

From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Once again it's the end of the pitching season and it seems as though it just started.

We just completed one of the largest State Championship tournaments we have had in years. It was a wonderful venue, the weather cooperated and the host, Independence Horseshoe Club, has set a new standard. My thanks go out to the President, Al Gwinn, the members of the Independence club and to all the other volunteers who made this a near perfect event.

I would also like to thank all the MOHPA members who attended the Awards dinner. We had over 125 attendees who enjoyed the evening. Our entertainment was the Harry S Truman impersonator, Mr. Neil Johnson. Although we ran short of time, he brought back memories from the Truman era and enlightened us with bits of trivia which brought many laughs.

Congratulations to all the state and class champions. Many were repeats, some were first time champions. Good luck to all of them for the coming year.

NHPA HOF and Museum

As most of you already know, the new HOF facility at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville, St Charles County, Missouri was dedicated on 5 October. It's a fantastic building and is everything that was promised in the early stages of development. The New Melle Horseshoe Club, now the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, will occupy the facility as their new home and provide day to day maintenance and support throughout the year.

If you weren't able to attend the dedication or participate in the first sanctioned event, the NHPA League Championship, you will have at least two opportunities in 2008 to tour the HOF and Museum and experience the new horseshoe arena. There are 16 indoor courts and 16 outdoor courts will soon be completed. The Quail Ridge club will be hosting the Missouri Club/Team Tournament on 31 May and the Missouri State Championships during the Labor Day weekend. There won't be any portable courts in sight for these events!

I don't want to create a lot of speculation but don't be surprised if the World Tournament comes to Missouri in 2010 or 2011. As Paul Harvey would say, "stand by for news!"

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

2007 World Horseshoe Tournament

Missouri had the second largest charter participation in the tournament with 123. Texas beat us by 1, yes one. When the tournament gets close again in 2009, in Springfield, IL, let's be number one in participation. Start making your plans now.

This year Missouri won the NHPA award for the largest increase in Junior pitchers during 2006. This is the second straight year we have been so honored, but we still are in second place among the charters. Missouri may get the award again next year because of another Junior's increase this year. It may not get us to the top but we are pushing Minnesota hard. Keep being creative and bringing young pitchers into our sport.

Missouri also was recognized with the NHPA President's Award which went to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club for their work at the HOF and Museum. Good work, Quail Ridge pitchers.

2008 Missouri State Championships

Be prepared for some schedule changes during next year's championships. We experienced some unanticipated delays this year which brought a few complaints and some embarrassment to the officers. We hear you and will do our best to improve the flow of the tournament. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

Annual Officer Meeting

After the State Tournament in Independence, the officers decided to have two meetings per year rather than our annual winter meeting in Feb. Our meetings will now be held in November and on the evening before our Club/Team event. This will give us a better opportunity to refine and manage the affairs of the MOHPA and remain responsive to you, the members. Actually, we have three meetings each year since I have an "after event" meeting when the state championships are complete. This allows us to identify what went well and what can be done better while those issues are fresh on our minds. It's another way we try to keep improving the association.

I would like to thank the officers and all the key people in the MOHPA for their support throughout the year. They make my job a lot easier. "That's it from the Pits."

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A Touch of Claas

by Jeanette Claas

Wherever did the summer go? Besides being the hottest summer that I can recall, especially in August, it was also the busiest summer for the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members who volunteered their time and energy completing the new Hall of Fame facility. With no air, no lights, and no water, we sweated our way through and together we finished a building that would make anyone proud to be a part of. At the Dedication Ceremony on October 5, it was hard to hold back the tears of happiness, as we thought back to the long, hard hours that we labored to create this building. Read all about the grand opening in this issue of Shoe Biz.

Another indoor facility for Missouri! Not only were the QRHC members busy with their new building, so were the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club members. Our Prez, Jim Bainter, purchased a building that will be housing four courts for indoor pitching. "The Pits" as it is named, will be up and running for the winter indoor season. Best wishes upon your grand opening!

Missouri had 123 pitchers at the 2007 World Horseshoe Tournament in Oklahoma this summer, second to Texas with 124. We had five horseshoe pitchers from St. Joseph who traveled to their first World Tourney. Look for their article in the newsletter.

Read about Missouri's only World Class Championship Title winner in the youth section of the newsletter. Missouri boasts 9 world class champions who won their division. Congrats to each of them.

Good job! Our 2007 State Tournament was hosted by the Independence Horseshoe Club with 267 entries. Weather conditions were good and how often do you get to eat dinner with a former President of the United States. Congratulations to all our State Champions!

Good News—In spite of high temperatures our traditional Missouri State Fair Horseshoe Tournament was up by 30 entries this year.

Have Shoes, Will Travel. Read about our recent Hall of Fame inductee who has traveled for over 30 years across the United States with a pair of horseshoes in hand and never once traveled on a toll highway!

If you are a civil war buff, you will love reading about the "Battle of the Hemps", that took place in this historical town in Missouri.

This is the year to seek out new horseshoe pitchers. The state of Minnesota, who has the most membership, has challenged us to meet their membership. How about it? Let's meet that challenge and recruit, recruit, recruit.

Are you "on" the brick wagon, or "off" the brick wagon? Wouldn't it be great to have each horseshoe pitcher's name in Missouri engraved on a brick at the Walkway Plaza? An impressive site and a great way to support the NHPF and a great way to show you are proud to be a horseshoe pitcher!

Missouri is saddened with the lost of eight horseshoe pitchers during the past year due to illness. A candle-light memorial service was held in their honor at our State Awards Banquet.

This fall issue of Shoe Biz was brought to you by these horseshoe enthusiasts: Jim Bainter, Rich Altis, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Gregg Craven, Laura Estes, Dee McIntire, Dave Loucks, Angie Higginbotham, Richard Pistle, Bob Reininger, Pam Gettinger, Melody Williams, Ginny Weiss, Glenn Bowman, Sharon Taylor and Yours Truly.

Until next issue I wishoe a pocket full of money and remember, "If money is burning a hole in your trousers, it's not a new pair of pants that you need!"



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This & That

by Vicki Winston

I'm sure there will probably be much mention of the new NHPA Hall of Fame, Museum and Court Complex at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville, so I will keep my remarks brief. It far surpasses anything that those of us, who helped the NHPA to set aside some funds for a Hall of Fame a few decades ago, could ever envision. I realize the end result is largely due to the generosity of Dr. Jack Freeman and I feel so blessed that Missouri was chosen to be the home of this facility. I want to thank the members of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club that volunteered many hours of their time to get the building ready for October 5th. A few of them almost took up residence there. It was not an easy task and I hope they have all recuperated so that they are enjoying pitching on the new courts.

As a result of the election at our annual business meeting, I have the honor of serving you for another term and will be entering my 21st year at this job on November 1st. I had not planned on staying so long, but what else would I do with my spare time? Well, maybe I could read the newspaper, or even a book or magazine now and then. That would be nice. Anyway, I do thank you for your trust and I will try to do a good job for the next two years. The 2008 cards are available anytime you want to send your renewal or sign up a new member. Everyone will have to have a 2008 card by the first of January, so now would be a good time to take care of business while you are thinking of it. A membership application is in this issue of Shoe Biz and a printable application is always available on our web site.

While on the subject of membership, I would like to urge the clubs and leagues to keep contact with your members and if they don't renew, get in touch with them and find out why. We sign up many, many new members each year, but some other members keep slipping away from us until we have gone backwards again for 2007 in adult membership. Junior membership went up. Let's see if we can get this adult membership trend turned around and on the upward climb again for 2008. We ought to have more people enjoying the fine pitching facilities that we have within our state and there are now more opportunities than ever to pitch indoors during the winter months.

I want to thank the Independence Horseshoe Club for their excellent job in hosting our 2007 State Tournament and I will say

the souvenir program book was a work of art. I'm sorry I could not mingle with everyone anymore than I did for that weekend. A bad knee and Achilles tendonitis did not make negotiating hills and steps very easy. Standing for any length of time was impossible. You probably thought I just didn't want to leave the air conditioned trailer. I'll admit, it was a nice place to be, but that wasn't the main reason I was spending so much time there. I am now buying time with cortisone shots and heel lifts. Will let you know how long that works. The surgeon says he can wait as long as I can. Ha! From the looks of his office, he has a lot of other patients supporting him and doesn't need my business anytime soon.

This will be all as I have a plane to catch tomorrow and there are no clothes in the suitcases yet. There are holidays coming up, so may I be among the first to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until next time I leave you with this thought: "Bad public officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote."

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."

Shoe Biz Boosters

by Vicki Winston

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New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston

We welcome the remainder of our new members for the 2007 membership year. These people have joined the NHPA for the very first time and their dues were received after May 8. We hope that you will all return for the 2008 membership year.



| Name | City | Club |
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| Skip Bickerman | Shelbina | Shelbina |
| Bill Blakenship | Latham | Liberty |
| Doug Bondurant | Jefferson City | Capitol City |
| Raymond Boulay | Kansas City | Independence |
| Linda Brown | Independence | Independence |
| Rachel Bruemmer | St. Peters | Capitol City |
| Kyran Burks | Slater | Saline County |
| Ryan Cantrell | Archie | Lions Park |
| Justin Carter | Nevada | |
| Rachelle Chinn | Clarence | Shelbina |
| Samantha Christine | Independence | Independence |
| Brandon Clapp | Caulfield | |
| Ray Clapp | Caulfield | |
| Robert Clapp | Caulfield | |
| Tim Cornell | Harrisonville | Lions Park |
| Jordan Duberry | Kansas City | Liberty |
| Jim Findley | Polo | Liberty |
| Tyler Fishbaugh | Archie | Lions Park |
| Mike Goddard | Archie | Lions Park |
| Richard Golay | Shelbina | Shelbina |
| Mike Grissom | Kansas City | Liberty |
| Mike Hagenhoff | Jefferson City | Capitol City |
| Megan Hall | Kansas City | |
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| Jesse Hernandez | Kansas City | Liberty |
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| Michelle Hisle | Marshall | Saline County |
| Ron Hoffman | House Springs | Festus |
| Cole Huffhines | Lawson | Liberty |
| Seth Huffhines | Lawson | Liberty |
| Ginger Hughes | Independence | Independence |
| John Jeffers | Independence | Independence |
| Curtis Kampe | Independence | Independence |
| Elizabeth Martinez | Independence | Independence |
| Mackenzie Mathis | Liberty | Liberty |
| Taylor Mathis | Liberty | Liberty |
| Thomas Mathis | Liberty | Liberty |
| Sharon McIntyre | St. Charles | First Capitol |
| Valorie Mead | Nevada | |
| Nichole Meller | Jefferson City | Capitol City |
| William Moeller | Jefferson City | Capitol City |
| Henry L. Morris | Jefferson City | Capitol City |
| Junior Nute | Bevier | Bevier |
| James Parks | Jefferson City | Capitol City |
| Tina Parks | Jefferson City | Capitol City |
| David Pena Jr. | Independence | Independence |
| Larry Rader | Independence | Independence |
| Daniel Robinett | Russellville | Capitol City |
| Victor Scheuring | Warsaw | Warsaw |
| Andy Schmitz | Lawson | Liberty |
| Jayson Schmitz | Lawson | Liberty |
| Kevin Schmitz | Lawson | Liberty |
| Brian Schroer | Jefferson City | Capitol City |
| Ed Seaton | Sunrise Beach | Lake Ozark |
| Tanner Stark | Lawson | Liberty |
| Tyler Stark | Lawson | Liberty |
| Charlie Teschner | St. Joseph | Pony Express |
| Floyd Thornton | Sunrise Beach | Lake Ozark |
| Steve Voss | Linn | Capitol City |
| Ashley Young | Buckner | Independence |
| James Young | Shelbina | Shelbina |
| Patty Young | Hillsboro | Festus |

MOHPA Publicity News

by Sharon Taylor

We are still promoting horseshoe pitching to the public. We were fortunate enough to have Fox 4 news show up at the State Tournament in Independence and gave us a little time on TV. Every little bit of exposure helps. An article that was published on the Kansas City Stars' editorial page also gave the public a little more insight into horseshoe pitching.

On September 26 we had a pitching demonstration at the Crown Pointe Church in Lee's Summit. Thanks to Jim Kinney, who hauled the courts and clay; Roy Flatt, who helped him set them up; and Al Gwinn and Tony Bootka, who demonstrated pitching, answered questions, and promoted the game. We are lucky to have such dedicated members of MOHPA.

Unfortunately, this year we probably are not going to have a demo at the American Royal. There are more paying organizations who want space, but there's always next year.

If you have any activity at your church, school, business, etc., and you would like for us to set up some courts to promote the great sport of horseshoe pitching, please let me know.

Missouri State Hall of Fame Announcements

by Dee McIntire

We now have two new inductees into the Missouri State Hall of Fame, Kenny Pogue and Tim Henderson for the year 2007. Both of these members are very deserving. Be sure to review the Hall of Fame Scrapbook the next chance you get to see the detailed write ups of these two new inductees as well as all those that preceded them. The Scrapbook will be displayed at all tournaments and MOHPA events attended by yours truly.

The Hall of Fame Committee has voted to change our procedures a little. Due to so many nominations, going back several years, we will now only consider any nomination going back 3 years. For anyone who has submitted a nomination that is older than 3 years, letters will be sent along with a copy of the original nomination and guidelines so that the nomination can be updated and re-submitted.

We welcome any new nominations on any and all deserving individuals. Nomination forms can be found on the MOHPA website and should be submitted to Dee McIntire, Chairman.



Last Shoe



Janet Weber

January 25, 1946 – June 13, 2007

Janet Wehmeyer spent her lifetime in St. Charles until her death at the age of 61 on June 13, 2007. While vacationing in Florida this past January, Janet became ill and was taken to the hospital suffering from a gall bladder attack. Surgery was performed and it was discovered that Janet had a very rare case of gall bladder cancer. There was very little that the doctors could do for her except to keep her comfortable and try to extend some valuable time for her. She spent most of her remaining time in and out of the hospital.

Janet was born in St. Charles on January 25, 1946. She attended St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School and later went to Duchesne High School where she graduated in 1963. In 1965 she met her future husband, Jim Weber, at Danny & Sharon Simons's wedding. They married in November of 1966 and celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year. The couple had two sons, Doug and Craig. Later they had a baby girl who was stillborn. Janet was especially proud and enjoyed her role as grandmother of five; Aaron, Kyle, Claire, Lily and Madison.

Janet would gain employment as a secretary throughout the years with McDonnell Aircraft and Orchard Farm School District and at other business places. Jim was a member of the Knights of Columbus and they both pitched in the KC State Horseshoe Tournament for many years. In the mid-nineties, they joined the New Melle Horseshoe Club and became partners in the Monday night Jack & Jill League. Janet was a current member of the 1st Capital Ladies Horseshoe League in St. Charles. In 2006 Janet received her 10 year membership patch with the MOHPA. More than pitching shoes, Janet loved the camaraderie among her friends at the courts.

Janet was a beautiful lady with beautiful ways, being well known for her friendliness and thoughtfulness. No matter what day of the week, Janet wore a smile which was infectious whenever you were near. Besides pitching horseshoes, Janet enjoyed playing cards and was an avid reader. She enjoyed everyday of her life and remained in the best of spirits until her final days.

She was a dear wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, niece, aunt, cousin, sister-in-law and a cherished friend of many. She will always be remembered by those who knew her. You will see Janet's name engraved in a brick at the new Hall of Fame Building in Wentzville, purchased by her friends, The Shoe-Me Girls of the 1st Capital Ladies Horseshoe League. Missouri horseshoe pitchers extend their deepest sympathy to her family and are so proud that this special lady was a part of our "horseshoe family" for ten years of her life. She will be sadly missed by all.

Check out the NHPA Website for the new construction photos of the Hall of Fame facility.

www.horseshoepitching.com

Kent Armstrong

November 24, 1936 – June 30, 2007

Kent Nelson Armstrong, 70, of Kansas City, MO, passed away Saturday, June 30, 2007 at his home with his loving family by his side after a long, lengthy battle of Cancer.

Kent was born and raised in Kansas City and spent his entire lifetime there. He was a 1955 graduate of Central High School. Kent joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1956 and was discharged in 1960. Kent worked at Lake City Ammunition Plant until joining the Kansas City Police Department in 1965. He retired from the force in 1992 after 27 years service. He was a member of the Police Benefit Association, was very active with the Retired Employees Assoc. of the KCPD, and, in recent years, had made it his personal mission to contact fellow retirees nationwide whenever a member of their group died.

Kent started pitching horseshoes in 1981 after marrying into the family of a past state champion and member of the Missouri Horseshoe Hall of Fame, Wayne Trautwein. Kent married Sharon Armstrong on May 25, 1982. Kent began pitching shoes with his wife and became a member of the Heart of America Horseshoe Club in Kansas City. Since 1981 he helped out with any project that needed assistance. He became the President of the Heart of America Horseshoe Club and held that position for many years. Becoming more active at the state level he was elected Vice-President of the MOHPA in 1990 and served for two years and was then elected President in 1993 for 4 years. Again, he served as Vice-President for another three years until 1999.

While Kent served on the MOHPA Executive Board he accomplished much for the horseshoe pitchers of Missouri. He started the Annual Certificate of Recognition Awards given out at the state tournament. He also re-aligned the Hall of Fame Committee and Chairman so as to be more consistent in its guidelines. For his dedication and accomplishments, Kent was elected to the Missouri Horseshoe Hall of Fame in 1999.

Kent and Sharon attended the 1992, 1993 and 1998 World Tournaments. Kent was diagnosed with Cancer in 1999 and was forced to lay his horseshoes aside. As he fought this battle he also became active with the Cancer Action Research Group holding a horseshoe tournament for 4 years to benefit this organization.

He was a member of the Antioch Community Church. He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon, 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, his mother, Bonita Armstrong, sister, Marcia Presley, mother-in-law, Fern Trautwein and his faithful dog, Mitzi and many, many friends. Honorary pallbearers were the retirees of the Kansas City Police Department family and members of the Heart of America Horseshoe Club.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers on the western side of the state as well as those who knew him on the eastern side are saddened by Kent's death. Kent will always be remembered for the time and

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energy that he devoted to the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Our sincere sympathy is sent to his wife, Sharon, and to all members of his family. He may be gone, but not forgotten.

Lloyd L. Buchheit

April 21, 1944 – July 17, 2007

Lloyd Buchheit, 63, of St. Charles, passed away on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at his home. Lloyd was diagnosed with kidney cancer the end of March 2007 which had already metastasized to the lung and liver. He had surgery to remove the left kidney and tumor in April and was doing pretty good with his new medicine until the end of June. He was in the hospital almost three weeks. He wanted to come home and be with his family.

Lloyd was born in Perryville, MO. He graduated from St. Vincent's High School in 1962. He met his future wife, Joan, at a dance on October 13, 1963 and it was "love at first sight" for the two of them. They married on May 29, 1965. Lloyd and Joan moved to St. Charles after their marriage and had two children, Greg and Tammy.

Lloyd was a Tool & Die Journeyman with General Motors for 30 years before his retirement in May, 2006. He worked for Carter Carburetor for 14 years before that. Lloyd was a hard worker and put in many long hours saving for his retirement. He was a member of St. Cletus Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council #823, and UAW Local #2250.

Horseshoes played a big part in the Buchheit family. Lloyd joined the NHPA/MOHPA in 1991 and was a member for 15 years. He pitched with the New Melle Horseshoe League on the Wednesday Night Men's Winter League. Earlier, he and Joan were partners on the Jack & Jill League. When the First Capitol Ladies League moved to the KC Hall, Joan became Co-Director of the League. Lloyd and Joan were the stats people for the ladies Thursday league and the men's Monday league held there. Their daughter, Tammy, also pitches with the First Capitol Ladies League. Lloyd also pitched with the Knights of Columbus Wednesday League and KC State Tournaments for many years. Lloyd had a concrete walkway and pits installed when they had their new house built several years ago. He was a gentleman both on and off the courts. Most of all he was "tons of fun."

Besides pitching horseshoes Lloyd enjoyed hunting on his farm near Farmington where he spent much of his spare time and was in the process of building a new cabin for his family to enjoy. Lloyd was a man that answered to many names; Bucky, Mr. Fix-It (Lloyd could fix anything), etc., but most of all he enjoyed answering to "PaPa." He especially enjoyed his four granddaughters. While his daughter, Tammy and family, were waiting for their home to sell in Kansas City, MO they moved in with Lloyd and Joan. They put a baby bed in Lloyd's walk-in closet and turned it into a nursery and there the little one slept. Someone once asked Lloyd if he ever used his alarm clock after he retired. "No," he said, "I don't have to. I have a never-fail alarm in my closet that

goes off at 6:00am each morning." He couldn't wait to go in and get her and feed her the bottle!

Lloyd is survived by his dear wife, Joan; dear mother Lorine Buchheit, 98 years young; son, Greg (Lisa); daughter Tammy (Chris); 4 grandchildren, Amanda, Abby, Valerie & Mackenzie; five brothers and five sisters. He was also a dear brother-in-law of Rose (Bob) Diekamp of our horseshoe league, father-in-law, uncle, cousin, and nephew. The horseshoe pitchers of Missouri extend their deepest sympathy to the Buchheit family during this difficult time. He was a cherished friend to many. Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories.

Our Sympathies

- JoAnn Wall, whose mother and father-in-law were killed in a car accident on June 7.
- Dave & Walter Molitor, in the loss of their mother on June 8. She was 102 years young.
- Ann Struss, whose brother, Leonard Johnson, passed away on June 14.
- Elaine Langewisch, whose father, Francis Wilson, passed away on June 23.
- Kenny Pogue, in the loss of his mother in July.
- Leonard Stulce, in the loss of his sister, Mary, on August 3.
- Carl Brown, in the loss of his 10 year old son Christopher in a drowning accident on August 5.
- Dave Feldewerth, in the loss of his 92 year old mother on September 28.

Hospitalized

- Donnie Rahe, QRHC, suffering with a stress fracture in the foot, unable to work for several months.
- Sharon Taylor, Independence, had surgery on neck for removal of nodules on May 30.
- Elaine Bainter, Gravois Mills, stomach surgery on June 7.
- Joe Faron, QRHC, hospitalized in June with diverticulitis and complications of the heart.
- Donna Grossman, of Golden Triangle Club, had foot surgery on both feet in June.
- Jill Knobbe, 1st Capital Ladies Club, having gallbladder surgery in August.
- John Simms, QRHC, had pacemaker installed on August 7.
- Pamela Dobbins, 1st Capitol Ladies Horseshoe Club, had knee replacement in September.
- Susanne Bichsel, 1st Capitol Women's League, had angioplasty in September.
- Ken Obermark, of QRHC, operated on for prostate cancer in September.
- Cal Jaeger, QRHC, suffering from effects of a stroke in Sept.
- Anna Vangilder, QRHC, had back surgery on September 7.
- Terry Bowman, of Peculiar, had back surgery in September.
- Bud Kennedy, QRHR, had Galbladder surgery in September.
- Dave Feldewerth, QRHC, had colon surgery on October 4.
- Joe Wolf, QRHC, had hernia surgery on October 8.

