hope the alternate date is unnecessary. Sorry, KC.

NHPA Game-Related Sales

The new NHPA GRS Director is our own VP, Roy Evans. Roy replaces Ken Kosky, who died unexpectedly last year. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will be responsible for the administration of the program. This is another example of the commitment of Missouri pitchers supporting the sport and the state and national associations. Keep up the good work.

Sportsmanship and Conduct on the Court

As the season begins, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone horseshoes is a family friendly sport and we have standards of conduct to which each of us is expected to conform. While leagues are a little more casual, tournament participation is another story. Rule 12, Sections A & B of the NHPA RGS explicitly spell out inappropriate behavior. The penalties call for a warning from the judge or tournament official for the first offense. The second violation can call for the forfeiture of the game or all remaining games. Suspension from the NHPA for one year is possible. The tournament director has the ultimate responsibility to take action. I expect any MOHPA officer who observes such behavior to notify the director and take immediate action with the player involved to remedy the situation. Regardless of what may prompt an outburst—poor performance, frustration or lack of patience with oneself or another player, spectator, or scorekeeper—is no excuse and must be dealt with quickly and professionally. Bad conduct has an impact on the players and spectators and cannot be condoned. The rules apply equally to all players from the Championship class to the Cadets. If we don't enforce the rules, we can expect the quality of play to deteriorate and we will lose the respect of players, spectators and others who follow the sport. If you see a problem, talk to the judge or tournament director. If they can't resolve the issue, call me.

2007 World Tournament in Ardmore, OK

By the time you receive this *Shoe Biz*, the deadline for tournament entry will be past. I hope you have all taken advantage of the opportunity to attend a World tournament in your own backyard. It's an experience you will always remember. I believe MO pitchers will set a record for class wins this year. And, we should have the most entries from around the country. **Everyone, have a good game.** I'll see you there. **"That's it from the Pits."**

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A Touch of Claas

by Jeanette Claas

The biggest excitement for Missouri this summer will be the opening of the new NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame building. By late July, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club should be moving in and enjoying their first club picnic on August 11. The concrete is poured and the steel framing is up. With a little imagination, we can visualize the final product and feel the excitement. The huge building can be seen from the intersection of I-70 and Hwy 40-61; stop by and take a peek. (I said, "Take a peek.")

Next to the thrill of the new facility is the thrill of the new pitchers that are joining the MOHPA. We want to welcome each new member into our organization. We want to show you how much fun the sport of horseshoes can be and what is in store for you.

Let's start by looking at all the tournaments you can pitch in by checking the tournament schedule in this issue. Elwyn Cooper, our Regional Director, has compiled tournaments from all areas in Missouri.

You might want to attend the World Tournament in Ardmore, OK, in July. Yes, there is a class for even the beginners. In the middle of August, you could find yourself among the Missouri farm animals at the Missouri State Fair looking for a blue ribbon, as you compete at the traditional MO State Fair Horseshoe Tournament in Sedalia.

In September, you will definitely want to spend Labor Day weekend in Independence attending the MO State Horseshoe Tournament, with horseshoe pitchers from across the state all contending for a first-place trophy.

On October 5, drive to Wentzville for an impressive Dedication Ceremony for the new facility. It will be a horseshoe moment in horseshoe history you won't forget.

In between all this activity, you can enjoy your horseshoe pitching abilities at small tournaments and leagues, developing your own technique and improving your skills.

As you look through this state newsletter, you will read stories about people who have done outstanding work in Missouri for the

sport of horseshoes. Missouri is blessed with people who not only are talented horseshoe pitchers, but people who volunteer many hours promoting and organizing tournaments, events, and leagues.

It is with sadness that sometimes we have to say good-bye to some of these special people who have left us with wonderful memories that we shared with them. Read what the Missouri STEWLIERS are doing to keep "Burly's" memory alive.

We also have some "little horseshoe pitchers" in our organization; the future of our sport is depending on them. Read about little Savanna Johnson, a 9 year-old, who was the first junior to send in her profile. And see what Alyssa Leger of Liberty has accomplished for the second time. Congratulations, Alyssa!

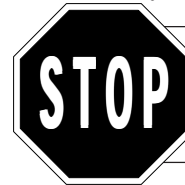
You will agree that "love was lovelier the second time around" for a couple who found their way into horseshoes when you read Who's Who in Horseshoes.

If you were to Wake Up to Missouri in this small town of 135, you might hear the church bells ringing. A poem was published by an author who was truly inspired by its meaningful tones.

If you look at the new member list, you will already see that you got your name in the newsletter. We hope we will be seeing it there many more times in the future. We're glad you are with us, we need *you*, and we need your support. There is something for everyone to do. See you on the courts!

This issue of *Shoe Biz* was brought to you by these horseshoe enthusiasts: Jim Bainter, Roy Evans, Vicki Winston, Rich Altis, Stan Griggs, Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Dee McIntire, Melody Williams, Dave Loucks, Jan Kreienkamp, Andy Foulds, Don & Gidget Rahe, Stan Bailey, Gregg Craven, Laura Estes, Ginny Weiss, Bea Feldewerth, Angie Higginbotham, Jim Howard, Judy Waisner, Terry Bowman, Sharon Taylor, and Yours Truly.

Until next issue, like Paul Harvey, I wishoe a good day. May the rest of the day, be the best of your day.



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

The National Game-Related Sales has Moved to Missouri

by Roy Evans

With the recent death of Ken Kosky, the NHPA has appointed me as the Game-Related Sales director. On April 16, my wife Suzanne and I, Don and Jeanette Claas, and Mickey and Dorie Gillette went to Schofield, WI, and loaded all the game-related stuff on a large 28-foot U-Haul truck and brought it back to Saint Louis.

With the help of Rich Altis, Don and Jeanette, Jim and Elaine Bainter, and Martin Orf, we purchased, set up, and restocked shelf racks in my garage, leaving my vehicles out in the cold, completely homeless. This amounted to 2,518 pairs of horseshoes and many other horseshoe items. What didn't fit is stored in a warehouse where Rich Altis works. When the new facility is finished the national game-related sales will be relocated there.

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will be a distributor in the Missouri area. If you need any shoes or other items, you can contact Dave Feldewerth at 636-978-1292 or e-mail him at dbfeld@excite.com. See the ad in this month *Show Biz*.

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 June, 2008. Thank you all for your support of our newsletter!

Listing expires after June 2007 Issue		Listing expires after Feb. 2008 Issue	
Richard Altis	\$40	Nile Abbott	\$20
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Val Eikel	\$20	Bob/Donna Bastel	\$20
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Roy's Ramblings

Roy Evans, MOHPA vice-president

The concrete has been poured, the frame work is going up, the electrical wiring has been connected, and the pits are being made ready for the NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame and Museum complex. The completion will be sometime late July or early August. The museum is in progress and on time. A model was made up of the HOF and was shown Sunday during the West/East tournament and during the Six Pac tournament. It is quite impressive.

The dedication will be Friday, October 5, at 11:00 am and will be open to the public. Look for the entry info in the *Newline Magazine* for the tournament on the 6th and 7th. It is a three-person club/league event put on by the NHPA. The following year it will be held in Indiana.

Bill Courtwright who started Deadeye Horseshoes has Alzheimer's and is in a care facility. He can remember people from the past but not recent. His son, Tim, who runs the company now says he is lonely and would appreciate any call from people who knew him in the past. Call 314-270-7709.

Once again our MOHPA president came to Saint Louis and brought bad weather. I think he is beginning to believe his own hype.

Plans are getting under way for the state tournament. So don't forget to send your entry in early or you might miss the deadline.

State Fair Update

by Donna Bastel



Bigger changes taking place. I mentioned in the February *Shoe Biz* that the State Fair Board had agreed to replace the cracked portions of the concrete runways. I received a call from Jim Bainter about a month ago saying that he had driven by the courts in Sedalia and *all* of them were torn out. When I contacted Mark at the State Fair Board, he said they decided that while they were at it, they might as well replace them all. So, when you come to the State Fair Tournament this August you will play on brand new courts.

You will find the State Fair Tournament entry form in this issue of *Shoe Biz*. If you have any questions, give me a call at 573-374-8878 during the day and 573-374-8243 in the evenings.

We need *you* to make this tournament a memorable event.



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This & That

by Vicki Winston

As I write this column the rusty horseshoes from winter are now becoming rusty from the frequent rains. Well, at least the weather is warmer and soon we will be complaining that it is too warm. We humans are hard to please. One thing that has popped up during this spring weather is the steel framework for the new NHPA Hall of Fame complex at Quail Ridge Park. It is exciting to see the building actually under construction, after a long wait. You may view the progress on the NHPF link of the NHPA web site, or on our own MOHPA web site.

Although a lot of pitchers have renewed their memberships for 2007, at this writing there is still a lengthy list of pitchers who have not. If you are one of them, you still have time to get an application and check into the mail and you will be able to enjoy several more months of sanctioned pitching in 2007. Horseshoe pitching is no longer a seasonal sport in our state. There are several locations that provide opportunities to pitch all year long and hundreds of pitchers are taking advantage of that. If you do not send your renewal, I'm afraid that we will have to say goodbye and this will be your last issue of *Shoe Biz*. It's worth the price of dues just to be able to continue to enjoy our editor's interesting and/or witty stories.

Some of our leagues and clubs are doing a wonderful job of recruiting new pitchers. This is something that has to be done on the local level and your state officers cannot do it for you. We can offer advice and a limited amount of help, but you will have to do the leg work and the publicity work that it will take to grow your club or league. Our Publicity Director, Sharon Taylor, might be able to give you suggestions and you can also help her by advising her of your events and also your local media contacts. While you are busy recruiting new pitchers, don't forget to make contact with those who are dropping out. Retaining the members that we already have is also a big concern. The turnover each year is mind boggling, so let's all do our best to promote the NHPA

MOHPA Publicity News

by Sharon Taylor

On May 20 at the Crown Pointe Church in Independence, the MOHPA will be promoting horseshoe pitching during their RED DAY. There will be two Kansas City Chiefs players, Chiefs cheerleaders, Wolfy, and other sports people there. We plan on having head-to-head competition with some of our local pitchers. Stan Griggs has agreed to take on one of the Chiefs in a game. I hope in the next edition of *Shoe Biz* we can have the results. We will have a promotional table set up and we hope to get some interest from the crowd.

Not much other news to report from the Publicity department. I have received notices of tournaments from only one club. I've been in touch with the Independence Examiner and Liberty paper in regards to printing information on our horseshoe pitching in the Kansas City area. If you have any ideas regarding promoting this sport please let me know as right now things are pretty slow.

and the MOHPA and show everyone what a great organization we have. Thanks to all for your hard work and dedication to our sport.

Some sanctioned league directors have stated that they didn't know they were supposed to send a copy of their starting league roster to the charter secretary when they send it to Lorraine Sternberg, the NHPA Sanctioned League Coordinator. This is your official notice that you are responsible for that small task. Copy machines are available everywhere if you need one. Also, your starting league roster needs to be sent to Lorraine as soon as your league starts. NHPA insurance will not cover your league until she receives the roster. You may send additions to your roster at a later date, but get the initial roster to her and to me as soon as the league begins. Thank you.

There are league statisticians that apparently don't know they are supposed to send a copy of their final league stats to our state statistician, Stan Griggs, when they report the final league results to Lorraine Sternberg. This is mandated because the NHPA does not share league information with our statistician. Again, copy machines are readily available if needed. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Shoe Biz* you will find the entry forms and information for entering the state tournament to be held over Labor Day weekend in Independence. We are looking forward to the use of 24 permanent courts, plus 10 portable courts, to play this event. For those who have visited Independence for previous state tournaments, you will be glad to know that the restroom facilities near the permanent courts have been greatly improved. A large and modern building now exists. The entry information should be self explanatory, but if you have questions, please feel free to contact me. The deadline for receiving entries is **August 1, 2007**. Don't wait until the last minute to ask questions, because virtually all of our officers will be in Oklahoma for all or at least part of the World Tournament. I will be processing the last entries upon my return from Ardmore and will have everything ready for Stan to work on the tournament lineup when he returns a few days later. Your pitching schedule will be mailed to you, but it will also be available on our web site before you receive your mailed copy. We hope there will be a large turnout this year. **The banquet will be held on Saturday night, Sept. 1. Adult tickets are \$15 each and children age 12 and under will be \$6 each.** It will be a buffet meal and you may include money for banquet tickets when you send your state tournament entry to save sending a check later. However, more information will be mailed with your state tournament pitching schedule for those who wish to wait a while to make banquet reservations. Your banquet tickets will be available for pickup when you arrive at the state tournament site.

Wishing everyone a great outdoor pitching season and until next time, I leave you with this thought: "It's nice to be important, but even more important to be nice."

Condensed Financial Report

Balance on Hand 11/01/06	\$12,381.79
Receipts	13,291.21
Expense	- 13,731.95
Balance on Hand 05/09/07	\$11,941.05



Last Shoe



Wayne L. Trautwein

December 15, 1913 – January 31, 2007

Wayne Trautwein, 93, Kansas City, MO, passed away on January 31, 2007. Wayne was born in Green, Kansas, the son of Martin and Grace Trautwein. He was a longtime member of the Antioch Community Church. In 1950, he started working for Manor Bakery in Clay Center, Kansas, and later in Kansas City, where he retired as a Sales Manager. He retired in 1978 after 31 years of service. Wayne married his wife of 71 years, Fern, on February 26, 1936. They had four children, all living in the Kansas City area. He is survived by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Wayne began his horseshoe-pitching career on a farm in Kansas in the early thirty's. In 1945, a friend introduced him to the organized game of horseshoes and thus began an interest he would pursue for the rest of his life. In 1948, pitching in A Class, Wayne tied for first place against the legendary Wichita horseshoe pitcher, Marines Tamboer. Losing the playoff game, Wayne placed second, winning \$10, a new tie, and a hammer. A job transfer moved his family to Kansas City, MO, in 1957. He met up with Charlie Killgore and qualified for his first MO State Tournament in 1961. The Trautweins traveled to Sedalia for this event but were unable to find a place to sleep. Their son and his wife slept inside the car, and Wayne and Fern retreated to the trunk for a good night's rest. Using the spare tire for a pillow, Wayne put a horseshoe over the edge of the trunk so no one could close the lid on them.

Wayne was a member of the Heart of America Horseshoe League for more than 30 years. He won many trophies and awards throughout the years. He was voted Sportsman of the Year by his peers six different times. He was a well-liked and respected man and was known as "Mr. Personality." From 1974-96 Wayne was the all-time leader of the Senior Men's Division with 54 wins, maintaining a 53-57% average. In 1991, Wayne Trautwein was inducted by the MOHPA into the Missouri Hall of Fame for his many years of dedication to the sport of horseshoes.

Wayne's horseshoe pitching also influenced members of his own family. His daughter, Connie, living in Arizona, also pitches shoes and each year held a tournament there in honor of her father. More known to the Missouri pitchers is his daughter Sharon and her husband, Kent Armstrong. Kent was president of the MOHPA for some years and Sharon has pitched in the Women's Division for many years. This family has many wonderful years of horseshoe memories.

In recent years Wayne's failing health made it impossible for him to participate in horseshoes. However, he was our oldest active member until his death in January.

The MOHPA membership is saddened by the loss of Wayne but his memory is well alive and will never be forgotten. Our sincere sympathies are extended to the Trautwein family.

Waller I. Huffman

April 23, 1923 – February 28, 2007

Mr. Waller Irvin Huffman, 83, of Liberty, Missouri, passed away February 28, 2007, in Cameron, MO. He was a retired Certified Public Accountant computer specialist for the Wright, Herford, and Sanders Accounting Firm. He graduated and received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri in 1947. He was the previous owner and operator of the Trading Post grocery stores in mid-town Kansas City and Independence, MO. Mr. Huffman was a member of the Liberty Christian Church. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps, serving during World War II as a First Lieutenant, piloting C-47 transport planes in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Huffman enjoyed golfing, bowling, his bridge club, fishing, and traveling. He was also an avid crossword and jigsaw puzzle. He was very good at embroidery and cross-stitch. He is said to have a very dry sense of humor. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke, it was well worthwhile to listen.

