



Prez Sez

by Sharon Taylor, President MOHPA

Wow! What a first year for your president (and they said this was going to be easy.) I believe this one year has been busier than the entire 17 years that I've been retired.

The World Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana, was great. The facility was a little larger, which meant a lot of extra walking. Missouri had more than 70 pitchers, a great showing for our state. Congratulations to all the Missouri pitchers who received awards.

Then came the State Tournament at Lebanon, Missouri. If you didn't enter this year, you missed one of the best (if not the best) state tournaments; but, you are getting another chance. Lebanon also received the bid for 2012. Jim Bainter, Marshel Keith, Jim Caufield, and Ed Eliason did a terrific job organizing and coordinating the event.

Our zone directors, statistician, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer also were a big part of the tournament; not to mention the help we received from Rich Altis and Donna Bastel. They were there every day where we needed them. If I missed anyone, I thank them too. Thanks to all these members. The tournament could not have been successful without you. Also, congratulations to all the winners in each class.

Lebanon Hosts the Missouri State Horseshoe Championship

by Jim Bainter

The 2011 Missouri State Horseshoe Championship Tournament, held in Lebanon over the recent Labor Day weekend at the Cowan Civic Center, is in the history book as one of the most successful events ever conducted. Six state champions were crowned—congratulations to them all.

This state tournament was the first in MOHPA history to be played entirely indoors without the risk of rain or heat to impact our four days of horseshoe pitching. This is also the first year I can remember where compliments from the 250 pitchers and the 500+ family members and spectators who were in attendance far outweighed a few minor complaints. That satisfaction can be attributed to the excellent facility, a supportive community, and, most of all, the support of the MOHPA pitchers.

The success of our tournament was a direct result of the businesses and individuals in and around the Lebanon community who supported us with program ads to defray the expenses associated with such a large tournament. A special "thank you" goes to the

At our state business meeting, the members who attended voted for a \$3.00 per adult member increase in dues. This increase is once a year and will go to the club that gets the bid for the state tournament each year. Along with this new money, the club receiving the bid will also have returned to them the \$500.00 forwarded by them with the initial bid. This deposit will be returned when all obligations from the bidding club have been met. Hopefully this will encourage more clubs to consider bidding to host future state tournaments.

Some members were not happy with this year's increase in dues but these members did not attend the meeting. Members, if you want a voice in the decision making for the MOHPA, you need to attend the business meeting.

The MOHPA received an award at the World Tournament for the largest adult membership for 2010, which was more than 800. Unfortunately, our adult membership for 2011 is barely 700. What can we do to promote horseshoe pitching? How about a membership drive? Bring a friend one week and if they join, have your club pay their dues for one year? What if there was an ad in your local paper? Let's have some ideas and bring our membership back.

I hope everyone is going to get a chance this winter to pitch, whether as a "snowbird" or as a regular at an indoor facility. Make horseshoe pitching a part of you and a part of your family's life.

Cowan Center staff for their diligent support and patience during the planning, setup, and conduct of this tournament. I believe they represent the best Lebanon has to offer in personnel, facilities, and great hospitality. They worked tirelessly to ensure our satisfaction and success.

Another special "thank you" goes out to all those pitchers who helped our host team prepare for this tournament. The heavy lifting started a week in advance with mixing clay for the portable courts and ended two weeks later when the clay was removed and the courts and equipment were put into storage. Final set up day on Thursday and the tear-down on Monday at the conclusion of the tournament went quickly because of the support of pitchers. We could not have done it without you.

The 2012 championship tournament will be returning to Lebanon and the Cowan Civic Center next September. With the encouragement of Lebanon's Convention and Visitor Bureau

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Furn's Turn

by Elizabeth Furner

The days are getting shorter, the nights cooler. There's a crispness to the air that beckons you to pull a horseshoe from your stor-ing place. As you stand on the pitching platform, the sun may shine on your shoulders like a welcome embrace from a loved one. The warmth and relaxation help you send that ever-faithful shoe home.

Many in the state have been faced with extremes—extreme draught, extreme flooding, and extreme winds. For each of these extremes, there will be a counterpart; nature has a way of dealing in averages. Just as in nature, horseshoes is a study in averages; the more you experience, the smoother it gets.

We are blessed in this state with several great opportunities to experience the sport of horseshoes. October in Missouri is time to get out and enjoy the variety of pitching sites in the state. Rather than play safe and stay on your home court, take time to drive a bit and see something of this fantastic state. Experience the color of the trees, the meandering of the roads, and expanse of agriculture in this wonderful part of the Midwest. There is still time to make Liberty, Wentzville, Crane, Laurie, Independence, Mountain View, and Jefferson City before some of the outside courts are closed for the season. Once the outside courts are unavailable, we are honored to have several sites statewide with courts inside. This takes away the blahs some of us go through when unable to pitch while the snow flies.

Horseshoes is a game of numbers; the organization is a game of numbers also. We had a great representation of Missouri players in Louisiana; will we have an even greater number in 2012 in Tennessee and stretch even more for Utah in 2013? Will we beat our adult enrollment for the upcoming year? Juniors are ever increasing, what about the rest of us?

A huge thank you to the clubs that let us know of some of the comings and goings of their respective locals. Jeanette reports things are safer in Wentzville, Shelbina has been busy with FFA, and Backyard reports congratulations are due Melody for SEMO

Hall of Fame recognition. Independence recognizes member Laura Estes for her work on and off the courts, Liberty claims bragging rights to Gregg Craven and Nick DiRaimo and St. Joseph says hooray for a great tournament. It sounds like Truman Lake hit all the seasons during their pitching outings and Quail Ridge will light up the arena with their new electronic scoring system. Rumor has it, there will be new courts built in Greenwood, Missouri, a community just south of Kansas City. Think the Roberts clan had any input in that one?

Take to heart some of the things several-time champion Stan Griggs has to say with his Points to Ponder. Stan has come up through the ranks. Unlike many of us, Stan learned of the organized sport as a youngster. He has experienced this sport as a Junior and as an Adult. His article points out some of the changes over the years to make this sport more competitive.

State Tournament in Lebanon was a major success. Read what Jim Bainter has to say and make plans now to experience the improvements to be implemented for the 2012 tournament to be held again in Lebanon.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge with deep appreciation the recognition I was given at the State Banquet. I am truly sorry I was unable to attend but believe me when I say, "I was with you in spirit." I was truly surprised when given the symbol of recognition by our President, Sharon Taylor. I humbly accept said plaque and hope to serve you and the organization bigger and better in the future.

We recognize for the last time some of our most ardent supporters. Earl Winston leaves a huge void in not only the Missouri contingency but in the National organization as well. Liberty mourns the loss of past president, Lou Frazee. There were others who are gone that have left a mark in their respective local organizations. We join you in mourning the loss of their presence and our loss of their talents.

Contributors to this issue are many: Sharon Taylor, Vicki Winston, Jeanette Claas, Pam Henderson, Rich Altis, Donna Bastel, Melody Williams, Gregg Craven, Karen Goldizen, Bob Bastel, Dee McIntire, Jeff Spry, Scott Raimer, and Jim Bainter.



This & That

by Vicki Winston

This has been an exciting year for many horse-shoe pitchers and the excitement is going to continue, so be sure not to miss out. In July, the WT participants visited a very nice facility in Monroe, LA, and had the experience of pitching with electronic scorekeeping on all courts. The NHPA hopes to continue this at future World Tournaments. The same type of scoring system will soon be available at the Hall of Fame complex in Wentzville. The 2012 World Tournament will be held in Knoxville, TN, and you won't want to miss the 2013 World Tournament in St. George, Utah. If you have never traveled in that area, I can assure you that you won't want to miss some of the most spectacular scenery that you can find in the USA.

Thanks to some very hard-working hosts, many Missouri pitchers thought that our 2011 State Tournament at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, MO, was even better than the World Tournament. I hope that you remembered to thank the hosts for their hard work and generosity. What a wonderful facility we enjoyed and the good news is that we have been invited back there for the 2012 State Tournament. If you missed this year, you will get a second chance to visit Lebanon. Just get three sanctioned events played between the first part of Aug. 2011 and about Aug. 1, 2012 and you will meet the eligibility requirements. That shouldn't be hard to do with all of the opportunities you have in our state alone, not to mention nearby states.

If you haven't heard, there has been an increase in our charter dues for 2012. A NHPA card will now cost adults \$28.00 for 2012. The \$3.00 increase was voted in to help state tournament hosts with their expenses in putting on the event. It is quite costly when they provide all of the plaques, the facility, the transportation of the courts, the clay, and part of the cost of the program book. They can help defray expenses by selling advertising in the book and some energetic hosts do make a nice profit on that. Dues for

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personnel, we look forward to having a larger event next year. The tournament hosting group, Marshal Keith, Jim Caufield, Ed Eliason, and me are pleased to team with Lebanon and expect 2012 will be even better. Improvements for 2012 will include better spectator seating on the side away from the balcony, more variety in our snack bar, a larger area for the banquet, and a speaker system for the awards area. Also, you can expect the banquet bar to be better prepared to serve the attendees. If you have any suggestions for further improvements, please let us know.

We realize economic conditions and high gas prices may have influenced some pitchers ability to attend this year's tournament. Perhaps you will have the opportunity to attend next year. Let's set a goal of 300 pitchers for 2012.

One last note: Special-order hats and personalized polo shirts are in process. It's taken longer than expected but we will ship them as soon as we get them. Those pitchers who did not receive plaques at the tournament should have already received them via USPS. If not, please contact me immediately.

Once again, thanks for your support in making this tournament a landmark event.

juniors will remain at \$5.00 and that goes to the NHPA. I have the 2012 cards and they may be ordered at any time.

I would like to thank Ernie Ellermann for giving of his time for the past two years to serve as our vice president. He has been a good worker. Ernie chose not to seek re-election, so we will be welcoming Debbie Harris as our new vice president as of Nov. 1. Thanks also to Scott Raimer and Bob Bastel, who were both willing to accept another term as a zone director. Being a charter officer can require a lot of time and some personal expense, and I appreciate all that our officers do for the MOHPA. Due to the engineer at the throttle of the train, I was railroaded in for another term as your secretary/treasurer, so you are stuck with me for another two years if the good Lord is willing. I appreciate the confidence that you have in me and I will try to do a good job. It is hard to believe that I have spent a third of my lifetime serving as your secretary/treasurer. The time has passed quickly and Nov. 1 will begin my 25th year in this office. As I told those of you present at the business meeting, there will probably come a time this fall when I may not be able to give you the service to which you have become accustomed. Therefore, you had better plan ahead. I don't have any down time, but I am going to have to make some to have a knee replacement if the surgeon and I can get everything worked out. I'm sure I will need to be away from my office for a while. Those of you who wait to renew or order a card until you need it "yesterday" may be out of luck, so don't wait until the last minute to send your 2012 dues.

As most of you know, I lost Earl on August 8. I appreciate your cards, messages and prayers. It was so nice of several of you out there to make the journey to attend the visitation or the funeral service. Our horseshoe family is made up of a lot of wonderful and caring people. That's one of the best things about our sport. It's been a rough year for several of us. Hopefully, 2012 will be a lot better.

The 2012 membership year is getting underway. Let's make it a good one. Get your family and friends involved in our sport. This is one activity that the entire family can participate in together. No matter a persons pitching ability, you will find others at your level. You do not have to be an expert to have fun pitching horseshoes and with indoor facilities located in a few places around the state, you might be able to enjoy our sport the year around.

Cooler weather will soon be upon us, so may I be among the first to wish you happy holidays, for there are several that are just around the corner. Have a great winter and, until next time, I will leave you with this thought, "Don't worry about avoiding temptation; as you get older, it starts avoiding you."

Condensed Financial Report

Funds on Hand Nov. 1, 2010	\$17,940.02
Receipts	32,077.11
Expenses	<u>-34,504.63</u>
Funds on Hand Oct. 8, 2011	\$15,512.50

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2011 Hall of Fame Inductees

by Dee McIntire

Robert W. Diekamp

Robert W. Diekamp (Bob to most of us) lives in O'Fallon, Missouri, and pitches in the New Melle/Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. Bob personifies the finest horseshoe person, for he qualifies for all three categories for nomination, Player, Organizer, and Promoter.

