



## Prez Sez

by Sharon Taylor, President MOHPA

By now the winter leagues should be over and the summer leagues beginning. Would someone please tell the weather man that we need spring/summer weather and not winter. It is pretty difficult to pitch holding an umbrella in one hand.

World tournament time is creeping up on us. The economy, especially the cost of gasoline, is really going to play a factor in the number of entries. Maybe if you had planned to enter and are now reconsidering, talk to fellow pitchers. Maybe you can car pool. I know not everyone would be in favor of that but to miss out on "Pitchin' in the Bayou"? Discuss. Come up with some alternatives. I just attended the last Six Pac Invitational and I heard one young fellow say he rode his bike there and it only took him five hours. Yes I did say "young." Think about it.

Thanks to Jim Kinney and his volunteers for presenting five hours of horseshoe pitching instruction to the students of Barstow School in Overland Park, Kansas. The administration was so impressed they have asked Jim and his crew to return next year. Good job, guys.

The state tournament prepara-

tions are coming right along. We are working on the patch and the banquet dinner. Hope everyone will make an effort to attend. If you were there last year, you know how much fun it is. So don't miss out.

Some of the MOHPA officers and league officers met with the Independence Convention Bureau regarding the possibility of World Tournament at the Independence Entertainment Center. We were a little overwhelmed by their cost. In a later conversation with the mayor of Independence, we were told not to give up. However, the city council of Independence has just voted to make the facility a non-profit building. We have not had any further discussion but we will make every effort to continue our quest for a possible bid on the 2014 WT.

Our adult membership has dropped and we should be looking for ways to recruit new members. Maybe we could come up with an incentive to make it more attractive. We are not the only charter

losing members. I spoke to some of the NHPA officers and their states are also having problems. If you have any ideas, please let any of the MOHPA officers know. We welcome all suggestions.

Hope to see you in a summer league or tournament. Remember stay cool and hydrated.



**State  
Tournament  
details inside.  
See page 5.**

## Bob Cutright Inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame

by Jeanette Claas

Bob Cutright was one of eight men who were honored for outstanding records in the sport that they participated in for many years on March 19, 2011, at the St. Charles County Sports Hall of Fame Awards Banquet. Members of Bob's family and Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members attended to show their support. Bob was awarded several plaques and a Hall of Fame ring for all that he has accomplished.

Bob was introduced to horseshoes as a youngster, watching his dad, uncles, and other relatives enjoying the sport of horseshoes at family gatherings. It didn't take long before Bob found himself within the game and loving the challenge and competition of it which he has enjoyed his entire life.

Bob began pitching with the St. Charles/Warren County League

in 1989, the same year that he joined the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Since the mid 1980s, Bob has been active with the Golden Triangle Horseshoe League, the New Melle Horseshoe Club League, and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. He currently pitches in the summer league at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Charles.

Bob traveled to his first World Horseshoe Tournament in 1990 and has attended 18 of these tournaments since that time. He has come "in the money" 10 times, placing in the top eight of his division. Bob and his wife, Ree, who is also a good horseshoe pitcher, have enjoyed traveling to these tournaments across the United States to support the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. He arrives early to the national tournaments and helps to set up all 55 portable courts before play can begin.

Bob has participated in both state and local tournaments and has won 21 first-place trophies and many second- and third-place

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### Shoe Biz Deadlines

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## Furn's Turn

by Elizabeth Furner

Pitchers come and pitchers go—some of free choice, others maybe not. Ask yourself, "What have I done today to ensure MOHPA will be here tomorrow?" It's not enough to know or know of horseshoe pitchers. Unless you have done all you can to encourage said pitcher to join and to participate in MOHPA activities, you have chosen to let the association miss out on an opportunity to meet a new face, the new face to miss out on an opportunity to meet a group of people with shared interests, and to perhaps let the association die a slow death.

Do you realize more than 20% of Missouri horseshoe pitching locations offer no sanctioned activities? Nonsanctioned events are good for the moment. There is no carryover. These stats do not transfer; they offer nothing to build upon. What these events do do is provide a site for folks with a common interest in horseshoes to come together. This is your chance as a MOHPA member to advertise the association and recruit membership. (Yeah, I said it. I said the dirty word of recruit, sell, solicit, and anything else you

wish to call it when you want to share something that is important to you.) How many times have I heard, "I only wish I had known about organized horseshoes before now?"

If you are a pitcher and you enjoy pitching against others of your ilk, do your part and impart. Impart the news of MOHPA and sanctioned tournaments and help us grow. I challenge you to compete with Gene Loyd's efforts. Read on.

Check out this issue, what do you see? Reports from the east, reports from the west, and a report from midway and a wee bit south. What about the north? What about the boot? What about south? Either you're not busy (which is unlikely) or you don't want the rest of the state to know what you've been up to.

In this issue, you will find entry forms for State Fair, State Tournament, and State Banquet. Don't forget World Tournament down south in Monroe, Louisiana. The Mississippi did not wash it away and gasoline prices are dropping. The 8th Annual MOHPA Club/Team Tournament in Wentzville, are you going? Did you see the Six-Pac Tournament? It was the last one, you know. I pitch Snyder Flips and I watched namesake Sue Snyder flip 26 ringers before her first miss. Jeanette Claas has a lot to say about that.

Lebanon, Missouri, is within shot of most of us. This is an opportunity to participate in a first-class indoor arena and to do more than horseshoes. Be ready for a full weekend of activity and competition. One-stop shopping. Jim Bainter has a lot to say about that.

How about conquering the art of pitching a shoe? Rich Altis has a lot to say about that. Food for thought, how about a World Tournament in Missouri? Our president is on a fact-finding mission to discern possibilities. Sharon Taylor has something to say about that.

Contributors to this issue are varied: Sharon Taylor, Vicki Winston, Elwyn Cooper, Jeanette Claas, Kevin Nenner, Pam Henderson, Roena Branson, Rich Altis, Donna Bastel, Jan Kreienkamp, Andy Foulds, Alan and Amy Francis, Fred and Helen Brown, and Russ Furner's wife.

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## This & That

by Vicki Winston

It looks like spring has finally sprung, but if we thought winter was bad, Mother Nature had many more surprises in store for various parts of our state when the weather got a little warmer. I pray that everyone has missed the worst, but this appears to be a year for setting all-time records in some weather-related categories. It appears it will not be a year for setting all-time records for membership in the MOHPA. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2011, you still have time to send in your dues and a lot of pitching can still be done before the end of the year. Horseshoe pitching is a year-round sport in several parts of our state. If you won't be sending in your dues, then we must bid you goodbye, because this is the last issue of *Shoe Biz* that you will receive.

Speaking of *Shoe Biz*, with the rising costs of printing and mailing, if you don't want the paper copy mailed to you, but prefer to read it online, just let me know and I will remove you from our mailing list. My contact info is on the Officer's box on page 2.

In this issue, you will find the much-awaited entry forms for both the Missouri State Fair Open in Sedalia, MO, and our annual Missouri State Championships that will be held this year in Lebanon, MO. The entry forms for both must be sent to me. You may send just one check for the total amount of all of the events you are entering. The fewer checks I have to handle, the easier my job is. Please make your check payable to the MOHPA or Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc. Do not make it payable to the NHPA or to me. If you have any questions about the State Tournament entry form, please feel free to contact me. If you try to call, you might have better luck in the evening, but I am also in the house part of the time during the days I am at home. I will be looking forward to seeing many of you in Lebanon. It is going to be like a mini World Tournament and we are excited. This is the first time our State Tournament will be held in an indoor facility of this type.

I was asked recently if we allow events that were pitched in another state to count towards entry requirements for our state tournament. We most certainly do. We realize that there are still parts of our state that have very little sanctioned pitching activity and it is closer for some pitchers to travel to another state. Also, we have some snow birds who pitch elsewhere during the winter. Just as long as the event has been reported to NatStats, we don't care where it was held. The Missouri charter tries to support sanctioned horseshoe pitching regardless of location.

As I am writing this, the Truman Lake Horseshoe Club at Warsaw, MO, is getting ready to hold their first tournament. They now have enough courts completed and sanctioned to host a one-day event. It is good to have a new site off and running and I wish them well. Other clubs have been getting their outdoor activities underway when the weather will permit. Outdoor pitching is always at the mercy of the weather. I want to remind all league directors that you should submit a copy of your sanctioned league starting roster to me when you send it to Lorraine Sternberg. I am getting cooperation from most of our leagues, but there are a few that are

forgetting. This pertains to all leagues regardless of the time of year they are in session.

I will probably see some of you at our annual Club Team MOHPA Benefit Tournament before you receive this issue of *Shoe Biz*. I am looking forward to that. It has been a rough winter and there have been big changes at the Winston home. In late March I had to take Earl to a nursing home, where he is in a special care unit. I could no longer be his caregiver 24/7. He seemed to make the adjustment fairly quickly, so that is good. This has enabled me to have a more flexible schedule, but I probably will not be visiting very many local tournaments for the reason that when I have tried that in past years, I could not visit with anyone. The morning pitchers all left as soon as competition was over and everyone in the afternoon was either pitching or keeping score. In fact, I ended up keeping score because there was no other help. Therefore, I could not visit if someone did happen along that did have the time to chat. I will attend our major events as usual, unless something unforeseen should happen that prevents me from being there. All of this is leading me to say that my term of office ends this fall. Sometimes people can be in office too long. I think this will end my 24th year at this job. I enjoy what I do and I have the time to do the part of my job that I can do here at home, except when it seems like the grass needs mowing every other day. Of course, it doesn't get cut that often, but it does take up more of my time. However, if you think your secretary/treasurer should be out and about more, then perhaps I am not the person for the job. I am willing to be re-elected to another term, since horseshoe work helps to occupy my time, but I will leave the final decision up to you. I just wanted to share my thoughts on this matter with you since you are the people who employ me. In addition to the position of Secretary/Treasurer, other offices up for election this year are Vice President, Zone 2 Director, and Zone 3 Director.

It's time to get the rust off your horseshoes and head for the courts. I wish everyone a great outdoor pitching season. Until the next issue of *Shoe Biz*, I will leave you with this thought: "Computers are great. They make lots of mistakes, and when they do, it's nobody's fault."

### Condensed Financial Report

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trophies. Bob has pitched a high game of 70% and has carried an average of 43%. At all levels, whenever Bob isn't pitching, he is always there keeping score and to judge ringers and points.

While Bob may be considered just an "average" horseshoe pitcher, he excels in the "behind the scenes" work, where his professional carpenter skills are put to use. Since the building of the new NHPA Hall of Fame in October 2007, Bob has spent countless hours volunteering his time designing and engineering various projects such as the oak panel walls, the bulletin boards, the horseshoe panel wall display, the Hall of Fame Inductee biography display, and many other jobs.



His carpentry expertise has saved thousands of dollars for the NHPA and the QRHC. For his many hours of volunteer work, Bob received the 2008 Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Outstanding Club Member Award. Bob also received a letter of commendation from the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association president in recognition of his many accomplishments. Bob says, "The best recognition comes with a handshake and a

'thank you' from the club members and visitors to the facility."

Bob is a valuable asset to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, to the MOHPA, and to the NHPA. He is a tough competitor and well respected by his peers both on and off the courts. For all he has done to promote the sport of horseshoes, Bob is a welcome member into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.



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## What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

The information that I put in the last *Shoe Biz* on how to submit a rules change is the correct procedure. However, after talking to some people about rule 8 and looking at it from their view point, I think it may be just fine the way it is.

To paraphrase the Additional Innings, a two-inning (down and back) tie breaker may be used until the tie is broken. The exception is if only *one* contestant reaches or exceeds the *point limit* on the down part of the down and back then the game is over.

### Section B – Breaking of Tie Games

There are two (2) options:

1. **Game Remains Tied:** Each contestant may receive ½ win and ½ loss. (This option must be used if a handicap system is in effect).
2. **Additional Innings:** A two-inning tie breaker may be played, using the same method of play that was used to begin the game. In the event of another tie, this same procedure shall be continued until the tie is broken. *Note:* In "Point Limit or Shoe Limit" games (see A-3, above), the contestant who *may* reach (or exceed) the point limit *first* is the winner, at the completion of *any* extra inning.

The other question that was asked has to do with determining class winners, breaking of ties.

### Rule 11: Tournament/League Play

#### Section A: Standard Method of Sanctioned Tournament Play

The standard method of NHPA Sanctioned Tournament play is round-robin play with contestants being seeded into classes using current NatStats ringer percentages. Each contestant will play all other contestants in the Class. Court assignments and the order of play will follow a posted or printed schedule, normally given to each contestant at the beginning of the contest.

#### Section B – Determining Class Winners, Breaking of Ties

The Tournament Officials shall decide how Class winners are to be determined and how ties are to be broken and shall announce these procedures before tournament play begins.

1. **Class Winners:** At the end of round-robin play, win/loss records or ringer percentage shall determine Class winners. In addition, total points may be used if the scoring was done using the count-all method.
2. **Class Ties:** If ties occur, they shall be broken by playoff, ringer percentage, total points, who-beat-whom, or other methods that were not used to determine the Class winners. In World, National, Regional, and State Championships, all ties for first place in the *Championship Class* of a designated Division must be broken by a playoff game.

#### Section C – Ringer Percentage

A contestant's game and tournament ringer percentage shall be determined by dividing the total number of ringers by the total number of shoes pitched. Shoes pitched in playoff games and in extra innings pitched, because of tie games, shall be included in these totals.

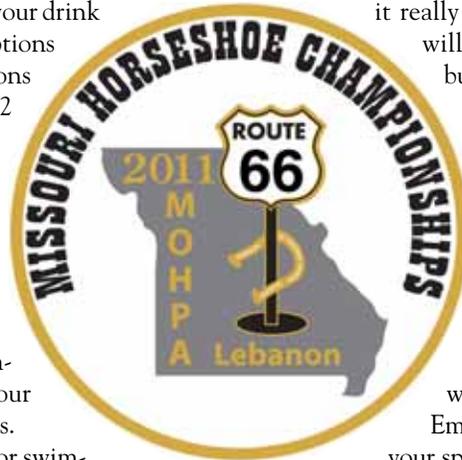
# 2011 State Horseshoe Tournament, Chapter Two

by Jim Bainter with input from Marshal Keith, Jim Caulfield, and Ed Eliason

Good Mornin', Missouri. It's June and only three months until your state championship tournament. Your hosts see everything coming together for a truly outstanding event. Please don't let the gas prices scare you away. Things will be getting better and you won't want to miss this great indoor venue.

