

From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Hello to everyone. It's been a great summer for Missouri horseshoes. We had a fantastic state tournament at Quail Ridge with more than 260 entries, the most in several years. Rain put a little damper on the outdoor pitchers but, with a lot of help, the courts were playable. Congratulations to all the champions and class winners.

State Tournament

I would like to extend an MOHPA "Thank You" to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Pitching Club officers and members for hosting this year's championship tournament. Also, a special thank you to all the ladies and men of the kitchen staff who provided great food and service throughout the event.

The MOHPA annual membership meeting was held on Friday night after the doubles tournament. All officers up for reelection—president, statistician, Zone 1 & Zone 3 directors—were unanimously reelected. The current VP, Roy Evans, has opted to resign midway through his term to realize more time to conduct NHPA game-related sales activity. I want to thank him for his support over the last four years. I couldn't have asked for or received any more support for myself or the MOHPA than Roy has provided. Your new VP is Don Claas of Quail Ridge Horseshoe Pitching Club. I welcome Don on board. I hope he has new tennis shoes, we are going to be running hard this year to make more improvements in the MOHPA.

During our meeting we voted to make some changes in our tournament procedures. This year we had the doubles entries pay up front for scorekeepers. The scorekeepers were given coupons that were reimbursed by our secretary/treasurer after each shift. It went over well and we voted to carry over this practice to the singles classes next year. The major benefit is fewer delays between games.

Another change was that the MOHPA will pay non-elected personnel \$10/shift for judging or working data entry. They do a necessary job. We wouldn't be successful without these dedicated volunteers.

Quail Ridge was selected as the site for the 2009 Championships and Independence was selected as the site of our MOHPA Benefit Club/Team tournament. Congratulations to both clubs for their winning bids.

We had good participation at the courts this year but I would

like to encourage more members to participate in the business of our association. We need your ideas and support to make the association better.

Awards Banquet

Great turnout! We had 130 paid diners who enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner. What was even more impressive was the number of people who showed up later for the awards and entertainment. According to the hotel, we used their entire supply of chairs—200. Thanks for your participation; I hope that means we are doing something right. Suggestions are welcome.

Before I review the award winners, I need to make an apology. Due to a communications disconnect, I did not have the names of three Zone 2 club members who were to be honored that evening. So, congratulations to JoAnn Wall, Quail Ridge; Richard Golay, Shelbina; and Joan Buchheit, 1st Capital Women's Horseshoe League. To all the recipients of the MOHPA Outstanding Clubmember Awards for this year, it is people like you who keep the clubs going with support throughout the year.

This year, the President's Award was given to Elwyn Cooper. He has been the NHPA Representative for Missouri for nearly 17 years and has been active with the MOHPA since he began pitching horseshoes. He is stepping down at the end of December and will be replaced by Donna Bastel.

The two Achievement Awards were presented to Vicki Winston, your MOHPA secretary/treasurer, and Stan Griggs, your MOHPA statistician. Both have served in their respective positions since 1987. The dedicated support they have provided to the MOHPA has helped make us the second largest charter in the US.

Charles Killgore was also honored for his Iron Man perseverance by qualifying for the Men's Championship Class in each of the last 40 years. I doubt this record will ever be broken.

I couldn't recap the awards night without a big thank you for the entertainment organized and supported by Jill Knobbe and Trisha Simon with the able assistance of their MC Stan Griggs. Natalie Altis and Alex Roberts made great contestants.

World Tournament

This year, Missouri attendance was down due in large part to gas prices and the distance to York, PA. We only had 33 entries. The big news is that Michael Bowman of Archie, MO, who pitches with the Peculiar Horseshoe Pitching Club, brought home the

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A Touch of Claas

by Jeanette Claas

While Labor Day weekend may mark the end of summer, it doesn't mean the end of horseshoes. Missourians are lucky enough to enjoy pitching shoes all winter long at any of the indoor facilities closest to you.

Our larger tournaments are behind us now and quite a few surprises were in store for all of us. The World Tournament held in York, PA, brought about Missouri's smallest turnout, 33 participants, but it also brought about Missouri's first World Junior Boys Champion. Congratulations, Michael Bowman! Michael, this has been your year! Doug Peoples was the only class champion from Missouri. Read about the Missourian who earned an NHPA Award in this issue.

Congratulations to all the 2008 Missouri State Champions; you can find their names on the back page of this issue. Rose Diekamp's absence meant the women's state championship class was up for grabs, and Tamra Jenkins, seeded in 8th place, grabbed it as she won her first state title. Stan Griggs captured his 8th state title. With a turnout of approximately 250 contestants, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club hosted their first state tournament at the new Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville.

The weather was more than "fair" at the State Fair this year, it was **fabulous!** Tournament director Donna Bastel reports it was one of our largest State Fair tournaments in years, with a total of 140 entries. Again, Michael Bowman was the grand champion!

A candlelight ceremony was held at our annual state awards dinner for the eight Missouri horseshoe pitchers who passed away this year. For entertainment, Natalie Altis and Alex Roberts were contestants in the "Are You Smarter than a Senior Citizen?" program. One of them had to admit they weren't; the other was the lucky winner of a \$25 gift card from Target.

Welcome aboard to the new MOHFA officers: Don Claas was elected to finish out Roy Evans' term and Jim Kinney will be Missouri's new publicity director. Donna Bastel will replace Elwyn Cooper as regional director. Elwyn served in this position for the past 18 years. They're b-a-a-a-ck: Roena Branson and Pam

Henderson are the new reporters for their horseshoe clubs! Also, a big welcome to all our new horseshoe members throughout Missouri. We have close to 70 new members since spring. We hope you enjoy pitching with the Missouri charter and become active members. We need you and your support!

If you ever Wake Up to Missouri in this small town, you might notice they only have one part-time policeman on duty and hopefully you won't run into him. In this issue, our junior spotlight shines upon an enthusiastic and talented high school freshman who loves to pitch horseshoes. You will also find a practice tip in this issue from Alan Francis. Speaking of Alan, it looks like his mom and dad each took home first-place trophies in their class divisions. Like son, like mom and dad!

Missouri is in first place for the state purchasing the most bricks at the Hall of Fame. Let's keep up the good work. There are plenty left to fill up the Missouri space. A brick was purchased in Michael Bowman's name by the MOHFA members at the state tournament to honor him for his achievement. Another brick was purchased for the 60th wedding anniversary of Julia and Cal Jaeger. What a great way to show your love for horseshoe pitchers in Missouri.

This fall issue of Shoe Biz was brought to you by these horseshoe enthusiasts: Jim Bainter, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Rich Altis, Gregg Craven, Dave Loucks, Ginny Weiss, Steve Bruemmer, Don Plowman, Judy Waisner, Carol Howard, Roena Branson, Pam Henderson, Terry Bowman, and Yours Truly.

Until next issue, I wishoe a good day at the polls in November. In a democracy, it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your count that votes. Reserve your right to vote.

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This & That

by Vicki Winston

Hello everyone. Another membership year has come and gone and it is time to be buying your 2009 NHPA cards. For those of you who have not received the word, adult dues have gone up by \$5.00. Adult cards are now \$25.00, but Junior and Cadet dues will remain \$5.00. The NHPA had not had a dues increase since 1992, so they brought the matter before the delegates at the NHPA Convention in July. Their requested increase was granted. At \$25.00, membership in the NHPA and MOHPA is still a bargain and having a NHPA card will make you eligible to enter more sanctioned events than you can possibly attend. Michael Gillespie tries, but even he can't begin to get to all of them. Missouri's tournament schedule is jam-packed the year around and you are also eligible to participate in sanctioned events in other states as long as you can meet the entry requirements. Leagues are available at many of our indoor pitching facilities throughout the year. Your horseshoes need never get rusty. The 2009 cards have arrived, so feel free to send your dues anytime. You will find a membership application in this issue of Shoe Biz, or you can print one from our website.

Did you know that while we signed up nearly 200 new pitchers in 2008, our adult membership decreased slightly from 2007? This seems totally impossible, but this phenomenon has been repeated many times. What can we do to change this trend? Why did around 240 adults and juniors from 2007 decide not to renew in 2008? We know that part of the reason was the loss of some sanctioned leagues in 2008. One club had their courts washed out due to repeated flooding. We can't fight Mother Nature, but we can work to see that our remaining clubs sincerely welcome newcomers and make them feel a part of the horseshoe pitching family. That's what makes this sport so unique. We are like a huge family and the comment I hear over and over from new tournament pitchers is how friendly almost everyone is. It boggles my mind as to where we would be if we could continue to sign up this many new members each year and also manage to keep most of the members that we already have. Let's work really hard in 2009 to see if we can find the recipe to achieve that goal.

"How can I become eligible to pitch in the State Tournament?" is a question I hear quite often. It simply takes three sanctioned events during the 12-month entry window. For instance, if you happened to have pitched at the 2008 Missouri State Fair, the 2008 State Doubles, and the 2008 State Singles, you already have all of the necessary events for the 2009 State Tournament. See how easy it is? A sanctioned league average of 400 shoes or more is also considered an event. With our tremendous number of sanctioned tournaments available in a 12 month period, there is no reason that almost any pitcher could not take part in at least three sanctioned events from around August 1 to the end of July of the following year. The same goes for the World Tournament, which requires a minimum of four sanctioned events from about May 15 to May 15 of the following year. Juniors need only one event. With the World Tournament in Illinois in 2009 and Iowa in 2010, you won't have it much closer for two years in a row. Don't be a procrastinator and miss out on these opportunities.

What a joy it was to be able to hold our 2008 State Tournament at the NHPA Hall of Fame and Court Complex in Wentzville. I

certainly was glad to be spared negotiating the steps of the MOHPA office trailer for four days and look forward to going back there for the 2009 state tournament. Even Donna Bastel is already getting tired of those trailer steps and I've been at it a lot longer than she has. I just want to thank the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club for hosting this event and for the tremendous job they did in getting the facility ready and then having the concession stand operating for long hours each day. I know that the hungry pitchers and their families all appreciated having the good food so readily available. Thanks to the Quail Ridge Club members who worked so hard to make this event a success. The one thing that we need to figure out before next year is how to avoid having five- and six-person ties for first place in a class. That was just unreal. At the beginning of the state tournament, I was telling someone about a similar situation that happened in a class in another state. Maybe it was the power of suggestion, but we had it happen twice. Sure wish I'd have kept my mouth shut!

It's good to see people are using our website bulletin board and the guestbook to keep informed and stay in touch. We need these tools for providing information between issues of Shoe Biz. If you have internet access, don't forget to check our website quite frequently so you don't miss out on anything.

Until next time, I leave you with this thought: "Always try to drive so that your license will expire before you do."

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Last Shoe



Pat Casey

April 1, 1938–May 7, 2008

Patricia Casey, 70, of Kansas City, passed away unexpectedly on May 7 at Center Pointe Hospital in Independence, MO. Pat had suffered from COPD for several years. She was a two-time cancer survivor.

Pat was born in Taney County and graduated from high school in Branson in 1954. In 1955, she married D.D. Casey and moved to Kansas City. Pat worked for Lake City Ammunition Plant for 27 years before retiring. Pat enjoyed pitching horseshoes, traveling, going to the casino, but most of all she enjoyed her grandchildren.

D.D. began pitching horseshoes with the Independence Horseshoe Club in 1994 and Pat became interested in pitching. She began in 1996 and continued until 2004 when her health would not allow her to pitch. She did pitch in the World Tournament at Eau Claire, WI. Even though Pat wasn't able to pitch, she would go to the courts with D.D. and visit with other wives.

Pat was preceded in death by a son, Michael Casey. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, D.D., who is a member of the Independence Horseshoe Club; two sons, Robert and Tom; as well as grandchildren, great grandchildren, four brothers, one sister, and many other loving family members.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their sympathy to D.D. and to all Pat's family members. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her both on and off the courts.

Keith Perkins

August 1, 1922–June 9, 2008

Keith Perkins, 85, of Warrensburg, formerly from Belton, MO, passed away on June 9. Keith was born in Little River, KS.

A World War II veteran, he served in the 65th Infantry Division, Cannon Company, in George Patton's 3rd Army. He received the combat infantry badge and the Bronze Star. At the end of the war, Keith's unit witnessed the holocaust atrocities and the troops were ordered by Gen. Eisenhower to take photographs so that no one could deny what had happened. Until three years ago, Keith shared his WW II experience and photographs with several high school history classes.

Keith worked for the civil service at Wadsworth, KS, and owned and operated his own hair salon. He also worked for the civil service at Richards Gebeaur AFB and the Marine Corp Finance Center in Kansas City. He retired in 1997 and after retirement he worked at the Sharp Estate in Belton. He obtained a chauffeur's license and drove a school bus for the Belton School District and a shuttle bus for Black and Vetch and later a transport van for Specialty Hospital in Overland Park, KS.

Keith was a leader of Boy Scout Troop 210 in Belton and a member of the Tribe of the Mic-O-Say. Other memberships included the Elks, the American Legion in Warsaw, the Greater Kansas City Horseshoe Association, and the Red Bridge Meth-

odist Church. Keith was a longtime member of the Heart of America Horseshoe Club and pitched in some local tournaments until he moved to Belton in late 1998. He then joined the Lions' Park Horseshoe Club in Peculiar for about one year. The last year Keith was a member was 1999. He had a total of 17 years of NHPA membership.

Keith enjoyed fishing, hunting pheasant and quail, and was a pilot and an artist. He loved playing poker, loved music and dancing, and was a huge KC Chiefs fan.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers extend their deepest sympathy to his wife, Betty, son Kirk and wife Jane, along with four stepchildren, grandchildren, and great granddaughter.

George M. Ivancic

April 23, 1922–August 8, 2008

George Ivancic, 86, passed away on August 8 due to complications of lung cancer. George was a member of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, where he pitched on the Monday-night Jack & Jill League for the past 11 years.

George was of Yugoslavian descent and was born in Eagle River, WI. He moved to St. Louis where he attended school. George was a veteran of World War II, in which he joined the U.S. Army in 1943. He was a member of V.F.W. Post 94.

George's profession was electrician. He retired from work after 62 years of service. He belonged to IBEW #1 and was secretary for Local #1 retirees for 12 years. George loved to give his children and grandchildren advice to apply in their daily lives, specifically something that he learned from his occupation, "Measure twice, cut once."

He was married to his first wife, Helen, for 42 years until she passed away in 1990. They had three children: Joan, Marty, and Tom. After Helen's death, George married his present wife, Audrey and they were married for the past 13 years. He was stepfather to John, Rose, and Paula. George and Audrey made their home in Troy, MO, and loved to travel together.

George enjoyed life and lived it to its fullest. Besides horseshoes, George was an active bowler, golfer, and fisherman. He loved to play bingo and enjoyed going to the casino for a little fun. He was a creative person who could draw and paint. He also played the mandolin.

He loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and was there for them when they needed him. He rarely missed the grandkid's graduations, confirmations, dance recitals, and gymnastic meets. He took great pride in all of them.

George pitched this last winter with the Monday-night league, but in March he was already feeling seriously ill. However, he did drive the 1,000 mile trip each way to their vacation place in Florida. George said he was not afraid of dying; his concern was more for those he was leaving behind.

George will be missed on the courts at QRHC and by all the horseshoe pitchers who knew him. Our sympathy is sent to his wife, Audrey, his children and grandchildren.

Fern E. Trautwein

September 5, 1917–September 12, 2008

Fern Trautwein, 91, of Gladstone, MO, passed away Friday, September 12, 2008, at her daughter's home. She had been in declining health for the past year. Although Fern never pitched horseshoes, she knew all about the sport. Her husband of 72 years, Wayne, was a Hall of Famer and she attended all his horseshoe games. She became one of Missouri's favorite scorekeepers and received a MOHPA award for doing so.

A favorite horseshoe story told often by Fern recalls the time the Trautweins traveled to Sedalia to attend Wayne's first MO State Tournament and were unable to find a place to sleep. Their son and his wife slept inside the car and Wayne and Fern retreated to the trunk for a good night's rest. Using the spare tire for a pillow, Wayne put a horseshoe over the edge of the trunk so no could close the lid on them.

Fern was an avid bingo player. She and Wayne played every chance they could. She was an active member of the Antioch Community Church. Most of all, Fern loved her family and that is where she spent and enjoyed her time.

Fern was the dear mother of Sharon Armstrong and Connie Trautwein, both MOHPA horseshoe pitchers. She is survived by two sons, Terry and Dick, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her dear husband, Wayne, and son-in-law Kent Armstrong in 2007.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their condolences to Fern's children and all family members. We have a lot of good memories of the Trautwein family tucked away that will never be forgotten. She was loved by all who knew her.

Robert Dobbins

September 17, 1933–September 13, 2008

Bob Dobbins of O'Fallon, passed away on September 13, after a long illness from liver disease.

