

From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Once again we have survived the rigors of a great holiday season. By now everyone should be looking forward to warmer weather and the start of another outdoor pitching season. Those of us fortunate enough to have an indoor pitching facility in our backyard are already honing our skills, preparing for spring's arrival and the opportunity to renew pitching friendships at many state-wide tournaments.

Now is the time to start talking with your neighbors and friends who are not pitchers and those pitchers who have dropped out and get them signed up for our summer leagues. We need the new memberships to maintain our rolls and to stimulate growth in our association. We can't do it without a concerted effort on the part of all of the MOHPA members. Let's make it a goal to regain the title of "Largest Charter" by the end of next year.

We all know the nation's economy has taken a significant downturn and undoubtedly will have an impact on several of our members. Please keep in mind that pitching horseshoes is one of the most economical sports in which you can participate. With more than 100 tournaments in Missouri each year, you don't have to travel far to compete in either league or tournament play.

Winter Officer Meeting

The officers assembled in Jeff City for our annual winter meeting in November. There were several important issues that were addressed, many from our post-tournament meeting held last September. Before I address those varied issues, I believe some explanations are required.

Quail Ridge is a unique venue. Because of the 16 indoor courts, there has been a rash of criticism regarding scheduling and court assignments. It is important to keep in mind we have four days of pitching to accommodate, last-minute pitcher cancellations and weather options to plan for, all culminating with our primary goal of crowning State Champions in seven separate categories. We

also have to consider time for our general membership meeting and the awards dinner, which are held respectively on Friday and Saturday nights of Labor Day weekend. All of these factors must be addressed as Vicki, Stan, and the other officers prepare for the most important tournament of the year.

I understand and accept the fact we cannot make everyone happy when it comes to court assignments at Quail Ridge. Many of the complaints would go away if we were all outside, heat and rain be damned. We are fortunate to have such a great facility in Missouri but we must accept the problems and limitations that it brings. I wish everyone could pitch indoors and have all the weather factors eliminated. Until the outdoor courts at Quail Ridge have a building erected above them, this is as good as it gets. There's no place else in Missouri that can compare.

Hosting, preparing, and promoting a State Tournament is a lot of hard work. Few clubs are willing to take on the task. There are limited facilities within Missouri that can easily host our event utilizing a minimum of portable courts. Of course, nothing says any permanent courts are required, thereby expanding the opportunity to host to any club/area of the state. No prospective site will have a majority of, if any, indoor courts. That should not dissuade any club or city from making a bid.

You all know horseshoes is basically an outdoor summertime sport and, with few exceptions, all the summer tournaments are pitched outside. Sweltering heat and the possibility of rain before and during the pitching are routinely met as just a minor irritant. Pitchers come to play and will make the best of it. Please keep this in mind as you enter the 2009 State Tournament.

I have droned on, perhaps too long, but I felt an explanation was due to help everyone understand the myriad problems we face when preparing for a State Tournament and the changes each venue brings. We are always trying to make our tournaments better. Your suggestions are welcome.

Scorekeeper Fees

During the 2008 State Doubles Tournament, we added scorekeeper fees to the entry fee as a trial. It was a success. As the result of a vote at our membership meeting, we will apply scorekeeper fees to all State Tournament entries and the MOHPA Club/Team Tournament. By eliminating the inherent problems of making change or forgetting to pay the scorekeeper, this action will speed play and help keep the tournament shift on schedule.

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A Touch of Claas

by Jeanette Claas

A New Year's goal for each of us should be to try to recruit more members into our horseshoe organization. Jim Kinney, our new publicity chairman is coming up with lots of new ways to promote our sport of horseshoes. Check out "Show Me Shoes" in this article. Change the 3rd & 4th paragraphs to fit your horseshoe club/area and send it into your local newspapers or use it as a flyer and put them everywhere! Missouri has much to be proud of as an association, so let's show them how proud we really are. Let's make new members but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold! Remember that one?

"It pays to advertise our game," says Lyle Samuelson. Lyle found his way into horseshoes by a newspaper advertisement for the Liberty Horseshoe Club. The game has forever changed his life and he dedicates much of his time to promoting horseshoes.

Congratulations to several MOHPA members who received their longevity patches in 2008. A 40-year patch went to Bob Outt and 30-year patches to Rita Killgore and Darrell Plowman!

Did you notice Missouri made the cover of the *Newsline* magazine? If you don't subscribe to this magazine, I recommend you do so. It is filled with very important national news and keeps you and your clubs updated on some important decision making. Also, there are some interesting articles in the magazine now written by several Missouri members you won't want to miss.

You will want to read a story in this issue written by Missouri's most talented horseshoe pitcher, Vicki Winston, and the obstacles she faced many years ago being the only woman pitching in tournaments.

In this issue, you will find entry forms for all kinds of exciting horseshoe events. The World Tournament is right next door this year in Springfield, IL! We're going to be "thinkin' Lincoln" this summer! So, my fellow horseshoe pitchers, it's time for you to get **fired up** and make Illinois happy by your attendance at this exciting event. It's only a two-hour drive from St. Louis, and gas is cheap at the moment, anyway. The QRHC is planning an excit-

ing and interesting tournament for all World Tournament participants, all you have to do is stop by the club and throw 100 shoes. More details to follow.

We will want to gather for some in-state friendly competition in Independence for the 6th Annual MOHPA Club/Team Tournament. We hope that everyone who attended and those that did not attend the Missouri State Tournament in Wentzville last year will meet at the courts this year for a record-breaking event!

Our new regional director, Donna Bastel, is busy learning the tricks of the trade from Elwyn, as she compiles her first calendar of Missouri tournaments. We must remember to thank her and all the tournament directors for organizing these tournament events.

Come to the exciting Six Pac Invitational at the QRHC, where you will see the finest pitchers in the world displaying their skills on the courts. Watch and learn from the very best!

Now is the time for you to be thinking of who you would like to nominate for the Missouri State Hall of Fame. We have many deserving horseshoe pitchers that need to be nominated and honored, so start gathering your material now.

Our junior spotlight shines upon our two-time Girls State Champion as she passes on some good advice from her grandfather to all of us. The Shoe Biz editor has lost a junior profile form that was filled out by one of our juniors last year. It was sent to Melody Williams and handed to me at the State Tournament. Whatever happened to it after that point, I do not know. We think it was a junior boy that filled it out. If you know who you are, please resubmit it so we may shine our spotlight on you. My apologies.

This winter issue of Shoe Biz was brought to you by these horseshoe enthusiasts: Jim Bainter, Vicki Winston, Stan Griggs, Donna Bastel, Rich Altis, Gregg Craven, Dave Loucks, Bea Feldewerth, Angie Higginbotham, Andy Foulds, Elizabeth Furner, Lyle Samuelson, Dee McIntire, Steve Bruemmer, Roena Branson, Pam Henderson, and Yours Truly.

Until next issue, I wishoe some good words of advice. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.



This & That

by Vicki Winston

As I begin this article, it is a sunny and warm day, although a bit windy. I'm sure it's making the outdoor pitchers think about getting their horseshoes out of the box. However, since this is Missouri and we have been on a roller coaster all winter, I expect it won't be too long before temps are down in the deep freeze again. It certainly has been an odd winter thus far, but that hasn't stopped all of the indoor activity that's been going on. Thanks to all of our indoor facilities, there is no winter vacation for me any longer and, as of this writing, I've already signed up 534 Adults and 57 Juniors for the 2009 membership year. Keep up the good work and let's make 2009 a really big year! If you haven't yet sent in your 2009 dues, or you have a friend who would like to join, there is a membership application elsewhere in this issue. You can also print a membership application form by going to the MOHPA website.

Even though Stan Griggs has had to work with only one hand for a few weeks, he has hardly missed a beat in keeping up with tournament results on our website. Stan had some big-time surgery on his pitching arm and shoulder in the middle of January. After being off work for a few weeks, it will be a few months before he is allowed to try to pitch horseshoes again. Stan, thank you for all that you do for the MOHPA and I hope the rehab goes well and that you will be able to defend your state title in September. All you tournament directors out there, please help Stan out by including NHPA card numbers for all of the pitchers in your event when you send Stan the results. If the person is new and has just paid their dues, put "pending" in place of the number. Thank you.

As I also serve as the chairperson of the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee, I would like everyone to know that a new feature has been added to the Hall of Fame Members page of the NHPA website. Now when you click on the name of an inductee, you will see that person's photo and a short bio telling of their accomplishments and what they did to earn such high recognition. Those of you who have gazed at all of the photos in the new NHPA Hall of Fame building at Quail Ridge Park will now have the opportunity to put some information with the faces. This was made possible by the hard work of Bob Dunn, who created all of the bios. Bob is the NHPA Historian and also a member of my Hall of Fame committee. He has made some visits to Wentzville, so I'm sure that some of you have met him.

This must be the season for nostalgia as lately I've been asked to contribute some information and stories for articles that are being written about horseshoe pitching back when I first got started. Generally, I am so busy taking care of what is going on in the present, I don't have time to live in the past, but something did pop into my mind as I was being interviewed by telephone. I will wager that most of you did not know that the NHPA once required **raised foul lines**. In my early days of World Tournament pitching, I can remember once pitching on some courts that were solid blacktop.

I'm not sure where it was, unless it was in Murray, Utah. Those may have been another set of courts that were located on the fairgrounds where the tournament was held, but not the ones the men pitched on. Wherever the blacktop was, someone hit upon the idea of stretching a fairly large diameter rope across the courts for a raised foul line for the women, as there were one or two who constantly fouled by a few inches. We were only using four courts. Well, the first time one of those women stepped on that rope, it rolled and nearly sent her flying. However, I do believe she observed the foul line for the rest of that tournament. Another idea I remember was used where there were courts available that had actual walkways the length of the courts. I recall some pieces of metal, probably about 1 1/2" in height, were placed across the platforms at the 37 ft. foul line and the 27 ft. foul line. They were held in place by spikes welded on each end and pounded into the ground. I hope those were only used one year, but I can't remember for sure. There were many pitchers who tripped or stubbed toes on those things. They were an accident and lawsuit waiting to happen. Luckily, I did not experience any serious injuries from encounters with those foul lines, but I had my share of trips. It finally dawned on enough people that having raised foul lines was not going to work and it wasn't safe. Raised foul lines were voted out and painted lines were back in. The judges just had to be more observant. This is just one example of the growing pains the NHPA went through when the membership was not nearly as large and officials were at work still trying to improve the rules and attempting to eliminate foot fouls. It seems like we are still trying to do that today. Some things never change. Be glad the raised foul lines were gone before most of you who are reading this even started pitching. In fact, a lot of you weren't born yet.

Watch for the entry forms for the Missouri State Fair Tournament and our State Championships in the June Shoe Biz. It's time to bring this to a close so, until next time, I will leave you with this bit of knowledge that those of us who have to write articles have learned over the years, "A synonym is a word you use in place of one you can't spell."

Condensed Financial Report

Total Funds on Hand 11/01/08	\$17,567.95
Receipts	8,268.00
Expenses	<u>- 11,676.82</u>
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Judges and Data Entry Payments

Also during the membership meeting, it was agreed to pay judges and computer operators \$10 for each shift. Payments will not be made to any elected MOHPA officer. Several years ago, the volunteers were paid but the practice was discontinued. We hope this will encourage more people to volunteer and support our tournament requirements.

Annual State Tournament Patch

At the 2007 State Tournament, Independence provided each entrant with a patch as part of their entry fee. In 2008, the patch was funded by many of the clubs throughout the state. After the 2008 tournament, I received letters from all clubs asking the MOHPA to provide an annual tournament patch. During the officer meeting we agreed the MOHPA would fund this effort. The MOHPA, working with the host club, will develop and provide a patch to each tournament entrant.

Entry Fee Increase

Scorekeeper fees, judges, computer support, and patches do not come without a cost. As a result, there will be a \$10 increase in your 2009 tournament entry fees. The first \$7 is the scorekeeper fee you would pay before each game in an eight-person class. The next \$1 will pay for the annual patch. The remaining \$2 will fund the pay for judges and computer operators. The overall increase is minimal but will achieve the actions approved by the general membership. Thanks for your support. Juniors will continue to pay the scorekeepers directly because of the smaller and unpredictable size of their classes.

Class Tie Breakers

At the 2008 State Tournament, we had two men's classes that had multiple ties. It will be necessary to change MOHPA Rule 10a to accommodate the proposed changes. The final draft will be provided for the membership meeting but will be similar to the following: A two-way tie would be a playoff. A three-way tie would be a ladder playoff with 2 & 3 playing and the winner playing 1. A four-way tie would match 1 & 4 and 2 & 3. The two winners would play for 1st and 2nd, while 3rd and 4th would be determined by ringer percent. All positions prior to beginning the playoffs would be determined by ringer percent. If more than four are tied, the players will pitch a 40-shoe count-all game. The pitcher with the highest game points will win. In case of another tie, total ringer percent will apply. The odd man in any multiple ties will play against a pacer so that no one will pitch alone.

Men's Championship Class

This change may be the most controversial. We have decided to reduce the class from 12 pitchers to eight. This will free more indoor courts and allow more pitchers to play indoors. It will also provide a more evenly classed group of pitchers. This decision was made specifically as a venue issue and can be revisited at a later date. We also have discussed the opportunity to utilize move-ups from lower classes based upon ringer percentages. This subject will be on the 2009 general membership meeting agenda and is not open for discussion for the 2009 tournament.

State Tournament Host Payments

Due to the expenses incurred by a host club, the officers have decided to raise the MOHPA subsidy paid to the host from \$2 to \$3. This will help defray the cost of the program and other necessary expenses experienced by the host.