## 1. First of all, the information updates:

- A. The Awards Dinner, on Saturday, 3 September, will be catered by Dowd's Catfish House and BBQ of Lebanon. The menu will include sliced brisket, smoked chicken, and fried catfish with three sides served buffet style. Expect the price to be \$16. This will include your drink (water and tea) and dessert. Dessert options will be cobbler or cream pie. Selections will be determined later. Children 12 and under will eat for half price. Seconds will be permitted. The dinner will be held in meeting rooms B and C, adjacent to the horseshoe courts. Dowd's will also provide the concession food throughout our event.
- B. The membership meeting will be held in the same rooms on Friday, 2 September. The Cowan Civic Center is your one-stop shop for all scheduled events.
- C. YMCA facilities, which include indoor swimming pool, exercise area, and gymnasium, are also located in the Civic Center. A daily fee of \$5 entitles you to use these facilities as well as the city water park located off the premises.
- D. The main parking lot is behind the Civic Center on the east side of the building. This is also where the main entrance is located. There should be plenty of signage to get you where you want to go. The front entrance facing Elm Street will be closed for everyone except city employees.
- E. Concessions, souvenir sales, game-related sales, and check-in will be located inside the main lobby area. The lobby area will contain the awards horseshoe for presentations and tables and chairs for those utilizing the concessions. The main MOHPA administration area will be located at the back of the lobby away from the main entry doors in meeting room A. Bulletin boards will be located along the perimeter of the lobby area.
- F. Your hosts will be selling beer and root beer apart from the food concession. We will be open each day for the duration including during the meeting and awards dinner.
- G. The courts will be set up in the main arena north of the lobby. There will be 32 courts organized into two groups of 16 courts each divided by a safety fence and draping to eliminate distractions. The courts will be numbered from 1 to 16 on the left side of the arena moving away from the lobby. Courts 17 to 32 will be on the right side of the arena. Bleachers will be set up on both the north and south ends of the arena. Seating will be available in a balcony area above the west side of the arena. Access to the balcony is by stairs and elevator for everyone's convenience. We



anticipate that junior pitchers, the higher average pitchers, and championship classes will be placed on courts 1–16 for better visibility by spectators. Balcony visibility of courts 17–32 may be somewhat limited due to the distraction fencing which will run the length of the arena. Since the MOHPA scoreboards are somewhat small and the courts are spread out, I would recommend bringing binoculars to check the scores.

## 2. Second, the information on our souvenir package:

- A. This year's shirt color will be red. We selected red because it really makes our logo (shown here) stand out. We will be selling only tees during the tournament but you can preorder polo shirts if you so desire. If you preorder tees or polos, your name added on the back will be included in the price. Tees are \$13, polos are \$20. It will cost \$2 for your name at the tournament. If you would like your first name on the front it will cost another \$1. Our shirt lady will be available throughout the tournament. If we do run out of your shirt size, we will be taking special orders to satisfy your needs. We don't want anyone to miss out on a properly sized tee. Email Jim directly at [jbainter@charter.net](mailto:jbainter@charter.net) to place your special order. You can pay me when you pick up your shirt.

- B. Other souvenirs will include embroidered caps and towels, coolie cups, and state pins.

## 3. Third, accommodation and recreation information:

- A. I would like to remind you that the Super 8 Hotel is our host hotel. The Best Western Hotel is a sister hotel and both offer the same rates, \$57/single and \$64/double. These properties are conveniently located to the Civic Center. Please support them. Our recommended RV park is the Happy Trails RV Park, also conveniently located. There are many other motel/hotel/RV options in the Lebanon area, with rates to meet your budget.
- B. The recurring theme around Lebanon is Historic Route 66. There is a Route 66 museum with all the nostalgia items and memorabilia, as well as Mr C's Route Post, about 5 miles north of the Civic Center on Old 66. There's more memorabilia and his own root beer is distributed nationally. We will have it available in the civic center, but don't miss stopping by. All kinds of shopping await men and women: antiques, quilts and crafts, knives galore, and many specialty shops and restaurants that have all supported our efforts to make this year a special event.

When you are in the Lebanon area, let the shopkeepers and business people know you are with the horseshoe association and thank them for their overwhelming support. We may want to come back in a year or two and we will need their help once again.

If there is more information to be disseminated before the Labor Day weekend, it will be posted on the MOHPA web site along with this article and the original article contained in the February issue. See you soon.

# Points to Ponder

by Rich Altis

My name is Rich Altis and I am a Pitch-a-holic: Horseshoes, Corn Bags, and Washers.

When pitching, I try to focus on where I want to place my shoe in the air. I am left handed and I throw a reverse three-quarter. I try to practice three times a week or more. Usually 30 to 45 minutes each time.

This is my twentieth year in the NHPA and the New Melle/Quail Ridge Horseshoe club. I had a lot of encouragement from club members when I first joined the New Melle club. Back then, Charlie Killgore, Elwyn Cooper, and Don Harris were regular players during the winter months. Those guys, along with Bob Diekamp, Rose (Thompson) Diekamp, Judy Geisler, Jan Kreienkamp, Sam Carter, Tim Henderson, Rick Stockamp, Mick Gillette, Ron Hassler, Steve Johnson, James Driver, Randy Grady, Oley Burnett, Jerry Dumstorff, Charlie Webb, Bunny Ward, Vic Long, Dennis Griesbaum, and many more pitchers, were the players that pulled me along with them. I thought I was a pretty good flip pitcher until I started pitching against the better pitchers.

With the flip shoe bouncing off the stake, I decided in 1995 to change to a turn shoe. Most of the better pitchers had been telling me that I needed to switch. I gave it a try. Roger Schnur showed me how he held his shoe to get it to turn and that is how I came to throw the reverse three quarter. It took the better part of the year to get my percent up to where it was with the flip, roughly 54 percent.

Roy Evans is a pitcher who has made my pitching much more fun. Roy asked me to pitch on a three-person team that he was taking to Joelton, TN. That was the start of 10 or more trips to the Jack Freeman Courts. Some years we did great, others we struggled. We made lots of new friends. The pitching on Jack's courts was the best. Roy sponsored teams that pitched in the Team World tournament at Beloit, WI, and we pitched in all six of the National League Team Tournaments that were held in Tennessee, Indiana, and Missouri.

The things I like best about horseshoes are introducing new people to the challenge of pitching and pitching with my old friends. I am an active member of the Quail Ridge Club, statistician, league director, tournament coordinator, pitching instructor, and volunteer. I am a member of the St. Charles Warren County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame and the Missouri State Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. I have three state doubles titles. My partners were Dan Hobbs, Earl Winston, and Andy Foulds. I have one state single title and that is the one that I am most proud of, the 2010 Missouri State Men's Championship. I wasn't sure that I would ever be able to claim that title. In 2006 at the World Tournament, I won the Senior Men's "A" class and came in second in the Senior Men's championship class.

One of the best non-sanctioned tournaments in the Midwest is Charlie Webb's Championship Invitational Doubles at Mascoutah, IL. This is a 12-team round-robin. It starts at 5 p.m. and may not

end until 1:30 in the morning. Forty-footers only, pitching eleven forty-point cancellation games. I have been fortunate to have some great partners. Larry Knop from Illinois and I won one time and Steve Johnson and I won three years in a row.

I have been asked what suggestions I have for the novice player in the game of horseshoes. I have found that most pitchers will start out pitching a flip shoe. There are generally two reasons for this. One, it is the easiest of the different styles of pitching to have success with. Two, no one was there to show the person how to throw a shoe that turns. The main disadvantage with the flip throw is the shoe has a tendency to bounce straight back after hitting the stake. Most of the full-distance pitchers that throw a flip shoe say they would like to throw a shoe that turns. That being said, there is no right or wrong way to pitch. There is very little if any difference in the results between a turn and a flip shoe at the short distance.

Buy or borrow a good set of horseshoes. Find a place where the horseshoe pitchers hang out. Watch the players that pitch the way you would like to pitch. Talk to the pitchers and ask them how they hold the shoe and what makes it work. Most of the more experienced players will be glad to show you how to hold the shoe for the way they pitch.

If you are close to a facility that has shoes that you can try, such as the HOF courts at Wentzville (they have about 30 pair of shoes that a person can try), take advantage of that. Chances are there is a shoe that is just right for you. The shoe manufacturers make all kind of shoes. There are shoes that have the toe and heel caulks reversed just for the flip pitchers. They make some with ringer breakers, some without. Some are hard, medium, or dead soft. They come in many weights, from two pound ten ounces down to about one and a half pounds. At the HOF, we also have several pitchers that enjoy working with the new pitchers.

I have worked with a lot of new pitchers. I try to teach the three basic things that will get most pitchers on track:

- Find where to hold the shoe so that it will turn and open. A pitcher may need to start at 15 or 20 feet from the peg and toss the shoe, getting it to open, and gradually work back to your normal pitching distance.
- Develop a pendulum swing that will give your shoe enough air time to turn and open and go the distance.
- Alignment. As you start your swing, see that your shoe and the stake are together. Drop the shoe straight back then bring it straight forward as you release the shoe. It should feel like it left your hand at shoulder height. More than likely it was gone long before that. Usually, within the first 10 minutes of throwing, a new player will throw the shoe pretty much straight up. This is caused by letting your arm bend at the elbow.

Once you get the hang of pitching and you can keep your shoes in the pit, it will be time to start thinking about getting in a tournament or league. Most are handicapped one way or another.

Clubs, tournaments, and leagues do not run themselves. Don't be afraid to volunteer. Learn and observe the rules of the game and have fun.



# Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club League Results

Compiled by Jeanette Claas

## Wednesday Night Mens League

League Director Rich Altis reports another successful Men's League is in the record book. In the 2010–11 Men's winter league, we had 11 teams. There were 70 pitchers who pitched the required 400



or more shoes to receive credit for the league stats. Rich Altis' team, "The Good Guys," played Ralph Hummel's team, "Ralph's Team," for third place. After 12 games, the "Good Guys" pulled out a win for third place.

The race for first place was between "The Mudders," Keith Noah's team, winner of the first half, and Don Rahe's team, "Need a

Ringer," winner of the second half. It was a close race, a total of 12 games, with "Need a Ringer" coming out on top with the first-place honors. The "Need a Ringer" team members are Don Rahe, David Becher, Scott Corgan, Ben Kirkpatrick, Mark Moreland, Ralph Pieper, and honorary member, Darrell Vanhooser. The "Mudders" team was Keith Noah, Mike Dentsbier, Charlie Hakenwerth, Don Puder, Jim Riley, and Rick Stockamp.

FYI, next year, you may want to make note of Ralph Pieper's winning performance. He has been on the first place team in 2004, 2005, and 2008 through 2011; six times out of the last eight years.

Men's High Game: Rich Altis, 76.92%, 66 pts; Mick Gillette, 76.92%, 65 pts. Elders: Francis Griesbauer, 84.62%, 69 pts. High Average: Mick Gillette, 54.59%. Elders: Francis Griesbauer, 53.79%. High Over Average: John Hocking, 43%, 91.66 opa. Elders: Clarence Eggert, 407%, 112 opa. Most Improved: Dan Wilmes, from 16% to 26% and 23 to 32 pts; Ken Hardy, 31% to 39% and 36 to 41 pts. Rookie of the Year: Don Puder. Sportsmanship: Ralph Pieper.

## Monday Night Mixed League

League Directors Ginny Weiss and Jill Knobbe report the 2010–11 Monday Night League had a great season. We had 11 brand new pitchers! Some were family members that joined and others we were able to place on existing teams. The night of the pitch off, the team "Right On" played the "Desperados" team, winning the tie-breaker seventh game to win first place, leaving "Desperados" in second place. The "Right On" team members were Gary and Rose Buehler, Jan Kreienkamp, Andy Foulds, and Charlie Foulds. "Plaza Lanes" played the "Shoesters" and won third place, winning four out of five games pitched.

My appreciation goes to Rich Altis for his assistance in helping me prepare the league stats. I do have notes now and don't have to bug him as much, but he has been instrumental in helping me with all the details of preparing the stats. Thanks, Mister!

High Game: Women: Jan Kreienkamp, 66 pts; Men: Mick Gillette, 67 pts; Elders: Don Claas, 65 pts. High Average: Women, Rose Diekamp, 52 pts, 55%; Men: Mick Gillette, 52 pts, 56%;

Elders: Don Claas, 49 pts, 51%. High Over Average: Women: Betty Debold, 34 pts, 100% over; Men: Norm Pierce, 44 pts, 159% over; Elders: John Simms, 39 pts, 63% over. Most Improved: Women: Sarah Gerhardt, 38%; Men: Jerry Mauzy, 37%; Elders: Charlie Foulds, 27%. Rookie of the Year: Women: Joyce Mauzy (Clangers); Men: Mike Dentsbier (Clangers); Elders: Tom Alagna (DJ's). Sportsmanship Award: Women: Carol Compton (Desperados); Men: Norm Pierce (Shoesters); Elders: Darrell VanHooser (Guys & Dolls).

## Thursday Morning Winter League

League Director Don Claas reports that the fifth session of the day league was very successful, having 27 members on nine teams, including four new players. Three of the rookies were winners on the first-, second-, and third-place teams.

Two of our players had to drop out during mid season and were replaced by two other members. We want to wish Ken Hardy a speedy recovery after having suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed on the right side of the body. Ken is in physical therapy rehab at this time. Ralph Hummel finished the season for him. Jeanette Claas had a rib injury as a result of the flu and was replaced by Gary Buehler. Our next session in the Fall will begin on September 8.

Congratulations to the top three teams! The first-place team with 41 wins was: Jim Howard, Gidget Rahe, and Gaylord Compton. Second place with 40 wins was the team of Ken Hardy, Harold Duke, and Sal Ventura. Third place with 36 wins went to the team of John Setzer, Carol Howard, and Joan Buchheit.

High Game: Men: Gary Roehrig, 97 pts; Women: Rose Diekamp, 123 pts; Elders: Don Claas, 119 pts. High Average: Men: Gary Roehrig, 84 pts; Women: Rose Diekamp, 106 pts; Elders: Don Claas, 99 pts. High Game Over Average: Men: Gary Null, 47.22% plus 17 pts; Women: Margie Furlong, 45.94% plus 17 pts; Elders: Bob Gettemeier, 40.35% plus 23 pts. Most Improved: Men: Owen Moore, plus 6 avg pts; Women: Carol Howard, plus 15 avg pts; Elders: Bob Diekamp, plus 12 avg pts. Sportsmanship Awards: Sal Ventura and Margie Furlong. Rookie of the Season: Sal Ventura, 40% High Game and 66 avg pts, and Joan Buchheit, 42% High Game and 61 avg pts. Individual Most Wins (Tie): Bob Diekamp, 16, and Carol Howard, 16.

Ringer Percent Patches were awarded to: Gary Null (10%); Margie Furlong (20%); Gary Buehler and Carol Compton (30%); Sal Ventura and Joan Buchheit (40%); Gidget Rahe (50%); Ernie Brakensiek (60%); and Don Claas (70%).

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# Last Shoe



## Norman "Bud" Ward

April 10, 1932–February 28, 2011

by Jeanette Claas

Bud Ward, 78, passed away on Monday, Feb. 28, 2011. Bud's health began failing in November 2010, complicated with diabetes, and finally succumbing to a blood infection that was the cause of his death.

Bud joined the NHPA in 1999 about the time of his retirement. Bud had been a member of the NMHC/QRHC for 12 years. He pitched on the Wednesday Night Men's League many years. Although he was an average pitcher, Bud enjoyed pitching in tournaments and was very proud of the trophies that he collected. Bud was at the QRHC in the spring of 2010 to help keep score in tournaments when he was unable to play. He was a gentleman both on and off the courts.



Bud's background as a carpenter and construction business owner gave him first-hand knowledge of the ways of the construction industry. He began building homes, then moved to commercial buildings such as schools and churches, and then retail buildings. Bud began his career with May Company in July 1977 as a Construction Manager and within

a short time moved into the office as Senior Construction Manager and assistant to the Vice President of Construction. When he retired from the May D&C Company in 1999, he was a Field Project Engineer.

Bud worked in construction management for Sverdrup & May Company, traveling throughout the U.S. While at the May Company, Bud wrote the Construction Project Manual. He retired in 1998, after finishing such projects as the remodeling of the Chesterfield Mall and the new addition to St. Paul's Lutheran

Church. Bud also served as an Alderman and Building Inspector in Des Peres.