Bob's most important achievements as Player are:

- 1995: MO/IL Top Gun Doubles Tournament, 1st place in Championship Class at NMHC
- 1995: Pitched a perfect game of 14 ringers in league play
- 1996: Pitched highest game of 91.7% 22/24 shoes against Sam Carter in the Shamrock Fling Tournament
- 1996: MO State Tournament, Championship Class, tied for 2nd place with 12 wins/3 losses with 65.8%
- 1998: MO State Tournament, won the Senior Class Championship with 55.6% at Park Hill
- 2001, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010: NMHC/QRHC Team Handicap Tournament, 1st Place
- 2005: MO State Doubles Championship Class, 3rd Place

As Organizer:

- 1998–2011: Tournament Director for the 30' Six Pac Invitational Tournament at NMHC/QRHC
- 1998–2008: League Director for the Monday Night Jack & Jill League, NMHC/QRHC

As Promoter:

- Bob has served on many horseshoe clinics, teaching Boy Scouts, Ladies Leagues, and other clinics held at NMHC, QRHC, and the Knights of Columbus Horseshoe Club in St. Charles.
- Bob served as Vice President of the NMHC, 1994–1995; MOHPA Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, 2001–2007; and received the MOHPA Appreciation and Achievement Award in 2004.
- Bob was instrumental in the building of NMHC throughout the 1990s. He put in many hours of physical work on the building of the NHPA Hall of Fame Facility. Bob, along with his wife, Rose, is the QRHC Game-Related Sales Manager. Bob has pitched in league play for 30 years, including St. Charles/Warren County League, MNHC League, QRHC League, Knights of Columbus League in St. Charles, and the 1st Capital Horseshoe Club in Blanchette.
- Bob has pitched in 22 MO State Horseshoe Tournaments, has attended two World Horseshoe Tournaments, and been a member of the NHPA for 27 years. He has served on various entertainment projects for enjoyment at horseshoe events. He has participated in more than 200 horseshoe tournaments from 1997 through 2011. Bob has traveled and participated in many out-of-state tournaments throughout the years.
- A little-known fact, Bob has a unique talent for writing many horseshoe poems for publication.

Congratulations Bob, for your continued support of the sport of Horseshoes!

Nick J DiRaimo, Jr.

Nick lives in Kansas City and pitches in the Liberty Horseshoe Club and with the Heart of America Club. Nick is a great all-around sportsman. He contributes to Horseshoes as a Player and Promoter. Below are some of his many contributions in the Player Category:

- 1995: MO State Tournament, Men's Class F, 1st Place in St. Joseph
- 1995: MO State Tournament, Doubles, Class D, 1st Place in St. Joseph
- 1995: MOHPA Rookie of the Year
- 1997: MO State Tournament, Doubles, Class D, 1st Place in Independence
- 2003–2010: Top Ten in the NHPA in more than one category in league play
- 2004: World Tournament in Pocatello, ID, 5th Place in Championship 30' Division
- 2007: Six Pac 30' Invitational Tournament, with 59.5%
- 2007: Pitched his longest 40-point game against Stan Griggs, 102 shoes, 76% but lost to Stan, who pitched 78%
- 2008: Six Pac 30' Invitational Tournament, 14th place with 62.8%
- 2008: Scored his first 90% game in the Cancer Action Tournament in Harris Arena
- 2008: MO State Tournament, 30' Men's Division, 66%
- 2008: Pitched 30 consecutive ringers in league play
- 2009: Six Pac 30' Invitational Tournament, 12th place with 65.8%
- 2009: Scored his first 90% game in league play with 50 shoes
- 2010: Six Pac 30' Invitational Tournament, 6th place with 72.2%
- 2010: MO State Tournament, Elders Championship Division, 67.1%
- 2010: MO State Tournament, Doubles Champion, 53.8%
- 2010: Pitched 28 consecutive ringers in the Holly Marie Memorial Tournament in Harris Arena
- 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009: #1 Player in MO Elders Division
- 2003–2010: Top Ten in the NHPA 30' Division
- 2004, 2007, 2008: Listed as having most wins (123, 135, 133 wins respectively)

As Promoter

- Nick has helped to recruit new pitchers, many of them who subsequently joined leagues. He has helped other pitchers with their game, giving them tips to help them improve. He always encourages pitchers to get better and compliments them when they pitch well or have a good game.
- In 2003, Nick received an Achievement Award for painting banners for the Harris Arena and various clubs, donating all fees and expenses to the Harris Arena. Since then, Nick has gone on to paint banners for other clubs to have them hung in their clubs or at the Hall of Fame building in Wentzville, donating his fees to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club.

Congratulations Nick! Keep up the great pitching!

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MOHPA Hall of Fame

by Dee McIntire

I hope all of you will join me in congratulating Missouri's two latest inductees in to the MOHPA Hall of Fame, Bob Diekamp and Nick DiRaimo. I'm sure you will all agree that these are two very deserving individuals.

I would like to encourage each of you to take time to view the Scrapbook for the Hall of Fame

It includes all the individuals who, through the years, have been inducted into the MOHPA Hall of Fame. It includes copies of their nomination forms, any profiles from *Shoebiz* and any newspaper articles that have been published about these individuals. If anyone has any additional information they would like to add to the HOF Scrapbook, please let me know.

Remember, think about who you would like to nominate for the MOHPA Hall of Fame and "just do it." As seen from the two newest inductees, there is more than one way to qualify for the Hall of Fame.

Player Category

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

Promoter/Organizer Category

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

Player/Organizer Category

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

Included in this issue of Shoe Biz is a nomination form for 2012. If you appreciate the time and effort put forth by a fellow pitcher, take the time and effort and let the committee know of said person. Nominations for 2012 will be accepted up to June 1, 2012.

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Dee McIntire, Chairman

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	1995 Don Harris		2006 Kelly Hill	

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall Of Fame

(Nomination Form)

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

(Please print or use typewriter)

Name of Nominee _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Club Affiliations: _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

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

Player:

Organizer:

Promoter:

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

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

In which category do you recommend the nominee be considered?

_____ Player _____ Promoter/Organizer _____ Player/Organizer

Submitted by: _____ **Date:** _____

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

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

National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame & Museum Receives Lifesaving Equipment from Progress West HealthCare Center

by Jeanette Claas

Many wonderful and exciting times happen at the NHPA Hall of Fame facility, but perhaps the story you are about to read is one of the most rewarding moments we have experienced since the opening of the new public building.

At the April 2011 Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club meeting, the members voted to purchase a defibrillator. We began researching the item and cost to purchase this lifesaving device. Joyce Mauzy, a member of QRHC and a retired administrative assistant from Christian Hospital NE, had an idea. She contacted Progress West Health Care Center to see if they would be interested in donating a defibrillator to this public facility. After going through proper channels, Joyce was notified by Progress West that they would be happy to donate the AED (defibrillator) as part of their Community Benefit Program. Progress West Health Care Center and Christian Hospital are members of BJC Health Care.

On August 4, representatives of Progress West Health Care Center came to the NHPA Hall of Fame in Wentzville to present an AED to Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. "We're happy to provide this AED as a community benefit to this active and vibrant club," said Barbara McLaurine, manager of marketing and physician services. "In addition to the AED, we are ensuring members who volunteer know how to use the AED and administer CPR." Linda Canoy, RN, clinical nurse at Progress West, will train and certify more than 40 QRHC members with a 2½ hour CPR and AED training course.

Upon accepting the AED, Jeanette Claas, president of the QRHC, acknowledged, "On behalf of the NHPA/NHPF, please accept our sincere thanks for the donation of the AED defibrillator to be used at the NHPA Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville. It will be a great asset to our organization and will be used for the welfare of the horseshoe club members and visitors that come to this public facility. In appreciation, the NHPA/NHPF will be placing a commemorative brick in the Jack Freeman Brick Memorial Plaza." Joe Faron, vice president of the NHPF, represented the national organization.

Five training sessions were set for August at the NHPA facility at no cost to the participants. The first of five training sessions began immediately after the pre-

sentation. "It was such a great learning and valuable experience to know that we have the knowledge to possibly save a life if the need would ever arise," said Jeanette Claas upon receiving her official card. "Hopefully, we will never have to use it, but we are now aware of what we can do if and when an emergency does occur."

Although the equipment was purchased by Progress West, the QRHC will receive ownership and have it registered to receive a policy and it will be fully maintained by the horseshoe club. The club will notify the fire and ambulance service in the Wentzville area that it has the equipment on hand in case of emergencies. A monthly checkup sheet to monitor batteries and supplies will be part of the maintenance program.

Not too long after all members were certified, the club received a message from NHPA President,

Stu Sipma, that the company by which he is employed, the Tesoro Corp. in Mandin, ND, would like to donate the cabinet where the AED will be stored. Within a week the cabinet arrived. Our carpenters, Bob Cutright and Joe Faron, installed the cabinet inside the entrance to the north and south courts. Linda Canoy, our CPR instructor, will be delivering the other necessities that will be needed. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club would like to acknowledge member Joyce Mauzy for her effort, time, and follow-through to make this a successful transaction.

We are thankful for the 40 wonderful volunteers who made time for the training course and to the Tesoro Corp. for its contribution of the cabinet. A memorial brick is now in place at the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Walkway to show our deep gratitude to the Progress West Health Care Center for their generous gift.

The QRHC is always looking for ways to improve the facility to make it the nicest and safest place to pitch horseshoes. We hope that you can find time in your life to come and see the facility and pitch a few shoes. You can rest assured that we will know what to do if you should have an emergency. Meanwhile, keep on supporting the NHPF with your donations and brick orders, which can be sent to: NHPF, P.O. Box 1628, Penn Valley, CA 95946. It is the only way to preserve the history, showcase the present, and build the future of horseshoe pitching—the game we all love and enjoy.





Last Shoe



Louis "Lou" Frazee

June 18, 1923–July 8, 2011

Lou Frazee passed away July 8, 2011, in Liberty, Missouri. An interesting thing about Lou: he worked as a manager for a Kroger grocery store for 43 years. At the time of his funeral, bible school was in session and the sanctuary was decorated accordingly. What do you suppose was the theme? Retailing was the theme and a grocery store setting was the scene. Leave it up to Lou to manage to have his memorial service in a setting with which he had spent so many of his adult years.

Lou was a great admirer of horseshoes and was a participant for many years. When I met him in 2002, he was president of the Liberty Horseshoe Club and had been for a few years. He was to serve in that position for at least three terms. Lou was pitching



his ¾ turn shoe from 30 feet and commented several times about his ¾ falling short and only being ½. Lou Frazee and Ed Eberle were masters of "McDonalds." If you were pitching against them, they would consistently score ringers or points. Those points would inevitably be in the form of arches in front of the peg.

Lou was a member of the Liberty United Methodist Church where he served in various leadership roles. He was a veteran of

World War II, having served in the Army in communications.

I knew him as a positive role model on and off the horseshoe courts. There were others who knew him from his leadership roles as Boy Scout leader or church leader, not to mention the number of young people who were influenced by his directional skills in the grocery industry.

This quiet-spoken, tall, white-haired man was partnered with Margaret, his loving wife for 65 years. They had a beautiful daughter, Elaine, and handsome son, Keith. Along with his widow and children, Lou is survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lou Frazee was a gentle man who served God, country, and his fellow man. Liberty Club members and other pitchers who had the opportunity to know him will miss him.

Earl Anton Winston

June 4, 1927–August 8, 2011

by Vicki Winston

Editor's note: I had the opportunity to meet Vicki and Earl Winston in 2002. What I saw was a couple totally devoted to each other and to the sport of horseshoes. Earl had given up much of his leadership responsibilities by this time and was actively involved in pitching. I mean actively. I was amazed such a little fellow with so many years of life experience could still pitch with accuracy from 40'. The following tribute was written by a loving wife in collaboration with some from the NHPA and was first published on the NHPA website.

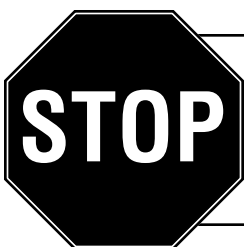
Earl Anton Winston was born in rural Knob Noster, MO, on June 4, 1927, to the late E. Wayne and Leona Wheeler Winston.

He passed away on August 8, 2011, at the Lutheran Nursing Home in Concordia, MO. On June 10, 1960, Earl was united in marriage to Vicki Chapelle in Portland, OR, and they began a lifetime of working together in their farming operation in rural LaMonte, MO.

Earl is survived by his wife, Vicki, of the home. He also is survived by two sons, Keith and fiancée Diana DeShon of Kansas City, MO, Carl and wife Amy of Sweet Springs, MO, and four grandchildren, Shane and Lindsey Winston and Hailey and Mason DeShon. Other survivors include four sisters: Ida Ann Guier and husband Charles of Blue Springs, MO, Helen Cunningham of Warrensburg, MO, Clara Fisher of Raytown, MO, and Mollie Brant of Knob Noster, MO, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Rosie Shannon.