Hall of Fame Balloting

During the 2008 HOF balloting, some unexpected problems arose that caused concern with Dee McIntire, the HOF Chairperson. As a result, Dee proposed changes that should eliminate a recurrence of those problems. Dee will address those changes elsewhere in the Biz.

Hosting the State and Club/Team Tournaments

This will be the second year the state tournament has been held at Quail Ridge. I want to encourage clubs from around the state to consider hosting either the state championships or the Club/Team tournament. Get your city or another club, or both, to team with you to bring the event to the attention of residents in your area. It could mean new pitchers and will certainly gain your clubs local publicity. The MOHPA eliminated the requirement for the tournament to alternate between East and West. Even if we had not made the change, we still would have needed hosts. We can't expect one club to host forever and we need to reach other parts of the state.

I want to thank the officers and appointees for their support the last several months and those volunteers who make my job easier and the MOHPA stronger. Good people=good organization. **"That's it from the Pits."**

Donna's Doodles

by Donna Bastel

As the new Regional Director for Missouri, I am looking forward to working with all of you now and in the future. I won't pretend that I am an expert at this time, but if you have any questions about court sanctioning or tournament scheduling, I will attempt to answer them for you. I want to thank the MOHPA officers for their confidence in my ability to handle this position.

Some of you may not have seen it, but there is a national newsletter, the *Newsline* magazine, that contains a section called "Charter Chatter." One of my goals is to put an article about the Show Me state in this column bi-monthly. To accomplish this, I need your help. Please send me any information you find interesting about your clubs, members, tournaments, leagues, or special horseshoe-related events. I would like to highlight a different part of our great state in each issue. You may send information to dbastel@charterinternet.com or 1028 Oak Point Dr, Gravois Mills, MO 65037.

I would also encourage each of you to subscribe to the *Newsline* magazine so that you can learn more about what is going on nationally in our great sport. Subscription information is located elsewhere in this issue.

Have a "ringing" 2009!

QRHC Needs Your Support!

by Andy Foulds

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club will be hosting the 2009 State Horseshoe Tournament at the Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville on September 4-7. Mark your calendars and plan to attend and support the MOHPA in everyway you can.

Last year, our club ran into some difficulty gathering ads to help support our state program book. We know that with the economy the way it is today and many small businesses closing down, we will run into even more difficulty in getting ads. We are asking you for your help. Included in this issue is a self-explanatory form telling you how much each size ad will cost. If you are willing to go out to look for some ad buyers, it is a good idea to take your program book from last year to show the business how their ad will appear in this very nice program book. If you know of a business that would put an ad in the program book, or if you yourself would like to place an ad, please do so and send it to Andy Foulds. We hope to publish another good program book for you.

Labor Day seems far away but, when it comes to planning for the State Tournament, we can never start too early. The QRHC hopes to have another exciting tournament in store for you. We are counting on your support and attendance at the 2009 Missouri State Tournament.

Shoe Biz Boosters

by Vicki Winston

If you would like to receive Shoe Biz via first class mail, please send a donation of \$10 or more to the MOHPA in care of our secretary, Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. A Shoe Biz Boosters donation entitles you to a listing and first class mailing for three issues. Expiration dates are listed below. Some folks continue to send multiple donations, but no listings have been extended past February 2010. Thank you all for your support of our newsletter!



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New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston



We welcome our new 2009 members who have joined the NHPA and MOHPA for the very first time between Oct. 1, 2008, and Feb. 5, 2009.

Name	City	Club
Ray Ackermann	Dittmer	Festus
Anthony Ames	Holts Summit	
Charlie Baker	Lawson	Liberty
Ron Berry	Gravois Mills	Lake Ozark
Blake Britan	Bolivar	Stockton
Randy Collings	Alba	Tri-State
Carol Compton	Warrenton	Quail Ridge
Gaylord Compton	Warrenton	Quail Ridge
Scott Engelmann	Liberty	Liberty
Victor Ferraro	Liberty	Liberty
James H. Forbis	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Dale K. Froling	Camdenton	Lake Ozark
Bob Gettemeier	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
James Gibson	Kansas City	Liberty
Melinda Grider	Bolivar	Stockton
John Griesbauer	St. Charles	Quail Ridge
Larry Guggisberg	Garden City	Liberty
Mike Guillaume	Fenton	Quail Ridge
Dylan Gunnels	Bolivar	Stockton
Kevin Gunnels	Bolivar	Stockton
Marcy Gunnels	Bolivar	Stockton
Timmy Harmon	Potosi	Mineral Area
Bryan Koehler	Moscow Mills	Quail Ridge
Terri Loeffler	Fenton	Quail Ridge
Donnie Luther	Cadet	Mineral Area
Kohte Mann	Archie	Lions Park
Dani McCaulley	Greenwood	Liberty
Justin Miller	Silex	Quail Ridge
Dave Parr	Parkville	Liberty
Brian Piper	Bolivar	Stockton
Dennis Piper	Bolivar	Stockton
Richard Poelker	Overland	Quail Ridge
Barry Price	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
Brent Prindle	Oran	Backyard
Kitty Prindle	Oran	Backyard
Noah Renne	Liberty	Liberty
Cameron Scott	Liberty	Liberty
Jen Seidman	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
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Robert L. Taylor	Cedar Hill	Hillsboro
Paul Vaughn Jr.	Sweet Springs	
Timothy Vaughn Sr.	Knob Noster	
Michael Weiss	St. Peters	Quail Ridge
Carol White	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
David White	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
Braydon Wickham	Eldon	
Kaeleigh Wickham	Eldon	
Mark Wilkewitz	St. Charles	Quail Ridge
Jeremy Willis	Independence	Heart of America
Ronald Yeamans	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge
Michael Young	Sugar Creek	



Last Shoe



Stanley E. Gwin

June 18, 1933–October 4, 2008

Stanley Gwin, 75, a resident of Liberty, MO, for 47 years, passed away on Oct. 4 at the Missouri Veterans' Home in Cameron, where he resided the past 18 months.

Stan was born in Kansas City, MO, in 1933. He attended Northeast High School. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Los Angeles and the USS Burlington during the Korean War. Stan retired from the security department of the Leeds Plant of General Motors. Later, he drove a school bus for the Liberty School District.

Stan enjoyed fishing, dancing with his wife, and playing horseshoes with the Liberty Horseshoe Club. He became unable to continue pitching many years ago because of multiple health problems. He also enjoyed a visit to the casinos, volunteering for the Liberty Hospital Auxiliary, and especially being with his children and grandchildren.

Stan was a great supporter of horseshoes and a willing worker. He enjoyed helping with tournament stats, and this was in the days before computers when the state used Master Charts. Scoresheets were checked by hand and then written on the info on the charts. Stan insisted on driving down from Liberty to Sedalia during the MO State Fair Tournaments and helping Vicki with the stats because, with all of the interruptions, Vicki had a hard time keeping up with 12 courts and doing all the posting. They used calculators to add all of the columns on the charts and figured ringer averages at the end of play. Vicki and Stan worked in the little travel trailer with no A/C, just a small electric fan. Stan did this for a few years until he was no longer able to make the trip. When he was no longer able to pitch due to his health, he stayed involved with the sport, helping out wherever he could.

Stan was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly. He is survived by four children and six grandchildren. Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their condolences to his family and to all who knew him in horseshoes.

Howard Dale Lane

April 14, 1923–December 11, 2008

Howard Lane 85, of Grain Valley, MO, passed away December 11 from a heart condition. Howard was born in Kansas City, KS. He was an airplane mechanic and retired from Boeing Aircraft. He was also a World War II veteran.

Howard was an NHPA member from 1990 to 2007, a total of 18 years. Howard was a long time member of the Liberty Horseshoe Club and played in many tournaments, including the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournaments, and attended several World Tournaments. He continued to pitch from 40 ft. until the fall of 2006, when he moved up to 30 feet. He continued his membership at Liberty many years after he moved away. Besides pitching horseshoes, Howard enjoyed gardening, baseball, attending auctions.

Howard was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grain Valley. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, and one grandson. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Howard was a loving person and will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him. The horseshoe pitchers of Missouri send their sympathy to his family.

Lee Roy Wisdom

April 14, 1943–January 2, 2009

Lee Roy Wisdom, son of Ellen Newcom Wisdom and the late Ira Wisdom, was born at Boss, MO, on April 14, 1943. He departed this life at the Truman Medical Center in Columbia on Jan. 2, 2009, at the age of 65.

Lee Roy had a close call in December 2007, when he was diagnosed with a twisted colon and hospitalized for 37 days. His wife, Sharon, says he was recovering well from that bout. Lee Roy went hunting in November and seemed like he caught a cold. He was on antibiotics, but wasn't getting any better. On New Year's Eve Sharon drove him to the emergency room and he passed away a few days later from septic poisoning.

On August 6, 1994, in Bunker, MO, Lee Roy was united in marriage to Sharon Hodge. Lee Roy was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a former Mason and a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion. His hobbies included pitching horseshoes, playing cards and softball, riding four wheelers, boating, and playing pool. Lee Roy retired from work as a lead miner at the Sweetwater Mines in 1992.

Lee Roy was a member of the MOHPA from 1998 to 2006. He didn't renew his card due to his health problems in 2007. He pitched horseshoes throughout his lifetime and enjoyed pitching with the "boys" at Bud's Place. Lee Roy won a 1st place trophy at the 1999 Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament in St. Joseph. He went 7-0 in Class I and pitched 40%. He was especially proud of that one.

Lee Roy was preceded in death by a daughter, Leanne, age 26. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, and a son, Devon. Although he had no grandchildren, Lee Roy loved children, especially the ones that he and Sharon baby-sat for. Lee Roy is also survived by his brother, Erbie, who is also a member of the MOHPA.

Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their sympathy to his family and to all the horseshoe pitchers who knew him so well. He will be sadly missed.

Our Sympathies

- Brian Bilyeus, Independence, who recently lost his dear grandmother.
- Dorie Gillette, whose father passed away on Nov. 10. Two weeks later, she lost her step-mother.
- Leonard Bruemmer, Capitol City Horseshoe Club, whose wife, Mildred, passed away in November.

- Lee Sparks, Ozarks Horseshoe Club, who lost his 28-year-old grandson as a result of surgery in November.
- Oden Sullivan, Columbia, whose dear wife, Lee, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 20, 2008.
- Mary Ann Ell, QRHC, lost her dear mother at the age of 98 on December 31, 2009.
- Steve Forck, Capitol City, who recently suffered the loss of his sister.
- Ed Griffith, Union, for the unexpected loss of his son-in-law in January.
- Danny Wetzel, Liberty Horseshoe Club, who lost his sister in January.

Get-Well Wishes

- Sharon Taylor, Kansas City, had knee surgery in October.
- Ed Griffith, QRHC, had a serious reaction to a shot in the foot in October.
- Rich Altis, QRHC, had surgery on Oct. 23.
- Gary Gooch, former NMHC member, was operated on for serious skin cancer in November.
- Ed Davis, Ozark Horseshoe Club, suffered a stroke in Nov.
- Ed Seaton, Ozark Horseshoe Club, had hand surgery in Nov.
- Odie Sullivan, Columbia, had back surgery last fall.
- Doug Peoples, Ozark Horseshoe Club, is up and walking after having both knees replaced at the end of September.
- Ralph Orf, QRHC, had cataract surgery in both eyes in Dec.
- Gaylord Compton, QRHC, had surgery on both knees in late December.
- Darryl Gettinger, QRHC, hospitalized with pneumonia during December.
- Mary Beeson, QRHC, had surgery on December 22 and is doing fine.
- Harold Hoffmeister, Ozark Horseshoe Club, fell on New Year's Eve and broke his hip. Surgery took place the next day and he will be in rehab for several weeks.
- Pam Henderson, Independence, had eye surgery.
- Wayne Henderson, Independence, had foot surgery Jan. 5.
- Carol Howard, QRHC, had back surgery on Jan. 9.
- Stan Griggs, Kansas City, had shoulder surgery on Jan. 16.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Event at Quail Ridge

by Steve Bruemmer

Steve Bruemmer announces that the Knights of Columbus of St. Robert Bellarmine will be holding a horseshoe tournament on June 27–28, 2009. The tournament will be held at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Wentzville.

The tournament will be a non-sanctioned tournament to help support the yearly operation of St. Robert Bellarmine's Knights of Columbus. All classes will be singles and eight-man round-robin format. Awards will be given to the top three places.

You do not have to be a Knights of Columbus member to participate in the tournament. For more information, call Steve at 636-541-3232 or email him at s.bruemmer@worldnet.att.net.

- Bob Reininger, QRHC, fell in Jan. and had surgery on his hip.
- Randy Penberthy, QRHC, experienced chest pains at the courts and was taken to the hospital. Randy had to have a stent put in a blocked artery.
- Ann Strus, QRHC, was hospitalized with chest pains in Jan.
- Joe Buskirk, QRHC, had hand surgery during January.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to our 2006 Girls State Champion, who became a mother on November 18. Michael and Erika Myler are the parents of Rhilynde Nikkol, who weighed in at 6 lbs. 8 oz. The proud grandparents are Glenn and Terry Bowman of Peculiar. The excited new uncle is 2008 World Champion, Michael Bowman! Congratulations to the entire family!
- Congratulations to Nick & Angie DiRaimo, who celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 5, 2008.

Thank You

We are glad to report that Tom Ebers, Missouri's 2005-2006 30-Foot Champion, is making good progress in recuperating from the stroke that he suffered right before the 2008 Missouri State Tournament. He's gained some weight back and is starting to drive his car again. Tom doesn't know if he will ever be able to pitch horseshoes again, but is going to buy a 2009 Kansas Card. With the help of Woodrow Shepard, they started the Saline County Horseshoe Pitchers Club in 1985 and built 12 courts in Indian Foothills Park at Marshall, MO. Tom was president and chairman of league and tournament play since that time. We would like to thank Tom for his contributions and dedication to the sport of horseshoes in Missouri. Tom and his wife, Melby, now live in Shawnee, Kansas. We will miss Tom on the courts in Missouri and hope that maybe someday he will find himself back on the courts in Kansas and on top of his game once more. He is Missouri's loss, Kansas' gain. If you would like to drop Tom a note, you may write him at 15039 W. 69th Street, Shawnee, KS 66216; or give him a call at 913-268-4453. Our best wishes to Tom and his family.