After his retirement, Bud planned to spend time on his many hobbies and interests, one of which was horseshoe pitching. He and his family would spend time at their vacation home on the Lake of the Ozarks, boating, skiing, fishing, and swimming. He also loved to play golf. Hunting was another sport Bud would enjoy, never missing a deer season since his rookie season in 1952. He also hunted turkey, geese, and duck. Bud loved gardening and had a large collection of tropical plants, including his own grove of banana trees. He was a licensed amateur radio operator and enjoyed ham radios. He was an instructor for the Missouri Dept. of Conservation and instructed hunting and firearm safety at Meramec Community College. Bud also enjoyed rodeos, attending the Frontier Days in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was a sustaining member of the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, CO.

All this aside, his happiest moments were spent with his family. Bud and his wife, Marcie, were married on April 8, 1951, and enjoyed 59 years together. Bud is survived by his wife, Marcella, two daughters, Linda and Cindy, and a son, Dale. He was the loving grandfather of nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren and many other relatives. He was also the uncle to one of our popular horseshoe couples, Greg and Regi Ward, who some will remember well.

The horseshoe pitchers of QRHC will miss this quietly unobserved man with much diversity. We express our sympathy to his family and to all those who loved him.

## Jerome "Jerry" Parmentier

by Jeanette Claas

Jerry Parmentier passed away on February 20, 2011, in St. Louis at the age of 71. Jerry had suffered with cancer for the past several years.

Jerry was born in Washington, Missouri, on February 4, 1940. He attended St. Francis Borgia High School and then Union High School, graduating in 1957. Jerry was united in marriage to his wife, Jenell, on February 27, 1960. They made their home in Union and five children were born to this marriage.

Jerry owned and operated Thriftee Grocery for more than 40 years. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church and the Knights of Columbus, a past member of the Union Jaycees, and a recipient of the H. A. award in 1974.

Jerry was a member of the New Melle Horseshoe Club/Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club for 12 years. During this time, he was



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a regular member on the Wednesday Night Men's League and pitched in some tournaments until his failing health prevented his activities.

The QRHC is saddened by his death and extend our sympathy to his family members and all who loved him. He is survived by his wife, five children, ten grandchildren, one sister, and other relatives and friends. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### Jerry Noland

by Elizabeth Furner

Jerry Allen Noland passed away on March 21, 2011, in Harrisonville, Missouri. Jerry had 49 years of life's experience.



I first met Jerry a few years back at a tournament in Peculiar. I wondered where this "Mountain Man" with his full beard and tall slender frame hailed from and what stories could he tell. Jerry was quiet and quite the gentleman. He smiled and went about the business of pitching horseshoes. He threw an ever-so-smooth flip from 40 feet and from the very beginning was pitching in the 30%

or better range. Later in his short career, he moved for medical reasons to the 30-foot mark. It wasn't long before he was sporting 70% and higher games. Jerry had several health issues but that did not stop his exuberance on the court, always laughing at himself and cheering on his opposition. There were times his health did not permit him to finish games but never did he allow his health to dim his enthusiasm. Jerry pitched in a tournament on Saturday, pitched league Monday morning, and we received news of his passing Monday evening.

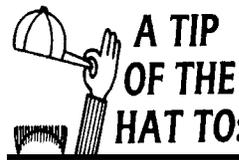
Besides pitching horseshoes, Jerry participated in other sports. He enjoyed slow-pitch softball and a good game of pool and was a constant supporter and coach to his daughter Kara as she advanced in her softball career. Jerry was a hunter year round. He particularly liked deer and quail seasons.

Jerry loved little kids since he was a big kid himself. He enjoyed

the small town country lifestyle and made sure that his wife, Vonda, (28 years wed) and daughter, Kara, always felt loved and protected. Read the poem written by this young daughter to her dad and decide for yourself if those sentiments were reciprocated

*An angel whispered, "Take my hand and come with me. Your work here is done."  
I went away to a place where there's no tears,  
nor sorrow; only laughter and smiles,  
there will always be a tomorrow.  
As I move amongst the clouds,  
I'll look down and smile upon you,  
while the angels sing a heavenly song.  
I am not alone, all who went before are here.  
They waited my return.  
I know you'll grieve and wish I was still here.  
I am here in the memories you hold dear.  
Remember how much I love you  
and know I took your love with me.  
I do not wish for you to cry, nor feel sad.  
My pain is gone and I am free!  
Soon you'll come to me. Until then  
God will be with you just as He's with me.*

—Kara Noland



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by Vicki Winston

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## Independence Horseshoe Club News

by Pam Henderson

We had our organizational meeting on April 19. Some new pitchers joined us and we had a good meeting. President Wayne Henderson handed out trophies and awards that were not picked up at our banquet.



Stephanie Varney was presented with Top Ten awards from the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Stephanie won 1st in high ringer over average, 6th in high ringer game, and 6th in high point over average. A nice plaque, certificate, and patches were awarded. Way to go, Stephanie! Stephanie is a Junior Girl pitcher.

One of our junior members, Sarah Johnson, won 1st place in her 100m race during the 39th annual Special Olympics Spring Games. (Look for her picture on page 26 of this issue of *Shoe Biz*.) Good going, Sarah.

We had a good work crew on April 23. All the leaves were raked up and some mowing and weed-eating done. Four new members qualified to pitch in our spring league. The courts are looking nice. Thanks a lot, helpers.

Tony Bootka broke his ankle over the winter months. We had some black ice and Tony slipped and fell on his ankle. He is on the mend and is planning to pitch with us this spring. We are all still praying for Perry Mann's daughter. She is a fighter and is really hanging in there.

Earl Gunter, our new treasurer, has set up a new file on Excel for us to use and it is helping keep our files in order. Thanks for that, Earl.

That's it for now, as our tournaments have not happened yet. See you at the pits.

I have to write this early, as Wayne and I are expecting a great-granddaughter on the 29th, so thought I better get this in to Elizabeth.

## Liberty Horseshoe Club

by Gregg Craven

We recently finished our winter leagues in the Don Harris Arena. Paul Taylor is the first to win the Monday Morning Blahs two years in a row. He and his partner, Larry Guggisberg, won the league with a record of 28.5 wins and 15.5 losses.



Tuesday night champions were Dee McIntire, Terry Kampe, Hannah Johnson, and Don Brown with 51.5 wins and 36.5 losses. Most improved in the leagues were Gina Baker and Jackie Guggisberg. Gregg Craven had high average and high game. High over average went to Gina Baker and Lawrence Loney. Ray Plute got his 70% patch, Laura Johnson and Tim Vaughn both got their first 60%, and Paul Vaughn earned his 50% patch.

We had a great time challenging the East again, and as usual they were great hosts and won again! They definitely have our number. The plaque has a lot of spaces on it, but I don't know if there is enough for us to catch up. You can probably read more about it in this *Shoe Biz*.

We had 19 in our Juniors-Only tournament. We appreciated their effort and sportsmanship. We also really appreciated the great photo coverage by Laura Johnson and Stan at [www.mohpa.us](http://www.mohpa.us). Good luck this summer.

Hope we all get more ringers than last year. We will soon have an entry way completed to the arena that will cut the winter draft and the late afternoon summer glare.

## Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Roena Branson

Hello everyone! Whew! Spring is finally arriving and all the trees are showing their beautiful leaves. I have to say I believe the dogwood trees were outstanding this year, the blossoms were so big and beautiful it was awesome.



We have had an extremely busy winter at the Pits indoor courts again this year. A lot of pitching was going on everyday except for Friday. I know everyone had a good time. We had one person on our Monday night league that really enjoys this sport because he drove 70 miles each way to pitch and he also received the sportsmanship award for this league and that was Jesse Dowell. Congratulations, Jesse!

On April 16, we held our end-of-league tournament and the winners were: Class A, 1st Harold Hoffmeister (4.5/1.5), 2nd Doug Peoples (4/2), 3rd Dan Couch (4/2). Class B, 1st Donna Bastel (5/0), 2nd Paul VanEvercooren (4/1), 3rd Harry Rother (2/3). Class C, 1st George Lawler (4/1), 2nd Jerry Cramer (3/2), 3rd Dennis Benson (2/2). Class D, 1st Leroy Dooley (4/1), 2nd Darrin Gregory (3/2), 3rd Pete Renick (2/2). On April 17, we had the league champion playoff for Harold Hoffmeister, Donna Bastel, George Lawler, and Leroy Dooley. The winter league champions were 1st Leroy Dooley (3/0), 2nd George Lawler (2/1), 3rd Harold Hoffmeister (1/2). Congratulations, Leroy! We also had our end-of-league banquet dinner, which was smoked ribs, chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, and of course the wonderful desserts that were provided by the ladies. Thank you, ladies. Oh, I can't forget we also had music that was provided by Pete Renick. Also, I want to say thank you to the scorekeepers we had; you made our day.

We had one person this year who received the National Top Ten Award and that was Roena Branson for 8th high ringer percent (80%). We also had several other patches presented as well but too many to list. Congratulations to everyone that received these patches, a job well done.

We started our summer season on May 2 and our first tournament was scheduled for May 7 and of course they are predicting rain but we hope that doesn't happen. Our next outdoor tournament will be the Summer Splash Open, which is scheduled for July 9 so please try and come. We would love to have you.

I hope everyone is ready for the World Tournament in Monroe, LA, in July. It might be toasty but a whole lot of fun. We wish everyone good luck and a safe trip. Until next time, be happy and hope to see you at World.

# Missouri Horseshoe Club News



## Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club News

by Jeanette Claas

It seems like the activities at QRHC just never slow down, they just keep getting bigger and better! In the first four months of the new year, the QRHC has held four monthly tournaments plus three other exciting tournaments such as the Spring Team Handicap Tournament, the West vs. East Challenge, and the big Six Pac Tournament.

Besides these horseshoe activities, the QRHC hosted a washer tournament sponsored by the St. Charles Parks Department in February, which brought in a whole new group of faces. In March, QRHC members Rich Altis and Mike Dentsbier began another new project and sponsored the game of Cornhole. They held their first tournament on March 26. They gathered 22 teams to participate and it was highly successful. Such tournaments as these bring our club extra revenue to help defray expenses. So if you not only enjoy pitching horseshoes and would like to try your hand at either of these two "sport games," contact the QRHC and we'll save a place for you.

We welcome our new 2nd Vice President, Norm Pierce, who replaced Larry Langewisch at our February club meeting. Larry resigned as he had too many other commitments. Thank you, Larry, for the years that you filled the 2nd vice president's duties. Norm was a walk-in to our club in September of 2009, took an interest in the club, and is now one of our most valuable members!

The first two months of the year brought about the loss of three of our club members: Cal Jaeger, Jerry Parmentier, and Bud Ward. We will miss each of them. We have also added two more Lifetime Members to our plaque who have reached a milestone in their lives by turning 80 years young. QRHC would like to congratulate Ralph Pieper and Ann Strus on their birthdays and hope that they have continued good health and will enjoy the sport of horseshoes for many more years to come. Ann is the first lady to join the Lifetime Members group.

Another winter season of horseshoes has come to an end. The league results are on page 7 of this issue. We would like to welcome all the new members who joined in the weekly horseshoe leagues and hope that they had fun and will return next year. Our summer league began on May 4. League Directors Jim and Carol Howard report that there are eight teams participating on Wednesday evenings.

We wish to thank Liberty's Nick DiRaimo for making and donating several banners to our club. They proudly hang in the court area. We know what time and expense he put into this work of art and they are appreciated very much.

Also, the QRHC have been busy replacing all backboards inside the facility. The current backboards were brought in from

Jack Freeman's courts and used in the building for the past four years. They were originally installed in Jack's arena in 1995 and have seen their better days due to frequent use of pounding by horseshoes. We would like to thank Kenny Pogue for donating all 32 backboards and bringing them in from Ellington, MO. It took several days of hard labor to install these new backboards. Hopefully they will last another 10 to 15 years. I wish to thank every QRHC member who worked so hard on this project.

We had a good work-out on Work Day, April 9. The St. Charles Parks Department loaded us up on mulch and we are spreading it on the outdoor courts. We are preparing for the MOHPA Team Tournament that will be held on June 4. We hope to see many teams from Missouri participating in it.

On April 19, we held a QRHC meeting in spite of the stormy weather outdoors. Many topics were discussed. The club members elected to purchase more scorekeeping stools and to purchase a defibrillator, a life-saving device. We hope the life we save will be yours. Plans for the last Six Pac Horseshoe Tournament were finalized.

The QRHC members would like to take this opportunity to personally invite each of you to attend one of our tournaments in the near future. We were delighted when Pat Heathman of Shelbina brought his three sons to participate in the April Showers Tournament. As a result of their actions, the QRHC members voted to charge \$10 entry fee for Juniors instead of the regular adult entry fee, hoping that more juniors can afford to participate. The doors are always opened and we can always work you in.

We hope that Missouri has a good turnout for the World Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana. As you may or may not know, Bonnie and Clyde were captured about 40 miles from Monroe and their bullet-ridden car is on display there. I'm sure you won't want to miss this well-known event that happened back in the Thirties.

On our "sick list" is Dorie Gillette, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. She is undergoing chemo and radiation; we certainly wish her well. QRHC member Ken Hardy suffered a stroke in March and is presently undergoing physical therapy rehabilitation. A speedy recovery to Ed Griffith, undergoing shoulder surgery; Jerry Mauzy, having eye surgery; Julia Jaeger, suffering with a broken shoulder; Larry Volo, recuperating from colon surgery; and Gene Gummersheimer, recovering from back surgery. We wish a quick recovery for all our members who are having health issues and hope that you will soon be out on the courts again.

## 2010 MOHPA State Champions



Men	<b>Rich Altis</b>
Women	<b>Rose Diekamp</b>
Elders (30 ft.)	<b>Nick DiRaimo</b>
Junior Boys	<b>Dalton Rakestraw</b>
Junior Girls	<b>Natalie Altis</b>
Cadets	<b>Jordan Weiler</b>
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# Tournament Reports

## West vs. East Challenge!

April 2-3 • Quail Ridge HC, Wentzville

by Jeanette Claas

The bright yellow daffodils surrounding the NHPA Hall of Fame facility was a sure sign that spring has finally arrived in Missouri. The NHPA Hall of Fame facility not only welcomed the touch of springtime, but also the 64 Missouri horseshoe pitchers who traveled from 32 different cities and towns and 4 other states to participate in the West vs. East Challenge, hosted this year by the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. It was a most exciting event for both the Western and Eastern sides of Missouri as they met for the twelfth time since the tournament originated in March of 2003 for some friendly rivalry and competition.

Tournament Directors for the event were Gregg Craven from the Liberty Horseshoe Club and Don Claas and Jim Riley from the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. Each team brought in 32 competitors. The format was changed this year to be a one-day event without handicap, using an eight-class round-robin with 64 players. Four classes were played in the morning and four classes in the afternoon.

The classes were loaded with top-notch pitchers. The A Class pitcher's entry averages ranged from 78.0% to 62.0%; B Class, 61 to 54%; C Class, 53 to 49%; D Class, 48 to 44%; E Class, 43 to 40%; F Class, 39 to 34%; G Class, 33 to 22%; and Class H, 20 to 9.75%. The tournament included 23 Men, 12 Women, 27 Elders, one Junior Boy, and one Junior Girl.

All classes were highly competitive. Our grand tournament champion was Gregg Craven (West), who pitched a 71.84% tournament average, a 7-1 record, and a high game of 86.84%. Rose Diekamp had the highest game of the day, 87.50%, and Gregg Craven was right behind her with an 86.84% game! In Class B, Mick Gillette (East) was the class champion with a 69.44%. He also pitched the high game of 71.42%. Class C was won by Larry Gearheart (West) with a tournament average of 53.87%. Ernie Brakensiek pitched the highest game of 81.25%. Class D was won

by Bob Diekamp (East) with a 47.27% tournament average and Ralph Hummel scored the high game of 71.05%. Class E was won by Debbie Harris (West), with a tournament average of 39.03% and the high game of 63.63%. Class F was won by Louise Duke (East) with a 38.40% tournament average and the high game of 64.28%. Class G was won by Mark Wilkewitz (East), pitching a 40.70% tournament average and the high game of 61.11%. In Class H, George Chichura (West) earned the champion title with a 17.07% and pitched the high game of 33.33%. Congratulations to all the class champions for a well-fought battle on the courts.

