



From My Court To Yours

by Jim Bainter, MOHPA President

Hi everyone! The new year is here. I hope you had a joyous and safe Christmas and wish all a happy and prosperous New Year. 2010 Missouri State Championship Tournament

As I have announced earlier on our web site, the 2010 tournament will be held at the Backyard Horseshoe Club facilities in Glen Allen. The site selection was made during our winter officer meeting in accordance with the MOHPA Constitution and By-Laws, Rule 2c. This rule states "If no bids are presented at the annual meeting, the State President shall determine a mail-in deadline for bidding from all areas of the state (November 1 was established as the deadline). When mail-in bids are received, the State Officers shall meet and determine the site for the next tournament." This was accomplished at the officer meeting on November 21. There was only one bid received, from the Backyard Horseshoe Club, making our selection rather straightforward.

The officers acknowledge there is a negative side to this location—most hotel accommodations will be at least 35 miles away. You can plan 45–60 minutes to drive to the Backyard facilities from I-55 and Cape Girardeau. For the RVer's and campers, there are several locations within 10 miles of Backyard. There are one or two small motels closer than the ones in Cape and there are B&B's throughout the area. We will have the phone numbers posted on the MOHPA Bulletin Board when they are available and they will be included in the next Shoe Biz along with the State Tournament entry form.

The officers expected to hear complaints about accommodations, driving time to the facilities, and the drive time to the SE Missouri location from around the state. We have not been surprised at the criticisms. Remember, every club in the state had the opportunity to submit a bid and compete for this tournament.

When I completed the site survey at Backyard before the officer meeting, I spent several hours with Danny and Melody about planning and preparation for the tournament. They have it together. They had sponsors and advertisers lined up before they had been officially notified of their selection. They have an approved logo and cover page for the program and an excellent facility for our awards dinner at the Eagles Club in Cape Girardeau. In short, they are working hard, planning, and expect to make money. Volunteers have already signed up to help with preparations and to assist during the tournament. Backyard has a nice facility with eight indoor courts and will utilize 28 outdoor courts to satisfy

MOHPA requirements. It could be one of our best tournaments ever. Start making your plans now to participate in the 2010 Championships.

Refreshments On the Courts

There is a clause in the NHPA RGS (yellow book), Rule 12, Section D, that states in part, "During the World and State tournament, the use of alcohol, any form of tobacco, or illegal controlled substances while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited..." It is not an option and because it is an NHPA rule we must enforce it. If you have a container that obviously contains alcohol, you will be asked to remove it from the courts. All other refreshments are allowed but discouraged to eliminate spills and avoid game delays. I realize some of you will be upset, others will be pleased. It is a rule and will be enforced.

State Tournament Program Costs

During our state meeting, the issue of MOHPA-mandated program pages was raised along with their inherent costs. These pages constitute the bulk of the program and become the driving factor in the overall cost of the programs, placing unwarranted expenses on the tournament host. During the winter officer meeting, we reviewed both the bid letter and the by-laws. The bid letter states that \$650 will be reimbursed to the host to help with printing costs. The by-laws state "The MOHPA will pay for the pages of stats, pictures, and records that are included in the Missouri State Championship Tournament Souvenir Program Book." The bid letter is unofficial. The by-laws prevail. Henceforth, the MOHPA will pay for the printing of mandated pages. Stan is working hard to reduce the font and picture sizes on our formatted pages to reduce the number of pages while minimizing the number of pages that will be removed. Those pages that will be removed will be placed on the MOHPA web site, probably under a new button, in the near future.

During our meeting, the number of mandated pages was reduced to a point where we believe the artificial limit of \$650 will not be exceeded. This bid letter change was made more than seven years ago in an effort to minimize the printing costs incurred by the MOHPA and encourage the host to sell program advertising to cover more of the expenses related to the program and the tournament. This discrepancy should not have endured. If you see a problem, please bring it to your officer's attention quickly.

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Shoe Biz Deadlines

The magic number is "9":

February 9
May 9
October 9



Furns' Turn

by Elizabeth Furner

My goodness, what a December–January weather pattern for the Kansas City area! Would you believe two feet of snow and subzero temperatures? As this house fights broken pipes, leaking ceilings, and ice-covered roads, I dream of warmer temperatures and floating shoes.

In this issue, you will find entry forms for all kinds of exciting horseshoe events. The World Tournament is again next door but instead of right next door, it is up next door. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is calling to the pitchers from the area. Will you be one who answers the call? Be ready to visit another "I". Leave the "I" of 2009's Illinois and enter the "I" of Iowa in 2010. Check out information and entry form in this issue of Shoe Biz.

Will the Nileators be in Wentzville to defend their title during the in-state competition of the 7th Annual MOHPA Club/Team Tournament? If you were at the event in Independence, we look forward to seeing you in Wentzville. If you were not there in 2009, we look forward to you and your team in 2010. Donna Bastel has included information and an entry form. For an opportunity to get up-close and personal with some of the greatest pitchers in the sport, read what Joe Faron has to say.

Mark your calendars to attend the third showing of The Six Pac Invitational in our wonderful National Horseshoe Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville. Folks, if you have never seen this competition, you are missing a work of art. World champions and champion wannabes paint the pegs with chips from respective shoe coatings as they toss ringers, one after another. Four dead is a common sound on both sides of the building. In the past, champions such as Sue Snyder, Alan Francis, Walter Ray, and Joan Elmore have been known to compete. Will they and their ilk be there for 2010? Come on down, over, or up and see for yourself.

Our Junior Spotlight shines upon a young man who has added another year to his achievements since submitting his profile form. His is an example of "wait and she will write it." Read how this handsome young man merges sports and fine arts.

Read of the generosity of pitchers from across the state. Tournaments are fun, stimulating, and make for great camaraderie but some are more than that. Have you ever wondered where the entry fees go after you turn them in at the door? Just follow the money in some of the tournaments and you will find persons, families, and organizations close to our heart that directly benefit. Read of the Turkey Trot, Annual Holly Marie Memorial, Hall of Fame Ring Benefit, and Here Comes Santa Claus Tournaments.

Excited about a new State Tournament venue? Is Bollinger County ready for the invasion of steel and intensity? Accepting the invitation of the Backyard Horseshoe Club, pitchers from different areas of the state will meet in the barn and toss a few. Read what Melody and the Backyarders have been doing to make ready for the rest of the state.

We mourn the loss of a couple of hall of famers. Look back through the years and read of these former military men. Go down memory lane with Jeanette's accounts of Carlyle Gricks' accomplishments from Shoe Biz issues June 2004 and June 2008. Appreciate her final tribute to Carlyle in this issue. Read also a tribute to hall of famer Charles Killgore.

There are 11 clubs reporting in this issue. This is about one-third of those that could. If your club is here, thank you for sharing. If it is not, please do share. You are all important and fellow pitchers would like to know what is happening both on and off the court. We can read the stats, Stan does a great job of keeping all informed. What we don't know is what you are up to and what you have planned. Only club members and associates can keep us up to date on those matters.

Contributors this issue: Jim Bainter, Vicki Winston, Jeanette Claas, Jill Knobbe, Pam Gettinger, Dee McIntire, Joe Faron, Mick Gillete, Gregg Craven, Donna Bastel, Melody Williams, Jim Kinney, Roena Branson, Terry Bowman, Angie Higginbotham, and Steve Bruemmer.

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Office Trailer Status

During the September business meeting, I asked for \$5,000 to allow the MOHPA to shop for a new or used trailer to replace the existing trailer. It appears it may take nearly \$7,000 to get something that meets our needs. To date, I have been unable to find anything on the internet or direct from individuals, trailer sales, or manufacturers at or below this authorized amount. This process won't be quick, but we will find something suitable. It's just taking a lot longer than I expected. If any of you pitchers know of a possible candidate trailer, please let me know. If you or your club would like to make a donation toward the purchase of a trailer, please contact me.

MOHPA Club/Team Tournament

The annual fund-raising tournament is coming up the first week-end in June. This year it will be held at the Quail Ridge facility in Wentzville. There won't be a lot of time to get your teams together after you start your outdoor leagues. Start thinking about your entry and team pitchers and get organized now. It's a bragging rights thing! Get your club in the competition.

2010 World Horseshoe Tournament

It's not too early to start thinking about attending the world tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 26 to August 6. It's in our backyard again this year. Take the time to participate, enjoy the competition and friendly atmosphere, and share the stage with pitchers from around the USA.

MOHPA Club Member Recognition Award

Every two years, the MOHPA works in concert with organized clubs throughout the state to select a pitcher within their club who deserves recognition for their contributions to the club. This year

marks the third round of this award. All club presidents should start the thinking about selecting a pitcher for this award, which will be presented at our awards dinner during the state tournament. Each club should work directly with their Zone Director to make the selection. Zone Directors will make the presentations. The selection does not have to be secret but you should do what's necessary to get the honoree to the awards dinner so that he/she can be recognized by their peers. This award is not intended as a substitute for other MOHPA awards, but as a supplement to them for individuals who may not be eligible for another state award.

Team World Coordinator

For several years, Charles Killgore coordinated Missouri team entries to this NHPA tournament. Although there has been a diminished participation from MO in the last few years, I believe there is still enough interest to warrant a central coordinator for this event. If any of you are interested in acting as the coordinator please let one of your MOHPA officers know.

Last Shoe

Carlyle Gricks, MOHPA Hall of Fame member, MOHPA Men's Short Distance State champion, club organizer, promoter, and gentleman, lost his battle with cancer in January. He fought a good fight and was a Marine to the end. He will be missed.

Scheduled Tournaments

There are already more than 100 tournaments scheduled for 2010. That's going to keep us all hopping around the state to participate. Start practicing early to improve your NATSTAT for the year.

Don't forget to talk with friends and relatives about joining a spring league. Let's get our membership back up to over 800 again. Junior's are important also. We certainly want to maintain our three-year record for largest Junior membership in the NHPA.

"That's it from the Pits."

From the Publicity Director

by Jim Kinney

Well, the new year has already been busy and full of surprises. We are working hard on a few items this year. I wanted to inform everyone of a project the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is working on. I will call it, "Woodys Across the USA."

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is selling silhouettes of the horseshoe pitching man and woman. The names are Mr. Woody Two-Shoes and Ms. Goody Two-Shoes, respectively. In an effort to promote the sport of horseshoes, the club is trying to see how many "Woodys" they can get across the USA. At present there are 10 "Woodys" in different states.

The members in Missouri need you to help with this project by getting involved. On the NHPA web site, click on Florida and see what's going on in Summerfield, Florida. Tom Grills has done something interesting with his pattern.

Not everyone has room for the large silhouettes, so a pair of mini silhouettes has been designed. Large, colored silhouettes are \$100 each and solids are \$75. The smaller versions are in pairs, at \$100 per pair for colored and \$75 for solid. If you would prefer to lighten the load, you can order a pattern for \$25 for either of the large

silhouettes or both minis and cut your own. The large silhouettes are 44" tall by 66" wide; minis are 14" tall and 22.5" wide.

An article concerning this project will appear in the next issue of Newline. Check it out! You can get involved by contacting Jeanette Claas at 636-447-3039 or go to djclaa@sbcglobal.net. Be proud of your sport and of your state. Get involved and promote.

Silhouettes are not all we are involved with. We are working on a project called "Pitch and Win." It will take place on the first weekend of the Missouri State Fair. The intent is to introduce pitchers from novice to avid backyarder to the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association. More interest means more members, more members means more excitement, more excitement means more members. Oh, what a circle.

I will end this by saying that, if you are interested in helping promote the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association, I am interested in hearing from you at jkinneyjrusa@netscape.net. You can help by sharing your ideas of new projects or by volunteering to help with established projects. Together we can build our sport bigger and better.

I hope 2010 has a lot of ringers in your sights. See you on the courts.



This & That

by Vicki Winston

It has been a rough winter in most areas of our state, but hopefully the promise of spring will be in the air by the time you are reading this. The people who were dreaming of a White Christmas got their wish and then some. I began to wonder if all of the holidays that come in the months that follow would also be white. Sunshine has also been very scarce and makes me think we are living in Seattle. However, when the sun is boiling down this summer, I will be wishing for more clouds. We humans are hard to please.

Since membership is my business, I must remind everyone who doesn't yet have a 2010 NHPA card that you are not eligible to compete in any sanctioned events until you pay your 2010 dues. A lot of you have been sending in dues through the final quarter of 2009 and the month of January. I've been busy all during the fall and winter months. On February 1, I sent the NHPA 527 Adult and 72 Junior memberships. I got an immediate response from the NHPA Secretary wanting to know how in the world I had signed up 72 juniors so early in the year. We are fortunate to have some individuals and clubs in our charter who are very interested in youth. They run junior leagues and junior invitational tournaments. Of course, we have a few people who have several grandchildren or young relatives that they are trying to get interested in pitching some horseshoes. Keep up the good work and keep promoting our sport to people of all ages. I'll be here to process the memberships whenever they come in. I do want to add that I try to have all individual orders of cards into the mail within a day or two after receiving the applications. Turn-around time on those is very fast, if I'm not away from home. If you have sent me a check but haven't received your card within a few days, please follow up on it. Your check or your card may have been lost in the mail. Don't sit there waiting for several weeks, or even months, wondering why you haven't received your new card.

From time to time, our members include personal notes when sending their dues. I appreciate hearing from you and the nice comments that you make. It helps to make my day. I received a note from Val Eikel in Mexico, MO and he wanted me to share this message with all of you:

Due to on going health issues with my wife and myself, I have decided to step down from active pitching. I will continue to keep up my membership and visit the courts from time to time. I wish all the guys and gals good luck in their pitching. My best regards, Val Eikel

1st Annual Double-Elimination Tournament

There will be a double-elimination tournament on July 17. The event will take place at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame complex in Wentzville Missouri. The entry fees that are collected will go to the yearly operations of the Knights of Columbus St. Roberts Bellarmine in St. Charles. This is a doubles tournament with all teams guaranteed at least two matches (a match consist of best out of three games to a specific point total). Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each class. For more information, contact Steve Bruemmer cell-636-541-3232 or e-mail sdr@att.net.

It is good to hear of the sanctioned events that will be taking place at Harbor Park in Warsaw, MO, at the newly formed Truman Lake Horseshoe Club. We also have a new club in Clarence, MO, and Norman Kiso has expressed interest in reviving the Saline County Horseshoe Club at Indian Foothills Park in Marshall, MO. I think there might be another site or two that are trying to upgrade courts or build new ones. I wish those folks much success and I also want to thank the people who are working so hard to keep the established locations alive and well. No matter how many members a club has, there are always just a very few who do all of the work, which leads me to the subject of every club or league having a backup plan or person available. If the person(s) running your league(s) should suddenly be rendered incapable of performing their duties, is someone else trained so that they can step in and finish the job? If not, then you need to correct that situation ASAP. It is always good to remember the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared! You may never have to use your backup plan, but should the need arise, you will be forever thankful that you had a Plan B in place. I also want to remind all league directors that you must send our statistician, Stan Griggs, a copy of your Final League Stats when you report them to Lorraine Sternberg. Stan does not receive any league information from the NHPA.