2008 NHPA Longevity Patch List

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

10 Year Patches	Pat Grieving	20 Year Patches
Dennis Benson	Casey Kitchen	Larry G. Brown
Raymond Bowling	Grant Kueck	Darwin Compton
Ray Canchola	Richard Maassen	Audra Craven
Daniel Candler	Dave Molitor	Ron Deno
Al Constance	Jerry Parmentier	Eugene Loyd
Tim Engle	Justin Riley	Harvey Wobbe
Tim Franklin	Larry Riley	30 Year Patches
Alma Gantney	Bill Tabor	Rita Killgore
Darryl Gettinger	Joseph Unger	Darrell Plowman
Pam Gettinger	Sammy Weese	40 Year Patches
George Goldizen	Randy York	Robert Outt
Karen Goldizen		

2009 World Horseshoe Tournament

Springfield, Illinois • July 27–August 8

by Jeanette Claas

O.K. Missouri, let's get fired up! Escape the hot July heat in Missouri and head for Illinois. It's bound to be cooler there than it is here. This is the year that horseshoe pitchers could set an all-time-high attendance record from the great state of Missouri! Are you ready? If you have never attended a world tournament, this is your year for an unforgettable experience in horseshoe pitching. Talk with someone who has attended a world tournament and they will fill you in on what to expect and what to bring with you. There is a class for everyone. The lower classes generally pitch the first week and the more experienced ones during the second week, so try to gear your vacation around those days. You will be in a class of 16 people and play a round-robin format, five games per day for three straight days. You will be in a class with the ringer percentage so close, anyone can win no matter where you are seeded on the totem pole. I am already hearing from many Missourians, "Yes, we're going to the WT for the first time!"

Springfield, the capital city of the great state of Illinois, will be the site for the 85th World Horseshoe Tournament. Lucky for Missourians, we only have to travel 100 miles from St. Louis and, bingo, we are there! Springfield is located on historic U.S. Route 66 in Sangamon County, midpoint between Chicago and St. Louis at the intersection of I-55 and 72.

Springfield became the state capital in 1837 with the help of a young lawyer and politician named Abraham Lincoln. He lived in the city for more than 30 years, until he left to become the 16th President of the United States in 1861. From that moment on, the city's history and future have been inexorably tied to this most famous and beloved American citizen.

Springfield is the hub of Illinois political activity and the state of Illinois will now add to its history the 44th President of the United States! This year will mark the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. And there's no better place to celebrate his amazing life than the city that witnessed some of its most formative events: his marriage to Mary Todd, the birth of his four

sons, his first encounter with the powerful tides of change that would lift a humble man of the people to the highest office in the land. More than one million visitors a year come to see the city's historic Lincoln sites, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library. You won't want to miss this. There is also the Lincoln Home, the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, Lincoln's Tomb, Lincoln's New Salem and more. Other attractions include the Dana-Thomas House, the old state Capitol, the Illinois State Capitol, and the Executive Mansion.

New Salem is set in the 1850s, with people in costume and character to explain how the village worked during Lincoln's time.

It features candle makers, a blacksmith, oxen that pull the wagons, etc. Bill Marvin of Illinois says you can easily spend an afternoon there. There is a ceremony at Lincoln's tomb where soldiers in uniforms from that era lower the flag. One lucky person in the audience receives the flag.

You'll enjoy the Kicks Family Entertainment Center, which

has a great smorgasbord, a huge arcade, go-carts, and fun for the whole family. There is also Knight's Action Park, which features a water park, driving range, go cart track, and drive-in movie theater. You may want to take a stroll down the "Main Street of America" and enjoy a delicious corndog at the place where they were invented on nostalgic Route 66. There is much, much more to see in Springfield, so plan for a few extra days stay. For more information, contact the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-545-7300 or 217-789-2360. Be sure to visit the website, www.visit-springfieldillinois.com — it's all there.

After you are through "thinkin' Lincoln," you may want to pitch some shoes at the tournament site, the Prairie Capital Convention Center, located next door to the host hotel, the Hilton Springfield at 700 East Adams. Check the website for more motel listings and campground information.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is expecting many visitors to stop by and see the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame & Museum on their way to the tournament. Pack up your bags and horseshoes (many people forget them in their haste and excitement), buckle up, pass by the Gateway Arch and it's only a short drive from there. Illinois is filled with state troopers (just ask Mickey Gillette), so drive safely and we will all meet in Springfield.

The entry form is located in this issue of Shoe Biz. Pay particular attention to the entry date deadline of May 14. You must have at least four tournaments during the year to participate in the WT. Once you send in your entry form, you will be hearing from the Tournament Directors, our NHPA officers, sometime in June, letting you know the day and time that you will be pitching. Get your hotel/motel reservations in ASAP. It's not too early to do it now. **Warning:** Once you attend, you'll be hooked and will want to attend every year thereafter.

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Entry Form

**National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
World Horseshoe Pitching Championships**

July 27th to August 8th 2009 • Springfield, Illinois

Entry Deadline: May 14th 2009

Name _____ 2009 NHPA Card # _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)
Address _____ SS# _____
(See Note #1)
City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____
Telephone: Home # _____ Work # _____ Date of Birth _____

Please list your local newspaper _____ Did you enter last years tournament? Yes ___ No ___

Circle the division you are entering. You can enter only one division (see notes near bottom of page).

OPEN MEN 40' SENIOR MEN 40' OPEN WOMEN SENIOR WOMEN (see note #2) ELDER MEN JR. BOYS 30' JR. GIRLS CADETS 20' (see note #3)

I believe my current average is approx _____%. **No refunds will be made after May 23rd 2009.**

Participants Liability Release: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Signed _____ Date _____

----- mail top half only -----

We reserve the right to disallow your participation if we discover errors on this form or if your records don't appear in NATSTATS, CANSTATS, or false or misleading information is on this form.

Mail this form with registration fees (payable to NHPA) to:
NHPA
3085 76th Street
Franksville, WI 53126

Direct Telephone Inquiries to:
Dick Hansen
NHPA Sec/Treas.
262-835-9108

All Entries must be on this form and mailed with a postmark no later than May 14th 2009. Entries received with a postmark after May 14th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. NATSTATS/CANSTATS files must substantiate that you have pitched a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the preceding twelve (12) months, at your divisions pitching distance, prior to May 14th 2009, which is the last date NATSTATS will accept results to determine entering averages. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Participants will be required to show their 2009 NHPA or Canadian membership card when checking in to pitch.

Registration Fees: All Adults, \$125.00 • All Juniors, \$25.00
U.S. funds only. Canadian entries, use money orders. Registration fee includes score keeping fees.
No Refunds After May 23rd 2009.

You may enter at anytime prior to May 14th. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on May 14th 2009. Entry fees received before April 1st 2009 will be held until that date.

Read Carefully: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **Open Men's Division** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **Open Women's Division**. To enter the **Senior Division**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2009. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2009 or is older or physically impaired person of any age may enter the **Elder Men's Division**. **Junior Division** entrants must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2009 calendar year.

Note # 1: A Social Security number is required from all pitchers that move up to the Championship Classes, except Juniors.
Note # 2: A minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled and all entrants will be placed in the Open Women.
Note # 3: Junior Cadets must be 9 years old or younger for the entire calendar year.

US Residents Only: Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a copy of your current average. This will be sent to you by NATSTATS. Canadian entries need to go direct to CANSTATS for their average. Or you can check your average on the NHPA web site at www.horseshoepitching.com.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 24th** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by **June 8th**.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held August 2nd 2009. Please sign up for this event before July 24th 2009. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. Don't miss out.



Profile: Lyle Samuelson

by Jeanette Claas

"It pays to advertise," is a slogan that Lyle Samuelson agrees with wholeheartedly. Lyle Samuelson saw an ad in the Liberty newspaper asking anyone interested in horseshoe pitching to come to the city park at certain time and date. He went to that meeting, signed up, and became a charter member of the Liberty Horseshoe Club. Since that time back in 1988, horseshoes opened a whole new world for him and his wife.

Lyle was born and raised on a farm in Kansas near the town of Vliets. Lyle's birth raised the population to read 101! The town consisted of a general store, post office, telephone office, train station, grain elevators, feed store, and blacksmith shop.

Being the last of seven children, Lyle must have irritated his mother one day, as she scolded him pretty good. "I told her she couldn't expect any more out of me because I had to take all of the leftover parts that the other six kids didn't want. She was real quick to say, 'That's not true. You got all new parts just like the other six did.' Needless to say, I didn't mention that again!"

Lyle and his brother pitched some horseshoes on the farm. "We had four sizes of horseshoes, ranging from a pony to a mule to a quarter horse to a work horse." The stakes varied from 3/8" to 3/4" diameter and a whopping length of 30". There was no way of developing ringer consistency as they guessed at the distance between stakes. Those were fun carefree days.

After high school graduation from Frankfort High School in 1951, Lyle went to Kansas City to attend Aeromechanics School. He graduated a year later with an Aircraft Engine Mechanic license issued by the Civil Aeronautic Administration.

Lyle was called back home for the next two years to help out on the farm. Then Uncle Sam's draft board called to say he was being drafted into the Army. Lyle joined the U.S. Air Force in January 1954, and served for the next four years. At the Strategic Air Command base in Salina, Kansas, Lyle was assigned the duty of maintenance Crew Chief on a B-47 bomber aircraft. His 40th Bomb Wing made two trips overseas to England, in 1955 and 1957. From these bases, they flew missions to France, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Africa.

Returning home, he went to work for Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, where he met his future wife, an attractive brunette

named Ina Mae. Ina was raised in Brookfield and moved to Kansas City in 1953, where she, too, found employment at Hallmark. She had been working for Hallmark for five years before Lyle got out of the Air Force. Ina worked the day shift and Lyle worked the night shift, which left dating on the weekends. They married on November 22, 1959, and soon had three children. Ina Mae was a stay-at-home mom and provided child care for other families for 11 years. Their son Jim is an account rep for Smurfit-Stone and their daughter Angie is a technology project manager/senior writer-producer for HNTB; both live in the Kansas City area. Their third child, Jeff, lives in Fort Worth, where he is a

technology curriculum integrator for three schools. Jeff and his wife have two children. Ina Mae started part-time for Bette's Hallmark Gold Crown Store as store manager and retired in 1998. Her retirement looked like so much fun, Lyle joined her in 1999, having worked at Hallmark for 41 years.

Pitching horseshoes has taken the Samuelsons to many different cities in Missouri. Lyle has pitched in six state tournaments and collected his share of trophies. They have also attended six World Tournaments, in Biloxi, MI, Spearfish, SD, Columbus, OH, Greenville, OH, Pocatello, ID, and Ardmore, OK. Lyle tied for 1st place in Ardmore in the Elders Class G with a 12-3 record. After the playoff game, his record was 12-4, giving him 2nd place with a

38.13%. "World Tournaments are great," says Lyle. "They make you want to attend year after year."

Lyle has also pitched in the MO State Fair Tournament in Sedalia for several years, winning lots of assorted colored ribbons. Once again, Earl Winston handed him the second place ribbon and Lyle said "Thank you." "I mentioned that I couldn't win first place because my opponent threw too many ringers in the last game. Earl looked at me and asked, 'Did he make a ringer with all 50 shoes?'" Lyle told him no and Earl said, "What were you doing with your shoe every time he missed?" It was hard for Lyle to answer that question. Two months before the 1998 State Fair Tournament, Ina Mae announced, "I want one of those walnut plaques in the shape of Missouri to hang on the wall." I guess that was all Lyle needed, as he won first place and got the plaque for both of them!

Lyle is also well known for wearing a safari hat with a battery-operated fan that acts as an air-conditioning unit on those sweltering hot Missouri days. At the 2005 Missouri State Tournament, this hat nearly got him into trouble. He won first place in the Men's Class H wearing that hat. Some of the members of the class thought he should be disqualified because safari hats were not available to all participants. Sofari, so good!

The year 2007 was Lyle's best pitching year so far. He received his 20-year NHPA patch, his first 60% patch, a first-place class plaque and patch in their club tournament, and a first-place plaque and patch in their club's tournament championship. At the 2007 WT, he received a second-place trophy, and won another second-place finish at the MO State Tournament Walking Doubles.

Profile, continued on page 27



Earl's Teasers



Your are on a beautiful white horse. On your left is a drop off, on your right are four ostriches being chased by a lion. In front of you are four gazelles running so fast you can't catch up with them. And in back of you is a stampede of horses. How can you get yourself out of this dangerous situation?

For the answer, see page 27.

MOHPA Hall of Fame

by Dee McIntire

There were two well-deserving inductees into the Hall of Fame for 2008, Gregg Craven and Carlyle Gricks. We are looking forward to 2009 being another great year.

The Hall of Fame Committee will be accepting nominations for inductees into the MOHPA Hall of Fame for 2009 until June 1, 2009. The nomination form is listed below or you can access it on the MOHPA web site. Nominations can be submitted to the Chairperson either by e-mail at dmcintire@kc.rr.com or by mail to Dee McIntire, 6802 N Askew, Gladstone, MO 64119. Please be sure to print or type your nominations.

Each nominee must have been an active NHPA/MOHPA member for at least 10 years. The three categories are listed below with recommended items that should be addressed during the completion of the nomination form. Please remember, nominations received directly from any nominee will be returned without action.