Bob was member of the MOHPA for six years in the early- and mid-nineties until he had a job transfer that took him to Kentucky. We will remember Bob as a contestant in the \$1.98 Beauty Pageant that was held at the MO State Tournament in New Melle. He was a fun-loving person to be around.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their sympathy to his wife, Pam, and to all members of his family.

Our Sympathies

- Donnie Rahe, QRHC, whose mother passed away May 13.
- Rich Merli, QHRC, whose mother passed away in May.
- Darrell Pulliam, IHC, who lost his mother on June 1.
- Bob Rogers, QHRC, whose mother passed away in July.
- Martin Orf, QRHC, whose sister passed away in August.
- Larry Langewisch, QRHC, who lost his mother in August.
- Connie Trautwein, Gladstone, for the loss of her mother on Sept. 12.
- Sharon Armstrong, Kansas City, for the loss of her mother on Sept. 12.
- Larry Anderson, Liberty Horseshoe Club, whose father passed away on Sept. 17.

Get-Well Wishes

- Larry Volo, QRHC, was hospitalized with pancreatic attack in May.
- Joe Buskirk, QRHC, who had carpal tunnel surgery in June.
- Mary Beeson, of QRHC, who had neck artery surgery in June.
- Floyd Beeson, of QRHC, suffered a broken shoulder bone in June.
- Glenn Young, of QRHC, who had prostate surgery in June.
- Jill Knobbe, of QRHC, who had shoulder surgery in June.
- Sam Kidd, lifetime member of the Independence Horseshoe Club, had a hip replacement.
- Tony Rohe, QRHC, who had heart surgery in July.
- Vicki Winston, emergency appendectomy on July 10.
- Tony Bootka, Independence, suffered a broken arm and leg in a car accident in August.
- Bob Diekamp, had triple bypass heart surgery on Aug. 5.
- Joe Faron, QRHC, who had sinus surgery in August.
- Tom Ebers, who suffered a stroke a week before the State Tournament.
- Bud Ward, QRHC, had hip replacement on Sept. 5.
- George Christ, QRHC, had stomach surgery on Sept. 10.
- Doug Peoples, Lake of the Ozarks Club, had both knees replaced on Sept. 24.
- Dawn Bishop, Peculiar, recently had gallbladder surgery.
- Larry Doden, Lake of the Ozarks, who recently had surgery in September.

Congratulations

- Megan Riley, QRHC, who graduated from St. Charles High School in May.
- Cal & Julia Jaeger, QRHC, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 12.
- Nick and Angie DiRaimo, Liberty, who will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on November 5.
- Happy birthday to Harold Hoffmeister, of the Lake of the Ozarks Club, who turned 80 on June 23.

Thinking of You

- Carol Long, Webb City, was diagnosed with cancer this summer.
- Ron Hassler, Jeff City, is recovering from prostate cancer.
- Bob Diekamp, QRHC, was hospitalized 3 times after heart surgery.

Thank You!

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club would like to thank Carl Reininger of American Legion Post #323 in Wentzville. Carl provided the QRHC with a new flag to hang outside in the Dr. Jack Freeman Brick Memorial Plaza. It seems that the wind whips the flag pretty good as it stands high up on the hilltop. QRHC member Mary Ann Ell reinforced the flag by sewing a double hem on Old Glory. Carl is a 60-year member of the American Legion. We would also like to thank the present commander, Sandy Robor, who organized and participated in the color guard during the opening ceremony. Your presence added much meaning to the state tournament and we hope to see you again. We were pleasantly surprised when more of the American Legion members showed up for breakfast the following morning.

2008 World Horseshoe Tournament

York, Pennsylvania • July 7-19, 2008

by Jeanette Claas

The 2008 World Horseshoe Tournament was hosted by the Eastern Pennsylvania Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. (EPHPA) and the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). The NHPA is celebrating 100 years of World Horseshoe Pitching Championships, with the first one having taken place in Bronson, Kansas, in 1909. This year, there was a total of 1,320 entrants, including five Cadets less than nine years of age, competing for prize money of \$170,000. The youngest competitor was 7 years old and the oldest was 91. Entries were from 46 states in the USA, five Canadian provinces, and two other countries, Japan and Norway. Sixty percent of these entrants were horseshoe pitchers entering a WT for the first time. Most participants played 3 consecutive days with 5 games per day. The one with the most wins was declared champion of that class. Prize money was paid to the top six people in each class.

The WT had a face lift this year, with 56 new courts and walkways. We can thank our 4th NHPA vice-president, Jerry LaBrosse of MN, and his crew, who built these courts earlier in the year. The Pennsylvania horseshoe pitchers laid and marked off the new walkways, which almost felt like walking on Dr. Scholl's cushioned sole pads. These new courts and walkways are expected to last at least 10 years. The court layout was held at the York Expo Center with 24 courts in the Memorial Hall East and 32 courts in the Memorial Hall West. The NHPA are asking for court sponsors. So far, 36 of the 52 have been sponsored, which means they need 16 more sponsors at \$500 each. Names of the sponsors will be printed on the back side of the portable pit.

World records were shattered in several divisions. Alan Francis broke a 43-year-old record for the highest percentage ever in the Mens Championship Class, with a blistering 89.35%. Rivers Prewette of NC posted a world-record 80.97% in winning the Senior Womens Title. The Womens Division was the most competitive ever. Sue Snyder from KY captured her 7th World Title with a 19-1 record and pitching 86.30%. She and Sylvianne Moisan had a playoff game that lasted 124 shoes and totally thrilled the crowd. In a game played between Joan Elmore of TN and Sylvianne Moisan of Canada, there were at least 11 world records that fell. There were 3 ladies that posted performances

over 80%, 10 ladies in the 70s, 5 ladies in the 60s and only 2 below 60%. What a showing it was for that division.

At the end of the 84th WT, new world champions were crowned. The one that Missouri is most proud of is 17-year-old Michael Bowman of Peculiar, MO, who claimed his first Junior Boys World Championship with a record of 10-1 and an average of 72.60%. Other champions included: Cadet Division: Brian Knupp, PA, 6-1, 39.92%; Junior Girls Division: Abby Green, OH, 5-0, 59.9%; Senior Men's Division: Ron Deckard, FL, 10-1, 65.95%; Senior Women's Division: Rivers Prewette, NC, 5-0, 80.97%; Elders Division: Herschel Walters, IN, 10-1, 77.37%.

Defending World Champion in the Men's Division, Alan Francis, OH, claimed his 14th World Title with a record of 19-0, 89.3%. Alan pitched two 100% games during the championship competition. Sue Snyder, KY, claimed her 7th World Title with a record of 19-1 and a ringer percentage of 86.30%.

Nine Missouri delegates were among those attending the four-hour NHPA business meeting led by the NHPA officers on Sunday morning. Those delegates were: Jim Bainter, Roy & Suzanne Evans, Bob & Donna Bastel, Ron Highly, Elwyn Cooper, Dee McIntire, and Jeanette Claas. After four presentations, it was voted by all the delegates to have the 2010 WT in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 26-Aug. 7. Bill Marvin of IL gave an update on the 2009 WT, which will be held in Springfield, IL; 2009 is the 200th birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. You can start making plans now. With Springfield only a few hours away from Missouri, let's make the Show-Me State #1 in attendance. If you haven't attended a WT, take this opportunity to come home with a World Champion trophy! Hotels will be taking reservations after August 15. The host motel is the Hilton Hotel in downtown Springfield, where you can walk to the courts. The cost is \$92 per room.

The 43rd Annual NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet was held on Sunday evening, July 13, with more than 200 people attending. It was by far the best meal ever served at the past banquets. Jim Bainter accepted the Membership Award for Missouri having the largest increase in junior membership during the 2007 year. Larry Langewisch of the QRHC was presented an NHPA Achievement Award by Casey Sluys, 2nd VP of the NHPA, for Larry's hard work on the NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum facility. Jeanette Claas accepted this award as Larry was unable to attend the WT.

Our Games Related Sales Director, Roy Evans, reported sales were most successful, having 35% more sales than was sold at the 2007 World Tournament. The QRHC sold \$1,017.50 in Hall of Fame items alone. Roy said they sold 280 pairs of shoes; that's more shoes than Imelda Marcos ever owned.



Earl's Pearls

Bob & Carol and Ted & Alice all live in the same house. One night Bob & Carol go to a movie; when they return, Alice is lying dead on the floor in a puddle of water and glass. It's obvious that Ted killed her, but Ted is never arrested or punished. How could this be?

For the answer, see page 16.

While touring in Pennsylvania, Missourians learned a lot about this state. Pennsylvania has a long history of horseshoe pitching. The men of George Washington's army were said to have done so for exercise. There was a horseshoe brigade champions prior to the Battle of Gettysburg. The first horseshoe-pitching president, Abraham Lincoln, came to Gettysburg in November to give his memorable address. The first known horseshoe club in America began in 1895 and became official in 1897 in Meadville, PA.

While attending the 2008 WT, many horseshoe pitchers and families went sightseeing in the surrounding areas. The traffic was terrific in York and all the surrounding towns, which are called townships and boroughs. We discovered that streets there are also called pikes and the Pennsylvanians speak with a German-Dutch accent. One of the favorite historical sites to see was the Battle of Gettysburg and President Eisenhower's home in Gettysburg. For chocolate lovers, visiting Hershey, PA, was a delicious attraction. A very interesting place was the Hope Acres Robotic Dairy Farm, which housed the most contented and pampered 180 "girls" you ever did see. The only bull, a 2200-pounder with a smile on his face, was kept in a barn by himself. Lots of Amish people live in Pennsylvania and have the most delicious food you could ever eat at their restaurants. On the way home, we stopped to see where Flight 93 went down on 9/11 in Shanksville, PA—a reality check.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers were low in attendance this year, 33 compared to 123 in 2007, probably because the high cost of gasoline, which topped at \$4.00 per gallon. Missing from the tournament this year were Vicki and Earl Winston, who were unable to be at the WT due to an emergency appendectomy that Vicki had the day they were scheduled to leave for the tournament. Joe Faron had to cancel his trip to York due to illness. Due to recent

neck surgery on Mary Beeson and a broken shoulder on Floyd Beeson, the couple was unable to attend. Kenny Pogue was also absent from the WT site this year. Richard Schmidt and Megan McLeod were not on the scene as expected to be.

Missouri had only two class champions: Michael Bowman, Class A Jr. Boys Div. (13-1, 71.96% avg), and Doug Peoples, Elders Div. Class F (13-2, 52.50). These Missouri horseshoe pitchers brought home trophies and/or prize money by placing in the top six places: Mens Div. Class F1: Jerry Weller, 3rd Place, 11-4, 35.17%; Mens Div. Class F3: Larry Brown, 6th Place, 10-5, 29%; Mens Div. I2, Ron Highley, 3rd Place, 11-4, 29.67%; Elders Div. Class C: Bob Long, 3rd Place, 9-4, 61.54%, Elders Div. Class E: Frank Rohlfing, 5th Place, 9-6, 46.83%; Sr Mens Class C: Gregg Craven, 4th Place, 10-5, 47.5%; Sr Mens Class G: Bob Beaver, 4th Place, 10-5, 35.50%; Sr Mens Class J: Ralph Hummel, 5th Place, 8-5, 19.81%; Sr Mens Class K: Larry Anderson, 5th Place, 6-5, 11.59%; Women Div Class F: Ree Cutright, 2nd Place, 11-4, 47.33%; Womens Class G: Joann Jones, 5th Place, 9.5-5.5, 43.17%; Womens Class L: Victoria Highley, 5th Place, 8-5, 18.27%; Junior Boys Class D: Bruce Thomson, 3rd Place, 9-5, 27.68%; Junior Girls Class E: Paige Highley, 9.64%.

Others Missourians participating were Jeff Zogg, Mick Gillette, Elwyn Cooper, Bob Bastel, Jim Bainter, Audra Craven, Jeanette Claas, Donna Bastel, Dee McIntire, Suzanne Evans, George Chichura, Don Claas, John Setzer, Steve Bruemmer, Ernie Ellerman, Roy Evans, and Bob Cutright.

Missouri wishes to thank the NHPA officers, their wives, the Pennsylvania crew, and all those who made this tournament another successful World Tournament. Whether you won or lost, York, PA, was a unique experience and one that you will forever hold in your memory bank.

Channel 2 Comes to Quail Ridge Park

by Jeanette Claas

Due to press releases written and sent by Jeanette Claas and Carol Howard, our club received a call from Channel 2 (KMOV TV in St. Louis) to come out and see our facility and give us some free promotional advertisement.

With less than 22-hours notice, an email was sent to all the QRHC members asking them to be out at the courts by 6:00 the following morning. Larry Langewisch got permission to open up the park gates early and about 15 quails arrived for "shoetime."

The big Channel 2 truck arrived along with a cameraman and then reporter Tim Ezell appeared on the premises. Every 15 or 20 minutes, there was a live broadcast telling about the forthcoming State Tournament to be held there that following weekend. The three TV men could not believe the wonderful facility they had ventured upon. They were very impressed and made use of the courts as they practiced pitching a shoe. "Amazing" was one of the words Tim used to describe the facility to all the TV viewers and he invited them all to come and check this place out. A beginner in horseshoes, Tim first rung the water pump, then he rung the fence, and, yes, he finally rung the stake with one of Jeanette's pink shoes, which gave him 9 points. The broadcast lasted about 2 hours at different intervals on the show.



Back row, from left to right: Louise Duke, Harold Duke, Julia Jaeger, Gary Buehler, Rose Buehler, Carol Howard, Jim Howard, Don Claas, Roger Schnur, Mary Duke. *Front Row:* Tow Ezell and Cal Jaeger. *Not shown:* Ginny Weiss, Rick Maassen, Ralph Hummel, Theresa Barry, and Jeanette Claas.

At the State Tournament, there were many comments from horseshoe pitchers who viewed the broadcast on TV. It was a great way to promote our sport. Thanks to all the quails who got up at 5:00 a.m. to show their support of horseshoes.

2008 Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament

August 29–September 1 • Wentzville, MO

by Jeanette Claas

Welcome to Wentzville, “Cross Roads of the Nation!” Home of the NHPF/NHPA Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum — Where Champions are Crowned and Legacies are Honored! The 83rd annual Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament was held for the first time at the beautiful Quail Ridge Park and hosted by the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club from Aug. 29 – Sept. 1. A total of 249 horseshoe pitchers, ranging in ages from 10 to 83 years took part in the event and pitched on 16 indoor and 16 outdoor courts in hopes of taking home one of the beautiful Missouri trophies made by MOHPA member Carl Gricks.

The unusual cool weather that Mother Nature threw our way for the entire month of August played a dirty trick as she turned on the heat and muggy weather for all those who had to pitch on the outdoor courts. The QRHC members had worked hard in preparation on the outdoor permanent courts. Even without grass, the courts looked in perfect condition for a state tournament. And then the night before the Doubles Tournament, Mother Nature made her appearance with a 45-minute downpour of rain, causing muddy conditions for the outdoor pitchers.

The QRHC laid out the red carpet on Friday for the opening ceremony. It began at 9:15 a.m. with Jim Bainter, MOHPA president, making introductions. The American Legion Post 323 color guard stood to attention as the horseshoe pitchers said the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Kinney of Drexel, MO, gloriously sang the national anthem and Ray Nadler of Wentzville did invocation. Paul Lambi, the mayor of Wentzville, welcomed all horseshoe pitchers to the city. With the sound of horseshoes clanging in her hands, Bettie Yahn-Kramer, director of St. Charles County Parks & Recreation, spoke briefly of pitching horseshoes as she grew up. After they threw out the first shoes of the tournament, it was time for the competition to begin.

The Missouri State Doubles Tournament began at 10:00 a.m. with 80 pitchers participating in the five classes. There was a three-way tie for 1st place. At the conclusion of the playoff games, the #8 seeded team in the Championship Class of Roena Branson

and Bob Crabtree, with a record of 6-2 and a combined ringer percentage of 48.52%, became the new 2008 Missouri State Doubles Champions.

On Friday evening, the annual MOHPA business meeting was held on the tournament site in the south courts. President Jim Bainter, statistician Stan Griggs, and zone directors Charles Killgore and Danny Williams were re-elected to their positions by acclamation. Vice-president Roy Evans resigned his position and Don Claas was elected to finish the term. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club officers presented a bid proposal for the 2009 MO State Tournament to be held at the same site next year and it was accepted by the membership.

Saturday’s classes began after the national anthem was sung by the quartet of Gregg & Audra Craven and Lyle & Ina Mae Samuelson. Four boys competed in the Junior Boys Championship Class and played a double round robin. Seventeen-year-old Michael Bowman of Archie claimed his third state title with a record of 6-0 and a 69.8% tournament average. Michael recently won the 2008 Junior Boys World Championship in York, PA. Martin Williams of Glen Allen was state runner-up with a 51.5% tournament average. A total of 15 boys participated in the Junior

Boys Division after some entrants had to cancel. Tori Vandeven, age 16, of Whitewater captured her second Junior Girls Championship Title with a record of 3-1 and a ringer percentage of 51.2%. Tori pitched the high game in the Girls Class with a 65.53%. The state runner up was Megan Riley of St. Charles. A total of nine girls entered the Girls Junior division.