There has been so much sad news in the past few months and my sympathy goes out to all who have lost family members and loved ones. Carlyle Gricks Jr. will especially be missed as he and his wife, Pat, have done so much for horseshoe pitching in southwest Missouri. I am keeping my fingers crossed that a way will be found for the Tri-State Horseshoe Club to be able to continue to use the building that Carl and Pat built on their property.

Entry forms for the Missouri State Championships and also the Missouri State Fair Open Tournament will be in the June issue of Shoe Biz. Entries will not be accepted prior to the availability of those forms. Hope to see many of you at the MOHPA Club Team Tournament at Quail Ridge on June 5. Just for your info, the access to Quail Ridge Park has changed. You will need to learn new travel directions if you haven't been there since the change was made.

Until the next issue I will leave you with this thought, "If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging."

Condensed Financial Report

Funds on Hand Nov. 1, 2009	20,691.52
Receipts	7,732.82
Expenses	-12,510.67
Funds on Hand Feb. 4, 2010	15,913.67

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Last Shoe



Ed Owen

April 16, 1914–October 4, 2009

Ed Owen, 95, of Maysville died October 4, 2009. Ed was born the oldest of seven children and lived most of his life in the Missouri county of Dekalb.

He spent 20 years working with his son Gerald in construction and, when not building, toiled as a farmer. Ed served on the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Board and was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church.

Ed loved to hunt, fish and pitch horseshoes. He and another lost treasure, Harold Pettiecord, pitched in the same area. Ed also loved to share stories of the past with his grandchildren.

Ed was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, the former Maxine McClellan. He is survived by three children: Mrs. Joyce Schifferdecker of Lee's Summit, Gerald Owen of Maysville, and David Owen of St. Joseph. He had nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. There were many nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann "Sue" Cutright

July 4, 1937–February 2, 2010

Sue Cutright passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2010, from complications of a lung disease. She was diagnosed with this lung-scarring disease six years ago and it gradually took its toll on her. She was hospitalized the last four months before her death.

Mary Ann Cutright was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and grew up in south St. Louis, MO. Her sister called her "Susie" and the nickname stuck with her all her life. Sue attended Cleveland High School in St. Louis. She met Warren Cutright and they married on December 1, 1956. They would become the parents of three children: Roger, Wanda, and Paul.

Warren and Sue were active youth group sponsors for the St. Charles Presbyterian Church as their children were growing up. She was also a Cub Scout leader for her sons. After their children were grown, Warren and Sue moved to New Florence and became active in the Big Spring Methodist Church near their home.

Warren and Sue both loved to pitch horseshoes. Sue became a member of the Golden Triangle Horseshoe Club and then pitched in the Jack & Jill League at New Melle. Sue was most proud when she entered her first Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament and won first place in her class division at the 1988 State Tournament in Crane. She collected many other trophies and continued to play until the heat got the best of her and she had to give up horseshoes in 2001. She was a MOHPA member for 14 years.

Sue was an avid bowler and bowled at the St. Charles Lanes for many years. The Cutrights enjoyed being snowbirds, traveling to warmer climates in the winter months. She also enjoyed playing cards. Most of all, Sue loved her family and was there whenever they needed her. She was a hard worker and a warm loving and caring person.

Sue is survived by her husband Warren, daughter Wanda, and son Paul. She enjoyed three grandchildren and one great grandson.

Her son, Roger, preceded her in death. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends in horseshoes who are left with many fond memories of her.

Mary "Ann" Pogue

October 18, 1932 – February 6, 2101

Ann Pogue, 77, of Ellington, Missouri, entered into rest Saturday, February 6, 2010, at Jefferson Regional Medical Center after fighting a courageous bout with cancer.

Ann was born in Crosstown, MO, not too far from Ellington where Kenny lived. He met this pretty, blue-eyed girl who lived down a little country road and married her in 1952 while he was home on furlough from the U.S. Marine Corp. She would become the mother of two daughters, Betty and Patti. They lived in Baden, MO, while their children grew and, after Kenny retired, they moved back to the farm in Ellington.

Ann never pitched horseshoes but she went to plenty of horseshoe events. They traveled together across the country to many world horseshoe tournaments and seeing the countryside as they went, sleeping in their camper at nights. When Kenny's tractor turned over on the farm and pinned him underneath, Kenny credited Ann for saving his life. While in the hospital, she nursed him back to health.

Besides attending horseshoe activities, Ann enjoyed working puzzles, gardening, and card games, but most of all loved being with her family. She was one of the founders of Fantasy Pools in Festus, where the entire Pogue family helped to make it successful. She was of small stature, but mighty in spirit.

Ann is survived by her husband of 58 years, Kenny, two daughters, a brother and four sisters, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by her family. We will miss seeing the pretty, blue-eyed girl from the little country road at all our horseshoe events. Missouri horseshoe pitchers send their sincere sympathy to Kenny and the entire Pogue family.

Well-wishes and condolences

- Our well-wishes to Richard Schmidt of the Liberty Club as he recovers from a farming accident. He suffered a broken leg after being too close when a couple of boars got into a shoving match.
- We offer condolences to John Anderson of Parkville on the loss of his grandchild. We also remember Don Harris of Smithville for the loss of his wife Fern.
- Cal and Julia Jaeger of QRHC lost their son-in-law, Darryl, in a car accident in February. At this writing, no funeral arrangements had been made but Julia is concerned about Cal and would appreciate anyone who would be able to visit with him or send him a card at his current address: Lutheran Senior Services at Breeze Park, 600 Breeze Park Drive, Weldon Springs, MO 63304; (636)939-5223. Along with Darryl's death there were several injuries. Darryl's mother is in critical condition, his wife, Sue, was hospitalized for a time, and Randy, their son, was slightly injured.

Missouri Horseshoe Club News

Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club



by Roena Branson

Hello, neighbors! We started out the winter rather mild but for some reason we are now getting all kinds of snow and cold. Oh well, spring is on its way.

Our indoor facility, The Pits, has really been busy with winter leagues. We have six leagues going on now and a possibility of another Thursday noon league starting up. We have a few more weeks to go in each league and the race goes on for 1st place; its getting very exciting. Our league championship tournament and our banquet are scheduled for the last week of April.

We have had some outstanding tournaments this winter at The Pits and a great turnout as well. By the time you get the Shoe Biz, our next tournament, the Daylight Savings Open, will be March 13-14. Come and join us if you can. Congratulations to all the winners of the previous tournaments.

We have exciting news. Welcome to our new neighbors, the Truman Lake Horseshoe Club in Warsaw, MO. This is spearheaded by Jeff Spry and Dennis Mills. It's located in a pretty setting of Harbor Park. They have 18 people signed up as of now and four existing sanctioned courts. A meeting is scheduled in February to meet with the Parks and Recreation Department to try to add an additional five courts. Jeff and Dennis will be hosting two tournaments this summer. Tournament dates are scheduled for May 1 and June 13. Lets all try to support our new club. Hey guys, we will have to try and have a Lake shootout!

I was so excited the other day when I walked into The Pits and I saw Ed Davis practicing horseshoes. Ed has had several surgeries in the past year, the latest being knee surgery, but he is on his way back. Ed, it is so good to see you on the courts again.

We have a new league member, Joyce Drake, who joined our league in October. Her son, Thomas, is scheduled to leave for Iraq on February 17. We certainly want to keep him in our thoughts and prayers as he takes this new journey.

We have a couple members in our club we want to send get well wishes to, Harry Rother and Merv Moeller, who had gall bladder surgery this past month. They are doing fine.

Our condolences go to Iris Hoffmeister; her brother passed away in January.

Doug Carter broke his hip on November 1. We are glad to say Doug is back to work but he remains on crutches and is receiving therapy. He is looking forward to getting rid of the crutches and start walking on his own. Hurry and get well, we want to see you back on the courts.

The Lake of the Ozark Horseshoe Club was so saddened to hear that Carlyle Gricks has passed away. Carlyle was the icon of horseshoes. He loved this game so much and loved being around people. He and Pat had a wonderful horseshoe facility at their home in Diamond, where they made everyone feel so at home. Carlyle was a special man and I was so honored to have him as my doubles partner at the State Tournament this past year. Carlyle will be missed but never forgotten. Pat, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Until next time, open your heart and love will find its way in.

Independence Horseshoe Club

by Pam Henderson

Hello everyone from the Independence Horseshoe Club. We can finally see the horseshoe courts after our 18 inches of snow. We can surely get ready for pitching now, if we can get the winter wind to stop for a while.

Our team winners for our league were as follows:

- 1st place: Dennis Bales and Jim Hlaca
- 2nd place: Mike Gillespie and Fred Fender
- 3rd place: Johnna Bales and Vicki Fender
- 4th place: Brian Bilyeu and Matt Jordan
- 5th place: Jon Aronson and LaDon Dial
- 6th place: Perry Mann and Hannah Johnson

Our Grand Champion after a good game against Lee Miller was Al Gwinn.

We are looking forward to a great league this year and can hardly wait to get started. Great pitching to all. We'll see you on the courts.

Heart of America Horseshoe Club

by Dee McIntire

The Heart of America Horseshoe Club is proud to report that the National Top Ten have been named and participants in our leagues are among them!



Stan Griggs, in the 40' Men's Division, received the 3rd highest in the nation for high ringer average at 68.54%, the 6th highest point average with 114.5, the 7th high ringer game with 84%, and the 8th highest point game with 134 points. Way to go, Stan!

Nick DiRaimo, in the 30' Senior Division, received the 3rd highest point average with 116.9 and the 3rd high ringer average with 70.8%. Great going, Nick!

Michael Bowman, while in the Junior Boy's division, received the 1st high point average in a league with 119.67 points and the high ringer average with 74.44%. What a way to finish a Junior career!

Not to be out-done, Savanna Johnson has been pitching really well also. She had a high ringer average of 28.13% and high ringer game of 46%. I know for a fact that she has had an even higher percentage game in a tournament.

Congratulations to our Heart of America League 2009 National Top Ten players. I wonder how many other clubs in the nation can say their members brought home 10 of the Top Ten?

Golden Valley Horseshoe Club

by Jim Kinney

Well, we have our first year under our belt and are really excited about the coming year. We had great representation at different tournaments in 2009. A few members placed in tournaments throughout the year. We are working on having a permanent fence placed around our courts. We are also hosting two tournaments in 2010. The first, on July 3, will be called Old Glory Days. The second, on October 2, will be the Clinton Fall Mixed open. If you are interested in pitching with us, come on down and enjoy some great competition.

Capitol City Horseshoe Club

by Steve Bruemmer

CCHC is getting ready for it's sixth season of horseshoes at Washington Park, but before get going for this year, I would like to congratulate the following winners in our leagues in 2009.



Spring Singles: 1st place, August Duedenhoeffer (18-3); 2nd place, Steve Johnson(16-5); 3rd place, Jim Gregory (14-7).

Summer Singles: 1st Place, Leonard Bruemmer (14-4); 2nd Place, August Duedenhoeffer (13-5); 3rd Place, James Driver (13-5).

Summer Doubles: 1st Place, Four Ringers (24-18); 2nd Place, Four Dead (24-18); 3rd Place, The Crushers (23-19).

The Fall League 2009: 1st Place, James Driver (14-4); 2nd Place, Gary Mueller (13-5); 3rd Place, Dan Welch (12-6).

The club held several tournaments throughout the year and I would like to thank everyone for their support. In 2010, we are going to implement a self-scoring method to all our tournaments. This should help our club out with the problem of scorekeepers.

I would like to congratulate Brian Schoerer on his marriage. Also, congratulations to Adam Scheppers on his new son.

The CCHC had three champions at the World Tournament this past year. I would like to congratulate them: Jim Gregory, Stan Bailey, and Nathan Evers.

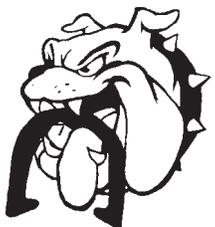
The club is working with the California Horseshoe Club to establish its members. I would like to say that this facility would not have been NHPA sanctioned without the help of Mel Bruemmer, Kevin Chambers, Ron Hassler, and Steve Johnson. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

The California Horseshoe Club

by Steve Bruemmer

The California Horseshoe Club will begin operation in the summer of 2010. There will be a summer team (Doubles) league on Monday evening starting June 7. The club will also host the horseshoe tournament during the Moniteau County Fair. The contact person for this new club is Kevin Chambers (573-578-4804 or e-mail kcsuper23@yahoo.com).

I would like to thank the following people for their help to make these courts sanctioned: Kevin & Robin Chambers for painting the lines, Mel Bruemmer for marking the lines, Steve Johnson and Ron Hassler for cutting the backboards to the proper length, Jim Gregory for general maintenance of the courts, and Rebecca and Rachel Bruemmer for supervising and keeping Mel and Steve in line. The members of the Capitol City Horseshoe club held the first sanctioned tournament at these courts during the Moniteau County Fair this past August.



Tri-State Horseshoe Club

by Angie Higginbotham

Howdy-ho neighbors, hope this finds everyone well. Unfortunately this will not be one of my normal articles. I write this article with a heavy heart. On January 17, Carlyle Gricks (our friend, our mentor, our partner,

the "boss man") played his final round.

Carlyle was loved and respected by so many, but for those of us in the Tri-State Horseshoe Club, there is also a huge amount of gratitude. Carlyle put a lot into the sport of horseshoes over the years. Were it not for his, Pat's, and their son Lucky's hard work, time, and effort of building the Lucky Gricks Memorial Arena, those of us who live around here would not have had a place to practice or play horseshoes; not only in the summer but all winter as well. For that we are all very grateful.

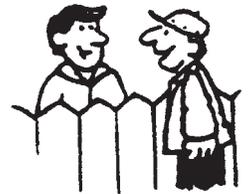
We often teased about the "tight ship" Carlyle ran and kiddingly called him the "boss man" but in reality, Carlyle was truly a friend. He wanted to see all of us excel and succeed both in the game of horseshoes and in our life. He spent time with anybody who asked. He helped us get our shoes straightened out. For me, Carlyle was truly my mentor. Without his help, I would never have excelled at horseshoes as much as I did.

Carlyle did so much for so many. I honestly don't believe he ever knew a stranger. He was a wonderful man who touched so many lives. We all are better people for having known him. So long, Carlyle, you will be sorely missed by all.

Backyard Horseshoe Club

by Melody Williams

Following are a few bits from the backyard (horseshoe club, that is.) Hello to all horseshoe pitchers and their families!



We have been having larger than normal turnouts for our sanctioned tournaments lately. There are people curious about our club who are coming to the tournaments to "check out the place." We really welcome each and every one of you anytime. There does not have to be a tournament going on for you to visit our club. We are open for practicing anytime. Come on over, y'all!

For those of you who may not know it or remember, BYHC is the home club of two Missouri State Champions. We are privileged to have the reigning Missouri State Junior Girls' Horseshoe Champion, Tori Vandeven, and also the reigning Missouri State Junior Boys' Horseshoe Champion, Martin Williams, as members of our club. Their traveling winning trophies are on a shelf in our club. It is quite an accomplishment for a small horseshoe club like BYHC to have two champions. We are truly proud of these and all our members.

Our members are getting very excited about the state tournament being at BYHC! We have already begun selling ads for the program booklet. They are really enthusiastic about going out and selling the ads. We hope their enthusiasm doesn't run out.