Accidents

- Ann Strus, who was in a serious auto accident and suffered a broken foot, hoping to be back in shoe business by this fall.
- Angie Novel, of QRHC, fell and broke her right shoulder.



Earl's Pearls

Carlyle Gricks knows a man who shaves 10 times a day and still has a full beard. Who is he?
See page 8.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Joann and Ron Jones who became great-grandparents on August 22.
- Happy 80th birthday to Bob Reininger, Oct. 17, and to John Simms, Aug. 27!
- Happy 50th wedding anniversary to Ron and Joan Hassler, Aug. 24, 2007.
- Happy 50th wedding anniversary to Ralph & Rose Orf, QRHC, Sept. 8, 2007.

Thinking of You

- Maurice Hines, who is suffering with lung cancer. Good to see you at the WT.
- Carlyle Gricks, who was diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer.
- Joanne Eisenbeis, suffering with pancreatic cancer.
- Leo Basler, of St. Genevieve, suffering with Parkinson's disease.
- John Dods, of Peculiar, suffering with pancreatic cancer.
- Karla McCaulley, mother of Junior pitcher Alex Roberts, suffering with breast cancer.

- Cal Jaeger, QRHC, suffering from the effects of a stroke.

Soldier Injured in Iraq

Some of you may remember horseshoe pitchers Rod and Karen Romig of Tipton. Karen was an excellent horseshoe pitcher and pitched in the Women's Championship Class for several years. Her nephew, Brett Wolf, was severely injured in Iraq due to a landmine explosion during the first week of September. Since then he was transferred to Germany and is now in the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC. This 22-year-old soldier lost both legs, broken elbows, broken facial bones, and has had numerous surgeries already. He is in an induced coma, in critical condition. Let's do a "Missouri thing" and send a card to a soldier who has dearly paid such a high price for his country, you may do so at the following address. They will hold all cards for him to read when he is able to. Brett Wolf, Ward 45A, Walter Reed Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20307

What's That Rule

by Rich Altis



Do you know! According to the new RGS book:

1. The following occurrences are considered foul shoes and, where it applies, the shoes must be removed from the pit (if they appear to be in the scoring area of the stake) before any more shoes are delivered, unless all contestants in that game agree to leave a foul shoe where it is.
 - (a) Any shoe pitched with the opposite hand/arm; in the same tournament (See also Rule 3, Section C.1).
 - (b) The second shoe, if it is pitched from a different platform than the first shoe.
 - (c) Any shoe that contacts the backboard, platform, court frame, or any ground outside the pit area before it comes to rest.
 - (d) Any shoe that strikes a permanent object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc. Note: A shoe that strikes a foreign, moving object is not foul and may be re-pitched.
 - (e) The second shoe if the contestant changes shoes after the first shoe has been pitched. The only exception is if the first shoe has broken and qualifies for a re-pitch.
 - (f) A contestant's shoe(s), if the contestant removes any shoe before the scoring of that shoe has been agreed upon. If the contestants cannot agree, a judge shall be called to determine the scoring or may order the inning re-pitched.
2. Time Limit: A contestant shall deliver both shoes within thirty (30) seconds. This time limitation shall be determined by a judge and will start when the contestant steps onto the pitching platform with the intention of pitching and is in a "set" position for the first pitch.
3. Leaving the Courts: If a contestant has to leave the area of the court complex between games for a legitimate reason, they shall notify their next opponent, the scorekeeper, or a Tournament/League Official and shall return soon after the last game of that round is completed. Failure to return in a reason-

able period of time (to be determined by the Tournament/League Officials) will result in the forfeiture of that next game.

Section E: Court Rotation

At the end of each game, contestants shall go promptly to their next assigned court. If the court is vacant, they may practice here at this time. After the games on adjacent courts are completed, both pits shall be prepared for play. When the scorekeeper is ready, the contestants have the option of pitching no more than four (4) additional warm-up shoes each, and then the next game must begin immediately.

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Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

Question

Antebellum homes and buildings tell the story of one of Missouri's oldest towns, located east of Independence, 15 miles north of Highway 70. Founded in 1822, this historic town sits high atop the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River, the artery that brought life and commerce to its residents. In 1860, this town with a population of 4,122 was Missouri's largest community, with the population steadily increasing with the arrival of a river steamboat contributing its share of settlers to the city. The riverfront town was a busy place with stores, warehouses, factories, mills and docks for a hundred boats.

It still possesses a distinctly gracious Southern heritage and is best known for the dramatic three-day War Between the States, also known as The Battle of the Hemp Bales. During this time period, the town was a large producer of hemp and large supplies of bales were stored near the battleground in warehouses along the riverfront. When the Confederate soldiers arrived to take over the city, they used these bales as moveable breastworks enabling them to advance uphill on the Union position under cover of the rolling hemp bales. The Union Federals with 3,000 troops were outnumbered by the 18,000 Confederate soldiers. On the third day of the bloody battle, the Union had exhausted its water supply and laid down their arms and the battle ended in a Confederate victory.

The battlefield is quiet now and restored gardens and orchards dot the landscape. But the remnants of the battle can still be seen, and the graves of unknown Union dead echo a time less peaceful. The proud history of this quiet friendly town has much to show its visitors. The Oliver Anderson home, once called the largest and best arranged dwelling house west of St. Louis, was used as a hospital during the bloody Civil War days when it was a fiercely contested prize in a Civil War battle.

A monument called the "Madonna of the Trail" was dedicated to pioneer women and presented to this town in 1928 with then Judge Harry S. Truman presiding at the Ceremony. Don't miss seeing the Lafayette County Courthouse built in 1847-49. A Civil War cannonball embedded in the east column is a relic of the Confederate victory.

The town has progress – yet the old is still here – over 135 pre Civil War homes, four Historic Districts and the population remains about the same back in 1860. The quiet tree lined streets where wagon trains rumbled through and ladies rode in their carriages, the battlefield has been relatively undisturbed throughout the years. The County Courthouse still conducts business as it did more than 157 years ago.

Can you name this peaceful town that Don Isaacson, a MOHPA member, calls his home?

Answer

If you have never visited the city of Lexington, Don Isaacson says you should; however, it took Don awhile before he discovered this historic town to settle in. Don was born and raised in Minnesota. He served in the United States Army from 1956-59 spending most of his time in

Germany rubbing elbows with none other than the King, Elvis! During this time Don was granted a leave and came to Lexington with a buddy of his. He found this town to be very peaceful and friendly. After he was discharged from the Army, Don spent a few years in Nebraska. He kept thinking about Lexington and finally made his move in 1964. He met and married a widow named Margaret and also gained a son and daughter. They enjoy four grandchildren.

During this time, Don, nicknamed "Ike", held various jobs. One interesting adventure he recalls was having a Christmas Tree farm for 12 years. Christmas was his favorite time of the year; it had to be - as it was his livelihood. He grew and sold over 18,000 Christmas trees. People came from miles around to pick out their favorite tree and take home with them for the holiday season.

In 1983 the Isaacsons purchased a lake house at the Lake of the Ozarks and would spend much time there for their summer enjoyment. They moved to this home permanently in 1991. Living in this same area was a fellow named Bob Bastel who was getting a horseshoe club started and needed some help putting in some horseshoe courts on the fairgrounds in Laurie. He asked Ike, if he would help pour concrete. Ike, who had pitched very few horseshoes in his lifetime, got involved, and found out he enjoyed the sport. At the age of 72, Ike moved up to 30 feet and increased his ringer percentage to 44%. Ike was a member of the MOHPA for five years and has many fond memories of his short horseshoe career. In the year 2001 he won Class F at the Hillbilly Fair. His biggest thrill was at the 2005 State Tournament in Jeff City where he won his division, Class D with a 42% average. Ike's advice to all horseshoe pitchers would be to "enjoy the game while you can and keep on practicing."

His horseshoes were going good, life was good; but then in February 06' he had some bad luck, a stroke got him and he had to put his horseshoes at rest. They sold their lake house and moved back home to this peaceful little town of Lexington.

If you are traveling I-70 and have some extra time, get off the beaten path at Highway 13 and visit Lexington; it is well worth several days of investigation for a stroll through Missouri's past. And Ike says he would enjoy a visit from any horseshoe pitcher who happens to come by. Best wishes to you, Ike!



World Tournament Quilt for New Hall of Fame Building

Ellen Beaver, a former horseshoe pitcher from Marceline, MO and wife of horseshoe pitcher Bob Beaver, has volunteered her time and talent to make a quilt to be used as a wall hanging in the new NHPA Hall of Fame facility. The quilt will consist of quilting blocks made from past World Horseshoe Tournament T-shirts. We are asking anyone out there who would like to donate a shirt for use on this quilt to email Ellen at erb-rwb@sbcglobal.net. Her address is 305 East Gracia, Marceline, MO 64658, and her phone number is 660-376-2110. Tell her which shirts you have and she will let you know if she already has one like it.

After Ellen completes this project, she would like to start another quilt using Missouri State Tournament T-shirts. If you have any of these that you would like to donate, please contact her at the above addresses.

Ellen is very enthusiastic about making the quilt and for sure she will be kept busy this winter. What a wonderful idea she came up with and we are so proud and excited Ellen has volunteered to take on this huge project.



Answer to "Earl's Pearls"

A barber! *From page 6.*

Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Jeanette Claas



This Italian couple was easily recognized by a lot of our Shoe Biz readers, but Nick DiRaimo is no easy pick on the horseshoe courts and Angie is very much the competitor. At the 2007 Six Pac 30' Footers Tournament Nick found himself winning 1st place and that was quite a big tournament win for him, while Angie was delighted that she won the big drawing of the day!

Nick and Angie were born and raised in the Kansas City area and later would attend the same high school but wouldn't meet up until a few years later. Nick loved all kinds of sports and Angie had a love for music, playing both the piano and the accordion.

As a young boy, Nick's older brother Frank introduced him to horseshoes. A friend of their Dads had a horse drawn wagon that he used as a business to sharpen knives and scissors. When the horse's shoes wore out he would give them to the kids in the area. They would cut up galvanized 1" pipes for the pegs and Presto! They played horseshoes. His brothers taught him how to throw a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn shoe and to make it land flat and open. As Nick grew he also loved to play baseball, basketball and football. His dream of being a professional baseball player did not materialize.

In 1952 Nick was drafted into the Army during the Korean conflict. He was assigned to a jeep with a machine gun on it. "Then the weapons just got bigger and badder," Nick recalls. The war ended in 1953, and his company was moved back from the front lines so the troops had some time for a little R&R. They installed some horseshoe courts for competition between other divisions. Nick's early experience in horseshoes allowed him to win a lot of those matches for his company. He left Korea in October of 1954 and returned home.

The sport of bowling played a major role in the DiRaimo's lives. It was through this sport that the couple met through a friend that bowled with Nick. They discovered they had more in common than the Italian descent and were married five months later on November 5, 1958. They became the parents of 3 children and now enjoy 2 grandchildren. Nick coached his son's little league baseball team and was also a bowling coach. He watched his son bowl his first of 13 perfect "300" games at the age of 14 years old. In later years he watched his grandson bowl his first perfect 300 game at the age of 15. Nick and Angie are still very active in the bowling circuit. In 2001 they won the Seniors Bowling Tournament. "7-11-07" proved to be a lucky, unforgettable day for Nick this summer. He bowled a sanctioned perfect 300 game with a high 705 series!

It was also through bowling that a teammate of his, Horace "Gilly" Gilmore introduced Nick to horseshoes at the Kansas City Heart of America Horseshoe Club. After Nick retired as a bricklayer of 42 years in 1994 he joined the NHPA and has been a fully active member ever since. In 1995 he was awarded "Rookie of the Year" based on the number of tournaments he entered and how well he placed. Angie was right behind him placing 2nd or 3rd. Nick has developed into a highly skilled horseshoe pitcher and now carries a 67.13% average. He has several 80% games in tournament and league play and then more recently added a 90% game to his record. He has been a participant in all but two State tournaments since 1995 winning 1st place in Mens Class F in St. Joseph. The same year he and his partner Glen Bowman won Class D Doubles. Again in 1997 Nick

and Leonard Lentz won 1st place in the 1997 Doubles at the State Tournament in Independence. He has been nationally recognized in three different categories each year by the NHPA.

Nick recalls one memorable horseshoe game with Stan Griggs. Pitching a game of 102 shoes, Stan won pitching a 78% game. "I lost the game against him", Nick says, "But winning wasn't everything. I pitched a 75% game and as my brother, Frank, would say, 'Give it your best shot, hold your head high and you won't feel cheated.' And that is what I did."

Besides his talent on the horseshoe courts and bowling lanes, Nick has an artistic talent. Nick has painted all the horseshoes banners that you see on display at the Don Harris Arena in Liberty. Nick has made over 20 banners and donates all money, including his expenses to the Harris Arena.

Angie knew nothing about horseshoes. She had spent her life raising her children, baking cakes, being active with the Girl Scouts and a secretary for 25 years. After the DiRaimos retired they went looking for Stocksdale Park where they were told there were some horseshoe courts. Angie's intention was to watch her husband pitch shoes. Gregg and Audra Craven invited them to play and with some coaxing Angie threw the shoes and managed to get a ringer or two. She is now Vice-President of the Liberty Horseshoe Club where they have been members for 13 years. In 1995 at the State Tournament she and her partner, Gerald Thomas won 1st place in their Division and then she turned around and won 1st place in the Womens Single's Class F. In 2005 Angie, along with her partner, Lyle Samuelson, won Class B in the State Doubles competition. The DiRaimo's have traveled to two World Horseshoe Tournaments. They attend all tournaments that they possibly can, arriving always early to keep score.

Nick says his only regret is that he didn't start pitching horseshoes earlier in life. This busy, active couple is enjoying their retirement years pitching horseshoes together and doing everything they possibly can for the betterment of horseshoes. They are so grateful to Don Harris to be able to pitch in the wonderful Arena that Don Harris built for the horseshoe pitchers to enjoy. And Missouri is just as grateful to have this enthusiastic couple among our state members. We thank you, Nick and Angie, for your dedication, time, and energy that you give to the sport we all love.



Being a "Great" Grandma has many benefits,
But there's added excitement when I'm on the pits!

Who am I? Find out in the next Shoe Biz!

NHPA Hall of Fame Opens at Quail Ridge Park

Press Release – October 5, 2007

Doug Bolnick, St. Charles County Parks Marketing Coordinator

St. Charles County Parks Department — With a ringing success, St. Charles County Government helped dedicate the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame and Museum this morning at Quail Ridge Park.



Members of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club were on hand to take part in the official dedication of the 23,000-square-foot facility, which brings St. Charles County to the forefront in the sport of horseshoe pitching. It offers County residents and visitors an opportunity to learn more about the sport and to compete in a world-class indoor pitching facility.

“With an estimated 15 million horseshoe pitching enthusiasts in the United States and several million more throughout the world, the central location of our County will help this facility to attract substantial visitation,” St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann said. “Horseshoe pitching also enjoys tremendous support within the state of Missouri and throughout St. Charles County – the Missouri chapter is the second-largest in the nation and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club features more than 250 members. And, we’re anticipating additional benefit to our restaurateurs, hotel managers, and other attractions through the many visitors attending the local, state, national, and world tournaments that this Hall of Fame will host.”

The NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum will feature many amenities to attract visitors and horseshoe pitchers to the facility. The museum area will include displays, memorabilia, trophies, and other items that detail the history of the sport that is believed to have begun in the Second Century – including a display honoring the 144 individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame and the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Walkway Plaza. A world-class pitching facility offers 16 indoor courts that will be designed to host leagues and tournaments in climate-controlled comfort throughout the year. Other features of the facility will be a food-service area, sixteen pitching courts open to daily public use, and offices. The facility will be open to visitors on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday (or by appointment). For information, please call 636-357-5270 or visit www.horseshoepitching.com or www.quailridgehorseshoes.com.

Today’s opening brings conclusion to a process that began in 2004, when NHPA member Joe Faron first initiated discussions with members of St. Charles County Government and the St. Charles County Council. In November 2005, the Council approved Bill No.2812 that officially agreed to house the Hall of Fame in Quail Ridge Park, and a groundbreaking ceremony began the construction process in May 2006. The facility has been built by the NHPF at a cost of nearly \$1 million, and the County contributed an additional \$400,000 to build the parking lot and for landscaping near the 250 acre park’s entrance. The NHPF will lease the land encompassing the building for \$100 per year for 30 years (with three 10-year options to renew).

“We’re excited to combine with the NHPA, the NHPF, and the

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club to present the Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame inside Quail Ridge Park,” St. Charles County Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer said. “With our passive recreation focus, our parks – and Quail Ridge Park with its convenient location near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Highway 40/61, in particular – offer a perfect setting for the focus of this sport that can literally be played by anyone of any age. This is yet another of the unique amenities that we offer within our parks’ system.”

Among the guests participating in today’s ceremony were County Executive Ehlmann, Yahn-Kramer, NHPA President Paul Stewart, NHPF President Dave Loucks, Faron, and several Hall of Fame members. The Ceremony began with a formal introduction of the colors by deputies from the St. Charles County Sheriff’s Department and a singing of the National Anthem. At the conclusion of the ceremony, dignitaries participated in a ribbon-cutting, and the building opened to the public. In addition to the ceremony, Krey Distributing of St. Charles hosted an Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale on the ground to entertain guests. On Saturday and Sunday, the NHPA will host its first Sanctioned League Tournament at the facility.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame & Museum Dedication Program, October 5, 2007

by Jeanette Claas

- Presentation of the Colors and Raising of the Flag, presented by the St. Charles County Sheriff’s Department
- National Anthem, sung by Vicki Winston, NHPA Hall of Famer, 10 Time Women’s World Champion
- Welcome, Bettie Yahn-Kramer, Director of St. Charles County Parks
- St. Charles County Executive, Steve Ehlmann
- President, NHPF – Dave Loucks
- President, NHPA – Paul Stewart
- Quail Ridge Shuffle
- Ribbon Cutting

The warm temperature of 90 degrees met perfectly with the feeling of warmth shared by the horseshoe pitchers and dignitaries that gathered high on this hilltop to dedicate the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum. It was 17 months ago today that we met at this very same spot for the Groundbreaking Ceremony. The vision that we visualized at that time was now a reality. It was hard to hold back the tears of happiness as we thought back to the long, hard hours that we labored to create this building.

Bettie Yahn-Kramer began the ceremony...“Good Morning. On behalf of the Administration of St. Charles County, the County Council, the Parks Advisory Board, and all of our parks staff, welcome home! Come back with me and recall the memories of warm summer nights, the sounds of metal striking metal, and the happy shouts of success as another “ringer” occurred. For many, it was at the local church yards, or a park, or for us locally it was at Johnson’s Service Station at the intersection of Highway 40-61 and old Highway 94 in Weldon Spring. (I know Cal Jaeger remembers that!”)

“Those were the locations that we as kids first learned of self

responsibility as parents gave the admonition—“Stay back out of the way of the horseshoe pitchers, and pay attention!” If you didn’t, the lesson learned could have potentially been painful, meeting a horseshoe up close and personal...but it was a good, good time for all, with memories that resonate across generations and locations.”



“Today, the tradition continues in an even greater way. I look out and see folks from many states in our nation here this morning, proud to represent their sport. This facility and site represents a strong and wonderful history, and we look forward to all the future possibilities yet to come. Thank you and again, welcome home!”

St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann spoke, “With an estimated 15 million horseshoe pitching enthusiasts in the United States and several million more throughout the world, the central location of our County will help this facility to attract substantial visitation.”

NHPF President Dave Loucks stated, “It was some 42 years ago that the NHPA delegates approved a proposal to establish a Hall of Fame. While worthy candidates have been inducted over those past 42 years, it is only now that we can properly enshrine them in a permanent home.”

Paul Stewart, President of the NHPA declared, “When I first saw this location over two years ago I stated that I saw it was the perfect place to build a National Hall of Fame. After seeing the facility completed, I still stand by my statement. There could not be a more beautiful setting, a more centralized location than where we stand today.”

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club member, Sharon Taylor, spoke of the beautiful park where the deer, the turkeys and the quail run. She told of how Quail Ridge Park was named by Mr. Henry Stealey. About that time a different breed of quails arrived on the scene. The Quailers and the Quailettes of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club did a rousing rendition of the Quail Ridge Shuffle. “We are the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Crew, Struttin’ on down, doing it for you... You can look at our feathers, but please don’t ruffle; we’re just here to do the Quail Ridge Shuffle.”

The ribbon cutting ceremony ended the formality of the dedication. The doors opened and the beauty of the inside interior along with the design of the Hall of Fame layouts was more than what people expected. Paul Stewart said, “I nearly choked up when I saw it for the first time.” As he was leaving on Sunday he again said, “I am still in awe of this place. Just amazing what this club and the Hall of Fame designers accomplished. Nothing could have been more perfect.”

Field of Dreams: “If you build it, they will come!”

by Jeanette Claas

And come they did. From California to Pennsylvania, horseshoe pitchers traveled for the Dedication Ceremony of the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum on October 5, 2007. It was a moment in horseshoe history, perhaps as NHPF President, David Loucks stated, “Today may go down as the most important event in our association’s history.” It was a day of celebration for all horseshoe pitchers.

For the workers of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, planning for this day came a long time ago. It had been 17 months to the day since the ground breaking, and QRHC members were anx-

ious to get “this shoe on the road.” It is estimated that the club as a whole provided more than 2000 hours of volunteer labor and more than \$20,000 in donated materials.

Back in May and June, Joe Faron was at the facility overseeing the construction and making sure things were going right. When Joe’s health became an issue he asked Larry Langewisch to step in and help him out. The concrete flooring was in place, the metal framing was up, and the siding was on. No doors, no windows. No air, no electricity and no water.

The first job that the QRHC members could do to help speed up the process of the project was to clean up after the construction workers and that is when I received my first phone call. Joe asked if I would call some volunteers to help out. I quickly found out who was retired and who wasn’t and who would be available to help and who was not. Thank Heavens, for the retired seniors in our club. We soon found out our bodies were a little older than what we like to think. Picking up after the workers, sweeping the floors, and numerous trips to the dumpster with wheelbarrows filled to the brim, became almost a daily job and it took many volunteers to do this.