The 10th annual awards banquet was held Saturday evening at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn–Wentzville, with Stan Griggs hosting the event. Lyle Samuelson gave the invocation and a delicious dinner was served to one of the largest groups to attend one of our banquets.

A candle-light ceremony was held for members of the MOHPA who passed away during the past year: Matt Anson, Ron Craven, John Dods, Maurice Hines, Gene Towne, Pat Casey, Keith Perkins, and George Ivancic.

Vicki Winston, MOHPA state secretary, distributed longevity patches to 33 recipients: 24 received 10-year patches and six received 20-year patches. Thirty-year patches were given to Rita Killgore and Darrell Plowman and a 40-year patch was presented to Bob Outt of Neosha.

Missouri honored two inductees in the MOHPA Hall of Fame, Carlyle Gricks of Diamond and Gregg Craven of Liberty, for their promotion, talent, and enthusiastic dedication to the sport of horseshoes. The 2007 Player of the Year Award was earned by Michael Gillespie of Adrian for the fifth consecutive year. The 2007 Rookie of the Year was won by Joe Barry of Liberty. The Junior Player of the Year, for the second year in a row, was earned by Michael Bowman of Archie, and the 2007 Junior Rookie of



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the Year was a tie, earned by Ryan Spry of Warsaw and Megan McLeod of Plattsburg.

The Presidential Award was presented to Elwyn Cooper, who served as MOHPA regional director for 18 years. The Achievement Awards were given to Vicki Winston and Stan Griggs for their more than 20 years of service in their present positions. A special award, called the "Iron Man Award," was presented to Charlie Killgore for marking his 40th appearance in the Men's Championship Class in MO State Tournaments.

For entertainment, "Are You Smarter than a Senior Citizen" was presented by Stan Griggs and Jill Knobbe. Contestants Natalie Altis and Alex Roberts competed with five senior citizens who wish to remain anonymous.

Terrie Rose stepped up to the microphone on Sunday morning with her beautiful voice singing the national anthem. The ladies competition started on the courts with six classes and 44 entries. Defending State Champion Rose Diekamp was unable to participate this year due to the illness of her husband, so the title was up for grabs and there were eight very talented and skilled ladies vying for the championship title. The #8 seed, Tamra Jenkins of Camdenton, claimed her first Women's State Championship Title with a record of six wins and one loss and a ringer percentage of 59.82%. Tamra pitched 8.70% over her average and also had the high game of the class, 73.08% The state runner-up was Jan Kreienkamp.

Fourteen men in two classes participated in the Men's Senior Division. At the conclusion of the Senior competition, Mickey Gillette of Warrenton claimed his fifth State Senior Champion Title with a record of 7-0 and a 63.11% tournament average. Mick pitched the high game of 75%. Gregg Craven of Liberty was the state runner-up.

The exciting 30 Foot Men's Division, held on Monday, was loaded with talent. Forty-five men over the age of 70 entered this division. With a record of six wins and one loss, there was a tie for first place between Rick McEntire of Park Hills and Nick DiRaimo of Liberty. After a playoff game, Nick DiRaimo captured his first State Championship Title with a record of 7-1 and

a ringer percentage of 66%. Nick also pitched the high game of 85.71%, the highest game in the state tournament.

On the final day of the tournament, Nile Abbott joined Saturday's quartet by singing the national anthem before the men's classes began pitching. A total of 122 men competed in the Men's Division, which consisted of 15 classes. The Men's Championship Class consisted of Missouri's top twelve men, who pitched six games on Sunday and five games on Monday morning to conclude the tournament. With a record of 9-2, there was a tie for first place between Steve Johnson of Jefferson City and Stan Griggs of Raytown. After a playoff game, Stan Griggs earned his eighth Men's State Championship Title with a record of 10-2 and a tournament average of 65.3%. High game in the Men's Division was 79.41%, pitched by Stan Griggs.

The 2008 Missouri State Tournament was directed by the Missouri State Officers and assisted by their spouses. All worked tirelessly to make it another successful and memorable event for the horseshoe pitchers to gather, show off their talents on the courts, and have a great time together.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club did an outstanding job hosting the 2008 MO State Tournament. A special thanks to tournament director Larry Langewisch and his crew for making the first State Tournament held at Quail Ridge a special one. A water main in the park broke about 24 hours before the tournament began. Thanks to Larry's expertise, he was able to make a temporary fix with hoses and enable us to have water in the building by game time on Friday. Thanks to all who had KP duty in the concession stand and cooking outdoors on the grill, especially for arriving each morning by 6:00 a.m. to fix breakfast for the hungry horseshoe pitchers. You were rewarded with compliments for serving the best food around. Thanks to those who worked so hard getting the outdoor courts ready for the tournament. Thanks to the Clean-Up Crew; the place looked magnificent. Thanks to all those who went out and sold ads for the program book. Thanks to those who helped out in any way, keeping score, judging, whatever it took to make this event what it was. As we found out, it took a village. "You" were the real winners of this event.

Missouri State Doubles Championship

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Doubles Championship Class				3. Joie Welker	5-3	35.4%	5. Lyle Samuelson	4-3	37.8%	7. Bob Reininger	2-5	16.8%
1. Roena Bransson	6-2	52.9%	Bob Renfro		35.0%	Michael Massa		34.7%	James Hillis		14.8%	
Bob Crabtree		44.1%	4. Terry Mcdonald	4-3	45.4%	6. Melody Williams	2-5	35.5%	8. Bob Bastel	1-6	20.9%	
2. Don Claas	6-3	52.8%	Ree Cutright		35.7%	Donna Bastel		25.5%	Carol Howard		14.8%	
Carlyle Gricks		41.0%	5. Pam Gettinger	4-3	38.8%	7. Michael Gillespie	2.5	34.7%	Doubles D			
3. Roy Flatt	5-3	48.1%	Joann Jones		32.1%	Bob Bloss		24.0%	1. James Caulfield	6-1	18.9%	
Ginny Weiss		44.4%	6. Tamra Jenkins	3-4	44.9%	8. Danny Branson	0-7	20.9%	Joey Griffith		11.2%	
4. Nick Diraimo	4-3	52.4%	David Schneider		33.2%	John Sims		8.2%	2. Roy Evans	5-2	25.3%	
Andy Foulds		38.8%	7. Denise Bloss	2-5	30.1%	Doubles C			George Goldizen		9.1%	
5. Edward Pashia	4-3	47.8%	Glenn Young		28.6%	1. Ray Nadler	6-1	35.2%	3. Keith Johnson	5-2	14.3%	
Martin Orf		43.0%	8. Frank Rohlfing	0-7	33.2%	Pat Heathman		32.7%	Floyd Roberts		8.2%	
6. Sam Carter	3-4	50.5%	Earl Winston		25.5%	2. Joann Wall	5-2	29.1%	4. Frank Macarthur	4-3	12.2%	
Mel Bruemmer		42.3%	Doubles B			Ronnie Attebery		29.1%	Larry Anderson		5.1%	
7. Jim Renfro	2-5	50.0%	1. Jerry Weller	7-2	39.4%	3. Bob Beaver	5-2	31.1%	5. Steve Bruemer	2-5	15.8%	
Charles Killgore		32.4%	Alfred Mundy		29.5%	Jim Riley		25.0%	Anna Vangilder		8.7%	
8. Danny Williams	0-7	39.1%	2. Jim Gregory	6-3	34.1%	4. Mike Watkins	5-2	27.6%	6. Angela Diraimo	2-5	9.6%	
Rich Altis		23.5%	Roger Schnur		29.8%	George Chichura		24.0%	Wesley Reed		9.1%	
Doubles A			3. Jim Spidle	5-3	32.3%	5. Gary Jurkowski	2-5	26.0%	7. Douglas Tripp	2-5	13.8%	
1. Ed Griffith	6-2	40.7%	Fred Smith		29.6%	Scott Raimer		14.8%	Leo Basler		4.1%	
Karen Goldizen		39.4%	4. Ernie Brakensiek	5-3	31.3%	6. Daniel Gavin	2-5	19.9%	8. Bob Cutright Sr.	2-5	13.8%	
2. Dan Hobbs	6-3	43.7%	Jim Kinney Jr.		29.5%	Ernie Ellermann		17.9%	Tom Shaw		2.6%	
Dean Renfro		34.5%										

83rd Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament Results

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Mens Championship

1. Stan Griggs	10-2	65.3%
2. Steve Johnson	9-3	59.7%
3. M.O. Turner	8-3	62.7%
4. Randy Grady	8-3	61.3%
5. Sam Carter	8-3	59.3%
6. James Driver	5-6	52.8%
7. Charles Killgore	5-6	47.8%
8. Larry Joe Lucas	4-7	52.3%
9. Edward Pashia	4-7	49.1%
10. Jim Renfro	3-6	52.5%
11. Danny Williams	2-9	40.7%
12. Tim Henderson	1-10	43.2%

*Griggs defeated Johnson 41-23 in playoff

Mens A

1. Bob Renfro	5-2	43.6%
2. Dan Hobbs	4-3	47.9%
3. Donald Rahe	4-3	46.4%
4. Jimmy Higginbotham	4-3	44.6%
5. Joe Buskirk	3-4	44.4%
6. Andy Foulds	3-4	42.5%
7. Mel Bruemmer	3-4	42.1%
8. Mike Fadler	2-5	47.9%

Mens B

1. Jason Weiler	6-2	48.1%
2. Ron Deno	5-3	50.6%
3. Ed Griffith	4-3	49.6%
4. Marion Harris	4-3	45.4%
5. Dean Renfro	4-3	42.9%
6. Kelly Kasper	3-4	37.9%
7. Edgar Stoverink	2-5	32.1%
8. Bob Outt	1-6	25.7%

*Weiler defeated Deno 33-25 in playoff

Mens C

1. Larry Francis	7-0	41.8%
2. Jim Spidle Jr.	5-2	34.9%
3. Danny Branson	4-3	34.6%
4. Joie Welker	3-4	34.3%
5. Bob Bloss	3-4	28.9%
6. Jim Gregory	2-5	29.2%
7. David Schneider	2-5	28.9%
8. Lee Miller Jr.	2-5	26.4%

Mens D

1. Darryl Gettinger	6-2	40.3%
2. Jerry Weller	5-3	39.1%
3. Michael Gillespie	4-3	37.0%
4. Bob Kingsolver	4-3	36.1%
5. Michael Massa	3-4	39.6%
6. Jim Kinney	3-4	37.5%
7. Jesse Dowell	3-4	35.2%
8. Terry Murray	1-6	32.5%

*Gettinger defeated Weller 44-28 in playoff

Mens E

1. Larry Brown	6-1	27.9%
2. Jeff Spry	5-2	39.3%
3. Randy York	5-2	27.1%
4. Keith Patton	4-3	37.1%
5. Owen Moore	3-4	25.7%
6. Bob Beaver	3-4	24.6%
7. Robert Rakestraw	2-5	25.4%
8. Oscar Reeves	0-7	19.6%

Mens F

1. James Hillis	6-1	27.9%
2. Dennis Mills	5-2	31.2%
3. Dennis Benson	5-2	27.9%
4. Bob Bastel	4-3	28.8%
5. Paul Beard Jr.	4-3	27.9%
6. Steve Steck	3-4	32.0%
7. Daniel Gavin	1-6	7.9%

Mens G

1. Virgle Mccown	6-1	33.9%
2. Gary Rehm	5-2	28.2%
3. Oren Harris	3-4	30.0%
4. Gary Jurkowski	3-4	27.5%
5. Doug Carter	3-4	23.9%
6. Mike Watkins	3-4	22.1%
7. Robert Riley	3-4	17.9%
8. Daniel W. Allen	2-5	22.5%

Mens H

1. Allen Stark	6-1	28.3%
2. Jim Riley	5-2	21.7%
3. Pat Heathman	4-3	27.9%
4. Marvin Flatt	4-3	25.0%
5. Mark Moreland	3-4	20.8%
6. Scott Raimer	3-4	20.4%
7. Virgil Schreckenber	3-4	18.3%

Mens I

1. Dick Byersdorfer	7-0	31.8%
2. Chad Flatt	5-2	24.3%
3. Danny Wetzal	4-3	20.0%
4. James Adkins	4-3	17.9%
5. Dennis Peters	3-4	21.4%
6. Bob Cutright	3-4	14.6%
7. Ernie Ellermann	2-5	16.4%
8. Joshua Mundy	0-7	13.2%

Mens J

1. Marshel Keith	6-1	20.4%
2. Tom Lehmann	5-2	23.6%
3. Douglas Tripp	4-3	23.9%
4. Steve Forck	4-3	20.4%
5. Larry Riley	4-3	18.6%
6. Roy Evans	3-4	23.6%
7. Joe Keller	2-5	15.7%
8. Michael Brewer	0-7	8.6%

Mens K

1. Justin Riley	6-1	35.4%
2. Mark Pisane	5-2	21.8%
3. Richard Maassen	5-2	20.8%
4. James Caulfield	4-3	20.7%
5. Erbie Wisdom	4-3	18.6%
6. Steve Brummer	3-4	23.2%
7. Tim Arden	1-6	12.7%
8. John Keller	0-7	11.8%

Mens L

1. Kevin Chambers	7-1	21.6%
2. Mark Schepers	6-2	17.2%
3. Frank Macarthur	5-2	18.6%
4. Keith Johnson	4-3	11.4%
5. Daniel Olson	3-4	13.6%
6. Mike Manning	2-5	14.3%
7. Gary Kuehn	1-6	10.7%
8. Richard Jarman	1-6	7.9%

*Chambers defeated Schepers 46-12 in playoff

Mens M

1. Larry Anderson	4-3	8.8%
2. Dale Lindemann	4-3	12.8%
3. Francis Ennis	4-3	14.4%
4. Joey Griffith	4-3	19.1%
5. Steve Riley	4-3	13.9%
6. Pat Schlote	4-3	8.8%
7. Wesley Reed	2-5	12.5%
8. Kevin Nenner	2-5	9.9%

*Play-Off Summary:

Anderson	42 Pts/40 Shoes
Lindemann	40 Pts/40 Shoes
Ennis	38 Pts/40 Shoes
Griffith	37 Pts/40 Shoes
Riley	30 Pts/40 Shoes
Schlote	28 Pts/40 Shoes

Mens N

1. Daniel J. Allem	8-0	21.4%
2. James Pogorzelski	6-1	10.6%
3. George Goldizen	3-4	6.3%
4. Kelly Pendleton	3-4	6.3%
5. Jeffrey Swihart	3-4	5.4%
6. Jim Claxton	3-4	5.2%
7. Tom Shaw Sr.	2-5	2.9%
8. Steve Olson	1-6	3.8%

Womens Championship

1. Tamra Jenkins	6-1	59.8%
2. Jan Kreienkamp	4-3	58.5%
3. Elizabeth Furner	4-3	52.2%
4. Ginny Weiss	3-4	52.1%
5. Cori Stoverink	3-4	52.0%
6. Roena Branson	3-4	51.1%
7. Audra Craven	3-4	49.7%

8. Letha Harris	2-5	55.0%
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Womens A

1. Mary Beeson	7-1	46.8%
2. Ree Cutright	6-2	47.1%
3. Carol Schreckenber	5-2	49.6%
4. Jeanette Claas	4-3	45.4%
5. Pam Gettinger	3-4	45.4%
6. Karen Goldizen	3-4	41.3%
7. Denise Bloss	1-6	31.7%

*Beeson defeated Cutright 29-24 in playoff

Womens B

1. Joyce Francis	7-1	43.1%
2. Dee Mcintire	6-2	40.3%
3. Terrie Rose	4-3	38.6%
4. Joann Jones	3-4	32.5%
5. Donna Bastel	3-4	32.1%
6. Theresa Barry	3-4	31.4%
7. Melody Williams	2-5	28.2%
8. Angie Higginbotham	1-6	31.4%

*Francis Defeated Mcintire 32-19 in playoff

Womens C

1. Debbie Harris	7-0	42.9%
2. Joyce Rehm	5-2	28.9%
3. Sherri Terwelp	4-3	28.2%
4. Suzanne Evans	4-3	25.7%
5. Mary Duke	3-4	25.0%
6. Joann Wall	3-4	19.6%
7. Ann Strus	2-5	18.2%
8. Laura Johnson	0-7	8.9%

Womens D

1. Louise Duke	6-1	31.7%
2. Gina Baker	5-2	27.9%
3. Donra Mccown	4-3	21.3%
4. Eileen Reeves	4-3	20.4%
5. Angela Diraimo	3-4	18.3%
6. Melissa Wolfe	3-4	15.8%
7. Carol Howard	1-6	12.5%