We would like to take this time to thank everyone for their support in helping to get the 2010 Missouri State Horseshoe Pitching Competition at our club. We assure you that this will be a unique tournament atmosphere. It will truly be "one of a kind." We will make you "feel at home" at Backyard Horseshoe Club! There are going to be a lot of "different" activities that will be going on all weekend. There will be fun for all ages. Thank you to our MOHPA President, Jim Bainter, for taking time from his busy schedule to

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come and look our club over as well as looking over the surrounding area in SEMO.

For those of you who camp rather than stay in hotels, there are five campgrounds within 10 miles of BYHC. They are all fully equipped with sewer hookups, etc. They are located on Castor River and one of them is on a private lake. They all accommodate the most primitive of camping to the most up-to-date camping. RVs are welcome. Campgrounds have shower facilities available on the premises. One of the campgrounds nearest BYHC has agreed to give MOHPA members and their families a discount on their regular weekend rates. For those wondering how to get to BYHC, stay tuned. There will be more specific directions in the next issue of Shoe Biz.

The next issue of Shoe Biz will have a schedule of events for the tournament as well as hotel/motel rates and campground rates. It's cold out there right now; campgrounds are closed until spring so this type of information is scarce. We will let y'all know more later.

Soon, there will be items placed on the MOHPA Bulletin Board regarding purchasing ads for the program booklet for the MOHPA State Tournament. There will also be more information on the MOHPA web page as the tournament gets closer.

Well, I think that is about all the "news" for here for now. We will keep you updated as information is available. Watch your Shoe Biz and/or check the web site. Finish the winter in great fashion. Keep pitchin' those shoes (indoors of course), although, "snow" shoes might be fun.

Liberty Club News

by Gregg Craven

Congratulations to Alyssa Leger and Bruce Thomson for their NHPA Scholarship of \$125 each. This is Alyssa's fifth consecutive award. Bruce just finished 7th grade, so it was the first year he was eligible. Alyssa has one more chance and Bruce has many.

Several league members earned NHPA Top Ten awards last year. Nick DiRaimo did well enough to get several awards in our club, but did just a little better in the Heart of America League in three categories. His 82% game put him on the Men's 30' list for the Liberty Club. Alex Roberts and Savanna Johnson each earned personalized plaques for several categories: Savanna's 46% was 3rd in High Ringer Game and 4th for High Ringer Over Average in the Girls. She was 5th in the Girls with a 28% average and 7th in the Mixed Juniors in High Points Over Average with 29.5. Alex was 2nd in the Boys with a ringer average of 45.38% and 3rd with a 66% game. His 29.4 points over average was 8th in the Mixed Juniors. Michael Leger made the top ten in High Points Over Average in the Mixed Juniors. Look for the complete list in the next issue of "Horseshoe Pitching Newsline" (March-April). Congratulations to all the other Top Ten winners in Missouri. I think someone pitched a perfect 50-shoe game!

We just finished our Fall leagues. Our morning league champions were Paul Hudson and Perry Mann and the Tuesday winners were

Gina Baker, Al Salmon, Noah Renne, and Hannah Johnson. Most-improved were Savanna Johnson and Sammy Weese. Sammy found a pair of Gordon shoes at an antique store and his pitching really took off. He pitched his first 74% game and also had the high over average. He does not have as much time for pitching as he did since he and his girlfriend do quite a bit of dancing. Not bad for 82 years young! High averages were Nick DiRaimo (115.8 points) and Norm Green (101.7). Those two also had high games. Audra Craven had High Over Average in the Tuesday league with 29.8 points. Paul Taylor earned his 60% patch, Jerry Noland his 50%, and Mike Crouch his 40%. We will never be able to thank Don Harris enough for the great facility. Thanks, Don.

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

by Jeanette Claas

The QRHC finished out 2009 with several exciting tournaments filled to capacity. We raffled off a turkey during the Turkey Trot Tournament and a Christmas ham at the Jingle Bell Rock Tournament. These items were donated by QRHC member Kelly Combs.

When the QRHC heard that one of its members was carrying a heavy load on his shoulders, we quickly took action. Mark Hatfield's son, Mike, was diagnosed with bone cancer and then to top it off several months later, Mark's wife discovered she had breast cancer. Mike has five children and was unable to work due to cancer treatments and was in much need of help. At the Turkey Trot Tournament, a collection was taken and a food drive was set up. On December 20, we presented many food items, certificates, diapers, and money to the family. I would like to say thanks to all the club members who so generously gave to this cause. It was a wonderful thing to do during the Christmas season.

We would like to congratulate Larry Gilchrist, who celebrated his 90th birthday in December. Larry is our oldest club member and also the oldest horseshoe pitcher in Missouri. Ray Nadler celebrated his 85th birthday on Nov. 28. At our club meeting in November, the members voted to give a lifetime membership to all our horseshoe pitchers who turn 80 or higher in 2010. This is to show how much we appreciate all they have done in the past for our club and respect them as they can continue on pitching with us.

Also at the November club meeting, the members voted on a new club membership and pitching policy. When our new club opened in 2007, we all agreed not to charge people for pitching at the new facility, but the time has come that we must do this. The new charge for all non-members will be \$5 during open play, or you have the opportunity to join the club for just \$10, enabling you to pitch the entire year. This fee will help to pay utility bills at the facility.

The winter leagues are in full swing, beginning the second half as you read this newsletter. At the end of our Fall T.G.I.T. Day League, the champions were the team of Jim Howard, Mary Duke, and Darrell Vanhooser. The Winter Day T.G.I.T. League will begin in February on Feb. 4.

Plans are already in the making for the 17th Annual Six Pac



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Tournament, which will be held on May 1–2. We wish that all Missouri horseshoe pitchers could travel to Wentzville to see this exciting tournament. You learn so much by watching the greats!

The QRHC hosted its third Washer Tournament sponsored by the St. Charles County Parks Department. The QRHC will also be hosting the Missouri State Team Benefit this coming June.

Another exciting event that has taken place at the QRHC on Thursday mornings is a group of 16 golfers from Lake St. Louis who have joined the QRHC and the NHPA for competition among themselves. They are all retired seniors, all beginners and they are having a good time learning the game of horseshoes. We welcome each one of them.

The QRHC just received official notice from NHPA President Stu Sipma that the QRHC has received the directorship of the NHPA GRS. Pam Gettinger and Larry Langewisch have taken on the responsibilities and have done a tremendous job. Rose Diekamp is in charge of the distributorship for the QRHC GRS. Things are going well.

On QRHC's sick list are Elaine Langewisch (hip replacement), Paul Spell (neck surgery), Ken Hardy (knee surgery), Ginny Weiss (shoulder surgery), and Bud Ward (hand surgery). We are keeping two of our Missouri people in our thoughts and prayers at this time: Ann Pogue as she battles cancer and Mr. Henry Stealey, who suffered with pneumonia. Our sincere sympathy to Jim Riley and all the Rileys on the death of Jim's mother. The QRHC sends sincere sympathy to the family of Carlyle Gricks; his presence on the QRHC courts will forever be missed.

The directions to the QRHC have changed somewhat due to road construction, which is not completely final yet. There is no longer a Callahan Road. If you are traveling east or west on Hwy 40/61, take the 1C Exit, which is Prospect Road. Follow the roundabout and exit onto south Prospect, then hang a right at the fork

(Duello Road), which becomes Quail Ridge Parkway. At the end of this road, hang a left into the Quail Ridge Park.

If you need to find a warm place, stop in and pitch some shoes at the NHPA Hall of Fame facility.

Peculiar Horseshoe Club

by Terry Bowman

Hi to everyone in the horseshoe world. I'm sure everyone is as tired of all this snow as I am. I'm excited for spring to get here.

First, I want to thank Lorraine Sternberg for the nice write-up about Michael Bowman in the National Sanctioned Club/League News. That was really nice of you. Thanks again.

We are really proud of our club this year we had several people who got Top Ten awards for 2009. They are as follows:

Jr. National Awards: Michael Bowman, 1st high point game (150 points), and 2nd high point over average (33.38%).

Boys Division: Michael Bowman, 1st high ringer game (100%), and 1st high ringer game over average (26.75%); Tyler Fishbaugh, 9th high point over average (27.54%).

Girls Division: Hannah Dods, 6th high ringer game (34.00%), 9th high game over average (16.58%), and 10th high ringer average (17.42%).

National Men's Division: Ralph Richardson, 8th high points over average (36.82); 40 foot men's, 8th high ringer over average (31.49%).

Good going, everyone. Our club is so proud of you all. Congratulations to you all. Hopefully, 2010 will bring a lot more national winners. Good luck to everyone playing this year. Hope everyone is doing well health-wise and may everyone stay healthy. God bless.



QRHC Turkey Trot Tournament

by Jill Knobbe

There was an excellent turnout for this year's Turkey Trot Tournament with a total of 61 pitchers in eight classes. After going through a little bit of a learning curve—with this being our first time running a tournament—Ralph Hummel, Dave Sullivan, and I thought everything went pretty well. As a first-time director, this was quite an experience for me. I learned how to enter the tournament stats and had several last minute changes to the brackets; for a while there, it was crazy. Thankfully, we had patient pitchers and good volunteers so everything worked out.

In the morning session, Mark Pisane won the "H" class with a 6-0 record, Kevin Chambers took "G" class, also with a 6-0 record, Kent Korte from Illinois won the "F" class with a 5-1 record, and Darryl Gettinger took the "E" class with a 5-2 record.

The afternoon session had several matches that were very hotly contested. In one match, Bob Diekamp and Mary Beeson pitched 72 shoes before Bob finally nudged out Mary for the win. In another marathon game, Steve Johnson and Ginny Weiss pitched 86 shoes, canceling each other out 39 times before Ginny came

away with the victory. At the end of the day, Terry Murray edged out Dave Schneider for 1st place in "D" class with a 6-1 record. Mary Beeson took first in "C" class with her 6-1 record and Pam Gettinger won "B" class with a 5-2 record. On a special note, Gary Roehrig, a newcomer to pitching tournaments, placed second in this class with an impressive 57% ringer percentage on the day. The "A" class was well represented and had many very competitive games. Just to make things interesting, we had a tie between Jim Spidle, Sr., and Jan Kreienkamp for first place. After yet another marathon match, Jan finally succeeded in winning the pitch-off from Jim but not without a fight.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the tournament and give a special thanks to the many volunteers who worked in the concession stand and kept score. Also to Rich Altis, who worked with us on the stats; Terry Loeffler, who made some delicious chili; and Mike Guillaume, who pitched in when we were shorthanded. Kelly Combs donated a turkey and a turkey breast for our raffle; Steve Johnson won the turkey and Mark Fields got the breast. It takes a lot of help and patience from everyone to make a successful tournament and we certainly can be thankful that we had an abundance of both from everyone involved.

A Tribute to Carlyle Gricks

July 27, 1927–January 17, 2010

by Jeanette Claas

Editor's note: Many have heard that what we do for ourselves dies with us, what we do for others lives on forever. The work Carlyle did for his family, community, and country personifies this statement. This is a person who leaves with a truly positive statement of what a good neighbor should be. To read more of what Jeanette wrote about this wonderful leader, read June 2004 and June 2008 issues of Shoebiz.

The MOHPA Charter mourned the loss of a “gem” in Diamond, Missouri, on January 17, 2010, as word was received of the passing of Carlyle Gricks. It is unlikely that another one of its kind will ever be found. In July 2007, before going to the World Tournament in Ardmore, OK, Carl was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. It was a blow to this ex-Marine who had been so healthy all his life. So he courageously fought the battle all cancer patients must endure. He underwent all cancer treatments that the doctor ordered and was in remission for a while, but then it returned in 2009 and this time he lost the battle. Even though Missouri horseshoe pitchers suspected his death would come, it seemed like a sudden blow when it did happen.

Carlyle E. Gricks, Jr. was born on July 27, 1930, in Oil City, Pennsylvania. In 1947, at the age of 17, Carl joined the Marine Corps and served 20 years of active duty before his retirement in 1967 at the age of 37. During his military years, Carl spent 22 months of active duty in the Korean War. He was a helicopter crew chief and gunner. His job was flying troops into enemy territory and evacuating the wounded. At one time he was reported missing in action. He was also active in the Bikini Atomic Tests in the Pacific Islands and several other conflicts. His final tour of duty he spent in Vietnam, where he flew 147 of the most dangerous missions; his helicopter was shot down three times. Throughout his years of service, Carl received eight Air Medals during combat missions and five Good Conduct Medals, indicative of an outstanding record of service to his country.

Carl married Pat, “the girl next door,” in April 1951. They became the parents of three children: Carlyle E. Gricks, III, Cindy, and Vicki. During these years, Pat and her young family adjusted to military life, moving from Pennsylvania to California to Tennessee to North Carolina. A friend of Carl's told him of some land that he thought would be a good place to raise a family. They purchased 80 acres of prairie land in southwestern Missouri, where they tried their hand at raising cows. They enjoyed family life on the farm, raising their children and traveling to other countries and seeing all the sites across the USA—until a “handful of iron” entered their lives.

In 1997, MOHPA member Bob Outt, introduced Carl to organized horseshoes. Carl joined the MOHPA and built a court in his backyard, where he and his son and friends would pitch together. He entered his first tournament with an average of 22%. Horseshoe fever bit him hard. At the age of 70, he and his wife began construction of their indoor horseshoe arena. A friend's turkey house had collapsed in a recent ice storm and the farmer didn't want to rebuild. Carl tore it down and used the trusses for his building. “It took him a month (by himself) in turkey poo up to his knees to complete this project,” say his wife, who cleaned up the mess. Carl first poured the 40' by 70' foundation using a hand concrete mixer. Carl and Pat framed the walls and set the trusses 20 feet high. To heat the facility, Carl built a furnace out of concrete blocks on the outside of the building and then ran ducts directly into the building. Pat would split the wood used to heat the facility. She also painted the interior walls each October before the indoor season began. Carl painted a picture of the NHPA male and female horseshoe pitchers on the front of the blue metal building. Next was the necessity need, a “Johnny on the Spot.” Carl built it and Pat decorated it with angels. It was by far the cleanest, prettiest and classiest outhouse in all of Ozarkland.

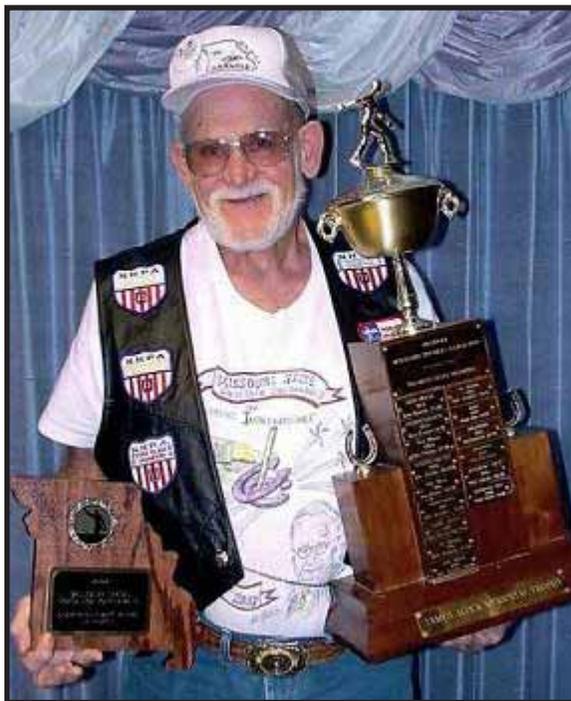
Then came their biggest heartbreak. Their dear son, Lucky, became ill with colon cancer and passed away in 2001. They named their new building the “Lucky Gricks Memorial Arena.”