After the final scores were tallied, it showed that the East scored the victory, having 67 wins to the West's 43 wins. The East has won nine of the past tournaments, compared to the West with three wins. Gregg says "We have come up with three different formats and none of them seem to work very well for the West. Some people might give up with our record, but the West just has too much fun to quit." While it is a highly competitive match, it is a gathering of horseshoe pitchers from Missouri in for some fun and friendly rivalries, win or lose.

The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club wishes to thank Nick DiRaimo for the beautiful banners that he painted and donated to the facility. The banners will proudly hang in the north court area for all to see.

Congratulations to our 50/50 winners, Pat Griewing, Paul Taylor, and Bob Diekamp, and to Angie DiRaimo, who received the attendance prize of one year's subscription to the *Newsline Magazine*. We thank our TDs for recruiting the horseshoe pitchers and organizing this exciting and friendly competition. We wish to thank our stats person, Rich Altis, the concession workers and scorekeepers for their most valuable and vital roles in holding a successful tournament. We wish to thank you, the horseshoe pitchers who traveled from near and far, especially with the high cost of gasoline and expenses.

We are putting out a statewide bulletin in hopes of finding a pair of Pythons horseshoes belonging to Audra Craven. They are normal-colored horseshoes (gray) with a lot of old red paint peeking through. If you accidentally picked up these shoes, please contact her at 816-781-4132.

We hope that Smitty and his daughters managed to get home okay after having serious car trouble on the way to Quail Ridge.

We look forward to the 2012 West vs East Challenge, which will be held next spring at the Don Harris Arena in Liberty.

## Happy Hearts Tournament

Feb. 12 • Quail Ridge HC, Wentzville

by Jan Kreienkamp and Andy (Weezel) Foulds

The Happy Hearts tournament got under way and on schedule despite snow, ice, and our frozen surroundings. We had 8 classes with 62 pitchers.

Congratulations to all the class winners. We would like to welcome David Becher to his first tournament and congratulate him on winning his class. The high game in the morning session went to Carol Howard, with a 54.54% ringer average. She's on her way back. The morning 50/50 winners were Barbara Foulds (yay, Mom)



## Tournament Reports

and Joe Keller. Thanks to Charlie Schuenemeyer for donating his scorekeeping money back to the Hall of Fame.

Marlene Ray pitched the high game of the afternoon by posting a whopping 92.85% ringer average. We would like to welcome Rick Stockamp back to tournament pitching and also welcome Virgil McCown to Class A pitching at QRHC. We saw Ralph Hummel win his third tournament in a row (look out B Class.) Congratulations to George Altman for averaging 48.62%. He was helped by pitching an outstanding 70.83% high game in D Class. He is moving up the ladder. (Bring it on Big George!)

Our 50/50 afternoon winner was the Stat Man and current Missouri State Men's Champion, Rich Altis. The winner of the one-year subscription to *Newsline* was Dennis Peters.

Thanks to Barb Foulds for donating chicken and dumplings (you had to get some early if you wanted any) and Theresa Martin for donating the Valentine cupcakes to the tournament.

On an ending note, we would like to thank everyone who made this tournament a success, from the decorators, cleanup crew, scorekeepers, statistician, 50/50, judges, kitchen help, and also all the pitchers. Think about it, it takes approximately 60 volunteers to run a successful tournament of this size. Please remember to do your part to keeping your club (and others) running smoothly.

### April Showers Tournament

April 16 • Quail Ridge HC, Wentzville

by Kevin Nenninger

Greetings from Quail Ridge! The April Showers Tournament was held on April 16, 2011. We had 40 participants from Missouri and neighboring states. We had four flights in the morning session and the championship flight in the afternoon. Good pitching and good times were had by all. Tournament Directors Ralph Hummel, Rick Maassen, and Kevin Nenninger wish to thank all who played and all who assisted, especially the scorekeepers, concession workers, statistician, and all the other "odd jobs" that got done. A tourney is only as successful as the volunteers allow it to be.

E flight was won by Gaylord Compton with a 6-1 record, 23% tourney average. Gaylord also took home the umbrella for high game of the class with an impressive 61% game. Three players finished with 5-2 records and it went to the tiebreaker of tourney percent. Bob Cutright placed 2nd at 32% and David Heathman 3rd with 26%. This was also David's first ever tourney, so expect to see much of him in the future.

D flight had two players with 6-1 records. Mark Moreland came in 1st with a 25% average and Dan Wilmes 2nd with 19%. Third was taken by Sal Ventura at 02. Larry Langewisch took the umbrella with a 46% high game.

C flight went to Carol Howard at 6-1, shooting 41% for the day. Three players were tied at 4-3. Jim Spidle Jr placed 2nd with 37%, Mark Wilkewitz took third at 36%. High game umbrella went to Carol with a 58% game.

B flight had a tie on top with two players at 6-1. Steve Spidle took 1st place with 46% and Glen Young 2nd with 45%. Third went to Terry Murray at 5-2 and 40%. Umbrella went to John Setzer for a 60% high game of class.

Flight A featured the twin sisters of Marlene Ray and Maxine Griffith taking the top two spots. Marlene took 1st with a perfect 7-0 record and Maxine close behind at 6-1. Third went to Jim Spidle Sr. at 5-2. High game for this class was tied between Spidle and Griffith, each with an 83% game. Maxine took the umbrella on the tiebreak of tourney average 71% to Jim's 60%.

Thanks and see you next April, rain or shine!

### Cancer Action Benefit

March 19 • Harris Arena, Liberty

by Elwyn Cooper

Once again we had a great, generous bunch of players. All proceeds amounted to \$2192.31 (I am adding an additional \$7.69 to round it to an even \$2200.00.) This amount was sent to Cancer Action. Thanks to all for their help and generosity!

Looking back, we broke our previous record in 2009 of \$2058.65. I had doubts about breaking that but, again, it shows how generous our group is.



### 18th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament

April 30–May 1 • Quail Ridge HC, Wentzville

by Jeanette Claas

Somewhere across the pond, a royal wedding was taking place; somewhere in Pakistan, a snake in the grass was being sought; somewhere in the midwest and southern states, tornadoes were causing major destruction; but right here in Missouri at the NHPA Hall of Fame, some exciting horseshoe games were about to begin! What a fantastic event it would be!

It was a bittersweet time for the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members as they prepared for their final Six Pac Horseshoe Tournament sponsored by Harvey Wobbe. New backboards were installed, the courts were scrubbed, banners were up, new large 4" clothespins adorned the scoreboards, food was prepared, and the QRHC was ready to go. This was to be a special event, a celebration of 18 years of exciting horseshoe tournaments.

Thirty two of the most talented and skillful horseshoe pitchers

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## Tournament Reports

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flew the tornadic skies and traveled the highways as gas prices soared to \$4.00 per gallon to compete in this exciting and prestigious event. Tournament Directors Joe Faron and Bob and Rose Diekamp, assisted by Tim Henderson and Gary Buehler, had prepared a lineup of the top horseshoe pitchers across the USA. Eleven new pitchers would make their debut this year. The 40-footers were Gary Urish (IL), Don Davis (WA), Michael Bowman (MO), and Ken Fraser (NY). In the 30' Division, Russ Phillips (WA), Herschel Walters (IN), Gregg Craven (MO), Bobby Vandivier (IL), Vicki Kunde (MD), Terry Hiatt (NE), and Becky Kemper (KY).

The courts were opened on Friday for the pitchers to get a feel of the courts and to meet, greet and mix with their rivals before the competition began. Saturday morning, the players checked in, the National Anthem was sung, and introductions were made by TD Bob Diekamp. Special guests this year included NHPA 1st Vice President Dan Sanders, NHPA 2nd Vice President Tina Hawkins, NHPA 3rd Vice President Lorraine Sternberg with husband Terry, 4th NHPA Vice President Jerry LaBrosse, and NHPA Historian Bob Dunn and his wife, Nancy. Attending from the MOHPA were President Sharon Taylor with husband Paul and Zone Director Scott Raimer.

For the last time, Harvey Wobbe placed a medallion around each of the pitcher's necks, and then it was time for shoes to fly. The format for the two-day tournament was a 16-man round-robin for the 40 and 30 footers. Eight games were pitched on Saturday. At the conclusion of the Saturday competition, three pitchers in the 40' Division remained undefeated: Alan Francis (OH), Tom Williams (MI), and Stan Griggs (MO). On the south courts, Herschel Walters (IN) and Maxine Griffith (TN) remained undefeated.

Immediately after competition on Saturday, the QRHC members transformed the north courts into a banquet setting and food preparations were ready to serve 124 people. Grilled barbecue



pork steaks and fresh fried chicken were prepared by the QRHC cooks. A large variety of delicious covered dishes and desserts were brought in by the QRHC members. It was a meal fit for a "royal gathering." After dinner, a program honoring Harvey Wobbe was held for his sponsorship of the Six Pac Invitational for the past 18 years. A plaque was presented to him from the NHPA officers for his years of dedication and support of horseshoes. An engraved pocket watch was presented to him by the QRHC, along with a most appropriate cigar tree. The Six Pac booklet was presented to Harvey so that he will always be able to look back at all the memories that he created for many, many horseshoe pitchers. As a finale, Amy Francis, accompanied by her father Fred Brown on the guitar, sang a song that the Francis and Brown family had written for this special occasion entitled, "A Tribute to the Hillsboro Man," sung to the tune of the Beverly Hillbillies.

On Sunday, the final seven games were pitched, the scores were tallied, and statistician, Rich Altis, had some fascinating results. For some of the pitchers, the game was a matter of "self destruction" as they struggled to get their timing back in the game. Even the best pitchers have their bad moments in horseshoes. For others who were

on top of their game, came the success of victory. Alan Francis (OH) would claim his 16th Six Pac title by winning each game and having the high tournament average of 86.56%. Alan pitched the high game of the tournament, 94.44%, with several other games above 90%. Tom Williams (MI) and Jim Walters (OH) tied for 2nd place with a record of 11-4, Tom earning 2nd place with 72.6% and Walters 68.7% tournament average. In 4th place, Paul LaCrosse (CO) later announced that, after 50 years of horseshoe pitching, this would be his last tournament play at 40'. He also retired his plaid shorts (of 50 years), which will hang proudly in the north courts of the facility. The longest game of 86 shoes was pitched between Randy Grady and Steve Johnson, with Grady winning the game 40-30. There were 17 80% games and three 90% games within the 40' Division.



# Tournament Reports

In the 30' Division, Russ Phillips (WA), seeded in first place entering the tournament, was knocked down to 4th by three World Champions. Herschel Walters (IN) was in it to win it with a record of 14-1. His only loss went to Sue Snyder (IN), who pitched an 87.1% game and Herschel fired back with an 80% game. With a tournament average of 82.9%, the former 2009 World Elders Champion would claim his first Six Pac title. A tie between two World Champions, Sue Snyder and Joan Elmore, each with records of 12-3, would be determined by ringer percentage with a difference of only 1%. Snyder took 2nd place with a tournament average of 77.4% and Elmore placed 3rd with 76.2%. The longest game of 102 shoes was between Joan Elmore (84.3%) and Russ Phillips (81.4%) winning the game 43/32. The high game of 97.61% was pitched by Bobby Fields. All in all, there were 48 80% games and four 90% games within the 30' tournament.



## Tribute to the Hillsboro Man (Tune: The Beverly Hillbillies Theme Song)

by Alan and Amy Francis, Fred and Helen Brown

Come and listen to a story 'bout Harvey Wobbe,  
Making horseshoes soon became quite a hobby.  
The muscle man was just as generous as could be,  
And the Six Pac was born in the hills of Missouri.

New Melle that is,  
Winding roads, tornado warnings.

Next thing ya know people came from everywhere,  
The pitchers would exclaim "what good pitching over there."  
The tourney was known and was loved by one and all,  
They started thirty footers and we all just had a ball.

Ringers that is,  
Baked goods, Stefanina's.

We all got medals at the start of play,  
By the end of the day, we were covered with clay.  
They moved us to the park in the Hall of Fame,  
There is a new club, Quail Ridge is its name.

Birds that is,  
Feathers and lots of tweeting.

Joe and Harv, "what an event for 18 years,"  
It's coming to an end, puts all of us in tears.  
There is one thing left to say as we are ready to depart,  
We thank you, Harvey Wobbe, from the bottom of our hearts!

The grand finale playoff game was pitched between Alan Francis and Herschel Walters, the 2011 Six Pac Champions of the 40' and 30' Divisions. They pitched 72 shoes before Francis won with 41 points (83.3%) to Herschel's 23 points (75%).

The lucky recipient of the maple mantel clock, donated and made by Joe Faron, was Harvey Wobbe. Diane Hiatt of Nebraska won the attendance prize, a year's subscription to *Newline*. The lucky winners of the 50/50 drawings were Ralph Hummel, Pat Griewing, Harvey Wobbe, and Diane Hiatt. The QRHC wishes to thank all who supported the QRHC by participating in the raffles, purchasing dinner tickets, and spending a night at the Holiday Inn. Several donations were made to the QRHC by Paul LaCrosse and Rick Yord. We thank you.

After months of preparation, the 18th Annual Six Pac Tournament had come to an end and, after 18 years, the Six Pac Tournament has taken its place in history and will be put to rest. We wish to thank the QRHC for hosting this event; they just got better with each passing year. We thank Harvey for his generosity and contributions for making this experience an amazing horseshoe journey.

Throughout the years, more than 125 horseshoe pitchers traveled from as far as California and Vermont to participate in this tournament, which some claimed to be the best in the USA. These top pitchers set record after record while performing on the courts. Three perfect games were recorded by World Champions on the courts. Alan Francis recorded 239 wins and only four losses throughout the years, averaging a combined tournament average of 86.35%! For the first time in the history of horseshoes, two current World Champions would meet for the exciting grand finale game in 2008. All of the stats, articles, and pictures of the 18 Six Pac Tournaments are compiled in the 90-page Six Pac booklet. If you would be interested in purchasing this book for only \$15, contact Jeanette Claas at 636-447-3039 or email [djclaas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djclaas@sbcglobal.net). If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to seek sponsorship to see that a tournament such as this does not die like the ill-fated Osama Bin Laden, please contact Joe Faron at 314-704-7082, email [bugsfaron@aol.com](mailto:bugsfaron@aol.com).