Waller was a charter member of the Liberty Horseshoe Club and a NHPA member for 18 years. He did stats for many years on the Tuesday night league and served as Secretary Treasurer of the Liberty Horseshoe Club. As many of you know, he was pretty tough competition on the courts.


He had been in a rest home the last few years and unable to participate in horseshoe pitching. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. His presence on the horseshoe courts will be sadly missed.

Eugene "Burly" Burlingame

May 23, 1927 – February 19, 2007

Gene Burlingame, 79, of Davenport, Iowa, passed away Monday, Feb. 19, at Genesis Medical Center following an extended illness. Memorials may be made to National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation.


He married Betty Schaffer on June 21, 1974 in Aledo IL. Burly
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"Mr. Horseshoe"
is celebrating his 80th birthday!
June 4, 2007

**Missouri horseshoe pitchers salute this
World and State Hall of Famer who is a
50-year-plus MOHPA member!**

Look What You Started!
80 Ringers to Earl Winston
From your Friends in Horseshoes



Last Shoe, from page 5

was a veteran of the U.S. Army from 1945–1947 retiring as a sergeant in the tank company. He was a machinist and roofer in his early years. He was employed at the Rock Island Arsenal as a supervisor of the tool grinding department, retiring in 1979. He was a member of Good Sam's Camping Club and the Area Maintenance Persons volunteer group. Burly was also a proud 45-year member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

His hobbies included pitching horseshoes, NASCAR racing, bowling, and playing pool. He was the founder and president of the Paul Stewart Fan Club, known as the "Stewlies," whose website is www.stewlies.com. Its 879 members are from as far away as Ireland. He enjoyed supporting youth sporting events, especially those involving his grandchildren. Burly was a loving, supportive dad, grandpa, and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, seven children, eleven grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and his chocolate lab, "Ringer."

Burly touched many lives in the horseshoe circuit and was indeed the sunshine in our sport of horseshoes. His death saddened each of us and his memory will forever live on. Once a Stewlie, always a Stewlie, but there will be no more new Stewlies. If you would like to honor Burly in memorials, the Stewlie Council is suggesting that you either buy a brick in his memory. You can also send any amount of money and they will pool it to purchase as many bricks as possible with the amount collected. Make your checks payable to NHPF and mail to Paul Stewart, 1043 Old Mountain Road, Statesville, NC 28677. Let's do it, it's a "Stewlie Thing."

Our Sympathies

- Francis and Norman Ennis, of QRHC, whose mother passed away on January 31. She was the mother of 12 children.
- Ed Friederich, of QRHC, whose wife of 56 years passed away on March 1.
- Ed Owen, of Maysville, lost his wife on October 19, 2006.
- Sharon Taylor, of Kansas City, lost her dear mother on April 7.
- Lyle Samuelson, of Liberty Horseshoe Club, on the recent loss of his sister.

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame

by Dee McIntire

I have been appointed the new Hall of Fame Chairperson and will be accepting nominations for inductees into the Hall of Fame for 2007 through June 1, 2007. Stan has put the new nomination form and criteria for selection on the MOHPA web site. Nominations can be submitted either by e-mail at dmcintire@kc.rr.com or by mail to Dee McIntire, 6802 N Askew, Gladstone, MO 64119. Please be sure to print or type your nominations.

We have two new committee members, Bob Kingsolver and Sam Carter. I'm sure they will be great additions to the process. I want to thank Bob Diekamp and Val Eikel for all their hard work on the Hall of Fame Committee these past years.

Illnesses

- Janet Weber, of 1st Capitol Ladies League, has been diagnosed with gall bladder cancer.
- Joe Faron, while in Florida this winter, had some heart problems and had to have a pacemaker inserted.
- Mary Beeson, of QRHC, had surgery on Feb. 19.
- Larry McAlister, of Tri-State Horseshoe Club, was hospitalized for three months.
- Larry Gilchrist, of QRHC, was hospitalized with pneumonia on April 17, 2007.
- George Chichura, of the Liberty Horseshoe Club, had a heart attack on January 8 and is back pitching once more.
- Anna Vangilder, of QRHC & Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club, had open heart surgery to replace the aorta after the State Tournament last September. It is good to see her pitching once more.
- Lloyd Buchheit, of QRHC, was diagnosed with cancer and had surgery in April.
- Tom Goodnick, of QRHC, had rotator cuff surgery in March after a fall on black ice this winter.
- Donald Isaacson, of the Lake of the Ozarks Club, is recovering from a stroke.

Accidents

- Bobbie Jones, of the Tri-State Horseshoe Club, was badly injured in a car accident in St. Louis.
- Doug Peoples' wife, Alma, had a close call when she fell into the cold water at the Lake in December. With some nearby help, they managed to get her out.

Congratulations

- Larry & Alice Volo celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 3, 2007!
- Joann & Ron Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 26, 2007!
- Mark Hatfield, of QRHC, recently became a proud grandpa for the first time in March.
- Ed Griffith, of QRHC, became the double proud grandpa of twin granddaughters born on Thanksgiving Day!
- Owen Moore, of the QRHC, whose youngest son, Adam was married to Ashley Bateman on April 28.
- Bob Diekamp, Stan Griggs, and Mary Beeson are celebrating and counting the days that they have been tobacco-free!



Thinking of You!

Let us remember the horseshoe pitchers who are unable to pitch this season for whatever reasons that may be. To those who are battling an illness, our thoughts are with you and best wishes for a complete recovery. For those who are aging and can no longer participate, we wish you restful days. To those who are grieving over a lost loved one, may you find comfort in knowing that your friends in horseshoes care and share your grief.

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Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

Question

Old south heritage is apparent across southeastern Missouri amid the gently rolling countryside that dips into valleys, while sparkling creeks meander through fertile farmland. When the Mississippi River was America's frontier, settlers crossed it in search of new land and new resources. In 1856, immigrants of Dutch-German descent, came down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi River to Cape Girardeau by boat and ox-drawn wagons. Reverend John van Luytelaar, bringing twelve families with him, had assumed 160 acres of land at the price of 12½ cents per acre from the U.S. Government in the community of Vinemount.

The community began work on its first church, St. John's Parish. During this time, the community suffered greatly during the Civil War, with some families moving back to Cape Girardeau. When the town applied for a post office in 1894, it was discovered that another town in Missouri was also called Vinemount, so the people had to come up with a new name. They decided to name it in honor of Pope Leo XIII, which was in keeping with the inspiration for the community effort of building St. John's Church.

Over the next five years, a rectory and school house were built. After the turn of the century, in 1923, electricity came to the small farming community and a few automobiles could be found. A Diamond Jubilee was held in 1931 in spite of the Depression. In 1944, the beautiful shrine of Our Lady of Peace was constructed. Prayers have been said at the shrine for the safe return of soldiers; not one serviceman of the parish has failed to return home alive. Throughout the years, the church has been added onto, remodeled, and redecorated and now stands with more than 850 members who come from surrounding areas for worship services.

In 1968, the Knights of Columbus members built their K of C Hall. The Council hosted the Knights of Columbus State Horseshoe Tournament in 1987. Two hundred and fifty-nine teams from around the state took part in the competition and more than 1,500 attended the tournament. It is believed this was the second largest horseshoe tournament ever held in the country with only the National Championships being larger. They also hosted this same tournament in 1997 and again in 2006.

The town consists of a school, a fire department, church, post office, the Knights of Columbus Hall, and a little country store.

Today it is a community with outstanding people who make do with what is provided. The church and the family unit are

most important and members of the community take care of each other. There is a unique, close-knit feeling among these families that is quite unusual in modern-day America.

Can you name this small town in Missouri that is located on a county road in Bollinger County, about five miles southeast of Marble Hill?

Answer

Leopold consists of roughly 165 residents and has one of the smallest high schools in the state of Missouri. Amid this small population is the Stoverink family, who are making their name known in the MOHPA. Cori Stoverink was the 2002 Women's runner-up at the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament held in Springfield. Her husband, Edgar, pitches in the Men's Division, and their son Wesley is one of Missouri's junior horseshoe pitchers.

The Stoverinks moved to Leopold in 1990 knowing it would be a much better and safer place to raise their six children. In 2002, they bought a little country store in town, which serves as a Wal-Mart to its residents. The Stoverinks are a hard-working couple. Cori runs the general store and Edgar is employed at Missouri Dry Docks in Cape Girardeau. Three months after their youngest child, Wesley, was born, they discovered he was deaf. Doing all they could to help Wesley, the entire family learned sign language so they could communicate with him. When Wesley was 2 years old, they brought him to St. Louis and he

qualified for a cochlear implant. They enrolled him at the Central Institute for the Deaf and Cori drove him back and forth for 2 ½ years. Wesley is now in the 5th grade in a public school and doing very well. The Stoverinks enjoy three grandchildren with another one on the way.

The first time Cori picked up a horseshoe was when she met her husband. It took her four years before she earned her first trophy. And master the game she did, tying for 1st place in the Women's Championship Division in 2002. Cori has also won the Knights of Columbus State Tournament three times. She has already met most of the goals, with the exception of winning the State Title. When she wins that one, she would like to travel on to the World Tournament.

Cori joined the MOHPA in 2000 and is a member of the Backyard Horseshoe Club, where her family enjoys pitching horseshoes on weekends when they are not working. It helped when Danny Williams built his horseshoe facility, enabling them to play year-round. She loves pitching horseshoes and competing with her old and new friends that she has met along the way. Most of all, Cori loves living in Leopold where she feels secure and listens daily to the bells of Leopold.

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The Bells of Leopold

By Dr. Vest C. Myers, written on the occasion of the 75th founding of the community and its first church.

At dawn across the eastern hills
I used to hear the clear-toned bells
Now low and sweet, now loud and bold,
The ringing bells of Leopold.

I've heard them in the gay springtime
Ring out the merry wedding chimes
In silver notes and not too bold,
Those gala bells of Leopold.

And sometimes on an autumn day
They say they sang a roundelay
In softened tones – in notes of gold,
The mellow bells of Leopold.

I've heard that at the midnight hour,
Sometimes there creeps out from the tower
A solemn song, as days of old
Speak through the bells of Leopold.

And one day when a dirge was played,
And sadness hearsed both man and maid,
I heard them moan across the world
Those solemn bells of Leopold.

I've gone afar from childhood scenes
But still there come to me in dreams,
Those memories sweet of joys old,
And I heard the bells of Leopold.

Announcing a First for Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers!

By Jeanette Claas

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will hold its first indoor tournament at its new facility the day after the Dedication Ceremony, which will be held on Oct. 5 at 11:00 a.m. The National Sanctioned Club/League Tournament will be a two-day event held on Oct. 6-7. The tournament directors are Lorraine and Terry Sternberg.

It is a three-person team event and it does not matter what distance they pitch from; however, no juniors are allowed in this tournament because it is a money tournament. The tournament is handicapped with count all. The number one pitcher pitches against the number one from the other team, the number two pitcher against the other team number two, etc. throughout the tournament.

The idea of this tournament is to enter as many teams from different clubs as possible. The tournament is limited to 20 teams, and Lorraine feels the tournament will fill up fast. A club can enter more than one team, however, they need to indicate the number of their team (1st team, 2nd team, etc.). In case the tournament does not have 20 entries from 20 different clubs, then there will be a second team. The entry form will be in this upcoming issue of *Newsline* and will also be posted on the web site soon.

The tournament will probably start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, depending on the amount of team entries.

This NHPA event will be held in Missouri for the first time so if you would like to get a team together, contact Terry or Lorraine at 262-677-3300 or horshoewi@aol.com.



New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston

Welcome to the new 2007 MOHPA members who have joined us for the first time between Jan. 13, 2007, and May 8, 2007.

Name	City	Club
Michael Allen	Barnhart	
Matt Anson	Independence	Independence
John Barchers	Adrian	Lions Park
Joe W. Barry	Liberty	Liberty
John G. Bowman	Florissant	
Ruth Braning	St. Charles	First Capitol
Janice Chance	Kansas City	Liberty
Patricia DeClue	St. Peters	First Capitol
Laura Denningmann	St. Charles	First Capitol
Ron Dishong	Columbia	
Jim Eastin	Liberty	Liberty
Shasta Fisher	Carthage	Tri-State
Kiefer Forck	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Steve Forck	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Paul Foster	Gladstone	Liberty
Mary Gerant	Gravois Mills	Lake of the Ozarks
Joshua Gohlmann	Kansas City	Independence
Sarah Grandin	O'Fallon	First Capitol

Darrin Gregory	Camdenton	Lake of the Ozarks
Richard Hackathorn	Gravois Mills	Lake of the Ozarks
Kurt Hake	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
A. Irene Heisler	St. Charles	First Capitol
Savanna Johnson	Independence	Liberty
April Klutenkemper	St. Peters	First Capitol
Brittany Koss	Malta Bend	
Tom Lehmann	Kirksville	NEMO
Alvin Meeks	Stockton	Stockton
Robert O'Bryan	Sunrise Beach	Lake of the Ozarks
Shawn Osborn	Harrisonville	Lions Park
James Pogorzelski	Arnold	
Darrell Savage	Sunrise Beach	Lake of the Ozarks
Teri Schlueter	St. Charles	First Capitol
Joe Sherman	Weaubleau	
Susie Simon	St. Charles	First Capitol
Toby Stapleton	Galena	Crane
Cindy Steinbruegge	Florissant	First Capitol
Evelyn Thoele	St. Charles	First Capitol
Kyle Thornton	Stockton	Stockton
Stephanie Varney	Independence	Independence
Mark West	Barnhart	Festus
Gary Wiederhold	Hallsville	
Bob Young	Buckner	Independence

Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Jeanette Claas



Those two cute little kids you saw in the winter issue of *Shoe Biz* were none other than Don and Gidget Rahe of Troy, Missouri. Don began pitching with a nonsanctioned league in O'Fallon during 1981.

That's when he really fell in love with the game. He joined the New Melle Horseshoe Club in 1988. Pleading with Gidget to pitch horseshoes, she joined in 1995. They became very active and productive members of the club.

Back in 1947 while Gidget's parents were on a trip to visit their parents, Gidget was born prematurely in Poplar Bluff, which caused a longer stay than they anticipated. The young Dixon family lived in a logging town along the Jacks Fork and Current Rivers, where her dad worked at her grandpa's sawmill after coming home from the war. Gidget has many memories of playing in the river at Alley Springs and floating on inner tubes on the Jacks Fork River. When Gidget was three years old, her mother died giving birth to her younger brother. Gidget and her older brother moved to St. Louis with her dad and her baby brother stayed in Grandma's care. In 1956, they moved to St. Charles, her dad remarried and Gidget acquired two more brothers. Gidget married shortly after high school and had a baby boy.

Don was born and raised in St. Charles. After high school Don married and went to work for the Carter Carburetor Company in St. Louis. Gidget and Don became acquainted as the two couples lived across the street from each other. About eight years later, in 1979, Don ran into Gidget's best friend at a party. Don confided to her that he was divorced and she told him that Gidget was also divorced. It didn't take Don long to make that important phone call. They married in 1984 and bought a little farm house in Troy. Don is employed by McCarthy Brothers Construction and Gidget works for the R.C. Printing Company that prints our *Shoe Biz* newsletter. Gidget was responsible for picking up and delivering the newsletters back to the NMHC where she turned the club and its members into a sheltered workshop collating the newsletter.

When the great flood of 1993 hit St. Charles, Gidget's dad was caught in the midst of it and lost everything. As Gidget grew up, her father became her mom and dad rolled into one. She wanted to return the love he had given her throughout her lifetime. She and Donnie purchased a house for him in Old Town St. Peters, close to his friends. He lived there until his unexpected death in 2006.

Throughout the years, the Rahe's traveled with the NMHC to Joelton, TN, many times, enjoying the Jack Freeman courts and creating fond memories of the nightlife of Nashville, especially the night Donnie was called upon stage to sing "Daddy sang bass, Mama sang tenor," etc. They have always been country music fans and when the time came for the NMHC to perform at a MO State Horseshoe Tournament, they were one of the first to volunteer their favorite singers. We've always thought Donnie to be a look-a-like Kenny Rogers, and even more so when he lip-synched "The Gambler" to everyone's delight. Not to be outdone, Gidget impersonated Tammy Why-Not, singing "Stand By

Your Man." Since that time, their performance has been requested at other social events.