Since the arena was built in 2000, the Gricks' have held five tournaments during the winter season of horseshoe pitching and Pat plans to finish out this 2010 winter's schedule. There is open play for horseshoe pitchers on Mondays and Thursdays. In 2001, Carl formed

the Tri-State Horseshoe Club with 15 members and since then has doubled its size. As a craftsman, Carl made trophies in the shape of Missouri for his tournaments and also for two Missouri State Tournaments.

During the last ten years of pitching horseshoes, Carl developed his skills and just kept getting better. He was a great competitor and sportsman on the courts. He pitched in eight World Tournaments since 1998, placing six times in the top 8. At the state level, Carl's greatest achievement was winning the Elders' State Championship Title in 2007, ending with a tournament average of 62.75%. His proudest moment in horseshoes came when he was inducted into the Missouri Pitchers Hall of Fame in 2008.

Carl won and earned many trophies throughout his horseshoe pitching career, but to all who knew him, Carl earned much more than that. He earned our respect, our love; he taught us so much, he touched so many lives. His only regret? “I do wish that I had started in horseshoes earlier,” Carl stated in 2007. Missouri is proud of what this brave Marine did to protect his country and proud of his dedication to and promotion of the sport of horseshoe pitching. Miss him? How can we possibly forget him.



Missouri Horseshoe Pitching Locations

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City	Club/Location		Contact	Phone	E-Mail
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
Clarence*	Clarence HC - City Park	out	Kathy Liebhart	660-384-5478	kathy@cvalley.net
Crane	Hudson Hall	in	Frank/Ruth Hudson	417-723-5429	or 417-840-5434
Diamond	Tri-State HC	in	John Fite	417-325-6428	diajohnb@jscomm.net
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@independence
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	Keith Peck	660-665-7029	kmpeck@marktwain.net
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	Norman Kiso	660-202-0189	
Marshfield	Pitchers Paradise HC	out	Marshel Keith	417-859-0541	keith_freda@yahoo.com
Mountain View	3 Ringer Courts	out	Dan Hobbs	417-934-6741	
Park Hills	Mineral Area HC	in	Rick McEntire	573-431-6107	or 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	Karen Goldizen	816-324-4854	bkgold@st.joewireless.net
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	Truman Lake HC	out	Jeff Spry	660-723-3338	jspry61@embarqmail.com
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.



Left: The Lucky Gricks Memorial Arena, the indoor pitching facility built by Carlyle Gricks, Jr. **Right:** The facility's outhouse.

Iron Man: Charles Killgore

Editor's Note: The following is a compilation of thoughts and remembrances from those who knew Charles Killgore: Vicki Winston, Jeanette Claas, Elwyn Cooper, Jim and Carol Howard, Jim Bainter, and a memory or two from me, Elizabeth Furner.

On September 28, 2009, I received a phone call I would have never dreamed of receiving. Charles Killgore had died while in the emergency room of Liberty Hospital the previous evening.

For those of us lucky enough to have spent time with this determined 40-foot pitcher, we may remember his soft voice, his concerted look as he saw a ringer looming with each pitch, and his donation of time, effort, and financial resources to our sport. Many of us have been made aware of the three R's since we were knee high. Readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmatic: three things necessary to succeed in this world. For those of us who had the privilege of knowing the man who in 2008 received the "Iron Man" award, Mr. Charles Killgore taught us the meaning of the three C's: courage, compassion, and conviction. Charles had the courage to forge for the best, the compassion to share his energy and ambitions with those who would accept it, and the conviction to move a worthwhile project from inception to completion.

Charles was passionate about many things—family, church, community. He was born to a farming family during the Great Depression and was schooled in the area of hard work from the very beginning. He served with the Military Police in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and returned to civilian life to become the husband of 24 years to Joan Martin until her death in 1976. Charlie later remarried and enjoyed 32 years as spouse to Rita Enderle. They shared four sons and numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was a long-time member of the First Christian Church in Plattsburg, MO. He served as elder and could be found for several years mowing the congregational grass. Being a full-time farmer, family man, and church leader just wasn't enough for this exceptional man. Along with running his own farm, Charlie served as Operations

Manager of Sur-Gro Plant Food Company for 45 years, served with his church, helped with sports activities at the local high school, and was known as a man who loved the land and its people. Charlie seemed to thrive on service.

This attitude was not lost on the sports world. He loved to compete, be it in basketball, volleyball, football, softball, golf, bowling, or horseshoes. He proved his willingness to put his money where his mouth was. When there was a danger of the sport leaving his town, he partnered with a long-time associate and bought the Plattsburg Bowling Alley. When his long-time friend Don Harris offered to be the engine and spearhead the financing of a building for pitching horseshoes year round, Charlie became the lubricant by not

only helping with financing but also in the selection of the building type and layout of the Don Harris Arena. Charlie helped in the negotiations with the Liberty City Council and in having the building erected inside Stocksdale Park. Charles was responsible for the pits in Joelton, Tennessee; Wentzville, Missouri; and Liberty, Missouri; which all have something other than dimensions in common. It was Charlie who found the Tennessee source of clay, went to Kentucky, got the smooth clay, and hauled it back to Missouri, not once, but twice, and touched both sides of our state. (For more about this clay, check out the October 2006 issue of Shoebiz.)

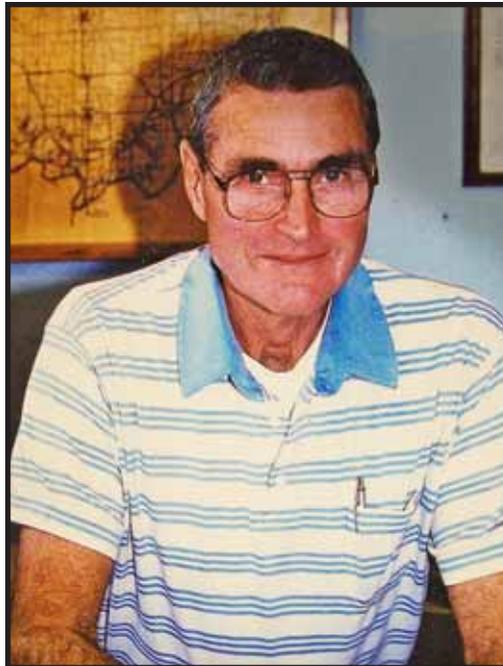
Before Don Harris Arena made pitching year round possible in Charles's home territory, it was not uncommon, after putting in a full day of working in the office or in the fields, for him to travel miles through the late evening and early morning for competitions, either inter- or intra-state.

How many times did he and Rita travel to Wisconsin through the dark to join teams he had assembled to compete in Team World?

Charles was a 53-year member of NHPA and had served the association over the years in various capacities, be it President, Vice-President, or Zone Director. Along with leadership skills, Charles served with labor skills and performance skills. Charles offered his digging skills, sweeping skills, and water-hauling skills when it came to the early days of the State Fair Tournaments. He and Earl Winston were among those who did what was necessary to make the event a success.

Charles demonstrated his turn shoe when earning Men's State Championship trophies in 1975 and 1985. At the national level, he earned Men's Class B first-place trophies in 1978 and 1983 and a Men's Class C first-place trophy in 1999. Charlie was the consummate horseshoe person. If he wasn't pitching in a tournament, he was serving in one. If he wasn't organizing a tournament, he was recruiting for one. (For more about Charles Killgore, see June 2001 issue of Shoebiz.)

There have been many adjectives associated with this fine person: respected, legendary, best man, tireless worker, best sport, sorely missed. Each of us has our monikers but the ones that hit home with me are Christian and friend. We'll see you later, Charlie, and enjoy another game in a better place.



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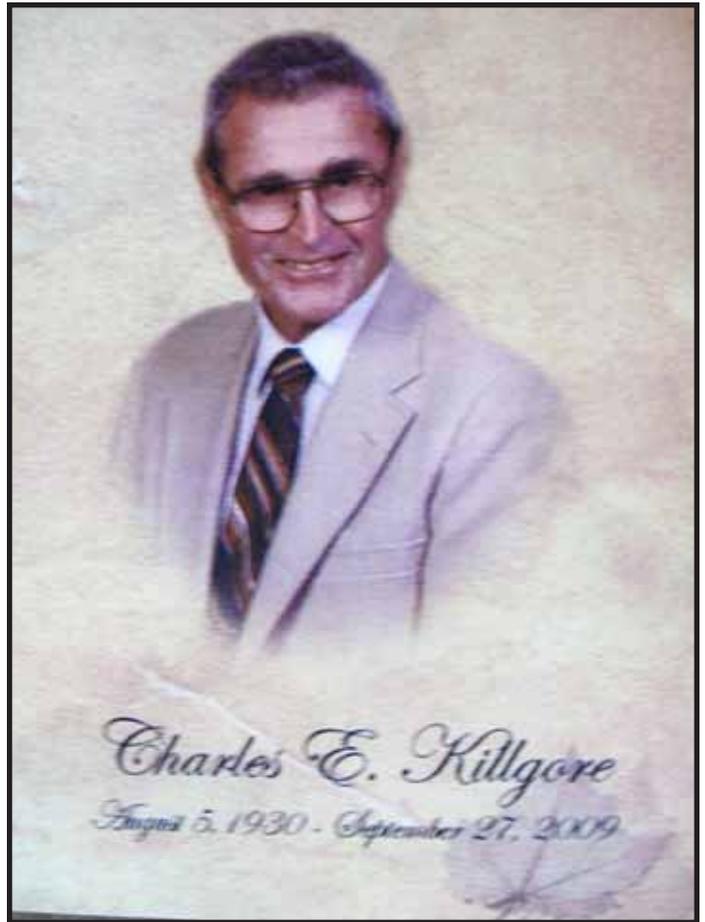
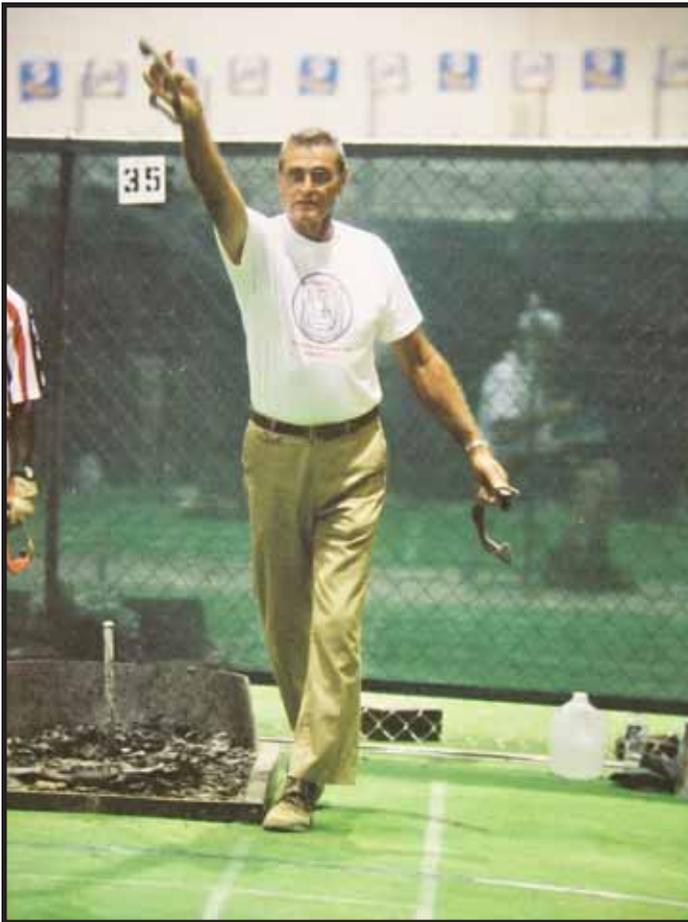
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Here Comes Santa Claus Tournament

by Elizabeth Furner

For years, Charles Killgore directed this tournament in Don Harris Arena. The year 2009 just wasn't to be for Charles, but Gregg Craven stepped in and kept things flowing. This year it is only appropriate that an event that had for years been directed by a person of service should be dedicated to an organization of service.

2009 proceeds were donated to Harvesters International. The organization representative, Mike Sevetlic, explained to the 54 pitchers and additional spectators just some of what Harvesters does. Harvesters is the only food bank in Kansas City. It is from its' stores that 500 different agencies are supplied. They service food pantries and the homeless in 26 counties in northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas. According to Mr. Sevetlic, only 6% of all donations are for overhead and 94% are for outreach. Thanks to the eagerness of horseshoe pitchers to demonstrate their talents, we were able to donate \$775.00 and 180 pounds of canned goods. There is a special thank you to Danny Wetzel and all who contributed.

Superbowl Special Tournament

by Mick Gillette

Editor's Note: You know, normally this January tournament would not be reported until the next issue of Shoe Biz, but Mick was so fast at sending the information to me, I didn't dare not report it. From the postmark, he practically mailed it on his way home from the tournament. Yes, folks, not all of us have and/or use the internet to communicate. We do things the old-fashioned way. We support our local US Post Office, put a stamp on it, and mail it.

January 16, 2010, found tournament directors Mick and Dori Gillette and Ben Orf working with the Superbowl Special Tournament at Quail Ridge. We had a nice tournament turn-out, with 62 pitchers altogether. We had three first-time tournament pitchers: Mike Power from Illinois and Charlie Foulds and Mike Weissler from QRHC. There were some exciting games in A Class. Jim Spidle, Sr., had high game of 84.6% and also won A Class with a 6-1 record and an overall average of 63.78%. Steve Johnson had a high game of 81.25% and earned 2nd place with a 5-2 record and overall average of 61.24%. Third place went to Ron Hassler with 5-2 record, high game of 76.08%, and overall average of 59.44%.

Andy Foulds won B Class with a 6-1 record and averaged 50.62% and Jill Knobbe filled in for a no-show and came in 2nd place with high game of 75%, a 5-2 record, and an overall average of 50.35%. Third place went to Pam Gettinger, also with a 5-2 record, and an average of 47.05%.

Here are the rest of the three top finishers in their classes:

Class C	Jerry Weller	5-2	45.00%
	Bill Bouyea	5-2	42.46%
	Danny Williams	5-2	39.28%
Class D	Sherri Teswelp	5-1	35.64%
	Keith Patton	4-2	33.33%
	Jim Spidle, Jr.	4-2	28.5%
Class E	Gene Gummersheimer	5-2	31.00%
	Terri Loeffler	5-2	29.91%
	Ronnie Attebery	5-2	28.50%
Class F	John Setzer	6-1	28.35%
	Robert H. Riley	6-1	27.38%
	Larry Volo	5-2	29.92%
Class G	Mike Manning	5-2	25.65%
	Ed Peters	5-2	25.19%
	Larry Riley	5-2	18.56%
Class H	L. Langewisch	6-0	27.52%
	Charlie Foulds	5-1	20.08%
	Pat Griewing	3-3	12.29%

Thanks to everyone in the tournament and to those who helped in the tournament. Thanks to the QRHC and others who did not belong to our club for keeping scores. Thanks to our stats man, Rich Altis, who certainly makes my job a lot easier. Thanks to the clean-up crew and the kitchen concession workers. Thanks to Jeanette Claas for getting the trophies and to Jim and Carol Howard for organizing the scorekeeper fees. It was good to see old friends and to make some new ones.