Player Category

List: Pitching records such as high ringer percentage games, longest consecutive string of ringers, etc.; any important tournament wins, along with tournament averages; any state titles with year and averages pitched; any outstanding World Tournament performances.

Promoter/Organizer Category

List: Any tournaments organized and their locations; any outstanding publicity obtained for our sport; any horseshoe clubs helped to organize; any Club, State or National office/s held; total years nominee has worked to promote our sport; any other qualifications worthy of consideration.

Player/Organizer Category

Some persons have achieved a degree of excellence in both categories and it becomes difficult to place them in just one category. Please list any information pertinent from both of the above categories.

Those submitting nominations are encouraged to use additional pages to describe the activities of nominees so the selection committee has a complete understanding of the nominee.

MOHPA Hall of Fame Committee

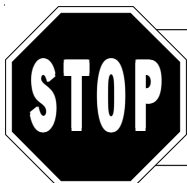
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1992 Inductee Louis "Lefty" Steinmann	1993 Inductee Elwyn Cooper Woodrow Shephard	1994 Inductee Charles Picraux	1995 Inductee Don Harris	1996 Inductee Sam Carter	1997 Inductee None	
1998 Inductees Val Eikel Stan Griggs Wayne Henderson	1999 Inductees Mel Ingram Don Jones Art Schroeder	2000 Inductees Joe Faron Sam Foster Kent Armstrong Alan Francis	2001 Inductee Harvey Wobbe	2002 Inductee Carl W. "Cotton" Gutshall	2003 Inductees Jerry Griggs Pam Henderson	
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Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall Of Fame

(Nomination Form)

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

(Please print or use typewriter)

Name of Nominee _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Club Affiliations: _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

What do you consider the nominee's most important achievements in horseshoes?

Player:

Organizer:

Promoter:

What recognition has the nominee received for: Playing Ability, Leadership, Administrative, Etc.?

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

In which category do you recommend the nominee be considered?

_____ Player _____ Promoter/Organizer _____ Player/Organizer

Submitted by: _____ **Date:** _____

Additional narrative may be attached. Please indicate _____ **Yes** if additional pages and number of total pages included _____.

*Please refer to MOHPA HOF Standard Operating Procedure regarding
HOF nomination and selection procedures before submitting your nomination.*

Who's Who in Horseshoes?

by Elizabeth Furner



Editor's Note: Did you recognize the young 18-year-old gal pitching horseshoes in West Virginia? If not, it was none other than Elizabeth Furner of Excelsior Springs, MO. The following is her story, written in her own words: when she started pitching shoes, her first gold medal, finding her way into organized horseshoes, and winding up in third place in the Women's Championship Class in 2008. Elizabeth is now ranked #3 in the Missouri Women's Division, with a ringer percent average of 61.90%. —Jeanette Claas

Thunk, plunk, clink, clank—Four Dead! What? Call 911! No, no—it's not an emergency—it's the best scenario in horseshoes, four ringers, one right on top of another.

Born a Buckeye (Ohio), raised a Mountaineer (West Virginia), visited the Pelicans (Louisiana), and adopted by the Show-Me's (Missouri), this ol' gal was introduced to the nomenclature of the best sport ever in 2002, when one of her employees invited her to see him pitch in a horseshoe tournament at a place called the Harris Arena at Stocksdale Park in Liberty, Missouri. To Grant Kueck, I will always be grateful.

West Virginia is known for many things—coal, timber, long-term politicians—but many don't realize there are lots and lots of good horseshoe pitchers in “them thar hills.” I was raised pitching against my uncles and great-uncles at home picnics and church revivals. Since my mom would not let me play football with my brothers and their friends, I stayed home and pitched shoes. We didn't know the rules, just stepped off the distance for the pegs, hammered them into the ground and started pitching. Scoring was points for close shoes, three points for leaners, and five points for ringers. If someone topped a ringer, instead of canceling points, that person on top took “all the marbles,” instead of 5 points, the guy on top got 10.

I met my one and only in 1964 when, as a freshman at West Virginia University, I was approached by an upperclassman and asked if I wanted to purchase tickets to the Block and Bridle Barbeque and Livestock Show. Years went by, we graduated. Post-graduation, Russell trained as a medic for Uncle Sam. I worked as a research technician at the university and began graduate school. As he watched for Viet Cong, I watched Neil Armstrong walk on the moon.

After his tour in Vietnam and release from the Army, we married and moved further into the West Virginia mountains to raise sheep and cattle. As he farmed, I worked as a 4-H nutritionist, teaching young people both in the formal classroom and neighborhood camps. Along with camps came horseshoes. There was never a campground—church, scout, 4-H—that didn't have two stakes in the ground.

While on the farm, we gained two wonderful sons, Aaron and Duane. I completed my graduate studies. We moved from the farm after a few years and went to the flat wetlands of Louisiana. We left the serene country life, where our nearest neighbor was eight miles away, and moved to the metropolis of New Orleans, LA, where our nearest neighbor was eight yards away. Culture

shock: swamps vs. mountains, urban vs. rural, oranges vs. apples. We stayed long enough to complete our family with our little southern belle, Sarah.

Job transfers brought us to Missouri, first to St. Louis and then across the state to Kansas City. Here I began a third career. While working as a buyer for Tempmaster, a manufacture of HVAC-AHU systems, teams were put together for the company picnic. I can remember the apologies as I was handed a flashlight and oil can for winning the horseshoe competition. “We never dreamed a woman would win this,” exclaimed the surprised company man. For the rest of my career with Tempmaster, I was known as “Shoes.”

I moved from Tempmaster to a new company, Target Products. No, not the retail giant, but a small manufacturing plant of concrete and masonry saws. If you've ever been stuck in traffic as big saws were being used to cut up the highway or ever used a saw to cut bricks for your house or tile for your bathroom, chances are you were introduced to our product. Target chose to enter the Corporate Challenge one year, 1990 to be exact. I entered to represent my company in the horseshoe competition. It was a story of preparedness meets opportunity, the only time Target ever entered the Challenge. Little did I know that the years in West Virginia would allow me to take home the one and only gold medal for the company.

It was while training for this competition that I learned about the correct scoring, clay pits, and the 30-foot rule. Up to this point, I had always pitched from the regulation, sanctioned pit. I remember after winning the medal, one of the ladies asked me what shoes I used. I wondered why such a question as I answered, “K-Mart.”

We've now gone full circle. We're back to 2002 and Grant Kueck and his tournament. I met Gregg Craven and was invited to join the Liberty Horseshoe Club. It was suggested I could have more success if I got a professional pair of horseshoes rather than the playground shoes. When I found out a pair of shoes would be about \$50, I remember thinking, “What? I can buy two pairs plus the pegs for just over \$20 at K-Mart!”

Gregg gave me a catalog. “Okay, I don't know if this is something I will stick with. In case I don't, I'll get the American shoes, 'cause I can get two pair for \$50 and qualify to pitch in tournaments.” My first tournament was in Marshall, MO, with Tom Ebers. I'd never seen a tournament before, had never pitched for so long before! After pitching in the 0% class, Tom asked if I wanted to pitch in another class. I respectfully declined and drove home. By the time I reached home, my muscles had cramped up so badly I couldn't walk right for the next two weeks. I had to use a push cart to move around the plant.

As history demonstrates I have stuck with it. I changed my shoe from American to a Snyder Flip. I have competed in several local competitions, three MO State Championships, one World Team, team competition in Joelton, TN, and world competitions in Wisconsin and Utah. I have been honored to watch and/or compete with such women as Pam Henderson, Mary Vogel, Audra Craven, Loree Meier, Jan Krienkamp, Rose Diekamp, and Joan Elmore. I wish I had had an opportunity to see Vicki Winston compete. Her records speak for themselves.

“Shoes” are concentration, grit, and determination, but most of all, they are fun, especially when partnering with the

Who's Who, continued on page 27

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

NHPF News, Views & Donations

by Dave Loucks

As we enter the year 2009, let me offer each of you a New Year greeting along with a wish for good health and prosperity. The events of last year certainly brought financial hardship to some that, in turn, affected several areas of our sport and association. Tournament participation was down, some sponsors of local events reduced or curtailed their support, and some clubs found their courts being closed down due to the shortage of funds and budget cuts in the local municipality. Let's hope that this year really does bring about some change and positive economic conditions that our newly elected president promises.

The NHPF certainly was not immune to the 2008 economic meltdown. Contributions from the state charters and members were down 58% from the year 2007. While the National Hall of Fame and pitching facility in Wentzville, MO, completed its first full year of operation, it did experience some problems that needed the financial attention of the NHPF. The building had some roof leaks and damage to exterior siding panels due to high winds and the lack of interior insulation that caused some parts of the metal building support system to flex. Our building contractors addressed all the exterior problems and the NHPF had all the open interior walls sprayed with foam insulation. The building is now quieter and will be more comfortable during all seasons, with an expected annual savings in electric costs.

The state of Missouri now leads all states in total dollars contributed. California, which held the lead for several years, is now in second place. The poor economic conditions I spoke of earlier obviously hurt donations to the NHPF. During 2008, only the states of CA, MN, MO, NC, OH, OR, PA, and WI sent in \$1,000 or more in contributions. Twenty-five states recorded only one or two donations for the entire year, while 13 states, a full 25% of all the charters, did not send in a single contribution. Poor economic conditions or not, these numbers show a pitiful lack of support for the National Hall of Fame facility and the charitable work of the NHPF on behalf of horseshoe pitching.

Our sport and association, which includes the NHPA & NHPF, is basically self-supporting. We have no national spon-

sors to pick up any shortfalls and the immediate future may not look very promising for the growth of horseshoe pitching. Attend tournaments in 2009, purchase an engraved brick at the Hall of Fame facility, send in a contribution or two to the NHPF, and, above all, try to recruit a new member to your club. A contribution to the NHPF is tax deductible if you itemize 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.

During the months of October and November, just \$3205 was received from member contributions and brick orders. Another \$16,361 was deposited from building rent, the Sanctioned League Team Tournament, and \$1 per NHPA member as approved at the 2008 delegate convention. Contributions from Missouri were received from the Heartland Indoor Horseshoe Pitchers Association, the Holly Marie Memorial, and Vicki & Earl Winston.

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Show-Me Shoes!

Show Me a ringer and I'll Show You some great trivia facts of horseshoe pitching in Missouri. Did you know?

- There are more than 15,000 horseshoe pitchers in the U.S. registered with the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. And approximately 1,000 of them live in Missouri.
- The National Horseshoe Pitchers' Hall of Fame and Museum is located in Wentzville, MO.
- Missouri has more than 22 organized horseshoe clubs throughout the state.
- The current 2008 Junior Boys World Champion is from Missouri.
- An 8-year-old boy from a small town in Missouri was the 2007 World Cadet Champion.
- A Missouri woman horseshoe pitcher was in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the only woman to claim the World Women's Championship Title for ten years.
- The current World Men's Champion, who has retained that title 14 times, was born and raised on a farm in Missouri.



These are all facts recorded in Missouri horseshoe pitching and Missouri is very proud of its horseshoe accomplishments. There are thousands of horseshoes pitchers in Missouri. Most everyone has pitched horseshoes sometime in their life, such as family picnics, and knows how much fun it can be. Joining a local club or league can really add to this pleasure. Horseshoe pitching is for everyone, as leagues accommodate men, women, juniors, and elders. Most leagues are handicapped (just like bowling) so, whether you are an expert or just a beginner, you can compete.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is located in Wentzville at the beautiful Quail Ridge Park. It is also the home of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame & Museum. We hold monthly tournaments and have league play all year around. It is fully heated and air-conditioned, with 16 indoor courts and 16 outdoor courts. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Claas at 636-447-3039 or send an email to djclaas@sbcglobal.net. Visit the Missouri state website at www.mohpa.us or the national site at www.horseshoepitching.com for more information.



Women's Horseshoe Pitching Activities in Missouri

by Vicki Winston

Editor's Note: Vicki wrote this article in 1996 when I asked her if she could give us some history of women's horseshoe pitching in Missouri as she remembered it. She recalls very vividly what obstacles she faced, sometimes being the only woman pitching in a tournament. The article is of such great interest that I felt there were many of our readers who never saw the article in 1996 and so, for you newer members, this article is being republished. —Jeanette Claas

Missouri was way behind the times in encouraging women pitchers. They were okay for doing stats or keeping score, but women just didn't belong in the game itself. I met many fellows during the 1960s who said they did not mind if I pitched against them, but I also met some who did. I was personally responsible for at least one man hanging up his shoes and never pitching again because I beat him. There were a couple of tournament directors who invited me to their tournaments just because they knew it would make some of the local pitchers mad if I beat them and they wanted to be able to rub it in. That is one reason that I decided to stick to only the World Tournament for several years. I didn't need that kind of hassle. In those years, entry to the World Tournament was by pitching qualifying shoes on site. Women had to pitch 100 shoes. Men had to pitch 200 shoes. There was no requirement to pitch in a certain number of sanctioned events. Pitching only in my own backyard was hardly adequate preparation for Women's Championship Division competition. In fact, a couple of years I did not qualify into the Championship Division at the World Tournament and that is probably one of the reasons why.

I'm sure that eventually someone would have come along to start a Women's Division in our state tournament, but Earl and I finally pushed one into existence in 1976. That was way behind the times, but it was a start. Some other states had all-women leagues going with 100 members. They weren't part of the NHPA-sanctioned league program until it began in 1978, but interest among women pitchers was already being promoted very strongly. By getting a women's division added to our state tournament, I created another difficulty. I then had other ladies petitioning to have me barred from playing in it because I was too good for them. It's been a rough life.