We all came to know our project manager, Kevin O’Meara, almost like a member of our club. He knew nothing about horseshoes when he first got involved in this project, but, boy, did he learn. He was responsible for all the building planning, permits, contractors, construction, city and county interface. Kevin went above and beyond his call finding ways to keep expenses down while acting as the communication hub for everyone involved.

After our return from the World Tournament, another new phase was beginning. The drywall was being installed and it created a powdery atmosphere. If you worked during this phase, you knew better than to take a shower before coming. When I think back to this time, I remember how hot it was in the month of August (in the 3 digits) with no rain in the forecast. However, when you left the building you looked as if you had been in a downpour. We could have measured sweat by the gallons.



It seemed the drywall tapers were in the building forever. Would they ever go away, so we could get some painting done? Eventually, the painting party began. Larry L., on the high lift fully dressed and covered with a face mask, had to be dying from the heat in the high ceiling. Larry now began his day at 5:00am. Paint was delivered in five gallon buckets. Clay Beige and Chalet Brown were forever embedded in our fingernails. First the primer and then the real stuff. We stretched our bodies reaching the high walls with those long handled rollers. The reds and the blues in the Hall of Fame needed second and sometimes three coats. It would be nice if we had lights. Just how many rooms are in this building?

If you were one of the lucky ones who painted the brown iron trusses in the north and south pavilions, you quickly found out it was a tedious, slow moving chore, but one that had to be done — and it took forever!

As much as we hated the Johnnie-on-the-Spot parked at the entrance of the building, we soon knew it was a necessary evil. One day, Rose came running to me, “What’s happened to our Johnnie, he’s not there?” “Well, it was there when I got here this

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morning” I replied. We were about to get into the car and go looking for it when we spotted they had moved it around the far corner of the building. We appreciated “it” more after that.

The concrete floor – lots and lots of concrete area. Power washing it twice in both pavilions was quite a job, but the splash of water on our legs was a cool relief. Then we sealed it. “One more time,” says our manager, Kevin. So we sealed it twice. Then it was time for green stripes and the fun really began. Some mistakes were made here, but we found paint the color of concrete that covered our mistakes and we started all over again. By golly, this place is beginning to look like a horseshoe court!

The outside doors are installed and we now lock the place up at night; things are progressing. Along came Bob Cutright with his “Cubbie” (Gary Buehler) and woodworking crew. The sound of saws, the smell of sawdust and we soon had a beautiful wood wall. The painted brown trim added a final touch to its beauty. Next came the framework for the 4 foot walls. More boards to saw, more sawdust to clean up. Thank Heavens for staple guns. The beaded boards were donated by Dave & Bea Feldewerth who were unable to physically work due to health problems, made the wall so much more attractive.

The beautiful 90-foot countertop that you see in each pavilion was donated by Larry Langewisch’s mother, Erma Langewisch and Elaine Langewisch’s father, Gail Wilson. The green fencing and gates were installed; things were shaping up. We wanted to throw some shoes, but there was never any time. Later.



At last the electricians were finished. It was Labor Day weekend and we now had electricity, meaning lights for the first time, we were tired of working in the dark ages. The 3rd week in September, how do you spell relief? We had AC!

Stewlie #76 Rugman Rich took the floor. Still employed at the age of 69, Rich reported for his second job by 5:30 each evening and would work until 10:00pm when the park ranger reminded him, “It was time to go home.” He brought everything he needed: tools, glue, carpet squares, baseboard molding and lots and lots of 60 pound boxes filled with tile. We designed the pattern and he laid it. Seven coats of wax later by the Evans’, you could see your reflection in it.

Our biggest headache was the late arrival of the inside doors. Without doors, we would have no occupancy permit which meant no tournament. With only a few days left before Oct 5, they arrived late on Tuesday afternoon. All the carpenters we could find were there to complete this job. Painting of the doors would come later. All along, Kevin kept saying, “Everything is on schedule.” As I looked around, I had my doubts and sometimes had a hard time sleeping from worry.

9:00a.m., Oct. 5—Dedication begins at 11:00a.m. Rich was laying the last few pieces of tile, the Hall of Fame designers were putting on the final touches and the “quails” were in costume. And yes, siree, we made it! We were 95 volunteers strong. Did we ever doubt for a moment that we wouldn’t accomplish it? We learned “Birds of a feather, win together.” Through all the long hours of working together we bonded with a determination to “Getter Done.” It was a labor of love for horseshoes.

Thank You! Donations and Contributions

There is not enough space to list the 95 plus members of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club who volunteered their services to complete this project. It was through your “generosity of time, energy and dedication” that created the beautiful interior of this building. You know who you are and what you did, you have to feel a sense of self-satisfaction and pride in what you personally accomplished. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and thankful for what you did. You donated your time, your gas and your physical labor. Your contribution was most appreciated.

A special thank you to some wonderful people, some not even members of the QRHC, who stepped in with donations and contributed to the cause when it was needed:

- Erma Langewisch and Gail Wilson: Donated the \$3,000 to cover the expense of the two 90’ countertops in both pavilions.
 - Jason Korte: Donated many hours of labor installing the countertop.
 - Mark Clemme: Supplied the use of his bobcat and backhoe when installing both indoor and outdoor pits and digging the hole for propane gas tank
 - Jack Barry: Donated all the rubber belting placed on the inside of the pits and to be used as covers.
 - St. Charles Sand Co. (Richard Viehmann): Donated 3 truckloads of sand that was used inside of the pits and the burial of the propane gas tank.
 - Joe Faron III.: Supplied all the pneumatic tools, compressors, hoses and fasteners that were used for the woodwork.
 - Bob Williams (Sign-a-Rama): Donated 20 scoreboards to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club.
 - Dave & Bea Feldewerth: Donated \$500 to pay for the cost of the beaded boards.
 - Larry Langewisch: Donated this special 3-day weekend barbecuing the meat. He then donated the cooker to the NHPF/NHPA organization.
 - Rich Altis: Donated all the tile used in the kitchen and restrooms, plus trim and adhesive.
 - Roy & Suzanne Evans: Donated the stakes and court frames for the sixteen indoor courts.
 - Travel Transitions: Those who donated their vehicles traveling to Wisconsin, Kentucky & Tennessee picking up equipment and clay to be used in the new facility.
 - Ladies in the Kitchen: Spent their time in the kitchen preparing and serving food for three days.
 - QRHC Ladies: Donated the delicious cakes and pies.
 - Flags: Donated by VFW Post 5651 in New Melle and the American Legion Post 323 in Wentzville.
 - Don & Jeanette Claas: Donated the laser scroll Quail wall hanging.
 - St. Charles Parks Department: For including us into their Parks System and the beautiful landscaping surrounding our building
 - Mr. Henry Stealey: For his generosity of the partial donation he gave to the St. Charles Parks Department.
 - Mr. Jack Freeman: For the donation of his property to the NHPF allowing all this to be possible.
 - NHPF Directors: For selecting the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club to be caretakers of this beautiful new facility.
- Our apologies if your name was inadvertently left off.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

NHPF News, Views & Donations

by Dave Loucks

The Commemorative Bricks Plaza has become a popular way for people to show their support of this Hall of Fame building project. Close to 600 engraved bricks have already been sold but there are still plenty more available. The bricks cost \$100 to \$200 each depending on whether you want three or six lines of engraving. Order forms have been previously mailed to all NHPA members and can also be found on the NHPA website. Please consider purchasing one or sending a smaller contribution to the NHPA. The Foundation will still need a steady flow of income to support this new facility and continue its grant and horseshoe pitching related 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.

During the months of June and July, the NHPF paid out \$157,000 toward building costs and deposited \$14, 8663 received through contributions and brick orders.



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" x 8". 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:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Nile Abbott | C W Gutshall |
| Rich Altis | Ken Hardy |
| Kent/Sharon Armstrong | Harris Arena |
| (M A Bachman) | Don & Fern Harris |
| Jim Bainter | Heart of America Club |
| Bob & Ellen Beaver | Tim & Wendy Henderson |
| Stanley Becchetti | Wayne & Pam Henderson |
| Floyd & Mary Beeson | Ray Herman |
| C H Berg (In Memory) | Wilbur Hodgson (In Memory) |
| Charlie Bextermueller | Higginsville Horseshoe Club (In Memory) |
| Ed Brakensiek | Jim & Carol Howard |
| Wes Brakensiek | Ralph & Janet Hummel |
| Mel Bruemmer | Hummer Horseshoes-Springfield |
| Larry Brown | Independence Horseshoe Club |
| Lloyd & Joan Buchheit | George Ivancic |
| Lloyd Buchheit (In Memory) | Cal Jaeger |
| Gary & Rose Buehler | Ronnie & Joann Jones |
| Burly (In Memory) #13-#239 | Charlie Killgore |
| Clyde Carter (In Memory) | Bob Kingsolver |
| George Chichura | Jill Knobbe |
| Chillicothe Horseshoe Club | Jan Kreienkamp |
| Don & Jeanette Claas | Lake of Ozarks Horseshoe Club |
| Elwyn Cooper | Liberty Horseshoe Club |
| W A Courtwright | Lions Park Horseshoe Club |
| Ron Craven | W. Hodgson, Founder |
| Bob & Ree Cutright | Robert Long |
| DeKalb Horseshoe Club | Rodney Mallinckrodt |
| (J Own/H. Petticord) | Loree Meier |
| Bob & Rose Diekamp | Ronny Mincks |
| Nick & Angie DiRaimo | The Misfits |
| Harold & Louise Duke | Missouri Stewlies |
| Mary Duke | MOHPA |
| Tom Ebers | Bob Molitor (In Memory) |
| Johnny Egeland | Dave Molitor |
| Clarence Eggert | Walter Molitor |
| Val Eikel | Owen Moore |
| Bob & Joann Eisenbeis | NMHC-Harvey Wobbe |
| Don & Mary Ann Ell | Ozark Horseshoe Club |
| Roy & Suzanne Evans | Martin Orf |
| Joe & Alice Faron | Ralph Orf |
| Joe Faron MOHPA Pres | (Don Ostmann) |
| Dave & Bea Feldewerth (2) | Doug Peoples |
| First Capitol Ladies League | (Ed Peters) |
| Larry & Joyce Francis | Harold Petticord |
| Larry Gilchrist | Mark Pisane |
| Mickey Gillette | Kenny Pogue |
| Bob Greisbauer | James Premer |
| Francis Greisbauer | Don & Gidget Rahe |
| Lucky Gricks Arena | The Red Eyes |
| Jerry Griggs (In Memory) | |

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2007 Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament

August 31–September 3 • Independence, MO

by Jeanette Claas

“The Shoe Stops Here” in historic Independence. The 82nd Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament was held on Aug 31, Sept. 1 -3, 2007 and hosted by the Independence Horseshoe Club. McCoy Park, located directly across from the Truman Library was the perfect setting for the horseshoe club to host its 6th State Tournament. A total of 267 horseshoe pitchers, ranging in ages from 7 to 82, entered this event and pitched on 24 permanent outdoor courts and nine portable courts all in hopes of taking home one of the beautiful Missouri trophies that were made by MOHPA member, Carl Gricks.

The extremely hot August, with 3-digit temperatures, finally broke as Labor Day weekend approached. Mother Nature treated the horseshoe pitchers kindly with sunny skies and temperatures in the high 80's and low 90's. The humidity was low and a gentle breeze flowed through the air bringing relief to the horseshoe pitchers. Due to the intensity of the sunrays in the afternoon, many pitchers brought home sunburns as a souvenir of the tournament.

Kickoff time began at 10:00am on Friday for horseshoe pitchers competing in the Missouri State Doubles Tournament. Eighty pitchers participated within the five classes. With 6 wins and 2 losses between the teams of Rose Diekamp/Paul Parnell and Altis/Winston in the Championship Class, there would be a playoff game to determine the winner. The team of Rich Altis and Earl Winston prevailed earning them the 2007 Championship Title with a team ringer percentage of 51.46%.

On Friday evening, the annual state business meeting was held at Paddy O'Quigley's Restaurant in Lee's Summit. Vice President Roy Evans, Secretary/Treasurer Vicki Winston, Zone Directors Rich Altis and Bob Bastel were re-elected to their positions. It was voted by the present membership that the 2008 Missouri State Tournament would be held at the new site of the National Hall of Fame facility, hosted by the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club in Wentzville.

On Saturday morning, the Missouri State Singles competition began with 119 men entered in the Men's Division. In the afternoon the Cadet Division, consisting of seven children from the ages of 7-9, competed in the championship class. Nine-year-old Nathan Evers, of Lake Ozark, claimed his third state title with a record of 7-0 and a ringer percentage of 36.67%. Nathan recently won his 1st World Championship Title in Ardmore, OK. Missouri is very proud of his talents and of all the Cadets and Junior horseshoe pitchers.

Tori Vandeven, age 15, of Whitewater, is Missouri's new Junior Girl's Champion with a record of 4-0 and a ringer percentage of 38.50%. Nine girls entered this event. In the Boy's Junior Division, Michael Bowman, of Archie, claimed his 2nd State Title with a record of 7-0 and 57.14% tournament average. Michael recently won the

Class A Championship Title at the World Horseshoe Tournament in Ardmore OK. Martin Williams, of Glen Allen, was State Runner-up with a 54.6% tournament average. Fifteen boys participated in this event.

The 9th Annual Awards Banquet was held on Saturday evening at Paddy O'Quigley's Restaurant with Stan Griggs hosting the event. Charles Killgore gave the invocation and a delicious dinner was served to a large number of pitchers and guests. President Truman, A.K.A. Neil Johnson, was a welcomed guest speaker and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Truman Library by entertaining the audience with Truman antidotes.

A candle-lighting ceremony was held for members of the MOHPA who passed away during the past year: C.H. Berg, Sam Lawson, Lee Krueger, Wayne Trautwein, Janet Weber, Kent Armstrong and Lloyd Buchheit. A tribute was presented by the Missouri Stewlies for Gene “Burly” Burlingame, of Iowa.

Our state secretary distributed Longevity Patches to 59 recipients; 40 received 10 year patches and 15 received 20 year patches. Thirty year patches were given to Leroy and Francis Dominique, Calvin Jaeger and Eugene Newkirk.

Missouri honored two inductees into the MOHPA Hall of Fame; Kenny Pogue, of Ellington, and Tim Henderson, of Lonedell, for their promotion, talent and dedication to the sport of horseshoes. The 2006 Player of the Year Award was earned by Michael Gillespie, of Adrain, for the 4th year in a row. Michael pitched in 59 tournaments during the past year. The 2006 Rookie of the Year was won by Bill Lee Jr. of Gladstone. The Junior Player of the Year was earned by Michael Bowman of Archie and the 2006 Junior Rookie of the year was won by Ethan Snow of Pierce City.

Jim Bainter, President of the MOHPA, presented the Presidential Award to Roy Evans for his role and dedication he has played in helping with the transition of the new NHPA Hall of Fame. Two Achievement Awards were presented to Dean Jameson, President of the Pony Express Horseshoe Club in St. Joseph, and to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club.

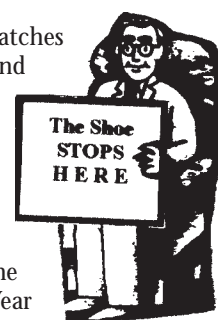
On Sunday morning the sound of church bells were ringing as the women's division, with 50 entrants, began their competition. Rose Diekamp, of O'Fallon, claimed her 5th State championship Title with a record of 6-1 and 61.64% tournament average. Defending State Champion, Mary Vogel, of Kansas City, was the state's runner-up. The high game in the Women's Division was 69.05% pitched by Rose Diekamp.

Sixteen men in two classes participated in the Mens Senior Division. At the completion of the Senior competition, Mickey Gillette, of Warrenton, claimed his 4th State Senior Championship Title with a record of 7-0 and 58.33% tournament average.

The exciting 30 Foot Men's Elder Division, loaded with talent, was held on Monday. Fifty-one men entered this division. With a record of 6 wins and 1 losses, there was a tie for first place between Ray Plute, of Warrensburg and Carl Gricks, of Diamond. After a playoff game, Carl Gricks, at the age of 77, captured his first State Elders Championship Title with a record of 7-1 and a ringer percentage of 62.75%.

The Mens Championship Class consisted of Missouri's top twelve men who pitched six games on Sunday and five games on Monday

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2007 MOHPA State Champions



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

Stan Griggs
Rose Diekamp
Carl Gricks
Mickey Gillette
Michael Bowman
Tori Vandeven
Nathan Evers
Rich Altis and
Earl Winston

82nd Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament Results

Independence, MO • September 1-3, 2007

Mens Championship

| | | |
|----------------------|------|-------|
| 1. Stan Griggs | 11-0 | 70.3% |
| 2. Sam Carter | 9-2 | 64.6% |
| 3. Rich Altis | 9-2 | 62.0% |
| 4. M.O. Turner | 6-5 | 57.7% |
| 5. Steve Johnson | 6-5 | 57.1% |
| 6. Jim Renfro | 6-5 | 51.6% |
| 7. Andrew Foulds | 5-6 | 51.8% |
| 8. James Driver | 5-6 | 50.7% |
| 9. Randy Grady | 4-7 | 56.1% |
| 10. Charles Killgore | 3-8 | 45.9% |
| 11. Tim Henderson | 1-10 | 43.2% |
| 12. Joe Buskirk | 1-10 | 37.7% |

Mens A Class

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Jim Higginbotham | 6-1 | 49.6% |
| 2. Mike Fadler | 5-2 | 55.0% |
| 3. Mel Bruemmer | 4-3 | 49.3% |
| 4. Marion Harris | 4-3 | 41.4% |
| 5. Kelly Kasper | 3-4 | 50.4% |
| 6. Ed Griffith | 3-4 | 37.2% |
| 7. Jim Kinney | 2-5 | 46.4% |
| 8. Duwane Blevins | 1-6 | 35.4% |

Mens B Class

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Larry Francis | 6-1 | 41.8% |
| 2. Bob Outt | 5-2 | 42.9% |
| 3. Joie Welker | 5-2 | 40.0% |
| 4. Lawrence Loney | 4-3 | 36.4% |
| 5. Steve Steck | 4-3 | 31.1% |
| 6. Darryl Gettinger | 2-5 | 27.8% |
| 7. Sam Vogel | 2-5 | 26.8% |
| 8. Danny Williams | 0-7 | 20.4% |

Mens C Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Jim Gregory | 6-1 | 31.3% |
| 2. Adam Schepers | 5-2 | 41.4% |
| 3. Bob Kingsolver | 4-3 | 38.2% |
| 4. Jesse Dowell | 4-3 | 34.3% |
| 5. Bob Bloss Jr. | 4-3 | 33.6% |
| 6. Jeff Spry | 3-4 | 34.5% |
| 7. David Schneider | 1-6 | 31.4% |
| 8. Jim Howard | 1-6 | 29.3% |

Mens D Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Larry G. Brown | 1-6 | 33.6% |
| 2. Jack Cargile | 5-2 | 31.3% |
| 3. Mike Watkins | 5-2 | 30.4% |
| 4. Rusty Bass | 5-2 | 30.0% |
| 5. Terry Murray | 3-4 | 28.8% |
| 6. Patrick Blevins | 3-4 | 25.0% |
| 7. Pat Heathman | 1-6 | 23.8% |

Mens E Class

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Jerry Weller | 7-1 | 36.6% |
| 2. Roger Sinclair | 6-2 | 28.4% |
| 3. Bob Bastel | 4-3 | 35.4% |
| 4. Bob Beaver | 4-3 | 26.4% |
| 5. Rick Gwinn | 3-4 | 24.3% |
| 6. Paul Beard | 2-5 | 24.3% |
| 7. Michael Gillespie | 2-5 | 19.6% |
| 8. Everett Jones | 1-6 | 32.1% |

Mens F Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Dennis Mills | 6-1 | 34.6% |
| 2. Danny Branson | 5-2 | 36.1% |
| 3. Oren Harris | 5-2 | 30.7% |
| 4. Ron Highley | 4-3 | 26.1% |
| 5. Mike Grisson | 3-4 | 27.9% |
| 6. Toby Carmichael | 3-4 | 25.7% |
| 7. Jim Riley | 2-5 | 25.0% |
| 8. Oscar Reeves | 0-7 | 23.6% |

Mens G Class

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. John Jeffers | 6-1 | 33.8% |
| 2. Daniel Gavin | 5-2 | 29.6% |
| 3. Clint Sloan | 5-2 | 24.6% |
| 4. John Anderson | 4-3 | 28.3% |
| 5. Grant Kueck | 3-4 | 24.2% |
| 6. Dick Byersdoerfer | 3-4 | 20.4% |
| 7. Neal StRaughn | 2-5 | 18.8% |

Mens H Class

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Lee Miller Jr | 6-1 | 30.7% |
| 2. Raymond Phelps | 5-2 | 24.6% |
| 3. Larry Riley | 5-2 | 21.1% |
| 4. Danny Wetzel | 4-3 | 18.3% |
| 5. Tim Warden | 3-4 | 20.8% |
| 6. Erbie Wisdom | 2-5 | 20.4% |
| 7. Carl Brown | 2-5 | 12.9% |
| 8. Ernest Ellermann Jr | 1-6 | 13.4% |

Mens I Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Douglas Tripp | 6-1 | 24.3% |
| 2. Marvin Flatt | 5-2 | 23.9% |
| 3. James Caulfield | 4-3 | 21.4% |
| 4. Justin Riley | 4-3 | 16.4% |
| 5. Doug Carter | 3-4 | 22.9% |
| 6. Scott Raimer | 2-5 | 20.4% |
| 7. Dan Hines | 2-5 | 19.6% |
| 8. Steve Bruemmer | 2-5 | 15.4% |

Mens J Class

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Bob Cutright Sr. | 7-1 | 25.3% |
| 2. Daniel Allen | 6-2 | 26.9% |
| 3. Marshel Keith | 5-2 | 24.6% |
| 4. Joshua Mundy | 5-2 | 21.8% |
| 5. Joe Keller | 3-4 | 18.6% |
| 6. Alfred Mundy | 1-6 | 16.1% |
| 7. Roy Evans | 1-6 | 15.4% |
| 8. Frank Mills | 1-6 | 13.2% |

Mens K Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Frank MacArthur | 5-1 | 18.0% |
| 2. Mark Schepers | 4-2 | 14.7% |
| 3. Terry Highley | 3-2 | 16.4% |
| 4. Gary Strohm | 2-3 | 18.4% |
| 5. Terry Bishop | 2-3 | 14.0% |
| 6. Ray Herman | 0-5 | 12.0% |

Mens L Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Darrell Plowman | 5-0 | 16.0% |
| 2. Chad Flatt | 4-1 | 17.2% |
| 3. Keith Johnson | 3-2 | 11.2% |
| 4. George Chichura | 2-3 | 8.8% |
| 5. Wesley Reed | 1-4 | 9.6% |
| 6. Jim Claxton | 0-5 | 6.8% |