Don and Gidget were really excited when they found out that the 2002 World Horseshoe Tournament would be in Red Deer, Canada. They saved their money and took two weeks off work, flying to Calgary and renting a car for the remaining trip. Don pitched the first week and they spent their evenings in Red Deer, visiting all the restaurants with the Evans's and the Bloss's. Roy would inform the waitresses that it was Don's birthday and they all got free cake. Of course, Don had to wear a few weird hats and some awful looking moose horns. Don got a lot older that week, thanks to Roy's mischievousness. The second week, they traveled through the Rocky Mountains, taking in all the sights, including a helicopter ride over the mountains, horseback riding up in the mountains, hiking on the trails, and swimming in the hot springs. "It was a wonderful trip and a lifetime of memories we'll never forget," remarks Gidget.

Don and Gidget are each competitive on the courts and have won their share of trophies throughout the years. Don recently pitched a whopping 70% at the Jingle Bell Rock Horseshoe Tournament, and then came back with a 9% game. "That's horseshoes!" says Donnie, "Go figure!" He throws a beautiful 1¾ turn and even when he misses, it is still a pretty shoe. Don pitches in a men's summer league in St. Charles and pitches in two winter leagues. Gidget pitches in a winter league and also with the 1st Capitol Women's League during the summer time. They have been partners in the Jack & Jill league for the past twelve years.

When not pitching horseshoes, they enjoy the company of their son and two grandsons. They bought a swimming pool several years ago so the boys have something to do at Grandma & Grandpa's house. We are glad they became partners back in 1984, happy they became partners in the Jack & Jill league, and delighted to have them as tournament director partners. This couple is well-liked and respected on the courts and represent Missouri well no matter where they go. We are fortunate to have this couple in the MOHPA. Thank you, Don and Gidget, for all your time and dedication for the sport you love.



It was love at "firsta sight" for these two Italianos
While he played a baseball, she played a piano.
Fifty years after saying a "I Do,"
the couple now plays a horseshoe.
That's AMORE!

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

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

NHPF News, Views & Donations

by Dave Loucks

At the end of January, the sale of the last Joelton parcel of land was concluded. The deal closed for \$310,000, less the usual real estate sales fees. All the proceeds are expected to be used toward the new Hall of Fame & Museum building project in Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, Missouri, where construction has finally gotten into gear, although some two to three months behind schedule. The frigid weather has left the area and we have only to contend with the occasional rainstorm and a few remaining delays related to some specific permits that the county has been dragging their feet on. For those of you who are interested, you can get a first-hand look at construction progress by clicking the NHPF link on the NHPA website.

The Commemorative Brick plaza and parking lot is also behind schedule due in most part to the bad winter weather. In the last Newline issue, I mentioned that the brick plaza was expected to be finished and the engraving process started. Well, neither of those happened and we now look to the month of May before engraving can start. The annual Six Pac Tournament, hosted by the New Melle Club (which has changed its name to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club), was to have been played in the new facility. Scheduled for the first weekend in May, the location obviously had to be moved back to New Melle, the site of play in previous years. We also had to cancel the planned May date of the building dedication ceremony. It has been rescheduled for October 5, the day before the weekend start of the 2007 NHPA Sanctioned Club/Team Tournament, which will be the first major national event scheduled for the new facility.

We have now received orders for more than 400 commemorative bricks. This program is adding some badly needed revenue to the Hall of Fame building project. The NHPF needs and asks for your support of this project. If you haven't yet ordered a brick, please consider doing so. It is a wonderful way to visually show your support. You can purchase a \$100 or \$200 brick and honor or remember a loved one, your entire family, or a special friend. The plaza has been arranged so most states will have a specific assigned area for bricks ordered by people from that state. This

will make it easier to find your engraved brick should you decide to visit the site.

At the end of March, the NHPF issued three more grants to clubs needing funds to rework courts or install new pitching facilities. In the past three years, nearly \$25,000 in grant money has been issued. Maybe your club will be next. Don't forget that the NHPF still needs continued cash contributions for its work in grant and educational programs. Any donation amount would be appreciated. All contributions and brick orders are to be sent to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

For the months of February and March, the NHPF deposited \$25,388 received through contributions and brick orders.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation Commemorative Brick Program

by Jeanette Claas

Hurray! Hurray! It's the 1st of May!
An update on the bricks is coming your way!
Hurry! Hurry! Now don't delay,
October 5th is a very important day!

The Good News is...

More than 400 bricks have been bought for the Commemorative Brick plaza that will be built outside the Hall of Fame Facility. These bricks are being purchased by horseshoe pitchers all across the USA. Missouri horseshoe pitchers have purchased approximately 22% of them, which is good, but not quite good enough.

The Bad News is...

There is room for 4,000 bricks in the Commemorative Brick plaza. The Dedication Ceremony for the new NHPA Hall of Fame Museum and facility is scheduled for October 5. If you are a NHPA Hall of Famer, or a state Hall of Famer, wouldn't you be proud to have a brick showing the world what an honor you have earned in the sport of horseshoes? You might want to consider giving a little back for what the sport has given to you. If you haven't already purchased your brick, you may want to do so right away, so your brick will be proudly on display at the time of the Dedication Ceremony. Let's show all our visitors who we are, what we do, and how excited and enthusiastic we are to have the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Hall of Fame here in Missouri. Your brick will be your testimony.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ _____

I pledge \$ _____

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

Send to:

NHPF, P. O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946



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National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

Be a Team Player: Buy a Commemorative Brick

What a great way to support this NHPA Hall of Fame building project. Buy a commemorative brick to remember or honor someone special, a loved one, a friend, club, or business. An engraved brick is the perfect way to let someone special know how much you care. Honor your parents, spouse, children, grandchildren, club, or organization. Remember a special date, a birthday, graduation, or anniversary. An engraved brick is a gift that can last forever.

Your engraved commemorative brick will be laid in the Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza just outside the front entrance to the Hall of Fame building. There will be a large special horseshoe-shaped bench on which to sit and enjoy some of the park vista while perusing the engraved bricks in the plaza.

A brochure and order form is on the NHPF Website. Go to the NHPA Website and click on the link for the NHPF. The bricks are ordered thru Dave Loucks at PO Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

Brick Specifics

Two brick sizes are available. The vast majority will be 4"x8". A limited number will be 8" x 8". The smaller brick can have up to three engraved lines. Each line can have up to 13 characters including blanks and punctuation. All letters are in CAPS. Cost: \$100 per brick, 3 bricks for \$250.

The larger 8" x 8" brick can have up to six lines of engraving, 13 characters per line. Quantities of this size will be very limited. First ordered, first served. Cost: \$200 per brick.

Missouri Brick Purchasers as of May 1, 2007

New Melle Horseshoe Club (Harvey Wobbe), Mel Bruemmer, Elwyn Cooper, Ozark Horseshoe Club, Jim Bainter, MOHPA, Stan Griggs (Jerry Griggs), Rich Altis, Christina 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, Jerry Weller, Wes Brakensiek, Mickey Gillette, Paul & Sharon Taylor (2), St. Charles County Amateur Sports HOF, Stanley Becchetti, Joseph Wolf, R.V.Wagner Inc., Joe Faron, Mark Pisane, Ralph Orf, Dave Molitor, Clarence Eggert, Erwin Brakensiek, Mary Ann Ell, Walter Molitor, Robert Long, Charles Bextermiller, Roy & Suzanne Evans, Independence HSC, Francis Griesbauer, Cal Jaeger and the Missouri Stewlies.

(If you purchased a brick after May 1, 2007, your name will be on the list the next issue of *Shoe Biz*.)

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

by Melody Williams, Junior Coordinator

Hello! I hope this finds all the Youth and their families surviving the long Winter and looking forward to the Spring and upcoming Summer! Wash off/dust off/paint those horseshoes and get out and start practicing!

Thanks to all who sent their profile information back to me! They will be printed one or two at a time (space allowable) in the next few upcoming *Shoe Biz* issues! If you have not sent yours yet you still can do so! Jeanette is being so kind as to publish the information again as we did not have as good of a response as we had hoped for! *Get them mailed in to us! You can see yourself in the spotlight!*

The NHPA has requested that Missouri participate with some horseshoe demonstrations at the grand opening of the NHPA Hall of Fame at Quail Ridge Park. I have been requested by some of the NHPA officers to help out with this. They are requesting a

few Junior pitchers, boys and girls, and a few Cadet (Pee Wee) pitchers to participate in this. It will be held on Friday, October 5, 2007. I am not sure of the time yet and I do not have any of the other details yet. As soon as the details are available, I will let all of you know. It may involve missing a few hours of school on that day so make sure that your parents are aware of this before you volunteer! If you are interested in participating in this event, please let me know ASAP!

Also, just a reminder if you have not paid your 2007 dues, you need to do so! If your parents/grandparents, etc. have not done so yet, remind them too!

We are still talking about a possible pizza party at the MO State tournament this year! Look for more details at a later date!

My family and I will be attending the World Horseshoe Tour-

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nament this Summer in Ardmore, Oklahoma. I hope to see some MO Juniors/Cadets (Pee Wees) there! Let me know if you are going and I will make a special point to watch you and cheer you on!

Thanks for being such great kids! Keep up the good work! Keep pitchin' those shoes! Please call me if you ever have any questions or suggestions for the Juniors! See you at MO State if not before!

Getting To Know Our Juniors!

by Jeanette Claas

Our Junior spotlight shines upon nine-year-old Savanna Johnson of Independence. She is a third grader at Sycamore Hills Elementary School and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Merriott. Her hobbies are photography and writing and she loves to play baseball.

Savanna's parents are Keith and Laura Johnson. She is the youngest child in a family of six that includes: Madeline, 16; Lindsey, 23; Heather, 24; Nathan, 25; and Justin, 23. Savanna loves animals and in her household you will find two

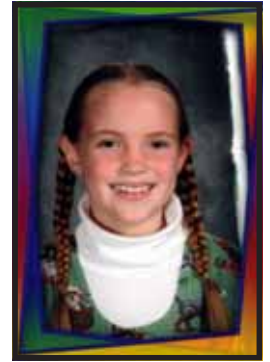


dogs (Risky and Chance), a fish named Bubbles, and two snails (Peachy and Samma). It's no wonder that she wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

Savanna's parents have been pitching with the Liberty Horseshoe Club for several years and encouraged Savanna to join. Savanna began pitching in the past winter league. She has not entered any tournaments yet, so she says, "I have zero wins." Her most admired horseshoe pitcher is Nick DiRaimo, of Liberty, because "he gets lots of ringers." At the present time, her main goal is "To beat my average." Savanna thinks she can encourage other children to pitch horseshoes by telling them how much fun it is.

Savanna would like for you to know that she is most proud of her niece, a little girl named Adrienne.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers welcomes Savanna into our horseshoe family. We wish her much fun and many ringers as she progresses in her horseshoe career!



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 you like most about it:
4. Name of school and grade attending; favorite class or teacher:
5. Hobbies:
6. Brothers/sisters: How many and their names/ages
7. What do you want to be when you grow up?
8. Do you have pets?
9. Do you participate in any other sports?
10. Number of tournaments you have entered. Any wins?
11. What is your horseshoe average?
12. Who encouraged you and got you started in horseshoes?
13. What horseshoe pitcher do you admire the most and why?
14. What do you want to accomplish in horseshoes?
15. How would you encourage other Youth to start pitching horseshoes?
16. Send a school picture of yourself.
17. Any other comments that you might want to add that would be of interest.

Congratulations, Martin Orf!

By Jeanette Claas

March 10, 2007. All of a sudden winter disappeared and an early warm spring day finally arrived. What a wonderful evening it was as we attended the 24th Annual St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame Awards Banquet at the American Legion Post in St. Charles, MO.

This year the Board of Directors honored ten men and women whose outstanding records earned them a place not only in the Hall of Fame, but also a place in the hearts and memories of the fans of St. Charles County.

Martin Orf, of Flint Hill, a member of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, was honored this year for his contribution to horseshoes in St. Charles County. After playing baseball for the East Missouri Hard Road League for 19 years (from 1950 to 1968), Martin thought his days of participating in organized sports were over.

In 1970, he was asked to pitch horseshoes with the O'Fallon Horseshoe League. Having never pitched before, he started out in the beginner's league. After two years he was pitching with the advanced pitchers, some who are also in the Hall of Fame.

From 1980–1993, Martin sponsored a horseshoe team in the O'Fallon League. The team was very successful, placing first in the league almost every year. In 1982, he was elected president of the league and held that position until 1993.

In 1994, Martin joined the New Melle Horseshoe Club, where he pitched in the Monday Night Jack & Jill League with his wife, Ursula. He also pitches in the Wednesday Night Men's League. In 2000, Martin was elected president of the New Melle Horseshoe Club. In 2005, the New Melle Horseshoe Club changed its name to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, where Martin is still serving as the current president. Martin has been a member of the NHPA/MOHPA for 16 years.

Martin has been an active Tournament Director for 12 years. He has pitched high games of 70 and 80%. Over the years, Martin has participated at the world, state, and local tournaments, earning him a collection of more than 100 trophies and plaques. Martin also has received the Sportsmanship twice, once in the O'Fallon League and once in the New Melle League. He was given the Most-Improved Player award at New Melle.

Accepting his award, Martin thanked the association for the honor and gave an outstanding speech inviting the sold out audience to come pitch at the new Hall of Fame facility when completed in July.

"I would like to take this opportunity to promote the sport of horseshoes. Years ago, horseshoes was an activity that mostly older men participated in when there was a family gathering and some beer was to be enjoyed. Two pegs were driven in the ground in the back yard, or as on our farm, they were driven in where, you guessed it, in the horse lot. I was the youngest in the family and my father and brothers, being so much older than I, told me that

I was too little to pitch the shoes and of course, much too young to drink beer."

"Some things haven't changed. There is still beer to be enjoyed, but the participants have changed. Now, young boys and girls and ladies are taking part in the sport. Our club includes boys and girls as young as 12 and one lady who was 82 when she stopped pitching. We have a gentleman in our club who is age 88 and still very active."

"In most sports, your time is limited on how long you can be competitive. It also helps if you are of special physical stature, like being 7 foot tall and able to dunk a basketball, or strong enough to hit a baseball 400 feet or throw it at 90 miles an hour. As you can tell by looking at me, that isn't necessary in horseshoes."

"Now instead of driving two pegs in the backyard and just pitching in the summertime, we have indoor facilities where pitching can take place all year long. New Melle was one of the first to have indoor courts in Missouri. The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is building a NHPA Hall of Fame Museum at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville that, when completed, will be the finest in the nation, housing 16 indoor courts and eight outdoor courts that will be available to anyone who visits the park. Missouri is now home of several sports museums and we are honored to have the National Horseshoe Hall of Fame to be among them."

"We hold tournaments each month and have winter leagues for men and women, so instead of getting cabin fever when you can't get out to play golf, come and enjoy some horseshoes. We have an exciting invitational tournament that will be pitched on the first weekend in May where World Champion pitchers come from across the country. If you want to see some great pitching, you must come to this event. The world champion only averages 90%."

"Once again, I want to thank the Hall of Fame Committee for giving me this honor. Also thanks to my family and to my horseshoes friends for being here and making it something special I will never forget."

After looking back on this special evening for Martin, he reflects, "This award is something that I never imagined would happen to me. Ursula and I have been to other awards ceremonies to help celebrate the good fortune of others being inducted into the Hall of Fame. I thought that was just for special people with exceptional talent. It is something that I will remember for a life time. I have participated in several different sports, but you meet the finest people in horseshoes that are willing to help you improve your game. When you make a friend in horseshoes, you have a friend for life."



Earl's Pearls

15-year-old Alyssa Leger of Liberty is running home. She sees a person with a mask and then runs back to where she started. Why?
See page 14.