I have seen no records of Missouri having a female NHPA member before 1960, when I arrived in the state. However, I cannot state this as a fact. With World Tourney's for women available starting in 1920, there may have been someone from Missouri who did take part sometime, although I've never been told of any. Throughout all of the 1960s, except for 1966 and 1967 when David Baker's wife was also a member, I appear to be the only woman NHPA member. I had to keep my card current to participate in the World Tournament. Records will show that I did compete in the Missouri State Championships with the men for a few years. I quit competing in the Men's State Tournament after 1965. I can't remember if this was by request, NHPA mandate, or just my better judgment. The fact that my husband was the president let me get by those years I dared.

Horseshoe enthusiasts at that time mostly had a rural background, where women still had a "certain place" and there were just some things that women didn't even think about trying. The women's lib and women's rights movements were yet to come. Also, pants and jeans were not really in vogue for women and playing horseshoes in a dress just didn't cut it, although there were a few ladies back in the yesteryears of World Tournament competition that did wear dresses when pitching.

Way back in the 60s, I was invited to pitch in an event when the Kansas City courts were first installed. I remember Paul Latray was there. A truck had been driven through the middle of the courts during construction and there were ruts cut in the grass right where

I needed to stand. I remember standing in a rut and stepping up out of it, throwing 80% to beat Paul. He was one unhappy camper! There was a fellow there from St. Joe that remembered that to his dying day and every time he saw me, he had to mention it. Oh, the good old days. There were no nice pitching platforms for women and juniors in those days, and the Elders Division was yet to come.

Sometime in the late 1960s, or maybe it was actually the 1970s, there came a ruling out of the NHPA annual convention that mixed-distance pitching was not allowed in any sanctioned tournament. Sanctioned tournaments were very scarce in our state. Probably only our state tournament was sanctioned at that time. However, I pitched in very few tournaments throughout those years, other than the World Tournament. There were a few where I was especially invited, but for the most part I stayed away unless I was helping with stats. With the founding of the NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Program in 1978, there soon arose a cry to allow mixed-distance pitching in leagues and it wasn't too long after that before the rule banning mixed distance pitching was abolished.

Missouri actually allowed junior girls to pitch in mixed competition with junior boys when we started up junior classes again in 1968 at our state tournament. We got two girls to enter in 1969. One came back in 1970. More girls showed up in 1975 and 1976. However, until 1976, we had no official division in our state tournament for women. Below are the numbers of entrants for the Women's Division in the state tournament since it began:

1976: 6	1981: 15	1985: 16	1989: 21	1993: 44
1977: 3	1982: 18	1986: 17	1990: 31	1994: 48
1978: 7	1983: 24	1987: 18	1991: 38	1995: 56
1979: 23	1984: 16	1988: 19	1992: 37	1996: 74
1980: 24				

I arrived at these figures by attempting to count the number of participants on the Final Results printouts.

Membership totals through 1980 and 1981 were pretty much representative of the actual number of women participants in the state tournament. Everyone had to have a card in order to pitch. Then came the start of some sanctioned clubs and leagues within our state. The first into the program was the Greater St. Louis Club, sanctioned in 1980. It didn't offer much opportunity for women pitchers. However, the Golden Triangle Club followed in 1982, and the Independence Club in 1983, and both of them offered league opportunities for the ladies. As the years progressed, more clubs and leagues were formed and most continued to offer pitching opportunities for the female gender. With the additional sanctioned tournaments becoming available as the years went by, the interest in tournament play also grew. We are now reaping the results. A brief history of numbers of Missouri Women NHPA members follows:

1960 – 1965: 1	1976: 6	1990: 79
1966 – 1967: 2	1980: 24	1996: 222
1968 – 1975: 1	1985: 44	

I believe Missouri has caught up with the times in fine fashion, as the figures will show. The ladies seem to be doing quite well. I hope it continues.



Junior Spotlight: Tori Vandeven

by Jeanette Claas

Our junior spotlight shines upon a young lady who just turned 17 years old on February 3, 2009. Tori Vandeven of Leopold just happens to be our two-time Junior Girls State Champion. She comes from a horseshoe-pitching family. Her parents are Dawn and Keith Morrow, who are members of the SEMO association and who both participate in the annual Knights of Columbus State Horseshoes competition. Tori has two sisters, Beth Stone (age 15) and Katie Stone (age 14).

Tori was born in Florida, moved to California, and lived in Arizona for awhile. At the age of 8, the family moved back to Leopold, where her parents were both from. She is now a sophomore at Leopold High School, which is one of the smallest high schools in Missouri. Tori has 20 classmates, pretty much equal in gender. Approximately 200–250 students are enrolled from K-12. Her favorite subjects are English and Geography. Tori is athletic and loves to play volleyball. She has earned a spot on the Junior Varsity team. She would like to be an athletic trainer when she completes here education.



In the summer of 2008, Tori landed a job working with the Girl Scouts at Camp Cherokee Ridge, serving as a counselor. “It’s a fun and entertaining job,” Tori says, as she teaches crafts and takes the girls hiking on the trails. At Camp Sacagawea, she teaches children horseback riding and safety. She plans on working at the same job again this summer.

Tori joined the MOHPA in 2004 and loves pitching horseshoes; however, she hangs up her shoes when summer ends. During the summer months, she practices from 30 minutes to an hour each day. Tori has been a member of the Backyard Horseshoe Club for five years. She enters into as many tournaments as she can get into during the summer months. She has made five appearances in the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament, winning her first State Championship Title in 2007 with a 38.5% average. In 2008, she repeated this performance, winning her second State Title with a 51.2% average, pitching a high game of 65.6%.

The horseshoe pitcher she admires the most is her grandpa, Darrel Vandeven. She like his smooth delivery and has learned much watching him pitch. She also enjoys pitching with John Vandeven and LaShelle Cook at the Backyard Courts in Marble Hill. Her goal in horseshoes is “to beat my own state average.” When she is pitching horseshoes, she always remembers her great-grandpa’s words, “Nice and easy, smooth and natural.” This advice she passes on to you.

This year will be Tori’s last year in Junior competition. It has been fun watching Tori grow and mature in horseshoes. The state of Missouri wishes Tori the best of luck in her school projects and on the courts. We hope she continues to pitch horseshoes and be an inspiration to all girls.

Youth Profile Information

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

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

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

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Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

by Jeanette Claas

On Sept. 30, 2008, at our QRHC General Meeting, three new officers were elected: President, Jeanette Claas; Vice-President, Andy Foulds; and Secretary, Tricia Simon. Our two remaining officers are: 2nd Vice-President, Larry Langewisch; and Treasurer, Jim Howard. We would like to thank our former officers, Martin Orf, Roy Evans, and Suzanne Evans, for all their time, duty, and responsibilities that they put into the club during their terms in office.



Since that meeting, the club members have voted in some new additions to our old bylaws. This included selecting new club managers who will be in charge of important projects for the club. They are: Larry Langewisch, Rich Altis, Ginny

Weiss, Theresa Barry, JoAnn Wall, Darryl Gettinger, Tricia Simon, Jim Riley, and Bob Reininger. By doing this, we hope to become more organized to make our club better and get more volunteer response. Since moving to our new facility, we have discovered it takes a village to carry out all the responsibilities that our club endures.

Our club has taken on several projects over the past few months. We had to re-do our outdoor courts to meet up to the Parks Department's specifications. This involved digging up the old dirt that was hauled in and laying mulch supplied by the Parks Dept. Andy Foulds and his crew took charge of this project and completed it within two weekends in November before the weather turned cold.

A small wall in the restaurant area had to be built to hide the Men's restroom door. This wall shall be called the "No Peek Wall." It was designed and built by Joe Faron, Bob Cutright, Gary Buehler, and Jim Howard.

A survey and information packet for new and old members was made by Jill Knobbe, who organized this project. We would like to thank our new secretary, who purchased her own tape recorder to help save time and energy, not only on her part, but for the club as well.

Food concessions are our biggest money maker. We need to thank JoAnn Wall and Theresa Barry for their expertise in this department. Ginny Weiss is our coordinator for getting workers to help serve in the kitchen. A Washers tournament was recently held at our facility that was put on by the Parks Department and brought in a bundle from our concessions!

Our cleaning crew is headed by Jim Riley. This is a large, time-consuming task that usually takes 12–15 people four hours to complete. At the January cleanup, 24 volunteers responded to help on this chore.

After five months of being ill, Bob Diekamp has made his reappearance, along with his wife, Rose. It has been a long haul for them and we hope Bob will soon be on the courts once more.

We also have a new host hotel for the QRHC—the Holiday Inn Express located ten miles from our club. Once all the road construction by the park is finished, the distance between the hotel and horseshoe facility will be a straight shot and easy to get

to and from the facility. The motel is only three years old and very nice. Those who have stayed there are very pleased with it.

Both winter leagues are in full swing as of this time, with more than 60 pitchers on the Monday night Jack & Jill League and 82 pitchers on the Wednesday night Men's League. Directors for the Monday night league are Ginny Weiss and Jill Knobbe. The Men's Wednesday League Director is Rich Altis. The "Misfits" team won the first half of the season in the Jack & Jill League. In the Monday night league, we have seen some unusual activity. On Court 13, Mary Scharf was seen doing a cartwheel as she pitched her first double for the season. As Renee Benton lifted the carpet pad off the Court 9 pit, she discovered a mouse, and yes, Renee outran the mouse by a mile. As the Beesons were preparing to leave the building, a person on the outside opened the door to ask a question and a large hawk flew in, leaving Mary to scurry to the office as fast as she could, slam the door shut, and peer out of the small window in the door. As the hawk flew around looking for a place to escape, it flew into the window and knocked itself out. Gaylord Compton picked the bird up and sat it outside, where it regained consciousness and flew off to its happy home. They had a tough time convincing Mary that all was clear and that she could come out. The holidays were made festive by JoAnn Wall and Carol Howard decorating the facility so beautifully. The Christmas tree was set up with Christmas chimes that caroled throughout the building.

Something new for the QRHC: Don Claas is in the midst of organizing a Day League that will be pitching three 50-shoe games.

January has been tough on a few QRHC members. Randy Penberly and Ann Strus were both hospitalized with chest pains. Bob Reininger fell and had a fractured hip and Carol Howard had extensive back surgery.

A Tournament Directors meeting was held in January and they elected to change our trophy policy. We will now be presenting the winners with a perpetual trophy. These are made of laminated oak, with black and gold plates that will hold the names of the lucky winners for at least 15 tournaments.

Our 2009 calendar of events include 18 tournaments and other events at the QRHC facility. We are looking forward to a year full of excitement for all our enthusiastic members. Look on the 2009 tournament schedule in this issue for all the tournament dates and pick out all the ones you want to pitch in. We look forward to having you and other guests from out of town attend.

Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

We are very excited for two of our Junior pitchers. Alyssa Leger and Ashley Craven both won a Junior Scholarship Award for 2008. This is Alyssa's fourth award and she is still eligible to compete two more years. Ashley is only 14, so she will have several more chances.

We had several members who received National Top 10 awards for leagues last year: Alyssa Leger, Elizabeth Furner, Roy Flatt, and Robert Booe (KS). Receiving personalized plaques for finishing in the Top 3 in one or more category were Alex Roberts, Mary Vogel, Nick DiRaimo, and Perry Mann. The full details



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will be published in the next issue of the NHPA magazine *Horseshoe Pitching Newslite*.

We finished our two fall mixed leagues in December. The League Champions in the Day League were Audra Craven, Lyle Samuelson, Danny Wetzel, and Larry Anderson, with a 58-32 record. Winning the Tuesday League were Lee Crabtree, John Anderson, Robert Johnson, and Ron Jackson (53-37). Our Most Improved players were Maggie Jackson and Junior Savanna Johnson. High Average went to Robert Booe (107.2) and Nick DiRaimo (109.4). Norm Green earned his 70% patch. High Games were Robert Booe (125) and Nick DiRaimo (128). High Over Average games were Lyle Samuelson and Gregg Craven. There were 63 pitchers in the two leagues.

The winter seems much shorter when we can pitch inside at the Don Harris Arena. Thanks, Don!

Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Roena Branson

Hi, everyone. Happy New Year 2009. Let's all hope this year will be a great year for all of us.



We started our winter league at the Pits on October 13, 2008. We have five leagues this year and everyone is having a great time. At least it gets us out of the house and doing better things like pitching horseshoes.

On October 19, the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club and Capitol City Horseshoe Club had their third annual tournament at Washington Park in Jefferson City. It was a beautiful day, but a little windy. The tournament was run by Steve Bruemmer and Bob Bastel. As we were getting everything lined out to start pitching, some of us ladies had to use the restroom and were told to use the facility at the ice arena if it was unlocked. Several of us went to check it out and it was open, so in we go and it was so dark we had a hard time finding the lights, but as our eyes adjusted we were fine. When we started to exit the building, we set the alarm off and here comes the police to see what is going on. Well, as it stands, we were not supposed to use that facility but everything worked out just fine anyway. As the day went along, we were all pitching and having a great time and then came the time to see who was the winner; I have to say it was down to the wire. When the wins and losses were counted, it came down to Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club with 33½ wins and Capitol City Horseshoe Club with 32½. We would like to say "Thank You" to the scorekeepers as well for their help. Next year we will meet again at the Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club.

Our club has had its share of mishaps this year. Ed Davis had foot surgery on October 14 and, with the complications that arose, Ed was in the hospital for a while and gave all of us a scare. But Ed is home and doing very well again. We are looking forward to seeing Ed back on the courts soon.

On New Year's Eve, Harold Hoffmeister had the misfortune of breaking his hip. He had to have the ball joint replaced in the hip. The surgery was done at a St. Louis hospital. We are so pleased to report that Harold went through surgery just fine. He then was sent to a rehab center for a few weeks for therapy and now he and

Iris are staying with their son for a while. We understand Harold is more than ready to come home and start pitching again. Hey, you two, we miss you terribly.