Womens E

1. Angelia Novel	5-0	24.8%
2. Victoria Highley	4-1	20.8%
3. Pat Griewing	2-3	21.2%
4. Elaine Ennis	2-3	15.8%
5. Dawn Bishop	2-3	15.0%
6. Anna Vangilder	0-5	7.6%

Junior Boys Championship

1. Michael Bowman	6-0	69.8%
2. Martin Williams	3-3	51.5%
3. Ryan Spry	3-3	48.9%
4. Alex Roberts	0-6	40.2%

Junior Boys A

1. Jeremiah Hamilton	5-0	28.5%
2. Wesley Stoverink	4-1	31.0%
3. Nathan Evers	3-2	23.5%
4. Brandon Riley	2-3	16.5%
5. Dalton Rakestraw	1-4	15.5%

Junior Boys B

1. David Heathman	4-0	42.5%
2. Andrew Lau	2-2	16.9%
3. Craig Spidle	0-4	8.1%

Juniors Boys C

1. Noah Heathman	4-0	11.9%
2. Gabe Heathman	2-2	15.0%
3. Nichol Craven	0-4	2.5%

Junior Girls Championship

1. Tori Vandeven	3-1	51.2%
2. Megan Riley	2-2	30.2%
3. Natalie Altis	1-3	28.9%

Junior Girls A

1. Stephanie Varney	5-1	11.7%
2. Corissa Bishop	4-2	6.7%
3. Paige Highley	3-2	6.0%
4. Megan Mcleod	2-3	2.5%
5. Savanna Johnson	1-4	3.0%
6. Ashley Craven	1-4	2.5%

*Varney Defeated Bishop 28-14 in playoff

Seniors Championship

1. Mick Gillette	7-0	63.1%
2. Gregg Craven	6-1	48.3%

3. Ron LeGrand	5-2	51.5%
4. Elwyn Cooper	4-3	35.7%
5. Ralph Richardson	3-4	41.7%
6. George Christ	1-6	34.6%
7. Jim Bainter	1-6	28.5%
8. Carl Folsom Sr.	1-6	27.6%

Seniors A

1. Clifford Pierce	5-1	24.7%
2. Wesley Brakensieck	4-2	21.7%
3. Ronnie Attebery	3-2	25.2%
4. Keith Peck	2-3	28.4%
5. Brady Craven	2-3	15.2%
6. Ralph Hummel	0-5	16.0%

*Pierce defeated Brakensieck 47-18 in playoff

30ft Mens Championship

1. Nick Diraimo	7-1	66.0%
2. Rick Mcentire	6-2	64.9%
3. Roy Flatt	5-2	58.0%
4. Carlyle Gricks	4-3	54.4%
5. Francis Griesbauer	3-4	57.6%
6. Don Claas	3-4	53.5%
7. Bob Crabtree	1-6	50.9%
8. Al Gwinn	0-7	46.5%

*Diraimo defeated Mcentire 42-31 in playoff

30ft Mens A

1. Martin Orf	3-2	50.0%
2. Frank Hudson	3-2	51.7%
3. Lile Harper	3-2	50.7%
4. Franklin Rohlfling	3-2	52.7%
5. Douglas Peoples	3-2	42.8%
6. Nile Abbott	0-5	44.9%

*Play-Off Summary:

Martin	86 Pts/40 Shoes
Hudson	80 Pts/40 Shoes
Harper	80 Pts/40 Shoes
Rohlfling	68 Pts/40 Shoes
Peoples	58 Pts/40 Shoes

30ft Mens B

1. Terry Mcdonald	6-1	39.2%
2. Glenn Young	5-2	36.7%
3. Frank Miles	4-3	47.0%
4. Harold Hoffmeister	4-3	46.3%
5. Ray Maxeiner	4-3	44.6%
6. Paul Taylor	3-4	33.8%
7. Bobbie Jones	2-5	35.4%

30ft Mens C

1. Lyle Samuelson	7-0	42.5%
2. Alred Mundy	5-2	37.5%
3. Ernie Brakensieck	4-3	44.6%
4. Terry Kampe	3-4	34.5%
5. Bob Griesbauer	3-4	33.6%
6. Roger Schnur	3-4	26.4%
7. Ken Hardy	2-5	36.1%
8. Earl Winston	1-6	18.0%

30ft Mens D

1. Ray Nadler	7-0	36.1%
2. Fred Smith	6-1	24.6%
3. Richard Schmidt	4-3	31.1%
4. Clarence Eggert	4-3	25.4%
5. Tim Engle	3-4	30.0%
6. George Chichura	3-4	18.9%
7. John Simms	1-6	15.0%
8. Larry Volo	0-7	12.5%

30ft Mens E

1. Joe Barry	6-1	12.5%
2. Ed Peters	4-3	20.4%
3. Don Roberts	4-3	18.9%
4. Bob Reininger	4-3	11.4%
5. Rodney Mallinckrodt	3-4	16.1%
6. Jack Slough	3-4	6.4%
7. Floyd Roberts	2-5	11.4%
8. Don Swihart	2-5	3.6%

Chinese Proverb:
Man with one chopstick
go hungry!

Missouri State Fair Tournament: What a Comeback!

by Donna Bastel

The Missouri State Fair Tournament in Sedalia had 140 entries, including 17 juniors and one cadet. Six of these entries were first-time tournament pitchers. We brought some previous pitchers back into the MOHPA and signed up at least one new cadet, who will pitch in his first tournament in Laurie in September. This is the largest turnout we have had at the fair in about six years.

The tournament was pitched in some of the best weather conditions we have ever experienced at the Fair. The temperatures hovered between 75 and 80 and the rains held off until the end of the day. Other than a few late cancellations and some no-shows, it was an extremely successful event. I would like to thank all of you who pitched for your support of this long-standing tradition.

The State Fair courts are located in an area of our state that does not have any clubs, so Bob Bastel, Danny Branson, and Jim Bainter from the Lake of the Ozarks Club in Laurie made a trip in early August to repair some backboards, replace one stake, and repaint a few foul lines to get them ready for the tournament. I

would also like to thank Tamra Jenkins, Vicki Winston, Rich Altis, Danny Branson, and Donra McCown for their help during the tournament with the many jobs that have to be done to run an event of this size. Of course, we couldn't have pulled it off without all of the awesome volunteer scorekeepers.

Congratulations to our Tournament Champion, Michael Bowman. It came down to a game between Michael and Stan Griggs and it was nip and tuck until the very end. You will see the rest of the tournament statistics in this issue.

The 2009 State Fair will be held on August 21 to 23, 2009. Mark your calendars now. This is a great opportunity to hone your horseshoe skills to prepare for the State Tournament and to enjoy great eats and events at the Fair.

Visit MOHPA on the Internet:

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Missouri State Fair Mixed Open

Sedalia, MO • August 15-17, 2008 • Tournament Director: Donna Bastel

Class A	3. Jeff Spry 5-3 35.3%	8. Carl Brown 0-7 18.6%	4. Wesley Reed 5-2 13.3%
1. Michael Bowman JB 7-1 70.0%	4. Michael Gillespie 4-3 36.8%	Class J	5. Obie Wolfe 3-4 12.9%
2. Steve Johnson 6-2 59.4%	5. Jerry Weller 3-4 34.2%	1. Chad Flatt 6-1 24.2%	6. Floyd Roberts 2-5 12.1%
3. Stan Griggs 5-2 71.4%	6. Clint Sloan 3-4 29.3%	2. Douglas Tripp 5-2 28.8%	7. Guy Spear 1-6 10.8%
4. Ray Flute 4-3 62.9%	7. Jesse Dowell 2-5 26.4%	3. Jeremiah Hamilton JB4-3 21.3%	Class O
5. Tom Ebers 3-4 49.3%	8. Larry Brown 1-6 27.9%	4. Norman Kiso 4-3 19.2%	1. Teresa Koss 6-1 17.5%
6. Jan Kreienkamp 2-5 46.4%	Class F	5. Roy Evans 4-3 14.3%	2. Raymond Boulay 5-2 10.4%
7. Rich Altis 1-6 39.3%	1. Debbie Harris 6-1 38.8%	6. Brian Koss 3-4 21.3%	3. Nancy Smith 5-2 7.9%
8. Lynn Elmore 1-6 38.6%	2. Steve Steck 5-2 33.8%	7. Bob Cutright Sr. 2-5 11.3%	4. Darrin Gregory 4-3 9.3%
Class B	3. Fred Smith 5-2 29.6%	Class K	5. Pat Schlote 3-4 9.6%
1. Roy Flatt 6-2 55.3%	4. Bob Bastel 4-3 28.3%	1. Gina Baker 7-0 34.6%	6. Jack Slough 3-4 4.3%
2. James Driver 5-3 51.2%	5. Daniel Gavin 4-3 24.6%	2. Les Lambrecht 6-1 23.6%	7. Robert Johnson 2-5 11.8%
3. Andrew Foulds 4-3 52.1%	6. Dennis Mills 3-4 25.0%	3. Charles Hamilton 4-3 13.9%	8. Ethan Kueck JB 0-7 6.4%
4. Alex Roberts JB 4-3 42.1%	7. Richard Schmidt 1-6 22.1%	4. Melissa Wolfe 3-4 21.4%	Class P
5. Jeff Baldwin 3-4 53.9%	Class G	5. Rod Mallinckrodt 3-4 20.4%	1. Chip Sloan 5-1 21.7%
6. Tamra Jenkins 3-4 45.4%	1. Sherri Terwelp 6-1 34.2%	6. Tim Warden 2-5 17.1%	2. John H. Smith 4-2 17.9%
7. Dan Couch 3-4 41.4%	2. Virgle Mccown 5-2 27.9%	7. Don Roberts 2-5 16.4%	3. John Harrelson 2-3 13.5%
8. Charles Killgore 1-6 36.8%	3. Mike Watkins 4-3 25.8%	8. Johnny Egeland 1-6 17.5%	4. Noah Heathman JB 2-3 10.0%
Class C	4. Wallace Kueck 4-3 24.6%	Class L	5. Adam Patrick 2-3 7.5%
1. Ryan Spry 6-1 49.3%	5. Roger Otto 4-3 23.3%	1. Natalie Altis JG 7-1 26.8%	6. Brittany Koss JG 1-4 10.0%
2. Frank Rohlfing 5-2 46.9%	6. Dean Constance 3-4 21.7%	2. John E. Smith 6-2 27.5%	Class Q
3. Ree Cutright 4-3 46.1%	7. Donald Plowman 2-5 17.1%	3. Tom Lehmann 5-2 29.2%	1. Gabe Heathman JB 4-1 14.5%
4. Doug Peoples 4-3 36.4%	Class H	4. James Caulfield 5-2 27.1%	2. Tucker Caswell JB 3-2 11.0%
5. Lawrence Loney 3-4 36.4%	1. Grant Kueck 7-1 29.4%	5. Donra Mccown 3-4 10.0%	3. Brian Inlow 3-2 4.5%
6. Al Constance 2-5 36.8%	2. Vic Scheuring 6-2 25.6%	6. Carl Harris TX 2-5 19.2%	4. Stuart Sisson 3-2 3.0%
7. Joann Jones 2-5 35.0%	3. Pat Heathman 4-3 24.7%	7. Terry Bishop 1-6 7.9%	5. Hannah Johnson 1-4 4.0%
8. Denise Bloss 2-5 30.7%	4. Galen Kueck 4-3 23.6%	Class M	6. Tyler Mccown JB 1-4 3.5%
Class D	5. Russell Mccown 4-3 22.1%	1. Paul Howard 6-2 21.0%	Class R
1. Terry Kampe 6-1 37.1%	6. Ron Highley 3-4 16.4%	2. Robert Ruble 6-3 13.3%	1. Kevin Patrick 7-0 7.5%
2. Jim Kinney Jr. 5-2 37.1%	7. Doug Carter 1-6 20.4%	3. Darrell Plowman 5-3 18.4%	2. Chuck Koss 6-1 10.8%
3. Earl Winston 5-2 36.8%	8. Laura Johnson 0-7 10.2%	4. Gary Lane 4-3 18.2%	3. Blake Koss 5-2 3.8%
4. Joie Welker 4-3 37.3%	Class I	5. Victoria Highley 3-4 21.4%	4. Marge Whipple 4-3 1.7%
5. Bill Bouyea 3-4 32.8%	1. Marvin Flatt 6-1 25.7%	6. Terry Highley 3-4 17.1%	5. Savanna Johnson JG 3-4 4.2%
6. Bob Kingsolver 2-5 29.3%	2. Dick Byersdorfer 5-2 21.8%	7. Carol Schlote 3-4 13.9%	6. Sarah Johnson JG 2-5 2.1%
7. David Schneider 2-5 26.8%	3. Clay Caswell 5-2 17.9%	8. Keith Johnson 0-7 16.1%	7. Emily Kueck JG 1-6 2.1%
8. Bob Bloss 1-6 27.1%	4. Scott Raimer 4-3 25.4%	Class N	
Class E	5. George Chichura 3-4 17.5%	1. David Heathman 7-0 27.9%	
1. Alfred Mundy 6-2 42.0%	6. Bob Reininger 3-4 17.5%	2. Patrick McCown JB 5-2 20.8%	
2. Terry Murray 6-3 40.0%	7. Ernie Ellermann 2-5 22.5%	3. John Loyd 5-2 13.8%	

Shoe Biz Deadlines
The magic number is "9":
Feb. 9, May 9, Oct. 9



New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston



Welcome to the following pitchers who have joined the NHPA and MOHPA for the first time during the 2008 membership year. These memberships have come in since May 6.

Name	City	Club
John Ames	Gravois Mills	Lake Ozark
Bruce A. Bakker	Lee's Summit	Independence
Janice Beerman	St. Charles	First Capitol
Darlene Bilyk	St. Charles	First Capitol
Jon Blankenship	California	
Dianne Browning	Springfield	
Bob Bunch	Holts Summit	Capitol City
Kyle Callaway	Lee's Summit	Liberty
Tucker Caswell	Fulton	Capitol City
Ann Clark	St. Peters	First Capitol
Sophie Craven	Kansas City	Liberty
Dennis Cray	Liberty	Liberty
Erin Dawe	Lee's Summit	Independence
Gabe Dawe	Lee's Summit	Independence
Jake Fling	Shelbina	Shelbina
Anthony Frazier	Pleasant Hill	Independence
Joshua Gabriel	Pleasant Hill	Lions Park
Richard Golay Jr.	Shelbina	Shelbina
John Harrelson	Kirkville	NEMO
Gary Hastings	Monroe City	Shelbina
Pat Hegarty	Gravois Mills	Lake Ozark
Darrell Henderson	Bowling Green	Quail Ridge
Warren James Highley	Harrisonville	Lions Park
Kelly Honerkamp	St. Peters	First Capitol

Marge Huckabey	Gravois Mills	Lake Ozark
Brian Inlow	Concordia	
Judi Jackson	Independence	Independence
Sarah Johnson	Liberty	Liberty
Jim Ketchum	Harrisonville	Lions Park
Blake Koss	Malta Bend	
Teresa Koss	Malta Bend	
Larry Lair	Brookline	
Sidney Lane	Kingsville	
Denise Lowenstein	St. Charles	First Capitol
Ben McCaulley	Greenwood	Liberty
Donra McCown	Bucyrus	Mineral Area
Patric McCown	Bucyrus	Mineral Area
Tyler McCown	Licking	Mineral Area
Opal Montgomery	St. Peters	First Capitol
Pam Montgomery	St. Charles	First Capitol
Bret Myers	Independence	Independence
Anthony Newton	Kansas City	Liberty
Jerry Noland	Garden City	Lions Park
Rita Olenorff	St. Charles	First Capitol
M'liss Pagano	St. Charles	First Capitol
Adam Patrick	Columbia	
Kevin Patrick	Moberly	
Kelly Pendleton	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Ken Phillips	Centertown	Capitol City
Carl Porting	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Joe Powell	Kearney	
Dee Powelson	St. Charles	First Capitol
Glen Rippee	Springfield	Doling Park
Jack Roberts	Lee's Summit	Liberty
Kylea Roberts	Lee's Summit	Liberty
Luke A. Roberts	Lee's Summit	Liberty
Chris Robles	Pleasant Hill	Independence
Bradie Schoemehl	St. Louis	Liberty
Shannon Seiger	Shelbina	Shelbina
Jim Sisk	Garden City	Lions Park
Guy Spear	Warrensburg	
Paul Spell	Florissant	Quail Ridge
Roy Staley	St. Joseph	Pony Express
Libby Tolman	Peculiar	Lions Park
Daniel Welch	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Devin Wetzel	Kansas City	
Garrett Wolfe	Jamestown	Capitol City

Horseshoe Practice

by Don Johnson, Ohio

Hey, pitchers, here's how to really do it the right way. To think of the time I've wasted all these years. Why didn't Alan share this sooner?!