Mens M Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. William Elder | 4-1 | 10.4% |
| 2. John Keller | 3-2 | 13.4% |
| 3. Daniel Olson | 3-2 | 12.4% |
| 4. Dennis Bales | 3-2 | 11.8% |
| 5. Ron Hughes | 1-4 | 10.5% |
| 6. Darrell Pulliam | 1-4 | 7.0% |

Mens N Class

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Michael Elder | 5-0 | 10.8% |
| 2. Larry Anderson | 3-2 | 12.8% |
| 3. George Goldizen | 3-2 | 4.0% |
| 4. Tim Chrissis | 2-3 | 6.5% |
| 5. Robert Johnson | 1-4 | 8.8% |
| 6. Rodney Mallinckrodt | 1-4 | 6.9% |

Womens Championship Class

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Rose Diekamp | 6-1 | 61.6% |
| 2. Mary Vogel | 5-2 | 56.7% |
| 3. Elizabeth Furner | 4-3 | 56.4% |
| 4. Jill Knobbe | 4-3 | 53.3% |
| 5. Letha Harris | 3-4 | 56.6% |
| 6. Jan Kreienkamp | 3-4 | 55.5% |
| 7. Mary Beeson | 2-5 | 46.1% |
| 8. Tamra Jenkins | 1-6 | 51.3% |

Womens A Class

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Audra Craven | 6-1 | 55.4% |
| 2. Jeanette Claas | 5-2 | 52.5% |
| 3. Roena Branson | 4-3 | 53.6% |
| 4. Ree Cutright | 4-3 | 45.7% |
| 5. Ginny Weiss | 4-3 | 45.4% |
| 6. Karen Goldizen | 2-5 | 44.6% |
| 7. Joyce Francis | 2-5 | 42.5% |
| 8. Angie Higginbotham | 1-6 | 40.0% |

Womens B Class

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Denise Bloss | 6-1 | 37.1% |
| 2. Donna Bastel | 5-2 | 35.0% |
| 3. Terrie Rose | 4-3 | 34.2% |
| 4. Mary Duke | 4-3 | 32.0% |
| 5. Debbie Harris | 3-4 | 30.3% |
| 6. Dee McIntire | 3-4 | 27.9% |
| 7. Joann Jones | 3-4 | 27.5% |

Womens C Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Kathy Wetzel | 6-1 | 45.4% |
| 2. Melody Williams | 5-2 | 32.9% |
| 3. Pam Gettinger | 5-2 | 30.4% |
| 4. June Thompson | 4-3 | 30.0% |
| 5. Sherri Terwelp | 4-3 | 28.3% |
| 6. Angela DiRaimo | 2-5 | 24.2% |
| 7. Carol Howard | 2-5 | 23.3% |

Womens D Class

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Erika Myler | 5-0 | 28.4% |
| 2. JoAnn Wall | 4-1 | 23.6% |
| 3. Suzanne Evans | 2-3 | 24.8% |
| 4. Rose Buehler | 2-3 | 22.4% |
| 5. Billey Hammond | 1-4 | 24.8% |
| 6. Eileen Reeves | 1-4 | 17.2% |

Womens E Class

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Johnna Bales | 5-0 | 33.6% |
| 2. Donna McDaniel | 3-2 | 18.9% |
| 3. Connie Trautwein | 2-3 | 18.5% |
| 4. Laura Johnson | 2-3 | 14.8% |
| 5. Victoria Highley | 2-3 | 12.0% |
| 6. Sheila LeGrand | 1-4 | 14.4% |

Womens F Class

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| 1. Anna Vangilder | 5-0 | 7.2% |
| 2. Dawn Bishop | 3-2 | 5.2% |
| 3. Marge Whipple | 3-2 | 2.8% |
| 4. Valorie Mead | 2-3 | 6.4% |
| 5. Ginger Hughes | 1-4 | 3.6% |
| 6. Hannah Johnson | 1-4 | 2.4% |

Junior Boys Championship

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Michael Bowman | 7-0 | 57.1% |
| 2. Martin Williams | 6-1 | 54.6% |
| 3. Daniel J. Allen | 5-2 | 25.7% |
| 4. Ryan Spry | 4-3 | 41.3% |
| 5. Alex Roberts | 3-4 | 37.5% |
| 6. Bruce Thomson | 2-5 | 16.4% |
| 7. David Heathman | 1-6 | 11.8% |
| 8. Tylor Hines | 0-7 | 18.2% |

Junior Boys A

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Brandon Riley | 5-0 | 25.6% |
| 2. Ethan Kueck | 4-1 | 12.8% |
| 3. Justin Carter | 3-2 | 10.4% |
| 4. Gave Heathman | 2-3 | 5.2% |
| 5. David Pena | 1-4 | 2.4% |
| 6. Jesse Hernandez | 0-5 | 1.6% |

Junior Girls Championship

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Tori Vandeven | 4-0 | 38.5% |
| 2. Hannah Dods | 1-3 | 16.5% |
| 3. Megan Riley | 1-3 | 12.5% |

Junior Girls A

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Pagie Highley | 5-0 | 12.0% |
| 2. Brandy Tresler | 3-2 | 7.5% |
| 3. Natalie Altis | 3-2 | 4.5% |
| 4. Corissa Bishop | 2-3 | 4.5% |
| 5. Felcia Gwinn | 2-3 | 3.0% |

Cadets Championship

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Nathan Evers | 7-0 | 36.7% |
| 2. Andrew Lau | 6-1 | 15.8% |
| 3. Noah Heathman | 5-2 | 11.7% |
| 4. Neah McLeod | 4-3 | 4.2% |
| 5. Sergio Hernandez | 3-4 | 4.2% |
| 6. Savanna Johnson | 2-5 | 1.7% |
| 7. Katie Hines | 1-6 | 2.5% |

Seniors Championship

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Mick Gillette | 7-0 | 58.3% |
| 2. Elwyn Cooper | 5-2 | 46.9% |
| 3. Gregg Craven | 4-3 | 50.3% |
| 4. Bob Renfro | 4-3 | 48.7% |
| 5. Ron LeGrand | 3-4 | 47.9% |
| 6. Ralph Richardson | 3-4 | 42.9% |
| 7. Ron Hassler | 2-5 | 41.8% |
| 8. Jim Bainter | 0-7 | 35.6% |

Seniors A Class

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Don Claas | 7-0 | 38.2% |
| 2. Ray hanchola | 5-2 | 33.9% |
| 3. Carol Folsom | 4-2 | 26.8% |
| 4. Ronnie Attebery | 3-4 | 32.5% |
| 5. Keith Peck | 3-4 | 29.3% |
| 6. Clifford Pierce | 2-5 | 25.0% |
| 7. Brady Craven | 2-5 | 17.1% |
| 8. Gary Buehler | 2-5 | 16.8% |

30 Ft. Mens Championship

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Carlyle Gricks | 7-1 | 62.8% |
| 2. Ray Plute | 6-2 | 60.8% |
| 3. Nick DiRaimo | 5-2 | 65.0% |
| 4. Tom Ebers | 4-3 | 63.8% |
| 5. Oden Sullivan | 4-3 | 56.9% |
| 6. Bob Long | 2-5 | 48.4% |
| 7. Frank Hudson | 1-6 | 47.2% |
| 8. Al Gwinn | 0-7 | 46.0% |

30 Ft. Mens Class A

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Dan Couch | 6-2 | 45.1% |
| 2. Bob Diekamp | 6-3 | 39.4% |
| 3. Earl Winston | 5-3 | 38.6% |
| 4. Roy Flatt | 4-3 | 44.2% |
| 5. Douglas Peoples | 4-3 | 41.7% |
| 6. Greg Canchola | 3-4 | 35.9% |
| 7. Paul Taylor | 2-5 | 34.2% |

30 Ft. Mens Class B

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Lile Harper | 7-0 | 54.3% |
| 2. Tony Bootka | 6-1 | 42.5% |
| 3. Nile Abbott | 4-3 | 47.9% |
| 4. Jack Carnes | 4-3 | 43.2% |
| 5. Terry McDonald | 3-4 | 42.9% |
| 6. Sammy Weese | 3-4 | 40.9% |
| 7. Franklin Rohlfing | 1-6 | 39.4% |
| 8. Harless Kampe | 0-7 | 29.6% |

30 Ft. Mens Class C

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Larry McAlister | 7-0 | 41.4% |
| 2. Paul Hudson | 5-2 | 35.2% |
| 3. Bobbie Jones | 4-3 | 35.4% |
| 4. Roger Schnur | 4-3 | 32.0% |
| 5. Lee Crabtree | 3-4 | 32.5% |
| 6. Lyle Samuelson | 3-4 | 31.4% |
| 7. Fred Smith | 1-6 | 27.1% |
| 8. Donald Plowman | 1-6 | 22.5% |

30 Ft. Mens Class D

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Richard Schmidt | 4-1 | 31.2% |
| 2. Gary Ball | 3-2 | 26.8% |
| 3. Bill Bouyea | 3-2 | 25.2% |
| 4. Dean Jameson | 3-2 | 23.2% |
| 5. Wesley Mead | 2-3 | 15.2% |
| 6. Don Roberts | 0-5 | 16.1% |

30 Ft. Mens Class E

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Victor Scheuring | 5-0 | 26.4% |
| 2. Robert Reininger | 3-2 | 13.6% |
| 3. Perry Mann | 2-3 | 17.6% |
| 4. Dannie McDaniel | 2-3 | 15.9% |
| 5. Mervyn Moeller | 2-3 | 15.6% |
| 6. Terry Kampe | 1-4 | 16.7% |

30 Ft. Mens Class F

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Jack Slough | 5-0 | 8.8% |
| 2. Floyd Roberts | 4-1 | 12.4% |
| 3. Joe W Barry | 2-3 | 6.0% |
| 4. Don Swihart | 2-3 | 5.6% |
| 5. Daryl Strohm | 2-3 | 4.8% |
| 6. Eugene Loyd | 0-5 | 8.8% |

Missouri State Doubles Championship

Independence, MO • August 31, 2007

Doubles Championship Class

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Rich Altis | 6-2 | 57.8% |
| Earl Winston | | 45.1% |
| 2. Rose Diekamp | 5-3 | 61.2% |
| Paul Parnell | | 36.0% |
| 3. Sam Carter | 4-3 | 50.0% |
| Jill Knobbe | | 48.9% |
| 4. Tamra Jenkins | 4-3 | 48.4% |
| Frank Hudson | | 41.8% |
| 5. Roy Flatt | 3-4 | 53.3% |
| Carlyle Gricks | | 51.1% |
| 6. Andrew Foulds | 3-4 | 51.7% |
| Charles Killgore | | 43.3% |
| 7. Dan Couch | 3-4 | 46.9% |
| Al Gwinn | | 43.9% |
| 8. Nick DiRaimo | 1-6 | 58.2% |
| Ginny Weiss | | 38.7% |

Doubles Class A

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Jim Kinney Jr | 7-2 | 44.0% |
| Ree Cutright | | 42.1% |
| 2. Roena Branson | 5-3 | 50.0% |
| Lyle Samuelson | | 39.3% |

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| 3. Nile Abbott | 5-3 | 39.7% |
| Joie Welker | | 39.7% |
| 4. Marion Harris | 3-4 | 47.4% |
| Joann Jones | | 30.1% |
| 5. Karen Goldizen | 3-4 | 40.3% |
| Mel Bruemmer | | 35.7% |
| 6. Elwyn Cooper | 3-4 | 43.9% |
| Sammy Weese | | 26.5% |
| 7. Denise Bloss | 3-4 | 41.3% |
| Bob Renfro | | 27.0% |
| 8. Bob Diekamp | 1-6 | 30.6% |
| Terrie Rose | | 27.6% |

Doubles Class B

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Roger Schnur | 6-1 | 35.2% |
| Jack Cargile | | 29.6% |
| 2. Pam Gettinger | 5-2 | 37.2% |
| Darryl Gettinger | | 31.1% |
| 3. Donna Bastel | 5-2 | 38.3% |
| Jim Gregory | | 27.0% |
| 4. Dee McIntire | 4-3 | 30.6% |
| Ronnie Attebery | | 27.6% |

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| 5. David Schneider | 3-4 | 28.6% |
| Bob Bloss Jr. | | 27.6% |
| 6. Melody Williams | 3-4 | 32.7% |
| Danny Williams | | 22.4% |
| 7. Debbie Harris | 2-5 | 29.6% |
| Carol Howard | | 23.0% |
| 8. Fred Smith | 0-7 | 27.0% |
| Jim Howard | | 26.0% |

Doubles Class C

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Jerry Weller | 6-1 | 38.8% |
| John Jeffers | | 25.5% |
| 2. Lee Miller Jr. | 5-2 | 27.0% |
| Michael Gillespie | | 25.0% |
| 3. Danny Branson | 4-3 | 32.7% |
| Ron Highley | | 25.5% |
| 4. Bob Bastel | 4-3 | 28.8% |
| Clint Sloan | | 26.8% |
| 5. Angela DiRaimo | 3-4 | 27.8% |
| Bob Reininger | | 20.2% |
| 6. Douglas Tripp | 2-5 | 29.1% |
| Mike Watkins | | 28.1% |

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|-----------------|-----|-------|
| 7. Don Claas | 2-5 | 34.7% |
| Carl Brown | | 20.9% |
| 8. Daniel Gavin | 2-5 | 25.0% |
| Gary Ball | | 19.9% |

Doubles Class D

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Victoria Highley | 5-2 | 15.8% |
| Leo Basler | | 10.7% |
| 2. Roy Evans | 4-3 | 17.3% |
| Laura Johnson | | 12.8% |
| 3. Frank MacArthur | 4-3 | 18.4% |
| Terry Bishop | | 8.7% |
| 4. Steve Bruemmer | 4-3 | 15.3% |
| George Goldizen | | 9.2% |
| 5. Keith Johnson | 4-3 | 11.7% |
| Ray Herman | | 10.2% |
| 6. Terry Highley | 3-4 | 15.3% |
| Wesley Reed | | 10.7% |
| 7. Floyd Roberts | 2-5 | 11.2% |
| George Chicura | | 7.7% |
| 8. Bob Cutright | 2-5 | 11.7% |
| Dawn Bishop | | 6.6% |

Missouri State Fair Mixed Open

Sedalia, MO • August 17-19, 2007 • Tournament Director: Donna Bastel

Class A

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Stan Griggs | 6-1 | 66.5% |
| 2. Rich Altis | 5-2 | 55.4% |
| 3. Tom Ebers | 4-3 | 61.7% |
| 4. Ray Flute | 4-3 | 57.5% |
| 5. Steve Johnson | 3-4 | 52.9% |
| 6. Oden Sullivan | 3-4 | 52.1% |
| 7. M.O. Turner | 3-4 | 50.4% |
| 8. Bob Long | 0-7 | 47.0% |

Class B

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Jan Kreienkamp | 6-1 | 55.8% |
| 2. Andy Foulds | 5-2 | 50.8% |
| 3. Roy Flatt | 4-3 | 50.8% |
| 4. Doug Peoples | 4-3 | 43.8% |
| 5. James Driver | 4-3 | 40.8% |
| 6. Charles Killgore | 3-4 | 40.8% |
| 7. Dan Couch | 2-5 | 37.9% |

Class C

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Tamra Jenkins | 6-1 | 50.0% |
| 2. Lile Harper | 5-2 | 44.3% |
| 3. Earl Winston | 4-3 | 41.4% |
| 4. Jim Kinney | 4-3 | 36.1% |
| 5. Jim Premer | 3-4 | 42.9% |
| 6. Frank Rohlfing | 3-4 | 38.6% |
| 7. Kelly Kasper | 3-4 | 37.5% |
| 8. Lawrence Loney | 0-7 | 32.9% |

Class D

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Ree Cutright | 7-0 | 40.0% |
| 2. Joie Welker | 5-2 | 37.9% |
| 3. Harless Kampe | 4-3 | 40.2% |
| 4. Karen Goldizen | 4-3 | 39.6% |
| 5. H.Hoffmeister | 4-3 | 33.6% |
| 6. Joann Jones | 2-5 | 26.7% |
| 7. Darrin Sherman | 2-5 | 25.8% |

Class E

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Bob Kingsolver | 6-2 | 37.0% |
| 2. Donald Plowman | 5-3 | 28.0% |

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| 3. Fred Smith | 4-3 | 32.5% |
| 4. Jeff Spry | 4-3 | 32.1% |
| 5. Jesse Dowell | 3-4 | 31.7% |
| 6. David Schneider | 3-4 | 27.9% |
| 7. Steve Steck | 2-5 | 29.6% |
| 8. Stan Bailey | 2-5 | 23.9% |

Class F

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Bob Bloss Jr | 7-0 | 37.1% |
| 2. Sherri Terwelp | 6-1 | 31.3% |
| 3. Terry Murray | 4-3 | 30.0% |
| 4. Jack Cargile | 4-3 | 23.3% |
| 5. Larry Brown | 3-4 | 21.3% |
| 6. Mike Watkins | 3-4 | 20.8% |
| 7. Pat Heathman | 1-6 | 17.1% |

Class G

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Ryan Spry | 6-2 | 38.2% |
| 2. Jerry Weller | 5-3 | 33.2% |
| 3. Everett Jones | 4-3 | 38.3% |
| 4. Bob Bastel | 4-3 | 30.4% |
| 5. Bill Bouyea | 4-3 | 28.8% |
| 6. Richard Schmidt | 3-4 | 26.7% |
| 7. Michael Gillespie | 3-4 | 26.3% |

Class H

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Dennis Mills | 7-0 | 26.3% |
| 2. Rusty Dominique | 5-2 | 26.7% |
| 3. Brian Koss | 5-2 | 22.9% |
| 4. Keith Peck | 5-2 | 21.7% |
| 5. Daniel Gavin | 3-4 | 22.1% |
| 6. Ron Highley | 2-5 | 17.9% |
| 7. Steve Riley | 1-6 | 17.1% |

Class I

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Grant Kueck | 5-1 | 25.0% |
| 2. Clint Sloan | 4-2 | 21.3% |
| 3. Wallace Kueck | 3-2 | 13.5% |
| 4. Norman Kiso | 2-3 | 22.4% |
| 5. Billey Hammond | 1-4 | 19.0% |
| 6. Johnny Egeland | 1-4 | 14.5% |

Class J

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|--------|
| 1. Julie Dominique | 5-0 | 28.0% |
| 2. Junior Nute | 4-1 | 20.0% |
| 3. Wesley Mead | 2-3 | 21.5% |
| 4. Carl Brown | 2-3 | 21.5% |
| 5. Dick Byersdorfer | 2-3 | 14.5% |
| 6. Paul Howard | 0-5 | 16.07% |

Class K

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Victor Scheuring | 7-0 | 29.6% |
| 2. Terry Kampe | 5-2 | 25.4% |
| 3. Doug Carter | 4-3 | 26.3% |
| 4. James Caulfield | 4-3 | 17.5% |
| 5. Douglas Tripp | 3-4 | 20.8% |
| 6. Bob Reininger | 3-4 | 16.3% |
| 7. Tim Warden | 2-5 | 13.8% |

Class L

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Ralph Hummel | 5-1 | 23.6% |
| 2. Charles Hamilton | 4-2 | 17.3% |
| 3. Ray Herman | 3-2 | 13.0% |
| 4. Bob Cutright | 2-3 | 13.5% |
| 5. George Chichura | 1-4 | 12.0% |
| 6. Terry Highley | 1-4 | 9.0% |

Class M

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Arlie Combs | 7-0 | 30.4% |
| 2. Richard Jarman | 5-2 | 15.8% |
| 3. Chad Flatt | 4-3 | 17.1% |
| 4. Floyd Roberts | 4-3 | 15.0% |
| 5. Darrell Plowman | 4-3 | 12.9% |
| 6. George Chichura | 3-4 | 12.5% |
| 7. Keith Johnson | 1-6 | 10.8% |

Class N

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Darrin Gregory | 7-1 | 11.9% |
| 2. Carol Schlote | 6-2 | 13.9% |
| 3. David Heathman | 5-2 | 10.8% |
| 4. Jim Moore | 4-3 | 10.8% |
| 5. Eugene Loyd | 3-4 | 10.0% |
| 6. Wesley Reed | 2-5 | 12.1% |
| 7. Victoria Highley | 2-5 | 6.7% |

Class O

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Tom Lehmann | 7-0 | 14.2% |
| 2. Laura Johnson | 6-1 | 8.8% |
| 3. Brittany Koss | 4-3 | 10.0% |
| 4. Don Johanning | 4-3 | 9.2% |
| 5. Robert Johnson | 3-4 | 7.5% |
| 6. Rodney Mallinckrodt | 2-5 | 6.3% |
| 7. Chuck Koss | 2-5 | 3.3% |

Class P

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| 1. Jack Slough | 5-0 | 9.5% |
| 2. Casey Kitchen | 3-2 | 9.5% |
| 3. Pat Schlote | 3-2 | 9.0% |
| 4. Justin Carter | 3-2 | 5.5% |
| 5. George Goldizen | 1-4 | 2.5% |
| 6. Ethan Kueck | 0-5 | 6.0% |

Class Q

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| 1. Gabe Heathman | 5-0 | 9.5% |
| 2. Noah Heathman | 4-1 | 8.5% |
| 3. Valorie Mead | 3-2 | 6.0% |
| 4. Marge Whipple | 2-3 | 2.0% |
| 5. Hannah Johnson | 1-4 | 5.4% |
| 6. Savanna Johnson | 0-5 | 3.9% |

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2007 World Horseshoe Tournament

Ardmore, Oklahoma • July 23-August 4, 2007

The 2007 World Horseshoe Tournament was hosted by the Lake Country Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Ardmore in the great state of Oklahoma. There were 984 horseshoe pitchers competing for trophies and \$136,000 in prize money. Entries from 46 states and two countries were represented. The youngest competitor was eight years old and the oldest was 87 years of age. The hosting facility held 50 regulation clay courts at the air conditioned Hardy Murphy Coliseum. Most participants played three consecutive days with five games per day. The one with the most wins was declared that class' champion.

Missouri was second in entries totaling 123, to Texas which had 124. There were a lot of Missourians who attended the World Tournament for the first time, and we are hearing rumors they will all be back again for the next World Tournament to be held in York, Pennsylvania July 7-19, 2008.

Nine Missouri delegates were among those attending the NHPA business meeting led by the NHPA officers. After three presentations, it was voted to have the 2009 WT in Springfield, IL on July 27-August 8, 2009. There were many topics of discussions and voting that took place during the four-hour meeting.