We are so glad to report as well that Doug Peoples pitched his first tournament on January 11th after having surgery on both knees in September. He is doing just great. Good to see you back, Doug.

Look out! Carroll Sinclair just moved up to 30 ft. I am sure he will be rising to the top soon. Glad to have you join the rest of us 30 ft pitchers.

What a turnout we have had at the Pits this winter. We have had several tournaments scheduled and I have to say they have been great. We want to thank everyone for coming and pitching with us and having fun. Also, we want to say "Thank You" for all the wonderful help we have had in getting the courts ready and of course all the good food that has been served. Without all of you, we couldn't do it. Until next time, stay warm.

Independence Horseshoe Club

by Pam Henderson

Hello, everyone. Since I'm writing this in January, Happy New Year's from the Independence Horseshoe Club. Hope this is a ringer of a new year for all. The World Tournament is in Springfield, IL, this year, close to home, so I hope we have a record number from Missouri show up.

Most of our pitchers are pitching in Liberty at the Don Harris Arena. It stays busy all the time. John Loyd received the Outstanding Club Member award from the MOPHA. Nice going, John. You are a true champion in horseshoes, generosity, and friendship.

Our new secretary/treasurer is Ginger Hughes. Our groundskeepers are Johanna and Dennis Bales. Our new vice president is David Henderson. Some are new at their new jobs, but we're sure they will do a good job. Congratulations to them. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the pits.



I, Pam Henderson, had cataract surgery, so maybe I can see the pits now. Ha! Now if I can get my mind back on the game, I'm going to try out this spring. Wayne had foot surgery on January 5 for plantar fasciitis. He is doing good and says it does not hurt nearly as bad as it did. Brian Bilyeu's granny passed away on November 23rd. Sorry for your loss, we know how good of care you gave her. The Independence Horseshoe Club will be hosting the MOHPA Benefit Team/Club Tournament in June. So look for the entry form in this newsletter. It will be a lot of fun and good food.

Al Gwinn said Tony Bootka was driving again. That's good news, for he was in an accident and broke his leg and arm. Take care traveling and see you all soon.

Capitol City Horseshoe Club

by Steve Bruemmer

The fall league was completed in late October with Steve Johnson finishing in 1st place and Steve Steck taking 2nd place. Brian

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Date	Sanc. 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 %	moshoe@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 *	Williams 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 *	Williams 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 *	Williams 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	Independ 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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Tournament Schedule

Missouri Horseshoe Club News

Horseshoe Club News, from page 19

Schoer and Ron Hassler tied for 3rd place. We had our largest singles league with 16 participants.

The CCHC held the club tournament with the Lake of the Ozark Horseshoe Club. The tournament was very close, with the Lake of the Ozark Horseshoe Club winning by one game. We will get you in 2009.



We are planning to have 11 tournaments in Jefferson City in 2009, with the entry fee dropping to \$12 a tournament. The club is going to make several upgrades to the courts before the season begins. I hope this will make the Jefferson City courts a more enjoyable experience for the participants and spectators.

The Capitol City Horseshoe Club will be working in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus of St. Robert Bellarmine in St. Charles to host a tournament at the NHPA Horseshoe Hall of Fame complex in June. Come out and enjoy the fun.

Tri-State Horseshoe Club

by Angie Higginbotham

(Editor's Note: This article was not received in time for print in the last newsletter so it is being published at this time)

Howdy-Ho Neighbors! Happy Fall! Hope everyone is doin' good. Well, summer is over and we're heading into winter. Let's hope we don't have anymore of those nasty ice storms.

The State Tournament was great! The Quail Ridge facility is really nice. For those who haven't been there, you should check it out. We had a few member who won their classes up there. Terry McDonald played really well and got 1st in his class (Yea, baby!) Bob Renfro got first in his class (Ain't he something!) and Al Mundy took second in his class (good job!). Two of our champions from last year (the "bossman" and Jimmy) didn't fare as well this year; they each took fourth. Oh, well, that's partners for ya. I, of course, did my usual, I won one (game), ain't that right Bobbie?! But it was sure fun and good to see all our friends again. The highlight of the whole thing though, was to have the honor to be there when Carl got inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame.



Our tournaments will be starting soon. November 1st and 2nd will get us kicked off. Then it's the first weekend of each month. Hopin' to see the Bastels, the Bransons, the Bainters, and the Claas' again this year. We really enjoyed having them down last year.

We also look forward to having all the regulars come out to play. For those who have never been here, come check us out. Carl and Pat welcome all, and it is sure good times. Carl keeps us warm and Pat keeps us fed. Y'all come see us. Take care and good luck to all.

8th Annual Holly Marie Memorial

November 1, 2008

by Stan Griggs

Another 18 angels have earned their wings and were presented for the top three places in each class at the 8th Annual Holly Marie Memorial Mixed Open at Don Harris Arena in Liberty, MO, on November 1st.

This is a 100% proceed generated tournament; all proceeds were donated to the NHPA Hall of Fame in memory of Holly Marie Griggs.

The angel count is now at 144; look to see if you can find them on the courts at your next tournament.

The entry donations were \$414 and another \$92.60 from the sales of concessions. The HIHA Association also donated their portion of the tournament to the Hall of Fame, consisting of \$82.00. An additional \$50 contribution was made by Tammy Griggs from Montgomery Alabama. A special "thank you" goes out to Gregg and Audra Craven and Nile and Reba Abbott for their continuous support of this tournament.

The total for this year's tournament was \$638.60. The tote board is now at \$4,434.35.

Class A:

1: Michael Bowman-JB	76.3%***
2: Bob Booe-30ft (KS)	61.3%*
3: Nick DiRaimo-30ft	58.8%***

Class B:

1: Dee McIntire	47.1%*****
2: Denise Bloss	45.7%***
3: Elwyn Cooper	54.9%**

Class C:

1: Rich Hardt (KS)	31.3%*
2: Terry Kampe-30ft	40.4%***
3: Larry Brown	37.1%*

Class D:

1: Jerry Noland	28.9%*
2: Lee Miller Jr.	28.6%**
3: Perry Mann-30ft	28.2%*

Class E:

1: Victoria Highley	19.2%*
2: Darrell Pulliam	22.9%*
3: Don Roberts-30ft	16.3%*

Class F:

1: Laura Estes	8.8%*
2: Sue Roberts	12.9%*
3: Larry Anderson	9.2%*

* Angels won

Turkey Trot Tournament

November 22, 2008

by Bea Feldewerth

Tournament directors Dave & Bea Feldewerth and Mark Moreland report there were 64 pitchers in the Turkey Trot Tournament, filling eight classes at the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club facility. Twelve pitchers were from out of state, with six from IL, three from TN, two from KY, and one from IN.

Out of 17,588 shoes pitched, 6664 ringers were recorded. The average ringer percentage was 37.88%. The highest ringer percentage, 87.17%, was thrown by Sue Snyder. The highest game of 91.66% was pitched by Sue Snyder. The biggest increase, from 38.81% average to 47.36%, was thrown by Jill Knobbe.

In Class A, after seven games, Sue Snyder (KY) and Marlene Ray (TN) each had one loss, so they had a playoff game. They pitched 94 shoes, had 25 four-deads. In one stretch, Sue Snyder had 22 straight ringers. Sue Snyder won the game 40/18 with an average of 89.3%, and Marlene Ray had an average of 81.9%. It was a fantastic game to watch. Following are the results:

Class A:

1: Sue Snyder
2: Marlene Ray
3: Hershel Walters

Class B:

1: Andy Foulds
2: Frank Miles
3: Jeff Baldwin

Class C:

1: Mary Beeson
2: Armin Schnider
3: Ron Hassler

Class D:

1: Jill Knobbe
2: Jerry Weller
3: Charlie Smith

Class E:

1: Gidget Rahe
2: Kelly Combs
3: Sheri Terwelp

Class F:

1: Louise Duke
2: Suzanne Evans
3: Jim Riley

Class G:

1: Robert Scott
2: Brian Schroer
3: Steve Bruemmer

Class H:

1: Ralph Hummel
2: John Keller
3: Steve Riley

We want to thank all the horseshoe pitchers for arriving early, which helped to get all the classes started on time and made the tournament run smoothly. Also thanks to the faithful scorekeepers, who helped to make the tournament a success. A big thanks to our faithful statistician, Rich Altis, who always has the tournament set up and ready to go for the directors. Ginny Weiss and her concession helpers deserve a big pat on the back for keeping the people happy with good food all day. It took these people and more to make the tournament run smoothly. We had great help to make the Turkey Trot Tournament a big success. Thanks again to all who helped.

2008 MOHPA State Champions



Men	Stan Griggs
Women	Tamara Jenkins
Elders (30 ft.)	Nick DiRaimo
Seniors	Mickey Gillette
Junior Boys	Michael Bowman
Junior Girls	Tori Vandeven
Doubles	Roena Branson and Bob Crabtree

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Superbowl Special Tournament

January 17, 2009

by Jeanette Claas and Mick Gillette

What better place to be on a cold January day than pitching shoes in the warmth of the newly insulated NHPA Hall of Fame facility. The new tournaments directors for the Superbowl Special Tournament were Mickey and Dorie Gillette and Ben Orf. The TD's reported all eight classes filled, with 64 pitchers.

Our out-of-town horseshoe pitchers were the twins from Tennessee and five pitchers from Illinois. There were some exciting games throughout the tournament. In Class A, Marlene Ray started off her tournament pitching an 89.28%. Rose Diekamp, back on the courts after a six-month period, pitched a high game of 83.33%. Steve Johnson pitched a high game of 83.33% and Jim Spidle from IL pitched an 82.00%. The rookie in Class A, Don Claas, bore the brunt of these high games, as they were all pitched against him. Marlene was the Class A Champion, with a tournament average of 81.65%.

The Class C pitchers almost out-pitched the Class B pitchers. In Class B, the high game of 67.64% was pitched by Mel Bruemmer of Jefferson City. Donnie Rahe and Jeff Baldwin tied for first, with Jeff being declared the official class champion with a ringer percentage of 42.55%. Gidget Rahe in Class C had several high games over her average with a high game of 60%. Being away from the game for about ten years, Kelly Combs made a good comeback with a high game of 57.14%. Kelly and Gidget tied for 1st place, with Kelly winning with the highest ringer percentage of 44.15%.

Louise Duke in Class D pitched the high game of 50% in her class, but David Schneider was the class champion with 6 wins and 1 loss and a ringer percentage of 32.37%. Robert Scott won Class E with 7 wins and 0 losses with a ringer percentage of 38.20%. There was a four-way tie for first place in Class F, with Mary Duke becoming the class champion with a ringer percentage of 27.61%. Mary pitched the high game of 50%. Mike Manning won Class G with a ringer percent of 19.46%. He also threw the class's high game of 40.90%. Terri Loeffler, of QRHC, won 2nd place. This was her first tournament and she was very excited. We hope to see her appear in more tournaments. Class H was won by Don Lucas with a high game of 26.31% and high average of 16.90%. Class H was unique in that there were a tie for 1st, a tie for 3rd, a tie for 5th, and a tie for 7th.

The tournament directors of the Superbowl Special presented the new "perpetual" trophies to all the winners, including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. The next time you are a winner at the QRHC, you will receive the little plate to be inserted on the trophy plaque. The plaque will hold enough space for 15 wins.

Tournament director Mickey Gillette was more than pleased with all the help he received from the QRHC members. "All in all, I thought this was a great show of team effort and sportsmanship." He would like to thank all those who helped to make the tournament successful: the cleaning crew, the scorekeepers, the concession workers, and our stats man, Rich Altis. Thanks also to Jeanette Claas for getting the plaques and to Jim & Carol Howard for organizing the scorekeepers fee. If you were not a winner in the Superbowl Tournament, maybe you will be a winner in the Superbowl football pool!

What's That Rule

by Rich Altis

Most of you are familiar with the basic rules of pitching but, because we have many new pitchers each year, I want to list some of the rules for their benefit.



- **The foul line:** You can't step on or over the foul line before releasing the shoe.
- **Platform lines:** During the entire address and release of a shoe, the pitcher must not start or step completely outside the platform with either foot. The exception to this rule is that you may start behind the full-distance platform provided you step onto the platform when releasing the shoe.
- **Position of contestant when not pitching:** Behind the opposite platform from the pitcher and at least two feet back of the pitcher. If you are a short-distance pitcher pitching in a mixed distance class, you should be behind the full-distance platform opposite the pitcher.
- **Cracked shoe:** If a shoe is discovered to be cracked during competition, it shall be scored as it lies. Once the scoring is determined, it shall be replaced.
- **Broken shoe:** If scoring can be determined and agreed on, then score the shoe and replace it. If scoring can't be agreed on, call a judge. The judge will score the shoe or have you pitch another one.

You can find the rules for pitching in the yellow RGS book. Each club should have a supply of them. If not, then go to www.horseshoepitching.com and click on Rules.