A Tribute to "Burly"

by Jeanette Claas

Welcome to STEWLVILLE, population 828! It's bigger than some small towns in Missouri. These 828 STEWLVIES are from areas all across the United States, Canada, Ireland, and Norway. It has been an unbelievable and amazing experience for all involved, and started by chance when a man sought a way to help out a fellow horseshoe pitcher.

It began at the 2000 World Horseshoe Tournament in Bismarck, ND. Our NHPA President, Paul Stewart of North Carolina, told his friend, Gene Burlingame of Iowa, that he was pitching so poorly he thought he needed a fan club to cheer him on. "Burly" thought for a moment and came up with an interesting idea. Burly threw a paper bag over his head that read "The Paul Stewart Fan Club" and stood beside the courts where Paul was pitching, very badly.

Billie Sue Pennington (Walter Ray's favorite mother-in-law) was the Publicity Director and wanted to take a couple of pictures as Paulette Hansen cut holes in the bag so Burly could see. Paul's friend Ron Taylor became the second person to join the fan club, only to get the Iron Pig trophy back that rightly belonged to him. Billie Sue became the #3 fan. And so it went, the fun and laughter began, not knowing or caring what they were getting into, except having a good time with it.

Jenny & Jim McCombs, of Ohio, sent an email to Burly saying they wanted to become Paul Stewart's STEWLVIES, and the name STEWLVIE was born. Each STEWLVIE would be given a short two-word name, like a nickname of sorts. Everyone who wanted to join became a Charter member. The Executive Council consisted of STEWLVIE #0, the Original (Paul Stewart); STEWLVIE #1, Da Prez (Burly); STEWLVIE #2, Pork Taylor (Ron); and STEWLVIE #3, Billie Shoe (Pennington). Burly thought they needed another woman on the Council so people wouldn't think they were male chauvinists with only one female on the council, so STEWLVIE #8, Donna Body (Dodson), was added to the council.

Burly invited everyone to become a STEWLVIE. An intro letter was sent to all new STEWLVIES explaining the organization. It read: "We have no dues, no fees. We don't engage in any rumors, we don't support any causes. We don't do anything. In fact, we ain't even

thinking about doing anything. We just have all become very good friends and kinda help each other if we can."

He purchased a button maker for STEWLVIE buttons (pink for the gals and blue for the guys) and a laminator to make STEWLVIE business cards that were attached to a ribbon to hang around the neck, and sent them to each STEWLVIE with their STEWLVIE name and number on it. You wore these at horseshoe events and you were "proud" to be a STEWLVIE.

They had their own website that Billie Shoe took care of. The organization also had their own National Anthem that Amy Francis and Mom Helen wrote for them and sang at several different World Horseshoe Tournaments. They even had a Chat Yak where you could chat with other STEWLVIES.

Each year the STEWLVIES grew. In October 2000, Burly began his first issue of 'STEWLVIE NOOZ' to update STEWLVIES on the latest news. He would complete 19 of these.

Paul & Burly sent emails to the STEWLVIE membership, telling of STEWLVIES who were ill and needed some cheering up, and the amount of good cheer sent by the STEWLVIES was overwhelming.

Next came the STEWLVIE dolls. Burly created a doll using a brown lunch bag thrown over a piece of styrofoam and added two legs to it. He eventually made more than 700 of these dolls.

After the membership became 700, he began the idea of processing a STEWLVIE horseshoe with proceeds going to the Junior horseshoe pitchers.

In May 2006, Burly and his friend Ken Kosky drove to Missouri for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new NHPA Hall of Fame facility. Burly soon heard of the brick program for the walkway that is to be installed at the new site. Always thinking, Burly came up with an idea, but this one would cost some money. The STEWLVIES had no bylaws or inlaws, only outlaws, and of course, there is no treasurer as there is no treasury. He wanted to buy a couple of bricks so that the STEWLVIES would be forever remembered. So word got out to the STEWLVIES and he received enough money to buy those bricks that will read, "NO Dues" and "NO Don'ts."

Being Da Prez of the STEWLVIE Organization, sometimes he wondered, "What in the heck have I done? Is all this foolishness getting out of control?" And then he would receive letters, thanking him for what he had done. It was an amazing thing that happened. Seemed like each day there was laughter about some STEWLVIE happening. And sometimes tears. It was an unbelievable and rewarding experience that he created that lasted six years and Burly loved and enjoyed every minute of it. As Burly said, "Whodda ever thunk it?" Burly became responsible for a boatload of fun and foolishness that drew 828 of us into his club and we all ran with it. And what fun it was, he put the sunshine into our spirits. Just what we all needed.

I was STEWLVIE #107, Rubber Lips. Burly subscribed to *Shoe Biz* because he enjoyed reading the newsletter. He called me several years ago from Iowa and said he wanted to change my STEWLVIE name to "High Claas." "Anyone who can put out a newsletter like that should have a distinguished name," he said. I was very honored to have my



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Answer to "Earl's Pearls"

Alyssa is playing baseball! From page 13.

name changed. Of course, my husband's STEWLIE name was "No Claas." He was the last STEWLIE to join the list.

Burly read in the Reader's Digest that medical researchers had discovered a new disease that had no symptoms. It is impossible to detect and there is no known cure. Fortunately, no cases have been reported so far. Sounded like a STEWLIE disease to him.

And then in late October 2006, the STEWLIES got word from Burly's wife, Betty, that da Prezz was sick, seriously ill, but we didn't want to believe it. A mass found in his stomach. This was no STEWLIE disease. It was now his turn to reap the good cheer from the STEWLIES. But our good wishes weren't answered the way we wanted them to be. And on February 20, 2007, Burly passed away, leaving a void in our hearts, a void in our horseshoe world. He spread the sunshine and kept us all grinnin'. What a legacy he left behind.

STEWLIE-VILLE is closed now. The Executive Council has decided there will be no more STEWLIES, as this was Burly's thing. If you would like to honor Burly in memorials, the STEWLIE Council is suggesting that you either buy a brick in his memory or you can send any amount of dollars and they will pool the money to purchase as many bricks as the amount will reach. The more bricks we buy in his memory will just show everyone who didn't know him what a great person he was. Make your checks payable to NHPF and mail to Paul Stewart, 1043 Old Mountain Road, Statesville, NC 28677. "Let's do it. Let's keep Burly's memory alive. It's a STEWLIE Thing!"

A Thank You Letter to Burly

Dear Burly,

I don't know where the idea for the STEWLIES came from. Oh, I know about the paper bag and the World Tournament and Paul, but you have put together 392 of the kindest people in the world. Each day my mailbox is full of colorful envelopes filled with lovely cards and kind wishes from different countries: USA, Canada, and yesterday a beautiful card from a horseshoe club in Ireland. There is a cheerful card from Walter Ray and his wife, Paige, and cards from the NHPA officers.

My cup runneth over with good friends, many people I don't even know who took the time to send me a card. Yes, Burly, it's a STEWLIE thing and you will never know how much this means to me. Thank you. You did this for me.

Cancer is a mean turn of the shoe. You take chemo, you lose your hair and eyebrows, and it is the fight of your life. Whoever said, "Where are your friends when you need them?" never had horseshoe friends, because they are there with you for the long haul and they get you through the bad times. I love them, and I thank God that we have horseshoes in our lives. I don't know what it is about an old pair of horseshoes and the wonderful fresh air that brings out the best in people, but it is a wonderful horseshoe family and I was never more grateful to have them in my life.

I remember John Brown once asking me if I knew the secret of horseshoes. I expected something profound about the game, but John in his wisdom said, "Billie, it's the people."

Bless you, Burly. Hope to see you soon; you got a hug coming.
—Buckeye Billie

(Editor's Note: The above letter was sent to Burly from STEWLIE Buckeye Billie from Ohio, who was suffering with cancer and the STEWLIES responded to her aid. Buckeye Billie lost her battle to cancer several years back, but she felt the STEWLIE power and the love that Burly passed on.)

Calling On All Missouri STEWLIES

Our dear Prezz Burly, who spread so much fun and foolishness among the horseshoe pitchers across the USA, has passed away. I can think of no other way to keep his memory alive than for us to jointly buy a brick from the Missouri STEWLIES.

There are 45 STEWLIES in Missouri. Once a STEWLIE, always a STEWLIE. Let's do what we can to keep Burly's memory alive. How about a large brick stating, "In Memory of Burly, from the Missouri STEWLIES."

Send your donations to the *Shoe Biz* Editor (that's me) and I will take care of the rest.

Below is a list of the Missouri STEWLIES. Can you guess who they are? Their identities will be revealed at the State Banquet & Awards Ceremony.

#13, Machine Shop Roy; #14, Newsline Faron; #46, Vicki Champ; #47, Old Antique; #62, Randy Sawdust; #76, Rugman Rich; #107, High Claas; #239, Machinists Mate; #260, Six Pac; #265, Fart Head; #270, Old Goat; #303, MO Stats; #334, Carol Meral; #335, Howie Mowie; #404, In 'N Out; #422, Wam Wam; #423 Payne Payne; #431, People Person; #432, The Survivor; #448, Gidge Sue; #449, Honey Rahe; #450, H'shoe Granny; #451, Lost Ringer; #452 Little Red; #453, Medium Red; #477, Know Wins; #478, Dee Dum; #486, Farm Girl; #487, Farm Boy; #536 Joe Bezzerk; #537, Punkie Gal; #538, Ferd Nand; #655, Mt'n Woman; #656, Mt'n Man; #748, Lil' Quilter; #749, F4 Phylar; #771, Sugar Free; #772, Baby Due; #773, Getta Ringer; #774, Pony Tale; #786, Da Blon; #787, Mama Juggs; #788, Cornn Popp; #799, Art Tist; #800, Knee Deep; & #828, Low Claas.

If your name appears on this list and you send in \$5.00 each, this would get us a large brick from the Missouri STEWLIES and I can guarantee you Burly will be smiling down on us. Show me some fun, people from Missouri, and I'll show you 45 grinnin' proud STEWLIES!

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Profile: Bill and Judy Waisner

By Jeanette Claas

Our *Shoe Biz* spotlight shines upon a couple who live in the southwestern corner of Missouri in a small town called Crane, population 1,350. In fact, horseshoes were the reason they moved to the area. Bill Waisner has spent most all his life pitching horseshoes, building horseshoe courts and encouraging others to play. He was instrumental in keeping horseshoes alive, not only in southwestern Missouri, but also in Kansas. He skillfully turned into a 60 percenter and then some serious health problems occurred. His daredevil ways and sense of humor also beat those odds.

Joe Bill Holland was born March 31, 1945 at his grandparent's home in Tunas, Missouri, located about 50 miles north of Springfield. His father, Opal Holland, died of TB when Bill was just nine years old. His mother would marry Elbert Waisner and Bill's name was changed. Bill spent most of his boyhood with his grandparents in Tunas, where he first pitched horseshoes behind his grandfather's garage. His step-father and uncle Melvin also pitched horseshoes. They had courts at home with floodlights so they could pitch after work and at family get-togethers. Bill found out from some horseshoe pitchers from Buffalo that his real father had been a very good horseshoe pitcher in Dallas County, MO.

Bill was ten years old, living in Wichita, when he met a neighbor, Judy Ollenburger Lee. They use to play chicken on their bikes with their younger siblings. Judy's mother would babysit Bill's younger sister until they moved to Derby, Kansas.

Bill, at the age of 16, was working in a service station in Derby, Kansas, for Vern Valdois when he met Marines "Pop" Tamboer, a Kansas State Horseshoe Champion, as well as his daughter, Mary Ann Penninger, who taught him the finer points of competition pitching. Vern was also a State Horseshoe Champion; in 1986 Vern would capture the World's Senior Men's Class Championship at the World Horseshoe Tournament in Ainsworth, Nebraska. Bill took his horseshoe pitching seriously and joined the Kansas Horseshoe Pitchers Association. He entered his first Kansas State Tournament in 1962 and placed 7th in the Men's Division. He loved the thrill of competition and entered lots of town tournaments and company tournaments, winning them. He remained a member of the Kansas Association until 1965.

Bill graduated from Derby High School in 1963. After school, Bill had ambitions of going into the service as a paratrooper. However, when he was 12 he had a rare kidney disease. He tried to enlist in the Army and the Marines, going through boot camp,

but each time they would find the disease on his records and discharged him, afraid the disease would come back at some point. So that ended Bill's dreams of entering any type of branch to serve his country.

Bill found work with Vern and attended Wichita Vo-Tech in Kansas, where he was studying to be a diesel mechanic when he and Judy began dating. On April 26, 1965, Bill and Judy were married at Central Street Methodist Church. Judy graduated from North High School and won a full scholarship to the Professional Beauty College in Wichita. Their first son, Richard, was born in 1965 in Wichita. On the day that their first son was born, Bill was scheduled to do his first solo jump in sky diving. After seeing his son at the hospital, he saw no reason to delay his original plans. During his first jump, his parachute didn't open, but fortunately the reserved did. However, he was bruised like his harness was still there.


In the late 1960s, the Waisners left Wichita for the Kansas City area, where Bill trained as a journeyman diesel mechanic at White Motor Trucks for three years. During this time, they had a daughter, Jodie Michele, born in 1967 in Kansas City. After the three years of training, they returned to Wichita, where their youngest son, Robert, was born in 1968. Bill later changed occupations and became a journeyman bricklayer at age 26. He continued working in this profession until he became disabled in 2002 after a serious illness of tuberculin meningitis. He was only given a 1% chance to live at the Mayo Clinic, but he beat the odds and is still trying to pitch horseshoes despite all his other problems with his atrial fib, arthritis, etc. Judy also changed occupations, working at Cessna Aircraft and attending Wichita Vo-Tech to become a data processor. They later moved to Cheney Lake, west of Wichita, where Judy worked for Farmland Industries until they moved to Missouri.

The Waisners moved to Springfield, Missouri, in 1978 and Bill started pitching horseshoes again at Phelps Grove Park, where he met Ron Frakes. He later met Lee Elbe and Bob Martin at the Repair Shop Lounge where Bill started the leagues that pitched every night. Bill taught their youngest son, Robert, to pitch horseshoes. At the 1981 Missouri State Tournament held at that site, Robert pitched against Alan Francis when Alan was 13 years old.



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During the years ahead, Bill would meet and compete with all the members of the Francis family, but says he never pitched against Alan as he never achieved that ability.

After the Repair Shop was sold, they found out about the Broiler Festival held in Crane, located 40 miles southwest of Springfield. They would travel there to pitch in the evenings. While living in Springfield, Judy attended SMSU and St. John's School of Respiratory Therapy for two years. After she finished her schooling, they decided to move closer to Crane so they could pitch horseshoes more often.

In 1988, Bill taught Judy to pitch horseshoes. They traveled to their first World Horseshoe Tournament at Spearfish, SD, in 1989 where she won a World Champion Title in Class K. That same year, she won first place in the MO State Tournament in Class B at Independence. She held a 55.6% average and placed 7th in the top 25 Women in Missouri during 1995–1996, several years pitching in the Women's Championship Division. She pitched a high 70% game in a tournament against her husband. She won many awards and patches in league play and received the Top Ten Member Patch in league play. She also made the Top 50 in the World Tournament in 1991 in Biloxi, which was her greatest achievement before the illness of Fibromyalgia struck her. The illness weakened her muscles, forcing her to quit working after 23 years as a Respiratory Therapist. It also ended her horseshoe pitching activity. Since then, Judy finds time to quilt and crochet, teaches Sunday School, and is a substitute secretary at her church. She is also the Vacation Bible School crafts director, enjoys scrapbooking, writing family history books, and doing genealogy research.

The Crane City Park only had six dirt courts when the Waisners moved there. Bill was instrumental in getting the local pitchers to get land across the Crane Creek and built the 12 courts that are there today. He works with the City of Crane to keep the tournaments going and maintains the courts. Bill became the first president of the Crane Horseshoe Club and has served as vice president, tournament director and league director. In 1988, the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament was held at this beautiful park. Bill and Judy each worked hard preparing for this State Tournament that they were so proud to be a part of. This could not have been done without the hard work of the City of Crane, Jack Swearingin, Gary Bowling, John Hall, Noel Henry, Robert Bowling, Raymond Bowling, R.A. Bowling, and all of the horseshoe pitchers who helped clear the land, build pits, and pour cement; the wives who helped by cooking hamburgers and making pies; and everyone selling sponsor signs to pay off the loan at the bank. It took all the pitchers in Crane to accomplish this event.