If you were among the 100-plus that attended the NHPA Church Service held at the Convention Center on Sunday afternoon you were not only entertained by the Dab O' Glory Quartet, but inspired by the words of the NHPA Chaplin, Jerry Holt of Oklahoma. Testimonies were given by Fred and Helen Brown and Alan and Amy Francis about when they accepted Jesus into their lives. It was a wonderful fellowship gathering for the horseshoe pitchers.

The 42nd Annual NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet was held on Sunday evening, July 29. A delicious meal was served to over 200 people. Jim Bainter accepted the Membership Award for Missouri having the largest increase (15%) in junior membership. The Presidential Award was presented by NHPA President Paul Stewart to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club for accepting to be caretakers of the new Hall of Fame building and for their dedication, time and energy they have put forth. Roy Evans accepted this award. Vicki Winston, Chairman for the NHPA Hall of Fame introduced the new inductees: Tom Brownell, Curt Bestul and Don Weaver. Lorraine Sternberg received the Arch Stokes Award. She is the person all our league and club reports are sent to.

At the end of the 83rd World Horseshoe Tournament, the Champions in the Championship Classes were announced. Cadets: Nathan Evers, MO, 5-0, 29.50%; Junior Boys: Thomas Lee, SD, 11-0, 78.73%; Junior Girls: Mary Hargett, SC, 5-0, 62.50%; Sr. Womens: Lucille Leis, ON 5-0, 63.84%; Elders: Ed Arionus, TX, 11-0, 78.86%; Sr. Men: Ron Deckard, SC, 9-2, 61.28%.

Defending World Champion in the Men's Division, Alan Francis, OH, claimed his 13th World Title with a record of 19-0, 81.07%. Joan Elmore, TN, retained the Women's Championship Title, for the second time with a record of 19-1, and ringer percent of 81.39%.

Missouri is proud of all its 123 participants who traveled the 600 + miles and competed in the tournament. Missouri boasts 9 Class Champions: Franklin Rohlfing, Arlie Combs, Michael Bowman, Hannah Dods, Jim Renfro, Bob Renfro, M.O. Turner, and Audra Craven. We are especially proud of nine-year-old Nathan Evers of Lake Ozark, who is Missouri's only World Champion from a Championship Class!

In the Men's Championship Division, Stan Griggs, who hadn't been to a World Tournament in 10 years, finished in 3rd place with a

record of 15-4, 64.92%. M.O. Turner, pitching in the Senior Men's Championship placed 3rd with 8-3, 60.67%. Rich Altis, pitching in the same championship class placed 6th with a record of 7-4, 55.47%. In the Junior Boys Championship Class, Missouri had two participants for the first time in many years. Michael Bowman placed 5th and Martin Williams placed 11th. Martin beat the defending Junior World Champion in his first game with a whopping 75%. Michael Bowman pitched a high game of 88.2% and Thomas Lee had a high game of over 90%. In the Cadet Division, three of the six contestants were from Missouri: Nathan Evers, Katie Hines, and Andy Lau. It was an enlightening experience to watch these kids perform on the courts.

Missouri wishes to thank all the NHPA officers, their wives and all those who worked so hard for two weeks at the tournament and many months ahead in preparation for this exciting world event. We would also like to thank Roy & Suzanne Evans, who drove the large U-Haul truck back & forth to the event carrying the Game Related Sales items to the WT. They have put in many hours, days, and months since April to make this business profit.

The 123 Missouri contestants placed in the following classes.

Cadets Division

Nathan Evers, Lake Ozark, 1st, 5-0, 29.50%; Andrew Lau, Pottersville, 4th 15%; Katie Hines, Stockton, 5th, 2.50%.

Junior Boys & Girls Division

Class A: Michael Bowman, Peculiar, 1st, 10-2, 66.88%; Martin Williams, Marble Hill, 9th 53.64%; Class C: Chip Sloan, Pleasant Hill, 3rd, 34.72%; Class D: Daniel Allen, Hillsboro, 3rd, 32.50%, Tylor Hines, Stockton, 7th, 23.89%; Alex Roberts, Greenwood, 9th, 18.33%. Class E: Bruce Thompson, Liberty, 7th, 20.68%. Class F: Hannah Dods, Archie, 1st, 20.68%, Matthew Lau, Pottersville, 3rd, 12.05%, Paige Highley, Harrisonville, 11th, 6.14%.


Elders

Class A: Nick DiRaimo, Kansas City, 16th, 2-13, 57.33%. Class B: Bob Long, Webb City, 14th, 4½-10½, 49.33%. Class C: Carlyle Gricks, Diamond, 4th, 10-5, 54%; Al Gwinn, Independence, 13th, 4½-10½, 43.83%. Class D: Dan Couch, Gravois Mills, 7th, 8-7, 44.33%; Doug Peoples, Laurie, 8th, 7½-7½, 43.33%; Nile Abbott, Parkville, 14th, 4-11, 41.33%; Earl Winston, LaMonte, 16th, 2-13, 32.83%. Class E: Martin Orf, Wentzville, 9th, 6-7, 38.46%; Greg Canchola, St. Joseph, 13th, 2-11, 35.77%. Class F: Harless Kampe, Buffalo, 13th, 7½-9½, 30.44%. Class G: Lyle Samuelson, Liberty, 2nd,

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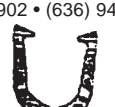
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12-4, 38.13%; Terry McDonald, Diamond, 6th, 8-7, 38%. Class H: Frank Rohlfling, Arnold, 1st, 15-0, 46%; Fred Smith, Higginsville, 4th, 10-5, 35.17%; Bobbie Jones, Webb City, 8th, 8-7, 35.50%; Roger Schnur, St. Charles, 11th, 6-9, 23.50%. Class J: Richard Schmidt, Kearney, 8th, 8½-6½, 23%; Dean Jameson, St. Joseph, 9th, 7½-7½, 23.17%. Class K: Don Roberts, Richmond, 8th, 5-6, 20.45%. Class L: Terry Kampe, Independence, 6-5, 20.23%. Class M: Arlie Combs, Tipton, 1st, 11-0, 21.36%; Bruce Webb, Galena, 8th, 4-7, 10.45%; Eugene Loyd, Clinton, 9th, 3½-7½, 9.77%; Floyd Roberts, Lee's Summit, 11th, 2½-8½, 7.27%.

Seniors Mens Division

Class A: M.O. Turner, Odessa, 1st, 14-2, 61.41%; Rich Altis, Ballwin, 8th, 7-8, 56%; Mick Gillette, Warrenton, 12th, 6-9, 51.33%; Ron LeGrand, Dexter, 14th, 4-11, 47.33%; Gregg Craven, 15th, Liberty, 2-13, 40.67%. Class B: Elwyn Cooper, Kansas City, 2nd, 11½-4½, 49.69%; Ralph Richardson, Belton, 15th, 4-11, 36.92%. Class C: Ron Hassler, Jeff City, 6th, 9-6, 34.50%; Jim Bainter, Gravois Mills, 15th, 2½-12½, 23.67%. Class D: Bob Beaver, Marceline, 4th, 9-6, 31.83%; Brady Craven, Liberty, 13th, 5½- 9½, 23%. Class E: Don Claas, St. Charles, 7th, 8½-6½, 23.67%; Cliff Pierce, Allendale, 9th, 7-8, 19.67%; Ray Canchola, St. Joseph, 12th, 6½-8½, 26.50%. Class F: Carl Folsom, Stover, 11th, 7½-7½, 17.33%. Class G: Ken Grossman, Gravois Mills, 9th, 6-7, 14.62%. Class H: Larry Anderson, Liberty, 6th, 6½-6½, 8.65%.

Mens Division

Class A1: Stan Griggs, Raytown, 7th, 8½-6½, 63.67%. Class A2: Charlie Killgore, Plattsburg, 16th, 3½-11½, 48.17%. Class B1: Jim Renfro, Diamond, 1st, 12-3, 48.33%. Class B2: Bob Renfro, Diamond, 1st, 12-3, 41.83%; Jimmy Higginbotham, Sarcoux, 7th, 8½- 6½, 45.17%. Class C1: James Kinney, Drexel, 4th, 9½- 5½, 45.33%. Class C2: Joie Welker, Seymour, 7th, 8½-6½, 38.50%; Bob Outt, Neosho, 16th, 2½-12½, 31%. Class D1: Jim Gregory, California, 8th, 8-7, 35.33%. Class E1: Danny Williams, Marble Hill, 14th, 4-11, 23.83%. Class E2: Steve Steck, Jeff City, 5th, 9-6, 34.33%; Bob Kingsolver, Caulfield, 8th, 8½-6½, 29.67%. Class F1: John Setzer, Overland, 5th, 9-6, 31.67%. Class F2: Mike Watkins, Warsaw, 4th, 9½-5½, 29.33%, Michael Gillespie, Adrian, 10th, 7-8, 24.33%; Larry Brown, Fulton, 14th, 5-10, 28.50%. Class H1: Bob Bastel, Gravois Mills, 6th, 8½-6½, 31.17%. Class H2: Roger Sinclair, Gravois Mills, 10th, 7½- 7½, 20.83%, Paul Beard, Cedar Hill, 15th, 4½-10½, 22.50%; Chris Oswald, Marshall, 16th, 2-13, 16.83%. Class I1: Lee Miller, Belton, 3rd, 10-5, 27.50%. Class I2: Ron Highley, Harrisonville, 2nd, 12½-2½, 31%; Dennis Mills, Warsaw, 8th, 8-7, 20.50%; Daniel Gavin, Seymour, 11th, 6½-8½, 20.83%. Class J1: Clint Sloan, Pleasant Hill, 2nd, 12-4, 24.84%. Class K1: James Adkins, House Springs, 3rd, 11½-3½, 26%; Raymond Phelps, Independence, 4th, 11-4, 22.17%; Danny Wetzel, Kansas City, 5th, 10-5, 19.17%. Class K2: Douglas Tripp, Seymour, 9th, 7-8, 21.50%; Cliff Blevins, Galena, 10th, 7-8, 15.17%; James Caufield, Marshfield, 15th, 5-10, 11.33%. Class L1: Bob Cutright, Wright City, 3rd, 13-2, 13%; Steve Bruemmer, St. Peters, 9th, 7-8, 16%. Class L2: Dan Hines, Stockton, 3rd, 10-3, 21.92%, Daniel Allen, Hillsboro, 5th, 7½-5½, 18.46%; Gary Strohm, Springfield, 12th, 4-9, 9.81%. Class M1: Roy Evans, St. Louis, 7th, 7-6, 19.23%; Marshal Keith, Marshfield, 8th, 7-6, 12.69%; Joe Keller, Leopold, 10th, 5½-7½, 14.42%. Class M2: George Chichura, Belton, 3rd, 9-4, 10.96%. Class N1: John Keller, Leopold, 6th, 8-5, 10.19%; Daniel Olson, House Springs, 10th, 4-9, 7.69%; John Dods, Archie, 12th, 4-9, 2.69%. Class N2: Butch Sponaule, Gladstone, 6th, 7-6, 8.27%; Paul Foster, Gladstone, 13th, 1-12, 4.04%.

Womens Division

Class D: Roena Branson, Gravois Mills, 7th, 8-7, 44.83%; Tamra Jenkins, Camdenton, 9th, 7-8, 44.33%; Mary Beeson, Warrenton, 13th, 5-10, 35.67%. Class E: Ree Cutright, Wright City, 4th, 10-5, 42.33%;

Karen Goldizen, Savannah, 8th, 8½-6½, 40.17%; Dee McIntire, Gladstone, 15th, 4-11, 28.83%. Class F: Audra Craven, Liberty, 1st, 12-3, 36.33%; Jeanette Claas, St. Charles, 2nd, 11-4, 35%; Joann Jones, Sheldon, 8th, 8-7, 32%; Debbie Harris, Kearney, 9th, 8-7, 31%. Class G: Melody Williams, Marble Hill, 2nd, 9½-4½, 34.29%; Donna Bastel, Gravois Mills, 8th, 6½-6½ 29.18%; Angela DiRaimo, Kansas City, 13th, 3½-9½, 25%. Class H: Helen Velasquez, Gladstone, 6th, 7-6, 27.5%; Suzanne Evans, St. Louis, 14th, 2-11, 20.96%. Class I: Connie Trautwein, Gladstone, 4th, 9-4, 24.04%; Lena McDonald, Diamond, 5th, 9-4, 23.27%. Class J: Victoria Highley, Harrisonville, 3rd, 8-3, 17.95%; Heather Campbell, Clinton, 8th, 4-7, 6.59%.

Discoveries Made in Oklahoma!

As Missourians traveled through Oklahoma they discovered many interesting things about this great state where the Red Man and Cowboys still roam. The Okies survived the Dust Bowl, killer tornadoes, the Murrah Building bombing and countless oil booms and busts. Oklahoma fostered many firsts, including the aerosol can, the parking meter, the first "yield" sign and did you know the shopping cart was invented in Ardmore! While on their journey, some Missourians visited the Murrah Federal Building bombing site, Turner Falls in the Arbuckle Wilderness, Lake Murray, the Gene Autry Museum, the Will Rogers Museum, the Indian Casinos and Dealey Plaza in Dallas, TX some 90 miles away. At the end of the two week pitching event, we can all say it was another momentous time for all and another great World Tournament experience to tuck into our memory banks. Arriving back into Missouri we all agreed it was just about as hot here as it was in Oklahoma!

John Setzer discovered Oklahoma had their fair share of crickets, and even found a few in their motel room.

Paul Beard discovered that there were more sandbaggers in his Class than was in the Great Flood of 93'!

Joe Faron thought the turnpikes were a big rip-off but the Farons enjoyed the theatre production of Oklahoma in Ardmore.

The Evers' discovered a skull with longhorns in a tree at their campground. They took a picture of it so they could take it home and have it analyzed.

Roy & Suzanne Evans discovered that there were highways thieves in OK when their van was broken into while at their motel. However, they found the Oklahoma police were OKAY!

Ellen Beaver in the stands of the Coliseum volunteered her time to make a quilt using past world tournament shirts that could be used as a wall hanging in the new NHPA Hall of Fame building. Anyone have any shirts they would care to donate? Contact Ellen at erb-rwb@sbcglobal.net. Thank you, Ellen!

Don Claas discovered that going to Dallas once was enough. Evidentially, there was a gas explosion in downtown Dallas and streets were closed causing a bumper-to-bumper, five car lanes wide stoppage. It was definitely the creep hour. Going home was even more frustrating as somehow he took the wrong road and wound up circling Dallas for over 1½ hour. Actually we went to Dallas twice. He suggests that you fly to the Texas Book Depository building if you should want to visit there.

Karen Goldizen discovered that attending her first world tournament was amazing how the states all came together to pitch horse-shoes; "Just like one big happy family."

Stan Griggs discovered that Oklahoma's state bird is the "cricket." He also found lots of ringers in Oklahoma that took him all the way to 3rd place. Missouri is so proud of him!

Darrell Graham of Arkansas wishes to tell MOHPA members Joe Gaulden and Darryl Vanhooser a friendly HELLO!

Rita Killgore discovered the beautiful crepe myrtles in bloom in

Ardmore and also the biggest cemetery she ever saw! She also discovered while keeping score that there were birds in the coliseum. Bird droppings fell upon her scoresheet – so she moved. Again the same thing happened, and so she moved once again finally finding a safe place to go about her business.

Carolyn Premer and Nann Craven found lots of bargains at Goody's and at the Salvation Army. They were given a 20 lb sack of Oklahoma baking potatoes to take home. Carolyn was also seen having a hand clapping good time at the church service as she listened to the Dab O' Glory Quartet sang.

Fred Smith said he had been to Oklahoma before. Over the years he discovered there were a lot of good football players in OK and he follows all their games.

Jim Bainter discovered that Oklahoma was "Hotter than Hell!"

Vicki Winston recommended that we visit the Will Rogers Museum in Oklahoma City. We discovered it wasn't in OK City but in Claremore, OK where we spent the night on the way home. The Museum was well worth going to and we thoroughly enjoyed learning about the great humorous, Will Rogers. Thank you, Vicki.

Martin Williams enjoyed his trip, the tournament, and especially the swimming pool at the motel.

Floyd Beeson drove 50 miles to find the Elks Club in Oklahoma City and had to pay twice on the turnpike before he gave up looking for it.

Amy Hines discovered she was allergic to the dirt in the Coliseum while she watched husband Dan and son Tylor pitch in the tournament. She was also notified that her grandfather, Clarence Hayes, passed away and she had to leave the tournament early for funeral arrangements. Her grandfather was married to my mother's sister, and was the last of my living uncles.

Elwyn Cooper says he found the cheapest motel at any tournament he traveled to. Turns out he and Dee stayed with Dee's sister who lives 36 miles away in Texhoma.

Bob Beaver discovered the Gene Autry Museum is closed on Sundays!

Gregg Craven discovered "red dirt" as soon as he crossed the Oklahoma border.

Mary Altis discovered a book store in Ardmore that even welcomed her dog while Rich discovered there were not enough judges, not enough shovels, not enough paint and not enough ringers for him.

Mickey and Dorie Gillette discovered he couldn't get a traveler's check cashed anyway.

Paul & Sharon Taylor discovered the seats in the Coliseum to be a bit uncomfortable but found the seating at the two Casinos that they discovered in Oklahoma to be more comfortable.

Ron Hassler found the streets to be very confusing in Ardmore. Just about everyone found this out.

Kenny Pogue discovered a way to get to Ardmore without using any toll roads.

Ron LeGrand found the shoulders of the highway to be very wide and concreted while Shelia found some large pottery to take home.

The Highley family found that pitching horseshoes for two weeks was enough for anyone. Ralph Richardson traveled with them. It took 13 days for them all to complete their tournaments. They camped at Lake Murray and kept cool swimming in the lake. They had a wonderful time in Ardmore.

Ray Canchola found friendly people everywhere he went. He enjoyed his first time world tournament experience to be something else and says, "I'll be coming more often."

Jeanette Claas discovered a (stuffed) dog in the Coliseum that looked just like her old pet, Cujo, that passed away several years ago. Cujo II now has a new home in the Claas living room and it seems like she never left her favorite spot.

The Bastels were captured by the Indians along the way and taken to their reservation where they were forced to play the slot machines.

Hunter Reding, of Ardmore, found Jeanette Claas's eyeglasses that were missing for over 24 hours. The six year old girl found them under a bleacher seat and was rewarded for her discovery. Thank you so much, Hunter, and also to Rita Killgore for helping in the search.

If the Shoe Fits, Throw It! Five St. Joseph residents to compete in World Horseshoe Tournament

The following is a news release from The St. Joseph News/Press by Megan Tilk before Greg Canchola attended the 2007 World Tournament.

Horseshoe tossing may seem like a leisurely summer activity, but to a few area residents, it's an extreme sport.

Five St. Joseph residents, along with two other teammates, will be traveling to Ardmore, Okla., for the World Horseshoe Tournament.

"It's a three-week affair and over 1,000 people will be competing," said Greg Canchola of St. Joseph. Mr. Canchola started throwing horseshoes as a child in the backyard but says he really didn't get competitive until he retired five years ago. "My brother called me up and said, "Come down and play in our league,"

The rules are standardized for the various horseshoe tournaments held in the St. Joseph and Kansas City area. The stakes, each at 15 inches tall, are separated by concrete. The regular throwing distance is 40 feet; however, national rules state that anyone over the age of 70 can shorten their distance to 30 feet. All players are allowed to throw their own shoes at the world tournament, if they meet all dimension and weight requirements. Mr. Canchola has seven sets of his own.



The tournament begins July 23 and will continue through Aug. 7. It's being held in Oklahoma in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of its statehood. Contestants will be competing for \$136,000 in prize money.

Mr. Canchola and his teammates, Ray Canchola, Dean Jameson and Karen and Butch Goldizen, are from St. Joseph. Team members Mike Canchola and Fred Smith are from Kansas City. They practice on their own but had to meet specific requirements to make the world tournament.

"We had to compete in four sanctioned tournaments," Greg Canchola said. "They took a certain percent out of our 200 thrown and we get to go." The St. Joseph man says he practices every day, all year long. "I practice for a few hours in the morning and then again from 6 to 7p.m.," Mr. Canchola said. "In the winter, I shovel off the lane and wear warm clothes. You have to practice, practice, practice, and once you're hooked, there is no giving it up. My wife has things at home for me to do, and sometimes I get to playing so much that doesn't get done. Then she will get upset with me."

Mr. Canchola and his teammates have planned to spend a week in Ardmore, but should they advance beyond that, other plans will have to be made. "We look forward to representing St. Joseph at the big time," he said.

Pony Express Horseshoe League

by *Richard Pistole*

The Pony Express Horseshoe League has completed a successful 2007 summer league. Fourteen members pitched 202 games, 10,100 shoes, scored 10,385 points, threw 1,983 ringers, and had an overall game average of 51.00 points.

The high ringer percentage went to Ed Blakley with 53.00%; Ed Blakley took the high game award with a game of 110. Ed Blakley has the High Average of 88.00. Gene Newkirk had the High Game Over Average award. The Most Improved award went to Ray Canchola while the Rookie of the Year is Charlie Teschner. The league members voted Roger Albright and Karen Goldizen the Sportsmanship award.

Buzz Ferguson and Richard Pistole took the team title. They won 19 games and lost 7. Shirley Sill and Charlie Techner took second place. They won 18 games and lost 12.

A singles tournament was held and the winners were: Group I, Karen Goldizen; Group II, Richard Pistole; and Group III, Butch Goldizen.

An awards banquet was held on October 11.



Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club

by *Jim and Carol Howard*

We ended our horseshoe season with a picnic on September 19. A delicious carry in dinner was brought by our league members. We had a very good year but had 2 weeks of cancellation due to the extreme hot weather. Next year we will be moving from Westhoff Park to the new facility at Quail Ridge Park. We hope that we will see you there. No more rain outs and no more pitching in the heat. The following is the League results:

1st place, Over the Hill Gang; 2nd place, Get A Ringer; and 3rd place, Shoe Flies.

Men's High Average: Rich Altis, 54.92%; Women's High Average: Rose Diekamp, 53.04%

Men's High Game: Rich Altis, 21 ringers; Women's High Game: Rose Diekamp and Jeanette Claas, 19 ringers.

High Game Over Average: Men, Martin Orf, 8.84 ringers; Women, Jeanette Claas, 9.71 ringers.