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by Vicki Winston

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Roy Flatt	\$25
Ken Grossman	\$15
Jon McKnight	\$25
Ken Sykora	
Jerry Weller	\$20

Jingle Bell Rock Tournament

by Jeanette Claas

Brrrr! Baby, it's *cold* outside! Exhaling and seeing the sight of your breath was a sure sign that winter had set in. That's how cold it was when the horseshoe pitchers began arriving for the Jingle Bell Rock at the NHPA facility in Wentzville.

The sound of holiday music flowed softly through the air as the pitchers began warming up for annual Jingle Bell Rock Tournament. Tournament Directors Larry Volo and Bob Reininger, assisted by Tony Rohe and Jeanette Claas, reported the tournament was filled to capacity with 64 pitchers participating.

The morning classes E–H ranged from 29.87% to 2.50%. Of these 32 pitchers, five were entering a tournament for the very first time. We welcome Jim Reininger, Audrey Pappas, Pat Griewing, Rick Rieger, and Norman Pierce (all QRHC members) and hope they return for many more. "It was really nerve-wrecking," Audrey Pappas concluded, "But it was quite an experience and one that I thoroughly enjoyed."

There was a two-way tie for 1st place in Class E between Rose Buehler and Terri Loeffler, each with a record of 6-1. Terri took 1st place with a ringer percentage of 37.83% and Rose placed 2nd with 37.39%. How close can you get! (Read on.) Rose and Mark Wilkewitz each had high games of 50%.

The winner of Class F was Ronnie Attebery, with a perfect tournament of 7-0 and a ringer percentage of 33.91%. He also pitched the high game of 40%. In Class G, Bob Cutright, seeded #8, rose to the top with a 6-1 record, and tied with Clarence Eggert. Bob edged out Clarence with a 23.50% tournament average; however, Clarence pitched the high game of 41.66%.

Class H was filled with many beginners braving the courts and looking for a win. There was a tie in this class between Mike Guillaume and Pat Griewing. Mike became the Class Champion with a ringer percentage of 15.71% compared to Pat's 15.55%! However, newcomer, Audrey Pappas had the high tournament average of 17.17% and took 3rd place.

As our statisticians, Rich Altis and Dave Feldewerth, were compiling the morning class records, the lobby was packed full with many friends and acquaintances of Larry Gilchrist as we gathered to celebrate Larry's 90th birthday. Larry is not only QRHC's oldest member, he is also Missouri's oldest member. Larry was presented with a Lifetime Membership plaque, a picture, and 90 scratch-off tickets to keep him busy for quite a while. A short story of Larry's life and horseshoe career was read to the audience by Jeanette Claas.

It was also two days before the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and time to remember our WWII veterans of QRHC: Larry Gilchrist, Larry Volo, Ray Nadler, Bob Reininger, Cal Jaeger, and Charlie Bextermueller. Larry led the singing of the Marine Hymn in honor of Larry's branch of service, a touching moment for a tough Marine.

After a delay of start, due to our celebration, the afternoon session was underway. In Class D, Louise Duke was crowned champion with a 6-1 record and a 40.31% tournament average. However, John Simms recorded the high tournament average of 41.32% and high game of 57.69%. In Class C, another two-way tie, between Ree Cutright and Charles Smith, was determined by ringer percentage. Ree won 1st with a ringer percentage of 48.41% and had a high game of 61.53%.

In Class B, Andy Foulds was all smiles as he captured the title with a 6-1 record and a ringer percentage of 52.57%. Jill Knobbe pitched the high game of 68.75%.

In Class A Division, Jim Spidle of IL was declared the champion with a record of 7-0, tournament average of 70.37%, and the high game in Class A of 76.38%. The closest game was between Spidle (66.7%) and Kreienkamp (62.1%), 44 to 38. Steve Johnson and Jim Spidle had the longest game of the day, pitching 72 shoes. Spidle pitched 76.4% and Johnson pitched 69.6%.

David Schneider didn't place in the tournament but he had a very good tournament with an average of 46.18% in Class C Division. What he did win was the Christmas ham that Kelly Combs donated to the club. Congrats, David, and thank you, Kelly!

The day wasn't over yet. When QRHC members heard one of their fellow members was having a hard time, a donation of \$265 was collected at the tournament and presented to Mark Hatfield at a benefit on Saturday evening. Several members attended the benefit. Mark's 29-year-old son was diagnosed with bone cancer in July and now Mark's wife is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. A food drive for the family is now underway. Our best wishes are being sent to Mark and his family.

It was a great day as the QRHC wrapped up its last tournament of the year. Larry and Bob would like to thank all of those who helped with the tournament—before, during, and after. There were 18 out-of-town pitchers who traveled to Wentzville for the Jingle Bell Rock. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all those who participated in the tournament to make it successful. All in all, the atmosphere of this tournament gets everyone into the holiday spirit, "the most wonderful time of the year!"

State Tournament 2010

by Elizabeth Furner

Oh where oh where will we pitch this year
Oh where will state tournament be?
With shoes in the bag and pick in the hand
We will travel to any degree.

Will it be in the north, will it be in the south?
The east or the west would be fine.
We are looking so hard to find a good home
And have the best of all times.

We want to have shelter, we want to have food
We need to have trophies and dough.
A hotel, a motel, a tent, or a room
Would be all we need for the show.

If your group's interested in sponsoring us
Write or call for Vicki or Jim.
We'll jump in our cars, we may hire a bus
But we'll meet in Two Thousand Ten.

Oh we did hear from you in the mail, we did we get
A bid from the burg of Glenallen.
The Williams will work with the rest of the club.
The Backyarders will be host to the talent.

For most of us from other parts of the state
We've never seen Bollinger county.
We look forward to seeing new parts of the state
We will reap of Route Fifty-One's bounty.



Wake Up to Missouri!

by Jeanette Claas

Where the Curtain came down, another wall went up. Few people remember that Winston Churchill tried out his “Iron Curtain” speech first, rather quietly, in

England. But he really thundered in the quiet little town of Fulton, Missouri, in 1946. The speech made Fulton so famous for its connection to Churchill that the town decided to create a Churchill Memorial and Library. Rather than build something new, a war-ruined Christopher Wren church in England was dismantled, shipped to Missouri, and rebuilt there. It is said that because of the need for vast amounts of material to pack the stone for the trans-Atlantic voyage, farmers in England could not find enough straw for their livestock for a whole year.

The invitation for Winston Churchill to speak at Westminster College had a handwritten note at the bottom in a familiar scrawl: “This is a wonderful school in my home state. Hope you can do it. I’ll introduce you. Best regards, Harry Truman.” It was a 12-hour train ride from Washington D.C. that brought the President and his well-respected friend to Fulton in 1946. The Cold War is over now and the iron curtain lowered, but the ties between the college, the town, and Great Britain remain unbroken.

During the 1960s, the college acquired the centuries-old Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Aldermanbury, England, and dismantled it stone by stone. The edifice was shipped across the Atlantic and cross-country to Fulton, where it was reconstructed on the Westminster Campus. Harry Truman himself turned the first spade of earth in 1964 and rededicated it in 1969. It currently is the only center in the U.S. dedicated to the study of Winston Churchill and his works.

The Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and a piece of it, marked with angry graffiti of the past, was made into a sculpture by Churchill’s granddaughter, Edwina Sandys. She cut out simple but powerful shapes of a man and a woman as openings in the wall and called it “Breakthrough.” That piece now stands on the campus.

Since 1946, other conservative politicians, such as Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, and Mikhail Gorbachev have used Fulton as a stage to voice their opinions. Margaret Thatcher stayed at the Loganberry Inn, a turn of the century Victorian home that now serves as a bed and breakfast. Fulton is well-known for many other attractions:

- The Auto World Museum contains many rare cars. More than 100 vehicles, including an 1875 Haynes, are in this place.
- The home of Henry Ellamann, author of *King’s Row*. Set in Fulton, the novel was made into a movie in 1940 starring none other than Missourian Bob Cummings and a pre-presidential Ronald Reagan.
- Callaway Nuclear Plant circulates 585,000 gallons of water per minute.
- Fulton State Hospital, the first state hospital for the mentally ill west of the Mississippi, established in 1847.
- Missouri School for the Deaf provides tuition-free education for deaf students.
- Lover’s Leap, an impressive 60-foot chert and sandstone bluff that has an overhanging south-facing crest.
- William Woods University established the world’s first four-year equestrian science baccalaureate program on campus.

- Fulton native and Williams Woods alumna, Helen Stephens, nicknamed the Fulton Flash, electrified America when she won two gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.
- Saults Drug Store in downtown Fulton has an old-fashioned soda fountain that is known for thick milk shakes, malts, and sodas made with real Central Dairy ice cream!

The town of Fulton is located in central Missouri with a population of more than 10,000; it is the county seat of Callaway County. The town was first named Volney, for a French Count, but then changed the same year to Fulton for Robert Fulton, whose use of steam to power ships helped establish daily commerce on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

Larry Brown of Millersburg lives approximately 10 miles west of Fulton and ten miles east of Columbia. Larry says, “Millersburg is actually a state of mind as much as a place.” In 1989, while Larry was serving as a pastor in Millersburg, a group of local citizens gathered at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, to celebrate the fall of the Berlin Wall. They had a service and at the reception afterwards, Larry was in a circle of people who discussed the possibility of getting a piece of the wall. Someone knew someone who could and contacts were made and soon the Berlin wall display was brought about. Ronald Reagan was there for its dedication in 1990. In May 1992, Gorbachev came to speak.

Larry is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, who has been on the horseshoe scene for sometime. In September 2008, he received his 20-year NHPA membership patch. Larry is a professor of Human Geography at the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he has been for nearly 20 years. For nine of those years, he was part-time at MU and at Stephens College, having been a full-time Assistant Professor for the past six years. Larry returned to college in 1989, earned two more degrees and gradually slipped into teaching. For a couple of years, he was a college student along with his own two children! For the previous 30 years or so, he served as a pastor in different congregations. He and his wife, Linda, have done considerable church work together through the years and both are active today in a congregation in Columbia. They have children, a son and a daughter, both married, and both with occupations in Columbia. They now have two young grandchildren.

Larry has performed folk music for more than 40 years (guitar and vocal) and for the past 25-plus years has done professional storytelling. Over the years Larry has done more than 2,000 performances for thousands of people. You can check out his storytelling at www.brownstory.com.

In the summer of 1987, Larry happened to be in Cosmo Park in Columbia and noticed there was horseshoe pitching going on. He wandered over and watched for awhile. Larry had pitched a little since childhood but did not know there were “official” tournaments. Larry talked with a few people there and asked how he could get involved. He was told to get some shoes and show up for a tournament. There would be a tournament in Sturgeon a few weeks later, so he bought a pair of “picnic shoes” at a second-hand store in Millersburg. Larry went to Sturgeon the next Saturday, and placed in Class D. He was hooked, and after a few more local tournaments, Larry joined the state and national associations. He would regularly go to practice at Cosmo Park in the evening and it was there that he met Kelly Hill, who offered some pointers, helped him with the rules, and encouraged him to keep at it.

Through the years, he pitched regularly with a club in Fulton

and Mexico and, for a few years, he drove to Marshall to pitch in the summer league with Saline County. Each year, he added a few more sanctioned tournaments, and when the Capital City League was organized, he joined. Larry typically pitches in 15 to 20 tournaments a year when he has a Saturday free. Since joining the NHPA, he has only missed a couple of State Tournaments and State Fair Tournaments. The past two years, he had the opportunity to attend the World Tournament.

Larry's had several favorite horseshoe moments that he can recall, one that included the last state tournament, in which he won the class championship on the basis of the last shoe of the last game. "I think the first time that I pitched 50% was a favorite moment, but this past year when I won my class at state for the second year in a row was a great feeling!" At the World Tournament in York, PA, Larry took 6th place and was "in the money"! But Larry has this to say, "Horseshoe pitching for me is as much about the equality of the overall experience as individual winning. I have been attracted to and stay with horseshoe pitching because

it is the best combination of both personal achievement and group support. Horseshoe creates a community spirit because of its low-level competition, relatively inexpensive, and a place where you are friends with your fellow pitchers as much or more than one is a competitor. I like how horseshoe pitching brings together all ages, genders, occupations, ethnicities, perspectives and personalities. Perhaps my favorite moments are when *we* share *our* victories."

Larry has traveled the roads through Fulton a great deal in his lifetime and is well acquainted with this small town's history that has impacted the United States with such high dignitaries. If you have not visited this town, you must. You will find friendliness is still a virtue here, a way of life practiced throughout the wide expanse of rural beauty. In Callaway County, you will find cosmopolitan amenities and you will also discover the quickly vanishing charms of small-town America. Missouri horseshoe pitchers were quite blessed when Larry walked through Cosmo Park back in 1987 and saw some horseshoe pitching going on. We are quite proud that this professor added horseshoes into his busy life.

17th Annual Six Pac Invitational National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum Facility • May 1-2, 2010

by Joe Faron

Attention All 30 and 40 Footers! The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club is proud and excited to be hosting the 17th Annual Six Pac Invitational Horseshoe Tournament on May 1-2, 2010 at the new National Horseshoe Hall of Fame and Museum facility in Wentzville, MO. If you are among the top 100 horseshoe pitchers in the United States in the Men's, Women's or Elders' Division you are eligible to participate in this prestigious horseshoe event.

This is the 3rd year that the QRHC will be hosting the Six Pac Invitational Tournament at the new Hall of Fame facility. If you haven't visited the National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum facility, this is your opportunity to come and see what the NHPA/NHPF has provided for you. After viewing the beautifully designed Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, you will enjoy touring the indoor facility where an impressive National Horseshoe Hall of Fame & Museum enshrines horseshoe memorabilia from the past 100 years. The air conditioned facility also includes 16 clay courts, full kitchen facilities, offices, storage, and public facilities. The 16 outdoor courts are now completed. You will see for yourself the "labor of love" that the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members put into this project. It is probably the finest indoor facility in the United States.

40 Footers Six Pac Invitational Tournament: The 17th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament is for the top "Sweet Sixteen" 40 footers in the Men's Division who have the highest ringer percentage and accept our invitation. The format is a round robin event consisting of fifteen forty-point games. Eight games will be pitched on Saturday, and seven games to be played on Sunday. The prize money is \$4,000 paying the top eight places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament and need more information contact Tournament Director Joe Faron at 314-704-7082, email address: Bugsfaron@aol.com.

30 Footers Six Pac Invitational Tournament: The excit-

ing 30 footers' Tournament will be held in conjunction as the 40 footers' Tournament. If you are among the top 100 in the Women's and Elders' Division, this tournament is for you! The format will be the same as the 40 footers Six Pac Tournament, in a round robin format, pitching on Saturday and Sunday. The prize money is \$2,225 paying the top eight places. If you are interested in pitching in this tournament contact Tournament Director Bob Diekamp at 636-240-6260, email address: RDiekamp@charter.net.