I heard the best statement about practice this weekend at our Ohio State Tournament. Alan Francis was pitching an exhibition after our state meeting. He took questions from those who had them. Of course, one of the first questions to Alan was, "How often do you practice?" Alan replied, "I practice five days a week, April through August, for 15 minutes a day, because I would rather have 15 minutes of throwing solid ringers than I would one hour of wasted practice; meaning, why practice if you are not throwing the shoe good?"

Alan won the state tournament this weekend, going a perfect 11-0. The first day he averaged 93.6%, only missing 14 ringers all night. The second day, his ending average was 89.89%, missing a total of 38 ringers for the whole tournament. So I guess if you take the words from the champ, "Don't practice bad habits."

Alan also stated this, "After the state tournament, my horseshoes go to the closet and I don't see them again until April." To me, it is incredible that he still averages 89%!




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Wake Up to Missouri

by Jeanette Claas

The city of Bunker, located in Reynolds County, is surrounded by the Mark Twain National Forest, which attracts local visitors as well as tourists from all over the state of Missouri. It is a part of the Ozark Foothills Region.

According to the 2000 census, the city has a population of 427 (214 males and 213 females—how's that for equality!). Bunker is a logging and lead mining community. The residents have a number of sawmills to work at. In the early times of Bunker, a railroad turn-table was at the corner of Toms Creek Road and Highway 72. The rail yard was used for turning locomotives and for hauling timber logs off to the mills in southern Missouri. The Bunker-Culler railroad was around for many years and provided economical stability for the residents.

Founded by and named for Sylvanus J. Bunker in 1907, Bunker became one of the largest and most prosperous logging towns in the Ozarks. Mr. Bunker was sent to survey and appraise the area by the Bunker-Culler Corp. after he had finished cutting a large tract of timber at Mountain View, MO. He traveled on horseback from Eminence and covered more than 30,000 acres of the finest timberland in Missouri.

He discovered that there was such an abundance of timber that it would be possible to ship to national markets and so the Bunker-Culler Mill was moved on hand-hewn barges over the Current River and then to the town of Bunker. The Missouri Southern Railroad Company had a line from Leeper to Reynolds and Mr. Bunker persuaded the owners to extend the line nine miles farther west to the new town of Bunker.

By 1910, Bunker boasted a population of more than a thousand people and soon the city had a school, a large company store to serve the growing population, and many blocks of boardwalks.

A community church was built with only one provision: Mr. Bunker insisted that the church be available to any denomination for services so long as the minister and congregation did not criticize another minister or religious belief. The church still stands. Dr. J. B. Gordon established a medical practice in Bunker and delivered more than 6,000 babies in the area during his forty years of practice.

After World War I, the timber was depleted and the mill closed in 1922. The town began to decline until the arrival of Emory Highley, whose good leadership ability and perseverance revived the town. He established the Highley Hotel and rebuilt and stocked the Bunker-Culler General Store with the largest inventory of goods in three counties.

Mr. Bunker continued to live in the town named for him for many years. The Bunker house still stands on Main Street, which runs about two blocks long and houses four churches to serve the citizens. You will also find one feed store and two gas stations, where the prices are the same as the larger cities in Missouri (no discrimination on that subject). There are several stop signs in town but no one pays much attention to them. There are an elementary school and high school to educate the children. Bunker has one part-time policeman and a volunteer fire department staff of 15. The residents in Reynolds County travel Missouri highways 72, 21, and A. They travel 30 miles to Salem to get grocer-

ies and 60 miles to get to the nearest four-lane thoroughfare and interstate interchange. The Rolla Downtown Airport is 53 miles from Bunker. The nearest public-access lake is Loggers Lake, which includes camping, hiking/fitness/nature trails, and swimming. The town hosts the Bunker Centennial Celebration the last weekend in June each year.

About three miles west of Bunker, you will find some horseshoe recreation. About five years ago, some of the local horseshoe pitchers got together and built a building with three indoor courts. Today, some 12 to 15 horseshoe pitchers gather and enjoy a little horseshoe pitching on Friday evenings. They also enjoy fish fries and deer meat. A lot of the guys from Park Hills Horseshoe Club come down to compete and add to the festivities. The building is called "Bud's Place" and is owned by Bud Conway. Kenny Pogue finds the trip to Ellington only 17 miles and he enjoys the fun and camaraderie on Friday evenings.

Two MOHPA horseshoe pitchers have lived in Bunker all their lives, brothers Erbie and Lee Roy Wisdom. Both have joined the MOHPA and make their appearance at most MO State Tournaments. In December 2007, Lee Roy fell ill with a twisted colon and found himself in the hospital for 37 days, unaware of anything going on. He pulled through this ordeal and today he is still recovering. Lee Roy retired in 1992 from his job as a lead miner at the Sweetwater Mine, while Erbie works in the saw mill industry.

As you can see, we have discovered some Wisdom in Bunker and a lot of good horseshoe pitchers in the Ozark Foothills. We would like to recognize these horseshoe pitchers and invite them into our organization to come and compete with us. Missouri salutes the Wisdom brothers for their dedication to the MOHPA and maybe they can convince the others that we are just friendly people who enjoy friendly horseshoe pitching. While Bunker may never regain the prominence it enjoyed in its early years, it remains a quiet, peaceful town and a good place to live.

Missouri Horseshoe T-Shirt Quilt

Hopefully by now you have been able to view the beautiful World Horseshoe T-shirt quilt that is hanging in the new facility. Ellen Beaver of Marceline presented it to the NHPA/NHPF at the World Tournament Awards Banquet in York, PA.

Ellen has once again volunteered her services to make another quilt, this time for the MOHPA. She needs a collection of Missouri State Tournament T-shirts along with club T-shirts from different clubs throughout Missouri. These T-shirts together would make an outstanding quilt. Go through your closets and sort out the ones that you would be willing to give to her. Upon completion of the quilt, Ellen would like to have a raffle held at the 2009 Missouri Horseshoe Tournament with all proceeds going to the MOHPA.

So let's jump on the horseshoe wagon and get those shirts to Ellen as soon as possible. She is eager to get started on her next winter project. If you have further questions please contact Ellen: Ellen Beaver, 305 East Gracia, Marceline, MO 64658. Phone: 660-376-2110; e-mail: erb-rwb@sbcglobal.net.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

NHPF News, Views & Donations

by Dave Loucks

I'd like to say thanks to those who continue to give financial support to the Foundation; I just wish there were more of you. Keep in mind that if you support the NHPF, you are also supporting the NHPA. Don't forget, charity can be a virtue as well as a deduction. The commemorative brick plaza at our Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville has bricks just waiting for you to purchase and have engraved. It will only take you a minute to write that check and a minute of action is better than an hour of procrastination. Your contribution can be a year-end itemized tax deduction and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are giving back something to the sport and association. Send your contributions and/or brick orders to the NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

The engraved commemorative brick sales program got underway in the summer of 2006. In the first 18 months, 694 bricks were sold, an average of better than 38 per month. In the last four months, the total number of bricks ordered is just 44, an average of 11 per month. That is a very disappointing drop-off. Three states have yet to order their first brick. Come-on folks, this is your Hall of Fame, your opportunity to show your support for the sport we love to play. Don't think that because the facility is now built that your financial support is no longer needed. We now have a million dollar asset and a sport that needs your contributions to maintain, grow and prosper.

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George Chichura	Francis Greisbauer
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Jan Kreienkamp	NMHC – Harvey Wobbe	Lyle Samuelson	Bruce Winston (In Memory)
Liberty Horseshoe Club	Martin & Ursula Orf	Adam & Amanda Schepers	Earl & Vicki Winston
Lake of Ozarks Horseshoe Club	Ralph & Rose Orf	Roger Schnur	Joe Wolf
Lions Park Horseshoe Club	Donnie Ostmann	Fox Schneider	Melissa Wolfe
W. Hodgson, Founder	Ray Owens (In Memory)	Armin & Beulah Schneider	Obie Wolfe
Robert Long	Doug Peoples	Jim Schnur (In Memory)	World 2007 (Olson)
	Ed & Dennis Peters	John Setzer	Glen Yahn (In Memory)
	Harold Petticord	Shoe Me Girls	Jess Yount
	Mark Pisane	John Simms	

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World Junior Boys Championship trophy. Congratulations, Michael. We had one other class champion—Elders Class F, Douglas Peoples, Laurie, MO, Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Pitching Club.

Next year, the tournament will be held in Springfield, IL, and the 2010 tournament is in Cedar Rapids, IA. Both cities are relatively close to Missouri. Start making your plans now to attend both events.

This year, the MOHPA won its third consecutive NHPA award for the largest increase in junior membership, with 13. We are still in second place behind Minnesota but we are gaining fast due to local promotion of juniors events. Keep up the good work.

One of the major decisions to come out of our convention is that the annual NHPA dues will rise \$5, making your dues \$25 for 2009. It's the first increase in several years and was necessary due to the costs associated with the World tournament.

My thanks to all the convention delegates for their support: Roy & Suzanne Evans, Bob & Donna Bastel, Elwyn Cooper, Dee McIntire, and Ron Highley.

Publicity Director

I have appointed Jim Kinney Jr as the new director. He will replace Sharon Taylor, who resigned earlier in the year. Jim and Sharon have worked closely in the last month to set up exhibition pitching at the American Royal Livestock Show and at a large church in the Lee's Summit area. We don't know if we will see any new members but we did showcase our sport and had plenty of spectators. This year, we also participated in the American Royal parade as a specialty float (my pickup) decorated with

horseshoe-related signage. Parade participants were Sharon Taylor, Michael Bowman, and Alex and Benjamin Roberts. My junior girl representative had to drop out at the last minute. Exhibition pitchers came from the Independence and Liberty clubs. Thank you all for your participation and help with preparation and tear down.

Jim Kinney has a lot of good ideas and is looking for help and more ideas to grow both our junior and adult memberships. Please contact Jim if you can help him out.

Winter Officer Meeting

Our annual officer meeting will be held in Jefferson City on November 22. We will be discussing changes in our championship format and try to address some of the complaints we heard relating to court scheduling and outdoor heat. I accept we can't make everyone happy. We do operate under some self-imposed constraints due to the length of the tournament and the inevitable last minute drop-outs that cause class lineup changes. I ask you to keep in mind that different venues present different challenges and some are more difficult to resolve than others.

MOHPA Membership Status

For 2008, our adult membership is down a little. The junior membership is up once again. Remember, when someone stops to watch the pitching, they are at least a little interested in the sport. All they need is a little encouragement to become active members. Clubs can get juniors programs started easily by talking to local schools and doing exhibitions and clinics to introduce them to horseshoes. We can grow, but it must be a team effort to make it happen. **"That's it from the Pits."**

NHPA Award for Larry Langewisch, Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

At the 2008 World Horseshoe Tournament in York, PA, NHPA 2nd VP Casey Sluys presented Larry Langewisch of QRHC his first NHPA Award for the service and dedication that he demonstrated during the construction of the new NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum facility.

Larry Langewisch has been a driving force in promoting horseshoes in St. Charles County, MO, for more than 45 years. Larry became involved with the sport in 1962 when he was living in St. Louis County. He then moved to St. Charles County, where he joined the St. Charles Warren County Horseshoe League that consisted of 260 horseshoe players. He has been a member of the NHPA/MOHPA for 23 years. He was Joe Faron's right hand man in forming the New Melle Horseshoe Club in 1990 with only 32 members at the time. Since that time, the NMHC grew to be the largest horseshoe club in the world with over 250 members.

Before the new facility, the NMHC was the finest indoor pitching facility in Missouri. Larry's skill in craftsmanship, his endless hours of contribution, service, and donations to the club were invaluable to building this new facility. Larry furnished and installed a heating system and electrical equipment and he brought modern technology into the club by installing a computer program to do the stats for the handicap leagues held during league play. He was instrumental in building 32 portable courts so that the State Tournaments could be held in various locations in the state that otherwise did not have the facility to hold a state tournament. You could always find Larry behind the barbecue grill cooking up some delicious pork steaks, chicken, or what have you for all major events.

When the opportunity was offered to the NMHC to be caretakers of the new National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum, Larry was there, quick to offer his vast knowledge on what had to be done and how to get it done in the most efficient manner. During the long hot summer of 2007, with record breaking temperatures, Larry was there from Monday to Friday, rising early by 5:00 a.m. Larry's physical endurance and dedication to this project went above and beyond his duty, saving thousands of dollars that would have come out of the NHPF/NHPA money funds.

After the concrete pits were poured, both on indoor and outdoor courts, Larry dug out the pits with a back hoe, lined them with rubber, set the pegs, and filled them with clay 12-14" deep. He met with the fire marshall and building inspectors to make sure the drop ceilings in the kitchen and bathrooms passed code inspection. With temperatures above 100 degrees, Larry spent 2 weeks on a high 30-foot scaffold spray painting the ceiling in the Hall of Fame. He purchased all paint products and was right behind the tapers as they finished to complete this job. He acted as

foreman, making sure that the contractors did their job according to horseshoe regulation specs. We did not have water supply to the building by the time of Opening Day, so Larry supplied 300 feet of 1" hose so that we could have bathroom facilities for the grand opening. Larry's mother donated the beautiful 90-foot counter tops that line the courtrooms. He was one of the members that traveled back and forth to Joelton to carry equipment and memorabilia to the new facility.

Since the day the building was completed, hardly a day has gone by that Larry doesn't venture to the courts, checking on the heating and air-conditioning, rain leaks, kitchen maintenance, and otherwise making sure everything is working properly and under control. He is the man who gets it

done. In 2008, Larry was voted a new Vice President of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club and fills his elected position in a most ambitious way. We are proud to have Larry in the Missouri association and recognize what a great asset he has been to this club.

Not only is Larry a "behind the scenes" man, he loves pitching horseshoes and is a great competitor on the courts. Larry has attended almost every Missouri State Tournament since 1983, missing only a few. He has attended at least eight World Tournaments across the U.S. and Canada since 1980. He is a charter member of the NMHC and pitches on both winter leagues. He has directed many benefit tournaments to help terminally ill children.

Larry was also inducted into the St. Charles County Sports Hall of Fame for his service to horseshoes in 2005. His love and enthusiasm for the sport have not waned. With Larry's integrity, endurance, and dedication, we can all rest assured that the new facility built in Missouri will give every horseshoe pitcher a place to be proud of, a place to come and enjoy the sport of horseshoe pitching.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers are proud that Larry has received this distinguished NHPA Award in recognition of his hard work and dedication to horseshoes. Thank You, Larry!



Answer to "Earl's Pearls"

Alice is a gold fish; Ted is a cat.

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Junior Spotlight: Alex Roberts

by Jeanette Claas

Coming to the MOHPA Team Benefit Tournament held at Quail Ridge Park proved to be very beneficial for one of Missouri's Junior horseshoe pitchers. After pitching in the MOHPA tournament on Saturday, Alex Roberts entered the June Bug Tournament the following Sunday. Being a small tournament, the spread of percentages was a little discouraging for Alex, who was thinking he didn't have much of a chance to win. Wrong!

Alex entered the tournament with an average of 46.97%. He couldn't believe his own good fortune and how well he was pitching. His timing and rhythm were in fine tune. By the end of the tournament, Alex had set a few new records for himself. He pitched his highest game ever of 75%, that's 21 ringers in 28 shoes! With all wins, Alex won the tournament with his highest tournament average of 58%. At the end of the tournament, Alex was all smiles as he was presented a first-place trophy and champion patch in B Class. As a souvenir of this memorable event, Alex was presented with a "June Bug" that Jeanette Claas had found on the floor after looking high and low. Obviously, it wasn't alive. It was Alex's most thrilling and memorable moment in his short 5-year horseshoe career.

Alexander Walker Roberts was born on November 13, 1992. "Alex" is the proud grandson of MOHPA members Floyd and Sue Roberts. Floyd got Alex interested in pitching shoes about 5 years ago. Floyd was pitching with the Liberty Horseshoe Club and was partners with Daphne Happy. Daphne fell ill and couldn't pitch, so Grandpa asked Alex to fill in for her as his partner. Since the summer of 2004, Alex has pitched in league play every summer with his Grandpa. He has pitched in numerous tournaments, collecting his fair share of trophies and plaques. He is most thankful to Nick DiRaimo, who has served as a mentor for him not only in horseshoes, but personally. Alex is perfecting his "flip" as he throws the Snyder Easy Flip Shoe.

In the 2005 Junior League, after receiving most all of the other awards, he was voted the Sportsmanship Award by the other players. You have to be a pretty good sport to beat everyone and get that award! Alex was on the 2005 Mixed League Champion Team, winning 2/3 of his games. He was the 2005 Liberty Rookie of the Year and later earned the 2005 Missouri Junior Player of the Year. In 2007, his team finished second of 14 in the Mixed Summer League (Alex had a 23-16 record and High Over Average). In 2008, his team was leading after the first 3 weeks and he has a 7-1 record.