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| David & Nancy Redhage | St. Charles Amateur Sports Hall of Fame |
| Gary & Joyce Rehm | (Gary Strohm) |
| Bob & Arlene Reininger | Ann Strus |
| Mary Reinwald | Oden Sullivan |
| Bob Renfro | Paul & Sharon Taylor |
| Floyd Roberts | W Trautwein/K Armstrong (In Memory) |
| Ashleigh Robison | R V Wagner Inc. |
| Tony Rohe | Janet Weber (In Memory) |
| Lyle Samuelson | Jerry Weller |
| Roger Schnur | Ginny Weiss |
| Fox Schneider | Bruce Winston (In Memory) |
| Jim Schnur (In Memory) | Earl & Vicki Winston |
| John Setzer | Joe Wolf |
| Shoe Me Girls | |
| John Simms | |
| Tricia Simon | |

Most Improved: Men, Joe Buskirk, 6.19 ringers; Women, Mary Duke, 5.31 ringers.

Rookie of the Year: Shelley Navatte; Sportsmanship Award: John Simms.

Capitol City Horseshoe Club

by *Steve Bruemmer*

The Capitol City Horseshoe Club has been very busy this past summer and things are going well. Everyone is pitching in to make this club successful. We especially want to thank Eileen Reeves for doing the statistics for our leagues and running the spring and summer singles league. We also want to thank Mark Scheppers and Mel Bruemmer for running the summer doubles league. We had a singles spring and summer league which James Driver won. Summer doubles league winners were Mel Bruemmer, Leonard Bruemmer, and Conrad Cummings.

In the past two years, our club has volunteered to help with the Special Olympics of Missouri to have a horseshoe clinic during their week long event. We would like to thank Mark Scheppers and Nathan & Chris Evers, and James Driver for volunteering for the clinic.

We would also like to Congratulate Nathan Evers on his World Championship Title! This is the first time a member from the Capitol City Horseshoe Club has won.

We have just finished our third annual Big Money Mixed Open. Congratulations to the three people who won the \$200 first place prize money. They are Roy Flatt, Bill Blankenship, and Marvin Flatt.

With the help of Jim Bainter, we have just met with the Jefferson City Park's and Recreation Department and we will have a fence constructed by the end of the year. Horraay!

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

by *Pam Gettinger*

Moving Day for Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

Saturday, June 9, 2007 was a day of nostalgic; a day of happiness but kind of sad, too. We had a group of people moving all the equipment out of the New Melle Horseshoe Club site in preparation to moving it to the new site at Quail Ridge Park where the QRHC pitching facility and museum will be located.

The NMHC has been pitching horseshoes at the New Melle site since 1972. Most of us have been pitching there for many years and have a lot of good memories, made a lot of life-time friends and held a lot of horseshoe pitching competitions throughout the years.

It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to keep the horseshoe club running. From the computer work, maintenance of the courts, keeping the place clean to the dedicated tournament directors, plus many other things too numerous to mention. The money made from the tournaments pays the bills to keep the club going financially. We will need to have the same support form all our members at the Quail Ridge facility to make it a success.

These are the people that spent that final day with trucks, trailers and a lot of hard work getting all the stuff moved to storage room at Larry Langewisch's residence: Joe Faron, Jack & Theresa Barry, Floyd & Mary Beeson, Darryl & Pam Gettinger, Jim & Carol Howard, Dave



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& Bea Feldewerth, Rich Altis, Joe Buskirk, Don Claas, Bob Diekamp, Ralph Hummel, Larry Langewisch, Ray Nadler, Kevin Nenninger, Bob Reininger, Larry Volo, and Dave Schneider. Thanks to all these people for a job well done.

QRHC Picnic

It was a record hot day on August 11 with temperatures in the triple digits as the people overfilled the pavilion at Quail Ridge Park to hold their first club picnic at their new nest. It was well attended with over 100 members and spouses. Members were able to walk thru the new facility and a few even tried the new pits out, but for the most they tried to just stay cool by not moving. After a delicious carry in dinner with fried chicken and ham, awards were given to the members who earned patches during the winter season. President Martin Orf, VP Roy Evans, and Joe Faron spoke to the members about what had been completed at the new facility and what had yet to be done.

Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

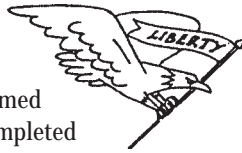
We were very happy for Bill Lee who was named 2006 Missouri Rookie of the Year. We just completed our two summer leagues and had six new pitchers and ten juniors competing. In the Quad States Day League the Champions were Carl Harris (Texas) and Ralph Richardson. Hi Avg (99.9) went to Dave Kincaid (Kansas). The Florida guy (Wayne Dusenbery) pitched well too. The Tuesday Champions were John Anderson, Lee Crabtree, and Laura Johnson with a 110-50 record! Hi Average Tuesday was Nick DiRaimo 108.8. Hi games for the leagues were Nick with 130 and Elizabeth Furner 113. Most improved were Megan McLeod (Cadet) 6.74 and Jim Moore 17 points. Dee McIntire and Sammy Weese are new members of the 60% club! High over average went to Alex Roberts (junior) 32.28 and Lyle Samuelson 27.7 points. Our Junior Rookie of the Year is Megan McCleod and our Adult Rookie of the Year is Joe Barry. Our club league tournament champion is Lyle Samuelson

We had even more than we expected for our one week Junior league this summer. There were 21 who pitched 400 or more shoes to complete the league. The league voted to a tie on the Sportsmanship award for six-year-old Jason Schmitz and veteran Tyler Happy. League Champions were Felicia Gwinn and Ashley Happy. Lorraine Sternberg let us have two patches. I see in Newslines that 16 was the most juniors in a league anywhere in 2006.

Independence Horseshoe Club

by Laura Estes

Wow, what a great season we had in Independence this year! The Independence Horseshoe Club is so proud of Stan Griggs winning his 7th State Championship Title! As most of you know, we held the 2007 State tournament. We would like to thank everyone for all the hard work, time, and participation it took to make the 2007 State tournament so great. We all know it takes everyone to make a successful event. We appreciate all the help; thank you again. All of us in Independence sure did enjoy having everyone and hope you will come join us again soon!



We have some news to share about our members. John Lloyd is one of our members we are praying really hard for, and the prayers are helping. One Thursday league night just before the world tournament, John had a heart attack. It was touch and go for a while but now, after a quadruple bypass and a lot of therapy, he is home. John was able to join us at our awards banquet and was looking real good.

Carl and Liz Brown have lost their dear son, Christopher, to a drowning accident this past summer. Our prayers have been there for them, as we all know it is so hard when a child leaves us too soon. Carl and Liz also have their first grandson, Richard Robert Brown, he is such a happy baby, and a cutie pie!

Independence League Results:

1st: Jesse Seehaas and Bob Young
2nd: Roy Flatt and Samantha Christine
3rd: Lee Miller Jr. and Raymond Boulay
4th: Ray Phelps and Jeff Swihart
5th: Stan Griggs and David Pena
Grand Champion: Terry Kampe

Independence Play-offs Results:

| Champion Class | Class A |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1st: Terry Kampe | 1st: Brian Bilyeu |
| 2nd: Lee Miller Jr. | 2nd: Dennis Bales |
| 3rd: Johnna Bales | 3rd: Jeff Swihart |

The Independence Club is trying to build a bigger shed, we have put a lot of work on our courts and this will top it off.

To raise funds for this we are doing many things, one is to try and sell the rest of our souvenirs from the State tournament. Here is a list of things we have left and the cost, you can contact Al Gwinn at 816-461-1746.

| Souvenirs | Cost (all costs plus shipping and handling) |
|----------------------------|---|
| Program books | \$8.00 |
| Spiral Note Pads | \$5.00 |
| Playing cards, blue or red | \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00 |
| 2007 Patches | \$2.00 |

I would like to thank everyone from the State tournament and my Club, for all the compliments on the 2007 Program book! It made all the hours and hard work that was put in it, all worthwhile.

Remember to check out when we have our tournaments next season in Independence, because we sure would like to have you all there!

Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Donna Bastel

We have enjoyed a busy season at the Lake of the Ozarks. We had two Singles leagues and one Doubles league, starting in mid May and ending in late August, with 57 active pitchers. We signed up 6 new MOHPA members.

On Monday night singles, the winning team was Lile Harper, Harry Rother and Jack Slough with a record of 86.5 wins and 48.5 losses. The winners of the Wednesday night doubles were Floyd Lahay & Tom Gerant with 23 wins and 13 losses. On Thursday night singles, the winners were Donna Bastel, Danny Branson & Doug Carter with 65 wins and 43 losses.

We held our three annual tournaments, the Spring Fling in May with 49 entries, the Summer Splash in July with 60 entries and the

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Hillbilly Fair in September with 76 entries. No rain at the fair this year. Hooray!

On Saturday, June 2 our club hosted the 4th Annual Club/Team Tournament with 93 entries, consisting of 18 teams, representing only 8 clubs throughout the State of Missouri. For the second year in a row, one of our teams brought home the Championship plaque; The Ozark American Ringers - Tamra Jenkins, Carl Folsom, Danny Branson, Dexter Carter & Lee Sparks. Since we didn't have anything to do on Sunday, we held an open tournament for those that came for the Team Tournament and stayed over.

This year our pitching will continue throughout the fall and winter. Jim Bainter acquired a building in Sunrise Beach that has room for four courts. Many members of our club have been furiously working to get the facility ready for some winter leagues and we have added six tournaments to the winter pitching schedule, starting in November. (See tournament schedule in this issue). The number of entries will be limited, so call early to sign up. Until we see you again, many ringers to you all.

Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Terry Bowman

Where did the summer go? Seems like only yesterday that the outdoor leagues and tournaments started and now the indoor tournaments have started. We had three successful tournaments again this year and I would like to thank everyone who played and helped to make them successful. I would like to make a special thank you to Dawn and Terry Bishop for the great cookouts after our tournaments.

I would like to brag on our little club for its showing at the World Tournament at Ardmore Oklahoma. We brought home 2 firsts, 2 seconds, and 3 thirds. Michael Bowman won the Mixed Jrs A Class, winning in a pitch off, Hannah Dods won the Mixed Jrs F Class, Clint Sloan was 2nd in Mens J-1 Class, losing in a pitch off. Ron Highley was 2nd in Mens I-2 Class, Chip Sloan was 3rd in Mixed Jrs C Class, George Chichura was 3rd in Mens M-2 Class, and Victoria Highley was 3rd in Womens J Class.



Terry Bowman had back surgery on Monday after the first week of the World Tournament. She is doing fine and hopefully will be back to playing before too much longer. Thank you to everyone that called her and sent her get well cards.

I would also like to brag on our club for their performance at the State Tournament. We brought home 5 firsts, 2 seconds, and 4 thirds. Jim Kinney Jr and his partner won the Doubles A Class, Victoria Highley and her partner won the Doubles D Class, Ron Highley and his partner was 3rd in Doubles C Class, Terry Bishop and his partner was 3rd in Doubles D Class, Michael Bowman won the Jr Boys Championship Class, Paige Highley won the Jr Girls A Class, Hannah Dods was 2nd in Jr Girls Championship Class, Erika Myler won the Womens D Class, Dawn Bishop was 2nd in Womens F Class, Clint Sloan was 3rd in Mens G Class, and Terry Highley was 3rd in Mens K Class. Our club is very proud of all these people for their performances at the World and State Tournaments. We are also proud of the others who played who didn't fair quite as well.

I would like to Say a Special Thank You to Mr Elwyn Cooper for the Michael Bowman Fan T-Shirts and to everyone who wore them at the World Tournament; it meant a lot to Michael and his family. The winners of our two leagues were Michael Bowman and Erika Myler in the Lions Park Horseshoe Pitching Club League and George Chichura and Lawrence Loney in the Peculiar Thursday Nighters League. I will give the rest of the results in the next newsletter.

That's about it for now, hope to see several of you at the indoor tournaments.

Tri-State Horseshoe Club

by Angie Higginbotham

Howdy-Ho Neighbors! Got a little hot this summer, didn't it? Well, for those who don't like the heat, they'll be happy the temps are coming down. Hope y'all had a good summer though.



We had a busy one. We had several from our club go to the World Tournament in July. I believe all had fun and most did pretty good. Some brought home trophies or money. Two of our crew won first place in their Division at World. That would be Bob and Jim Renfro. Oh! Them Renfro Brothers!

We had quite a few go to the State Tournament in Independence. I believe we made the Bossman (That Be Carol) proud. Most did really good, playing well and placing good. I, however, have no bragging rights, except that I am married to this year's A Class Champion. Yahoo! And I should probably mention that Carl, himself, is now the 30 foot Men's State Champion! Maybe one day all the help and advice he gives me will finally sink in and do some good for me, too.

Well, our first tournament is just around the corner in November. Hope y'all are signed up and gonna come see us. We're looking forward to it and the rest of the tournaments throughout the winter. I don't know about y'all, but I do not want to hear the word "ICE" in any future weather forecast for the winter.

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler temps and ya have a good fall. Take care and good luck to all.

Backyard Horseshoe Club

by Melody Williams

Hello to all of our horseshoe friends out there! We hope all of you are doing fine and are having (or had) a good season with your horseshoes!

We have gained a few new members at BYHC this Summer! We are growing by leaps and bounds! We have gained a few MOHPA members as well! We are having a picnic for all of our current members and prospective new members on October 27th. This will be a membership drive for BYHC as well as MOHPA.



We would also like to congratulate all of our members who went to the World Tournament to participate. A good time was had by all of us! We may have been few, but everybody knew that BYHC was there! We all had to explain our "YEE-HAW" to everybody! It caught on quick and before we knew it, everybody was doing it in the stands!

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We would also like to congratulate all of our participants/winners at the MO State tournament. We would especially like to congratulate the new MO State girls Jr. Champion, Tori Vandeven. She and her entire family are members at BYHC. All of that practice at BYHC did pay off!

We will be starting our Fall/Winter sanctioned tournaments this coming weekend. Please check the MO website or the newsletter for details! Hope to see you there!

Keep pitchin' those shoes and have a great Fall/Winter! It was great seeing everybody at MO State!

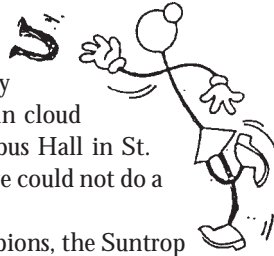
1st Capitol Women's League

by Ginny Weiss

I don't know what it is about Thursday nights in the summer, but we have a rain cloud that hovers over the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Charles. We had so many rainouts that we could not do a split season.

Congratulations to our League Champions, the Suntrop Automotive Team, who took 1st place this year. Rose Diekamp had the highest ringer percentage of the season with a 49.77% average. Tracy Sherman was 2nd with 49.01% and Joan Weber was 3rd with 43.16%.

The Rookie of the Year was Sarah Grandon of the Shoe Me Girls Team. Our League Director, Sally Montgomery, was voted by her



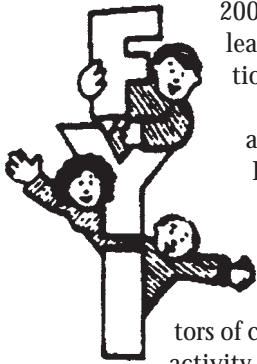
peers with the Sportsmanship Award. The Shoe-Me Girls won 1st place in the round robin event after our awards banquet.

Three women from the 1st Capital Women's League formed a team and entered the first National Tournament to be held at the new Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club on Oct. 6-7. They were: Jeanette Claas, Ginny Weiss and Mary Beeson. They were the only team with all women. The gals in the pink shirts managed to win first place in their division and then went into a playoff with the winners of the second division. They lost out to the team from Liberty, MO, but came home in 2nd place with prize money of \$280. Ginny Weiss outdid herself. She had a record of 10 wins and no losses and she managed to pull out a 70% game to boot! We would like to encourage more of the women on this league to join in tournament play. It's good competition and it's fun to meet up with other pitchers.

Thanks to the following ladies who helped with the building project at the New Hall of Fame building in Wentzville. They are: Rose Diekamp, Joan Buchheit, Mary Ann Ell, Tricia Simon, Jill Knobbe, Ginny Weiss and Jeanette Claas. The rest of you missed one heck of a good painting party, but are cordially invited to come out and see and pitch in the new facility anytime you wish.

Our sincere sympathy to our C0-League Director and statslady who lost her dear husband to Cancer this summer during league season. She carried on her duties like a real trooper and we know it wasn't easy for her. Also, to their daughter, Tammy, who pitches on this league we offer our sincere sympathy in the loss of her father.

Attention Club Presidents, Tournament Directors, League Directors



2008 sanctioned activity (tournaments and leagues) must be contested on NHPA sanctioned courts.

Have you checked your courts and then asked the Regional Director or your Zone Director to recheck them to see if they can be sanctioned? If any work needs to be done before your 2008 season starts, it needs to get started immediately. A check sheet was sent to officers or directors of court complexes with previous sanctioned activity back in October of 2006. If you have not filled it out and returned it to the Regional Director, who will issue the sanction certificate, your courts will not be ready for 2008 leagues or tournaments. If you need a copy of the Official NHPA Court Sanction Form, previously sent, let me know. By the time you read this someone at your location will have known for a year that this needs to be done.

All new courts built after 1-1-2007 should meet all 14 requirements of the mentioned NHPA form. Courts built prior to this date must meet the first 6 requirements on this form. These six basic requirements are:

1. FOUL LINES must be marked on the court at 37' & 27' from the *opposite stake*.
2. The PIT's minimum measurement is 31" W by 43" L. (Max. 36" W by 72" L). The pit must be centered between the pitch-

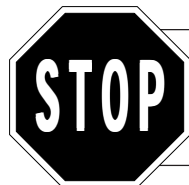
ing platforms.

3. The PIT must contain a legal substance at least 4" deep.
4. A STAKE must be made of a solid material 1" in diameter and centered between the pitching platforms. STAKES of a court should be 40' apart.
5. STAKES must be at least 14" but not more than 15" in vertical height from 3" in front of stake and measured at the pitching platform level. A STAKE must lean about 3" toward the stake at the opposite end.
6. Courts must have a protective barrier around them. A chain link fence is recommended.

This is minimally what is required for courts existing before 1-1-07 to be sanctioned. However, if you have full walkways please place a midway mark between the stakes and mark imaginary stakes at locations called for in The RGS Book pages 34-38 or item 12 on the NHPA official form.

Older courts should be upgraded to meet all 14 requirements. New courts must be built to meet all 14 requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Director, Elwyn Cooper.



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

Have Shoes, Will Travel!

by Jeanette Claas

Kenny Pogue has been traveling across the United States with his wife, Ann, and a pair of horseshoes for over 30 years. Tonight we want to honor this man whose presence on the courts brought horseshoe excitement to Missouri. No matter where Kenny pitched there was always excitement, lively conversation and good friendly, but serious competition.

Kenny was born on a livestock farm in Ellington, MO during the height of the depression, 1930, one of 11 children. There were no tractors on this farm, just a hardworking family trying to get by. He went to school and graduated from Centerville High School in 1950. While he was in high school Kenny loved to play basketball and he continued to do so until he was 60 years old.

He came to St. Louis in 1950 and found work with the Continental Can Company as a building maintenance mechanic. Going back to Ellington on weekends he met a pretty blue eyed girl named Ann "down a little country road". It was during the time of the Korean Conflict and Uncle Sam called upon him to serve his country. Kenny was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps making a change in his plans.

His Dad told him, "You know that pretty little girl isn't going to be waiting for you when you finish with the service; the best thing for you to do is to get married now." So coming home on furlough Kenny married Ann in 1952 and took her back with him to El Toro, California where they lived off base. "Those two years we pretty near starved to death," Kenny recalls. He was glad to get out and come back home and resume his life. By then he had a baby daughter and another one on the way. Back home to Missouri and back to the Continental Can Company. Kenny and Ann made their home in Baden, MO, a suburb of St. Louis County, and raised their family until his retirement in 1981 with 30 plus years of service. The Pogues then moved back to Ellington to their 300 plus acre farm.

While working at the Can Company, Kenny worked with a man named Joe Douchant, a horseshoe pitcher from Dupou, Illinois. Joe talked him into crossing over the river and pitching some shoes with the Tri-County Horseshoe League and another group called the Charlie Club in 1975. Kenny bought his first pair of horseshoes, a pair of Gordons that had been cracked and welded down the middle from Joe for \$5. Back in Ellington Kenny tried unsuccessfully to get horseshoes going, but couldn't get enough men interested, so he traveled the 125 miles each way to pitch in the league in Illinois.

Pitching horseshoes came pretty natural for Kenny and he quickly developed into a 50% pitcher. Kenny had his own unique style; he pitched off the wrong foot and held his shoe somewhat differently, never did things quite like you were supposed to, but for Kenny it worked. He says he never realized his style was so wrong until he entered tournaments and noticed how the other fellows pitched. By this time he was pitching about 60%, so he thought, "Why change now?"

Until 1984 Kenny had pitched in only non sanctioned horseshoe events. He entered his first sanctioned tournament in Springfield, MO in 1984 when he joined the MOHPA. This was a big tournament that was run by Ron Frakes, drawing some well-known horseshoe pitchers such as Carl Steinfeldt, Walter Ray Williams and Elmer Hohl, the great Canadian horseshoe pitcher. He entered into Class

F and surprised everyone by pitching a 92% game and naturally won his class.

In 1984 he also attended his first Missouri State Tournament held in Springfield averaging 65.2%. He would participate in 19 State Tournaments after that always qualifying in the Men's Championship Class. Kenny's record shows he ranks 14th in MO in the All-Time Victory Leaders from 1921-2005 pitching 173 games, winning 104 of them, averaging 61.02% for 19 years. Kenny never became a State Champion as he was up against such greats as Dave Baker and Alan Francis. However, in 1992 Kenny was State Runner-Up with a 70.67% average. Kenny does hold a very unique record. When Alan Francis moved up to the Men's Division, Kenny was the only Missouri horseshoe pitcher to ever beat Alan Francis. It was the only game Alan Francis lost while in competition in Missouri. At the 1996 MO State Tournament Kenny tied for 2nd place, finishing third with a ringer percentage of 66%. Kenny pitched in the MO State Doubles for 7 years and was State Runner up twice in 1993 and 1995, for an average of 52.24%.

Kenny attended his 1st World Horseshoe Tournament held in Huntsville, AL qualifying for the Championship Class in 1984. Kenny has pitched in 17 World Tournaments, twelve times pitching in the Mens A Class. There are two things that Kenny learned over the years as he and Ann traveled to horseshoe tournaments in their motor home: he refuses to stay at a KOA Campground and will not travel on any toll roads. He pays enough taxes, he says.

A bit of bad luck struck Kenny in 1988 when he fought and won a battle with cancer of the kidney. Soon Kenny was back on the courts again. Kenny was a member on the Team World Championship Team in 1990, along with Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs and Sam Carter held in Beloit, WI. It was the first time MO won that event. He participated in this event for seven years.