Here are the final results for those in the prize money:

40' Division						
	W/L	H/G	Rgrs	S/P	Average	Prize
1. Alan Francis (OH)	15-0	94.44%	509	588	86.56%	\$1200
2. Tom Williams (MI)	11-4	89.28%	543	748	72.59%	\$1000
3. Jim Walters (OH)	11-4	88.88%	533	776	68.68%	\$ 600
4. Paul LaCrosse (CO)	10-5	73.91%	483	760	63.55%	\$ 400
5. Gale Greene (VT)	9-6	82.00%	532	798	66.66%	\$ 300
6. Stan Griggs (MO)	9-6	80.76%	513	792	64.77%	\$ 200
7. Michael Bowman (MO)	9-6	75.00%	433	708	61.15%	\$ 175
8. Randall Grady (MO)	9-6	75.00%	499	818	61.00%	\$ 125
30' Division						
1. Herschel Walter (IN)	14-1	90.38%	633	764	82.85%	\$ 700
2. Sue Snyder (IN)	12-3	91.93%	680	878	77.44%	\$ 600
3. Joan Elmore (TN)	12-3	86.66%	698	916	76.20%	\$ 425
4. Russ Phillips (WA)	11-4	85.18%	686	894	76.73%	\$ 350
5. Marlene Ray (TN)	10-5	86.64%	635	826	76.87%	\$ 275
6. Paul McGee (MD)	10-5	85.29%	625	836	72.73%	\$ 250
7. Maxine Griffith (TN)	10-5	82.50%	611	840	72.73%	\$ 225
8. Bobby Fields (TN)	9-6	97.61%	697	886	78.66%	\$ 200

# 2011 MOHPA Tournament Schedule

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Date	Sanction #	Location	Tournament Name	Contact	E-mail or Cell #
6/4	19-11-015	Park Hills	June Heat	McEntire 573-431-6107	
6/4	19-11-052	Wentzville	MOHPA Club/Team Benefit *	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
6/11 c	19-11-020	Festus	Festus Open #5	Smetzer 636-937-2612	
6/11	19-11-030	Peculiar	Peculiar Summer Open *	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowman@ymail.com
6/18	19-11-078	Jefferson City	Father's Day Weekend Mixed Open *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
6/18	19-11-058	Liberty	Wilbur Hodgson Mem * (In & Out) %	B.Craven 816-781-7581	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
6/18	19-11-053	Wentzville	Summer Heat *	Schnur 636-233-0368	pegsandpits@yahoo.com
6/25 c	19-11-068	Mountain View	Tournament of Champions	Rakestraw 417-505-0141	rakestraw_1@hotmail.com
6/25 +	19-11-106	Warsaw	Darrell Thrasher Memorial *	Spry 660-723-3338	jspry61@embarqmail.com
6/25	19-11-095	St Joseph	Ray Cavin Memorial *	Campbell 846-238-7312	pcampbell@co.buchanan.mo.us
7/2	19-11-070	Clinton	Old Glory Days *	Loyd 660-885-3868	
7/2	19-11-079	Jefferson City	July 4th Weekend Mixed Open *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
7/2	19-11-099	Mountain View	Poppin' Hot *	Hobbs 417-934-6741	
7/9	19-11-060	Laurie	Summer Splash Open *	D. Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
7/16 +	19-11-104	Mountain View	3 Ringers 3 Summer League Tourn *	Rakestraw 417-505-0141	rakestraw_1@hotmail.com
7/30	19-11-080	Jefferson City	Jefferson City Mixed Open *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
8/6	19-11-081	Jefferson City	Summer Doubles Mixed Open *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
8/13	19-11-069	Mountain View	Sunburn Classic Mixed Open *	Rakestraw 417-505-0141	rakestraw_1@hotmail.com
8/19-21	19-11-061	Sedalia	State Fair Open *	D. Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
8/27	19-11-082	Jefferson City	Hot August Evening Mixed Open *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
8/27	19-11-073	Independence	State Tune Up *	P.Henderson 816-257-1853	waynepam@juno.com
9/2	19-11-063	Lebanon	State Championship Doubles	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
9/3-5	19-11-064	Lebanon	State Championship Singles	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
9/10	19-11-083	Jefferson City	Fall Doubles Mixed Open *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
9/10	19-11-031	Peculiar	John Dods Memorial *	Bowman 816-293-5403	glennbowman@ymail.com
9/12,13,17	19-11-088	Liberty	Liberty Summer Leagues Toury * %	G.Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
9/17,18	19-11-062	Laurie	Hillbilly Fair Open *	D. Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
9/24	19-11-084	Jefferson City	Big Money Mixed Open *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
10/1	19-11-089	Liberty	Kansas City Open * %	D.McIntire 846-452-0254	dinetamcintire@att.net
10/1	19-11-071	Clinton	Fall Harvest Classic *	Loyd 660-885-3868	
10/2	19-11-085	Jefferson City	CCHC Mixed * (Club Members Only)	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
10/8	19-11-009	Independence	Michael Long Quest to Walk Benefit *	Estes 816-726-2966	lauralaura2222@sbcglobal.net
10/15	19-11-090	Liberty	Don Harris Open	G.Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
10/8,9	19-11-006	Sunrise Beach	Frosted Pumpkin Open *	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
10/8,9	19-11-054	Wentzville	NHPA Club/League Tourn *	Sternberg 262-677-3300	horshoewi@aol.com
10/15	19-11-086	Jefferson City	Octoberfest Mixed Open *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
10/22	19-11-091	Liberty	Charles Killgore Memorial * %	Cooper 816-741-0043	ipitch6@hotmail.com
10/22	19-11-100	Mountain View	Fall Classic *	Hobbs 417-934-6741	
10/22	19-11-066	Wentzville	Fall Team Handicap Tournament *	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
10/29	19-11-087	Jefferson City	Triple Elimination *	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
11/5,6	19-11-041	Crane	Deer Hunter Blues *	Hudson 417-723-5429	
11/5	19-11-065	Liberty	11th Annual Holly Marie Memorial *	Griggs 816-313-1814	moshoe@kcnet.com
11/5	19-11-067	Wentzville	QRHC vs Capitol City HC *	Penberthy 636-528-7549	rpenberthy@centurytel.net
11/12,13	19-11-007	Sunrise Beach	Turkey Stakes Open *	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
11/19	19-11-092	Liberty	Snow Bird Fly Away * %	G.Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
11/19	19-11-055	Wentzville	Turkey Trot *	Knobbe 314-303-4809	knobbe@sbcglobal.net
12/3	19-11-093	Liberty	Harvesters Food Network Benefit	D.McIntire 846-452-0254	dinetamcintire@att.net
12/3,4	19-11-042	Crane	Christmas is Coming *	Hudson 417-723-5429	
12/10	19-11-056	Wentzville	Jingle Bell Rock *	Volo 314-434-4075	mark.moreland@charter.net
12/10,11	19-11-008	Sunrise Beach	Snowball Open *	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net

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

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

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

# Never Too Late to Share Your Passion

by Elizabeth Furner

The following is written as a tribute to Gene Loyd and his brother John. The daughter referenced is Mary Gibson who lost her health battles this past October. These two men started as members of Independence Horseshoe Club some years back. When Gene moved back to his roots in Clinton, Missouri, he found a way to share his passion rather than leave it in Independence.

*I hail from Missouri all of my life.  
Nine siblings my parents did give.  
For all that we had, for all that we did,  
For each other did we proudly live.*

*Two brothers were we – brother John and me  
Who liked to pitch shoes for some fun.  
We would cross over the road to the foundry yard  
And play in the sand with steel shoes in the sun.*

*I'm known as Gene, Eugene to some,  
My adult world goes without saying.  
But when I was new, perhaps about two,  
"Corky" was the name my parents were praying.*

*Not to be all alone, my little bro John  
Wasn't always called by that name.  
When he was small his siblings did call  
"Bobby" and he answered the same.*

*I'm now home in the south with time on my hands.  
Need something to do, make a line in the sands.  
I could build a deck, maybe a porch;  
Could go to the beach, my skin for to scorch.*

*My house is all sided, windows double hung.  
The lawn is groomed smooth, doors tight as a drum.  
I have this gentle tugging, there's something needs done.  
I'm not sure what it is, please tell me someone.*

*There was something I did when I lived in the north.  
My brother, daughter and I enjoyed a great sport.  
I used to visit young daughter, picnic in the park.  
Independence was home, McCoy was the spark.*

*That's it, that's what I shall do.  
I'll duplicate fun, I'll play some horseshoes.  
Oh wait, where will I do this, this game of great fun?  
My yard is too small for a forty foot run.*

*Let me think, not too far away is a historical sight,  
19th century I think, was a Great Artesian flight.  
A drilling crew struck water, a health resort was born.  
Eleven acres on West Allen Street was no longer forlorn.*

*I've eighty years use of this merry old earth,  
Do I really have energy for courts to give birth?  
I'll go to the Council. City of Clinton they call it.  
Ask for permission, they may help me wall it.*

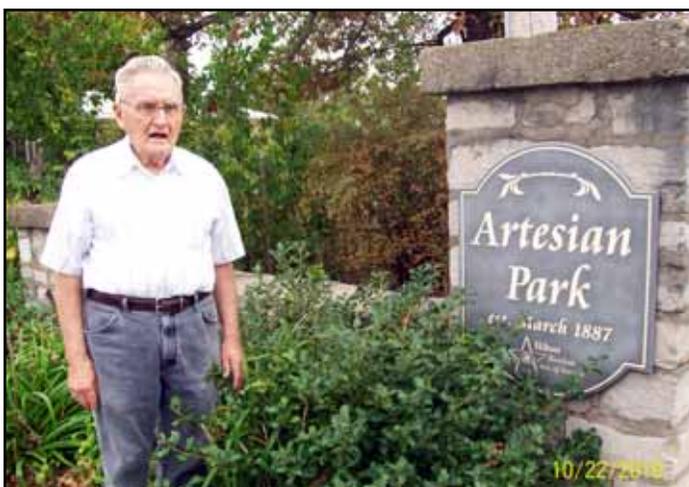
*My original thoughts, perhaps a bit small,  
Were to construct two courts, wee games for to call.  
As I spoke to the council and others of courts  
I found available some money, a grant of some sort.*

*With NHPA backing I decided to solicit  
From two courts to six was the directive so explicit.  
Five dollars here, fifty dollars there, the money came in.  
Support from members, businessmen, scouts the gamut it ran.*

*It's now been half decade since this whole thing began.  
Let's see what we have. Let's look around if we can.  
Our club is Golden Valley and sports sixteen members.  
Four juniors, a woman and eleven men are contenders.*

*The courts built by the city, planned by the association,  
Runs filled by scouts, need a linked fence, considering the notion.  
We host two contests per summer right now,  
Twenty-eight pitchers per tournament. I just think wow!*

*I'm now eighty-five and have always strived  
To give more than I receive.  
I challenge all who read this to never miss  
The chance to stretch and believe.*



# New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston

We welcome our new 2011 members who have joined the NHPA and MOHPA for the very first time between February 1 and May 9, 2011. We hope you are enjoying our sport.

Name	City	Club			
Michelle Basler	Ste. Genevieve		Audrey Jackson	Liberty	Liberty
Robert Beebe	Montrose		Bobby Johnson	Independence	Independence
Tom J. Beebe	Clinton		Troy Klein	Liberty	Liberty
Galen Bird	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge	Brittany Mundy	Webb City	
Shane Birmingham	Kansas City	Liberty	Kelsey Mundy	Webb City	
Michael E. Boyer	Springfield	Doling Park	Rhilynde Myler	Adrian	Lions Park
Rod Brown	Peculiar	Lions Park	Gary V. Phillips	Clinton	Golden Valley
Alex Combs	Wentzville	Quail Ridge	William (Bill) Reynolds	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Jeff Davis	O'Fallon	Quail Ridge	Shaun Schmitz	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Jennifer Gegg	Ste. Genevieve		David Scott	Springfield	Doling Park
			Gary Stevenson	Kansas City	Liberty
			John (Jack) Stokenbury	Blue Springs	Independence
			Jason Tongay	Park Hills	Mineral Area
			Sal Ventura	Defiance	Quail Ridge
			Dane Werner	Bloomsdale	Mineral Area
			Carl Wilson	Bonne Terre	Mineral Area
			David Woods	Independence	Independence

## Missouri Horseshoe Pitching Locations

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City	Club/Location	Courts	Contact	Phone	E-Mail
BALLWIN*			Rich Altis	636-394-3640	richaltis@juno.com
BUCYRUS	Good Luck Horseshoe Cts	in	Virgle/Donra McCown	417-967-2791	ddmccow33@hotmail.com
CALIFORNIA*	Moniteau County Fair	out	Kevin Chambers	573-578-4804	kcsuper23@yahoo.com
CAULFIELD*	Caulfield HC	out	Bob/Esther Kingsolver	417-284-3042	
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
CLINTON	Golden Valley HC	out	Eugene Loyd	660-885-3868	
CRANE	Hudson Hall	in	Frank/Ruth Hudson	417-723-5429	or 417-840-5434
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	Wayne Henderson	816-257-1853	waynepam@juno.com
JEFFERSON CITY	Capitol City HC	out	Steve Bruemmer	636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
KANSAS CITY*	Northeast Athletic Field	out	Elwyn Cooper	816-741-0043	ipitch6@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	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
LIBERTY	Heart of America HC	in	Dee McIntire	816-452-0254	dinetamcintire@att.net
LIBERTY	Heartland Indoor HA	in	Gregg Craven	816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
LIBERTY	Liberty HC	both	Dee McIntire	816-452-0254	dinetamcintire@att.net
MARSHALL	Saline County HC	out	Norman Kiso	660-202-0189	nkiso@marshallschools.com
MARSHFIELD*	Pitchers Paradise HC	out	Marshel Keith	417-844-0603	keith_freda@yahoo.com
MOUNTAIN VIEW	3 Ringer Courts	out	Dalton Rakestraw	417-505-0141	rakestraw_1@hotmail.com
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	Dean Jameson	816-232-5577	
SHELBINA	Shelbina Library Park HC	out	Russ Ebbing	573-588-2244	rebbing@centurytel.net
SPRINGFIELD	Doling Park HC	out	Ed Eliason	417-869-4823	eeli488227@aol.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 HPC	out	Jeff Spry	660-723-3338	jspry61@embarqmail.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.  
Courts: "In" refers to indoor courts and "Out" refers to outdoor courts.

# 2011 Missouri State Fair Mixed Open Tournament

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

Amount offered in this department by State Fair: \$750.00  
 Amount offered by Mo. Horseshoe Pitchers Assn.: \$1,500.00  
 Total offered in this department: \$2,250.00

## Judging Program

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 19, 20, 21, 2011.

## Rules of Play

- This tournament shall be known as the Missouri State Fair Mixed Open Tournament. Any current NHPA member meeting eligibility requirements may enter, regardless of residence. There are 12 dirt courts available with concrete walkways and pitching platforms. This is a NHPA sanctioned event.
- Classes will be limited to those shown on the prize list. Entries will be accepted in the order they are received. All entrants will compete together and will be placed according to averages.
- All pitchers will be placed by their NatStats average as known on August 4, 2010. **New pitchers** may use a sanctioned league average of at least 400 shoes or may send a scoresheet of 100 qualifying shoes. Qualifying shoes must be pitched consecutively and recorded on a scoresheet witnessed and signed by two NHPA members. League averages must be verified in writing by the league director.
- Entry fee for adults: \$15.00 (scorekeeping fees included). Juniors: Free (must pay scorekeepers), but they must have a membership card. Checks should be made payable to: Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. (MOHPA) and should be sent to Vickie Winston, 10326 Highway D, LaMonte, MO 65337. **Entries must be received by July 29, 2011.** The tournament committee reserves the right to re-rate qualifying scores. Contestants will be notified of their class and pitching time by mail.
- This tournament is conducted under the rules of the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the NHPA. The judge's decisions will be final. Classes will be scheduled for 8-player

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

- All pitchers must wear shirts with their names lettered on the back.