In 1987, Bill's old friend from Wichita, Vern Valdois, called and asked Bill to come to help him open a new horseshoe facility in Arcadia, Kansas. Bill says, "I could not say no to someone who

in my younger days was my boss and a father figure. He was also my personal bail bondsman when I sometime would get a little wild on my motorcycle." After completion of the courts, Bill helped to put on their first tournament. "To all of us who knew Vern, he was more fun and unpredictable than any horseshoe pitcher I ever knew. When Vern and Jim Mihura, of OK, were warming up, I didn't feel bad about catching one of Vern's shoes in a water bucket, only to find out they were not warming up, but had started the game. Of course, Vern said it was going to be a ringer, but Jim and I agreed that I caught it in self-defense! Anyhow, he had to throw it over and there was plenty of laughter and jokes as the day went on." Bill went on to win the tournament in a playoff game with Jim Mihura that was played after dark with car headlights on each stake. "For some reason", Bill says, "That day the Lord blessed me with the skill to show off in front of my 'teacher' some 25 years later. To this day, it was my best and most cherished horseshoe tournament ever."



Bill instantly became a promoter and organizer of horseshoes. After the Ron Frakes Memorial Day Tournament held in Springfield was cancelled, Bill started the Memorial Day Tournament in Crane to replace it. He helped to build the courts at the Aurora Eagles Club and started league play there. For those who could not travel to the World Tournaments, Bill started the Hot Times Tournament. Another favorite tournament is the "Two Bit Tournament" he holds at the end of season horseshoe league play. The doubles tournament drew 21 teams this past year with the old timers bringing their own partners. Bill provides all the free food, which he cooks for them. In 2006 he helped the Chief of Police and the Chamber of Commerce in Branson West put in some courts, putting on tournaments and helping them to raise money to build their new park.



Bill is always giving pointers to help others pitch better and helps pitchers build courts at their homes. He is known as the "Resident Coach." He taught two junior pitchers, Wesley Bowling and Levi Blevins, the finer points of tournament pitching and would take Wesley to all the tournaments he could because his parents and grandparents were dairy farmers and could not leave home. Both of these boys ended up being Missouri Junior Champions. He took 12 pitchers from Crane to the first Stockton Tournament and proudly brought back 11 first place trophies.

Bill has pitched in tournaments in Arkansas, Missouri, and Kansas, whenever he was asked to pitch. Judy and Bill recall a Wichita indoor tournament held on St. Patrick's Day in 1989 where they were invited to pitch. They painted their horseshoes green and had special Crane shirts made in green to wear to celebrate the Irish event.

Throughout his busy horseshoe activities of building courts, *Bill and Judy Waisner, continued on page 18*

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With lodging ranging from the traditional to the unique, there are more than 1,100 rooms in Ardmore. We hope you enjoy your stay at one of our fine hotels, or maybe you would prefer staying at a guest ranch, a bed & breakfast, or a floating villa! For those of you who prefer the great outdoors, we also have several RV parks and campgrounds available. Information on the room blocks and RV campground information for the NHPA World Tournament is available at www.ardmore.org.

While in Ardmore, tempt your taste buds at one of our many restaurants and enjoy everything from amazing local flavor to nationally recognized restaurants.

Although horseshoe pitching will be foremost on the minds of most of you while here, we hope you will spend some time

experiencing our lovely city! Located on I-35 less than 90 minutes from both Oklahoma City and Dallas and surrounded by the rugged beauty of the Arbuckle Mountains, the Ardmore area is a lovely area with an abundance of fun things to do. Golf at one of the local golf courses or shop historic downtown Ardmore with its many unique boutiques and antique shops. Visit the Charles B. Goddard Center (a visual and performing arts center) and the Greater Southwest Historical Museum. If cowboy history is your passion, don't miss the Gene Autry Museum with memorabilia from the legendary performer and cowboy. And you won't have to fly to Las Vegas for an afternoon of casino action with three casinos located in the Ardmore area.

If you enjoy the great outdoors, then hike, fish and boat on the beautiful and serene waters of Lake Murray. Visit Turner Falls, situated in the lovely Arbuckle Mountains—a popular attraction known for its natural beauty. Or take a trail to adventure in the scenic Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma's oldest National Park. If you still have time to play, an absolute "must do" while in the area is a trip to the Arbuckle Wilderness, an exotic animal theme park. These exciting activities are just a short drive from Ardmore.

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Bill and Judy Waisner, from page 17

running leagues and tournaments, Bill developed into a skillful pitcher. Bill pitched in the MO State Championship Division in St. Joseph in 1999, and appeared seven times in the Men's Class A Division and was runner-up in 1995. He came close to winning it, losing only one game to Ron Hassler. Another member of the Francis family, Brett, had only lost one game and that was to Bill Waisner. So now there was to be a pitchoff game between Bill and Brett to decide the winner of Class A. "It was a great game," Bill recalls. We both pitched in the 60% and I only lost by a few points. That was the closest I ever came to winning that division."

Bill had a high tournament average of 60.8% in 1999. He ranked 19th in the Top 50 Men's pitchers in 1995-96. He placed 6th in the 1989 World Tournament in Spearfish, SD, Class E, and 6th in the 1991 World Tournament in Biloxi, Division 6. He shares

holding the record with Rose Diekamp in doubles for the longest game of 76 shoes and 91 ringers in 1995. On the local level, Bill held the champion title in the annual Invitational Bull Shoals Tournament put on by Doc Bray for two

years. He received the most awards in the Crane League from 1994-2002 but never won the Top Ten Award.

When not pitching horseshoes, Bill enjoys writing songs, playing his mandolin, or fishing. His latest song is about Reggie Kuh's cabinet shop where they all pick music together. He played semi-pro baseball in Wichita and played with Sachel Paige. He was both a pitcher and a catcher. Bill fished the Pro-Am circuit and has done ice fishing, using Judy's Mustang to test the ice to see if it was thick enough. Bill drove race cars at 81 Speedway and on the drag strip in Kansas City. Today, he enjoys following the NASCAR circuit and watching his eight-year-old grandson, Dylan, race his Go-Kart.

This is one guy who has lived and loved his life to the fullest. His daredevil days may be over, but he still enjoys pitching shoes. The Waisners say the biggest achievement in their lives have been their three kids and six grandkids, who live in the surrounding area. He is hoping one of his grandkids will be a horseshoe pitcher, too.

Missouri is certainly proud of this horseshoe couple who have dedicated a large part of their lives promoting and organizing horseshoes for others to enjoy. Missouri horseshoe pitchers thank you, Bill and Judy, for your time, energy and dedication to the sport of horseshoes in Missouri and in Kansas.


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06-03	19-07-091+	Hillbilly Mixed Open @ Laurie	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
06-09	19-07-064	Peculiar Summer Mixed Open c(limited to first 56 entries)	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	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
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
06-23	19-07-089+	June-Heat-Wave Mixed Open @ Park Hills	Mc Entire 573-431-6107	573-330-2766
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	19-07-090+	July Firecracker Mixed Open @ Park Hills	Mc Entire 573-431-6107	573-330-2766
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 Tour n@(Hardy Murphy Colliseum) Ardmore, OK	Hansen 262-835-9108	nhpa.sec.treas@worldnet.att.net
07-28	19-07-073	Crane ////////////// tournament canceled //////////////	////////////////// tournament canceled //////////////////	
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 c (56 player-limit/8 classes of 7)	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowmans@wmconnect.com
09-08	19-07-079	MO-Ark Shoot Out* @ Caulfield	Kingsolver 417-284-3042	
09-15	19-07-074	Crane Fall Mixed Open	Waisner 417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
09-15,16	19-07-062	Hillbilly Fair Mixed Open @ Laurie	Bastel 573-374-8243	lkhouse@usmo.com
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 %%	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
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	19-07-038	Turkey Trot* @ Quail Ridge (R)	Feldewerth 636-978-1292	dfeldewerth@centurytel.net
11-17	19-07-020	Snow Bird Fly Away* @ Don Harris Arena %%	Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.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	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
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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2007 Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament Information

August 31–September 3 • Independence, MO.

by Jeanette Claas

Welcome to Independence, Kansas City's best-known suburb and Missouri's fourth largest city. The 82nd Annual Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament will be held for the sixth time at the beautiful McCoy Park in Independence on Aug. 31–Sept. 3 and will be hosted by the Independence Horseshoe Club. Horseshoe pitchers who are history buffs won't want to miss this historical city located just a short drive east from downtown Kansas City.

It is said that you can understand more about our nation by spending a day in Independence and at the Truman Library than anywhere in the country! The Truman Presidential Library and Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary this year with a slate of events and exhibitions to commemorate the enduring legacy of President Harry S. Truman. The festivities include a keynote address by former President Bill Clinton in late June. You won't want to miss seeing the Truman Library.

Once a major stop on the old frontier trails, Independence is more famed today as the home of our 33rd President, Harry S Truman. Because the "S" is only an initial, there is controversy about using a period afterward. Truman used a period, saying he didn't care whether people did or not; his tombstone has a period. Like arguments over the pronunciation of Missouri, there is no right or wrong in this situation.

Truman owned a haberdashery in Independence when he was a young man. The security guard that was hired to guard his factory carried only a "cap" gun. Grin! You can tour his home located near McCoy Park, where the 2007 Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament will be held. Across from McCoy Park, you can visit his library where he spent many hours after his presidency and before his death. The Library displays his official papers and features a replica of the White House Oval Office. One

prized display is the document of surrender that ended World War II, signed by Japanese diplomats on the deck of the USS Missouri. The Trumans are buried side by side in the courtyard of the Truman Library.

One evening after league play in New Melle, a deer ran into Jan Kreienkamp's car and landed on the hood. Using a popular phrase coined by Mr. Truman, Jan reported "The buck stops here."

In 1821, Independence was one of the starting points for the Santa Fe Trail, and in the 1840s, the trails to Oregon and California began here. The city celebrates its pioneer past during Santa-Cali-Gon Days on Labor Day weekend, which happens to coincide with our State Horseshoe Tournament—a perfect chance to purchase early Christmas presents. At the National Frontier Trails Center, learn about the role of the city as a supply point for the Sante Fe, Oregon, and California Trails.

Al Gwinn, president of the Independence Horseshoe Club, reports that there are 24 permanent courts and also portable courts to accommodate the pitchers on the park's premises. The host hotel will be the Best Western "Truman Inn," 816-254-0100. The rates for all rooms will be \$65. You will need to call the motel directly to receive the horseshoe rate. The hotel is on the NW corner of the intersection of I-70 and Noland Road.

It is now time to start making plans and reservations for the Labor Day weekend event. See the state entry requirements and entry forms (for both doubles and singles) in this issue of *Shoe Biz* and send them to Miss Vicki as early as pos-



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sible. Deadline for receiving entries is August 1. Starting times will be sent to you and posted on our web site as soon as Vicki and Stan return from Oklahoma and are able to get the tournament lined up.

After completion of the Double's Tournament held on Friday afternoon, Aug. 31, make plans to attend the MOHPA Business Meeting to be held on Friday at the Paddy O'Quigley Restaurant as important elections and decisions will be made.

If you are interested in taking out an ad for the State Tournament Program Booklet, contact Al Gwinn for further information.

Don't forget to bring your club's flag to be put on display at the park. You may want to bring lawn chairs for comfort (and keeping score). A city ordinance bans the consumption of alcoholic beverages in McCoy Park. Concessions will be available on the premises and we are asked to support it.

A pleasant surprise will be in store for you at the Awards Banquet to be held on Saturday evening, September 1, also at the Paddy O'Quigley Restaurant. Harry S Truman, taking a few moments from his evening walk, will be making a special appearance during the evening. You won't want to miss this exciting event.

For further questions information, please contact any of your MOHPA officers. The phone numbers are listed on the inside cover of *Shoe Biz*.

From rugged frontier trails bound for fortune in the west to opulent Victorian mansions built for 19th century entrepreneurs. From infamous outlaws to hometown hero, Harry S Truman. From bloody border battles of the Civil War to the inspiring heritage of world-renowned religions, Independence is a time capsule of American dreams and American adventure. From all across the state, horseshoe pitchers will gather to compete and visit with old friends in Independence, where the trails start and the buck stops. We can't guarantee perfect weather, or guarantee you a 1st place trophy, but we can guarantee you lots of fun and great memories of another State Tournament.

State Program Book

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 donations 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; or email GwinAD916@yahoo.com or phone 816-461-17746.

RV Camping in Independence

- *Camp-Us RV Park*: Less than 1 mile from McCoy Park. Only 10 spots left. **816-254-1815.**
- *Dodge City Campground*: Located across the street from McCoy Park. Campers no longer than 30 foot, 8 spots there. **816-254-4475.**
- *Trailside Campground*: I-70 to Exit 24, area called Green Valley, east of Independence. Approximately 10 miles from Independence. **816-229-2267.**
- *KOA Campground*: I-70, Exit 28, area called Oak Grove. 10-14 miles east of Independence. **800-562-7507.**

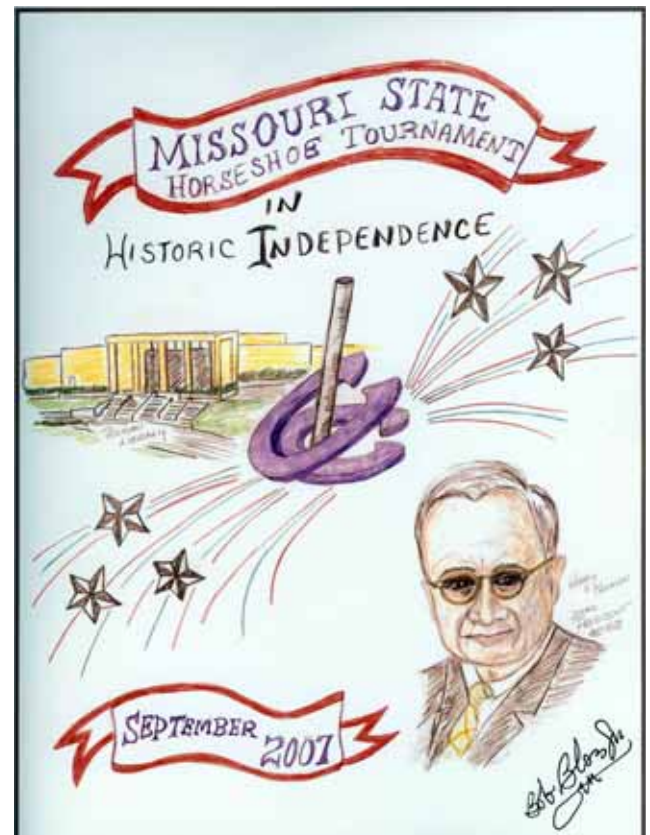
And the Winner is...

by Al Gwinn

We want to thank all of the artists that participated in the 3rd annual Missouri State Horseshoe T-shirt Contest. Those sending in their creative ideas were Stan Griggs, Bob Bloss Jr., Michael Bowman, Eileen Reeves, and Johnna Bales. And winning his second T-shirt contest is...Bob Bloss Jr. There were a lot of good entries and we appreciate all the time and effort that these participants put into their ideas.

The winner won a free single's entry to the State Tournament and a free T-shirt. The State T-shirts will be on sale at the MOHPA Club/Team Tournament in Laurie on June 2. If you wish to purchase T-shirts in advance, please contact Al Gwin.

Congratulations, Bob!



Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club

by Jim Howard

This year marks the 26th season for the Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club. The club originated in 1982 at the Golden Triangle Baseball Park. Many pitchers from the St. Charles and St. Louis County area began their first organized pitching activities with this club. During its peak, the club had 147 registered members and was the second largest horseshoe club in the USA. When the park sold out, the horseshoe pitchers found refuge at Blanchette Park in the city of St. Charles. In 2005, the pitchers decided to move once again to Westhoff Park in O'Fallon. They have 8 beautiful courts run by the O'Fallon Parks Department.