Kenny pitched in the team event held in Joelton TN and was on three winning teams, placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd. He traveled to the Reynolds County Fair for 11 years and won it 11 times. He appeared in the Six Pac Tournament held in New Melle 9 times. Kenny has pitched at the State Fair Horseshoe Tournament held in Sedalia for many years.

Kenny traveled to Las Vegas for 8 consecutive years to participate in the Las Vegas Open held at the Hacienda Hotel. While attending that horseshoe tournament in 1992, Kenny suffered a heart attack and had to have a 3-way bypass. Kenny now has a pacemaker and takes his share of daily heart pills. Once again, Kenny was back on the courts pitching shoes and loving every minute of it.

Kenny was instrumental in getting the Festus Horseshoe Club started. Kenny was

one of the major workers preparing for the 1998 MO State Tournament in Park Hills and worked hard with Boxie Schrum in getting the Mineral Hills Area Horseshoe Club started. He has been a member of the NMHC, the Greater Horseshoe Club of St. Louis, Festus Horseshoe Club and the Mineral Hill Area Horseshoe Club among others in Illinois.

In June of 2006 Kenny was raking hay on his farm in Ellington when he cut the wheels of his tractor too quick causing the tractor to over turn pinning him underneath. He was air lifted by helicopter to St. John's Hospital in St. Louis where he spent the next 52 days in an induced coma suffering with a broken shoulder, broken ribs, both lungs punctured and then followed with pneumonia. His legs were



left numb and weak forcing him into a wheelchair for months later. Kenny credits his wife, Ann, for saving his life.

It was a hectic year for the two of them. A once active Kenny found himself very inactive with plenty of time to think. He found life was too short to think of negative things and too precious to hold grudges. His future plans are to enjoy their 4 grandchildren and their 4 great-grandchildren. He plans "to keep doing the same thing he's doing—staying alive."

The Pogues traveled to Ardmore, Oklahoma this summer to be with old friends and to watch the great ones play. I had just finished pitching in my class at Ardmore when I saw Kenny standing by the iron fence on the sideline with his horseshoes when he yelled at me. "Hey, Jeanette, I'm coming down and I'm going to pitch a practice game with you." But I told him I didn't think he could come down and practice at this time as the other shift would be there soon. He proceeded to climb over the 3 foot iron bar fence and down into the courts he came. It wasn't long before we were both



chased off the area. For years Kenny has always liked practicing shoes with me at the World Tournaments. He knew he would always beat me and it took this blonde a couple of years to figure this out.

Kenny, the traveling horseshoe pitcher, still travels with those shoes again with hopes of winning a few more tournaments. These "shoes" have taken him places he never would have gone. Kenny is our miracle man; surviving a bout of cancer, a major heart attack and a near fatal tractor accident. All this and he's still itching to get back on the courts

Kenny has a roomful of trophies, shirts filled with patches and photo static copies of many checks that he has earned and collected over the years. Tonight we are here to add another to his collection; the highest

award that the MOHPA can bestow on a horseshoe pitcher—the induction into the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. "Kenny, for bringing excitement to Missouri horseshoe pitching, your dedication, time, energy and your presence on our courts, we congratulate you into the Missouri Horseshoe Hall of Fame."

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

by Melody Williams, Junior Director

Hello to all my Youth and their families! I hope all of you are doing fine and glad to be back in school! Ha, ha!

It sure was good to see all of you at the World Tournament and at the MO State tournaments! Congratulations to all of you! You are a great bunch of kids! Yes, even the teenagers! Ha, ha! Keep up the good work!

Once again, Missouri received an award from the NHPA regarding our Youth growth for 2006. Let's keep this going! We want to achieve this again next year! Invite all your family/friends to start pitching horseshoes. I challenge each and every one of you to get at least 1 youth involved this year (2008) and join MOHPA!

Just a reminder to the Youth and their parents—your Missouri 2008 dues will be due at the end of 2007. They can be paid now. They are \$5.00 a year. Please be sure you pay your dues for the new year so you can participate in sanctioned events all year.

If you or your parents/grandparents, etc. have any suggestions for me or my many helpers throughout the state, please feel free to contact me anytime!

I really appreciate all of my adult helpers that helped me at MO State as well as the ones who help me out throughout the year. There is only one of me and MO is a big state! Ha!

Anyway...I hope to see you soon at a tournament! You never know when I might "show up" You better be practicing! There may be a challenge in order! Ha, ha!

Keep pitchin' those shoes!

Our Junior Spotlight Shines on Nathan Evers

by Jeanette Claas

Congratulations, Nathan Evers, our first Missouri's World Cadet Champion! Nathan Evers is a very young horseshoe enthusiast. Recently turning 9 years old on June 17, Nathan made his first appearance at the 2007 World Horseshoe Tournament in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Nathan had his eyes and heart set on winning the Cadet

Championship Title and that is exactly what he did.

There were six participants in the Cadet Division at the Tournament and three of those Cadets were from Missouri. Besides Nathan, there was Andrew Lau, of Caulfield, and Katie Hines, of Belton. Nathan entered with a 45% average, however, he finished with a record of 5-0 with a ringer percentage of 29.50%. Nathan throws a flip from 20 feet and slings the shoes like an old pro.

Nathan was born on June 17, 1998 at Jefferson City, MO. Nathan lives in Lake Ozark and attends the School of the Osage Elementary School. He is in the 4th grade. His favorite subject is

math and Ms. Fry remains his favorite teacher. Besides pitching horseshoes, Nathan likes to go fishing on the Lake and riding his dirt bike on the local tracks. He also plays baseball and basketball.

Nathan lives with his parents, Chris and Tracy Evers. He has an 18 year old brother, Travis and two sisters, Amanda 20, and a younger sister, Caitlynn, 6. He has two dogs, Meg and Annie, and they both love to ride in the family truck and boat with him.

Horseshoes entered into his life when Nathan was 4 years old. A friend of the family, Mark Schepers of Jefferson City, got him started in horseshoes. Nathan likes to practice with A.J., who is his soon-to-be brother-in-law. He most admires his late Grandpa, Joe Evers.

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Nathan says, "He was so good at horseshoes, I still play every tournament with his horseshoes because they give me good luck and keeps me thinking about him."

He joined the MOHPA in 2005 at the age of 7. In 2005 he became the Cadet's MO State Champion pitching 33.3%. In 2006 he captured his second Cadet's State Title with a 45.6% ringer percent. In 2007 he claimed his 3rd State Title in Independence with a 36.67% tournament average.

He is now pitching against "grown ups" in mixed open tournaments held in Jefferson City. On 8/6/06 in a Capital City Doubles League Tournament he pitched a high game of 65.38%. In a Jeff City tournament he won first in "B" Class and 2nd place in another mixed tournament. He also won 2nd place in a doubles elimination tournament held in Jefferson City. On August 4, he competed in the Sizlin' Summer Open at Jeff City finishing in 2nd place with a 51.3%!

Nathan and his Dad entered the non-sanctioned Hillbilly Days Horseshoe Tournament at Bennett Spring in 2005 and won 4th place. But in 2006 they came back and captured first place. That was his present for his Dad on Father's Day. He promotes horseshoes by telling his friends how much fun horseshoes are.

When Nathan grows up he would like to be a Pro-dirt bike racer and a World Champion Horseshoe pitcher. If Nathan can ride a bike like he pitches a horseshoe, no doubt his dreams will come true! Missouri is definitely proud and pulling for this cute little blond guy from Lake Ozark who can pitch a horseshoe like a duck takes to water.

As Nathan turns ten years old in 2008, Nathan will be entering the Junior Division where competition will be a little tougher for him. That doesn't seem to bother Nathan as he is anxiously waiting for that time to arrive. His only comment, "Look out, Juniors, I will be coming for you next year!"

Missouri State Fair Comeback

by Donna Bastel

The Missouri State Fair opened its gates during one of the hottest times we've seen in Missouri for a few years. Their attendance was way down. But the heat didn't keep our horseshoe pitchers away. We had an increase of 30 pitchers over 2006, thanks, in part, to the improvements that have taken place.

As soon as I was accepted as the new Superintendent of Horseshoes at the State Fair last fall, I requested that the board approve the repair of several portions of the concrete runways on the courts. To my surprise, they decided that, while they were at it, they would replace all of the concrete runways. They had me pretty worried, when they didn't get them poured until the last week of June and there was dirt everywhere. I had nightmares about the mud we would have to contend with if it rained during the fair. But, Mark Wolfe's maintenance crew planted annual grass seed, guaranteed to come up in 4 days, watered it every day and had an unbelievable stand of grass come fair time. The courts looked better than we had seen them in several years.

We had a record 10 juniors entering this year. Ryan Spry, a new member this year, from Warsaw, placed 1st in the G Class and Gabe Heathman from Shelbyville took first in the Q Class, followed by his brother Noah in 2nd. Stan Griggs, once again, took 1st in the A Class as Tournament Champion.

I would like to thank everyone for participating this year and hope to see you at the State Fair in 2008.

Youth Picture

These Junior horseshoe pitchers enjoyed the morning of Independence Day pitching shoes in a league ran by the Liberty Horseshoe Club at Stocksdale Park. The league lasted five days and most had perfect attendance. They ran from age 6-15.



Kneeling: Andy Schmitz, Lawson; Miles Huffhines, Lawson; Jordon Duberry, Kansas City; Joey Jackson, Liberty; Timmy Jackson, Liberty; Felicia Gwinn, Independence; Jianna Duberry, Kansas City; McKenzie Mathis, Liberty.

Second row: Jayson Schmitz, Lawson; Cole Huffhines, Lawson.

Third row: Nichol Craven, Kansas City; Kevin Schmitz, Lawson; Brooke Jackson, Liberty; Ashley Craven, Kansas City; Tanner Stark, Lawson; Bruce Thomson, Kansas City; Alyssa Leger, Liberty.

Back row: League Director Gregg Craven, Liberty; Tyler Stark, Lawson; Seth Huffhines, Lawson; Tyler Happy, Kansas City; Taylor Mathis, Liberty; Jaydon Duberry, Kansas City.

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morning to conclude the tournament. After the completion of the tournament, Stan Griggs of Raytown, earned his 7th State Championship Title with a record of 11-0 and a tournament average of 70.27%. Sam Carter of St. Clair was the state runner-up. Stan Griggs pitched the high game of 82.50%.

The Independence Horseshoe Club held raffles throughout the tournament. Prizes were donated and given to the few lucky winners. Something new was added this year. The NHPA Game Related Sales was brought to the State Tournament for the first time by the new Director, Roy Evans. Members of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club were there to assist you for all your horseshoe needs.

Welcome Back! It was sixteen years ago that Larry & Joyce Francis last appeared in State competition. Making his first appearance since 1979 was Ray Plute of Warrensburg. It was good to see these folks back in competition at the 2007 State Tournament.

The Independence Horseshoe Club members did an outstanding job hosting the 2007 Missouri State Tournament. A special thanks to Al Gwinn and his crew for making the event so special. Laura Estes outdid herself in the making of the state program booklet, probably the best that we have ever had. The delicious food and refreshments were served by enthusiastic members of the IHC; an honorable thanks to Mrs. Gwinn for her wonderful homemade pies.

The 2007 Missouri State Tournament was directed by the MO State Officers, assisted by their spouses. All did a splendid job to make it a successful and memorable event. Missouri horseshoe pitchers wish to thank them for their hard work and time dedicated to this annual event, so that we can show our talents on the courts and possibly come home with a trophy and a smile on our face.

Mayflower Marathon, May 19

by Pam Gettinger

Well, this was the LAST horseshoe tournament to be pitched at the long time home of the New Melle Horseshoe Club. Thanks to all of those before us that got NMHC started. And, Quail Ridge—look out, 'cuz here we come!

The Mayflower Marathon is a difficult tournament to fill. We lose several of our regulars to Team World in Beloit, WI. It seems to always be on the same weekend. In addition, this third weekend in May is also the most popular weekend for graduations. So, I decided that instead of stressing out and trying to “fill” the tournament to capacity, we go with what we got! We had a great tournament! We had 36 pitchers and they pitched 9,588 shoes. They pitched 3,398 ringers making the AVERAGE ringer percentage 35.44%. That's the *average!* Way to go! The highest individual average for any class was Jan Kreienkamp's 61.33%. Jan won A Class and Tournament Champion. Bob Crabtree, also in A Class, pitched the highest game of 76.92%. Bob took 4th in the class. Our best friend Joe Buskirk, brought his “A” game taking 2nd place. Way to go, Joe! Andy Foulds finished an impressive 3rd. Sometimes sentimental Andy wanted to be pitching in the last game of the last tournament – and he did it! AFLAC!!

Our other classes—E Class: Bill Bouyea in 1st. Bill had the biggest ringer percent increase, over 10%. He told me before we got started that he just wanted to do better this time. I'd say, “He did!!!” Owen Moore grabbed 2nd and Ralph Hummel placed 3rd. D Class: Tying for 1st were Bob Griesbauer & Rose Buehler. Bob beat Rose by a few percentage points to take 1st. Rose, didn't you win your class in the Mayflower Marathon last year? C Class: Ken Hardy in 1st and won a 50/50 drawing, Terry Murray in 2nd & Clarence Eggert in 3rd. B Class: Another tie for 1st, this time between Jeff Baldwin & Glenn Young. Jeff was the victor, letting Glenn have 2nd. Frank Rohlfing from the Festus HS Club took 3rd.

We have a lot of memories of our horseshoe pitching tournaments and leagues. Darryl and I have made some of our best friends because of horseshoes and New Melle's Horseshoe Club—too many to list. One of my dearest (and co-director) is Ginny Weiss. Thank you to everyone that pitched, everyone that kept score (some all day, some two at a time), entered computer stats, and in general, everything else that helped us make this tournament a lot of fun and a success.

We couldn't have done it without *all* of you. Pam, Darryl & Ginny!

The Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club would like to issue a challenge to all of the clubs in the state to enter a team in the 2008 event and see if you can take home the Championship trophy.

2ND Time Club/Team Benefit Champions

by Donna Bastel

The 4th Annual Club/Team Benefit Tournament was hosted on June 2nd by the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club in Laurie. How appropriate that one of their hometown teams, the Ozark American Ringers, took home the Championship trophy for the second year in a row. The members of the team were Tamra Jenkins, Carl Folsom, Danny Branson, Dexter Carter & Lee Sparks. Congratulations!

This tournament was the brainchild of Bob Bastel. His idea came from a brainstorming session with Jim Bainter to try to come up with a fund-raiser for the MOHPA. At the same time, he was hoping to generate some friendly competition between the clubs throughout the Show Me State. As a fund raiser, it has done it's job, netting the MOHPA \$1,444 in 2007. “Thank you” to all participants for supporting your organization. This tournament has failed to create the inter-club rivalry we had hoped for. This year there were 93 entries from across the state, consisting of 18 teams, representing only 8 out of the 20 sanctioned clubs in Missouri.

The 5th Annual Club/Team Benefit Tournament will be hosted by the Quail Ridge Club at the new Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville on Saturday, May 31, 2008. This will be the first MOHPA sponsored event at the new courts. It would be the perfect opportunity for your club members to visit the new Hall of Fame and represent your club in this tournament.

Quail Ridge can potentially provide up to 48 courts. 16 indoors, 16 outdoors and up to 16 portable courts. With 48 courts we could field 38 five-person teams. It would be great to see at least one team from each club. A reminder to those of you who do not belong to a specific club—contact the nearest club to see if they have room for you on one of their teams. Only three of the five team members must belong to the club entering the team. The other two can be drafted from the multitude of MOHPA members that do not belong to a club. (Entry requirements and entry forms will be published in the February, 2008 Shoe Biz).

Summer Heat Tournament, June 16

by Bob Reininger

The heat was definitely turned on at the Summer Heat Tournament held at Westhoff Park in O'Fallon with temperatures in the 90's. Twenty-four horseshoe pitchers braved the heat to compete in the three class, eight round robin contest.

There were two no-shows so Tournament Directors Bob Reininger and Larry Volo each had to pitch. Larry & Bob would like to thank the people who helped out with the tournament. Rich Altis did all the stats with the help of Larry. Other helpers were Dave and Bea Feldewerth, Darryl Gettinger, John Simms, Angie Novel, Arlene Reininger, and Cyndi.

A welcomed burst of rain came down in the afternoon. It didn't last long and then became warm again. The heat brought about lots of red faces but no one got sick. Instead of trophies the tournament directors gave money: \$25 for 1st place, \$20 for 2nd place, \$15 for 3rd place and \$10 for 4th place. Congratulations to all the winners. See the Tournament Results page for names.

Rose Diekamp, the tournament champion, pitched a tournament average of 63.85% and was undefeated. Rich Altis threw the high game of the day of 79.16%. Anna VanGilder had the biggest increase in ringer percentage. In Class B, John Simms was the class winner with a high game of 62.50% and a record of 6-0. In C Class there was a play off between Rick Maassen and Ralph Hummel with Rick winning the playoff game. .

It will probably be the last Summer Heat Tournament at that location as by this time next year we will be in the new facility at Quail Ridge Park. Thanks to all who helped to make the tournament successful.

Shelbyville Horseshoe Tournament, September 22-23

by Bob Reininger

Pete Rankin and Birdman said they missed seeing the gang from New Melle that always comes up there for a wonderful two-day tournament. They said to tell everyone hello. I explained that everyone was busy with Quail Ridge construction and that is why we didn't make a good showing. Next year we will have to do a lot better, I'm sure we will.

Bob and Arlene were the only two people from New Melle attending. Dave Schneider came up on Sunday with a partner for the Doubles Tournament. Since Larry Volo couldn't be there, they matched me up with a lady named Diana McNally and she was a good pitcher. In Class “D” we won five games and finished in 3rd place, receiving \$40 for our effort. The dinner was great as usual and so was the music.

Missouri Tournament Results

May–September, 2007

Independence Spring Open 5/12/07

Director: Rick Gwinn

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| Class A: Michael Bowman | 6-1 | 71.1% |
| Class B: Roy Flatt | 5-2 | 50.0% |
| Class C: Audra Craven | 6-1 | 41.8% |
| Class D: Clifford Pierce | 5-2 | 27.9% |
| Class E: Ron Gwinn | 5-2 | 29.6% |
| Class F: Johnna Bales | 7-0 | 25.7% |
| Class G: Terry Bowman | 6-1 | 11.3% |
| Class H: Perry Mann | 6-1 | 18.6% |
| Class I: Bob Young | 7-0 | 3.7% |

Mt. View Spring Open 5/12/07

Director: Dan Hobbs

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| Class A: Archie Matheny | 7-0 | 56.9% |
| Class B: Joie Welker | 2-5 | 34.9% |
| Class C: Jesse Dowell | 4-1 | 36.5% |
| Class D: Andrew Lau | 3-0 | 11.4% |

Spring Fling Open @ Laurie 5/12/07

Director: Tamra Jenkins

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|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Jim Premer | 6-2 | 48.9% |
| Class B: Harless Kampe | 5-1 | 40.6% |
| Class C: Don Roberts | 6-1 | 27.1% |
| Class D: Danny Branson | 6-1 | 26.3% |
| Class E: Leslie Lambrecht | 4-1 | 22.5% |
| Class F: Chuck Koss | 5-0 | 16.5% |
| Class G: Ethan Kueck | 6-0 | 10.6% |

Mayflower Marathon Open @ New Melle

5/19/07 Dirs: Darryl & Pam Gettinger, Ginny Weiss

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|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Jan Kreienkamp | 6-1 | 61.3% |
| Class B: Jeff Baldwin | 6-1 | 48.1% |
| Class C: Ken Hardy | 6-1 | 36.8% |
| Class D: Bob Griesbauer | 6-1 | 31.0% |
| Class E: Bill Bouyea | 4-1 | 35.6% |

Chillicothe Open 5/19/07, Dir: Don Plowman

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|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Lawrence Loney | 5-0 | 41.0% |
| Class B: Clifford Pierce | 5-0 | 29.0% |
| Class C: John Egeland | 5-0 | 26.0% |
| Class D: Paul Howard | 4-1 | 28.0% |

Beginning of Summer Open @ Jeff City

5/20/07 Director: Steve Bruemmer

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|----------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: James Driver | 5-1 | 49.6% |
| Class B: Michael Gillespie | 4-2 | 28.3% |
| Class C: Oscar Reeves | 5-1 | 30.0% |

Memorial Day Open @ Crane 5/26/07

Dirs: Bill and Judy Wasiner

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| Class A: Bob Fortner | 4-0 | 58.8% |
| Class B: Duwane Blevins | 5-1 | 55.0% |
| Class C: Patrick Blevins | 8-1 | 31.9% |
| Class D: Tim Warden | 9-0 | 22.8% |

4th Annual MOHPA Benefit Club/Team Tourn @ Laurie 6/2/07, Director: Donna Bastel

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| Team Standing: | | |
| 1st Lake of Ozarks Club: | | |
| American Ringers | 39 | .875 |
| 2nd Diamond Club | | |
| Diamond Gems | 31 | .645 |
| 3rd Lake of Ozarks Club | | |
| Hillbilly Slingers | 30 | .628 |
| 4th Warsaw Club | | |
| Kelly's Heroes | 26 | .576 |
| 5th Lake of Ozarks Club | | |
| Ozark Ringers | 27 | .563 |
| 6th New Melle Club | | |
| Full House | 24 | .548 |

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| Class A: Stan Griggs | 7-0 | 62.1% |
| Class B: Doug Peoples | 6-1 | 43.9% |
| Class C: Tamra Jenkins | 6-1 | 49.3% |
| Class D: Lile Harris | 6-1 | 37.5% |
| Class E: Jeanette Claas | 6-1 | 43.3% |
| Class F: Pam Gettinger | 7-0 | 32.6% |
| Class G: Carl Folsom | 7-0 | 34.6% |
| Class H: Damon Longworth | 6-1 | 31.1% |
| Class I: Mary Moeller | 7-0 | 22.9% |
| Class J: Dexter Carter | 6-1 | 19.8% |
| Class K: Jim Kinney | 6-1 | 11.3% |
| Class L: Lee Sparks | 7-0 | 8.8% |

Hillbilly Fair Park Open @ Laurie

6/3/07 Director: Jim Bainter

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| Class A: Carlyle Gricks | 5-0 | 55.2% |
| Class B: Jim Kinney | 4-1 | 39.5% |
| Class C: Bob Kingsolver | 4-1 | 39.5% |
| Class D: Danny Branson | 4-1 | 34.5% |
| Class E: Ray Herman | 4-1 | 17.0% |

Peculiar Summer Open 6/9/07

Director: Glenn Bowman

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|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Michael Bowman | 7-0 | 65.0% |
| Class B: Lawrence Loney | 6-1 | 43.9% |
| Class C: Denise Bloss | 7-0 | 37.1% |
| Class D: Carl Brown | 7-0 | 28.8% |
| Class E: Terry Kampe | 5-0 | 28.7% |
| Class F: Terry Highley | 5-0 | 21.2% |
| Class G: Victoria Highley | 7-0 | 15.4% |
| Class H: Laura Johnson | 7-0 | 9.6% |

Caulfield Summer Open 6/9/07

Director: Bob Kingsolver

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|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Archie Matheny | 5-1 | 54.3% |
| Class B: O.R. Carpenter | 5-0 | 24.5% |
| Class C: Matthew Lau | 5-0 | 10.2% |

Wilbur Hodgson Memorial Open @

Liberty 6/16/07 Dirs: Brady/Nann Craven

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: M.O. Turner | 5-2 | 68.3% |
| Class B: David Kincaide | 7-0 | 61.7% |
| Class C: Elwyn Cooper | 6-1 | 48.3% |
| Class D: Jack Carnes | 5-2 | 40.8% |
| Class E: Denise Bloss | 6-1 | 41.7% |
| Class F: Kathy Wetzell | 6-1 | 33.8% |
| Class G: Grant Kueck | 4-1 | 29.5% |
| Class H: John Jeffers | 7-0 | 25.8% |
| Class I: Wallace Kueck | 5-0 | 27.0% |
| Class J: Terry Highley | 6-1 | 17.1% |
| Class K: George Goldizen | 5-0 | 11.3% |
| Class L: Laura Johnson | 5-0 | 16.5% |
| Class M: Jeffrey Swihart | 4-1 | 3.1% |

Summer Heat Open @ Westhoff Park

6/16/07 Dir: Larry Volo/Bob Reininger

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Rose Diekamp | 7-0 | 63.9% |
| Class B: John Simms | 7-0 | 36.1% |
| Class C: Rick Maassen | 6-1 | 17.8% |

Mt. View Summer Open 6/16/09

Director: Dan Hobbs

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Archie Matheny | 5-0 | 53.0% |
| Class B: Joie Welker | 4-1 | 46.5% |
| Class C: June Thompson | 5-0 | 29.0% |
| Class D: Donna McDaniel | 2-3 | 20.0% |

Father's Day Open @ Jeff City 6/17/07

Director: Steve Bruemmer

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|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Ron Hassler | 5-2 | 43.6% |
| Class B: Eileen Reeves | 3-4 | 32.1% |
| Class C: Steve Forck | 6-0 | 11.7% |

June Heat Wave Open @ Park Hills

6/23/07 Director: Rick McEntire

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Randy Grady | 7-0 | 64.8% |
| Class B: Frank Rohlfing | 5-1 | 37.0% |
| Class C: John Sapper | 7-1 | 35.7% |

St. Joseph's Open 6/30/07

Dirs: Ron & Peggy Campbell

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Stan Griggs | 5-0 | 67.6% |
| Class B: Gregg Craven | 6-1 | 49.0% |
| Class C: Denise Bloss | 6-1 | 39.4% |
| Class D: Cliff Pierce | 5-0 | 29.7% |
| Class E: Duane Luna | 5-0 | 34.4% |
| Class F: Lee Miller | 5-0 | 35.1% |
| Class G: George Goldizen | 5-0 | 8.4% |

Crane Summer Open 6/30/07

Dirs: Bill and Judy Wasiner

All other classes rained out.