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Missouri Tournament Results

September 27, 2008–January 2009

Harvest Days Open @ Marshfield 9/27/08

Dir: Marshell Keith

Class A: Ryan Spry	5-2	49.2%
Class B: Chas Jackson	6-1	32.1%
Class C: June Thompson	6-1	32.5%
Class D: Ronny Mincks	5-0	23.0%

4th Annual Big Money @ Jeff City 9/27-28/08 Dir: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Steve Johnson	6-2	62.8%
Class B: Michael Gillespie	7-1	36.0%
Class C: Chad Flatt	7-2	28.9%

Don Harris Open @ Harris Arena 10/4/08 Dir: Gregg Craven

Class A: Michael Bowman	6 ½	73.8%
Class B: James Premer	7-0	54.2%
Class C: Fred Smith	6-1	40.0%
Class D: J. Hamilton	6 ½	39.6%
Class E: Jerry Noland	6-1	30.0%
Class F: Bret Myers	7-0	10.4%

The Great Pumpkin @ Glen Allen 10/11/08 Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Cori Stoverink	5-1	60.0%
2 nd : Lachelle Cook	4-2	54.2%
Class B:		
1 st : Terrie Rose	4-1	35.0%
2 nd : Randy Senciboy	3-2	33.0%

Spooky Cat Open & Park Hills 10/11/08

Director: Rick McEntire

Class A:		
1 st : Rick McEntire	6-1	68.3%
2 nd : Joe Lucas	6-1	62.9%
3 rd : Tim Hendersson	4-3	60.8%
4 th : Bob Crabtree	4-3	51.3%
5 th : Ken Pogue	3-4	57.5%

Frosted Pumpkin @ The Pits 10/11-12/08

Director: Jim Bainter

Class A: Roena Branson	7-0	56.7%
Class B: Michael Gillespie	6-1	39.6%
Class C: Bob Bastel	6-1	32.9%
Class D: Larry Doeden	7-0	22.5%

Frostbite Open @ Harris Arena 10/18/08

Director: Elwyn Cooper

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	7-0	65.0%
Class B: Dee McIntire	5-2	47.5%
Class C: Denise Bloss	7-0	49.6%
Class D: Clint Sloan	6-1	34.6%
Class E: Brady Craven	6-1	15.7%
Class F: George Goldizen	6 ½	6.3%

Octoberfest Open @ Jeff City 10/18/08

Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A:		
1 st : Mel Brummer	7-2	53.1%
2 nd : R. Dudenhoeffer	7-2	42.8%
Class B:		
1 st : Tom Lehmann	5-1	28.8%
2 nd : Brian Schroer	4-2	23.3%
Class C:		
1 st : Clay Caswell	6-0	22.9%
2 nd : Tucker Caswell	3-3	7.9%

CCHC vs Lake of the Ozarks Shootout

@ Jeff City 10/19/08 Dir: Steve Brummer

Class A:		
1 st : Steve Steck	6-0	44.2%
2 nd : A. Dudenhoeffer	5-1	29.6%
Class B:		
1 st : Jane Couch	6-0	24.0%
2 nd : Dennis Benson	5-1	34.0%

Fall Team Handicap @ Quail Ridge 10/25/08 Dirs: Jim & Carol Howard

Winners: M. Gillette's Team 32 Wins		
1: Ernie Brakensiek	9-0	44.0%
2: Mark Moreland	7-2	26.1%
3: Glenn Young	6-3	39.7%
4: Mick Gillette	5-2	50.6%
5: George Christ	3-2	35.4%
6: Dorie Gillette	2-1	18.0%
2 nd : J. Claas's Team 30 Wins		
3 rd : D Schneider's Team 26 Wins		
4 th : D. Williams Team 21 Wins		
5 th : A. Gantney's Team 21 Wins		
6 th : Norman Ennis Team 21 Wins		
7 th : Ginny Weiss Team 18 Wins		
8 th : Donnie Rahe's Team 15½ Wins		
9 th : Mary Beeson's Team 13 Wins		
10 th : Pam Gettinger's Team 7 Wins		

Festus Fall Open 10/25/08 @ Festus

Director: Fred Smetzer

Class A:		
1 st : Ken Pogue	6-1	60.8%
2 nd : Mike Fadler	4-3	44.6%
Class B:		
1 st : Maryann Yates	5-1	34.6%
2 nd : Tim Engle	5-1	29.6%

Mt View Fall Open @ Mt. View 10/25/08 Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Archie Matheny	7-0	64.7%
Class B: Joie Welker	4-3	43.3%
Class C: Arnold Crow	6-0	42.9%
Class D: Russell McCown	5-1	16.0%

Spooktacular Open @ Glen Allen 10/26/08

Dirs: Danny/Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Cork Stoverink	5-0	63.5%
2 nd : Michael Massa	4-1	42.5%
Class B:		
1 st : James Hillis	4-1	27.5%
2 nd : Mike Davault	4-1	24.0%
Class C:		
1 st : Brent Prindle	6-1	35.8%
2 nd : Kitty Prindle	3-3	26.2%

8th Annual Holly Marie Memorial @ Harris Arena 11/1/08 Dirs: Stan & Stephanie Griggs

Class A: Michael Bowman	7-0	76.3%
Class B: Dee McIntire	6-1	47.1%
Class C: Rich Hardt	6-1	31.3%
Class D: Jerry Noland	6-1	28.9%
Class E: Victoria Highley	7-0	19.2%
Class F: Laura Estes	7-0	8.8%

Pre-Deer Season Open @ Park Hills 11/08/08 Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Randy Grady	5-0	66.4%
Class B: Ken Pogue	5-0	49.1%
Class C: Virgle McCown	5-1	35.5%
Class D: Shannon Ward	5-0	22.5%

Turkey Stakes @ The Pits 11/8-9/08

Director: Jim Bainter

Class A: Nile Abbott	5-2	33.9%
Class B: Dennis Benson	7-2	32.2%
Class C: Jim Bainter	7-0	33.6%
Class D: Larry Doeden	6-1	20.4%

Sunday Special @ Harris Arena 11/9/08

Director: Rich Hardt

Class A:		
1 st : Michael Bowman	7-0	75.4%
2 nd : Elizabeth Furner	5-2	63.2%
Class B:		
1 st : Dee McIntire	7-2	47.5%
2 nd : Terry Kampe	5-2	33.3%
Class C:		
1 st : Dave Parr	7-0	10.8%
2 nd : Kohte Mann	6-1	6.3%

Yee-Haw Open @ Glen Allen 11/09/08

Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A: Lachelle Cook	5-1	50.4%
Class B: Terrie Rose	5-1	37.1%
Class C: Chris Fields	5-0	30.0%
Class D: John Vandeven	5-0	25.0%

SnowBird Fly-Away Open @ Harris Arena 11/15/08 Dir: Gregg Craven

Class A: Michael Bowman	6-0	79.6%
Class B: Jim Premer	4-2	58.3%
Class C: Elwyn Cooper	7-0	59.2%
Class D: Clifford Pierce	6 ½	35.8%
Class E: Richard Schmidt	6-1	28.2%
Class F: Angela DiRaimo	6-1	22.9%
Class G: George Goldizen	6-1	10.8%

Turkey Trot Open @ Quail Ridge 11/22/08

Dir: Dave/Bea Feldewerth

Class A: Sue Snyder	7-1	85.2%
Class B: Andy Foulds	5-2	51.7%
Class C: Mary Beeson	5-2	42.7%
Class D: Jill Knobbe	7-0	47.4%
Class E: Gidget Rahe	6-1	37.7%
Class F: Louise Duke	7-0	31.6%
Class G: Robert Scott	6-1	29.3%
Class H: Ralph Hummel	6-1	21.1%

Before Turkey Day @ Hudson Hall 11/22-23/08 Dir: Frank Hudson

Class A: Carlyle Gricks	7-0	59.6%
Class B: Larry McAlister	5-1	36.9%
Class C: Alfred Mundy	5-1	39.6%
Class D: Ronny Mincks	7-0	19.6%
Class E: Don Johnanning	5-1	17.3%

Jingle Bell Rock @ Quail Ridge 12/6/08

Directors: Larry Volo/Bob Reinger

Class A: J. Spidle (IL)	7-0	70.8%
Class B: Jeff Baldwin (IL)	5-2	51.6%

Class C: Ken Hardy	5-2	46.7%
Class D: Keith Patton	7-0	39.7%
Class E: Ben Orf	6-1	34.5%
Class F: G.Gummersheimer (IL)	6-1	28.5%
Class G: Francis Ennis	7-0	24.4%
Class H: David Sullivan	6-1	20.6%

Here Comes Santa @ Harris Arena 12/6/08

Dir: Charles Killgore

Class A: Nick DiRaimo	6-1	75.0%
Class B: Roy Flatt	4-1	32.8%
Class C: Charles Killgore	7-0	47.5%
Class D: Clint Sloan	4-1	32.8%
Class E: Jerry Noland	4-1	33.6%
Class F: Dean Jameson	4-1	19.2%
Class G: Haroly Turley (KS)	31/2	20.0%
Class H: Devin Wetzell	4-1	23.2%
Class I: Laura Estes	5-0	10.0%

December Open & Lucky Gricks Arena

12/6-7/09 Dir: Carlyle Gricks

Class A: Letha Harris	5-0	58.5%
Class B: J. Higginsbotham	7-0	49.6%
Class C: Bob Outt	4-1	41.0%
Class D: Oren Harris	6-1	27.5%
Class E: Darrell Helton	8-2	22.3%
Class F: Frank Mills	7-0	22.1%

Jolly Ole Man @ Park Hills 12/13/08

12/13/08 Dir: Rick McEntire

Class A: Joe Lucas	6-1	62.4%
Class B: Bob Crabtree	5-0	52.5%
Class C: Dan Peterson	5-1	32.8%
Class D: Timmy Harmon	5-0	28.7%

Snowball Open @ The Pits 12/13-14/08

Director: Jim Bainter

Class A: Roena Branson	6 1/2	54.6%
Class B: Jerry Weller	6-1	41.3%
Class C: Carl Folsom Sr.	6-1	44.3%
Class D: Leroy Dooley	6-1	28.9%

Santa Surprise Open @ Glen Allen 12/14/08

Dir: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Carol Schreckenber	6-1	45.8%
2 nd : Michael Massa	5-2	41.3%
Class B:		
1 st : Mike Daault	6-2	30.4%
2 nd : John Vandeven	6-2	25.6%

Christmas is Coming @ Hudson Hall

12/20-21/08 Dir: Frank Hudson

Class A: Dean Renfro	4-1	48.0%
Class B: Gary Bowling	7-0	49.6%
Class C: Jim Kinney	5-0	44.5%
Class D: Cliff Blevins	5-2	22.2%
Class E: Ronny Mincks	5-0	29.0%
Class F: Don Johanning	7-0	18.0%

Jack Frost Open @ Glen Allen 1/4/09

Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st place: Cori Stoverink	4-1	58.0%
2 nd place: Ron LeGrand	3-2	39.5%
Class B:		
1 st place: John Vandeven	6-1	29.6%
2 nd place: Sheila LeGrand	5-2	33.3%
Class C:		
1 st place: Eugene Fields	5-1	10.7%
2 nd place: John Keller	4-2	16.7%

Lucky Gricks Memorial @Gricks Arena

1/3-4/09 Director: Carlyle Gricks

Class A: Letha Harris	7-1	60.8%
Class B: Paul Parnell	6-1	41.3%
Class C: Joann Jones	6-2	37.7%
Class D: Daniel Gavin	6-1	33.8%
Class E: Darrell Helton	5-0	24.5%
Class F: Jerry Dugan	7-0	23.3%

January Freeze @ Park Hill 1/10/09

Director: Rick McEntire

Class A:		
1: Larry Joe Lucas	8-1	68.0%
2: Randy Grady	8-1	62.8%
Class B:		
1: Virgle McCown	5-0	38.0%
2: Dan Peterson	3-2	33.4%
Class C:		
1: Joe Keller	5-0	18.3%
2: Tyler McCown JB	4-1	16.7%

Cool Shoe @ The Pits 1/10-11/09

Director: Doug Carter

Class A: Roena Branson	6-1	56.1%
Class B: Virgle McCown	5-2	42.9%
Class C: P VanEvercooren	7-0	41.1%
Class D: Chris Evers	6-1	29.2%
Class E: Dale Froling	5-0	18.0%

Super Bowl Open @ QRHC 1/17/09

Dirs: Mick & Dorie Gillette, Ben Orf

Class A: Marlene Ray	7-0	81.7%
Class B: Jeff Baldwin	6-1	42.6%
Class C: Kelly Combs	6-1	44.2%
Class D: David Schneider	6-1	32.4%
Class E: Robert Scott	7-0	38.2%
Class F: Mary Duke	5-2	27.6%
Class G: Mike Manning	6-1	19.5%
Class H: Don Lucas	5-2	16.9%

Happy New Year @ Harris Arena 1/17/09

Director: Charlie Killgore

Class A: Michael Bowman JB	6-1	74.2%
Class B: Dee McIntire	6-1	49.6%
Class C: Alex Roberts JB	7-0	45.0%
Class D: Jeremiah Hamilton	4-1	32.0%
Class E: Don Plowman	5-0	28.0%
Class F: Angela DiRaimo	5-0	24.0%
Class G: Brian Bilyeu	4-1	21.2%
Class H: Larry Anderson	4-1	14.4%

January Thaw Open @ Hudson Hall

1/17-18/09 Director: Frank Hudson

Class A: Dean Renfro	5-0	59.0%
Class B: Marion Harris	5-1	42.1%
Class C: Virgle McCown	4-1	37.5%
Class D: Daniel Gavin	7-1	29.3%
Class E: Ronny Lee Mincks	5-0	23.1%
Class F: Marcy Gunnels	7-0	21.3%

Snowflake Open @ Glen Allen 1/18/09

Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:		
1 st : Rick McEntire	9-0	62.1%
2 nd : Randy Grady	7-2	64.6%
Class B:		
1 st : James Hillis	7-0	32.9%
2 nd : Chris Fields	6-1	34.2%
Class C:		
1 st : Lester Powell	5-1	19.6%
2 nd : Eugene Fields	4-2	13.8%

ALS Benefit @ Don Harris Arena

1/24/09 Director: Brady Craven

Class A: Michael Bowman	6-1	75.0%
Class B: Gregg Craven	6-1	52.5%
Class C: Alex Roberts JB	6-1	32.6%
Class D: Larry Brown	6-1	37.5%
Class E: David Thompson1	7-0	26.8%
Class F: Floyd Roberts	6-1	12.9%

MOHPA Club/Team Tournament in Independence

by Donna Bastel

The 6th Annual MOHPA Club/Team Tournament will be held at McCoy Park in Independence on June 6th. Entry requirements and entry forms can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Please note that we are raising the entry fee to include all scorekeeping fees. This means we will take care of paying your scorekeepers at the event. This is being done by many clubs across the state and seems to be well received by most pitchers.