Earl attended Eden Valley elementary school and then went to Sweet Springs High School, where he was valedictorian of his class. Upon his graduation, he enlisted in the US Army and served a tour of duty in Korea. By the time of his discharge, he had earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. Earl then attended the University of Missouri in Columbia for two years and earned a degree in agriculture.

After college, he began farming with his father and also driving trucks for Green Trucking Company part-time. As he got more into farming, he started raising registered Black Angus cattle and began doing some custom combining and grain hauling. In later years, he also did some custom hauling of soybean meal and rock. He continued with his trucking for a few years after retiring from active farm work.



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Earl was a lifelong member of Blackwater Chapel United Methodist Church. He served the church in several capacities including Sunday School superintendent and as a Sunday School teacher for several decades. He also served as a lay speaker to churches in the area and was a Lay Delegate to the Missouri Annual Conference for many years. Serving God and the church was very important to him.

Wanting to be of service to his community, Earl was elected to the School Board of Pettis County R-1 Schools and served on that board for a lengthy period of time, many of those years as its president. He also served as the Democratic Committeeman for Blackwater Township for a period of time and for many years volunteered to work at elections whenever possible.

Earl was an avid horseshoe pitcher nearly all of his life and was a former state champion. He was instrumental in reorganizing the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association in 1950. He served as president of that organization for nearly 30 years. In the early 1950s, he was able to get horseshoe pitching reinstated at the Missouri State Fair and served as the Superintendent of Horseshoe Pitching at the fair for more than 50 years. He became a vice president in the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and served in that position for 28 years. At one time, he chaired the rules committee and later became the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. It was Earl's efforts in collecting memorabilia over a long period of time that inspired the NHPA to seek a site for a National Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame and Museum. The dream finally came true with a temporary site in Joelton, TN, and then the permanent site located in Wentzville, MO. Earl became one of the original directors of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation, which was involved in making the Hall of Fame possible. Earl was elected to the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1987 and to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1988.

His other favorite sport was bowling, and he participated in league play and some tournaments for several decades. He spent many years as the secretary/treasurer of some of the leagues and the president of others.

Earl was a people person and never knew a stranger. He loved to visit with anyone and tell stories to entertain them. He was a walking encyclopedia of horseshoe pitching history. He was a good neighbor and helped people whenever he was able. Throughout his entire life, he strived to make a difference in the world around him. He will be missed by all who knew him.

New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston

We welcome the new members who joined us for the 2011 membership year between May 10 and September 30. We hope you are enjoying our sport. In the next issue, we will begin the new member list for the 2012 membership year.

Name	City	Club
Vince Acosta	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Roy Backs	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Alan Bean	Wentzville	Quail Ridge
Joe Bishop	Jefferson City	
Mark Breshears	Warsaw	Truman Lake
Cade Bruemmer	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Doug Buschjost	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Ashley Coe	Shelbina	Shelbina
Skip Coursey	Urich	Golden Valley
Franklin Cremer	West Plains	3 Ringer Courts
Christina Davey	Drexel	
Jacob Derrickson	Orrick	Liberty
Roger Dudenhoefter	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Mason Furner	Excelsior Springs	Liberty
Jake Gerhards	Archie	Lions Park
Charles Gordon	Salisbury	
Nancy Gunter	Independence	Liberty
David Kelchner	Moberly	Shelbina
Robert Kelley	Peculiar	Lions Park
Grandin Lane	Kansas City	Liberty
James Calvin Lomax	Warsaw	Truman Lake
James Long	Orrick	Liberty
Betty Marshall	Warrenton	
Betty McCart	St. Peters	Quail Ridge
John T. McGauley	Lake St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Eddie R. Miller	Winfield	Quail Ridge
Jaydin Milner	Kansas City	Liberty
Justin Narup	St. Clair	
Howard Ridenour	Springfield	
Tony Simmons	Houstonia	Saline County
Jared Steck	Centertown	Capitol City
Zach Steck	Centertown	Capitol City
Sherman Stroup	Warsaw	Truman Lake
Mike Thomson	St. Charles	Quail Ridge
Mike Walton	Warsaw	Truman Lake

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Nick DiRaimo: A Great Athlete on the Courts, on the Lanes, and on the Diamond

by Jeanette Claas

Nick DiRaimo, a proud Italian, a proud family man and a proud horseshoe man—a man proud of most everything he has accomplished in his lifetime; a great athlete in all sports. Everything he did, he gave it his best. As you read on you will find it remarkable to see all that Nick has achieved in his horseshoe career since first stepping onto the horseshoes courts in 1994. At the age of 79, this man carries a current average of 71.36%, he just keeps getting better and better.

Nick was born and raised in the Kansas City area. As a young boy, Nick's older brother, Frank, introduced him to horseshoes. A friend of their dad's had a horse-drawn wagon that he used as a business to sharpen knives and scissors. When the horse's shoes wore out, he would give them to the kids in the area. They would cut up galvanized 1" pipes for the pegs and, presto, they played horseshoes! His brothers taught him how to throw a $\frac{3}{4}$ -turn shoe and to make it land flat and open. As Nick grew up, being an all-around athlete, he also loved to play baseball, basketball, and football. His dream of being a professional baseball player did not materialize. Nick attended Northeast High School and graduated in 1949.

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

Nick found work as a bricklayer and, after 42 years, he retired in 1994. People who knew Nick while he was working say he was a legend in the business for the quality of work that he did.

The sport of bowling played a major role in Nick's life. It was through this sport that he met his future wife, Angie. They discovered they had more in common than Italian descent and were married five months later on November 5, 1958. The DiRaimos celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2008. They became the parents of three children and now enjoy two grandchildren.

Nick coached his son's little league baseball team and was also a bowling coach. He watched as his son bowled his first of 13 perfect "300" games at the age of 14. In later years, he watched his grandson bowl his first perfect "300" game at the age of 15 (he is now credited with five more perfect games). Nick and Angie are still very active in the bowling circuit. In 2001, they won the Seniors Bowling Tournament. "7-11-07" proved to be a lucky, unforget-

table day for Nick that summer. He bowled his fourth sanctioned perfect "300" game and is credited with a High Series Award of 793. In 2007, Nick received the Senior Bowler of the Year award from the Kansas City area for men over 70 years old.

It was also through bowling that a teammate of his, Horace Gilmore introduced Nick to horseshoes at the Kansas City Heart of America Horseshoe Club. His friend "Gilly" taught him much about the game of horseshoes. "Gilly told me if I wanted to be a good horseshoe player, I needed to learn to pitch a $1\frac{1}{4}$ -turn shoe. So I took his advice and I switched and began working on the $1\frac{1}{4}$ -turn shoe. It took quite a while before I started seeing some good results, but I stayed with it until I got to where I am today.

Gilly would give me 30 points and we'd go to 50. I never got to beat him. He moved away, so I never got to pitch with him again. I learned that success does not come overnight. This is the lesson I tell people who want me to help them, especially when they are making a change."

After Nick retired as a bricklayer of 42 years in 1994, he joined the NHPA and has been a fully active member ever since. In 1995, he was awarded "Rookie of the Year" based on the number of tournaments he entered and how well he placed. Angie was right behind him, placing 4th.

Being a highly competitive person, Nick quickly developed into a highly skilled horseshoe pitcher and now carries a 71.36% average. He won the first tournament he ever pitched in at Peculiar, Class H, with a 28% in 1995. Since then, he has recorded at least

20 more class champion titles. Attending his first Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament in 1995 at St. Joseph, he won first place in Class F. That same year, he and his partner, Glen Bowman, won Class D in the Missouri State Doubles competition. Again in 1997, Nick and Leonard Lentz won 1st place in the Missouri State Doubles Tournament in Independence. In 2008, Nick would claim his first Championship Title in the Elders Division, with a 66%. The year 2010 was a big one for Nick at the Missouri State Tournament held in Marble Hill. Nick won the MO State Doubles Championship with his partner, Jason Weiler. The next day, he went on to win the MO State Elders Championship with a record of 7-0 and a ringer percentage of 67.1. In 2008, Nick scored his first 90% game in the Cancer Action Tournament. And in 2010, he pitched 28 consecutive ringers in the Holly Marie Memorial Tournament. Nick scored the most wins in tournament games for 2004 (123 wins), 2007 (135 wins), and 2008 (133 wins). Nick has been Class Champion many times and Tournament Champion 22 times!

Nick has played in leagues at the Harris Arena with the Heart of America Horseshoe Club and with the Liberty Horseshoe Club,



setting many records for himself. From 2003 to 2010, he made the Top Ten in the Nation in more than one category in league play, including high ringer games, high ringer average, and high point games. Quite a feat! In league play, Nick began with earning a 30% patch and worked way up to a 90% patch in 2009, topping off all his 80% games that he had earned in league play. He also pitched 30 consecutive ringers during league play in 2008. He has been League Champion several times with both horseshoe clubs, receiving High Scratch Game Award and High Ringer % Patch many times during league play. Nick is currently listed as the #2 Player in Missouri's Elder Division, with a 71.36% average. He was listed as Missouri's #1 Player in 2004 and 2007–2009. He was also listed in the Top Ten in the Nationals 30' Division for 2003–2010.

Pitching in the Six Pac Invitational Tournament at Quail Ridge has been an honor for Nick. In 2007, he claimed his first title as Six Pac Champion in the 30' Division, with an average of 59.5% and a record of 7-0. In 2010, Nick placed 6th in the Six Pac Invitational with a ringer percentage of 72.2% and a record of 10 wins and 5 losses. The Six Pac Invitational is a highly competitive tournament of the top pitchers in the world.

Nick is very well respected by his peers both on and off the courts. He has received the Sportsmanship Award several times. If you go to the Harris Arena, you will notice many banners displayed on the walls of the surrounding horseshoe clubs in Missouri. If you come to the NHPA Hall of Fame facility, you will also see several banners that Nick made and donated to the QRHC. Nick painted all of them. He donates his prize money above expenses back to the building fund. Nick has helped to recruit new pitchers, many of whom ended up joining the league. He has helped other pitchers with their game, giving them tips to help them improve.

Nick recalls one memorable 40-point horseshoe game with Stan Griggs. They had so many dead ringers that the game went 102

Team World Tournament at Beloit, Wisconsin (May 18-20)

by Gregg Craven

Charles Killgore tried to get as many teams from Missouri as he could for this tournament. Many who have gone say it is their favorite tournament. In an effort to get a winner from Missouri, Charles arranged the teams with the highest percentage players on the top team. I would be willing to try to do the same thing in 2012. The entry fee has been \$200 per team; there is an anonymous donor who will pay the entry fees for the top team.

The teams have four or five players (only four play each game), with a limit of three short-distance pitchers on each team.

The play is all 40-shoe cancellation singles with no handicap. There is a flip for every game and the winner gets to decide who plays who on the other team. Several top teams (depending on how many teams are entered) have a playoff for the championship. Please contact me via email or phone (gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net or 816-781-4132) if you would like me to enter you on a team. The tournament will probably be advertised in the Jan/Feb issue of the NHPA *Newsline* magazine and the deadline will probably be April 1.

shoes before Stan reached 40 points to win the game! Stan won pitching a 78% game. "I lost the game against him," Nick says, "But winning wasn't everything. I pitched a 75% game and as my brother, Frank, would say, 'Give it your best shot, hold your head high and you won't feel cheated.' And that is what I did."

As their kids grew up, Nick and Angie did everything together. After their kids left home, they continued doing everything together. After the DiRaimos retired from their respective jobs, they went looking for Stocksdale Park, where they were told there were some horseshoe courts. Angie's intention was to watch her husband pitch shoes. The Cravens invited them to play and, with some coaxing, Angie threw the shoes and managed to get a ringer or two. She is now Vice-President of the Liberty Horseshoe Club where they have been members for 16 years. The DiRaimos have traveled to three World Horseshoe Tournaments, with Nick placing 5th in the Championship Class at Pocatello, Idaho, in the Elders Division. They attend all tournaments that they possibly can, always arriving early to keep score. The DiRaimos are so very grateful to Don Harris for allowing them to pitch in the wonderful arena that he built for the horseshoe pitchers to enjoy.