League Directors Jim and Carol Howard, who have been directors for six years, report that there are 50 people pitching in the mixed league on Wednesday evenings. There will be two more tournaments held there in June and July of this year.

League play began on a beautiful spring evening on April 25 and will pitch for the next 14 consecutive weeks. This year, we have added some new members to our league: Ginny Weiss, Mickey & Dorie Gillette, Carol Woods, Tony Grossman, Bob & Rose Diekamp, Bob & Scott Wade. Jeanette Claas & Suzanne Evans were both substitutes last year but this year they are full league members and pitching on the only all-ladies team in the league. We have eight teams ready for some serious competition.

On the first night of league play, one team was short one member, so MOHPA President Jim Bainter, who came to watch the league pitch as a visitor, found himself pinch-hitting for the Desperado team who were desperately looking for a capable body to fill in. Coming from the wooded area in back of the courts was an awful smell, so bad that we were all wondering if it was a dead body. Perhaps it was an old horseshoe pitcher from last year who decided it all wasn't worth it. Jim was wondering who was on the welcoming committee!

We wish each and everyone of our members a successful horseshoe season that will be filled with plenty of ringers and fun!



As many have said, he was always "Sportsman of the Year." He will be greatly missed.

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

by Rich Altis

New Melle Horseshoe Club has wrapped up its fifteenth and final sanctioned season in beautiful downtown New Melle.

The Wednesday night Men's League had a play-off to determine the League Champions. The winning team of the first half, Andy Foulds's "Sonny's Team," and the winning team of the second half, Joe Wolf's "Red Eyes," had their standard 12-game play-off. Both teams had won six games each, so a single play-off game was held. The team of Andy Foulds, Clarence Eggertt, Bill Molitor, Glenn Perry, John Wilde, and Glenn Young came out on top. The order of finish for the teams was Sonny's Team, Red Eyes, Making Believe, Don's Team, Two Ta Cover, Good Ole Boys, The Dreamers, Top Dog, Longshots, Good Guys, Whatever It Takes, and Walnut Acres.

Our last tournament on the New Melle Courts was the Mayflower Marathon, held on May 19. It is with a heavy heart that we leave a facility filled with so many wonderful horseshoe memories and long hours of volunteer work that so many dedicated NMHC pitchers devoted to this building.

But excitement is in the air and in our spirits as we relocate to a brand new facility and all of the responsibility that we must fill.

Within this past year our club meetings have consisted of making plans for the new facility. The first thing we voted on was to change our name to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club and to order new shirts for our members. Thanks to Joe and Carol Buskirk for taking on this task. The shirts have turned out beautifully and we will be proud to wear them.

We would like to thank the following Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members who journeyed to Wisconsin to bring back the Game-Related Sales items to be moved back into the new Hall of Fame facility. They are Roy & Suzanne Evans, Don & Jeanette Claas, and Mickey & Dorie Gillette. Also thanks to MOHPA President Jim Bainter, his wife, Elaine, and Rich & Mary Altis for their help in organizing and moving the items so that the sales could get underway. This was all a humongous task that required a lot of elbow grease.

Our annual NMHC picnic has been changed to August 11 at the new site at Quail Ridge Park. Drinks and meat will be provided. Club members will be requested to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. This will be a great opportunity for all our members to view the new facility.

Our club will need a new treasurer to replace Dave Feldewerth at our next September club meeting. Be thinking about filling this important position for our new club.

The Dedication Ceremony of the new facility will be held on Friday, October 5, at 11:00 a.m. We would like for all members possible to attend this exciting event. Try and bring a friend with you also. We will hold our first tournament on October 6-7, the National Club/Team Sanctioned Tournament. If you would like to enter this event, contact Lorraine Sternberg, 262-677-3300 or horshoewi@aol.com.

What has made NMHC a successful horseshoe club in the past? **You!** And what will make the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club successful in the future? **You!** Your continued volunteer support will be needed even more once we make this final change.



Heart of America Horseshoe Club

by Dee McIntire

Some people may be under the impression that the Heart of America Horseshoe Club is no longer operating. I'm happy to inform everyone that we are alive and well. (Well, most of us anyway.)

We were forced to vacate our longtime location at the Northeast Athletic Field in Kansas City because the location had become unsafe. We have, however, moved to the Don Harris Arena in Liberty. We are conducting tournaments and three Leagues a year at the Arena. Our membership dropped dramatically over the years because of failing health of many of our older members, but there are still some diehard's that just won't let it go by the wayside.

Our leagues are made up of several HOA pitchers, as well as pitchers from Independence, Peculiar, and Liberty. We are extremely glad to have the Don Harris Arena to offer an alternate location to pitch and share the fellowship of horseshoe pitching.

As many of you know, one the first pitchers in the Heart of America Horseshoe Club recently passed away at the age of 93. Wayne Trautwein was a constant in our League from 1965 to when we moved to Liberty. Even though he did not pitch the last few years, he still came down to check on the rest of us. It was always a pleasure to pitch with Wayne. I feel very fortunate to have pitched with him.



Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

Many of you read in the national horseshoe magazine, *Newsline*, that Missouri had a repeat winner of the Junior Scholarship Award. Alyssa Leger of Liberty won her second scholarship this year. She had a grade point average of 3.70 and won \$150. Ten awards were given nationally to junior pitchers.

The Liberty Horseshoe Club just finished two leagues in the Don Harris Arena involving 60 pitchers. The league champions in the Monday Morning Blahs League were D.D. Casey and Leroy Dominique, with a 41-19 record. The Tuesday Night Champions were Kathy Wetzel, David Thompson, Al Salmon, and Brook Jackson (a junior girl), with a 73-57 record. High Averages were Tom Ebers, 117, and Nick DiRaimo, 113. High Games were Tom Ebers, 134, and Nick DiRaimo, 130. Most improved were Harold Turley (KS), 14.5 points, and Audra Craven, 10.0 points. Lyle Samuelson and Jack Carnes both earned 60% patches and Jim Bainter a 50%. High Over Average went to Audra Craven in both leagues (32 and 28 points).

Some are eager to get outside and some prefer to pitch inside the Don Harris Arena year round. We will have indoor and outdoor leagues involving about the same number we had in the winter. Hope everyone in Missouri has a better season than their last one!

Crane Horseshoe Club

by Judy Wasiner

The Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe club had a lot of tree damage after the ice storm. Our light pole was leaning, the electric lines were torn off of the poles and laying on the ground and the transformer had to be replaced. The tree damage in this area was extensive. A lot of the roads were completely covered with trees and 413 had several places that had to be shut down until the trees were removed. It looked like a tornado came through here.

Our league awards were presented at the annual "Two Bit" tournament in October and the barbecue with Bill's gumbo was a hit as always. We had 24 teams pitching in the fun doubles tournament.

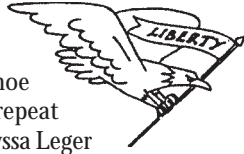
League awards were Class Champions Rd 1: 1. Patrick Blevins, 2. Tommy Edmondson, 3. Michael Elder. Class Champions Rd 2: 1. Ruth Hudson, 2. Levi Blevins, 3. Reggie Kuhs. Class Champions Rd 3: 1. Michael Elder, 2. Patrick Blevins, 3. Levin Blevins. High Average-High Game was Frank Hudson with a 120 scratch game and a 61.7% average for the year. High Over Average was Patrick Blevins, who pitched 27.9 points over his average. High HDCP Game was Patrick Blevins with a 124. Rookie of the Year: Levi Blevins, Paul Terry, Richard Terry. Most Improved for the Year went to Michael Elder, who raised his ringer percent 6.2% and his point average 15.7. Two New Member patches went to the Paul & Richard Terry.

Crane will be starting the new league on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in May for anyone interested.

Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Donna Bastel

As I write this, I 'think' Spring has finally arrived. Our club members are eagerly waiting for our pitching season to begin. We have signed up five new NHPA/MOHPA members and have re-signed two members that took a year off. We are also adding Danny & Roena Branson to our roster. They decided that the Lake of the Ozarks looked like a great place to live and moved to Gravois Mills in October, 2006. Welcome to both of you!



We had a membership meeting a few weeks ago and it was decided that two nights of pitching was just not enough. Now we are going to have three. We had so many people that wanted to pitch singles, we couldn't accommodate them all on one night. So, we are going to have two singles leagues and one doubles league this summer. We will be starting the first week of May and play 15 weeks for our summer leagues.

We are looking forward to hosting the 4th Annual Club/Team Benefit tournament in June. We are hoping that the change in venue will encourage additional pitchers to enter.

It looks like we are going to join the ranks of year-round pitching. Hooray! One of our pitchers purchased a building that will hold 4 courts in the basement. He didn't want his name mentioned, but his initials are JB. Our club thanks you! We plan to have all the work on the new courts completed in time to start a fall league in September or October. If all goes well, we will be scheduling some winter tournaments. It will be easy for you to find. It's right on Hwy 5 in Sunrise Beach.

See you soon on the courts. Until then, keep on ringing that peg!

Independence Horseshoe Club

by Laura Estes

Spring is here, and our league is excited to start the season! Everyone has worked real hard to help get new members. I'm happy to say at this point we should have 10-12 new members. It is always great to see our sport grow and the seasoned veterans help the new members learn and fine tune their game. As when I started, I just played backyard shoes, but now look, I even help in any way with the club and new members, as everyone else does. This is a great activity for anyone who enjoys being involved with people who enjoy good clean fun, and the chance to have people in their life that will make a difference in not only in horseshoes, but in your life as well!

Speaking about time, I don't know if anyone has noticed, but we are running out of time to get any ads in the state program book. We have until early August to get all the ads together. I know this seems to most of you as plenty of time, but the process of putting all the ads together, making sure there are no typos, graphics are clear and crisp, and the final making of the program takes much time. So I would like to remind everyone that would like to place an ad in the state program book, or donate any funds, supplies, time, tools, or whatever to contact us ASAP.

Look for the article about the ads, and email Al Gwinn or myself at laurabilyeu@sbcglobal.net, 13201 E 45th Terrace S., Independence, MO 64055. Ph. 816-478-0065.

We wish everyone in the sport of horseshoes good luck, happy pitching and we hope to see you at McCoy Park for the 2007 State Horseshoe Tournament.

Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Terry Bowman

Spring has sprung and the outdoor leagues and tournaments have begun. Our first league night was April 19 with 24 pitchers present. That includes two new pitchers this year, Shawn Osborn and John Barchers. We want to welcome them both and we hope they enjoy themselves.

Our first tournament was on April 21 with a great turnout of 71 pitchers. Corissa Bishop received her first award in a tournament, 3rd place in the "L" class. Congratulations, Corissa. Victoria Highley

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earned 1st place in "K" class and I believe that was her first place win. Congratulations, Victoria!

Several of the Peculiar Club members got together on Sunday afternoon on April 29 and replaced the roof on our concession stand and also the south end of the shelter house. Then we patched the little holes on the covers over the pits. Thank you to all who helped with these projects.

There is a new addition to the Highley family. Warren James Highley was born on Dec. 12, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. Proud Momma is Paige Highly, grandparents are Ron and Victoria Highly, great-grandpa is Terry Highley. Warren received his first pair of horseshoes when he was two weeks old and has received three more pairs since then. When Warren starts playing horseshoes, he will be a fifth-generation pitcher, and the fourth generation playing in Peculiar. Congratulations, to the Highley family.

I wish everyone a great summer and safe traveling to all.

Tri-State Horseshoe Club

by Angie Higginbotham

Howdy-Ho neighbors! Whew! What a winter, huh? I think we're all glad for that to be over with. Including Carl, a.k.a., Snow Angel. A nickname given to him after he fell into a snow drift in December and had to roll around back and forth before he could get out of it. Wouldn't you have liked to be there to see that?!

We had some good tournaments this year. The Lucky Gricks Memorial Tournament in January went well, even though it was freezing! Some of us missed the February tournament due to the fact that it fell on the same weekend as Superbowl Sunday. I guess you can tell where my priorities lay. Also in February, we had the privilege of MOHPA President Jim Bainter coming to play. Sorry I missed that, but the Superbowl was a lot of fun. March and April went well also, and it was much warmer, which made it more enjoyable.

We have a brand new Junior who just joined the club, Shasta Fisher. She threw her 100 shoes in April, and because Carl's tournaments were over, she pitched her first tournament at Crane's Spring Tune-Up. She began throwing shoes a few months ago and we're real proud of her.

Ya know, to me and Jimmy, and we think y'all will agree, one of the greatest things about pitching is the camaraderie and the friendships we develop over the years with the people we pitch with. When circumstances arise and you think you're gonna lose one of these dear friends, it can be a scary thing. We had that happen twice this year. Larry McAlister went into the hospital in December, severely ill. He was there for three months. There were times when some of us thought he'd never make it home.

But he's tough and he's back on his feet. He pitched in his first tournament, which was also at Crane, and had a real good day. I know, I had to play him.

Then Bobbie Jones was badly injured in a car accident while in St. Louis, but like Larry, he's tough and bounced back and played in the April tournament. We thank the Lord for their restored health and welfare. Glad to have you back, guys!

Yep, all in all, it's been one heck of a winter, but winter's over and summer's comin', and we're all lookin' forward to some outdoor pitchin'. For those who are going to the World, we'll see you there. And for those who are going to State, we'll see you there.

Once again, Carl and Pat say thanks to all who came to the tour-

naments over the winter and we hope to see y'all again come November. Take care and good luck to all.

1st Capitol Ladies League

by Ginny Weiss

If you are anything like me, I'm ready and looking forward to pitching some shoes *outside!* Let's hope the rain holds out on Thursday nights this season!

As always, we like to show appreciation to the folks who get this shoe on the road, Joan Buchheit, and Sally Montgomery. Thanks, girls! As many of you probably already know, Joan's husband Lloyd has been very ill. Please pray for good days ahead for the entire Buchheit family. Another member of our league is also having some major health issues, Janet Weber. Please include Janet on that prayer list. Both Lloyd and Janet are battling cancer. Also, Vera Thro's husband has been ill and needs those prayers as well.

We want to recognize some of the new pitchers this season. I know of three new pitchers because they are on my team, the Shoe Me Girls. They are Sarah Grandin, Susie Simon and Cindy Steinbruegge. Other new pitchers are Ruth Braning, Patty Declue, Irene Heisler, April Klutenkemper, Tammy Laughman, Sharon McIntyre, Evelyn Thoele, Joanne Wall, Laura Denningmann, and Teri Schlueter. Some have played elsewhere and/or on our league before but are "new" to us this year. Welcome, girls!

The construction has begun at the new horseshoe facility in Wentzville at Quail Ridge Park. Make sure when you go to the National Hall of Fame Brick Plaza, and look for the 1st Capitol Women's League brick!

Hey, ladies! Tell your husbands that the Monday Night Men's League at the St Charles KC is looking to put together one more team as they have a "bye" now. So, if anyone knows of any men who want to play, they can contact Joan Buchheit at 636-949-2294. They do not have to be a member of the KC for the Monday Night League.

My horseshoe-pitching idol, Rose Diekamp, came in 3rd Place in the 30-ft Invitational Tournament at New Melle on May 5, the weekend of the Six-Pac Invitational Tournament. She pitched 65.1% for the tournament. Mary Beeson came in 8th.

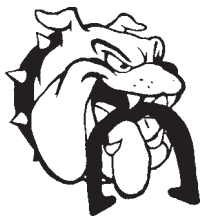
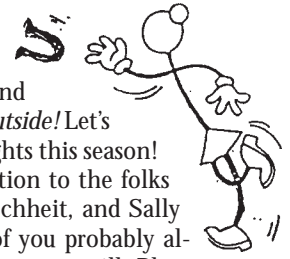
Backyard Horseshoe Club

by Melody Williams

Hello from the Backyard (Horseshoe Club)! We hope the horseshoes are flyin' (well not really) in your backyard as spring has finally sprung! We hope everybody is getting a chance to pitch some shoes!