Alex traveled with the Roberts family last summer to attend his first World Tournament. "I didn't pitch very well" says Alex, "but it was a thrill to pitch in the World Tournament and a great experience for me. I couldn't believe the amount of people who came to the tournament! I love traveling to horseshoe tournaments, seeing different places and meeting new people and new competition." His goal is to pitch an 80% game and to get into the Boy's Championship Division.

Alex recently completed his freshman year at Lee Summit West High School. Alex is a good student and loves American History, which he would like to pursue when he enters his college years. He also enjoys playing football. His favorite teacher is Mr. Matt Turner, who teaches American History. He is a young teacher and makes history a fun way of learning about America's past. When Alex finishes college, he wants to become a Marine and serve his country.

Alex lives in Greenwood, a suburb of Kansas City, with his mother and stepfather, Dana and Karla McCaulley. He has 2 sisters, Carissa (17) and Danya (5), and a brother, Benjamin (8). They have a family pet, a dog they named Jewel. Several years ago, Alex's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was struck with cancer the first time at the age of 18, and now this was to be her second bout with the disease. She had surgery and has completed her chemotherapy. In April, she received a clean bill of health as being cancer-free. "It was a difficult and stressful time for all of us", says Alex. "but at the same time it brought our family closer together."

At age 15 and standing almost 6 feet tall, Alex looks the picture of health. However, Alex was born with a hereditary disease called celiac disease; his body is allergic to wheat grains and unable to digest them. If he should consume just a slight grain, he gets very ill. He is only able to eat foods with rice or corn grains, making eating out very difficult; he must carry his own supply of food with him and what he does find to eat is very expensive. Alex watches his diet very carefully and goes about his normal life like any other typical teenager.

Besides pitching horseshoes in the summer, Alex is also on a bowling league. He loves to go turkey and deer hunting during the winter months. He spends his summers with his grandparents. Alex is more like a "son" than a grandson to Floyd and Sue Roberts. "We think he is just great," says Floyd, "but then we may just be partial to him." Well, all the horseshoe pitchers in Missouri think Alex is "just great" too. We hope that he continues in horseshoes and we think that 80% game that he longs for is just right around the corner. No doubt, Alex's contagious enthusiasm for horseshoes will rub off on you.



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Capitol City Horseshoe Club

by Steve Bruemmer

Since the last time we talked, we have a lot to report. The spring singles had 13 players with 1st place Ron Hassler (13-5), 2nd place Melissa Wolfe (12.5-5.5), and 3rd place Mel Bruemmer (12-6).



The summer doubles league had 28 participants, with 1st place going to Close Point—Richard Dudenhoeffer, Steve Steck, and Mike Steck—(38.5-21.5); 2nd place to the Flippers—Jim Gregory, Steve Forck, and Dan Welch—(38.5-21.5); and 3rd place to ABR—Rodney Mallinckrodt, Adam Steppers, and Brian Schreyer—(34-26). The summer singles league had 10 participants with 1st place going to Hugo Bisges (19-5) and a tie for 2nd place to Steve Steck, Steve Johnson, and Ron Hassler (15-9).

The club held its first walking doubles tournament in early August. We had 11 teams and Steve Johnson and Kelly Pendelton won the tournament. We wanted to show how the walking doubles format is used in the NHPA; hopefully they will sign up in future state tournament doubles.

The CCHC ran two nights at the Moniteau County Fair (California, MO). We would like to thank Rich Altis for going by the courts and measuring them in order to get them sanctioned. The club is planning to run two sanctioned tournaments at this venue in 2009.

The club picnic was a success with more than 25 families gathering for the occasion. The club held a double-elimination tournament, with 1st place going to Eileen Reeves; 2nd place, Mel Bruemmer; 3rd place, Darlene Wolken; and 4th place, Melissa Wolfe.

The Capitol City Horseshoe Club sent 18 players to the state championships. We would like to congratulate Larry Brown and Kevin Chambers for winning 1st place in their class. We are gearing up for the Big Money Tournament September 27; remember, 1st place prize money for every class is \$300. We will be looking forward to seeing you there.



Chillicothe Horseshoe Club

by Don Plowman

Fourteen pitchers participated this year in our summer league. Frances Dominique and Jim Plowman won team championship and were sponsored by Pat Thorne Lumber. Jim Plowman won two individual awards: High Series Handicap (224) and Most Improved Average (2.6). Jeremiah Hamilton won High Game Handicap of 126.

Officers for 2009 are Don Plowman, president; Darrel Plowman, 1st vice president; Paul Howard, 2nd vice president; and Frances Dominique, secretary/treasurer.

Team standings are as follows:

- 1st: Thorne Lumber: Frances Dominique and Jim Plowman
- 2nd: State Farm Insurance: Bud Jones and Casey Kitchen

- 3rd: Dickerson Tool & Die: Don Plowman and Fred Garr
- 4th: Shelter Insurance: John Egeland and Jeremiah Hamilton
- 5th: Dominique Rental: Leroy Dominique and Daniel Plowman
- 6th: Plowman's Garage: Darrell Plowman and Gilbert Cox
- 7th: Hy-Vee: Paul Howard and Bill Jecusco

1st Capital Ladies League

by Ginny Weiss

What is it about Thursday evenings in St. Charles? I swear there's a dark cloud that hovers over the Knights of Columbus pits every Thursday evening. Unfortunately, we had to do away with a first- and second-half winners and just do one season due to all the rainouts on the night of our league this summer.

We did finish our season, and I'm very proud to say that my team, The Shoe Me Girls, came in first place with 83 wins and 2 ties. The 2008 Shoe Me Girls are Ginny Weiss (captain), Jill Knobbe, Tricia Simon, Susie Simon, Ashleigh Robison, Tami Knobbe, Joan Weber, Kat Goetges, Sarah Grandon, and the newest SMG, Pam Gettinger. Second place went to K of C Pits, with 67 wins and 7 ties. After that it went Suntrup Automotive, 3rd; River City Concrete, 4th; Simon Crane, 5th; Tubby's Pub & Grub, 6th; and Clinkers, 7th.

Oh, here's a surprise...Rose Diekamp had the highest ringer percentage, with 56.23% for the season. The rest of the top five highest ringer percentages were Ginny Weiss (45.80%), Pam Gettinger (38.02%), Jill Knobbe (36.54%), and Joan Weber (35.58%). Rose Diekamp also had the High Game with 63 points. The Sportsmanship Award went to Elaine Nieters. Our Rookie of the Year was Kelly Honerkamp.

A shout out to my Shoe Me Girl, Tricia Simon, who received her 60% Game patch, and Pam Gettinger, who received a 50% Game patch. Other patches were as follows:

- 40% patches: Tammy Laughman, The Pits; Kay Jones, Suntrup; Shirley Ryan, Clinkers.
- 30% patches: Sarah Grandon, Shoe Me Girls; Laura Westhues, Simon Crane.
- 20% patches: Kelly Honerkamp, Simon Crane; Elaine Nieters, Clinkers; Melissa Roshek, The Pits.
- 10% patches: Dottie Kane and Dee Powelson, River City; Denise Lowenstein, Pam Montgomery, Rita Olenorff, and M'Liss Pagano, all from Simon Crane.

We ended our season, as usual, with our banquet and fried chicken dinner, prepared by the KC Knights—always yummy. A great big "thank you" goes out to Joan Buchheit and Sally Montgomery; we greatly appreciate their time and talents in organizing our league. They do a fabulous job.

Have a great rest of 2008!

Crane Creek Horseshoe Club

by Judy Waisner

Crane Creek Ringers Horseshoe Club just suffered their fifth flood of the year. We will rebuild as soon as the weather per-



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mits. The floods even destroyed the new baseball diamonds across the highway from the horseshoe courts. We have several layers of dirt to remove when the creek goes down and the land is dry enough to work on. We only have minor damage to the backboards and we lost our entire fence, but the building did not move. They found our bleachers down the creek and returned them to the courts. We will be replacing the backboards and fence and repairing one walkway that is cracked. We have found new clay to restore the pits. We have help from the city of Crane to repair the courts and will try to be up and going by next year. We miss all of the pitchers and will do our best to get the Crane horseshoe courts back up and going. We have had several calls from other horseshoe clubs to help with the repairs and appreciate their offer to help.

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

Dear QRHC Officers and Members:

Congratulations on finally receiving the much-anticipated state beer and wine resale permit. I'm sure this will smooth out the operation of the food and drink concession and it comes just in time for the state championship tournament that you are hosting. I'm sure you will all join me in a round of thanks to Larry Langewisch who was able to push this project to a successful conclusion.

As most of you know, the building in which you pitch has some problems in need of attention. There are several roof leaks and the exterior siding has come loose in some locations. The NHPF is working with contractors and some club members to correct these problems before adverse weather and the winter season arrives. Once these problems have been taken care of, the NHPF will also take steps to insulate some of the interior walls especially those where the outside gets hit with the brunt of bad weather.

A building of this size with multiple uses, public concession area, and a Hall of Fame & Museum, really needs continuous observation and upkeep. To this end, the NHPF, which owns the facility, and the NHPA, who outfitted the Hall of Fame, have agreed that an on-site building superintendent is needed. We have selected Joe Faron to assume that responsibility and he will be backed up by Larry Langewisch who will act as the "Super" when Joe is unavailable.

The building superintendent will monitor all facets of the facility operation to ensure that it is safe, secure, and operating to the required perimeters of the NHPF/St. Charles County land lease agreement and with the QRHC officers to ensure conformity with the facility operation agreement between the club and the NHPF. The "Super" will also be responsible for the Hall of Fame room and any needed interface with the NHPA.

All QRHC members are encouraged to bring facility operation concerns or questions to Joe or, in his absence, Larry. They will contact the NHPF or NHPA if clarification can't be initially provided.

Good luck to all of you in the forthcoming 2008 state champi-

onship tournament. We hope all participants enjoy the experience of pitching at the Quail Ridge Park facility.

Sincerely,

Dave Loucks, NHPF President

Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

We are all so happy and relieved that Laura Johnson is improving so much. She is even back on the courts and has played several events, including the State Fair and the State Tournament. Congratulations to Nick and Angie DiRaimo who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in November!

We had 26 in our one-week junior league this summer and all pitched 400 or more shoes! We had players from Kansas, St. Louis, and Kentucky. There were 12 new pitchers and several of them have already pitched in tournaments. League champions were Michael Leger, Joe Powell, Joe Jackson, Alyssa Leger, and McKenzie Mathis. Most Improved was Michael Leger. High Game, High Average, and High Over Average went to Alex Roberts. Alyssa Leger was awarded a 30% patch. Tyler Happy earned a 20% patch and, even though he won almost all his games, Tyler was voted the Sportsmanship Award again. Seven players earned a 10% patch.

We just finished 3 mixed leagues. The champions were:

- Mostly Outdoor League: Gina Baker, Nick DiRaimo, and Becky Jackson.
- Tuesday Indoors: Lyle Samuelson and Debbie Harris.
- Quad States Thursday Morning: Lyle Samuelson (he is on a roll) and Bob Hayward.

Other awards:

- Most Improved: Alex Roberts, Debbie Harris, and (?) Lyle Samuelson.
- High averages (50 shoes): Nick DiRaimo, 110.8; Elizabeth Furner, 95.6; and Dave Kincaid, 94.9.
- High Games: Nick, 138; Elizabeth, 122; and Gregg Craven, 117.
- High Over Average patches: Alex Roberts (44!), Elizabeth, and Lyle.
- A 90% patch and Club Tournament Champion went to Elders MO State Champion Nick DiRaimo!
- 70% patches went to Alex Roberts and Wayne Dusenbery.
- 2008 Rookies of the year: Sarah Johnson (Junior) and Norm Green (Adult).

We played all the mixed leagues in two sessions a week (69 players) with help from the Don Harris Arena. The Arena is also a great place for an awards banquet. Thank you Don!

Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club

by Carol Howard

League directors Jim & Carol Howard report a very good summer for the Golden Triangle League. No rain-outs or hot weather to cause any cancellations as the league moved indoors at the new NHPA/NHPF facility. There was always good food and beverages each league night for the horseshoe pitchers to enjoy.

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There were 53 horseshoe pitchers in the Golden Triangle League that pitched for 18 weeks. On September 10, we held our year-end picnic with more good food and refreshments. Joann Wall was presented with a plaque by Jim Howard as the outstanding person in the Golden Triangle League. Joann did a tremendous job during summer league play with her concession stand duties.

Here are the results of the 2008 summer league:

- 1st place, Over the Hill Gang; 2nd place, Get A Ringers; 3rd place, Atta Boys.
- High Average: Rose Diekamp & Rich Altis
- High Game: Mick Gillette, Don Claas, Rich Altis, and Rose Diekamp
- High Game Over Average: Justin Rily and Tricia Simon
- Sportmanship Award: Louise Duke
- Rookie of the Year: Justin Riley
- Most Improved Player: Roger Schnur and Ginny Weiss.
- Rose Diekamp turned up the heat on the courts as she recorded a game 25 ringers/26 shoes.

We hope to see you back next year!

Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Roena Branson

Wow. What a busy summer and now it's fall already. I guess you have heard of "raining cats and dogs," well, it's raining acorns by the hundreds here at the Lake. If you walk outside, you are taking your chances and hope you won't have a headache by the time you go back inside. The animals should have plenty to eat this winter.

I am now writing the news for Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club because, as you may have heard, Donna Bastel will be taking the regional director's position effective January 1. Donna has several responsibilities already, so I am glad to help her out by writing the news. Donna has been writing the news since the club started in 1996. Congratulations, Donna, on your new position.

We just finished our three leagues for the summer, Monday Team Singles, Wednesday Doubles Team, and Thursday Team Singles. The winners are:

- Monday Team Singles: 1st and League Champion: Tamra Jenkins, Doug Carter, and Darrin Gregory (80.5/54.5). 2nd place: Roena Branson, Leroy Dooley, and Larry Doeden (72.5/62.5). 3rd place: Dan Couch, Paul Van Evercooren, and Ron Rothove (69/66).
- Wednesday Doubles Team: 1st place and League Champion: Dale Niner and Ed Seaton.
- Thursday Team Singles: 1st place and League Champion: Donna Bastel, Roger Sinclair, and Ed Davis (72.5/62.5). 2nd place: Lile Harper, Bob Bastel, and John Ames (72/63). 3rd place: Dan Couch, Merv Moeller, and Paul Lipske (65.5/69.5).

Our summer league year-end tournament was held on Sept. 20, with the overall championship honors going to Charles (Tiny) Epperly after a four-way pitch-off. Congratulations to all.



Our 12th annual banquet and awards ceremony was held on Sept. 21 with a great turnout. Thanks to Vinny's for catering all the wonderful food and drinks. Everyone had a great time. Congratulations to Ed Davis, who received our Sportsman of the Year award.

Here is a little trivia for you: This summer, with all three leagues combined, we pitched 118,449 shoes at 2½ lbs per shoe. That's 296,225 lbs or 148 tons of metal. Total ringers were 30,356, which makes our average league ringer percentage 25.6%, up 4% from 2007.

The Hillbilly Fair was held on Sept. 13–14 and, wouldn't you know, it was bound to rain. We started the tournament on Saturday morning, cloudy but no rain. The courts were really wet from the rain we had the day before but, thanks to our true and dedicated pitchers, we started the tournament on time. As the morning progressed, the rain started up again but our pitchers kept right on pitching, bringing out the towels and cleaning off shoes and, yes, glasses too, but our pitchers were determined to finish. We had a couple of juniors pitching and they were having a ball playing in the mud. One of them said, "I am having a good time" and he was smiling the whole time.

On Sunday, the rain forced us to move indoors. We had so many out-of-town people coming so far to pitch that we rearranged the classes and allowed the out-of-town folks to pitch first so they could begin their long trip home. All in all, it was a really fun day and everything worked out well. This was the first time Ginny Weiss has been to the Hillbilly Fair and guess what, Ginny won Class A Championship. Way to go, Ginny.

Our winter league will be starting up on October 13 at our indoor courts, "The Pits." We have seven tournaments scheduled this year, they will start October 11–12 and will be held the second weekend of every month through April. We would welcome anyone that can come. Thanks to our cooking teams, we always have a lot of good food. Come on down and let's have some fun.

We want to wish a couple of our members, Doug Peoples and Larry Doden, a speedy recovery. Doug had knee replacement surgery on both knees on Sept. 24 and Larry also had surgery. We might watch out for Doug now, he may be the bionic man. Get well soon, you guys!

Until next time, wishing you the best from our courts to yours.

Independence Horseshoe Club

by Pam Henderson

Hi, everyone. The Independence Horseshoe Club wishes everyone great pitching at all the indoor facilities. Winter pitching is good for the soul. We want you to check out our website at independencehorseshoeclub.com. Some great pictures are on there and so much more. Like our old shed and our new Shed. The city of Independence poured the concrete floor and the Independence Horseshoe club members helped build it. It looks really nice. We are really proud of it.