The MOHPA was most proud of Nick DiRaimo on September 3, 2011, when he was inducted into the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame. We are proud of all that he stands for —serving his community, his country, and the sport of horseshoes. Most of all, Missouri is just proud to have shared a part of Nick's life as he accomplished many records on the horseshoe courts. We thank you, Nick and Angie, for your 17 years of dedication and time and for the energy and excitement that you bring to every horseshoe court you pitch on and to every life that you have touched.

2011 Missouri State Fair

by Donna Bastel

The State Fair experienced the force of Mother Nature once again. On Thursday night before our tournament, a severe storm hit Sedalia, closing the Fair down until 3pm on Friday. Most of Sedalia was out of power, including the fairgrounds.

After convincing the gate person that he had to let us in Friday morning to get our tents and trailer set up, the tournament turned out to be a successful event. Thank goodness we didn't have any classes scheduled to pitch on Friday.

There were 88 entries. We had some excessive heat, some rain, and two broken stakes, but, as usual, our pitchers kept throwing their shoes with little or no complaints.

Wow! Six out of 12 Class Champions had perfect records. Awesome performances!

2011 State Fair Champion	Michael Bowman	6-1	68.85%
B Class	Tamra Jenkins	6-0	50.42%
C Class	Charles Gordon	7-0	52.14%
D Class	Harless Kampe	7-2	37.19%
E Class	Paul Vaughn	7-0	44.64%
F Class	Bill Bouyea	7-0	35.00%
G Class	Pat Heathman	5-2	31.07%
H Class	Victor Scheuring	6-1	22.57%
I Class	Ronnie Atterbery	7-0	32.14%
J Class	Ernie Ellerman	5-1	22.22%
K Class	Roy Flatt	5-1	11.82%
L Class	Jackie Guggisberg	5-0	3.6%

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Bits from the Backyard (Horseshoe Club)

by Melody Williams



Congratulations to all of our winners at the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament. We had 16 members participating and brought home 14 plaques. Not too bad for such a small club! Yee-Haw!

We have been working on winterizing the club for the upcoming winter months. We have been gathering firewood for the wood stoves and doing some general maintenance work around the club. Thanks to all who help! Our winter sanctioned tournaments begin soon! They are listed on the MOHPA Web Page and also will be in the newsletter. If you need more information about these tournaments, please feel free to call us. We hope to see some of you this winter at some of our sanctioned tournaments!

We have been asked numerous times if we are going to host another Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament. Well, probably not anytime soon but it is a possibility! It will take us several years to recuperate from the last one.

Our local SEMO Horseshoe Association had their end of the year Tournament of Champions. Congratulations to all of the winners. A total surprise to Melody Williams was her induction into the SEMO Horseshoe Association Hall of Fame! Thanks to all who made this possible; this was really totally unexpected. The plaque will be displayed nicely inside the club building.

We distributed pamphlets/brochures and schedules at our Tournament of Champions. We hope this will bring in some new members for MOHPA and the club. The SEMO pitchers are slowly coming around to pitching in the clay. They are diehard sand pitchers! We are going to make clay pitchers of them yet.

If you ever have any questions about our club or horseshoes, please let us know! We love to hear from all of you. Have a great Fall/Winter/Holiday. Names and numbers are included in the officers listing earlier in this *Shoe Biz* publication.

Independence Horseshoe Club News

by Pam Henderson

Hi, everyone. Our club is saddened by the loss of some of our 2011 members and some of our members of yesteryear. Don Swihart, a 2011 member, was lost May 13 and Matthew Jordon was lost July 12. Our yesteryear members were Don Clemens, Howard Taylor, and Norman Kays. Earl Winston, who was an Honorary Member of our club, will also be missed. We will miss these guys and our prayers are with their families. We also send a prayer to Perry Mann, as his precious daughter Alisha passed away on June 11.



At the State Tournament in Lebanon, a candle was lit for each one. Stan Griggs did a good job and it was a very meaningful memorial. If you have never been, you should go to that.

We have a celebrity in our club; she has won many awards outside of than horseshoes. She has received an award from Avon. She received the Alber award for achievement in sales and won the President Club Award. She is Laura Estes. We are proud of you, Laura. This lady also has a good heart; she puts on a benefit

tournament for Michael Long who, due to a paralyzing swimming accident, is having treatments that cost \$100 an hour. He has come a long way with the treatments and looks forward to even more improvement in the coming months. Thanks to those who have helped Michael financially by participating in the "Quest to Walk" tournament. He thanks you in advance for the support. I'm sure he will receive more in the 2011 tournament. Look for information of the rescheduling of said tournament in the near future.

In the unique department, on July 28, Ray Phelps and Johnna Bales had 60 points, 14 ringers, 18 singles each in their game, something I don't recall ever happening in our club. Ray won only by the handicap.

If you think a horseshoe cannot go over a six-foot fence, think again and be sure to always be aware of this. Jack Stokenbury was sitting outside the fence and watching the game. All of a sudden, the horseshoe hit the top of the stake and went sailing over the fence. Jack, being startled by it, put his hand up to ward it off before it could come down on his head. The shoe cut his hand and he had to have five stitches. He couldn't play the next week but he is back pitching now. Oh, yes, did I mention we are located close to the fire station?

We want to thank the workers who came up on August 23 to tidy up the courts for our tournament: Ray Phelps, Jim Hlaca, Tom McGovern, Don Estes, Al Gwinn, and Wayne and Pam Henderson. Stars and stripes to those who helped clean and add clay to the pits.

Our tournament went well; we had 60 pitchers and good food. Thanks to all who stayed and kept score, as that is a very important part of the tournament.

We have had our banquet. It was held at the C & C Enterprises, also known as Betty and Don Clemens Shaklee Enterprises. Betty was so glad to have us as Don would have enjoyed all of the horseshoe people there. She had the place all decorated for us. Thank you, Betty. We had pizza and salad and dessert. We had 38 members and families, including our lifetime members, Sam Kidd, Loree Meier, and John Hargrove; also, Sharon Taylor and Paul were there.

For the awards, we had Team winners: 1st place, Wayne and Pam Henderson; 2nd place, Mike Gillespie and Bobby Johnson; 3rd place, Perry Mann and Anna Inman; 4th place, Bruce Kidd and Tom McGovern. For our Individuals, we had: 1st place in A class, John Loyd; 2nd place, David Woods; 3rd place, Pam Henderson. Championship Class: 1st place, Johnna Bales; 2nd place, Wayne Henderson; 3rd place, Mike Gillespie. A game between the A winner, John Loyd, and the Championship winner, Johnna Bales, was played and Johnna came out the Grand Champion of the Independence Horseshoe Club.

Rookie of the Year went to Jack Stokenbury. The Sportsmanship award went to Laura Estes. Al Gwinn won High Average (98) and High Game (114). Ray Boulay won High Game Over Average (27 points over). Most improved was Tony Bootka, with 12.27 points over average. Many patches were given out. Wayne passed out longevity patches from the NHPA: Bruce Kidd for 10 years, John Loyd for 20 years, and Al Gwinn for 30 years. It's commendable to be a member of the National for that many years.

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We had again 12 members with perfect attendance. Great going, everyone! Have a great winter and we will see everyone and possibly some new members next year. Call all your friends and try to get them to throw with you.

P.S. We did not elect any officers for the coming year, so we will try in the Spring Meeting. Think HELP!

Truman Lake Horseshoe Club

by Jeff Spry

Since the last time we talked, we have had four tournaments this season. As one nearby Club member said, "The first one we froze, the second one we drowned, the third one we burned up, and then the fourth one was perfect."

We completed all nine courts and had a very successful year. We completed two leagues, with the first league consisting of 12 players and the second one with 16. We increased our membership since the first of the year by four members. The first league winner was Paul Vaughn with Jeff Spry finishing 2nd and Dennis Mills 3rd. In the second league, Mike Watkins won in a playoff against Jeff Spry, with newcomer Mark Breshears finishing in 3rd place.

Our first tournament was held May 14th. Class winners in this tournament were: A Class, Paul Taylor; B Class, Jeff Spry; C Class, Vic Scheuring; and D Class, Pam Constance. The second tournament, on June 25, was the Darrel Thrasher Memorial Tournament, named after the man who was very much responsible for us having a club with the funding and not to forget the Warsaw Shrine Club for the facility. The winners in these classes included: A Class, Bob Renfro; B Class, Jerry Cramer; C Class, Jim Kinney; D Class, Rich Reina; E Class, Leroy Dooley; and F Class, Carl Harris. The third tournament was held on August 13, with the winners: A Class, Carl Folsom; B Class, Al Mundy; C Class, Paul Vaughn; D Class, Rich Reina; E Class, Rodney Hargrave; and F Class, Mark Breshears. The last tournament of the year was held on September 24 and the results were: A Class, Carl Folsom; B Class, Tim Vaughn; C Class, Jeff Spry; D Class, Dean Constance; E Class, Carl Harris; and F Class, Mark Breshears.

All of our club members want to thank everybody who has made this a successful year and for many years to come. Special thanks to the Cobb family for putting on a great feast at each and every tournament. And a "get well" goes out to Loyd Constance, a club member who has had surgery. Thank you all, until next time, "See ya next year."

Shelbina Horseshoe Club

by Scott Raimer

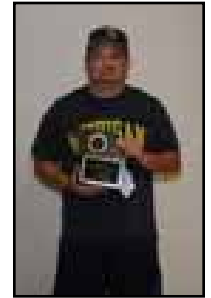
The Shelbina Horseshoe Club (nine adults and seven juniors) conducted its 2011 summer league as a singles handicapped competition. This was conducted Tuesday nights over a seven-week period with the members divided into two shifts. Each shift (7 pm and 8 pm) pitched two 50-shoe count-all games against the same opponent each night. A single round-robin schedule was used so each member on their respective shift competed against the other seven players during the summer. A maximum of three points could be earned per night as each game was worth one point and total

score was worth one point. Fun pitching and friendly competition was had by all.

Amazingly, for the first time in a few years, the club had no league nights rained out! The horseshoe league culminated with an evening packed with awards, pork chops, and potluck fixings on Saturday, August 27. Many fine fixings were brought in by the members and no one left hungry that evening.

Special thanks go out to our club president, Russell Ebbing, for his organizing and running a successful league in 2011. Also, thanks goes out to all of the Shelbina horseshoe club members for their work and assistance that makes each league night run smoother and enjoyable for all participants.

Our 2011 League Awards went to (early shift listed first, then late shift): High Average: Russell Ebbing (52.08 points) and Roger Otto (71.00). High Game: Russell Ebbing (70.00 points) and Pat Heathman (82.00). High Game Over Average: Skip Bickerman (+26 pts over) and Pat Heathman (+36). Sportsmanship: Conner Chinn and Christian Meeker. Rookie of the Year: David Kelchner and Ashley Coe. Most Improved: Don Langdon (+4.27 ringer %) and Roger Otto (+1.5%). League (Shift) Champion: David Kelchner and Christian Meeker.



David Kelchner

Liberty News

by Gregg Craven

Don Harris' family gave us many of his trophies, which Dee McIntire and Elwyn Cooper have displayed neatly in the Arena. I think you will enjoy it next time you visit. Several of you will have played in the Don Harris Memorial when you read this.



We had 27 young people play in the Junior League this summer and 25 pitched their 400 shoes or more. We had six players new to the league and four of them were new MOHPA members. Ten who have pitched in this league over the years were able to pitch in the World Tournament this year. We are very proud of all of the Juniors in MO. League Champions were Savanna Johnson, Jack Roberts, Nickel Craven, Alisha Bravard, Jacob Derrickson, Sarah Johnson, and James Long. James is a new Cadet who told me the first day, "It's been a long time since I pitched horseshoes." Most Improved: Savanna Johnson. High Average, High Game, High Over Average: Devin Wetzel. Most of the Juniors received a patch for their high ringer game. Ashley Craven was voted the Sportsmanship award by the other players.

We just finished our Summer Mixed Leagues. League Champions were as follows. Day League: Larry Gearheart and Harold Turley (both from Kansas). Tuesday Outdoor: Sarah Johnson and Gregg Craven. Tuesday Indoor: Savanna Johnson and Terry Kampe. Most Improved: Wayne Dusenbery (FL), Charlie Baker, Dale Franklin (KS). High Average: Nick DiRaimo and Gregg Craven. High Game: Wayne Dusenbery and Gregg Craven. High Over Average: Hannah Johnson (40 points! She will be pretty high

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on the National Top 10.), Angela DiRaimo, and Lyle Samuelson. 80% Patch for Wayne Dusenbery. Junior Rookie of the Year: Ian Gunter. Adult Rookie of the Year: Jackie Guggisberg. Sportsmanship Awards were voted to Ron Jackson, Larry Gearheart, and Cooper Phipps (Cadet). We are looking forward to seeing some in the Fall Leagues who only pitch with us in fall and/or winter.