In the last few weeks, the Backyard Horseshoe Club has suffered a couple of losses due to death in the club. One of them was Irvin Vandeven. He was a charter member with the club. He passed away on April 16, 2007. He was our oldest member. He was 87 years old. He died suddenly at home peacefully. He had been sick with pneumonia over the winter and had really never gotten back to 100%. Some of you may know "Irv" from the MO K.C. Horseshoes. He was the winner in the Senior Division this past summer in Leopold. He was from Leopold, MO. He will really be missed by the BYHC as well as the SEMO Horseshoe Association! He never missed a tournament!

On May 2, 2007, we lost another horseshoe pitcher. He was not a club member but he was a SEMO Horseshoe Association member and pitched in our club a lot. He had terminal cancer. He too was a KC Horseshoe pitcher. He will truly be missed also. He was 52 years old.



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He is survived by his wife, Beth, and children and a grandchild. Both of these pitchers will be pitching shoes in heaven I am sure!

BYHC has started a Wall of Memory in the club with plaques in honor of our lost members. Come and look at it sometime. It is really unique!

On a lighter note, BYHC has undergone some changes in appearance lately! We have concreted the entire length of the 40 to 30 foot pad. It is one continuous pad now as it used to just be a section for the 30 foot pad. Also, we have added gravel to the middle area where it was arena footing/sawdust type texture. This has made the club look 100% lighter and brighter! It doesn't look like the same place! We have also added towels hanging on hooks behind each pit at both ends for the pitchers to use to wipe the clay off their shoes, hands, etc. Special thanks to all members who have come out to help us on these projects! Without you members, we couldn't do all that we do! Thanks to all your help and support!

We have held a few washer tournaments at BYHC also. We had a fair turnout for these. We had a request to do this so we tried it and

it was a success so we will probably do more of these next winter.

A few of the BYHC members are going to participate in the World this summer! We hope all of you do well!

We will be scheduling more NHPA-sanctioned tournaments some time this summer. They are not scheduled yet but we will do this as soon as we get all of our other summer sport schedules. Keep watching the website for these dates!

The SEMO Horseshoe Association is in full swing also. We have some of these tournaments scheduled for BYHC. These are not sanctioned events but we sure do have fun! All pitchers are welcome, ages 12 and up! SEMO Tournament dates at BYHC: May 19 at 1:00 p.m. June 16 will be a Relay for Life Tournament, with proceeds going to the Cancer Society, and June 17 at 1:00 p.m.

We hope to see you at BYHC soon! If there is anytime you would like to just come out and practice/pitch, just give us a call and we will be glad to pitch with you! We need the practice! Keep pitching those shoes and making those ringers! Yee Haw!

Happy Hearts Tournament

by *Kreienkamp/Andy Foulds*

Tournament Directors Andy Foulds and Jan Kreienkamp report 48 pitchers were in the six class round robin tournament on February 3, 2007. At the completion of the tournament 4,852 shoes were pitched with an average ringer percent of 34.72%.

In Class A, Rich Altis had high tournament average of 60.85%, with a high game of 76.08%. David Schneider in Class C won the plaque for the high over average percentage. He entered with a 38.55% and pitched a tournament average of 47.16%, pitching 8.61% over his average. Congratulations, Dave!

Gene Donner of Bourbon, and Ed Peters of Union, pitched their first sanctioned tournament at the New Melle Horseshoe courts.

Class Champions were: Class A, Rich Altis, 60.85%; Class B, Bob Crabtree, 51.38%; Class C, Dave Schneider, 47.16%; Class D, Larry Langewisch, 35.65%; Class E, Bill Bouyea, 33.46%; and Class F, Owen Moore, 20.28%. Congratulations to the above winners.

Thanks to our statsman, Rich Altis, our scorekeeper, and all who pitched in to help the Happy Hearts Tournament to be a success. We would also like to thank the sponsors of the tournament: Howard Drywall (Jim & Carol Howard), Union Towing (Mark Pisane), Short Stop's Convenience Store (Greg Faron), The Wood Icing Co. (John & Rose Wilde), Busken Printing (Sue Busch & Debbie Kennedy), and O'Fallon Garage (Dennis & Tracy Sherman).

Hall of Fame Benefit

by *Stan Bailey*

On March 3, 2007, at New Melle, MO, more than 48 of the finest people and some of the top horseshoe pitchers (in my opinion) turned out for the 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Benefit to raise funds for rings for our elected Missouri Hall of Famers.

If you have ever been a Tournament Director or worked on a tournament, you are aware that you do not have a lot of time to mingle with the pitchers or scorekeepers. These few paragraphs are intended to let those people who took part in this event know how much I appreciate their participation, whatever it might have been—pitching, scorekeeping, or both.

This March marks my fifth year of sanctioned play. Although I am still a "babe" at sanctioned horseshoes, I am very much aware that it is a very competitive and serious matter to those who participate. To me, if you cannot have some fun and add a little humor to it, why do it?

My grateful appreciation to Dave & Bea Feldewerth for their gracious backing, support, and time spent at this event. Thanks to Papa Smurf (Rich Altis), who is always there to keep our stats (and keep me in line). Thanks to John Simms, Mike Manning, and Bob Reiningger. Thanks to these special people who gave of their time to not only pitch, but also keep score, either before or after their event. Also, a thank you to the nurse who appeared to give me CPR (if I needed it). Last but not least, thanks to Theresa Barry, who always knows where we keep our markers. We really appreciate that, Theresa!

Congratulations to Steve Bruemmer, who won his first class championship. He was ecstatic! A final thank you to our Missouri State President and Missouri Vice President who tried so hard, but once again with the same results. I know the feeling.

First place winners of each Division were: Class A, Rose Diekamp; Class B, Ed Griffith; Class C, Roger Schnur; Class D, Darryl Gettinger; Class E, Carol Howard; and Class F, Steve Bruemmer. Congratulations to each of you.

West Meets East Challenge

by *Suzanne Evans*

The West Meets the East Challenge was held at the New Melle Horseshoe Courts on Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15, 2007. Tournament Directors Roy & Suzanne Evans on the East side, greeted Gregg Craven of the West side, as he arrived bringing in the traveling trophy plaque. Gregg reminded Suzanne that, unlike Roy, they had not forgotten to bring it.

Again, Jim "Iceman" Bainter arrived at this spring tournament, this time bringing snowflakes with him. The West side brought 25 pitchers for the challenge.

After competition on Saturday the winners were: Class A, Bob Crabtree (East); Class B, Don Rahe (East); Class C, Dave Feldewerth (East); Class D, Gidget Rahe (East).

On Saturday evening, 27 horseshoe pitchers and spouses from the East and West sides dined together at Stefanina's Restaurant in Wentzville for some good food and good times.

On a beautiful Sunday morning two more classes were held and the winners were: Class A, Martin Orf; Class B, Bob Reiningger.

After the completion of the tournament the East was victorious with 156 wins to 60 wins for the West side. This event was held for the eighth time. The next West meets the East Challenge will be held in Liberty in October, 2007.

Missouri Tournament Results

January–April, 2007

Happy New Year Open @ Harris Arena 1/6/07 Director: Charles Killgore

Class A: M.O. Turner	6-1	66.8%
Class B: Elizabeth Furner	5-2	61.3%
Class C: Lawrence Loney	5-0	45.2%
Class D: Dee McIntire	4-1	41.6%
Class E: Donald Plowman	4-1	41.6%
Class F: Richard Schmidt	4-1	29.6%
Class G: Danny Wetzel	4-1	22.0%
Class H: Butch Sponaugle	4-1	9.2%

Lucky Gricks Memorial @ Gricks Arena 1/6-7/07 Dir: Carlyle Gricks Jr.

Class A: Letha Harris	7-0	52.5%
Class B: Marion Harris	7-0	48.8%
Class C: Darrin Sherman	6-1	37.5%
Class D: Danny Ball	4-1	32.0%
Class E: Terri Mills	6-1	16.3%
Class F: Joshua Lane	4-1	20.5%

Blizzard Open @ Glen Allen 1/13/07 Dir: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A: Martin Williams	5-0	58.5%
Class B: Mike Davault	4-1	22.1%
Class C: Howard Jr. Smith	5-0	20.5%

Window of Opportunity Benefit @ Harris Arena 1/20/07 Director: Neal Straughn

Class A: M.O. Turner	7-0	72.9%
Class B: Greg Canchola	7-0	45.8%
Class C: Elwyn Cooper	6-1	45.8%
Class D: Chip Sloan	5-2	38.6%
Class E: Danny Wetzel	6-1	20.4%
Class F: Terry Bowman	7-0	10.4%

January Freeze Open @ Park Hills 1/20/07 Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Randy Grady	7-1	68.2%
Class B: Andy Foulds	6-0	51.3%
Class C: Melody Williams	6-1	38.7%
Class D: Gale Wiley	6-1	22.0%

Icicle Open @ Glen Allen 1/27/07 Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Boxie Schrum	6-1	55.7%
2 nd : Rick McEntire	5-2	52.7%
Class B:		
1 st : Opie McEntire	6-0	23.8%
2 nd : Mike Davault	4-2	23.3%

Winter is Here Open & Hudson Hall 1/27-28/07 Director: Frank Hudson

Class A: Letha Harris	5-1	48.4%
Class B: Raymond Bowling	7-0	48.5%
Class C: Mason Jennings	6-1	38.3%
Class D: Gary Ball	7-0	25.4%
Class E: Alfred Mundy	5-1	17.6%

Special Olympics Benefit @ Harris Arena 2/3/07 Director: Rick Gwinn

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	7-0	70.0%
Class B: Ralph Richardson	7-0	48.8%
Class C: Dee McIntire	6-1	43.8%
Class D: Robert Hayward	7-0	35.7%
Class E: John Anderson	7-0	19.3%
Class F: Terry Bowman	6-1	10.8%

Happy Heart Tourn. @ New Melle 2/3/07 Directors: Jan Kreienkamp & Andy Foulds

Class A: Rich Altis	7-1	60.9%
Class B: Bob Crabtree	6-1	51.4%

Class C: David Schneider	7-0	47.2%
Class D: Larry Langewisch	5-2	35.7%
Class E: Bill Bouyea	6-1	33.5%
Class F: Owen Moore	6-1	20.3%

February Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena 2/3-4/07 Dir: Carlyle Gricks Jr.

Class A: Paul Parnell	6-1	48.3%
Class B: Steve Flood	6-1	41.7%
Class C: Jeff Spry	6-1	31.7%
Class D: Levi Blevins	6-1	31.3%
Class E: Jerry Dugan	6-1	20.5%
Class F: Harley Tucker	6-1	23.8%

Sweetheart Cupid Open & Glen Allen 2/11/07 Dir: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A: Martin Williams	5-1	51.7%
Class B: Melody Williams	7-1	33.9%
Class C: John Vandeven	5-0	17.0%

Independence Memorial @ Harris Arena 2/17/07 Dir: Wayne & Pam Henderson

Class A: Tom Ebers	5-0	71.5%
Class B: Lorin Mills	5-0	64.0%
Class C: Don McCance	5-0	51.5%
Class D: Karen Goldizen	4-1	46.5%
Class E: Tom Leutzinger	4-1	45.5%
Class F: Fred Smith	5-0	39.0%
Class G: David Thompson	4-1	21.0%
Class H: Danny Wetzel	4-1	28.0%
Class I: Sue Roberts	4-1	5.5%

Spring Team Handicap @ New Melle 2/17/07 Directors: Jim & Carol Howard

1 st Place Team (Jeanette Claas)		
1. Jan Kreienkamp	10-1	58.0%
2. Andy Foulds	9-2	45.1%
3. Ed Griffith	6-3	41.9%
4. Don Claas	6-2	30.8%
5. Clarence Eggert	3-0	25.6%
6. Jeanette Claas	2-0	30.8%
2 nd Place Team (Martin Orf)		
3 rd Place Team (Gettinger)		
4 th Place Team (Diekamp)		
5 th Place Team (Riley)		

St. Valentine's Day Open @ Park Hills 2/17/07 Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Jerry Dumstorff	8-1	70.0%
Class B: Dan Peterson	5-1	27.9%
Class C: Paul Beard	4-1	29.5%

Birthday Open @ Glen Allen 2/24/07 Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Martin Williams	5-0	48.6%
2 nd : Virgil Schreckenber	4-1	42.0%
Class B:		
1 st : James Hills	5-0	30.0%
2 nd : John Vandeven	4-1	25.5%

Spring is Coming Open @ Hudson Hall 2/24-25/07 Director: Frank Hudson

Class A: Letha Harris	4-1	50.0%
Class B: Duwayne Blevins	4-1	42.6%
Class C: Terry McDonald	4-1	36.9%
Class D: Gary Ball	5-1	28.3%
Class E: Cliff Blevins	7-0	17.5%

Robin Red Breast Open @ Harris Arena 3/3/07 Directors: Brady & Nan Craven

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	7-0	74.6%
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Class B: Elwyn Cooper	6-1	46.3%
Class C: Sam Vogel	5-2	39.2%
Class D: Bob Hayward	6-1	34.6%
Class E: John Anderson	7-0	27.1%
Class F: Darrell Plowman	6-1	16.3%

MO State Hall of Fame Benefit @ New Melle 3/3/07 Director: Stan Bailey

Class A: Rose Diekamp	7-0	61.3%
Class B: Ed Griffith	6-1	45.9%
Class C: Roger Schnur	6-1	42.0%
Class D: Darryl Gettinger	5-2	38.7%
Class E: Carol Howard	6-1	33.1%
Class F: Steve Bruemmer	6-1	20.5%

March Open @ Gricks Arena 3/3-4/07 Director: Carlyle Gricks Jr.

Class A: Paul Parnell	5-1	51.8%
Class B: Steve Flood	5-1	33.0%
Class C: Bob Bastel	5-2	27.5%
Class D: Jeff Spry	6-1	35.0%
Class E: Jerry Dugan	6-1	16.7%
Class F: Joshua Lane	7-0	25.0%

Spring Fling Open & Glen Allen 3/10/07 Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Cori Stoverink	5-0	55.0%
2 nd : Terrie Rose	3-2	40.5%
Class B:		
1 st : Carol Schreckenber	5-0	31.5%
2 nd : Steve Riley	4-1	29.0%

Spring Break Open @ Harris Arena 3/17/07 Director: Charles Killgore

Class A: Michael Bowman	6-1	74.4%
Class B: Elizabeth Furner	5-0	60.0%
Class C: Nile Abbott	5-0	50.8%
Class : Lyle Samuelson	4-1	42.0%
Class E: Brady Craven	4-1	36.8%
Class F: Everett Jones	4-1	35.6%
Class G: Clint Sloan	4-1	26.8%
Class H: Ron Gwinn	5-0	22.4%
Class I: Larry Anderson	4-1	10.0%

Shamrock Fling Open @ New Melle 3/17/07 Dir: Don & Gidget Rahe

Class A: Rich Altis	7-1	63.3%
Class B: Frank Miles	5-2	47.7%
Class C: Darryl Gettinger	5-1	39.5%
Class D: Clarence Eggert	6-1	35.2%
Class E: Sherri Terwelp	7-0	34.3%
Class F: Paul Beard	6-1	24.4%

March Winds Open @ Park Hills 3/17/07 Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Dennis Greisbaum	6-1	68.8%
Class B: Ed Pashia	7-0	62.1%
Class C: Dan Peterson	7-0	37.1%

St. Patrick's Day Open @ Hudson Hall 3/17-18/07 Director: Frank Hudson

Class A: Carlyle Gricks	7-0	51.7%
Class B: Jimmy Higginbotham	7-1	42.0%
Class C: Tom Edmondson	5-1	39.2%
Class D: Reese Warden	5-0	26.5%
Class E: Gary Strohm	7-1	16.1%

Cancer Action Benefit @ Harris Arena 3/24/07 Dir: Kent & Sharon Armstrong

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	4-1	71.6%
Class B: Elwyn Cooper	5-0	49.2%