Plans are in the making for a pitch off game between the winners of the 40 foot and 30 foot Champions. If you have a high ringer percentage in the Men's, Women's and Elders' Division check the NHPA NATSTATS as of April 1, 2010 to see if you qualify in the top 100 in the United States You will be contacted by the Six Pac Tournament Directors Joe Faron or Bob Diekamp. Look for an invitation in the mail sometime during the middle of February. Please notify the tournament director if you qualify and have not received an invitation.

If you have not already purchased a brick for the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Plaza, this would be the perfect time to do so. Your engraved brick would be engraved by the time you arrive for the Six Pac Invitational 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.

While you are making plans to attend this spring tournament please support our co-sponsor, the Holiday Inn Express in O'Fallon for only \$69.95 per night. The hotel is located 10-12 minutes away from the horseshoe facility. Whether you plan to pitch in the tournament or to come as a spectator, the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members promise you an unforgettable experience. 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.

2010 MOHPA Tournament Schedule as of 2/2/10 (8th Issue)

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Date	Sanc. #	Location	Tournament Name	Contact	E-mail or Cell #
2/13	19-10-030	Wentzville	Happy Hearts *	Foulds 636-583-6446	jankandyf@esagelink.com
2/13,14	19-10-024	Diamond	Mixed Open * @Lucky Gricks	Fite 417-325-6428	diajohnb@jcomm.net
2/13,14	19-10-002	Sunrise Beach	Peg in My Heart Open *	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
2/20	19-10-067	Festus	Festus Open #2 "	Smetzer 636-937-2612	
2/20	19-10-017	Liberty	Window of Opportunity * @ Harris	Straughn 816-246-0310 %	nmstraughn@sbcglobal.net
2/20,21	19-10-062	Crane	Almost Spring * @ Hudson Hall	Hudson 417-723-5429	
2/21	19-10-043	Glen Allen	Birthday Party Blowout Tournament	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/27	19-10-031	Wentzville	Spring Team Tournament *	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
3/6	19-10-045	Glen Allen	Spring is in the Air Tournament	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
3/6	19-10-018	Liberty	Robin Red Breast * @ Harris Arena	B.Craven 816-781-7581%	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
3/6	19-10-076	Park Hills	March Winds *	McEntire 573-431-6107	
3/6,7	19-10-025	Diamond	Mixed Open * @Lucky Gricks	Fite 417-325-6428	diajohnb@jcomm.net
3/13	19-10-032	Wentzville	Shamrock Fling *	Rahe 636-462-6337	gdrahe@centurytel.net
3/13,14	19-10-003	Sunrise Beach	Daylight Savings Open *	Carter 573-374-6058	shoeflipper@charter.net
3/20	19-10-068	Festus	Festus Open #3 "	Smetzer 636-937-2612	
3/20	19-10-019	Liberty	Cancer Action Benefit * @ Harris	Cooper 816-741-0043 %	ivdead@hotmail.com
3/20,21	19-10-063	Crane	Spring is Here * @ Hudson Hall	Hudson 417-723-5429	
3/21	19-10-045	Glen Allen	Spring Ringer Flinger Tournament	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
3/27	19-10-048	Jefferson City	March Madness Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
4/4	19-10-046	Glen Allen	Fool's Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
4/10	19-10-077	Park Hills	April Showers *	McEntire 573-431-6107	
4/10,11	19-10-020	Liberty	West vs East * @ Harris Arena	G.Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
4/10,11	19-10-004	Sunrise Beach	Bluebird Open *	D.Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@charterinternet.com
4/11	19-10-047	Glen Allen	YEE HAW Four Dead Surprise!	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
4/17	19-10-069	Festus	Festus Open #4 "	Smetzer 636-937-2612	
4/17	19-10-081	Peculiar	Peculiar Spring Open *	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowman@ymail.com
4/24	19-10-049	Jefferson City	Spring has Sprung Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
4/24	19-10-021	Liberty	Juniors Only @ Liberty (in & out)	Gwinn 816-796-0213 %	fqwinn@comcast.net
4/24	19-10-033	Wentzville	April Showers *	Maassen 636-578-8033	azonian@gmail.com
4/24,25	19-10-005	Sunrise Beach	End of League Championship	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
5/1	19-10-050	Jefferson City	CCHC Spring Doubles	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
5/1 +	19-10-080	Warsaw	Warsaw Debut Mixed Open	Spry 660-723-3338	jspry61@embarqmail.com
5/1,2	19-10-034	Wentzville	Six Pac 30' Invitational	Diekamp 636-240-6260	rdiekamp@charter.net
5/1,2	19-10-035	Wentzville	Six Pac 40' Invitational	Faron 636-398-5028	bugsfaron@aol.com
5/8	19-10-107	Independence	Spring Mixed Open "	Henderson 816-686-9572	kc0cq@yaho.com
5/8	19-10-010	Laurie	Spring Fling Open *	Carter 573-374-6058	shoeflipper@charter.net
5/8	19-10-078	Park Hills	May Flowers *	McEntire 573-431-6107	
5/15	19-10-090	Marshfield	Spring Kickoff *	Keith 417-859-0541	keith_freda@yahoo.com
5/22	19-10-089	Chillicothe	Chillicothe Mixed Open *	Howard 660-646-1497	howardpaul@att.net
5/22	19-10-036	Wentzville	Mayflower Marathon *	Gettinger 314-323-7817	driftbar1@yahoo.com
5/31	19-10-051	Jefferson City	The Memorial Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
6/5	19-10-009	Wentzville	7th Annual MOHPA Club/Team Ben	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@charterinternet.com
6/12	19-10-079	Park Hills	Jun Heat *	McEntire 573-431-6107	
6/12	19-10-082	Peculiar	John Dods Memorial *	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowman@ymail.com
6,12,13 +	19-10-101	Warsaw	Truman Lake Mixed Open	Spry 660-723-3338	jspry61@embarqmail.com
6/19	19-10-037	Wentzville	Summer Heat *	Schnur/Duke636-233-0368	pegsandpits@yahoo.com
6/19	19-10-022	Liberty	Wilbur Hodgson Memorial*(in & out)	B.Craven 816-781-7581	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
6/19	19-10-091	Marshfield	Marshfield Classic	Keith 417-859-0541	keith_freda@yahoo.com
6/20	19-10-052	Jefferson City	Father's Day Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
6/26	19-10-088	St Joseph	Ray Cavin Memorial	Campbell 816-238-7312	pcampbell@co.buchanan.mo.us
6/26,27 +	19-10-402	Webb City	Long's Indoor Mixed Open #1 "	Long 417-659-9211	rmcl@aol.com
7/3	19-10-070	Clinton	Old Glory Day *	Loyd 660-885-3868	
7/3	19-10-053	Jefferson City	Independence Weekend Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
7/10	19-10-011	Laurie	Summer Splash Open *	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
7/10	19-10-038	Wentzville	Fireworks Special *	Simms 636-387-8001	dwsimms@charter.net
7/17,18	19-10-103	Webb City	Long's Indoor Mixed Open #2 "	Long 417-659-9211	rmcl@aol.com
7/24	19-10-054	Jefferson City	Jefferson City Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
8/5 & 8/7	19-10-055	California	Moniteau County Fair Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
8/13,14 +	19-10-093	Liberty	Summer Leagues Tournament	G.Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
8/20-22	19-10-013	Sedalia	Missouri State Fair Open *	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@charterinternet.com
8/28	19-10-108	Independence	Fall Classic Mixed Open "	Henderson 816-686-9572	kc0cq@yaho.com

8/28	19-10-056	Jefferson City	Dog Days of August Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
8/29,29 +	19-10-104	Webb City	Long's Indoor Mixed Open #3"	Long 417-659-9211	rmclsl@aol.com
9/3	19-10-086	Glen Allen	State Championship Doubles	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
9/4-6	19-10-087	Glen Allen	State Championship Singles	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
9/11	19-10-083	Peculiar	Peculiar Fall Open *	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowman@gmail.com
9/12	19-10-057	Jefferson City	CCHC Fall Doubles	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
9/19	19-10-084	Peculiar	Lion's Park End of League Tourn.	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowman@gmail.com
9/18,19	19-10-012	Laurie	Hillbilly Fair Open *	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@charterinternet.com
9/25 +	19-10-100	Liberty	Heart of America Open "	McIntire 816-452-0254	dmcintire@kc.rr.com
9/25,26	19-10-058	Jefferson City	6th Annual Big Money Mixed Open	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
9/25,26 +	19-10-105	Webb City	Long's Indoor Mixed Open #4 "	Long 417-659-9211	rmclsl@aol.com
10/2 +	19-10-071	Clinton	Fall Tournament *	Loyd 660-885-3868	
10/2	19-10-094	Liberty	Don Harris Open *	G.Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
10/3	19-10-059	Jefferson City	Double Elimination Club Tourny	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
10/9,10	19-10-006	Sunrise Beach	Frosted Pumpkin Open *	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
10/9,10 +	19-10-092	Wentzville	NHPA Sanction League Tournament	Sternberg 262-677-3300	horshoewi@aol.com
10/16	19-10-060	Jefferson City	Octoberfest Mixed Open *	Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
10/16,17 +	19-10-106	Webb City	Long's Indoor Mixed Open #5 +	Long 417-659-9211	rmclsl@aol.com
10/23 +	19-10-095	Liberty	Charles Killgore Memorial *	Cooper 816-741-0043 %	ivdead@hotmail.com
10/23	19-10-039	Wentzville	Fall Team Tournament *Hdcp	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
11/6	19-10-085	Liberty	10th Annual Holly Marie Memorial *	Griggs 816-313-1814	moshoe@kcnet.com
11/6,7	19-10-027	Diamond	Mixed Open * @Lucky Gricks	Fite 417-325-6428	
11/13,14	19-10-007	Sunrise Beach	Turkey Stakes Open *	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
11/20 +	19-10-096	Liberty	Snow Bird Fly Away	G.Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
11/20	19-10-040	Wentzville	Turkey Trot *	Hummel 636-978-6117	ralphandjan@yahoo.com
11/20,21	19-10-064	Crane	Deer Season Blues* @Hudson	Hudson 417-723-5429	
12/4,5	19-10-028	Diamond	Mixed Open * @Lucky Gricks	Fite 417-325-6428	
12/4 +	19-10-099	Liberty	Harvesters Food Network Benfit *	McIntire 816-452-0254	dmcintire@kc.rr.com
12/4	19-10-041	Wentzville	Jingle Bell Rock *	Volo 314-434-4075	
12/11,12	19-10-065	Crane	Christmas is Coming* @Hudson	Hudson 417-723-5429	
12/11,12	19-10-008	Sunrise Beach	Snowball Open *	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net

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Attention Tournament Directors: Please check all facts listed pertaining to your tournament(s) and immediately report any errors to the Regional Director so that timely changes can be made.

9th Annual Holly Marie Memorial

by Stan Griggs

Another 18 angels have earned their wings and were presented for the top three places in each class at the 9th Annual Holly Marie Memorial Mixed Open at Don Harris Arena in Liberty, MO, on November 7.

This is a 100% proceed-generated tournament; all proceeds were donated to the Keighley Ann Alyea Memorial, the granddaughter of Bob and Donna Bastel, in memory of Holly Marie Griggs.

We were so pleased to have Bob and Donna at the tournament this year; they presented the certificates and angels to all the winners. Some top-notch pitching was witnessed in our A Class, three 90% games were pitched, and one of the highest complete tournament averages in the Don Harris Arena to date was accomplished by Nick DiRaimo, with an 82.5% tournament average.

The angel count is now at 162, look to see if you can find them on the courts at your next tournament.

Two new awards were presented this year, one for each shift. The "Wings of Achievement" High Over Average awards went to:

- Morning Session: Dean Jameson - 6.79% over average
- Afternoon Session: Nick DiRaimo - 9.78% over average

Total contribution for this year's tournament was \$505.87. The tote board is now at \$4,737.22. The tournament results were:

Class A:

- 1st: Nick DiRaimo, 30 ft 82.5%****
- 2nd: Michael Bowman, JB 75.4%****
- 3rd: Al Gwinn, 30 ft 65.0%**

Class B:

- 1st: Denise Bloss 46.8%****
- 2nd: Bob Bloss 41.8%*
- 3rd: Tom Beaver 42.1%*

Class C:

- 1st: Angela DiRaimo 36.7%*****
- 2nd: Sharon Taylor 37.9%*
- 3rd: Terry Kampe, 30 ft 34.2%****

Class D:

- 1st: Fred Smith, 30t 32.5%*****
- 2nd: Dick Byersdorfe 28.2%*
- 3rd: Tyler Fishbaugh, JB 26.1%*

Class E:

- 1st: Dean Jameson, 30 ft 23.8%*****
- 2nd: Don Roberts, 30 ft 19.6%**
- 3rd: Larry Anderson 22.1%**

Class F:

- 1st: Sue Roberts 7.1%**
- 2nd: Megan McLeod, Jr 9.2%*
- 3rd: Dawn Bishop 7.5%*

* Angels won

MOHPA Hall of Fame

by Dee McIntire

I'm sure by now everyone has heard about the passing of Carlyle Gricks. Carl was a Hall of Fame inductee in 2008 and became a member of the Hall of Fame Committee in 2009. Carl will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to the 2009 Hall of Fame inductees, Bob and Donna Bastel and Brady Craven!

In case you have been thinking about nominating someone to the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame, now is the time to do it. The deadline for submitting entries will be here before you know it. So, get busy and start writing.

There is a Hall of Fame ring available for all Hall of Fame inductees. We have established a fund to purchase these rings. Stan Bailey with the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club has conducted several tournaments to benefit this fund. Stan was the first to promote this fund. One tournament was conducted by Dee McIntire at the Don Harris Arena benefiting the ring fund. Jim Bainter has sent a donation on behalf of The Pits. Hall of Famers come from all parts of the state. I ask all Missouri Clubs to keep the ring fund in mind and consider donations (be they from individuals, tournaments designated to this purpose or from club treasuries.) Right now, the fund has all the donations needed to keep it going another year. I thank you in advance for your support.

The Hall of Fame Committee will be accepting nominations for inductees into the MOHPA Hall of Fame for 2010 through June 1, 2010. The nomination form is in this issue of Shoe Biz 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.

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

Dee McIntire, Chairman

Sam Carter, Bob Kingsolver, Fred Smith, Sharon Taylor, Martin Orf, Joann Jones, Russ Ebbing

1984 Charter Members

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1995 Inductee

Don Harris

1996 Inductee

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None

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Stan Griggs
Wayne Henderson
Mel Ingram
Don Jones
Art Schroeder

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Sam Foster
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Gregg Craven
Caryle Gricks

2009 Inductees

Brady Craven
Bob and Donna Bastel

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.*



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

by Melody Williams, MOHPA Youth Director

Hello to all the Junior pitchers and their families. I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday and hope the New Year is treating you well. I hope you are all staying healthy and dodging the flu bug. Sometimes this can really take a toll on everyone involved.

My wish is that you are continuing to pitch horseshoes throughout the winter. Don't let your horseshoes hibernate. (I'm guilty of this.) A lot of you pitchers are fortunate to have indoor facilities so there is no excuse for not practicing in the off months. (Yes, I know. I have access but ...) There's not a pitcher out there who hasn't an excuse for not practicing. Remember, this is really the only thing that can help you become a better pitcher. Practice, practice, practice! (Unfortunately, I am learning this as the years go by!)