We are proud of the Club representation at the last State Tournament. Gregg Craven did an outstanding job in winning the 30 Foot Men's Championship and Nick DiRaimo Jr. is to be congratulated for his induction into the State Hall of Fame. On a sadder note, we mourn the loss of past Club President Lou Frazee. Lou's dedication to horseshoes and to the Liberty Horseshoe Club will always be appreciated by those who served and pitched with him.

Pony Express League

by Karen Goldizen

Hello from Ray Cavin Court in St. Joseph. Summer came and went and we were able to be on the courts once again. We are glad to have Sam Weese join our league. Ray Canchola went home from our banquet with several awards. Moving to 30' has been a real asset for him.

The state tournament is a very good place to see friends you only get to see once a year.

Last words: "This is the best family sport."

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club News

by Jeanette Claas



We had good horseshoe weather until the heat wave hit Missouri and made outdoor horseshoes unbearable. It was so hot in Missouri that the cows were giving evaporated milk.

In May, we held the 18th annual Six Pac Tournament. Unfortunately, due to an end of sponsorship, it would bring an end to a NMHC/QRHC tradition. We wish to thank Harvey Wobbe for sponsoring this tournament all through the past years. Alan Francis was our 40' champion and Herschel Walters won the 30' championship division. We held a dinner and celebration for Harvey on the north courts. We are working on plans to bring about a new tournament to replace the traditional Six Pac Tournament.

In August, the Progress West Health Care Center presented the QRHC with an AED defibrillator. Forty members volunteered for AED and CPR training. The employer of our NHPA President, Stu Sipma, donated the cabinet in which the AED will be stored. We hope we never have to use it, but it is rewarding to know that in case of an emergency there will be people on hand to help save a life if necessary.

We would like to thank Norm Pierce and Audrey Pappas, who underwent a grueling but necessary eight-hour course on "Servsafe" so that our concessions will meet the specifications of the Health Department so we can maintain our license. They also had to take another food preparation course and passed with flying colors.

Our biggest news was the induction of Joe Faron into the

NHPA Hall of Fame. For all the years that Joe has dedicated his service to horseshoes, it was a well-earned spot for him. It was an honor for him and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. We want to congratulate Rich Altis, who was selected by the NHPA council as NHPA League Director of the Year. Another QRHC member, Bob Diekamp, was inducted into the 2011 Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. All three of these people have dedicated much time and service to the sport of horseshoes and have helped to make our club successful.

We had 16 members who traveled to Louisiana for the World Tournament this summer. Those coming in the money (the top six places) were: 1st place, Ree Cutright; 2nd place, Natalie Altis; 3rd place, Don Claas and Jerry Weller; 4th place, Bob Cutright and Larry Langewisch. We wish to thank all the other members who made the trip and participated in the World Tournament.

We completed our Summer League Tournament on August 24. Winning 1st place was the team of Bob and Rose Diekamp, Rich Altis, Don Claas, Jim Howard, and Ray Nadler.

Our sixth session of the Day League began on September 8, with 33 members participating. The courts were filled to capacity with 11 teams, with one team having a bye each week. The league will run through November 17.

On August 4, before league play, we held an emergency meeting to vote on having the electronic scoreboard system installed in our courts and to celebrate the NHPA HOF induction of Joe Faron with cake and refreshments. It was unanimous! The system should be completed in time for the NHPA Halloween Bash.


We had 73 members participate in the 2011 Missouri State Tournament held in Lebanon. We had several 1st place champions. First of all, Rose Diekamp claimed her 8th Women's State title; Andy Foulds captured the Men's Class A Championship title with a 7-0 record; Rose Buehler took 1st in Women's Class D. It was a wonderful facility and nobody complained about the heat. We wish to thank the Doling Park Horseshoe Club and the Pitchers' Paradise Club, Ed Eliason, Jim Caulfield, Marshel Keith, Jim Bainter, and Bob Bastel for all their work and involvement in making the tournament very successful.

It was election time at our September club meeting. Jeanette Claas, President; Andy Foulds, Vice President; and Jim Howard were re-elected for another two-year term.




We have a full fall schedule ahead of us to complete the 2011

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year. We are gearing up for the NHPA Club/League Tournament to be held on Oct. 8-9. This will be followed by QRHC's Fall Team Handicap Tournament on Oct. 22. We are preparing for NHPA's 2nd Halloween Bash on Oct. 29. There will be horse-shoe tournaments and costume contests for adults and children. Watch for the bulletin that will be posted on the NHPA and MO website.

Our biggest project of the year will be the installation of the electronic scoreboards, which will be ready and programmed for the Halloween Tournament. NHPA Vice President Jerry Labrosse, Rob Hageman, and Tina Hawkins will be at the event to make

sure everything is up and running properly. We wish to thank the NHPF and the NHPA for helping to fund this project.

On our sick list are: Pat Griewing, who contracted Rocky Mountain Fever; Shirley Gilchrist, who is suffering with cancer; Mary Altis and Dorie Gillette, who are undergoing treatment for cancer; John Simms, suffering with Myasthenia Gravis; and George Altman, having shoulder surgery. Sincere sympathy is being sent to Ann Strus for the loss of her dear son on September 3 and to Pam Gettinger, whose brother passed away in June.

Until the next issue and the new year, come by and pitch some shoes at the NHPA Hall of Fame facility.

World Tournament Highlights

(Editor's note: The following is a compilation of events reported in the Sept/Oct 2011 issue of Newsline and the listings of Stan Griggs.)

A new champion was recognized in the Men's Division. Brian Simmons outpointed Alan Francis to take home the honors. Senior Men's Champion is Charlie Webb, Elder Men's 30' Champion is Russ Phillips, Women's Champion is Joan Elmore, Senior Women's Champion is Sheila Shepard, Junior Boy's Champion is Joey Mueller, Junior Girl's Champion is Bethany Heinritz, and Cadet's Champion is Bernardo Navarro III.

The first ever "World Tournament Experience" raffle was a tremendous success. Boyd Hageman of neighboring Nebraska took home the honors. Unfortunately, a day after hearing of his success, Boyd suffered a stroke that affected his speech and entire right side of his body. If Boyd is like our own Roy Flatt, a little thing like a stroke won't stop him from cashing in on his prize to Knoxville. He'll just switch hands and be back to compete.

Knowing about the winners of the different classes is good information but knowing of the experience of those near and dear to us is even better. Thanks to Stan Griggs, the following is a list of Missouri participants and how they fared.

Virgle McCown	Men's A-2	7th
Kyle Bidwell	Men's B-1	3rd
Joie Welker	Men's B-2	3rd
Ron Highley	Men's B-2	5th
Jerry Weller	Men's C-2	3rd
Jim Gregory	Men's C-2	6th
Larry Brown	Men's D-2	13th
Owen Moore	Men's E-1	9th
Jesse Dowell	Men's F-1	6th
Danny Wetzel	Men's F-2	6th
Danny Branson	Men's F-2	7th
Keith Johnson	Men's F-2	12th
Kevin Chambers	Men's G-2	10th
Paul Beard Jr.	Men's G-2	13th
Scott Raimer	Men's G-2	15th
Bob Bastel	Men's H-1	6th
Steve Bruemmer	Men's H-1	10th
Michael Gillespie	Men's H-2	6th
James Caulfield	Men's H-2	9th
Larry Anderson	Men's H-2	12th
James Adkins	Men's I-2	5th
Bret Myers	Men's I-2	8th
Ernie Ellermann	Men's I-2	10th
Daniel Olson	Men's J-1	14th
Jim Jones	Men's J-2	7th
Ronald Legrand	Sr. Men's A	4th

Gregg Craven	Men's 30 Ft. A	6th
Don Claas	Men's 30 Ft. C	3rd
Bob Long	Men's 30 Ft. C	5th
Ray Canchola	Men's 30 Ft. C	11th
Al Constance	Men's 30 Ft. D	10th
Ralph Hummel	Men's 30 Ft. E	15th
Alfred Mundy	Men's 30 Ft. F	4th
Elwyn Cooper	Men's 30 Ft. F	10th
Paul Taylor	Men's 30 Ft. F	13th
John Setzer	Men's 30 Ft. G	7th
Dan Couch	Men's 30 Ft. G	12th
James Premer	Men's 30 Ft. G	14th
Douglas Peoples	Men's 30 Ft. H	5th
Franklin Rohlfling	Men's 30 Ft. H	10th
Brady Craven	Men's 30 Ft. H	16th
Marshel Keith	Men's 30 Ft. I	9th
Dean Constance	Men's 30 Ft. I	13th
Larry Langewisch	Men's 30 Ft. J	4th
Bob Beaver	Men's 30 Ft. J	7th
Richard Schmidt	Men's 30 Ft. J	12th
Bob Cutright Sr.	Men's 30 Ft. L	4th
Roy Evans	Men's 30 Ft. L	7th
Rodney Mallinckrodt	Men's 30 Ft. M	3rd
George Chichura	Men's 30 Ft. M	4th
Joe Barry	Men's 30 Ft. M	9th
Audra Craven	Women's B	11th
Roena Branson	Women's B	15th
Donra McCown	Women's D	7th
Mary Beeson	Women's D	13th
Debbie Harris	Women's E	7th
Laura Johnson	Women's E	11th
Joann Jones	Women's E	14th
Ree Cutright	Women's F	1st
Dee McIntire	Women's F	13th
Victoria Highley	Women's G	4th
Melody Downey	Women's G	7th
Sharon Taylor	Women's G	10th
Natalie Altis	Women's H	2nd
Donna Bastel	Women's H	12th
Suzanne Evans	Women's H	13th
Dalton Rakestraw	Jr. A	1st
Nathan Evers	Jr. A	11th
Devin Wetzel	Jr. B	8th
Tyler McCown	Jr. B	9th
Bruce Thomson	Jr. B	11th
Savanna Johnson	Jr. C	9th
Nickel Craven	Jr. D	8th
Ashley Craven	Jr. E	3rd
Sophie Craven	Jr. E	9th

Congratulations to the great Missouri contingent and may we build on our success and be bigger and better in Knoxville, Kentucky, in 2012.

2011-2012 MOHPA Tournament Schedule

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Date	Sanction #	Location	Tournament Name	Contact	E-mail or Cell #
2011					
10/1	19-11-114	Bucyrus	Good Luck Fall Open	McCown 417-967-2791	ddmccow33@Hotmail.com
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
10/8,9	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
10/13 +	19-11-131	Jefferson City	End of League Tournament	M.Bruegger 573-635-9394	
10/15	19-11-090	Liberty	Don Harris Open %	G.Craven 816-781-4132 %	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
10/15	19-11-086	Jefferson City	Octoberfest Open	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
10/15 +	19-11-119	Park Hills	Spooky Cat	McEntire 573-330-2766	delora4306@sbcglobal.net
10/16 +	19-11-125	Glen Allen	Fall is in the Air Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
10/22 +	19-11-122	Festus	Festus Open #6	Smetzer 636-937-2612	
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	19-11-117	Wentzville	Halloween Bash	Altis 314-541-4705	richaltis@juno.com
10/29 c	19-11-087	Jefferson City	Triple Elimination	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdrr@att.net
10/30 +	19-11-126	Glen Allen	Fall Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
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	moshoo@kcnnet.com
11/5 +	19-11-120	Park Hills	Pre - DEAR Season	McEntire 573-330-2766	delora4306@sbcglobal.net
11/5 c	19-11-067	Wentzville	QRHC vs Capitol City HC	Duke 636-233-0369	pegsandpits@yahoo.com,
11/6 +	19-11-127	Glen Allen	Yee Haw Special	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
11/12,13	19-11-007	Sunrise Beach	Turkey Stakes Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
11/19	19-11-115	Bucyrus	Good Luck Gobbler	McCown 417-967-2791	ddmccow33@Hotmail.com
11/19 +	19-11-123	Festus	Festus Open #7	Smetzer 636-937-2612	
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
11/27 +	19-11-128	Glen Allen	Holiday Leftover Special	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
12/3	19-11-093	Liberty	Harvesters Food Network Benefit %	D.McIntire 816-452-0254	dinetamcintire@att.net
12/3 +	19-11-121	Park Hills	Bah Hum Bug	McEntire 573-330-2766	delora4306@sbcglobal.net
12/3,4	19-11-042	Crane	Christmas is Coming	Hudson 417-723-5429	
12/4 +	19-11-129	Glen Allen	HO!HO!HO! Holiday Tournament	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
12/10 +	19-11-110	Liberty	Missouri vs Kansas @Don Harris %	Cooper 816-741-0043	ipitch6@hotmail.com
12/10	19-11-056	Wentzville	Jingle Bell Rock	Moreland 636-265-2674	mark.moreland@charter.net
12/10,11	19-11-008	Sunrise Beach	Snowball Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
12/17	19-11-116	Bucyrus	Good Luck Santa	McCown 417-967-2791	ddmccow33@Hotmail.com
12/17	19-11-124	Festus	Festus Open #8	Smetzer 636-937-2612	
12/18 +	19-11-130	Glen Allen	Bah-Humbug Scrooge Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2012					
1/7,8 +	19-12-021	Crane	January Thaw	Hudson 417-723-5429	
1/7 +	19-12-032	Liberty	Happy New Year @Don Harris %	G.Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
1/8 +	19-12-041	Glen Allen	Icicle Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
1/14 +	19-12-010	Wentzville	Superbowl Tournament	Roehrig 636-433-5098	groehrig24mail.com
1/14,15 +	19-12-013	Sunrise Beach	Cool Shoe Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
1/21 +	19-12-006	Bucyrus	Good Luck Snowball	McCown 417-967-2791	ddmccow33@Hotmail.com
1/21 +	19-12-033	Liberty	Deep Freeze @Harris Arena%	B.Craven 816-781-7581	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
1/22 +	19-12-042	Glen Allen	Snowball Extravaganza!	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/4 +	19-12-034	Liberty	Independence Memorial @Harris %	Henderson 816-257-1853	waynepam@juno.com
2/4,5 +	19-12-022	Crane	Almost Spring	Hudson 417-723-5429	
2/5 +	19-12-043	Glen Allen	Sweetheart Valentine Tournament	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/11 +	19-12-011	Wentzville	Happy Hearts Tournament	Foulds 636-583-6446	jankandyf@esagelink.com
2/11,12	19-12-014	Sunrise Beach	Peg in My Heart Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net