Class C: Joyce Francis	4-1	35.5%	Class B: Donnie Rahe	6-0	50.0%	Class J: Perry Mann	4-1	16.4%
Class D: Joann Jones	4-1	38.4%	Class BB: Bob Reininger	6-0	25.4%	Class K: Victoria Highley	4-1	11.8%
Class E: Larry Francis	4-1	40.0%	Class C: Dave Feldewerth	5-1	18.8%	Class L: Paige Highley	5-0	2.8%
Class F: Angela DiRaimo	5-0	34.4%	Class D: Gidget Rahe	6-0	34.6%			
Class G: Leroy Dominique	4-1	27.2%						
Class H: Raymond Phelps	4-1	25.2%	April Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena			Spring Up Open @ Harris Arena		
Class I: Sue Roberts	5-0	10.0%	4/14-15/07 Dir: Carlyle Gricks			4/28/07 Director: Charles Killgore		
			Class A: Bob Long	7-0	62.5%	Class A: Tom Ebers	6-1	69.6%
			Class B: Elwyn Cooper	6-1	47.1%	Class B: Greg Canchola	7-0	48.2%
			Class C: Terry McDonald	8-1	43.2%	Class C: Joann Jones	6-1	44.3%
			Class D: Gary Ball	4-1	29.5%	Class D: Billey Hammond	6-5	27.1%
			Class E: Joshua Lane	5-0	27.0%			
			Class F: Harley Tucker	5-1	19.6%			
Spring Is In the Air Open @ Glen Allen						April Showers @ New Melle 4/28/07		
3/24/07 Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams			April Showers Open @ Park Hills 4/21/07			Directors: J Buskirk & K Nenninger		
Class A: Martin Williams	7-0	60.0%	Class A: Charlie Webb	6-2	64.2%	Class A: Steve Johnson	7-0	63.8%
Class B: Frank Rohlfling	6-1	42.1%	Class A: Boxie Schrum	5-1	60.4%	Class B: Ed Griffith	6-1	44.7%
Class C: Joe Keller	4-1	17.5%	Class C: Dan Peterson	5-1	36.3%	Class C: Glenn Young	6-1	38.9%
			Class D: Jim Adkins	7-1	20.5%	Class D: Clarence Eggert	6-1	36.1%
March Madness Open @ Jeff City						Class E: Frank Garcia	7-0	29.5%
3/31/07 Director: Steve Bruemmer			Peculiar Spring Open 4/21/07			Class F: Richard Maassen	7-0	20.4%
Class A: Elizabeth Furner	6-1	49.5%	Director: Glen Bowman			Class A: Bob Long	8-1	55.6%
Class B: Francis Ennis	7-0	31.3%	Class A: Michael Bowman	5-0	58.4%	Class B: Duwane Blevins	7-1	49.4%
Class C: Elaine Hersey	6-1	17.0%	Class B: Elwyn Cooper	4-1	43.6%	Class C: Reese Warden	7-1	37.2%
			Class C: Jim Kinney	5-0	43.6%	Class D: Gary Strohm	8-1	18.4%
Dustoff the Horseshoes @ Glen Allen			Class D: Paul Hudson	4-1	34.8%			
4/14/07 Dirs: Danny/Melody Williams			Class E: Kathy Wetzel	5-0	40.0%	Spring Has Sprung Open @Jeff City		
Class A:			Class F: Richard Schmidt	5-0	28.8%	4/29/07 Director: Steve Bruemmer		
1 st Place: Frank Rohlfling	9-0	38.1%	Class G: Billey Hammond	5-0	25.2%	Class A: James Driver	6-1	50.4%
2 nd Place: C.Schreckenber	7-2	28.5%	Class H: Carl Brown	4-1	20.8%	Class B: Adam Schepers	7-1	36.1%
Class B:			Class I: Terry Bishop	4-1	12.0%	Class C: Kim Luebbering	5-1	26.3%
1 st Place: Joe Keller	6-0	18.5%						
West Vs. East Challenge @New Melle								
4/14-15/07 Dir: Roy & Suzanne Evans								
Class A: Bob Crabtree	6-0	57.5%						
Class AA: Martin Orf	6-0	50.4%						

What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

This will help the league pitchers understand how their league stats will be recorded. Thanks to Dan Sanders for letting us use his article on league stats.



Q's and A's, On and Off the Court

Question: Last year there was a proposed change about how league results are going to be used for calculating our NatStats averages. This proposal passed. Now it is going to be based on 400 shoes instead of the total number of shoes and ringers that we actually pitched. I don't really understand how this works and the reason for this change. Will you please explain this new rule?

Answer: Yes, this proposal was approved by the delegates at the 2006 World Tournament Convention at Gillette, Wyoming. This addition can now be found in the RGS Book on page 18, under Rule 11 – Tournament Play; Section D, which is about the seeding of contestants into tournament classes, based on NatStats averages. This new information is added here as a last sentence and reads, “If a Sanctioned League average is one of the three (3) highest NHPA sanctioned events, that Sanctioned League average shall be converted to an average based on four hundred (400) shoes.” In the proposal for this change, the reason offered was, “The potentially high number of horseshoes pitched in a sanctioned league can unfairly skew the overall high three average and not reflect what an actual tournament average is for a pitcher.”

Your first question is about how this ‘conversion’ is made. In the past, your totals for shoes pitched and ringers made (for each reported sanctioned event) was entered into the NatStats program, which automatically calculated your ringer percentage. But for sanctioned league results, the total for ‘shoes pitched’ will now be entered as ‘400 shoes’ for everyone. The missing information here is, “How many shoes (out of 400) is your final league ringer percentage

equal to?” This answer is calculated by multiplying 400 by (times) your final league ringer percentage. Here's an easy example to understand:

Let's say that during your three-month summer league, you pitched 4000 shoes and made 2000 ringers. In this example, it's pretty easy to calculate your ringer percentage at 50% ringers (1/2 ringers or 2000 divided by 4000 = 50%). But with the rule change, the maximum number of allowable “shoes pitched” for this sanctioned league is 400 shoes. Again, the missing information here is, “How many shoes (out of 400) is 50% equal to?” The answer here is pretty easy to calculate, even in your head; 200 ringers out of 400 shoes is equal to 50%. To get this same answer using a calculator or pencil and paper, you would multiply .50 times 400. And to make this same calculation for your actual league “ringers made out of 400 shoes”, you would multiply your final league ringer percentage by (times) 400. I'm guessing that any “remainders” are dropped by NatStats.

In a quick summary, NatStats will enter your final league ringer percentage, which will automatically be multiplied by 400. The answer will be equal to the number of ringers made out of 400 shoes, and this data will be added to your NatStats file for this event.

The second part of your question is: “Why has this change been added; how could it make any difference?” Taking another look at the reason offered in the proposal, the claim was that *the potentially high number of shoes pitched in a sanctioned league can unfairly affect the NatStats average*, which is based on your three highest averages. Well, this is a valid reason, and in the next issue of the Ohio Horseshoe Newsletter, I will explain this more fully and include some examples which should help with your better understanding of this question.

Note: “Q's and A's, On and Off the Courts” is a regular column in the Ohio Horseshoe Newsletter. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered here, please send them to me at 42 Scioto Street, Powell, OH 43065, or e-mail me at dsanderling@yahoo.com.

2007 Missouri State Fair Mixed Open Tournament

Superintendent: Donna Bastel, Gravois Mills, MO, 573-374-8243
 Asst. Superintendent: Jim Bainter, Gravois Mills, MO
 Judge: Robert Bastel, Gravois Mills, MO

Amount offered in this department by State Fair: \$950.00
 Amount offered by Mo. Horseshoe Pitchers Assn.: \$1,390.00
 Total offered in this department: \$2,340.00

Judging Program

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 17, 18, 19, 2007

Rules of Play

1. This tournament shall be known as the Missouri State Fair Mixed Open Tournament. Any current NHPA member meeting eligibility requirements may enter, regardless of residence. There are 12 dirt courts available with concrete walkways and pitching platforms. This is a NHPA sanctioned event.
2. Classes will be limited to those shown on the prize list. Entries will be accepted in the order they are received. All entrants will compete together and will be placed according to averages.
3. All pitchers will be placed by their NatStats average as known on July 26, 2007. **New pitchers** may use a sanctioned league average of at least 400 shoes or may send a scoresheet of 100 qualifying shoes. Qualifying shoes must be pitched consecutively and recorded on a scoresheet witnessed and signed by two NHPA members. League averages must be verified in writing by the league director.
4. Entry fee for adults: \$10.00. Juniors: Free, but they must have a membership card. Checks should be made payable to: Mo. Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. and should be sent to Donna Bastel, 1028 Oak Point Drive, Gravois Mills, MO 65037. Entries must be received by July 26, 2007. The tournament committee reserves the right to re-rate qualifying scores or correct averages found to be in error. Contestants will be notified of their class and pitching time by mail.
5. This tournament is conducted under the rules of the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the NHPA. The judge's decisions will be final. Classes will be scheduled for

8 player round robins where possible. Contestants failing to appear forfeit all prize money.

6. All pitchers must wear shirts with their names lettered on the back and all pitchers must pay scorekeepers \$.50 prior to the start of each game.

Tentative schedule: (subject to change)

Friday, August 17, 9:00 a.m., Classes P, Q, R
 Friday, August 17, 1:30 p.m., Classes M, N, O
 Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m., Classes J, K, L
 Saturday, August 18, 1:30 p.m., Classes G, H, I
 Sunday, August 19, 9:00 a.m., Classes D, E, F
 Sunday, August 19, 1:30 p.m., Classes A, B, C

Plaques and Ribbons

Missouri State Fair: All first-place plaques
 Missouri State Fair: Ribbons to all places

Premiums

Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 (A)	\$ 31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
2 (B)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
3 (C)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
4 (D)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
5 (E)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
6 (F)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
7 (G)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
8 (H)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
9 (I)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
10 (J)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
12 (K)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
12 (L)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
13 (M)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
14 (N)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
15 (O)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
16 (P)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
17 (Q)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8
18 (R)	31	26	20	15	12	10	8	8

Note: Juniors will not be awarded cash prizes.

Entry Form

2007 Missouri State Fair Mixed Open • Sedalia, MO • August 17, 18, 19 • Sanction #19-07-067

Name _____ Address _____

City & State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

NHPA Card # _____ Date of Birth _____ Adult _____ Junior _____ E-mail _____

Check one: Use my official NatStats average.
 I am a new pitcher and am entering under the provisions of Rule #3. Required documents enclosed.

Entries must be received by July 26, 2007
 Adults \$10.00 • Juniors Free

2007 Missouri State Championships

Singles Entry Information

1. Open to current Missouri residents, who are 2007 NHPA and MOHPA members.
2. **Entry Requirements: Adult** pitchers will be placed into the tournament according to their NatStats average as known August 1, 2007. Their NatStats record must show participation in at least 3 sanctioned events. A sanctioned league average of 400 shoes or more is considered an event. Adult males, who have changed pitching distance, need 3 events from their new distance. **Juniors or Cadets** require only one sanctioned event listed in NatStats by August 1, 2007.
3. **New Pitchers:** Persons who have been NHPA and MOHPA members for a total of two years or less, and haven't previously participated in a Missouri State Tournament, may be seeded by one of the following methods if lacking 3 sanctioned events by the entry deadline: (a) Average from any sanctioned events that have been completed. (b) A current sanctioned league average of 400 shoes or more (must be verified in writing by the league director.) (c) 200 consecutive qualifying shoes (100 for juniors and 50 for cadets). Qualifying shoes must be scored by two NHPA members who must sign the score sheet. The score sheet must be submitted with the entry form.
4. **Entry Information: You must use the official entry form or photocopy thereof. Adult entry fee: \$25.00. Juniors or Cadets: Free.** Make checks payable to: MOHPA. Mail entries to: Vicki Winston, 10326 Highway D, LaMonte, MO 65337. **Entries must be received by August 1, 2007. Late entries will be placed on standby.** Have questions? Call 660-563-3536 or E-mail horshuvicki@socket.net. **No refund of entry fees for cancellations after August 1, 2007.**
5. **Seven Divisions Available (circle only one on the entry form).** **Open Men:** any age adult male 40 ft. pitcher. **Women:** all adult women. **Senior 40':** men age 60 or older who pitch 40 ft. **Mens 30':** Elder men age 70 or older, and men with medical exemptions who pitch less than 40 ft. **Junior Boys:** age 18 or younger for the entire calendar year. **Juniors Girls:** age 18 or younger for the entire calendar year. **Cadets:** youths age 9 or under for the entire calendar year who observe the 20 ft. foul line.
6. **Classes:** Eight person round robins when possible. All games will be cancellation scoring. Length of games as set by the tournament committee. All games are subject to NHPA and MOHPA rules. Judges decisions will be final.
7. **Pitchers** not completing their schedule forfeit all prizes unless officially excused.
8. **All Pitchers** must wear a shirt with at least their last name lettered neatly on the back.
9. **All Pitchers** must pay their scorekeeper \$1.00 prior to the start of each game.
10. **Prize Fund:** \$12.00 of each entry fee plus \$500 from the Independence Horseshoe Club. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top half of each class.
11. **Trophies:** Furnished by the hosts to the top three places in each class. All juniors and cadets will receive awards. A traveling trophy is awarded to adult division champs and junior boy and girl champs.
12. **Notification** of pitching times will be mailed to all entrants. The lineup will be posted on our website.
13. **In case of rain,** as much of the schedule will be played as possible using both Independence and Liberty. Remaining events will be rescheduled for Sept. 22 and 23.

Doubles Entry Information

1. **For Adults Only** and limited to the first 128 entries received, or a lesser number divisible by 16. Entries not making the cut will be used as vacancies occur. Those not getting to play will have their entry fee refunded. Doubles will be played Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, starting at 10:00 AM.
2. **Entry Requirements:** Same as for the Singles.
3. **Entry Information: Use the official entry form. Entry fee: \$25.00.** Make checks payable to: MOHPA. Mail entries to: Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. **Entries must be received by Aug. 1, 2007. Late entries will be placed on standby. No refunds after Aug. 1, 2007.**
4. **Shirt Requirements And Scorekeeping Fees:** Same as Singles.
5. **Format:** Walking Doubles. You pitch your own horseshoes. Partners are paired by dividing the list of entrants into classes of 16 persons by their entering averages. The top 16 form the Championship class, the next 16 Class A, and so on. In each class, #1 will be paired with #16, #2 with #15, and so on.
6. **Prizes:** Cash to the top three places in each class. Plaques to the top three places in each class.
7. **Notification:** You will be advised of your class and pitching time by mail. A tentative lineup will also appear on our Web site. The lineup usually changes whenever substitutions are made.

Singles Entry Form

2007 Missouri State Championships • Sept. 1-3 • Independence, MO

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____
NHPA Card # _____ Birth Date _____ E-Mail _____

Circle Division Being Entered

Open Men Women Senior 40' Mens 30' (Elders) Junior Boys Junior Girls Cadets

___ Check here if entering under Entry Requirement #3 for New Pitchers. Enclose required documents if entering under parts (b) or (c).

Participant Liability Release: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Mo. Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc., all officers, agents, employees and servants of the afore stated 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 Pitching Tournament.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Adults: \$25 Juniors/Cadets: Free
Entries must be received by August 1, 2007.

Doubles Entry Form

2007 Missouri State Championships • August 31 • Independence, MO

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____
NHPA Card # _____ E-Mail _____

___ Check here if entering under requirements for New Pitchers. Any required documents enclosed for your Singles entry will also be used for the Doubles.

Participant Liability Release: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Mo. Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc., all officers, agents, employees and servants of the afore stated 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 Pitching Tournament.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Adults Only: \$25
Limited to first 128 entries received or lesser number divisible by 16.
Entries must be received by August 1, 2007.

Membership Application

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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

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

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

Vicki Winston	Adult Dues	Juniors and Cadets
MOHPA Sec/Treas.	12.00 national	5.00 national
10326 Highway D	<u>8.00</u> state	<u>0.00</u> state
LaMonte, MO 65337	\$20.00 Total Dues	\$5.00 Total Dues
Phone/Fax: (660) 563-3536		
E-mail: horshuvicki@socket.net		

(Cut along dashed line and return this portion with dues. Make additional copies if more than one form is needed.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street address or PO Box: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ E-mail address _____

If renewing, enter NHPA#: _____ Approx. years in NHPA: _____ New members, mark here: _____

Club affiliation if any: _____

Check one of the following: Adult Junior Cadet

Check one of the following: Male Female

Check one of the following: 40' Pitcher Less than 40' pitcher

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