I am really proud of our Juniors and Cadets in the state of Missouri. You are all really special. I truly enjoy it whenever I receive pictures, cards, etc. from y'all showing your accomplishments throughout the year. This doesn't always have to be horseshoes. I like to know what other sports and activities you are involved in.

If you have not sent in a Junior Profile of yourself in the past, I would encourage you to do so. You can show your interests and hobbies to everyone. We will publish profiles in Shoe Biz as we receive them. Read about Dalton Rakestraw in this issue. There may be a surprise waiting for those of you who return a completed profile to either me or to the Shoe Biz editor.

I hope to see y'all at the MOHPA State Tournament this year. It will be hosted at BYHC. We will be having special activities during the weekend for all ages and, yes, Juniors and Cadets will be included. Who knows, we may roast marshmallows around a campfire, go swimming, or something.

I am challenging all of y'all to sign up another Junior or Cadet in your area. I am also challenging you to bring your average up by five points this year. (Yes, I will try to do this with my own average as well.) I think I need some of you Juniors and Cadets to give me some pointers. I am very open to suggestions.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the adults throughout the state who help me promote the Junior program. Y'all do a great job. Keep up the good work. To everyone, have a great 2010. Keep pitchin' those shoes. Keep in touch. Keep sending to me those profiles and pictures of young people.



National Honorees, 2009: Savanna Johnson, Michael Leger, Alyssa Leger, Bruce Thompson

Youth Profile Information

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

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

- Name and Parents' Names:

- Age & date of birth:
- Hometown and what you like most about it:

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

- Hobbies:

- Brothers/sisters: How many and their names/ages

- What do you want to be when you grow up?

- Do you have pets?

- Do you participate in any other sports?

- Number of tournaments you have entered. Any wins?

- What is your horseshoe average?

- Who encouraged you and got you started in horseshoes?

- What horseshoe pitcher do you admire the most and why?

- What do you want to accomplish in horseshoes?

- How would you encourage other Youth to start pitching horseshoes?

- Send a school picture of yourself.
- Any other comments that you might want to add that would be of interest.

Our Junior Spotlight Has Targeted Dalton Rakestraw

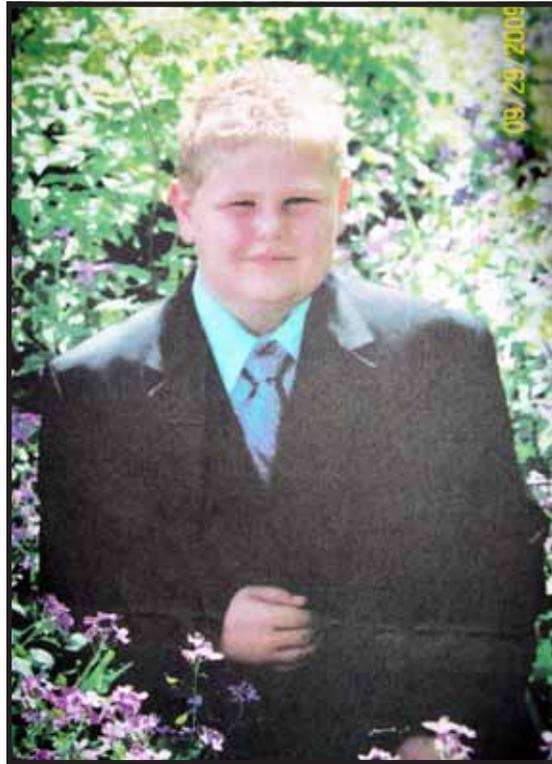
by Elizabeth Furner

If one would travel just southeast of Springfield, Missouri, he or she just might find young Dalton Rakestraw singing, walking, or reading a bestseller. These are just a few of the things this young thirteen year old enjoys doing when not attending West Plains Middle School, particularly Mrs. York's class. Oh yeah, fishing, pitching, or playing with his sister, Jade Marie, are some other things on his to-do list. This tall blond is active as a praise singer in his home church, sings in the school choir, is in the band, and is on the basketball team. He describes himself as, "a little country boy who loves feeling that pond water and country stuff."

Dalton appreciates Mom and Dad (Robert and Faith) headquartering in West Plains. From there, he has opportunity to travel in several directions to pitch horseshoes. He has pitched at Park Hills, The Pits in Sunshine Beach, Hudson Hall, Mtn. View, Caulfield, and Quail Ridge. He attributes his horseshoe interest to his grandfather. "Grandpa was out pitching one day and I just got hooked."

If Dalton were to pattern after a current pitcher, he says it would most probably be Archie Matheny. "I was at a tournament as an observer, not even thinking of pitching

when Archie told me I was going to pitch today no matter what. I have been pitching ever since and never looked back."



Never looking back may be an understatement. Dalton participated in 22 tournaments during the past 12 months and sports a 57.88% average. He placed 6th in the Boys Junior Championship class during the World Tournament in Springfield, Illinois, averaging an outstanding 54.72% and finished 4th in Boys Junior Championship class in Wentzville, Missouri. He finished behind Williams, Bowman, and Spry—the senior citizens of the Missouri Boys Junior Division. Dalton's personal goals in this sport of all sports are to earn the Jr. World Championship and to earn the title of Missouri State Champion. He also has a goal for the community of being instrumental in seeing sanctioned pits in West Plains. He loves to pitch horseshoes in the winter so, who knows, such pits may just be indoors.

Dalton operates with grit and determination, his advice to others is to "just get out there and never give up." With this attitude, Dalton is well on his way to the championship titles he seeks and to the title of Dr. after he graduates from Dental School a few more years from now. May you always stay true to God and yourself.

Junior Invitational Held at Don Harris Arena

by Elizabeth Furner

Brothers, sisters, cousins and friends all under 18 years old got together between Christmas and New Year's Day for the last 2009 event in Don Harris Arena and had a pitching good time. I'm not sure who enjoyed this tournament the most—the pitchers or the parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and others with cameras and video recorders holding on for posterity. We had young people from Missouri, Kansas, and Texas. Twenty-five youngsters were vying for ribbons and the coveted patch. Nickel Craven, Kevin Schmitz, Gavin Cullor, Merissa Caravello, and Cooper Phipps took home patches. Kelli Cullor, Kylea Roberts, Ashley Craven, Asia Snell, Toby Craven, Mia Craven, Sergio Hernandez, Peyton Bonham, Cameron Phipps, Andy Schmitz, Ashley Candler, Jason Schmitz, Colt Bonham, Alyssa Bonham, Sophie Craven, Garret Cullor, Chloe Bonham, Danny McCaully, Jada Bryant, and Audrey Caravello were all proud recipients of place ribbons. The tournament director was Gregg Craven.



Missouri Tournament Results

October – December 2009

Clinton Fall Mixed Open @ Clinton, 10/03/09. Director: Eugene Loyd

Class A:	Ray Plute	5-1	55.5%
	Al Constance	4-2	46.2%
Class B:	Mark Constance	5-1	37.2%
	Lynn Elmore	4-2	37.6%
Class C:	Donra McCown	6-1	34.2%
	Chas. Jackson	5-2	27.1%
Class D:	Loyd Constance	7-0	24.6%
	Elmer Seymour	6-1	21.3%

Capitol City Doubles Elimination Club Only @ Jeff City, 10/04/09. Dir: Steve Bruemmer

	Rhonda Rhodes	5-1	20.9%
	A.Dudenhoeffler	8-2	37.7%

Frosted Pumpkin Mixed Open @ The Pits, 10/10/09. Director: Jim Bainter

Class A:	Virgle McCown	6-1	45.7%
	Lile Harper	6-1	46.1%
Class B:	Larry Doeden	6-1	29.6%
	Paul Vaughn Jr.	5.5-1.5	29.3%
Class C:	Donra McCown	6-1	40.0%
	George Lawler	5-1	33.2%

Long's Indoor Invitational @ Webb City, 10/10/09. Director: Bob Long

Class A:	Bob Renfro	4-1	60.8%
	Bob Long	3-2	54.0%
Class B:	Larry McAlister	5-0	41.0%
	Paul Parnell	4-1	35.0%

Fall is in the Air Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 10/11/09. Dir: Danny and Melody Williams

Class A:	Lachelle Cook	5-0	58.3%
	Martin Williams	3-2	53.0%
Class B:	James Hillis	5-0	40.0%
	Randy Senciboy	4-1	36.5%

Frostbite Mixed Open @ Don Harris Arena, 10/17/09. Director: Elwyn Cooper

Class A:	M.O. Turner	6-1	66.3%
	Nick DiRaimo	5-2	70.8%
Class B:	James Premier	7-0	46.1%
	Greg Canchola	6-1	46.8%
Class C:	Jim Kinney Jr.	5.5-1.5	37.5%
	Joann Jones	5-2	37.5%
Class D:	Fred Smith	7-0	33.3%
	Michael Gillespie	6-1	30.8%
Class E:	Ray Canchola	7-0	37.9%
	Danny Wetzel	5-2	19.3%
Class F:	Ray Staley	6.5-0.5	16.7%
	Megan McLeod	6.5-0.5	10.4%

Spooky Cat Mixed Open @ Park Hills, 10/17/09. Director: Rick McEntire

Class A:	Rick McEntire	5-0	72.0%
	Randall Grady	4-1	67.5%
Class B:	Dan Peterson	6-1	40.8%
	Virgle McCown	5-2	45.0%

Festus Mixed Open #1 @ Festus, 10/17/09. Director: Fred Smetzer

Class A:	Bob Thompson	6-1	45.4%
	Ron Deno	5-2	47.1%

Fall Classic Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 10/18/09. Dir: Danny and Melody Williams

Class A:	Lachelle Cook	7-0	57.1%
	Martin Williams	6-1	56.3%
Class B:	Roy Tindall	5-0	34.0%
	Randy Senciboy	4-1	27.0%

Octoberfest Mixed Open @ Jefferson City, 10/18/09. Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A:	Ron Hassler	4-2	65.4%
	Mel Bruemmer	4-2	45.0%
Class B:	Chad Flatt	5-2	25.8%
	Michael Gillespie	5-2	27.9%
Class C:	Brian Schroer	4-1	29.5%
	Steve Forck	4-1	20.5%
Class D:	Rod Mallinckrodt	5-1	15.0%
	Daniel Welch	5-1	12.9%

Fall Team Handicap Tournament @ Quail Ridge, 10/24/09. Dir: Jim and Carol Howard

1:	Jill Knobbe	9-1	48.8%
	Rose Diekamp	8-2	69.6%
	Bob Diekamp	7-1	47.1%
	Roger Timmermeier	6-1	34.6%
	F. Greisbauer	3-3	46.2%
	Ginny Weiss	1-4	33.8%
2:	Mick Gillette	7-3	59.2%
	Glen Young	7-3	46.2%
	Mark Moreland	6-3	23.5%
	George Christ	5-2	39.6%
	Ernie Brakensiek	4-2	45.5%
	Rich Altis	3-1	54.8%

Long's Indoor Invitational @ Webb City, 10/24/09. Director: Bob Long

Class A:	Raymond Bowling	5-2	62.1%
	Bob Renfro	4-3	59.3%
Class B:	Frank Hudson	4-1	56.2%
	Alfred Mundy	3-2	48.0%

Mt. View Fall Mixed Open @ Mt. View, 10/24/09. Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A:	Michael Bowman	7-0	75.9%
	Dalton Rakestraw	6-1	46.3%
Class B:	Virgle McCown	5-3	46.0%
	Dewayne Moody	4-4	42.2%
Class C:	Ken Perry	5-1	40.4%
	Donra McCown	4-2	41.4%

9th Annual Holly Marie Memorial Mixed Open @ Don Harris Arena, 11/7/09.

Director: Stan and Stephanie Griggs

Class A:	Nick Diraimo	7-0	82.5%
	Michael Bowman	6-1	75.4%
Class B:	Denise Bloss	6-1	46.8%
	Bob Bloss	5-2	41.8%
Class C:	Angela DiRaimo	6-1	36.7%
	Sharon Taylor	5-2	37.9%
Class D:	Fred Smith	7-0	32.5%
	Dick Byersdorfer	5-2	28.2%
Class E:	Dean Jameson	5-2	23.8%
	Don Roberts	5-2	19.6%
Class F:	Sue Roberts	7-0	7.1%
	Megan McLeod	6-1	9.2%

Pre-Deer Season Mixed Open @ Park Hills, 11/7/09. Director: Rick McEntire

Class A:	Randall Grady	5-1	67.9%
	Rick McEntire	5-2	67.1%
Class B:	Eugene Donner	5-0	50.5%
	Virgle McCown	4-1	47.5%

November Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks Arena, 11/7-8/09. Dir: Carlyle Gricks, Jr.

Class A:	Bob Renfro	6-1	65.0%
	Jim Renfro	4-3	56.3%
Class B:	Virgle McCown	7-1	50.0%
	Marion Harris	6-2	38.8%
Class C:	Donra McCown	6-1	46.7%
	Jim Kinney Jr.	5-2	37.9%
Class D:	Jeff Lowry	4-1	33.5%
	John Fite	3-2	31.0%
Class E:	Lena McDonald	5-0	27.5%
	Cliff Blevins	4-1	21.5%
Class F:	Jerry Dugen	5-0	25.0%
	Tim Warden	4-1	10.5%

Yee Haw Special Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 11/8/09. Dir: Danny and Melody Williams

Class A:	Martin Williams	6-1	57.1%
	Cori Stoverink	5-2	53.8%
Class B:	Terrie Rose	7-0	39.6%
	Danny Williams	6-1	39.6%

Turkey Stakes Mixed Open @ The Pits, 11/14-15/09. Director: Jim Bainter

Class A:	Donra McCown	6-1	42.5%
	Virgle McCown	5-2	48.8%
Class B:	P VanEvercooren	5-2	36.3%
	H Hoffmeister	4-3	41.4%
Class C:	George Lawler	6-1	38.9%
	Ken Perry (Ks)	4-2	35.4%
Class D:	Larry Doeden	7-0	30.8%
	Leroy Dooley	6-1	25.4%
Class E:	David Hegarty	5-0	17.0%
	Richard Reina	4-1	11.0%

Snow Bird Fly Away Mixed Open @ Don Harris Arena, 11/21/09. Dir: Gregg Craven

Class A:	Nick DiRaimo	7-0	75.4%
	Michael Bowman	6-1	74.6%
Class B:	Terry Kampe	5-2	46.4%
	Dee McIntire	5-2	39.6%
Class C:	Elwynn Cooper	7-0	42.9%
	Eugene Newkirk	5-2	41.3%
Class D:	Dick Byersdorfer	6-1	31.4%
	Ray Carpenter (Ks)	6-1	28.6%
Class E:	Jon Aronson	7-0	27.5%
	Dean Constance	5-2	33.3%
Class F:	John Loyd	7-0	17.1%
	Raymond Boulay	5-2	19.6%

Turkey Trot Mixed Open @ Quail Ridge, 11/21/09. Director: Ralph Hummel

Class A:	Jan Kreinkamp	6-2	60.0%
	J. Spidle Sr.	5-3	65.7%
Class B:	Pam Gettinger	5-2	53.4%
	Gary Roehrig	4-3	57.1%
Class C:	Mary Beeson	6-1	50.0%
	Kenneth Hardy	5-2	43.4%
Class D:	Terry Murray	6-1	43.3%
	David Schneider	6-1	41.4%