2/18 +	19-12-007	Bucyrus	Good Luck Valentine	McCown 417-967-2791	ddmccow33@Hotmail.com
2/18 +	19-12-035	Liberty	Window of Opportunity @Harris %	Straughn 816-246-0310	nmstraughn@sbcglobal.net
2/19 +	19-12-044	Glen Allen	Birthday Party Blowout	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/25 +	19-12-012	Wentzville	Spring Team Handicap Tournament	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
3/3 +	19-12-036	Liberty	Robin Red Breast @Harris %	B.Craven 816-781-7581	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
3/3 +	19-12-045	Glen Allen	Spring is in the Air	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
3/3,4	19-12-023	Crane	Spring is Coming	Hudson 417-723-5429	
3/10,11 +	19-12-015	Sunrise Beach	Daylight Savings Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
3/17 +	19-12-008	Bucyrus	Good Luck Saint Pats	McCown 417-967-2791	ddmccow33@Hotmail.com
3/17 +	19-12-037	Liberty	Cancer Action Benefit @Harris %	Cooper 816-741-0043	ipitch6@hotmail.com
3/17 +	19-12-051	Wentzville	Shamrock Fling	Rahe 636-462-6337	gdrahe@centurytel.net
3/18 +	19-12-046	Glen Allen	Spring Ringer Flinger	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
3/31 +	19-12-061	Jefferson City	March Madness	S.Bruemmer 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net

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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.

Points to Ponder

by Stan Griggs

I was asked by Elizabeth to write up some “Points to Ponder” that one might find useful in their journey of this great game we play. I am into my 35th year of pitching and I have pondered many a point from some of the great horseshoe pitchers around.

Let’s start at the beginning, back in 1976 I joined this association as a young 12-year old wild boy. The first two years, I threw a flip shoe (Gordon) and raised my average from 6% to nearly 35%. In the spring of ’78, at the persuasion of two-time Missouri Men’s

State Champion, Lillard Pinion, I switched my delivery from that flip to a 1¼ turn; four months later, I won my first Missouri Junior’s State Title with a 61.0% average, which at that time was a Missouri Junior State record for complete tournament average. Was the change in style the reason for the increase of percent? I cannot say for sure, but I feel that finding what works best for you and then sticking with it and perfecting your craft is an important attribute in this game. There truly is not a wrong way of pitching a shoe, I have witnessed this first-hand on the courts, with a gentleman or two who make their shoes turn the wrong way (Alan Francis and Ron Frakes), and others that step off the wrong foot (Elwyn Cooper and Ken Pogue). So it’s not the wrong way or wrong foot, it has to be “your way” and then you need to practice to perfect your way.

Learn from the competition you endure and be thankful that there is competition today. Back in the 70s and 80s, there was no such thing as mixed pitching—junior’s pitched against junior’s, women pitched against women, and men pitched against men. With that being said, the playing field was often not equal, as one might be blown out of a game with little or no chance to win, and on the reverse, the other pitcher would not have an opponent pressuring them to pitch their best. This truly was a no-win situation for both opponents. I stress that point now so that many who have not known anything other than mixed pitching might reconsider their mind-set about pitching mixed tournaments. Be thankful your next game has a good chance of being a very competitive game.

After a brief junior’s career (five years) and then a short four-year stint in the US Navy, I returned back to Missouri and picked up my game seriously. I was very fortunate as a junior to have a top-notch mentor take me under his wing and teach me some very important lessons about the game of horseshoes, that being Lillard Pinion. I was double blessed with another mentor to continue the process in the adult ranks, as this became a completely different game, due to competition level, pressure, consistency, and court

etiquette. I always think of him as “Coop” but you may know him as Elwyn Cooper.

One of the first things I remember Coop telling me, and I still think of it today, was “Drive that stake.” If you put a nice arch on your shoe and drive the stake, you will lose fewer ringers. A shoe high on the stake will many times come off, but a short shoe can come off and also just be short of a ringer. Watch some of the best, and they will always constantly have their shoe hit the stake with a solid drive. I picked up many tips from Coop over all the years he and I pitched together and against one another, traveling to many world tournaments together: grit, determination, and to never give

up no matter the score. Here is just one example why: In a tournament in Topeka, Kansas, where they did not have scoreboards and you could not tell what the score of the game was, Coop was pitching against the Kansas State Champion, Merlin Potts. The game was going on for some time, and finally Coop was not able to withstand the suspense any longer and asked the scorekeeper what the score was. Merlin was winning the game 39-0. I’ll have you know that Merlin did not score another point and Coop won that game 40-39. Grit, determination, and never giving up—that is what Coop exemplified to me as a young pitcher back in the 80s as I was trying to make myself a better pitcher.

A couple other points that I have always tried to stick by were told to me by a very good pitching friend from Iowa, Kevin Cone, the 1992 Men’s World Champion. He told me many years ago that he was told by another great legend from

Iowa, Glen “Red” Henton, that while you are practicing, never quit with an open stake. Many people will have a long streak of doubles and decide they will quit their practice session as soon as they have a miss. Instead, when you miss, make another round and try to finish up with doubles. Imagine if this was a game, you would not want the game to end with a miss, but with ringers. The other item Kevin shared with me that stuck with me all these years is that, while you are practicing, if you are struggling and not really concentrating and focusing, if you are basically going through the motions and just putting your time in, is it better for you to step off the courts and stop pitching, as this is where bad habits and techniques can be picked up that can be very difficult to correct down the road. A solid and concentrated 50 to 100 shoe practice session is much more beneficial than a 200 to 300 shoe practice session where you are just going through the motions with little or no concentration.

Did you know that Alan Francis will practice about five days a week during the summer, but each day his session is only about 15 to 30 minutes? That’s about enough time to pitch 50 to 100 shoes.





What's That Rule?

by Rich Altis

Usually at the World or the State Tournament something will come up to inspire a "What's That Rule?" article. No exception this year.

Before I get to that, I want to thank all of the people that had a hand in setting up and working this tournament. You should be very proud of the success of the State Tournament. What a great place that was to pitch in! I am looking forward to being there next year.

After a delicious meal at the awards banquet, Nick DiRaimo and Bob Diekamp were inducted into the MOHPA Hall of Fame. These are two very deserving people that have supported their clubs and the MOHPA. I would like to congratulate them both.

I also want to congratulate the 2011 State Tournament champions, the runner ups, the ones that placed, and the players that came and pitched but did not take home a trophy. You are all to be commended on your effort and your desire to win.

This tournament, from a judge's view, was one of the best that I have worked in the last few years.

There were very few infractions and no pitching complaints (that I heard). There were some complaints from the spectators about not being able to see the score cards or the player's standings for the pitchers using courts 21 thru 24. I was told that next year there will be a set of bleachers for those courts.

I judged the Saturday morning shift and part of the afternoon shift. I judged the Sunday morning shift and pitched at 1:30 on Sunday afternoon. On Monday morning, during the Elders competition, I judged the Championship, A, and B classes. At the end of the seventh round in the Championship class, I was checking the players' standings for a possible playoff game. One of the A class pitchers came up next to me and said, "I am very disappointed in you". I just looked at him and he repeated, "I am disappointed in you". He was telling me for the third time how disappointed he was and I said, "Yes?" He replied, "You were all over the foul line, and you're the one that writes about the rules. I'm disappointed." I said to him "You've seen me all over the foul line?" He said "Yes, all over the foul line." I said to him, "You think because I write about the rules that I will never step on a foul line?" I asked, "When you saw me on the foul line, did you inform anyone, a judge, one of the officers, or even one of the players?" He said, "No." Then he said "I didn't say this to

A word about the people that crowd the foul line while pitching. If your pitching step lands an inch or two short of the foul line it is just a matter of time until you are on or over the line. As the pressure of the game takes over and you find yourself dropping behind in the score, most players have a tendency to reach out a little further and also take a little longer step. As a judge I have seen it hundreds of times and as a player I find myself doing the same thing that I see others doing. At the World tournament last year I had two shoes pulled in the space of five minutes. With a forced smile and through clenched teeth I said "thank you". I got the message.

—Taken from the October 2010 "What's That Rule?"

make you mad." I said "I'm not mad, I do have the Championship playoff game to get started." After the playoff game, I helped the guys break down the court dividers and get everything off the carpet except for the pits, which they were going to move the next day.

On the way home, I had plenty of time to think about the conversation between the player and myself. Like I said, I am not mad at him but I am disappointed. I'm disappointed that he would sit there and watch me take advantage of the other pitcher. I'm disappointed that the spirit of fair play didn't move him to get a judge or tournament official. I am disappointed that he would think that I would do that on purpose and I am disappointed that he would wait until the next day, when his pitching in this tournament was finished, before speaking up.

I'm proud of Michel Bowman. In game two, he put his arm on my shoulder and quietly said, "Rich, you're stepping over the foul line," to which I replied, "Thanks, Michael, I'm sorry about that and I will move back."

The topic for the next issue will be Medical Exemptions: What is the intent of the exemption, how do you get an exemption, and how often they should be reviewed.

2011 Longevity Patch Recipients

by Vicki Winston, MOHPA Sec/Treas.

The following people earned Longevity Patches from the NHPA for the 2011 membership year. Their names were read at the state tournament banquet and if they weren't present, either a club member picked up their patch for them or I mailed the patch to them after the state tournament was over. We thank all of you for your continued support of organized horseshoe pitching.

10 Year Patches

Daniel W. Allen
Stan Bailey
Kyle Bidwell
Leroy Dooley
Jesse Dowell
Mike Fadler
Elizabeth Furner
Victoria Highley
Paul Hudson
Bobbie G. Jones
Terry Kampe
Bruce Kidd
Dale Lindemann
Mervyn Moeller
Erika Myler
Franklin Rohlfing
Terrie Rose
Mark Schepers
Steve Steck
Wesley Stoverink
Karen Timmermeier
Paul Van Evercooren

20 Year Patches

Richard Altis
Floyd Beeson
Terry Bishop
Addison "Ed" Blakley
James Collins
Mary Duke
Johnny Egeland
Andrew Foulds
Francis Griesbauer
Ken Heithhoff
Ron Highley
Terry Highley
Bobby G. Hosey
Jan Kreienkamp
John Loyd
Ron McKinney
Jane Reed
Gary Rehm
Elmer Van Buren

30 Year Patches

Randy Grady
Alvin Gwinn
Charles Lee Hamilton

Softball player, 75, hangs up her cleats

After playing 51 consecutive years, Mary Duke finally retires.

by Susan Weich, STL Community

Mary Duke's softball team lost its church league championship game 5-0, but afterward both teams gathered around, clapping and chanting, "Duke, Duke, Duke." They weren't celebrating one of Duke's plays, but the end of an era in recreational sports. At 75, Duke was retiring, ending her 51 consecutive seasons.