## Tentative schedule: (subject to change)

Friday, August 19, 9:00 a.m., Classes P, Q, R  
 Friday, August 19, 1:00 p.m., Classes M, N, O  
 Saturday, August 20, 9:00 a.m., Classes J, K, L  
 Saturday, August 20, 1:00 p.m., Classes G, H, I  
 Sunday, August 21, 9:00 a.m., Classes D, E, F  
 Sunday, August 21, 1:00 p.m., Classes A, B, C

## Plaques and Ribbons

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

## Premiums

Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 (A)	\$ 30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
2 (B)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
3 (C)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
4 (D)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
5 (E)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
6 (F)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
7 (G)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
8 (H)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
9 (I)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
10 (J)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
12 (K)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
12 (L)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
13 (M)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
14 (N)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
15 (O)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
16 (P)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
17 (Q)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8
18 (R)	30	25	18	14	12	10	8	8

Note: Juniors will not be awarded cash prizes.

## Entry Form

**2011 Missouri State Fair Mixed Open • Sedalia, MO • August 19, 20, 21**  
**Sanction #19-11-061**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City & State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 NHPA Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Entries must be received by July 29, 2011**

**Adults \$15.00**  
 (Scorekeeping included)

**Juniors are Free**  
 (Must pay scorekeepers; send \$3.50 with entry)

# 2011 Missouri State Championships

## Singles Entry Information

1. Open to current Missouri residents who are 2011 NHPA and MOHPA members.
2. **Entry Requirements: Adult** pitchers will be placed into the tournament according to their NatStats average as known August 4, 2011. NatStats must show participation in at least three sanctioned events. A sanctioned league average of 400 shoes or more is considered an event. Adult males who have changed pitching distance need three events from their new distance. **Juniors or Cadets** require only one sanctioned event listed in NatStats by August 4, 2011.
3. **New Pitchers:** Persons who have been NHPA and MOHPA members for a total of two years or less and who haven't previously participated in a Missouri State Tournament may be seeded by one of the following methods if lacking three sanctioned events: (a) Average from any sanctioned events that have been completed. (b) A current sanctioned league average of 400 shoes or more (must be verified in writing by the league director). (c) 200 consecutive qualifying shoes (100 for juniors and 50 for cadets). Qualifying shoes must be scored by two NHPA members who must sign the score sheet. The score sheet must be submitted with the entry form.
4. **Entry Information: You must use the official entry form or photocopy thereof. Adult entry fee: \$35.00 (This includes scorekeeping fees). Juniors or Cadets: No entry fee.** Make checks payable to: MOHPA. Mail entries to: Vicki Winston, 10326 Highway D, LaMonte, MO 65337. **Entries must be received by August 5, 2011. Late entries will be placed on standby.** Have questions? Call 660-563-3536 or E-mail horshuvicki@socket.net. **No refunds after the tournament line-up is in print.**
5. **Six Divisions Available (circle only one on the entry form).** **Open Men:** any age adult male 40 ft. pitcher. **Women:** all adult women. **Men's 30':** Elder men age 70 or older, and men with medical exemptions who pitch less than 40 ft. **Junior Boys:** age 18 or younger for the entire calendar year. **Junior Girls:** age 18 or younger for the entire calendar year. **Cadets:** youths age 9 or under for the entire calendar year who observe the 20 ft. foul line.
6. **Classes:** Eight person round robins when possible. All games will be cancellation scoring. Length of games as set by the tournament committee. All games are subject to NHPA and MOHPA rules. Judges decisions will be final.
7. **Pitchers** not completing their schedule forfeit all prizes unless officially excused.
8. **All Pitchers** must wear a shirt with at least their last name lettered neatly on the back.
9. **Junior Pitchers:** Pay scorekeeper \$1.00 prior to the start of each game. **Cadets:** No charge.
10. **Prize Fund:** \$12.00 of each entry fee plus \$500 from the tournament hosts. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each adult class.
11. **Trophies:** Furnished by the hosts to the top three places in each class. All juniors and cadets will receive awards. A traveling trophy is awarded to adult division champs and junior boy and girl champs.
12. **Notification** of pitching times will be mailed to all entrants. The lineup will be posted on our website.
13. **Courts:** 32 portable courts inside the air-conditioned convention center.

## Doubles Entry Information

1. **For Adults Only** and limited to the first 128 entries received, or a lesser number divisible by 16. Entries not making the cut will be used as vacancies occur. Those not getting to play will have their entry fee refunded. Doubles will be played Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, starting at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Entry Requirements:** Same as for the Singles, but using MO Stats averages instead of NatStats.
3. **Entry Information: Use the official entry form. Entry fee: \$35.00 (includes scorekeeping).** Make checks payable to: MOHPA. Mail entries to: Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. **Entries must be received by Aug. 5, 2011. Late entries will be placed on standby. No refunds for cancellations after the tournament line-up is in print.**
4. **Shirt Requirements:** Same as Singles.
5. **Format:** Walking Doubles. You pitch your own horseshoes. Partners are paired by dividing the list of entrants into classes of 16 persons by their entering averages. The top 16 form the Championship class, the next 16 Class A, and so on. In each class, #1 will be paired with #16, #2 with #15, and so on.
6. **Prizes:** Cash to the top three places in each class. Plaques to the top three places in each class.
7. **Notification:** You will be advised of your class and pitching time by mail. A tentative lineup will also appear on our Web site. The lineup usually changes whenever substitutions are made.

# Singles Entry Form

## 2011 Missouri State Championships • Sept. 3-5 • Lebanon, MO

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

### Circle Division Being Entered

Open Men    Women    Men's 30' (Elders)    Junior Boys    Junior Girls    Cadets

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

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \$35    Juniors/Cadets: Free    **Entries must be received by August 5, 2011.**

Adult scorekeeping fees included in entry fee; juniors will pay scorekeepers on site; cadets, no charge.

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# Doubles Entry Form

## 2011 Missouri State Championships • Sept. 2 • Lebanon, MO

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
NHPA Card # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults Only: \$35 (This includes scorekeeping fees.)

Limited to first 128 entries.

**Entries must be received by August 5, 2011.**

# QRHC Honors Lifetime Members

by Jeanette Claas

In late October at the Fall Team Tournament, the QRHC invited its Lifetime Members to come to the courts as we celebrated and said thank you to each for their dedication to the sport of horseshoes. These QRHC members have reached the age of 80 years young. The QRHC selected them as Lifetime Members with free club membership and a Lifetime Membership patch.

You are looking at a group of men and one woman who helped start horseshoe pitching in St. Charles County. They contributed much of their time building courts and getting our organization going. Some are still active in the game of shoes, and others, because of failing health, are not able to participate.

## **Ray Maxeiner – 9 Years NHPA Member – 82 Years Young**

Ray began pitching shoes at the age of nine with his dad. He recalls his first pair of shoes came directly from the horse. He remembers a special tournament, the Olde Tyme Horseshoe Tournament in 2000, when he and his partner, Jim Howard, were pitching in the A Class Division. They went on to beat Sam Carter, the State Champion, which he says was a dream come true, as they won 1st place. Ray pitched with the Golden Triangle League as part of Martin Orf's team that won 1st place five years in a row. He has recorded several 70% games in his career. He pitched in the Day League in the spring of 2010 and earned his 40% patch. Ray has been pitching in the Golden Games in St. Louis and St. Charles since 1989. Today he organizes and emcees the Golden Games at QRHC. Ray served three years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and recalls building 57 latrines at one time.

## **Ralph Pieper – 9 Years NHPA Member – 80 Years Young**

Although Ralph has been pitching horseshoes for a long time, he didn't join the NHPA until 1999 when he and his wife, Joan, pitched with the New Melle Jack & Jill League. In 2004, he joined the Men's Wednesday Night League and has earned the distinction of being on the winning team six out of the past eight years. Ralph also pitches in the Thursday morning day league. Ralph has been active with the Knights of Columbus horseshoe pitchers for more than 12 years, participating in league play and in state tournaments. He is a retired military man, serving 27 years with the National Guard and Army Reserved Forces, retiring as a Major. Ralph is a past Commander of the American Legion Post 388 in O'Fallon. He spends one day a month at Jefferson Barracks serving as a Funeral Honor Guard. Ralph spends much of his time as a volunteer. He is the father of two children, grandfather of five. He and his wife, Joan, have been married 58 years and have enjoyed traveling together throughout the years. Ralph was a general contractor, building many homes in St. Charles County and was the owner of Pieper Cabinet Company in O'Fallon for 25 years.

## **Walt Molitor – 13 Years NHPA Member – 80 Years Young**

Walt has been a member of the QRHC and NHPA for 13 years. The Molitor name is well known in horseshoes in the St. Charles County. Walt's dad was a good horseshoe pitcher and taught Walt to pitch horseshoes at a very early age. Later Walt joined up with a team and pitched horseshoes behind the O'Fallon Bowling Lanes. He pitched horseshoes with the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus league for more than 35 years. Walt is currently pitching shoes in the Wednesday night Men's League. A well respected horseshoe pitcher, Walt was inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 1989 not for his prowess in horseshoes but for his achievements in baseball.

## **John Simms – 15 Years NHPA Member – 83 Years Young**

Nobody loves horseshoe pitching as much as John. "After retirement, horseshoes has become my life," John says. Today, John pitches in all four leagues at the QRHC. He has served as a Tournament Director many

times over. He is on the top of the list when it comes to volunteers. The only thing that keeps John away from the courts on Clean Up Day is a doctor appointment. John is a great supporter of the club and has traveled with the club to many out-of-town tournaments and events in Liberty and Nashville. He attends all the state tournaments. When not pitching horseshoes, John works on his son's race car. John received the Purple Heart medal from the U.S. Army during the Korean War when he was wounded and hospitalized for five months in Japan.

## **Sid Purdy – 17 Years NHPA Member – 80 Years Young**

Show me a "purdy" horseshoe and I'll show you Sid Purdy. Sid began pitching with the Golden Triangle Club with the "Atta Boys" Team in 1991 and still continues doing so. He pitched at Blanchette Park and at Westhoff Park and then moved to the QR facility in 2008. His goal was to be a 50% horseshoe pitcher and, although he never reached that average, he has managed to pitch several 50% games. Sid says the biggest enjoyment he gets from the game is pitching shoes on a hot day and drinking a cold beer, allowing him to have a good time and forget his worries. Sid served four years with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

## **Clarence Eggert – 19 Years NHPA Member – 82 Years Young**

Clarence has been pitching horseshoes every summer with the American Legion Horseshoe team in Washington where he lives. He has been pitching since he was 21, making a total now of 63 years. Clarence is a Charter Member of NMHC, having joined in 1990 so he could pitch in tournaments. He doesn't pitch in singles tournaments anymore but enjoys pitching in doubles such as the Fall Team Tournament. Clarence pitches with the Wednesday Night Men's League. Whether he is on the courts pitching shoes or working on a lawn mower, Clarence is pretty free with his words of expression. Clarence did not serve with the Armed Forces. It seemed that each time Uncle Sam came calling, Clarence's wife was pregnant and he didn't have to go. Thank you, President Truman.

## **Francis Griesbauer – 20 Years NHPA Member – 81 Years Young**

Beware of Francis—there are times when we have to call 911 as he gets red hot on the courts. He is quite the competitor, a well-liked gentleman and respected by all. He has carried an average of 55%. He is currently pitching in both the Monday and Wednesday night leagues. During league nights Francis has pitched 23 ringers out of 26 shoes several different times. Francis is a charter member of the NMHC. He currently pitches with the Knights of Columbus summer league in St. Paul. Francis served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He never received any medals but says he was wounded when he was thrown out of a few taverns. Surely that counts for something.

## **Larry Gilchrist – 20 Years NHPA Member – 91 Years Young**

Larry has been a member of the QRHC for 20 years. He is one of our youngest pitchers, as he began pitching shoes at the age of 13, pitching with the St. Louis Playground Association during the 1930s. Today Larry is the oldest horseshoe member, not only of the QRHC, but also for the Missouri Charter. The QRHC presented him with a plaque when he reached his 90th birthday last December. He has been a big promoter of the game of horseshoes. He was an active member of the St. Charles/Warren County League. Larry retired from horseshoes several years ago but often comes to keep score for the rest of us. He was inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and gave an arousing speech about horseshoes. Larry is also a WWII veteran, having served with the U.S. Marines.

## **Harvey Wobbe – 21 Years NHPA Member – 81 Years Young**

It just seems like Harvey has been around forever. Harvey began pitching horseshoes at the age of 14. He has traveled to many local, state, and national events. Harvey has supported the QRHC with his extreme generosity of contributions to the Six Pac Invitational Tournament. He

sponsors many teams in horseshoes and also in the sport of bowling. His monetary gifts have amounted to well over \$50,000. Because of his promotion and generosity for the game of horseshoes, Harvey was inducted into the Missouri State Hall of Fame in 2000 and received an Award of Appreciation at the National Level. Harvey is a veteran of the Korean War and a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

#### **Frank Miles – 22 Years NHPA Member – 85 Years Young**

Frank drove by Carondelet Park in 1989 and saw a bunch of men enjoying the game of horseshoes. He joined the Greater St. Louis Horseshoe Club and pitched with them until the club folded. He has pitched in many tournaments in New Melle and is a member of the QRHC. Frank has pitched in the Senior Olympics at the Jewish Community Center for 27 years. He is highly competitive on the courts. If you listen closely, you will hear Frank talking to himself, especially when missing the peg; he gets very mad with himself. He says he likes talking to intelligent people. A car ran a stoplight last January, the collision caused severe injuries and disabled Frank from pitching horseshoes. Frank is also a WWII veteran and served with the Marines Corp. He was in Hiroshima and recalls seeing the American flag being raised by his comrades. A humbling experience he will never forget.

#### **Bob Reininger – 22 Years NHPA Member – 83 Years Young**

Bob began pitching with the Ballwin Horseshoe Club and is also a Charter Member of the NMHC. He helped with the building of the NMHC and was always there when he was needed to help. He has been active in horseshoes throughout the years and has been the Tournament Director for the Jingle Bell Rock since its beginning in the mid 90s. Bob enjoys the competition on the courts and the camaraderie of the pitchers. Bob also had some bad luck when he fell at the bowling alley several years ago. He is now back pitching on the Wednesday night men's league. Bob is a WWII veteran, having served with the U.S. Army.

#### **Ann Strus – 22 Years NHPA Member – 80 Years Young**

Ann Strus holds the honor of being the first woman to join the group of Lifetime Members. Ann was introduced to horseshoes by her son, Bob, who loved to pitch horseshoes. He taught her how to pitch a shoe and she caught on very quickly. She pitched in her first horseshoe tournament in Fulton in the mid 1980s and won. She was hooked on horseshoes from that moment on. She began pitching with the Golden Triangle Club in the late 80s and joined the NHPA in 1990. Ann has pitched with the Golden Triangle League, First Capital Women's League, New Melle, and Quail Ridge Horseshoe Leagues. She has attended three World Tournaments, placing third in Eau Clair, WI, and fourth in Bismarck, ND. She has pitched a high game of 60% and, in general, loves the game and the friends she has met along the way. She is an avid fisherman and hunter; turkey hunting is her passion. In fact, it is the only cause that will get her up at 4 a.m. She is the mother of six, grandmother of 24, and a great-great-grandmother twice over. Ann enjoys cooking dinner for her family on Sundays, along with gardening, sewing, and mowing. She would like to do more but she doesn't have time. Ann was left a widow in 1993 and is a very independent woman who does whatever she likes to do, like skydiving from an airplane at age 67!