Class E: Darryl Gettinger	5-2	31.9%	Class H: Connie Trautwein	5-0	17.5%	Class C: Clint Sloan	6-1	39.6%
Ben Orf	5-2	29.2%	Ray Staley	4-1	8.5%	Angela DiRaimo	5-2	40.4%
Class F: Kent Korte (IL)	6-1	38.2%	Class I: George Goldizen	4-1	13.0%	Class D: George Chichura	4.5-1.5	26.7%
John Simms	5-2		Megan McLeod	4-1	8.0%	Laura Johnson	4-2	35.4%
Class G: Kevin Chambers			December Mixed Open @ Lucky Gricks			Class E: Darrell Pulliam	6.5-0.5	26.3%
Steve Bruemmer			Arena, 12/5-6/2009. Dir: Caryle Gricks Jr.			Keith Johnson	5-2	20.4%
Class H: Mark Pisane			Class A: Letha Harris	7-0	63.8%	Class F: Connie Trautwein	6-1	16.7%
Joe Keller			Jim Renfro	5-2	57.1%	Snowball Mixed Open @ The Pits,		
Festus Mixed Open #2 @ Festus. Director: Fred Smetzer			Class B: Paul Parnell	7-1	46.5%	12/12-13/2009. Director: Jim Bainter		
Class A: Rick McEntire	7-0	71.1%	Bobbie Jones	6-2	37.7%	Class A: Donra McCown	5-2	45.4%
Don Shores	5-2	52.2%	Class C: Darrin Sherman	5-0	44.0%	Kelly Kasper	4.5-2.5	45.7%
Deer Season Blues Mixed Open @ Hudson Hall, 11/28-29/09. Director: Frank Hudson			Jesse Dowell	4-1	29.5%	Class B: Carroll Sinclair	6-1	40.4%
Class A: Bob Renfro	5-0	60.0%	Class D: Oren Harris	4-1	35.0%	Harless Kampe	5-2	34.6%
Raymond Bowling	4-1	62.0%	Daniel Gavin	3-2	28.5%	Class C: Donna Bastel	6-1	29.6%
Class B: Virgle McCown	5-0	51.5%	Class E: Cliff Blevins	5-1	26.8%	Dick Byersdorfer	5-2	25.0%
Marion Harris	4-1	51.0%	Frank Mills	4-2	23.6%	Class D: William Liedtky	6-1	33.8%
Class C: Donra McCown	4-1	34.0%	Class F: Tim Warden	5-1	14.2%	Joyce Drake	5-3	10.8%
Jesse Dowell	3-2	26.0%	Kevin Gunnels	4-2	21.3%	Christmas is Coming Mixed Open @ Hudson Hall, 12/12-13/2009. Dir: Frank Hudson		
Class D: Daniel Gavin	5-0	38.0%	Jingle Bell Rock Mixed Open @ Quail Ridge, 12/5/2009. Dirs: Larry Volo & Bob Reininger			Class A: Bob Renfro	4-1	64.5%
Jeff Lowery	4-1	26.5%	Class A: J. Spidle Sr. (II)	7-0	70.4%	Raymond Bowling	3-2	64.0%
Class E: Levi Blevins	5-1	32.1%	Jan Krienkamp	5-2	66.9%	Class B: Frank Hudson	5-1	45.4%
Marcy Gunnels	4-2	23.8%	Class B: Andrew Foulds	6-1	52.6%	Alfred Mundy	4-2	43.3%
Class F: Jim Caulfield	5-0	19.1%	Jill Knobbe	5-2	45.8%	Class C: Darrin Sherman	6-1	38.6%
Don Johanning	4-1	13.2%	Class C: Ree Cutright	6-1	48.4%	Oren Harris	5-2	37.5%
Holiday Leftover Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 11/29/2009. Dir: Danny & Melody Williams			Charles Smith (II)	6-1	45.9%	Class D: Cliff Blevins	4-2	32.8%
Class A: Ronald LeGrand	5-1	48.8%	Class D: Louise Duke	6-1	40.3%	John Fite	3-3	28.7%
Michael Massa	4-2	42.5%	John Simms	5-2	41.3%	Class E: Levi Blevins	5-0	42.5%
Class B: David Schneider	5-0	26.5%	Class E: Terri Loeffler	6-1	37.8%	Terri Mills	4-1	23.0%
Ray Tindall	4-1	35.5%	Rose Buehler	6-1	37.4%	Class F: Jim Caulfield	6-0	23.8%
Here Comes Santa Claus @ Don Harris Arena, 12/5/2009. Director: Gregg Craven			Class F: Ronnie Atteberry	7-0	33.9%	Kevin Gunnels	4-2	23.3%
Class A: Nick DiRaimo	5-0	77.0%	Robert Riley	6-1	28.9%	Festus Mixed Open #3, 12/19/2009. Director: Fred Smetzer		
Norm Green	3-2	60.0%	Class G: Bob Cutright	6-1	23.5%	Class A: Dalton Rakestraw	5-1	53.3%
Class B: Audra Craven	4-1	52.5%	Clarence Eggert	6-1	21.1%	Don Shores	4-2	50.4%
Karen Goldizen	3.5-1.5	51.0%	Class H: Mike Guillaume	6-1	15.7%	Class B: Dan Peterson	5-0	44.5%
Class C: Paul Taylor	3.5-1.5	50.5%	Pat Griewing	6-1	15.6%	Dave Schneider	4-1	39.0%
Elwyn Cooper	3.5-1.5	44.5%	Ho! Ho! Ho! Holiday Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 12/6/2009. Dir: Danny & Melody Williams			Jr. Invitational @ Don Harris Arena, 12/29/2009. Director: Gregg Craven		
Class D: Clint Sloan	3-2	32.5%	Class A: Cori Stoverink	5-0	55.0%	Class A: Nickel Craven	5-0	07.8%
Ron Highley	3-2	32.5%	Michael Massa	4-1	45.0%	Kelli Cullor (Ks)	4-1	03.1%
Class E: Ken Perry (Ks)	5-0	44.0%	Class B: Melody Williams	5-0	25.0%	Class B: Kevin Schmitz	4-1	06.3%
Laura Johnson	4-1	32.0%	Mike DeVault	4-1	21.5%	Toby Craven (Tx)	3.5-1.5	04.7%
Class F: Chara Ingrassia	4.5-0.5	37.5%	MOPHA Hall of Fame Benefit @ Don Harris Arena, 12/12/2009. Director: Dee McIntire			Class C: Gavin Cullor (Ks)	5-0	07.0%
George Chichura	3.5-1.5	27.5%	Class A: Nick DiRaimo	7-0	77.9%	Cameron Phipps	4-1	01.6%
Class G: Perry Mann	4-1	33.0%	Michael Bowman	6-1	63.2%	Class D: Merissa Caravello	5-0	00.8%
Darrell Pulliam	4-1	22.5%	Class B: Karen Goldizen	7-0	51.3%	Colt Bonham	4-1	00.8%
			Elwyn Cooper	5-2	40.8%	Class E: Cooper Phipps	4-1	00.0%
						Chloe Bonham	3-2	00.0%

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

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ _____

I pledge \$ _____

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

Send to:

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

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Vicki Winston

10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337

Registration Fees:
Adults \$125.00
Juniors \$25.00
Pitching Schedules
will be posted
by June 7th.

ENTRY FORM
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
July 26th to August 7th 2010
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Entry Deadline May 13th 2010

NAME _____ 2010 NHPA Card # _____
(please print) First Last (or Canadian)

ADDRESS _____ SS # _____
(See Note #1)

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE _____

Telephone: Home # _____ Work # _____ Date of Birth _____

Please list your local Newspaper _____ Did you enter last years tournament – Yes ___ No ___

Do you need a schedule mailed to you, or will you print it off the NHPA web site? Check one. Web Site ___ U S Mail ___

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 30' JR. BOYS JR. GIRLS CADETS 20' (see note #3)

I believe my current average is approx _____ % **No refunds will be made after May 22nd 2010**

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. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

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 St
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 13th 2010**. Entries received with a postmark after May 13th 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 13th 2010, 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 2010 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 22nd 2010

You may enter at anytime prior to May 13th. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS/CANSTATS on May 13th 2010. Entry fees received before April 1st 2010 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 2010. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2010 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 2010 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 Page at www.horseshoepitching.com

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 23rd** and will be mailed to the address you have listed above by June 7th.

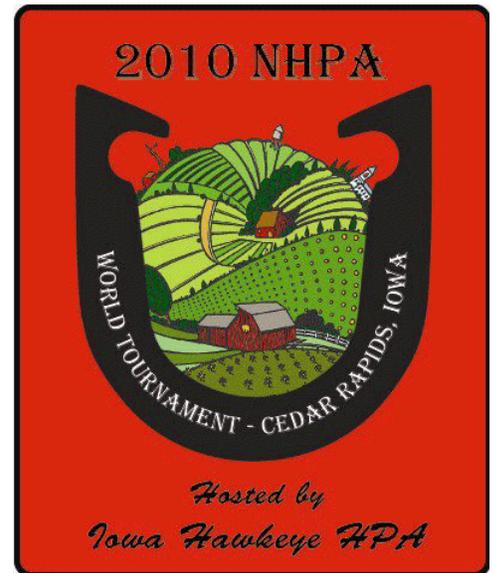
The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held August 1st 2010. Please sign up for this event prior to July 23rd 2010. Look for a registration form in the pitching schedule. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

Fun! Fun! Fun!

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

2010 World Tournament

July 26–August 7
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Convenient, central location!



Tournament Venue

- Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, 1100 Rockford Road SW, Cedar Rapids
- The NHPA World Tournament will be held in the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. The facility is part of a sports complex containing a baseball stadium, football stadium, tennis courts and lots of free parking. Pitch in a cool environment. Spectators will enjoy the arena's soft seats and the auditorium-style seating. All tournament activities will be held under one roof! The lobby provides easy access to all competition areas, restrooms and concessions. Awards ceremonies, exhibits and merchandise will be set up here. Across the street is the Stadium Lounge which offers a menu of sandwiches, salads and your favorite beverages.

Cedar Rapids Area Information

- Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: 800-735-5557, www.cedar-rapids.com
- Order an Iowa Travel Guide & Map: traveliowa.com/OrderTravelGuide.aspx
- Airlines serving Eastern Iowa Airport, Cedar Rapids: Allegiant Air, American/American Eagle, Delta, Northwest, United
- Visit the 7 German villages of the Amana Colonies. Enjoy delicious meals served family style. Tour wineries, furniture shops, woolen mill, gift shops, and museums depicting residents' former Communal lifestyle.
- Tour Brucemore mansion to learn about the families that lived there; one had a pet lion and another lost a brother in the Titanic disaster. Stroll in the formal flower gardens and explore the mansion's Tahitian Room and Grizzly Bar!
- Attend a minor league baseball game of the Cedar Rapids Kernels (affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim). The stadium is next door to the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, where the World Tournament will take place.
- Enjoy gaming at one of the area's three casinos.
- Learn about Iowa's native son, Herbert Hoover, the 31st President of the United States. His Presidential Museum & Library, birthplace and gravesite are a short drive from Cedar Rapids.
- For more free time activities, review the Cedar Rapids Area Visitors Guide or go to www.cedar-rapids.com.

Tournament Hotels

Each of the listed hotels are a 5 minute drive from tournament venue.

- Clarion Hotel, 525 33rd Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids. Request NHPA rate of \$92.00 + tax. Call 1-877-949-2992 for reservations. Tournament Headquarters. Site of delegate meeting and awards banquet. Breakfast included with room, indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, sports bar, free parking and free airport shuttle. Hotel will invite all NHPA participants staying with them to a Welcome Reception (1 held each session). Restaurants adjacent.
- Heartland Inn, 3315 Southgate Court SW, Cedar Rapids. Request NHPA rate of \$80.00 + tax. Call 1-800-334-3277 code 17 for reservations. Breakfast included with room, indoor pool, sauna, fitness area, guest laundry, high speed internet. Free parking. Restaurants adjacent.
- Howard Johnson of Cedar Rapids, 616 33rd Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids. Request NHPA rate of \$64.00 + tax. Call 319-366-2475 for reservations. Breakfast included with room, fitness area, guest laundry, high speed internet. Free parking. Restaurants adjacent.

Tournament Campgrounds

- Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center, 3890 C Street, Amana. 450+ sites located in the Amana Colonies, a National Historic Landmark and famous Iowa tourist attraction. 20 minutes to tournament site. Request NHPA rate of \$32.00 + tax for full hookups (water, sewer, electric). \$29.00 + tax for water and electric sites. Amana Colonies welcome bags & coupons, laundry, free Wi-Fi, on-site horseshoe pits specially reserved for NHPA. www.amanarvpark.com. To receive the NHPA rate, call 319-622-7616 for reservations.
- Hawkeye Downs Speedway, Fairgrounds, Expo Center & Campground, 4400 6th Street SW, Cedar Rapids. 80 sites with water and electric (30 amps). Dump station on site. 7 minutes to tournament site. Request NHPA rate of \$20.00 + tax per day and \$100.00 + tax per week. NHPA members staying in campground will be provided tickets for races taking place at the speedway during their stay. Call 319-365-8656 for reservations.

Entry Requirements

7th Annual MOHPA Open Club/Team Championship Benefit

Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, MO • June 5, 2010

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 12, 2010. 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 score-keeping). Juniors: \$7.00 for scorekeeping. Entries must be received by May 7, 2010. Late entries will be put on a standby list. No refunds for cancellations received after May 7, 2010.
 - **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 7, 2010. No refunds for cancellations received after May 7, 2010. 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. **Scorekeeping** fees have been included in the entry fee.
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 percentage. 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 2010 MOHPA Awards Banquet to be held September 4, 2010, 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 5 @ 9:00 am: Classes I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P

Saturday, June 5 @ 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

7th Annual Missouri Open Benefit
Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, MO • June 5, 2010

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 7, 2010 Juniors: Free
Scorekeeping included \$7.00 Scorekeeping

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Team Entry Form Team

7th Annual Missouri Team Championship Benefit
Quail Ridge Park, Wentzville, MO • June 5, 2010

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 _____

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Signed: _____ Dated: _____
(Team Captain)

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 7, 2010 Total: \$12.00



New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston

We welcome our new 2010 members who have joined the NHPA and MOHPA for the very first time between October 1, 2009 and February 1, 2010. We hope you are enjoying our sport.

Name	City	Club
Glen Aldridge	Monett	
Steve Aubuchon	Lake St. Louis	
David Baase	Macon	Clarence
Larry Bean	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Kenneth Beekman	St. Peters	Quail Ridge
Alyssa Bonham	Kearney	Liberty
Chloe Bonham	Kearney	Liberty
Colt Bonham	Liberty	Liberty
Peyton Bonham	Kearney	Liberty
Samantha Boswell	Carthage	
Al Bronstein	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Brenda Brown	Independence	Liberty
Don Brown	Independence	Liberty
Lex Bruemmer	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Brittany Bush	Granby	
Bud Campbell	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Josh Cantrell	Archie	Lions Park
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