As the women surrounded home plate at St. Ferdinand Park in Florissant last month, Duke's daughter, Sharon Duke, presented her mom with a dozen red roses. "I started crying like a big baby," Mary Duke said. "It was pretty emotional for me."

After this summer's excessive heat got to her on several occasions, she decided it was time to stop playing.

"She was not a home run hitter, but you always knew that Mary was going to hit well and get on base," said Marge Mann, 68, who managed Duke's team, Florissant Valley Baptist Church.

Duke credited her ability to get on base with a tip from the late Mel Brown, the coach of her first recreational team. "He taught me what you had to do when you bunt, you just hit the ball and run like the devil," she said. "I still have speed to this day, surprisingly enough; well, at least it surprises the other team."

Duke could play any position, but after she switched to the slow-pitch version of the game, she most often could be found on the mound. Fay Goad, 87, a former umpire, said Duke was the best pitcher in the league. "You have to throw an arch of 12 feet, and she was right on it," he said. "I very seldom had to call an illegal pitch on her, and she had the distance down good."

Duke's biggest asset, her teammates said, was her sportsmanship. "She always cheered people on and never put anybody down because they messed up," said Mann. "She's always been that way, just a positive and upbeat lady, and you could always depend on her to show up to the game."

Duke said her philosophy was to play for the fun of it. "But that didn't mean I didn't play to win," she said.

Duke first was exposed to baseball at Garfield Grade School in Pine Lawn, where she grew up. "My girlfriend and I would sit on the hill there and watch the guys play," she said. "When some of them would get called home to lunch, they would ask us if we wanted to come down on the field, and we learned to catch the ball bare-handed."

Duke never played organized sports until she got to Normandy High School, where she won on the field hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball teams. After high school, Duke got married and was a stay-at-home mom with two children when her neighbor asked her if she wanted to play on a co-ed softball team. She not only played herself, but as her daughter, Sheila and son, Dennis, grew up, she coached their teams. "My mom was truly inspired by sports," said Sheila Duke, 44, of Wentzville. "She taught me how to be a team player, to back people up, and that lesson continues to affect me in my life now."

As the years went on, Duke's teammates got younger and younger. Instead of her peers, her teammates were her children and the kids she had coached, and in some cases, the children of those players. "I could almost always count on being the oldest on the team," she said.

Duke was powered by her good health—she gives God the

credit—and her youthful appearance. "I'll tell you, Mary doesn't have a gray hair," said Mann. "I'm her hairdresser, so I would know. Nobody would ever think that she is the age that she is."

And seeing her come out year after year was inspiring to the younger players. "She's got me to where I can't quit," said Carolyn Brown, 49. "I say, 'Well, Mary Duke's still playing, and if she can still play, then I can still play.'"

Duke's whole life hasn't revolved around softball. She played in a volleyball league until two years ago, and she continues to pitch horseshoes in a league. She's competed in several sports in the Senior Olympics, and has a roomful of trophies to show for it. In her spare time, she like to fish with her boyfriend, Roger Schnur, bake meringue pies and cut the grass at her St. Charles home.

"I feel like sports have been what kept me going; the field is truly where my heart is," she said.

Mary Duke and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club

by Jeanette Claas

Most of us at QRHC have always known that Mary plays a lot of different sports, we just didn't know how she could continue on all these years especially as she got older and in the hot months of summer. But Mary has always been a trooper no matter what she does. On the courts at Quail Ridge, Mary is a highly competitive person; you never want to count her out. She has won her share of horseshoe trophies throughout the years. Mary has been a member of the NHPA for 20 years and pitched at Golden Triangle ball park when horseshoes was first starting in this area. She has been team captain of many horseshoe teams and served as Tournament Director in many tournaments. As a volunteer at QRHC, Mary is #1 and does her special cleaning whenever Clean-Up Day rolls around. No one cleans it like Mary! She is known for many things at QR, but especially for her chocolate coconut cream and lemon meringue pies. It is been noted that when Mary brings pies to functions, people get their dessert first! And if you have ever tasted them, you will know why. Mary is a great asset to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. We want to congratulate Mary for her athletic talents and achievements in every sport she has participated in, and we hope she never retires from horseshoes!



2012 World Tournament

by Jerry LaBrosse NHPA Charter Communications

The correct dates for the 2012 World Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee, are July 30 through August 11, 2012. Make your plans early to attend this tournament. It's going to be another great one.

There will another "World Tournament Experience" raffle this year. The prize package will be for the 2013 World Tournament in St. George, Utah, but the winner will be drawn at the 2012 World Tournament in Knoxville. Stay tuned for the details coming out over the winter. Thank you to all of you who purchased tickets for this year's raffle. The proceeds were divided between the NHPA and the NHPF. The NHPA will be using their portion to expand and enhance the new electronic scoring system we now use at the World Tournament.

A note from Lorraine Sternberg, NHPA Sanctioned League Program Director: November 15 is the deadline for submitting scholarship forms for those juniors that pitch on sanctioned league. You can obtain a form from Lorraine by e-mailing me: horshoewi@aol.com.

Top Trophy Winners

2011 World Tournament, Monroe, Louisiana

State	Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Winners
Texas	90	4	9	3	16
Wisconsin	38	4	2	4	10
Colorado	21	2	4	4	10
Missouri	76	2	1	6	9
Illinois	49	5	1	3	9
Ohio	41	4	2	3	9
Indiana	32	5	2	1	8
California	28	3	0	5	8
Louisiana	47	2	1	4	7
Arkansas	31	4	2	1	7
Minnesota	28	2	3	2	7
Kansas	26	3	2	2	7
Florida	19	3	1	2	6
Kentucky	25	1	3	1	5
Virginia	15	0	4	1	5
Tennessee	11	3	2	0	5

(Information from Colorado's *Double Ringer*.)

2011 MOHPA State Champions



Men	Michael Bowman
Women	Rose Diekamp
Elders (30 ft.)	Gregg Craven
Junior Boys	Dalton Rakestraw
Junior Girls	Kelcee Davault
Cadets	Ryan Schepers
Doubles	Bob Outt and Rose Diekamp

Friend or Foe

by Elizabeth Furner

This thing goes with me everywhere
In all I do, it wants to share.
I allow it free passage, it's in my head.
I can't seem to be rid of it. It simply won't shed.

This thing I find jealous when I want to advance.
It puts questions, suggestions – "Why take a chance?"
If it tells me no and I really want yes,
It may offer – "You really think that's best?"

In horseshoes, I'd like to better my score.
To this thing it's as if I declared war.
"Your approach is all wrong; delivery substandard."
"You have the wrong shoes." It says with great candor.

I look all about, I just want to shout.
What is this thing that's holding me back?
It won't give an inch.
Won't cut any slack.

"My name is Doubt." I hear in my ear.
"I'm here with my best friend, you may know as Fear.
Our job is to hold you right where you are.
Betterment is not what we see in your cards."

I need to be rid of this foe known as Doubt.
What must I do I fairly shout?
I must seek a change, remove from this din.
Who is the friend, what is the antonym?

The answer is sounding,
It is resounding.
Confidence is now my new found companion.
The one that I need to become champion.

With my new friend at the line now I do know
I am totally capable of making the throw.
I stare at the stake, concentrate hard.
I throw double ringers in my own backyard.

Now I ask you today, as you start to play,
To choose as your foe or your friend?
One holds you down, allows you no crown.
The other could a victory send.



Y.E.A.H. (Youth Excited About Horseshoes)

by Melody Williams

I would like to start out by thanking all of our Junior pitchers throughout the state for all their help and support to all of us during the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament this year! I felt like they all jumped in and helped out whenever or wherever they were needed; great job, keep up the good work! You are our horseshoe future!

Congratulations to all our Junior participants at the Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament this year! We crowned a new Girls' Junior Champion, Kelcee Davault. Once again, the reigning champion of the Boys' Junior Championship Division was Dalton Rakestraw. Congratulations to both of you! We are proud of all of our Juniors and Cadets with their performance during the tournament! They all demonstrated an excellent show of sportsmanship also!

This year in the Cadet Division, we had two cousins vying for the title. They were really both troopers. This was quite emotional for all involved (me included). They were soooo competitive! There were a few emotional tears shed but I explained to them

both that even the adults cry sometimes over horseshoes. This was really a learning experience for all of us involved. Give these Cadets an "A" for effort.

I encourage all Juniors to get involved in the sport of horseshoes and learn all that they can about it while they are still young and willing to learn. This will really help you out with a lot of aspects in growing up. You will learn a lot about sportsmanship, leadership, and working with other people; get experience from your elders that will last a lifetime! I would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., who help teach all of you the sport of horseshoes as well as the guidance they give you in your youth!

Hope to see all of you out on the courts somewhere soon. Don't put your horseshoes away for the winter just because you think the season is over. It is just beginning for all of you. If anyone has any questions regarding Junior Horseshoe Pitching, please let me know. I will do the best I can to try to answer them!

Have a great Fall/Winter/Holiday season!

Local High School FFA Members Learn Horseshoes


by Scott Raimer

On Thursday, June 23, 26 FFA (Future Farmers of America) members from South Shelby High School came over to the Shelbina Library Horseshoe Courts to learn about horseshoe pitching. Their academic leader, Mr. Terry Larrick, wanted the students to expand their learning and for them to experience horseshoe pitching. Mr. Larrick and Pat Heathman from the Shelbina horseshoe club have been long-time friends and the subject of horseshoe pitching came up in conversation one day. Mr. Larrick and Pat agreed that the students should get together one afternoon and evening to get introduced to horseshoe pitching.



Pat and his sons, David, Gabe, and Noah, decided that they would take on the task of having the FFA come to the courts and demonstrate to them the sport of horseshoe pitching. They started by demonstrating how to prepare the blue clay pits and proper maintenance of them for horseshoe pitching. Next, he and the boys showed them the basics on how to pitch a horseshoe as well as the proper etiquette when throwing against an opponent.

After everyone was given demonstrations on pitching, it was their turn to pitch and compete amongst their group. The members were given horseshoes and divided into two groups. Each group pitched singles in a single-elimination tournament. The games were 15-point cancellation. The winners of each group played each other for a singles champion. After the singles were finished, they were again split into two groups and paired with a partner. They then played a single-elimination doubles tournament that also was a 15-point cancellation game. The winners of those two groups played each other for the doubles champions. All of the students had a great time and were looking forward to the next time they could pitch some horseshoes.



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Junior League, Don Harris Arena



At Horseshoe Camp, Kids Are Real Ringer

by Robert A. Cronkleton *"The Kansas City Star"*

The sound of steel striking steel rang out across the tranquility of Stocksdale Park in eastern Liberty last week.

But there wasn't any construction going on. Rather it was the clanking of horseshoes pitched by 25 children.

For five days, the children, ages 6 to 16, played in a juniors-only league put on by the Liberty Horseshoe Club where they learned how to pitch shoes and play games. Each day consisted of three games of 34 shoes per game.

"We find it's kind of hard to get the juniors together on a schedule for a normal league where we play several weeks like we do in the (adult) mixed league because they have so much going on," Gregg Craven, the league director of the Liberty Horseshoe Club. "We just pick out one week kind of between summer school and Bible school and all that. The Fourth of July seems to work very well."

For about five years, the Liberty Horseshoe Club has been putting on the week-long league. The children varied in skill level, from beginners to a few who will go to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's World Tournament that begins next week in Monroe, La.

Kylea Roberts, 12, of Lee's Summit has been pitching horseshoes for about five years. "It is fun getting out and doing something that people don't usually do," she said. Her grandparents got her interested by telling her it was a fun sport and encouraging her to try it.

Like Kylea, many of the other children were grandchildren of someone in the Liberty Club. The club sees the young kids as a way to keep the sport alive. "Our average age is getting older and older and we have about 12,000 (members) nationwide," Craven said. "We are declining a little bit so we are trying to do our part to keep it going."

He laments that a lot of people who are now middle-aged haven't picked up the sport. "I guess we didn't have time to get our

kids going on it or they weren't all that interested," Craven said. So now they are trying to spark that interest in their grandchildren.

"We're giving them a little exposure and maybe with this exposure, if they don't stick with it right now, maybe later on they will say, 'That was fun. Let's try it again,'" he said.