Our condolences go out to DD Casey for his wife, Pat. Most of you remember Pat Casey. I'm sure she beat some of you on the



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court, as there were a lot of 1st places in some old records I found. She loved her horseshoes. And to Darrell Pulliam for the loss of his mother. And others who have remained silent about a lost loved one.

Sam Kidd is home and doing better. His son, Bruce, keeps us informed. Good going, Sam; keep on keeping on.

Tony Bootka was in an auto accident and broke some bones. We hope he is healing and on the mend. It takes a long time for healing.

We had a lot of new members this year, so many I couldn't keep up them. I asked a few if they liked the game and they all said they liked it or loved it. I asked a few what kind of shoe they were pitching, some said Diamond, Alan Francis, or Deadeye; some didn't know. But I had to take notice of one in particular, Kevin Williams. I looked at his shoes and said they were Imperials. He said he wasn't sure; all he knew was they were Audra Craven's shoes. Well, that reminded me of a story. I loaned my shoes out to Ellen Beaver one time and she won her class. The lady she beat to win said she was getting Vicki Winston shoes next time. Ha.

We found out Perry Mann had never had a birthday party and his birthday is October 11. So we decided to have a little party at the courts on the last league night. We had cake and ice cream and balloons and sang Happy Birthday to him. He was surprised. We even had trick candles.

Getting on with some of our winners, as of this writing, I only have one side. We had the Pegs and the Stakes. The Peg winners were Tony Bootka and Jim Hilaca for 1st place; George Chichura and Don Estes for 2nd place; Neal Straughn and LaDon Dial for 3rd place. The Stakes, all tied for 1st: Lee Crabtree and Ron Lust, Johanna Bales and Stephanie Varney, Terry Kampe and Judy Jackson. Do not know the results of that at this time.

We had a playoff for Grand Champion. Pegs: 1st, Neal Straughn; 2nd, Wayne Henderson; 3rd, George Chichura. Stakes: 1st, Johanna Bales; 2nd, Terry Kampe; 3rd, Don Swihart. Neal and Johanna played for the Grand Champion and Johanna Bales is our Champion. Congratulations!

Our banquet is Oct. 15 so if someone else is to receive an award it will be in the next newsletter.

Stephanie Varney, 11 years old, won 1st place in Junior A at State. Congratulations, Stephanie!

Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Terry Bowman

Hi, everyone. Well here it is another year is coming to an end. Hopefully everyone has had a lot of fun playing horseshoes this year.

Our league has had a very good year. We are bigger and stronger than we have ever been. We have several new members this year and are very glad to have each and every one of them in our club. Our new members are Jon Brewster, Carl Brown, Leslie Crust, Joshua Gabriel, Jim Ketchum, Leroy Leabo, Jerry Noland, Tim Siebold, Jim Sisk, Libby Talman, and Dave York. Welcome to you all.

We have heard rumors that our club was folding up. But con-

trary to that rumor, we are better then we have ever been, thanks to the great people in our club. Thanks again, club.

We send out a big "get well soon" to Dawn Bishop in our club. She has been a very ill person lately. She has been in the hospital for about two weeks with gall bladder surgery and had complications. She had to have a second surgery and last I talked to her husband Terry, she is back in ICU after the second surgery. But she is doing much better. We wish her a complete and speedy recovery.

Our little club did a great job at the MO State Tournament this year. Here are our results:

- Womens Class D: 5th place, Victoria Highley
- Jr. Boys Championship Class: 1st place (MO Champion), Michael Bowman for the third year in a row (we are so proud of him)
- Jr. Girls Class A: 2nd place, Corissa Bishop (in a pitch off); 4th place, Paige Highley
- At the state awards banquet, Michael Bowman received his second MO State Jr. Player of the Year award and Terry Bishop received an award for Outstanding Club Member. Congratulations to everyone on their achievements. We are very proud of you all.

2008 has been a very good year for our club. We had some World winners also. Ron Highley placed 3rd in the Mens I-2 class, Joann Jones placed 5th in the Womens G class, Victoria Highley placed 5th in the Womens -L Class, Paige Highley placed 6th in the Jrs mixed E Class, and Michael Bowman won 1st place in the Jrs Mixed A Class and went into the Jr Boys Championship Class seeded number 1 and won the Jrs World Championship. Yeah, we are pretty proud of him. Congratulations to all of our World Winners.

In our league this year, we played two halves and the winners in each half played at the end of the year to determine the Grand Champions. Third place in the first half was a tie between Erika Myler & Leslie Crust and Ron & Terry Highley. Second place was Hannah Dods & Chip Sloan. And first place was Ralph Richardson & Clint Sloan.

In the second half of our league, there was a tie for second place between Joann Jones & Lawrence Loney and Michael Bowman & Jim Kinney Jr. First place was won by Leroy Leabo & Dave York. The Grand Champions of the league were Ralph Richardson and Clint Sloan.

Our year-end tournament winners were: A Class, Ralph Richardson; B Class, Clint Sloan; and C Class, Jon Brewster.

Those earning percentage patches this year were:

- 6 to 9% : Joshua Gabriel, Jim Ketchum, Tim Siebold, and Libby Talman.
- 10%: Jon Brewster, Mike Goddard, Jim Sisk, and Dave York.
- 20%: Leslie Crust, Tyler Fishbaugh, and Jerry Noland.
- 30%: Carl Brown, Hannah Dods, Victoria Highley and Leroy Leabo.
- 60%: Lawrence Loney



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- 90%: Michael Bowman
- High Game Patch: Michael Bowman, 137 points
- High Over Avg: Michael Bowman, 32 points over average
- High Average: Michael Bowman, 105 points
- Sportsmanship Award, Leroy Leabo
- Rookie of the Year: Leroy Leabo
- Most Improved: Victoria Highley

As you know, Michael Bowman (my son) won the 2008 Jr. World Championship in York, PA, in July and we couldn't be prouder of him. He had very tough competition. He traveled to York with the Highley family, Ron, Victoria, Paige, and Warren. They were gracious enough to invite him along with them and we want to thank them very much for their hospitality and thank them again from the bottom of our hearts for all they did for him. Without their generosity, Michael would not have been able to go to the tournament at all. Thank you again.

We also want to thank the MOHPA for all the support they

have given Michael. Thank you to all the people who wore the Michael Bowman fan club shirts and thank you again to Elwyn Cooper for the shirts. Thank you to all those who donated money towards the brick for the Hall of Fame in Michael's name. We appreciate everything you've done. Also thanks to the MOHPA for the honor you gave Michael to be in the Kansas City American Royal Parade for his accomplishments on September 27, 2008. Thank you for asking him to be in it; he really did enjoy it.

By the time this newsletter comes out, we (Glenn & Terry Bowman) should be grandparents. Erika and Michael Myler are due to have a baby girl on or around November 19. We are all anxiously awaiting for her to arrive. Good luck to the new parents to be. Oh, by the way, Uncle Michael says he is going to make his niece (Erika's baby) a champion by the age of five! You never know, we'll see.

Until next time, goodbye to all and good pitching. Be safe and well. God bless!

Mick's Chicks win 2008 MOHPA Club/Team Champions

by Donna Bastel

Amidst storms, including a tornado sighting and the sighting of a most beautiful double rainbow, the 2008 MOHPA Club/Team Tournament was held at the NHPA/NHPF facility in Wentzville on May 31, 2008. Tournament Director Donna Bastel reports it was a resounding success. The following clubs were represented: Backyard Club, Glenn Allen; Capitol City Club, Jefferson City; Heart of America Club, KC; Independence Club; Lake of the Ozarks Club, Laurie (3 teams); Liberty Club (3 teams); Mineral Area Club, Park Hills (first time entering this tournament); Lion's Park Club, Peculiar (2 teams); Quail Ridge Club, Wentzville (4 teams plus 3 that were canceled); Tri-State Club, Diamond.

As those of you who pitched in this tournament already know, we found out four days before the tournament that we were going to be unable to use the outdoor courts. That necessitated the elimination of three Quail Ridge teams in order to complete the tournament in 3 sessions indoors. Probably 60% of the entries had their pitching times changed, some more than once. But horseshoe pitchers being the good sports they are, everyone took it in stride with very few complaints and only one cancellation. Thank you so much to all for making the transition so smooth.

The two-time-winners Lake of the Ozarks Club lost the quest for three in a row to Mick's Chicks (Mick Gillette, Ginny Weiss, Joann Wall, Theresa Barry, and Louise Duke) from the Quail Ridge Club. Mick's Chicks accumulated 35 points with a .727 winning percentage. They were awarded their Club Champion plaque at the State Championship Banquet on August 2, 2008. Please join them in their celebration. Congratulations to you all!

I'm sure Quail Ridge will be challenging all of you to try to take the crown next June 6 when the Independence Horseshoe Club will be hosting this event at McCoy Park in Independence.

Shoe Biz Boosters

by Vicki Winston

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Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame

by Dee McIntire

The MOHPA Hall of Fame has inducted two new members for 2008. They are Gregg Craven and Carl Gricks. These two well-deserving inductees were inducted at the MOHPA Banquet during the 2008 State Tournament.

Gregg Craven is the driving force at the Don Harris Arena in Liberty and the Liberty Horseshoe Club. Gregg will not want to take that credit, as he says there are lots of good people who make those two horseshoe events operate. He is a very modest person who gets so very much done.

Gregg has been pitching as an NHPA member for more than 30 years and has served 23 years as a sanctioned league director and 18 years as a tournament director. Gregg has won many state tournaments and participated in many world tournaments, winning his class in 2000.

Gregg is also a great promoter of horseshoes. He is very involved in getting juniors interested in our sport. He has run a junior league that runs for a week during the summer. In 2008, he had approximately 30 juniors in the league.

When the Don Harris Arena was built,

Gregg was there almost every day during construction, doing whatever job needed to be done. He is now secretary of the Harris Arena board of directors (known as HIHA).

Carlyle (Carl) Gricks began pitching horseshoes seriously in 1997. He enjoyed the sport so much that he decided to build an indoor facility, now called the "Lucky Gricks Memorial Arena," in his town of Diamond. Since the construction of this wonderful facility, Carl and his wife, Pat, have hosted more than 54 tournaments there.

Carl has attended and pitched in eight world tournaments since 1998, placing in the top eight places six times. Carl has also pitched in every state tournaments since 2000.

Carl is always very supportive of other pitchers and is there to give helpful advice and encouragement. Carl and his lovely wife Pat were profiled in the June 2008 issue of Shoe Biz. If you haven't already read it, please be sure to go back and read that detailed article about this great person.

What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

It's about time to get your 2009 NHPA cards. Some pitchers will need to change which division they pitch in. Boys and girls turning 10 years old in 2009 will no longer pitch as cadets. They will pitch in the Junior Division and observe the 27-foot foul line.

Male pitchers that turn 19 in 2009 will become adult pitchers as of January 1, 2009, and will observe the 37-foot foul line.

As of January 1, male pitchers who will turn 70 or older in 2009 may pitch at the short distance. They must first notify the state secretary of their intention so they can be issued the proper NHPA card.

When changing pitching divisions, all previous stats are removed and you will need to pitch qualifying shoes in order to enter your next tournament. In order to enter the state tournament, you will need a minimum of three events. To enter the world tournament, you will need four events at your new pitching distance.

Changing Pitching Distance to Less Than 40 Ft.

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

Notification of Change in Pitching Distance

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ NHPA Card # _____

Mailing Address _____ City & State _____ ZIP Code _____

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

Please mail this form to the MOHPA Secretary

Missouri Tournament Results

May–September 2008

Independence Spring Open @ McCoy Park

5/10/08 Director: Rick Gwinn

Class A: Michael Bowman	7-0	64.4%
Class B: Lee Crabree	6-1	34.8%
Class C: Mick Canchola	7-0	44.2%
Class D: Bob Bloss	6-1	39.2%
Class E: Johnna Bales	6-1	28.3%
Class F: John E. Smith	4-1	22.0%
Class G: Tim Chrissis	5-2	20.0%
Class H: Nancy Smith	7-0	12.9%
Class I: Chip Sloan	7-0	13.3%

Juniors Class:

1 st Place: Felicia Gwinn	5-0	6.9%
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Spring Fling Open @ Laurie 5/10/08

Director: Tamra Jenkins

Class A: Harless Kampe	2-1	43.3%
Class B: Ken Grossman	2-1	40.0%
Class C: Roger Sinclair	6-1	28.8%
Class D: Rod Mallinckrodt	6-1	22.9%
Class E: Bryson Kampe	6-1	11.7%

May Flowers Open @ Park Hills 5/10/08

Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Randy Grady	5-0	73.5%
Class B: David Schneider	5-0	48.8%
Class C: Ken Pogue	5-0	47.5%

Hudson Hall Special @ Crane 5/10-11/08

Director: Frank Hudson

Class A: Gary Bowling	5-0	52.5%
Class B: Larry McAlister	5-0	39.0%
Class C: Oren Harris	7-0	26.7%
Class D: Douglas Tripp	5-0	24.0%
Class E: Don Johanning	5-0	18.1%

Mayflower Open @ Glen Allen 5/17/08

Directors: Danny/Melody Williams

1 st Place: Cori Stoverink	7-0	67.1%
2 nd Place: Martin Williams	6-1	53.3%
3 rd Place: Danny Williams	5-2	60.5%

Chillicothe Open @ Chillicothe 5/17/08

Director: Donald Plowman

Class A: Gregg Craven	5-0	45.0%
Class B: Lawrence Loney	5-0	42.5%
Class C: Bob Beaver	5-0	34.0%
Class D: Wallace Kueck	5-0	33.2%
Class E: John Egeland	5-0	26.0%
Class F: Joe Barry	5-0	13.5%

Mayflower Marathon @ Quail Ridge 5/24/08

Dirs: Darryl/Pam Gettinger

Class A: Jim Spidle (IL)	7-1	64.1%
Class B: Jeff Baldwin (IL)	7-0	47.7%
Class C: David Schneider	6-1	37.3%
Class D: Ray Nadler	7-0	35.1%
Class E: Dave Feldewerth	6-1	21.2%

5th MOHPA Team Benefit @ Quail Ridge

5/31/08 Director: Donna Bastel

Teams:

#1 QRHC Micks Chicks	35pts	.727
#2 Heart America KC	29pts	.618
#3 Lake Ozarks 5 Ringers	26pts	.606
#4 QRHC Full House	25pts	.600

#5 Ozarks Ringer Slingers	25pts	.559
#6 Liberty Left & Right	24pts	.529
#7 QRHC Quail Ridge Five	23pts	.515
#8 Tri-St Diamond Gems	22pts	.514
#9 Ozarks Laurie Lakers	24pts	.500
#10 Liberty Pacesetters	23pts	.488
#11 Independence Stokers	22pts	.488
#12 QRHC Ralphs	23pts	.485
#13LPHC Peculiar Odd Balls	23pts	.452
#14LPHC Peculiar Lions	23pts	.424
#15 LOHC American Ringers	19pts	.412
#16 Backyard Glen Allen	18pts	.385
#17 Mineral Area-Festus	19pts	.371
#18 Capital Jeff City	17pts	.371

Individuals:

Class A: Stan Griggs	7-0	66.1%
Class B: Mick Gillette	6-1	61.4%
Class C: Tamra Jenkins	5-2	51.1%
Class D: Gregg Craven	5-2	53.9%
Class E: Theresa Barry	6-1	45.0%
Class F: Pam Gettinger	6-1	45.0%
Class G: Danny Branson	6-1	41.4%
Class H: Bob Beaver	6-1	26.8%
Class I: Rich Hardt KS	6-1	27.5%
Class J: Louise Duke	6-1	25.4%
Class K: Victoria Highley	6-1	16.8%
Class L: Floyd Roberts	7-0	11.7%

June Bug Open @ Quail Ridge 6/1/08

Director: Ralph Hummel

Class A: Roy Flatt	5-1	59.8%
Class B: Alex Roberts	5-0	58.5%
Class C: Allen Stark	5-0	31.4%

Peculiar Summer Open @ Lions Park

6/7/08 Director: Glenn Bowman

Class A: Lawrence Loney	5-2	42.5%
Class B: Alex Roberts	7-0	48.8%
Class C: Perry Mann	6-1	31.2%
Class D: Danny Wetzel	7-0	20.0%
Class E: Charles Hamilton	6-1	19.2%
Class F: Leroy Leabo	7-0	18.8%
Class G: Ethan Kueck	7-0	9.8%
Class H: Tyler Fishbaugh	5-0	13.0%