#### **Larry Volo – 25 Years NHPA Member – 86 Years Young**

Larry grew up in an Italian part of South St. Louis known as "The Hill," along with several famous ballplayers like Joe Garagiola, Yogi Berra, and Benny Pucci. Larry signed a contract with the St. Louis Browns but then got drafted and had to go to war. He later tried out with the NY Yankees, but a shoulder injury kept him out of the big league. He did play semi-pro and once hit a 450 ft. homer off a pitcher named Faron. Larry went on to hold the position of Special Teams Assistant Coach with the St. Louis Cardinal's football team. He began pitching horseshoes in 1963 and is a charter member of the NMHC. Larry wasn't too happy back in

1991 when the women joined the NMHC. He liked to play with the women, but he just didn't want to pitch with them. Larry is still an active horseshoe pitcher on the Men's Wednesday Night League and has been a Tournament Director for the past 15 years. Larry is a WWII veteran, serving with the U.S. Navy.

#### **Ray Nadler – 26 Years NHPA Member – 86 Years Young**

Everybody loves Raymond! Ray is a gentleman on the courts and off the courts. He is a Charter Member of the NMHC, having joined when it was first formed in 1990. He was also inducted into the St. Charles County Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. Speaking to a packed audience, he spoke how his life was filled with the recreation of horseshoes. Ray holds the honor in our club of being the only member who has had his knee replacements replaced. During World War II, Ray served as an Honor Guard for General MacArthur, and we all have seen why he was selected for this duty. He recently returned from an Honor Flight to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial. Ray is pitching in the Monday and Wednesday night league. Ray has been quick to volunteer his services to the club by scorekeeping, judging, cleaning, and maintaining the courts.

#### **Kenny Pogue – 27 Years NHPA Member – 80 Years Young**

Kenny has been an NHPA member for 27 years. He bought his first pair of shoes (a pair of Gordons that had been cracked and welded down the middle) from Joe Douchant for \$5. The rest is history. He has pitched horseshoes with the best and has beaten a lot of them. He entered his first World Tournament in 1984 and has only missed a few WTs since then. Kenny was the only man who defeated Alan Francis in the Missouri State Men's Championship Class. Kenny has fought a battle with cancer and a near fatal tractor accident. This has limited his pitching somewhat, but he is still participating. In 2007, he was inducted into the Missouri Horseshoe Hall of Fame. Kenny is a veteran of the Korean War conflict serving with the U.S. Marines.

#### **Cal Jaeger – 34 Years NHPA Member – 85 Years Young**

Cal holds the distinction in this group of having served for the longest length of time with the NHPA, NMHC, and QRHC. In horseshoes, Cal has done it all. Cal began pitching serious shoes in 1964 and then went on to join the St. Charles/Warren County League. He was a Charter Member of the NMHC. He served eight years in the NMHC as President and vice-president and six years as a Zone Director. His dedication to the NMHC was relentless, doing every imaginable job that came about. When Cal turned 70 and moved up to 30 feet, he was a tough competitor on the courts. In 1989, Cal was inducted into the St. Charles County Sports Hall of Fame for his contributions to the game of baseball. Cal collected many horseshoe trophies and awards during his horseshoe career, including the Presidential Award in 1999 and an Appreciation and Achievement Award in 1998. Cal served in the Merchant Marines during WWII. Even after Cal was physically unable to pitch, he and his wife, Julia, kept up with their membership for many years. Cal passed away in January of this year.

#### **Summary**

If you add up the years of membership between these 16 outstanding individuals, you will see a total of well over 300 years that they have dedicated to the sport of horseshoes. Their time promoting horseshoes, pitching their hearts out, and investing their time and effort to the New Melle and Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club makes things better for each of us. No wonder our club has remained strong. They have truly earned our respect and admiration. As you have seen here, they have not only served their horseshoes club well, but also served their families, their community, and their country. To show our appreciation, we had a plaque made with their names engraved on it. It now hangs close to the wall mural in the south courts. We are very proud of each of them and thank them for all they have done throughout the years.

# Missouri Tournament Results

## February–April 2011

### Independence Memorial Mixed Open @ Don Harris Arena, 2/2. Directors: Wayne & Pam Henderson

Class A:	Nick DiRaimo	4-1	69.0%
	Gregg Craven	3-2	73.0%
	Audra Craven	3-2	64.0%
Class B:	Lyle Samuelson	4-1	58.3%
	Larry Gearheart	4-1	57.0%
	Karen Goldizen	3-2	50.5%
Class C:	Terry Kampe	4-1	46.5%
	Lawrence Loney	3-2	44.1%
	Jim Kinney Jr.	3-2	43.0%
Class D:	Ralph Richardson	4-1	47.0%
	Paul Taylor	4-1	46.0%
	Helen Velasquez	2-3	38.5%
Class E:	Denise Bloss	3-2	35.1%
	Sharon Taylor	3-2	31.5%
	Victoria Highley	3-2	27.0%
Class F:	Connie Trautwein	5-0	33.5%
	Jon Aronson	4-1	30.8%
	Ken Heithoff	3-2	25.5%
Class G:	Cliff Pierce	4-1	18.0%
	Danny Wetzel	3-2	28.0%
	Donald Plowman	3-2	25.0%
Class H:	George Chichura	5-0	20.5%
	Roy Flatt	3-2	15.5%
	Michael Gillespie	2-3	14.5%
Class I:	George Goldizen	4-1	15.0%
	Joe Barry	3-2	7.8%
	Dale Franklin	2-3	9.5%

### Sweetheart Valentine Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 2/6. Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:	Randall Grady	5-0	65.0%
	Cori Stoverink	4-1	61.0%
	Michael Massa	2-3	41.0%
Class B:	Travis Braswell	5-1	29.2%
	Martin Williams	4-2	26.7%
	Wesley Stoverink	3-2	26.0%

### Happy Heart Mixed Open @ Quail Ridge, 2/12. Directors: Jan Kreienkamp & Andy Foulds

Class A:	Marlene Ray	7-1	81.0%
	Maxine Griffith	7-2	75.5%
	Rose Diekamp	6-2	69.8%
Class B:	James Driver	6-1	48.7%
	Bob Diekamp	6-1	46.9%
	Donra McCown	5-2	40.4%
Class C:	Ralph Hummel	6-1	46.3%
	Mary Beeson	6-1	44.2%
	Terry Murray	5-2	44.5%
Class D:	George Altman	6-1	48.6%
	Harold Duke	5-2	42.1%
	Edward Griffith	5-2	38.7%
Class E:	Bill Bouyea	6-1	31.0%
	Carol Howard	5-2	38.6%
	Ed Peters	4-3	26.4%
Class F:	Joan Buchheit	7-0	25.6%
	David Sullivan	5-2	23.3%
	Mike Manning	4-3	26.7%
Class G:	Carol Compton	5-2	23.2%
	Gaylord Compton	5-2	19.8%
	Mark Wymer	4-3	23.1%
Class H:	David Becher	6-1	15.4%
	John Keller	5-2	20.2%
	Charles Foulds	5-2	19.1%

### Chilly Days Mixed Open @ Park Hills, 2/12. Director: Rick McEntire

Class A:	Rick McEntire	7-0	76.7%
	Randy Grady	6-1	63.4%
	Jason Weiler	5-2	52.1%
Class B:	Eugene Donner	7-0	41.7%
	Roy Tindall Jr.	6-1	39.5%
	Ken Pogue	5-2	45.4%
Class C:	Roy Tindall Jr.	4-1	37.0%
	Paul Beard Jr.	3-2	35.0%
	Bill Smith	3-2	33.5%
Class D:	Tim Revelle	5-0	16.2%
	Michael Brewer	3-2	21.1%
	James Adkins	3-2	12.5%

### Peg In My Heart Mixed Open @ The Pits, 2/12-13. Director: Jim Bainter

Class A:	Carl Folsom	4-1	56.8%
	Ray Plute	4-1	58.8%
	Roena Branson	3-2	59.2%
Class B:	Ken Grossman	7-0	49.6%
	Nile Abbott	5-2	32.9%
	Stan Bailey	4-3	39.2%
Class C:	Danny Branson	5.5-1.5	31.7%
	Bob Bastel	5-2	26.3%
	Larry Doeden	5-2	21.7%
Class D:	Michael Gillespie	6-1	19.2%
	Roy Flatt	5-2	15.0%
	Rod Mallinckrodt	5-2	14.6%
Class E:	Ryan Schepers	3-0	2.5%
	Sophia Schepers	0-3	3.3%

### February Thaw Mixed Open @ Hudson Hall 2/12-13. Director: Frank Hudson

Class A:	Bob Renfro	5-0	59.3%
	Raymond Bowling	4-1	63.2%
	Jim Renfro	3-2	50.5%
Class B:	Jim Kinney Jr.	4-1	43.5%
	David Wilson	3-2	44.2%
	Alfred Mundy	3-2	44.0%
Class C:	Larry McAlister	5-1	35.2%
	Bobbie Jones	4-2	31.1%
	Rusty Bass	3-2	36.0%
Class D:	Dave Sparkman	4-1	25.5%
	Cliff Blevins	3-2	27.5%
	Jeff Lowery	3-2	24.5%
Class E:	Bobby Clement	7-1	30.0%
	Glade Greenup	6-2	28.9%
	Ronny Lee Mincks	4-3	22.1%
Class F:	Terri Mills	4-1	19.5%
	Tim Warden	3-2	13.0%
	Jack Cargile	2-3	16.5%

### Window of Opportunity Benefit @ Don Harris Arena, 2/19. Director Neal Straughn

Class A:	Gregg Craven	6-1	71.4%
	Bob Renfro	5-2	56.8%
	Nick DiRaimo	4-3	63.9%
Class B:	Wayne Henderson	5.5-1.5	47.1%
	Nile Abbott	5-2	46.3%
	Marion Harris	4.5-2.5	49.6%
Class C:	Terry Kampe	6-1	49.2%
	Laura Johnson	5-2	39.6%
	Paul Taylor	4-3	44.2%
Class D:	Tim Spexarth	5-0	40.0%
	Lee Miller Jr.	3-2	38.0%
	Melody Downey	3-2	30.5%

Class E:	Sharon Taylor	5-0	40.5%
	Bob Beaver	4-1	33.5%
	Mike Crouch	2-3	30.5%
Class F:	Clifford Pierce	5-0	36.5%
	Ken Heithoff	4-1	32.0%
	Danny Wetzel	3-2	24.5%
Class G:	Clifford Pierce	5-0	34.5%
	George Chichura	4-1	20.5%
	Larry Anderson	3-2	24.5%
Class H:	Jose Ramirez	5-0	27.0%
	Raymond Phelps	3-2	24.0%
	Roy Flatt	3-2	17.0%
Class I:	Megan McLeod	5-0	11.3%
	Sue Roberts	4-1	6.5%
	George Goldizen	2-3	11.8%

### Valentine Mixed Open @ Bucyrus, 2/19. Directors: Virgle & Donra McCown

Class A:	Dalton Rakestraw	7-0	61.3%
	Virgle McCown	5-2	52.9%
	Dan Hobbs	5-2	48.3%
Class B:	Danny Williams	7-1	34.6%
	Jim Bradenburg	6-2	38.5%
	Hiram Chaffin	5-2	36.7%
Class C:	Marshel Keith	8-1	39.2%
	Tyler McCown	7-2	32.5%
	Ronny Lee Mincks	6-2	22.3%

### Festus Mixed Open #2 @ Festus, 2/19. Director: Fred Smetzer

Class A:	Jason Weiler	5-0	46.0%
	Mary Ann Yates	4-1	37.0%
	Frank Rohlfing	3-2	37.0%
	Dave Schneider	2-3	46.0%
	Jordan Weiler	1-4	6.0%
	Dan Peterson	0-5	24.0%

### Birthday Party Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 2/20. Directors: Danny & Melody Williams

Class A:	Rick McEntire	7-0	72.9%
	Randy Grady	6-1	61.7%
	Cori Stoverink	5-2	57.1%
	Terrie Rose	4-3	39.6%
Class B:	Mike Davault	7-0	27.9%
	Danny Williams	6-1	34.2%
	Kelcee Davault	5-2	22.5%
	Travis Braswell	4-3	21.7%

### Spring Team Handicap Mixed Open @ Quail Ridge, 2/26. Directors: Jim & Carol Howard

First	Mick Gillette	8-2	64.6%
17 pts	George Christ	7-1	42.8%
	Gary Roehrig	6-4	50.0%
	Ernie Brakensiek	5-4	45.3%
	Rich Altis	4-2	45.5%
	Mark Moreland	4-3	23.6%
Second	Rick McEntire	9-3	51.9%
16 pts	Danny Williams	7.5-3.5	25.2%
	Michael Massa	6.5-3.5	38.9%
	James Hillis	6.5-3.5	30.4%
	Pat Sternard	1.5-2.5	7.7%
Third	Ginny Weiss	10-1	49.3%
15.5 pts	Rose Diekamp	9-1	61.2%
	Bob Diekamp	4-3	42.3%
	Roger Timmermeier	3-2	29.2%
	Jill Knobbe	2.5-6.5	50.0%
	F. Griesbauer	1.5-4.5	44.9%

**Robin Redbreast Mixed Open @ Don Harris Arena, 3/5. Director: Brady Craven**

Class A:	Gregg Craven	6-1	76.0%
	Stan Griggs	6-1	66.5%
	Nick DiRaimo	5-2	63.3%
Class B:	Terry Kampe	5-2	48.3%
	Ron Highley	5-2	47.5%
	Nile Abbott	5-2	45.8%
Class C:	Helen Velasquez	5-2	36.3%
	Joann Jones	4-3	38.3%
	Dee McIntire	4-3	37.5%
Class D:	Mike Crouch	7-0	39.6%
	Mike Grissom	4.5-2.5	23.6%
	R. Carpenter	4-3	32.1%
Class E:	Danny Wetzel	6-1	32.1%
	Donald Plowman	5-2	27.9%
	Floyd Roberts	4-3	22.5%
Class F:	Jose Ramirez	5.5-1.5	20.4%
	Sue Roberts	5-2	8.3%
	Nickel Craven	4-3	8.3%

**Spring Is In The Air Mixed Open @ Glen Allen 3/5. Dirs: Danny & Melody Williams**

Class A:	Cori Stoverink	7-1	59.7%
	Rick McEntire	6-2	68.8%
	Jason Weiler	5-2	56.8%
Class B:	Terrie Rose	5-0	35.0%
	Edgar Stoverink	4-1	28.0%
	Michael Massa	3-2	23.0%
Class C:	Joe Keller	5-0	23.5%
	Sheila LeGrand	4-1	21.5%
	Travis Braswell	2-3	20.5%

**Spring Is Coming Mixed Open @ Hudson Hall, 3/5-6. Director: Frank Hudson**

Class A:	Bob Renfro	7-0	60.4%
	Raymond Bowling	6-1	65.0%
	Jim Renfro	4-3	50.0%
Class B:	Alfred Mundy	5-0	47.5%
	David Wilson	3-2	39.5%
	Darrin Sherman	3-2	39.0%
Class C:	Levi Blevins	5-2	43.6%
	Oren Harris	5-3	34.1%
	Glade Greenup	4-3	29.6%
Class D:	Levi Blevins	5-1	36.3%
	Jeff Lowery	4-2	32.9%
	Ronny Lee Mincks	3-2	30.5%
Class E:	Gary Ball	5-0	27.0%
	Glade Greenup	4-1	31.0%
	Michael Gillespie	3-2	18.0%
Class F:	Jack Cargile	5-0	10.8%
	Tracy Archer	4-1	16.0%
	Zachary Jones	2-3	11.3%