There is still no entry fee for juniors in the singles-only portion of the tournament, but they will be required to send in the

\$7 scorekeeping fee. If juniors are going to pitch on a team, they will pay the \$5 team fee plus \$7 for scorekeeping, for a total of \$12.

This will be the first year that the tournament has been held in the Kansas City area, so we are looking forward to seeing some new clubs represented. Start promoting this event to your club members and get your entries in early. (The cutoff date is May 8). It is first come, first served. Each club is allowed to send more than one team, but we would like to see as many clubs represented as possible. So, if you send in more than one team, there is a slim possibility we may ask you to remove one of your teams in order to let another club participate.

We look forward to seeing you in June in Independence!

Big Tournament to be Held at the National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum Facility

May 2-3, 2009

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and excited to be hosting the 16th Annual Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament on May 2-3, 2009, at the National Horseshoe Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Wentzville, MO.

If you haven't visited the NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum facility, this is your opportunity to come and see what the NHPA/NHPF has provided for all horseshoe pitchers. After viewing the beautifully designed Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, you will enjoy touring the indoor facility, where an impressive NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum enshrines horseshoe memorabilia from the past 100 years. The air-conditioned facility also includes 16 clay courts, 16 outside courts, full kitchen facilities, offices, and more. You will see for yourself the "labor of love" that the QRHC members put into this project. It is probably the finest indoor facility in the United States.

The 16th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament is for the top "Sweet Sixteen" 40-footers in the Mens Division who have the highest ringer percentages in the United States. You won't want to miss seeing the talent and skills of the finest horseshoe

pitchers in the NHPA. Watch and learn from the best. Eight games will be pitched on Saturday and seven games will be played on Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 paying the top eight places.

The 2nd Annual 30-Footers Six Pac Invitational will be held at the same time as the 40-footers. It will include the top 16 pitchers who accept the invitation. Plans are being made for a pitch-off game between the winners of the 40-foot and 30-foot competitions. Last year's match proved to be a most exciting event between Alan Francis and Joan Elmore.

By the way, if you have not already purchased a brick for the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, now would be the perfect time to order. Your engraved brick would be in place by the time you arrive for the Six Pac Invitation Tournament this spring. What a great way to support the NHPA Hall of Fame building project and at the same time feel a part of our great horseshoe organization.

As you are making plans to attend this spring tournament, please support our new co-sponsor, the Holiday Inn Express - O'Fallon, for only \$69.95 per night. The hotel is located within 10-12 minutes of the horseshoe facility. Whether you plan to pitch in the tournament or to come as a spectator, the QRHC members promises you an unforgettable time. The QRHC members are planning a dinner/cookout at the facility on Saturday evening for a small donation for all to attend. The QRHC is looking forward in anticipation of your attendance at this exciting horseshoe event.

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City	Club/Location	Courts	Contact	Phone	E-mail or Cell Number
Ballwin*		out	Rich Altis	636-394-3640	richaltis@juno.com
California*	Moniteau County Fair	out	Steve Bruemmer	636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
Caulfield*	Caulfield HC	out	Bob/Esther Kingsolver	417-284-3042	
Clinton*	Golden Valley HC	out	Eugene Loyd	660-885-3868	
Chillicothe	Chillicothe HC	out	Paul Howard	660-646-1497	howardpaul@att.net
Crane*	Crane Creek Ringers	out	Bill/Judy Waisner	417-723-0081	jwaisner@centurytel.net
Crane	Hudson Hall	in	Frank/Ruth Hudson	417-723-5429	417-840-5434
Diamond	Tri-State HC	in	Carlyle Gricks Jr.	417-325-4456	
Festus (area)	Festus HC	both	Fred Smetzer	636-937-2612	
Fulton*	Veteran's Park	out	Clay Caswell	573-592-3190	parksandrec@fulton.mo.org
Glen Allen	Backyard HC	in	Danny/Melody Williams	573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
Independence	Independence HC	out	John Jeffers	816-461-5161	president@independencehorseshoeclub.com
Jefferson City	Capitol City HC	out	Steve Bruemmer	636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
Kansas City*	Northeast Athletic Field	out	Elwyn Cooper	816-741-0043	ivdead@hotmail.com
Kirksville*	NEMO HC	out			
Laurie	Lake of the Ozarks HC	out	Bob/Donna Bastel	573-374-8243	lkhouse@usmo.com
Liberty	Heart of America HC	in	Dee McIntire	816-452-0254	dmcintire@kc.rr.com
Liberty	Heartland Indoor HA	in	Gregg Craven	816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
Liberty	Liberty HC	out	Nile Abbott	816-741-4188	nabbott@kc.rr.com
Marshall	Saline County HC	out	Oden Sullivan	660-831-5088	
Marshfield	Pitchers Paradise HC	out	Marshel Keith	417-859-2781	mfkeith@centurytel.net
Maysville*	DeKalb County HC	out	Harrold Pettiecord	816-449-5265	
Mountain View	3 Ringer Courts	out	Dan Hobbs	417-934-6741	
Park Hills	Mineral Area HC	in	Rick McEntire	573-431-6107	573-330-2766
Peculiar	Lions Park HC	out	Glenn Bowman	816-293-5403	glennbowman@ymail.com
St. Charles	First Capitol Women's Lg.	out	Sally Montgomery	636-947-1391	
St. Joseph	Pony Express HC	out	Dean Jameson	816-232-5577	
Shelbina	Shelbina Library Park HC	out	Russ Ebbing	573-588-2244	rebbing@centurytel.net
Springfield	Doling Park HC	out	John Price	417-732-9956	crapdaddy.john@gmail.com
Stockton*	Stockton HC	out	Marion/Letha Harris	417-876-4104	
Sunrise Beach	The Pits/Lake Ozark HC	in	Jim Bainter	573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
Warsaw*	3 Ringers 3 HC	out	Dave Whipple	660-438-5730	
Webb City*		in	Robert Long	417-659-9211	rmlcsl@aol.com
Wentzville	Golden Triangle Leag.	both	Jim/Carol Howard	636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
Wentzville	Quail Ridge HC	both	Jeanette Claas	636-447-3039	djclaas@sbcglobal.net

*These locations do not offer any sanctioned activities as known at the above date.

Profile, from page 10

Lyle and Ina Mae were a part of the quartet that sang the National Anthem at the 2008 Missouri State Tournament in Wentzville, where Lyle took home one of those Missouri trophies for first place in the Men's 30-Foot Class C. The two have been singing together since they were married. They sang to their kids at home and while traveling to grandparents and on vacations. They sang as a family when the kids were all in high school at church and on special occasions. Their three talented kids can just look at a piece of unfamiliar music and, in five minutes, sing it like they knew it all their life. They were all concert choir singers in high school, where Lyle and Ina Mae learned a few things from them. If you just happen to be a special friend to the Samuelsons, they will call you on your birthday and

serenade you with "Happy Birthday to You!"

Lyle has certainly enjoyed his 20 years of pitching horseshoes with the Liberty Horseshoe Club, where he has served 16 years as Club Secretary. He enjoys every aspect of horseshoes, whether it be traveling to a World Tournament or to the club for league play. A gentleman both on and off the courts, he has won the respect of all Missouri horseshoe pitchers. Thank you, Lyle, for your dedication to the sport. And thank you, Ina Mae, for seeing that Lyle makes all the right turns going to all the horseshoe tournaments.



Answer to "Earl's Teasers"

Get your drunken butt off the carousel!

From page 10.

Who's Who, from page 13

"Nilelator," Nile Abbott, and his wife, Reva, in league play. On a good day, I can now pitch in the 60%; on other days, not so much.

My family surprised me with regulation pits at our home. My sweet husband returned from an over-the-road assignment one weekend, called our children for help, and between our sons, daughter, and in-laws, completed pouring runways for our home fun and practice area. Where was I? Why, I was competing at Lions' Park in Peculiar, MO.

As I watch my grandson pick up his shoes and begin to throw, I am reminded there are some things in life that can be shared equally. The child takes on the concentration of the adult; the adult takes on the enthusiasm of the child. Be you eight or eighty, "shoes" are great for all ages.

Entry Requirements

6th Annual MOHPA Open Club/Team Championship Benefit

McCoy Park, Independence, MO • June 6, 2009

1. This tournament is a MOHPA fundraiser. All profits realized from this event will stay with the MOHPA.
2. This is an NHPA sanctioned event. All pitchers will be placed according to their NatStats average as of May 14, 2009. New pitchers may use a sanctioned league average of at least 400 shoes (Attach signed letter from League Director) or send a score sheet for 100 shoes pitched consecutively (Attach score sheet witnessed by 2 sanctioned league members).
3. **Entry Information:** All entries must be submitted on an Official Entry Form and must be signed and dated. Mail entries to: Vicki Winston, 10326 Highway D, LaMonte, MO 65337. **Make checks payable to: MOHPA.**
 - **Singles:** Open to all current NHPA members, regardless of residence. Adult entry fee: \$22.00 (includes scorekeeping). Juniors: \$7.00 for scorekeeping. Entries must be received by May 8, 2009. Late entries will be put on a standby list. No refunds for cancellations received after May 8, 2009.
 - **Team event:** Open to Missouri residents and out-of-state pitchers who are currently members of a Missouri club. Team entry fee: \$25.00. Have your Team Captain fill out the official team entry form listing all 5 team members. Please submit one check for the \$25.00 team entry and the singles entry fee of \$22.00 (\$7.00 for juniors) per pitcher. Total check amount: \$135.00, if all adults. Entries must be received by May 8, 2009. No refunds for cancellations received after May 8, 2009. Your club may enter as many 5-person teams as you wish. Note: At least 3 people on each team must be club members. If you do not currently belong to a club, please contact one of the clubs and let them know you would like to be a part of their team at this event.
4. **Singles portion of tournament:** Classes will be scheduled for eight-person round-robins where possible. All games will be cancellation scoring. All classes will pitch 40-shoe games (this will allow ample time for team tie breakers, if required). In the case of a tie, each player will pitch an 4 additional shoes. If the score is still tied, an additional 4 shoes must be pitched until the tie is broken. All games are subject to NHPA and MOHPA rules and judges decisions will be **final**.
5. Each singles participant also signed up as a **team** member will accumulate points based on their win/loss record: 1st Place – 8 Points, 2nd Place – 7 Points, 3rd Place – 6 Points, 4th Place – 5 Points, 5th Place – 4 Points, 6th Place – 3 Points, 7th Place – 2 Points and 8th Place – 1 Point. Any Classes with less than 8 pitchers will still start with 8 points for 1st Place. Tie Breakers: 1) Win/Loss percentage, 2) losing points scored.
6. **Any pitchers** not completing their schedule forfeit all prizes unless officially excused.
7. **All pitchers** must wear a shirt with at least their last name lettered neatly on the back.
8. **All pitchers** must pay their scorekeeper \$1.00 prior to the start of each game.
9. **Trophies:** Plaque and patch will be presented to 1st Place only in each singles class.
10. **Notification:** Pitching times will be mailed to all entrants
11. **Team portion of tournament:** Points accumulated by team members during normal singles play will be added together. If there is a tie for 1st Place, the tie-breaker will be as follows: The 5 pitchers on each team will be matched by ringer %. Each of the paired pitchers on opposing teams will play one game using a 90% Handicap. The team with the highest win record will become the **Missouri Club Team Champions**.
12. **Team Trophies:** One State Club Team Championship plaque will be presented to the 1st Place Club Team at the 2009 MOHPA Awards Banquet to be held September 5, 2009, in Wentzville, MO. Individual plaques will be presented to each of the five 1st Place Club Team members.

Tentative Schedule: (Subject to change)

Saturday, June 6 @ 9:00 am: Classes I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P

Saturday, June 6 @ 1:30 pm: Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

For questions, contact: Donna Bastel, 573-374-8243 or 573-378-3447 (cell)

e-mail lkhouse@usmo.com or dbastel@charterinternet.com

6th Annual Missouri Open Benefit
McCoy Park, Independence, MO • June 6, 2009

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

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

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

Adults: \$22.00 Entries must be received by May 8, 2009 Juniors: Free
We will pay scorekeepers out of entry money! \$7.00 Scorekeeping

Signed: Dated:

Team Entry Form Team

6th Annual Missouri Team Championship Benefit
McCoy Park, Independence, MO • June 6, 2009

Team Name Team Captain

- 1. Name Address City
ZIP Phone () NHPA Card # Birth Date
Adult Junior
2. Name Address City
ZIP Phone () NHPA Card # Birth Date
Adult Junior
3. Name Address City
ZIP Phone () NHPA Card # Birth Date
Adult Junior
4. Name Address City
ZIP Phone () NHPA Card # Birth Date
Adult Junior
5. Name Address City
ZIP Phone () NHPA Card # Birth Date
Adult Junior

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

Signed: (Team Captain) Dated:

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

Adults: Open, \$22.00 Each Team: \$25.00 Juniors: Open, Free Entry
Team: \$5.00
Team: \$5.00 Scorekeeping: \$7.00
Total: \$27.00 Entries must be received by May 8, 2009 Total: \$12.00

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2009 Membership Application

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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

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

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

Vicki Winston	Adult Dues	Juniors and Cadets
MOHPA Sec/Treas.	17.00 national	5.00 national
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: _____

Club affiliation if any: _____

Check one of the following: Adult Junior Cadet

Check one of the following: Male Female

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

Six Pac Invitational
May 2-3
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