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| Class C: June Thompson | 7-1 | 32.5% |
| Class D: Jim Claxton | 5-1 | 16.7% |

Nite Owl Doubles @ Westhoff Park

7/7/07 Dirs: Don & Jeanette Claas

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Class A: Glenn Young | 7-0 | 38.5% |
| Bob Griesbauer | 35.7% | |
| Class B: Cliff Kennedy | 6-1 | 38.5% |
| Sue Busch | 22.0% | |

July Firecracker Open @ Park Hills

7/14/07 Dir: Rick McEntire

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|----------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A | | |
| 1st: Randy Grady | 5-1 | 64.1% |
| 2nd: Boxie Schrum | 4-2 | 51.1% |
| Class B | | |
| 1st: John Sapper | 6-1 | 29.6% |
| 2nd: Daniel McEntire | 4-3 | 24.2% |

Summer Splash Open @ Laurie 7/14/07

Director: Jim Bainter

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Jim Premer | 6-2 | 44.7% |
| Class B: Kelly Kasper | 7-0 | 47.9% |
| Class C: Bob Bloss | 6-1 | 38.3% |
| Class D: Jeff Spry | 6-1 | 41.0% |
| Class E: Bill Blankenship | 5-1 | 34.6% |
| Class F: Wallace Kueck | 5-0 | 25.5% |
| Class G: Floyd Roberts | 4-1 | 14.0% |
| Class H: Doug Carter | 7-0 | 26.7% |
| Class I: Darrin Gregory | 6-1 | 12.9% |

Jefferson City Open 7/15/07

Director: Steve Bruemmer

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: James Driver | 5-0 | 54.4% |
| Class B: Adam Schepers | 7-0 | 38.8% |
| Class C: Kiefer Forck | 6-1 | 8.9% |

Independence Club Tourn 7/26/07

Director: Rick Gwinn

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Roy Flatt | 5-0 | 47.5% |
| Class B: Wayne Henderson | 5-0 | 22.5% |
| Class C: Russell Box | 5-0 | 11.9% |
| Class D: Brian Bilyeu | 5-0 | 16.9% |
| Class E: Bob Young | 5-0 | 10.6% |
| Class F: Jeffrey Swihart | 4-1 | 2.5% |

Cole County Fair Open @ Jeff City

7/30-8/4/07 Dir: Steve Bruemmer

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: James Driver | 5-1 | 53.6% |
| Class B: Mel Bruemmer | 5-1 | 42.0% |
| Class C: Adam Schepers | 7-1 | 33.9% |
| Class D: Nathan Evers | 6-1 | 38.8% |
| Class E: Chad Flatt | 5-1 | 18.8% |
| Class F: David Schnider | 7-1 | 37.9% |

Hot Times Open @ Crane 8/4/07**Director: Bill Waisner**

Class A:

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|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Gary Bowling | 5-0 | 65.3% |
| 2nd: Duwane Blevins | 4-1 | 51.1% |

Class B:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Joie Welker | 6-1 | 41.3% |
| 2nd: Jesse Dowell | 5-2 | 38.3% |

Class C:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Douglas Tripp | 5-0 | 21.5% |
| 2nd: Tim Warden | 4-1 | 17.0% |

Liberty Club Handicap Tourn 8/10-11/07**Director: Gregg Craven**

Class Championship:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Lyle Samuelso | 3-0 | 42.5% |
| Class A: Ralph Richardson | 4.5 | 42.0% |
| Class B: Mary Vogel | 4-1 | 52.5% |
| Class C: Lyle Samuelson | 5-0 | 42.5% |
| Class D: Danny Wetzel | 5-0 | 21.5% |
| Class E: Mike Grissom | 5-0 | 34.5% |
| Class F: Alex Roberts | 5-0 | 28.5% |
| Class G: Charles Leger | 5-0 | 10.0% |
| Class H: Joe Barry | 6-0 | 3.9% |

Sizzlin Summer Ope @ Jeff City 8/4/07**Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Roy Flattt | 5-1 | 53.3% |
| 2nd: Nathan Evers | 3-3 | 51.3% |

Class B:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Chad Flatt | 7-0 | 16.7% |
| 2nd: Mike Hagenoff | 5-2 | 15.0% |

Saline County Club Tourn @ Marshall**8/20/07 Director: Tom Ebers**

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Steve Burks | 5-2 | 19.5% |
| 2nd: Brandi Tresler | 4-3 | 8.6% |
| 3rd: Michelle Hisle | 4-3 | 23.3% |
| 4th: Tom Ebers | 4-3 | 62.4% |

Independence Fall Open 8/25/07**Director: Rick Gwinn**

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Stan Griggs | 6-1 | 68.1% |
| Class B: Gregg Craven | 7-0 | 51.4% |
| Class C: Audra Craven | 7-0 | 48.9% |
| Class D: Ron Gwinn | 6-1 | 31.1% |
| Class E: John Jeffers | 6-1 | 34.2% |
| Class F: Johnna Bales | 6-1 | 32.1% |
| Class G: Frank MacArthur | 7-0 | 17.3% |
| Class H: Bryson Kampe | 7-0 | 11.8% |
| Class I: Felicia Gwinn | 6-1 | 6.4% |

Capital City Double Elim @ Jeff City**8/26/07, Dir: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A:

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|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: James Driver | 6-2 | 59.4% |
| 2nd: Hugo Bisges | 5-0 | 51.0% |
| 3rd: Steve Johnson | 3-2 | 59.0% |
| 4th: Oscar Reeves | 3-2 | 32.0% |
| 5th: Mark Schepers | 3-2 | 14.5% |

Peculiar Fall Mixed Open 9-8-07**Director: Glenn Bowman**

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Nick DiRaimo | 6-1 | 62.9% |
| Class B: Nile Abbott | 6-1 | 41.3% |
| Class C: Lee Miller | 7-0 | 39.2% |
| Class D: Clint Sloan | 5-2 | 31.3% |
| Class E: Russell Box | 6-1 | 12.1% |
| Class F: Floyd Roberts | 5-2 | 14.6% |
| Class G: Bryson Kampe | 4-1 | 14.0% |
| Class H: Joe Barry | 7-0 | 4.6% |

MO-AR Shootout Open @ Caulfield**9-8-07, Director: Bob Kingsolver**

Missouri

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Leatha Harris | 6-1 | 57.5% |
| 2. Dale Parrott | 5-2 | 44.6% |
| 3. Wayne Barber | 4-3 | 49.3% |

Arkansas

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Paul Davis | 6-1 | 50.4% |
| 2. Billy Gill | 5-2 | 50.7% |
| 3. Archie Matheny | 4-3 | 52.7% |

Juniors:

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Andrew Lau | 5-0 | 15.0% |
| 2. Matthew Lau | 4-1 | 6.7% |
| 3. Dalton Rakestraw | 3-2 | 4.2% |

Crane Fall Mixed Open 8/15/07**Dirs: Bill and Judy Wasner**

Class A and B rained out

Class C:

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|----------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Oren Harris | 5-0 | 35.5% |
| 2. John Fite | 4-1 | 29.0% |

Class D:

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. William Elder | 5-0 | 19.0% |
| 2. Alfred Mundy | 3-2 | 16.0% |

Hillbilly Fair Open @ Laurie 9/15-16/07**Director: Donna Bastel**

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Roena Branson | 7-0 | 63.4% |
| Class B: Mary Beeson | 5-0 | 54.9% |
| Class C: Joann Jones | 6-1 | 41.7% |
| Class D: Jeff Spry | 6-2 | 37.2% |

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|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class E: Debra Kennedy | 5-0 | 37.2% |
| Class F: Bill Blankenship | 7-1 | 39.6% |
| Class G: P.VanEvercooren | 5-0 | 35.6% |
| Class H: Vic Scheuring | 4-2 | 30.6% |
| Class I: Suzanne Evans | 5-0 | 23.1% |
| Class J: Wes Rapp | 5-0 | 16.0% |
| Class K: George Chichura | 4-1 | 10.0% |
| Class L: Jack Slough | 5-0 | 9.5% |

Kansas City Mixed Open 9/22/07**Director: Dee McIntire**

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: M.O. Turner | 6-1 | 67.5% |
| Class B: Elwyn Cooper | 6-1 | 52.1% |
| Class C: Lyle Samuelson | 6-1 | 44.7% |
| Class D: Fred Smith | 7-0 | 29.2% |
| Class E: Dean Jameson | 6-1 | 28.2% |
| Class F: George Chichura | 7-0 | 15.0% |

Lake of Ozark vs. Jeff City Shootout @ Laurie 9/23/07, Dir: Donna Bastel

Class A:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Doug Peoples | 6-0 | 51.3% |
| 2. Roena Branson | 6-0 | 51.3% |
| 3. Dan Couch | 4-2 | 42.1% |
| 4. H. Hoffmeister | 4-2 | 36.7% |

Class B:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Jack Slough | 7-0 | 10.4% |
| 2. Carl Folsom | 6-1 | 25.4% |
| 3. Harry Rother | 6-1 | 22.9% |
| 4. Wes Rapp | 5-2 | 18.2% |

Ray Cavin Memorial @ St. Joseph**9/29/07, Dirs: Ron & Peggy Campbell**

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Nick DiRaimo | 5-0 | 60.3% |
| Class B: Karen Goldizen | 4-1 | 44.3% |
| Class C: Duane Luna | 6-1 | 32.8% |
| Class D: George Goldizen | 5-0 | 10.0% |

Long's Indoor Invitation @ Webb City**9/30/07 Director: Bob Long**

Class A 40'

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Duwane Blevins | 6-0 | 48.3% |
| 2nd: Bob Renfro | 3-3 | 43.7% |

Class B 30'

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1st: Carlyle Gricks | 5-1 | 50.0% |
| 2nd: Gary Bowling | 3-3 | 51.3% |

3rd Annual Big Money Open @ Jeff City**9/29/07 Director: Steve Bruemmer**

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| Class A: Roy Flatt | 8-1 | 45.0% |
| Class B: Bill Blankenship | 9-0 | 40.0% |
| Class C: Marvin Flatt | 9-0 | 20.8% |

2007 NHPA Longevity Patches

The following people were awarded their patches during the banquet at our state tournament. If the person was not present, the patch may have been received by a fellow club member, or it was later mailed directly to the recipient by our secretary, Vicki Winston.

10 Year Patches

| | |
|--------|-------------------------|
| 190554 | Paul L. Beard Jr. |
| 190979 | Robert Candler |
| 190827 | Neil Derner |
| 190066 | Gale "Butch" Dickherber |
| 190562 | Craig Dieckman |
| 190897 | Edward Eberle |
| 190941 | Charles Epperly |
| 190870 | John Fite |
| 190910 | Roy Flatt |
| 190793 | Carlyle Gricks Jr. |
| 190983 | Kenneth Grossman |
| 191094 | Harold Hoffmeister |
| 190831 | George Ivancic |
| 190836 | Julia Jaeger |
| 191020 | Tamra Jenkins |

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| 190571 | Debra Kennedy |
| 191131 | Jill Knobbe |
| 191309 | Brian Koss |
| 191317 | Chuck Koss |
| 190884 | Larry Joe Lucas |
| 190844 | Walter Molitor |
| 190557 | Daniel L. Olson |
| 190133 | Ben Orf |
| 191290 | Jen Ostmann |
| 190243 | Roger Otto |
| 190806 | Edward Pashia |
| 190893 | Glenn Perrey |
| 190292 | Wesley Reed |
| 191102 | Marilyn Rothove |
| 191098 | Ron Rothove |
| 191193 | Fred Smetzer |

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| 191433 | Allen Stark |
| 190307 | Kim Sudbrock |
| 190809 | James Toenjes |
| 191390 | Connie Trautwein |
| 191414 | Helen Velasquez |
| 190846 | John Wilde |
| 191141 | Darrell Wilham |
| 190242 | Erbie Wisdom |
| 190854 | Joseph Wolf |

20 Year Patches

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| 190415 | Ron Campbell |
| 190056 | Bob Cutright Sr. |
| 190376 | Terry DeClue |
| 190013 | Joseph J. Faron |
| 190086 | Larry Francis |

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| 190005 | Frank Hudson |
| 190339 | Robert Johnson |
| 190832 | Harless Kampe |
| 190495 | Darrell Pulliam |
| 191123 | Ralph Richardson |
| 190148 | Lyle Samuelson |
| 190394 | Oden Sullivan |
| 190137 | Ken Sykora |
| 190206 | Bob Thompson Sr. |
| 190739 | Bruce Webb |

30 Year Patches

| | |
|--------|-------------------|
| 190275 | Frances Dominique |
| 190276 | Leroy Dominique |
| 190008 | Calvin Jaeger |
| 190427 | Eugene Newkirk |

Remaining 2007 and Early 2008 MOHPA Tournament Schedule

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| Date | Sanc. Number | Tournament Name & Location | Contact | E-mail or Cell Number |
|--|--------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11-03,04 | 19-07-006 | Nov. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena, Diamond | Gricks 417-325-4456 | |
| 11-04 | 19-07-110 | Happy Holler Open* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 11-10,11 | 19-07-106 | Turkey Stakes Open* @ The Pits in Laurie | Bainter 573-372-3650 | jbainter@charter.net |
| 11-17 | 19-07-038 | Turkey Trot* @ Quail Ridge | 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 |
| 11-25 | 19-07-111 | Turkey Trot Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 12-01 | 19-07-021 | Here Comes Santa Claus* @ Don Harris Arena % | Craven 816-781-7581 | 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 | Volo 314-434-4075 | |
| 12-08 | 19-07-105 | Christmas Fun Mixed Open @ Park Hills (24 players) | McEntire 573-431-6107 | 573-330-2766 |
| 12-08,09 | 19-07-107 | Snowball Open* @ The Pits in Laurie | Bastel 573-374-8243 | lkhouse@usmo.com |
| 12-09 | 19-07-112 | Santa Claus Open* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 12-15,16 | 19-07-051 | Christmas is Coming* @ Hudson Hall @ Crane | Hudson 417-723-5429 | 417-840-5434 |
| Early 2008 Tournaments Reported Before Shoe Biz Cut-Off | | | | |
| 01-05 | 19-08-011 | Happy New Year* @ Don Harris Arena | Killgore 816-930-3353 % | chask@centurytel.net |
| 01-05 | 19-08-024 | After Holiday Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 01-05,06 | 19-08-001 | Lucky Gricks Mem.* @Lucky Gricks Arena, Diam. | Gricks 417-325-4456 | |
| 01-12,13 | 19-08-007 | Cool Shoe Open* @ The Pits in Laurie | Bainter 573-372-3650 | jbainter@charter.net |
| 01-19 | 19-08-012 | A L S Benefit* @ Harris Arena (Coop8167410043) | Craven 816-781-7581 % | brcraven2@kc.rr.com |
| 01-19 | 19-08-038 | Super Bowl Special* @ Quail Ridge | Claas 636-447-3039 | djclaas@sbcglobal.net |
| 01-19,20 | 19-08-066 | January Thaw* @ Hudson Hall (Crane) | Hudson 417-723-5429 | 417-840-5434 |
| 01-20 | 19-08-025 | Horseshoe Bowl Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 02-02 | 19-08-013 | Window of Opportunity 5 Benefit* @ Harris Arena | Straughn 816-246-0310 % | nmstraughn@netzero.net |
| 02-09 | 19-08-039 | Happy Hearts* @ Qual Ridge | Krienenkamp 636-583-6446 | |
| 02-09,10 | 19-08-002 | Feb. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena; Diamond | Gricks 417-325-4456 | |
| 02-09,10 | 19-08-008 | Peg In My Heart Open* @ The Pits in Laurie | Bainter 573-372-3650 | jbainter@charter.net |
| 02-10 | 19-08-026 | Cupid Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 02-16 | 19-08-014 | Independence Memorial* @ Don Harris Arena | Henderson 816-257-1853% | waynepam@juno.com |
| 02-23 | 19-08-027 | Birthday Classic* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 02-23 | 19-08-040 | Spring Team* @ Quail Ridge | Howard 636-441-7679 | horseshoejc@aol.com |
| 02-23,24 | 19-08-067 | Febuary Mixed Open @ Hudson Hall (Crane) | Hudson 417-723-5429 | 417-840-5434 |
| 03-01 | 19-08-015 | Robin Red Breast* @ Don Harris Arena | Craven 816-781-7581 % | brcraven2@kc.rr.com |
| 03-01 | 19-08-041 | Benefit* @ Quail Ridge | Bailey 573-764-3631 | |
| 03-01,02 | 19-08-003 | Mar. Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena; Diamond | Gricks 417-325-4456 | |
| 03-08,09 | 19-08-009 | Daylight Savings Open* @ The Pits in Laurie | Bainter 573-372-3650 | jbainter@charter.net |
| 03-09 | 19-08-028 | WWW Tourney* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 03-15 | 19-08-042 | Shamrock Fling* @ Quail Ridge | Rahe 636-462-6337 | kjrahe@centurytel.net |
| 03-22,23 | 19-08-068 | Spring is Coming* @ Hudson Hall (Crane) | Hudson 417-723-5429 | 417-840-5434 |
| 03-29 | 19-08-016 | Cancer Action Benefit* @ Don Harris Arena | Cooper 816-741-0043 % | ivdead@hotmail.com |
| 03-29 | 19-08-029 | Spring Fling* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 03-29 | 19-08-058 | March Madness Mixed Open @ Jefferson City | Bruemmer 636-541-3232 | s.bruemmer@att.net |
| 04-05,06 | 19-08-004 | April Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena; Diamond | Gricks 417-325-4456 | |
| 04-06 | 19-08-030 | April Showers* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 04-12 | 19-08-031 | Tax Day Open* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 04-12,13 | 19-08-010 | Bluebird Open* @ The Pits in Laurie | Bainter 573-372-3650 | jbainter@charter.net |
| 04-12,13 | 19-08-037 | West vs East @ Don Harris Arena | Craven 816-781-4132 | gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net |
| 04-26 | 19-08-043 | April Showers* @ Quail Ridge | Buskirk 573-384-5573 | |
| 04-26 | 19-08-059 | Spring Has Sprung Mixed Open @ Jefferson City | Bruemmer 636-541-3232 | s.bruemmer@att.net |
| 05-03 | 19-08-044 | 30 Foot Invitational @ Quail Ridge | Diekamp 636-240-6260 | |
| 05-03,04 | 19-08-045 | Six Pac Invitational @ Quail Ridge | Faron 636-398-5028 | bugsfaron@aol.com |
| 05-10 | 19-08-054 | Spring Fling Mixed Open @ Laurie | Jenkins 573-216-1680 | huno2@hotmail.com |
| 05-17 | 19-08-032 | Mayflower Open* @ Glen Allen 1:00PM | Williams 573-238-0047 | nipdpeg@prodigy.net |
| 05-17 | 19-08-036 | Chillicothe Mixed Open (6 classes of 6) | Plowman 660-646-174 | dauljpearplowman@sbcglobal.net |
| 05-24 | 19-08-046 | Mayflower Marathon* @ Quail Ridge | Gettinger 314-429-4427 | |
| 05-24 | 19-08-060 | The Memorial Mixed Open @ Jefferson City | Bruemmer 636-541-3232 | s.bruemmer@att.net |
| 05-31 | 19-08-047 | MOHPA Club/Team Benefit* @ Quail Ridge | Bastel 573-374-8243 | lkhouse@usmo.com |
| 07-07/19 | PA sanc | World Tournament @ York, PA | Hansen 262-835-9108 | nhpa.sec.treas@worldnet.att.net |

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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.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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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