**Shamrock Fling Mixed Open @ Quail Ridge, 3/12. Directors: Don & Gidget Rahe.**

Class A:	Marlene Ray	7-0	79.1%
	Maxine Griffith	5-2	77.2%
	Rose Diekamp	5-2	67.1%
Class B:	Jeffery Baldwin	6-1	53.3%
	Andrew Foulds	5-2	45.4%
	Don Claas	4-3	54.3%
Class C:	Ralph Hummel	7-0	47.5%
	Ginny Weiss	4-3	44.1%
	Donald Rahe	4-3	42.9%
Class D:	Jerry Weller	5-2	42.1%
	Jim Spidle Jr.	5-2	37.1%
	Steve Steck	4-3	43.1%
Class E:	Bill Bouyeya	5-2	35.3%
	Cozy Bailey	4-3	36.5%
	Carol Howard	4-3	33.8%

Class F:	Ann Strus	6-1	27.2%
	Dan Wilmes	5-2	25.2%
	Doug Rosenburg	3-4	27.0%
Class G:	Paul Spell	6-1	24.6%
	Steve Bruemmer	4-3	22.8%
	Roger Schnur	4-3	21.7%
Class H:	Charles Foulds	6-1	22.6%
	Mark Pisane	5-2	18.4%
	Joey Griffith	5-2	16.2%

**March Winds Mixed Open @ Park Hills, 3/12. Director: Rick McEntire.**

Class A:	Dalton Rakestraw	5-0	69.5%
	Rick McEntire	4-1	78.0%
	Sam Carter	3-2	53.0%
Class B:	Kevin Hampton	5-0	51.5%
	Norman Ennis	4-1	29.0%
	Oda Cook	3-2	4.0%
Class C:	Roy Tindall Jr.	5-1	45.0%
	Ernesto Diaz	4-2	37.0%
	Robert Rakestraw	3-2	37.0%
Class D:	Carl Wilson	5-0	26.5%
	Joey Tongay	4-1	33.5%
	Michael Brewer	2-3	17.0%

**Daylight Savings Mixed Open @ the Pits, 3/12-13. Director: Jim Bainter**

Class A:	Steve Johnson	5-2	57.9%
	Carl Folsom Sr.	5-2	53.7%
	Dan Couch	4-3	45.3%
Class B:	Ken Grossman	7-0	43.8%
	Lile Harper	6-1	51.3%
	Harless Kampe	5-2	39.2%
Class C:	Douglas Peoples	5-0	41.2%
	Joann Jones	3-2	44.4%
	P. VanEvercooren	2-3	36.0%
Class D:	Marshel Keith	7-0	33.2%
	Larry Doeden	4-3	27.9%
	Rod Mallinckrodt	4-3	17.9%

**Spring Mixed Open @ Bucyrus, 3/19.****Directors: Virgle & Donra McCown**

Class A:	Dalton Rakestraw	6-2	56.4%
	Bob Renfro	5-3	53.5%
	Virgle McCown	4-3	54.2%
Class B:	Donra McCown	7-1	44.2%
	Joie Welker	6-2	47.3%
	Matheny	5-2	34.6%
Class C:	James Caulfield	4-1	23.5%
	Tyler McCown	3-2	30.5%
	Ronny Lee Mincks	3-2	23.5%

**Cancer Action Benefit Mixed Open @ Don Harris Arena, 3/19. Director: Elwyn Cooper.**

Class A:	Gregg Craven	4-1	82.5%
	Stan Griggs	4-1	67.5%
	Ray Plute	3-2	74.0%
Class B:	Audra Craven	4-1	59.5%
	Bob Booe	4-1	59.0%
	Jerry Noland	4-1	57.5%
Class C:	L. Gearheart	4-1	51.5%
	Wayne Henderson	4-1	50.0%
	Terry Kampe	4-1	46.5%
Class D:	Harold Boden	5-0	51.0%
	Ron Highley	4-1	49.0%
	Tim Vaughn Sr.	3-2	56.5%
Class E:	Joann Jones	5-0	47.5%
	Lawrence Loney	4-1	46.0%
	Bob Bloss	3-2	38.5%
Class F:	Laura Johnson	5-0	38.5%
	Tom Beaver	3-2	40.5%
	Lee Miller Jr.	3-2	39.0%

Class G:	James Premer	5-0	44.5%
	Dee McIntire	3-2	41.5%
	Devin Wetzel	3-2	33.5%
Class H:	Clifford Pierce	4-1	42.5%
	Denise Bloss	3.5-1.5	40.0%
	Mike Crouch	3-2	29.0%
Class I:	Fred Smith	5-0	28.0%
	Victoria Highley	4-1	32.5%
	Sam Vogel	3-2	29.0%
Class J:	Ken Heithoff	5-0	26.5%
	Gina Baker	4-1	31.5%
	Perry Mann	3-2	21.0%
Class K:	Keith Johnson	5-0	33.0%
	Donald Plowman	4-1	24.5%
	Jose Ramirez	3-2	22.0%
Class L:	George Chichura	5-0	18.0%
	Larry Guggisberg	3-2	26.0%
	Larry Anderson	3-2	19.5%
Class M:	Brenda Brown	5-0	22.0%
	David Jackson	4-1	12.0%
	Harold Turley	3-2	7.5%
Class N:	Hannah Johnson	4-1	15.5%
	Joe Barry	4-1	11.0%
	George Goldizen	3-2	13.5%

**Festus Mixed Open #3, 3/19. Director: Fred Smetzer**

Class A:	Rick McEntire	5-0	76.5%
	Bob Crabtree	3-2	57.0%
	David Schneider	3-2	50.5%
Class B:	Dan Peterson	5-0	32.0%
	Frank Rohlfing	4-1	38.0%
	Norm Ennis	3-2	31.5%

**Spring Ringer Flinger Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 3/20. Directors: Danny & Melody Williams.**

Class A:	Carol Schreckenber	7-0	42.9%
	Mike Davault	6-1	37.5%
	Michael Massa	5-2	37.1%

**East vs West Challenge @ Quail Ridge, 4/2. Director: Jeanette Claas.**

East defeats the West 67 to 43.

Class A:	Gregg Craven	7-1	71.8%
	Ray Plute	6-2	65.2%
	Rose Diekamp	5-2	67.8%
Class B:	Mick Gillette	6-1	59.7%
	Steve Johnson	6-1	57.4%
	Ron Hassler	4-3	53.4%
Class C:	L. Gearheart	5-2	53.9%
	Gary Roehrig	4-3	50.7%
	Ernie Brakensiek	4-3	49.6%
Class D:	Bob Diekamp	5-2	47.3%
	Donra McCown	5-2	43.8%
	Ralph Hummel	4-3	46.1%
Class E:	Debbie Harris	6-1	39.0%
	Glenn Young	5-2	42.4%
	Donald Rahe	5-2	39.4%
Class F:	Louise Duke	6-1	38.4%
	Carol Howard	5-2	34.3%
	Melody Downey	5-2	32.7%
Class G:	Mark Wilkewitz	6-1	40.7%
	Pat Griewing	6-1	27.7%
	Jim Riley	5-2	33.2%
Class H:	George Chichura	6-1	17.1%
	Joe Barry	5-2	11.8%
	Michael Gillespie	4-3	16.3%

**Fools Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 4/3.****Directors: Danny & Melody Williams.**

Class A:	Michael Massa	5-1	37.9%
	Dave Schneider	4-2	37.9%
	Danny Williams	3-2	35.5%
Class B:	Travis Braswell	5-0	31.0%
	John Keller	4-1	20.0%
	Melody Williams	3-2	29.5%

**Juniors Only Tournament @ Don Harris****Arena, Liberty, 4/9. Director: Gregg Craven.**

Class A:	Devin Wetzel	4-1	21.3%
	Savannah Johnson	4-1	13.1%
	Bruce Thomson	3-2	15.6%
	Megan McLeod	3-2	10.6%
	Ben McCaulley	1-4	9.4%
Class B:	Nickel Craven	5.5-0.5	6.7%
	Alisha Bravard	4.5-1.5	8.3%
	Alexander Bravard	2-4	2.8%
	Hailey Happy	0-6	3.3%
Class C:	Cameron Phipps	5-0	5.0%
	Jeff Goepferich	4-1	5.0%
	Cooper Phipps	2.5-2.5	2.5%
	Ashley Candler	2-3	1.3%
	Gary Stevenson	1.5-3.5	3.1%
Class D:	Audrey Jackson	5-0	4.4%
	Merissa Caravello	4-1	1.9%
	Colt Bonham	3-2	4.4%
	Danni McCaulley	2-3	.6%
	Sarah Johnson	1-4	.6%

**Bluebird Mixed Open @ The Pits 4/9-10.****Director: Jim Bainter**

Class A:	Ray Plute	7-0	70.0%
	Carl Folsom Sr.	6-1	58.8%
	Nathan Evers	4-3	53.3%
Class B:	Jerry Cramer	4-1	44.4%
	Kenneth Grossman	4-1	36.8%
	Stan Bailey	3-2	32.4%
Class C:	George Lawler	4.5-0.5	40.0%
	Carroll Sinclair	4.5-0.5	39.6%
	Harry Rother	3-2	28.4%
Class D:	Rod Mallinckrodt	6-1	17.9%
	Leroy Dooley	5-2	21.1%
	Doug Carter	4-3	17.9%

**Yee Haw Four Dead Mixed Open @ Glen Allen, 4/10. Directors: Danny & Melody Williams.**

Class A:	Dan Peterson	5-0	43.0%
	Roy Tindall	4-1	40.0%
	Mike Davault	3-2	32.5%

Class B:	Travis Braswell	6-1	25.8%
	Melody Williams	5-2	27.3%
	Joe Keller	2-4	13.8%

**April Showers Mixed Open @ Quail Ridge, 4/16. Director: Ralph Hummel.**

Class A:	Marlene Ray	7-0	75.3%
	Maxine Griffith	6-1	71.8%
	Jim Spidle Sr.	5-2	60.7%
Class B:	Steve Spidle	6-1	47.0%
	Glenn Young	6-1	45.0%
	Terry Murray	5-2	40.1%
Class C:	Carol Howard	6-1	41.6%
	Jim Spidle Jr.	4-3	37.5%
	Mark Wilkewitz	4-3	36.9%
Class D:	Mark Moreland	6-1	25.0%
	Dan Wilmes	6-1	19.9%
	Sal Ventura	5-2	27.9%
Class E:	Gaylord Compton	6-1	23.8%
	Bob Cutright Sr.	5-2	32.4%
	David Heathman	5-2	27.0%

**April Showers Mixed Open @ Park Hills, 4/16. Director: Rick McEntire.**

Class A:	Randy Grady	6-0	70.8%
	Rick McEntire	4-2	73.3%
	Sam Carter	2-4	60.0%
Class B:	Bill Smith	5-0	39.5%
	Joey Tonsey	3-2	30.5%
	Paul Beard Jr.	3-2	3.0%
Class C:	Pat Starnard	5-1	14.5%
	Jason Tonsey	4-2	15.8%
	Michael Brewer	3-2	15.0%

**Peculiar Spring Mixed Open @ Peculiar, 4/16. Director: Glenn Bowman.**

Class A:	Audra Craven	7-0	56.6%
	Gregg Craven	6-1	70.5%
	W. Dusenbery	5-2	51.4%
Class B:	Debbie Harris	6-1	39.2%
	Lawrence Loney	5-2	42.5%
	Paul Taylor	4-3	40.0%
Class C:	Cliff Pierce	7-0	42.9%
	Erika Myler	5-2	31.7%
	Victoria Highley	4-3	30.8%
Class D:	Josh Cantrell	6-1	33.8%
	Perry Mann	4-3	22.1%
	Jim Arrowood	4-3	19.2%
Class E:	Larry Anderson	6-1	17.5%
	Carl Brown	5-2	14.6%
	Savanna Johnson	5-2	14.2%

Class F:	Frank MacArthur	7-0	17.9%
	Hannah Johnson	5-2	9.1%
	Dakota Seymour	4-3	10.8%
Class G:	Alex Roberts	6-1	14.2%
	Sue Roberts	6-1	10.8%
	Joe Barry	6-1	10.0%

**Festus Mixed Open #4, 4/16. Director: Fred Smetzer.**

Class A:	David Schneider	5-0	42.5%
	Mary Ann Yates	3-2	46.0%
	Don Shores	3-2	44.0%
	Frank Rohlfing	3-2	40.0%
	Tim Engle	1-4	30.0%

**End of League Tournament @ The Pits, 4/16-17. Director: Jim Bainter.**

Class Championship	Leroy Dooley	3-0	22.0%
	George Lawler	2-1	42.7%
	H. Hoffmeister	1-2	42.0%
	Donna Bastel	0-3	32.7%
Class A:	H. Hoffmeister	5.5-1.5	40.0%
	Douglas Peoples	5-2	35.7%
	Dan Couch	5-2	41.7%
Class B:	Donna Bastel	5-0	28.8%
	P. Van Evercooren	4-1	40.4%
	Harry Rother	2-3	34.8%
Class C:	George Lawler	5-1	40.4%
	Jerry Cramer	4-2	44.4%
	Dennis Benson	3-2	35.0%
Class D:	Leroy Dooley	5-1	24.8%
	Darrin Gregory	4-2	17.2%
	Pete Renick	3-2	13.5%

**Good Luck Mixed Open @ Buchrus, 4/23.****Directors: Virgle & Donra McCown.**

Class A:	Bob Renfro	7-0	56.7%
	Virgle McCown	6-1	57.5%
	Jim Renfro	5-2	61.3%
Class B:	Jim Brandenburg	7-1	41.5%
	A. Matheny	6-2	41.9%
	Donra McCown	5-2	46.7%
Class C:	Ronny Lee Mincks	4-1	24.5%
	Tyler McCown	3-2	29.0%
	Russell McCown	3-2	25.0%

**Six-Pac Invitational @ Quail Ridge, 4/30-5/1. Director: Joe Faron**

40 Footers	Alan Francis	15-0	86.6%
	Tom Williams	11-4	72.6%
	Jim Walters	11-4	68.7%
	Paul LaCrosse	10-5	63.6%
	Gale Greene	9-6	66.7%
	Stan Griggs	9-6	64.8%
	Michael Bowman	9-6	61.2%
	Randall Grady	9-6	61.0%

**30 ft Invitational @ Quail Ridge, 4/30-5/1.****Director: Bob Diekamp.**

Class A:	Herschel Walters	14-1	82.9%
	Sue Snyder	12-3	77.4%
	Joan Elmore	12-3	76.2%
	Russ Phillips	11-4	76.7%
	Marlene Ray	10-5	76.9%
	Paul McGee	10-5	74.8%
	Maxine Griffith	10-5	72.7%
	Bobby Fields	9-6	78.7%



## Youth is Busy

*by Elizabeth Fumer*

Sarah Johnson of both the Independence and Liberty Horseshoe Clubs had a conflict in her busy schedule on April 16. While she would have normally been busy with the Peculiar Horseshoe Tournament in Lions Park, this year the 39th annual Special Olympics Spring Games at Lee's Summit North High School was the same day. Check out the exhilarating expression on this Liberty High School student's face as she won her 100m race.

# 2011 Membership Application

## Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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

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

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

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MOHPA Sec/Treas.  
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Adult Dues	
17.00	national
<u>8.00</u>	state
\$25.00	Total Dues

Juniors and Cadets	
5.00	national
<u>0.00</u>	state
\$5.00	Total Dues

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club affiliation if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one of the following:  Adult  Junior  Cadet  
Check one of the following:  Male  Female  
Check one of the following:  40' Pitcher  Less than 40' pitcher

Mrs. Vicki Winston  
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# 2011 Coming Events

*Missouri State Fair  
Horseshoe Tournament  
August 19-21, 2011  
Sedalia, Missouri*

*Missouri State Horseshoe  
Championship Tournament  
September 3-5, 2011  
Lebanon, Missouri*

*NHPA  
World Tournament  
July 8-30, 2011  
Monroe, Louisiana*