Wilbur Hodgson Memorial @ Liberty

6/14/08 Dirs: Brady & Nan Craven

Class A: Michael Bowman	6-1	74.6%
Class B: Jim Premer FL	6-1	51.7%
Class C: Lee Crabtree	6-1	42.5%
Class D: Kathy Wetzel	6-0	38.3%
Class E: Debbie Harrris	7-0	42.3%
Class F: Eugene Newkirk	5-0	36.4%
Class G: Danny Wetzel	3-2	25.2%
Class H: Harold Turley	5-0	25.2%
Class I: Charles Hamilton	4-1	24.4%
Class J: Floyd Roberts	4-1	18.0%
Class K: Ethan Kueck	4-1	8.5%
Class L: Mike Crouch	4-1	12.5%
Class M: Jeff Swihart	5-0	3.5%

June Heat Open @ Park Hills 6/21/08

Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Ed Pashia	6-1	63.1%
Class B: Dan Peterson	5-2	33.3%
Class C: Tim Engle	5-0	33.5%

Summer Heat Open @ Quail Ridge 6/21/08

Director: Larry Volo

Class A: Letha Harris	7-0	62.8%
Class B: Ernie Brakensiek	6-1	39.2%
Class C: Owen Moore	6-1	35.1%
Class D: Angie Novel	7-0	24.2%

June Bug Stomp @ Glen Allen 6/21/08

Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

1 st Place: Terrie Rose	5-0	40.5%
2 nd Place: Danny Williams	4-1	51.0%
3 rd Place: Melody Williams	3-2	35.0%

Fathers Day Open @ Jeff City 6/22/08

Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Steve Johnson	4-1	68.4%
Class B: Bill Blankenship	7-0	47.9%
Class C: Keith Peck	7-0	26.3%
Class D: Robert Ruble	5-0	15.2%

Summer Splash Open @ Laurie 6/28/08

Director: Jim Bainter

Class A: Tamra Jenkins	6-1	50.4%
Class B: Ken Grossman	7-0	40.4%
Class C: P. VanEvercooren	6-1	37.1%
Class D: Carl Folsom	5-0	33.0%
Class E: Melissa Wolfe	4-1	22.0%
Class F: Ed Davis	5-0	20.0%
Class G: Larry Doeden	5-0	12.5%

Ray Cavin Memorial @ St. Jo 6/20/08

Dirs: Ron & Peggy Campbell

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	5-0	60.8%
Class B: Elwyn Cooper	6-1	42.1%
Class C: Eugene Newkirk	5-0	34.0%
Class D: Lee Poe	4-1	28.4%
Class E: Danny Candler	5-0	12.8%

Mt. View Open @ Mt View 7/5/08

Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Paul Davis AR	5-0	41.5%
Class B: Dalton Rakestraw	9-1	26.3%
Class C: Marshel Keith	4-2	21.5%

July Firecracker Open @ Park Hills 7/12/08

Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Randy Grady	7-0	72.5%
Class B: Tim Engle	5-0	35.0%
Class C: Mike Brewer	5-0	18.1%

Times Up Open @ Quail Ridge 7/19/08

Director: Rich Altis

Class A: Ron Deno	4-2	45.6%
Class B: Gary Kuehn	4-2	18.1%

Jefferson City Open @ Jeff City 7/6/08

Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Steve Johnson	4-1	63.2%
Class B: R. Dudenhoeffer	5-1	45.0%
Class C: Keith Peck	6-3	30.0%
Class D: Tom Lehmann	7-2	26.7%



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Keep me for future reference.
I am full of useful information.

Cole County Fair Mixed Doubles @ Jeff City 7/31-8/2 Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Steve Johnson	4-1	61.5%
Class A: Kelly Pendleton	4-1	3.1%
Class B: Jim Gregory	5-1	33.3%
Class B: Melissa Wolfe	5-1	19.2%

JR World Qualifer @ Liberty 8/8/08 Director: Gregg Craven

Class A: Jack Roberts	4-1	3.3%
Class B: Kylea Roberts	5-0	2.5%

Warm Up for State @ Quail Ridge 8/9/08 Director: Pam Gettinger

Class A: Ginny Weiss	7-0	60.1%
Class B: Roger Schnur	7-0	32.5%
Class C: Louise Duke	7-1	32.7%

Sizzlin Summer Open @ Jeff City 8/9/08 Director: Steve Brummer

Class A: James Driver	5-1	58.0%
Class B: David Schneider	5-2	37.1%
Class C: Kevin Chambers	6-1	26.1%

Independence Fall Open @ McCoy Park 8/23/08 Director: Rick Gwinn

Class A: Michael Bowman	7-0	75.3%
Class B: Al Gwinn	6-1	57.9%
Class C: Lee Crabtree	5-1	43.2%
Class D: John Jeffers	6-1	35.7%
Class E: Rich Hardt KS	6-1	29.2%
Class F: Keith Johnson	5-2	16.1%
Class G: Darrell Pulliam	5-1	20.5%
Class H: Erwin Dawe	7-0	14.3%
Class I: Timmy Jackson	4-1	5.0%
Class J: Maria Schomer	5-0	2.5%

Capital City Doubles @ Jeff City 8/24/08 Director: Steve Bruemer

1 st Place: Eileen Reeves	5-0	40.0%
2 nd Place: Mel Bruemmer	6-2	47.8%
3 rd Place: Darlene Wolken	3-2	27.5%
4 th Place: Melissa Wolfe	3-2	21.5%
5 th Place: R. Mallinckrodt	4-2	19.1%
6 th Place: James Driver	3-2	55.0%

Peculiar Fall Open @ Peculiar 9/6/08 Director: Glenn Bowman

Class A: Michael Bowman JB	7-0	67.5%
Class B: Lee Crabtree	7-0	47.1%
Class C: Kelly Kasper	7-0	37.9%
Class D: Wallace Kueck	6-1	32.1%
Class E: Jeremiah Hamilton JB	6-1	30.0%
Class F: Victoria Highley	7-0	22.9%
Class G: Joe Barry	7-0	14.8%
Class H: Savanna Johnson	6-1	6.7%

Liberty Club Handicap Tourn 9/2-9/08 Director: Gregg Craven

Class Championship:

1 st Place: Nick DiRaimo	3-0	68.5%
Class A: Elizabeth Furer	6-1	55.4%
Class AA: Nick DiRaimo	4-1	72.0%
Class B: John Anderson	5-1	29.2%
Class BB: Alex Roberts JB	4-1	41.5%
Class C: David Thompson	4-1	19.0%
Class CC: Daphne Happy	4-1	27.5%
Class D: Bob Burns	4-1	10.0%
Class DD: Mike Crouch	4-1	8.5%

Jefferson City Doubles Open 9/7/08 Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A:

1 st Adam Schepers	10-1	47.0%
Mark Schepers		13.7%
2 nd Steve Johnson	9-2	63.5%
Kelley Pendleton		8.1%
3 rd Chad Flatt	8-3	28.5%
Garrett Wolfe JB		16.2%
4 th Kevin Chambers	8-3	27.5%
Brian Schroer		16.0%
5 th Jim Gregory	7-4	35.4%
Steve Forck		25.0%

Hillbilly Fair Open @Laurie 9/13-14/08 Director: Donna Bastel

Class A: Ginny Weiss	4-1	50.0%
Class B: Jeanette Claas	5-0	47.0%
Class C: Roena Branson	5-0	53.5%
Class D: Jim Gregory	5-0	40.0%

Class E: Jeff Spry	4-1	33.0%
Class F: Virgle McCown	5-0	39.5%
Class G: Suzanne Evans	5-0	29.0%
Class H: Marvin Flatt	4-1	26.0%
Class I: Dick Byersdorfer	6-1	23.8%
Class J: Roy Evans	6-1	17.5%
Class K: Larry Doeden	7-0	25.8%
Class L: Garrett Wolfe JB	5-0	14.5%

Kansas City Open @ Liberty 9/20/08 Director: Dee McIntire

Class A: Michael Bowman	7-0	72.5%
Class B: Audra Craven	6-1	56.3%
Class C: Larry Francis	7-0	45.4%
Class D: Clifford Pierce	6-1	35.8%
Class E: Ray Bendure	7-0	29.6%
Class F: Darrell Pulliam	7-0	20.2%

End Summer Open @ Glen Allen 9/20/08 Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:

1 st : Cori Stoverink	7-0	58.8%
2 nd : Danny Williams	6-1	44.6%
3 rd : Wesley Stoverink JB	5-2	30.4%
4 th : Melody Williams	4-3	35.8%

Kansas City Open @ Liberty 9/20/08 Director: Dee McIntire

Class A: Michael Bowman JB	7-0	72.5%
Class B: Audra Craven	6-1	56.3%
Class C: Larry Francis	7-0	45.4%
Class D: Clifford Pierce	6-1	35.8%
Class E: Ray Bendure	7-0	29.6%
Class F: Darrell Pulliam	7-0	20.2%

Lake of Ozarks Club Tourn @ Laurie 9/20/08 Director: Donna Bastel

Class Championship:

1 st : Charles Epperly	2-1	38.3%
2 nd : H Hoffmeister	2-1	45.0%
Class A: H.Hoffmeister	7-0	42.5%
Class B: Charles Epperly	6.5	33.8%
Class C: Dick Byersdorfer	5-0	24.5%
Class D: Dave Davenport	6-1	9.6%

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Date	San. Number	Location	Tournament Name	Contact	E-mail or Cell Number
11/01/08	19-08-021	Liberty	8th Holly Marie Memorial *@Harris	Griggs 816-313-1814 %	moshoo@kcnet.com
11/01,02	19-08-005	Diamond	Nov.Mixed Open *@Lucky Gricks	Gricks 417-325-4456	
11/08	19-08-116+	Park Hills	Pre-Deer Season *	McEntire 573-431-6107	573-330-2766
11/08,09	19-08-087	Sunrise Beach	Turkey Stakes *@The Pits	D.Bastel 573-374-8243	dbastel@charterinternet.com
11/09	19-08-121+	Glen Allen	Yee-Haw Hurrah *	Willilams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
11/09	19-08-124+	Liberty	Sunday Special*5PM@Harris Arena	Hardt 913-768-4145	rch.hardt@mac.com
11/15	19-08-022	Liberty	Snow Bird Fly Away *@Harris	Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
11/15,16	19-08-108	Wentzville	Jack Freeman Team Tourn@QR	Stewart 704-528-0398	nhpapaul@yahoo.com
11/22	19-08-052	Wentzville	Turkey Trot * @Quail Ridge	Feldewerth636-978-1292	
11/22,23	19-08-069	Crane	Before Turkey Day*@Hudson	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
11/30	19-08-122+	Glen Allen	Turkey Blaw Classic *	Willilams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
12/06	19-08-023	Liberty	Here Comes Santa Claus *@Harris	Killgore 816-930-3353 %	chask@centurytel.net
12/06	19-08-053	Wentzville	Jingle Bell Rock *@Quail Ridge	Volo 314-434-4075	
12/06,07	19-08-006	Diamond	Dec.Mixed Open *@Lucky Gricks	Gricks 417-325-4456	
12/13	19-08-117+	Park Hills	Jolly Ole Man *	McEntire 573-431-6107	573-330-2766
12/13,14	19-08-088	Sunrise Beach	Snowball Open * @The Pits	Bainter 816-918-6789	jbainter@charter.net
12/14	19-08-123+	Glen Allen	Santa Surprise *	Willilams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
12/20,22	19-08-070	Crane	Christmas is Coming*@Hudson	Hudson 417-723-5429	417-840-5434
1/03,04/09	19-09-013	Diamond	Lucky Gricks Memorial*	Gricks 417-325-4456	
1/04	19-09-030	Glen Allen	Jack Frost Classic*	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
1/10	19-09-072	Park Hills	January Freeze *	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766/delora4306@sbcglobal.net
01/10, 11	19-09-001	Sunrise Beach	Cool Shoe Open * @The Pits	Carter 913-731-6440	shoeflipper@charter.net
1/17	19-09-023	Liberty	Happy New Year@Harris *	Killgore 816-930-3353 %	816-592-0100
1/17	19-09-058	Wentzville	Super Bowl Special *@Quail Ridge	Gillette 636-456-1311	
1/17, 18	19-09-052	Crane	January Thaw*@Hudson Hall	Hudson 417-723-5429	
1/18	19-09-031	Glen Allen	Snowflake Classic *	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
1/24	19-09-024	Liberty	ALS Benefit @Harris *	Craven 816-781-7581 %	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
2/01	19-09-032	Glen Allen	Groundhog Classic *	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/07	19-09-025	Liberty	Window of Opportunity *@Harris	Straughn816-246-0310 %	nmstraughn@sbcglobal.net
2/07	19-09-073	Park Hills	Chilly Days *	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766/delora4306@sbcglobal.net
2/14	19-09-059	Wentzville	Happy Hearts * @Quail Ridge	Foulds 636-583-6446	jankandyf@esagelink.com
02/14, 15	19-09-002	Sunrise Beach	Peg In My Heart Open *@The Pits	Branson 573-372-6704	branson3ringers3@aol.com
2/14, 15	19-09-014	Diamond	Mixed Open * @Lucky Gricks	Gricks 417-325-4456	
2/15	19-09-033	Glen Allen	Broken Heart Valentine *	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/21	19-09-026	Liberty	Indep.Memorial * @Harris Arena	Henderson816-257-1853	waynepam@juno.com
2/21, 22	19-09-053	Crane	Almost Spring*@Hudson Hall	Hudson 417-723-5429	
2/28	19-09-060	Wentzville	Spring Team Tournament *@QR	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
3/01	19-09-034	Glen Allen	Spring Fling *	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
3/07,08	19-09-015	Diamond	Mixed Open *@Lucky Gricks	Gricks 417-325-4456	
3/07	19-09-027	Liberty	Robin Red Breast@Harris Arena*	Craven 816-781-7581 %	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
3/14	19-09-061	Wentzville	Shamrock Fling *@Quail Ridge	Rahe 636-462-6337	gdrahe@centurytel.net
3/14	19-09-074	Park Hills	March Winds *	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766/delora4306@sbcglobal.net
03/14,15	19-09-003	Sunrise Beach	Daylight Savings * @The Pits	Carter 913-731-6440	shoeflipper@charter.net
3/15	19-09-035	Glen Allen	Lucky Leprechaun *	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
3/21	19-09-028	Liberty	Cancer Action Ben@Harris*	Cooper 816-741-0043 %	ivdead@hotmail.com
3/21, 22	19-09-054	Crane	Spring is Here @Hudson Hall	Hudson 417-723-5429	
3/28	19-09-040	Jefferson City	March Madness Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
3/28	19-09-083	Liberty	Juniors Only@Don Harris Arena*	Gwinn 816-796-0213	fgwinn@comcast.net
3/29	19-09-036	Glen Allen	Bunny Trail Trot *	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
4/04	19-09-062	Wentzville	Liberty Club vs Quail Ridge Club*	Riley 636-947-7558	james.riley@hp.com
4/04,05	19-09-016	Diamond	Mixed Open * @Lucky Gricks	Gricks 417-325-4456	
4/05	19-09-037	Glen Allen	April Fool's Classic *	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
04/11,12	19-09-004	Sunrise Beach	Bluebird Open * @The Pits	D.Bastel 573-374-8243	dbastel@charterinternet.com
4/18	19-09-075	Park Hills	April Showers *	McEntire 573-431-6107	330-2766/delora4306@sbcglobal.net
4/18	19-09-080	Peculiar	Peculiar Spring Open* (56 Max)	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowman@ymail.com
04/18, 19	19-09-055	Crane	Dogwood Open*@HudsonHall	Hudson 417-723-5429	
4/25	19-09-041	Jefferson City	Spring Has Sprung Mixed *	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	s.bruemmer@att.net
4/25	19-09-063	Wentzville	April Showers * @Quail Ridge	Nenninger 636-456-4996	kevpeg@centurytel.net

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NOTE: Sanctioned tournaments are preregister. Enter 7 days in advance (much earlier in winter)

NHPA Card: State & National dues - Adults \$25.00, Juniors \$5.00. Order from Vicki Winston: 10326 HWY D, LaMonte, MO 65337

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Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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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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10326 Highway D	<u>8.00</u> state	<u>0.00</u> state
LaMonte, MO 65337	\$25.00 Total Dues	\$5.00 Total Dues
Phone/Fax: (660) 563-3536		
E-mail: horshuvicki@socket.net		

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

City: _____ ZIP: _____ E-mail address _____

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

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Check one of the following: Male Female

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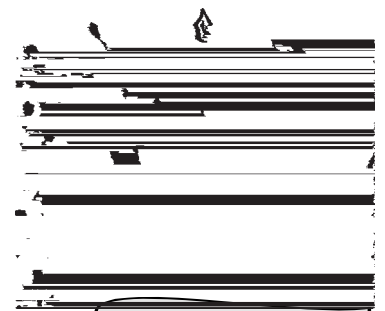
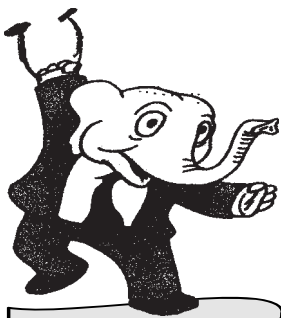
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