Craven said he doesn't have any magical words that get children interested in the sport. "It's not very much what you say, rather it's just getting a hold of the horseshoe and starting to pitch it," Craven said. "First they are trying to get it to stay in the pit. When they become successful in that, they start earning points. After they do that, they learn how to get it (the horseshoe) to come in open and flat and they start getting ringers," he said. "The ringers are pretty exciting, even for the older people."

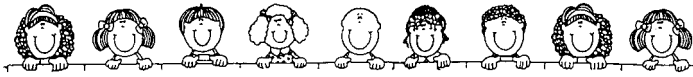
Jayden Milner, 9, of Kansas City, North, said she played in the league after being approached by friends from church. "I was really happy because I had never done it before. This is my first time," she said. "I learned how to pitch a horseshoe and how to count it up. It was kind of hard counting it up at first, but since I've been here five days, I got used to it."

Jaydin said she wants to get a horseshoe pit at her home and tell her friends to get them interested in the game. Jaydin said she got six ringers during the week. "I just get really excited whenever I get it," Jaydin said. "I kind of jump up and down and kind of scream when I do," she added.

Alec Craven, 12, of Lexington, Ky., said he likes the sport because if you don't do well, you can't blame anyone but yourself. "That makes it a lot more challenging," said Alec, who is a great-nephew of Gregg Craven. Alec said he got started playing because his family was involved.

So what is the trick in throwing the perfect shoe? "There is no trick," Alec said. "It just takes practice."

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Youth Profile Information

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

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

- Name and Parents' Names:

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

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

- Hobbies:

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

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

- Do you have pets?

- Do you participate in any other sports?

- Number of tournaments you have entered. Any wins?

- What is your horseshoe average?

- Who encouraged you and got you started in horseshoes?

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

- What do you want to accomplish in horseshoes?

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

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

The Stats of the State

Compiled by Stan Griggs

At the conclusion of the 86th Annual Missouri State Championships in Lebanon, Missouri, the following stats and records have been inscribed into our history.

Host Sites

46 Times	Sedalia	1921-1977
7 Times	Independence	1985-2007
6 Times	Neosho	1946-1953
6 Times	St. Joseph	1978-2001
6 Times	New Melle	1990-2000
3 Times	Jefferson City	1987-2006
2 Times	Springfield	1983-1984
2 Times	Strafford	2003-2004
2 Times	Wentzville	2008-2009
1 Time	Columbia	1980
1 Time	Crane	1988
1 Time	Park Hills	1998
1 Time	Festus	2002
1 Time	Glen Allen	2010
1 Time	Lebanon	2011

Men's Division

- Michael Bowman won his first Men's State Title
- | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| 15 Titles | Dave Baker | Wentworth |
| 10 Titles | Alan Francis | Blythedale |
| 8 Titles | Stan Griggs | Raytown |
| 6 Titles | John Elkins | Neosho |
| 6 Titles | Paul Latray | Webster Groves |
| 4 Titles | Sam Carter | St. Clair |
| 4 Titles | Tom Meagher | Kansas City |
| 3 Titles | Bob Bales | Kansas City |
| 2 Titles | C.C Davis | Kansas City |
| 2 Titles | Jack Erwin | Independence |
| 2 Titles | Charles Killgore | Plattsburg |
| 2 Titles | Lilliard Pinion | St. Joseph |
| 2 Titles | Lawrence Robinson | Polo |
| 2 Titles | Ed Walls | St. Joseph |
| 2 Titles | M.O. Turner | Odessa |
| 1 Title | Earl Winston | LaMonte |
| 1 Title | Randall Grady | Benton |
| 1 Title | Rich Altis | Ballwin |
| 1 Title | Michael Bowman | Archie |
- 192 men have pitched in the Men's Championship Class over the 86 year history
 - 1 women has pitched in that same class (Vicki Winston, 1964)
 - 31 of them have won a Men's State Title
 - 36 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

Women's Division -

- Rose Diekamp won her eighth Women's State Title
- | | | |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| 20 Titles | Vicki Winston | LaMonte |
| 8 Titles | Rose Diekamp | O'Fallon |
| 3 Titles | Pam Henderson | Independence |
| 1 Title | Loree Meier | Independence |
| 1 Title | Tracy Sherman | O'Fallon |
| 1 Title | Jan Kreienkamp | Union |
| 1 Title | Mary Vogel | Kansas City |
| 1 Title | Tamra Jenkins | Camdenton |
- 63 women have pitched in the Women's Championship Class in the 36 year history of this class.
 - 8 of them have won a Women's State Title
 - 5 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

Junior Boys' Division

- Dalton Rakestraw won his second Junior Boy's State Title
- | | | |
|----------|------------------|-------------|
| 6 Titles | Alan Francis | Blythedale |
| 5 Titles | Brett Francis | Blythedale |
| 5 Titles | Tyler Elfrink | Leopold |
| 4 Titles | Danny Plute | Warrensburg |
| 3 Titles | Steve Barnes | Odessa |
| 3 Titles | Levi Blevins | Galena |
| 3 Title | Michael Bowman | Archie |
| 2 Titles | Stan Griggs | St. Joseph |
| 2 Titles | Dalton Rakestraw | West Plains |
| 1 Title | Jake Kluesner | Oran |
| 1 Title | Martin Williams | Glen Allen |
- 129 juniors have pitched in the Junior Boy's Championship Class in the 46 year history of this class
 - 22 of them have won a Junior Boy's State Title
 - 2 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

Seniors' Division

- | | | |
|----------|----------------------|---------------|
| 6 Titles | Mick Gillette | Warrenton |
| 4 Titles | Wayne Trautwein | Kansas City |
| 3 Titles | Don Harris | Smithville |
| 3 Titles | William "Lou" Rector | Appleton City |
| 3 Titles | Clifford Collins Sr. | Hawk Point |
| 2 Titles | Steve Hrabovsky | St. Louis |
| 1 Title | Earl Winston | LaMonte |
| 1 Title | Don Mercier | Jennings |
| 1 Title | Bob Diekamp | O'Fallon |
| 1 Title | Ronnie Attebery | Ewing |
| 1 Title | Bob Outt | Neosho |
| 1 Title | Sam Carter | St. Clair |
- 97 seniors have pitched in the Senior's Championship Class in the 36 year history of this class
 - 20 of them have won a Senior's State Title
 - 17 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

30 Ft. Men's Division

- Gregg Craven won his first 30 Ft. Men's State Title
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|----------|----------------------|---------------|
| 9 Titles | Don Harris | Smithville |
| 2 Titles | Tom Ebers | Kansas City |
| 2 Titles | Nick DiRaimo | Kansas City |
| 1 Title | Woody Juncker | Independence |
| 1 Title | L.C. Kelly | Old Monroe |
| 1 Title | Dick Cotter | St. Louis |
| 1 Title | William "Lou" Rector | Appleton City |
| 1 Title | Frank Miles | Crestwood |
| 1 Title | Bob Long | Webb City |
| 1 Title | Carlyle Gricks Jr. | Diamond |
| 1 Title | Rick McEnitre | Park Hills |
| 1 Title | Gregg Craven | Liberty |
- 56 Men have pitched in the 30 Ft. Men's Championship Class in the 22 year history of this class
 - 12 of them have won a 30 Ft Men's State Title
 - 8 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

Multiple Title Count

- Listing of total State Titles won

Total	Pitcher	Divisions
21 Titles	Vicki Winston	20 Women, 1 Doubles
16 Titles	Alan Francis	10 Men, 6 Juniors
15 Titles	Dave Baker	15 Men
14 Titles	Rose Diekamp	8 Women, 6 Doubles
12 Titles	Don Harris	9 30ft, 3 Seniors
10 Titles	Stan Griggs	8 Men, 2 Juniors
8 Titles	Sam Carter	4 Men, 3 Doubles, 1 Seniors
6 Titles	John Elkins	6 Men
6 Titles	Paul Latratty	6 Men
6 Titles	Mick Gillette	6 Seniors
5 Titles	Tyler Elfrink	5 Juniors
5 Titles	Brett Francis	5 Juniors
5 Titles	William Lou Rector	3 Seniors, 1 30ft, 1 Doubles
4 Titles	Pam Henderson	3 Women, 1 Doubles
4 Titles	Tom Meagher	4 Men
4 Titles	Danny Plute	4 Juniors
4 Titles	Wayne Trautwein	4 Seniors
4 Titles	Earl Winston	1 Men, 1 Seniors, 2 Doubles
4 Titles	Rich Altis	4 Men, 3 Doubles
4 Titles	Michael Bowman	1 Men, 3 Boys
3 Titles	Bob Bales	3 Men
3 Titles	Steve Barnes	3 Juniors
3 Titles	Levi Blevins	3 Juniors
3 Titles	Cliff Collins	3 Seniors
3 Titles	Steve Hrabovsky	2 Seniors, 1 Doubles
3 Titles	Nathan Evers	3 Cadets
3 Titles	Tori Vandeven	3 Girls
3 Titles	Dan Hobbs	3 Doubles
3 Titles	Nick DiRaimo	2 30ft, 1 Doubles
2 Titles	Erika Bowman	2 Girls
2 Titles	C.C. Davis	2 Men
2 Titles	Tom Ebers	2 30ft
2 Titles	Jack Erwin	2 Men
2 Titles	Jim Howard	2 Doubles
2 Titles	Charles Killgore	2 Men
2 Titles	Lilliard Pinion	2 Men
2 Titles	Lawrence Robinson	2 Men
2 Titles	Ed Walls	2 Men
2 Titles	M.O. Turner	2 Men
2 Titles	Bob Outt	1 30ft, 1 Doubles

2011 MOHPA Club/Team Report

by Donna Bastel

This year, the MOHPA Club/Team Tournament was held at the Quail Ridge courts in Wentzville. This MOHPA fundraiser is part of the effort to belay some of the association expenses.

We had 60 adult entries and 2 juniors. The “good news” is there were 12 teams. The “not the best news” is this represented less than 1/3 of the clubs in the state. There were five clubs represented: Heart of America, 1 team; Lake of the Ozarks, 1 team; Liberty, 5 teams; Mountain View, 1 team; and Quail Ridge, 4 teams.

The 3rd place team, with 25 team points and a winning percentage of 48.6%, was the Lake of the Ozarks Ringers.

The 2nd place team, with 25 team points and a winning percentage of 54.3%, was the Heart of America Team.

The 2011 Club/Team champions, with 28 team points, was the “Pits Crew” from Liberty: Paul Taylor, Bob Beaver, Pat Greiwing, Connie Trautwein, and Natalie Altis. The 2011 MOHPA Club/Team champion plaque was presented to Dee McIntire, Liberty Club President, to be displayed at the Harris Arena.

The Liberty club has also put in a bid to host the 2012 Club/Team tournament. It will be held in Liberty on June 2, 2012.

A New Kid on the Block

by Bob Bastel

(This article was prepared for the May issue of Shoe Biz. We apologize for the late printing but it certainly does not diminish our thanks for the great effort by this fine couple and the crew who made it all possible.)

Congratulations, a new indoor pitching facility is now up and running in the Ozarks! The Good Luck Horseshoe Courts have been completed and sanctioned and are ready to host tournaments in the upcoming season. This facility was built by Virgle and Donra McCown on their own property with help from family and friends. They are located on Hwy 17 just 5 ½ miles south of Success. There are three courts with more than adequate space on all sides; they are well lit and clearly marked.

After seeing the facility, it was obvious a student of our sport was involved. It was quite apparent that a lot of thought, work, and love of our sport went into the design and construction.

I would like to encourage everyone to make the trip to pitch in this great facility. They have scheduled one tournament a month October through April. Find their tournaments on the tournament schedule in this issue.

Thank you, Virgle and Donra!

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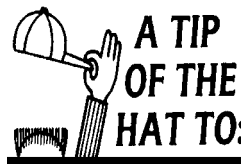
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Missouri Tournament Results May-September 2011

Spring Fling Mixed Open @ Laurie, May 7.

Director: Doug Carter

Class A:	Dan Couch	7-0	43.2%
	Kelly Kasper	4-3	37.5%
	Doug Peoples	3.5-3.5	36.1%
Class B:	Jeff Spry	6-1	34.3%
	Richard Reina	5-2	23.6%
	Dennis Mills	4-3	29.6%
Class C:	Darrin Gregory	5-2	19.6%
	Ed Davis	4.5-2.5	7.9%
	Gary McAllister	4-3	8.9%

May Flowers Mixed Open @ Park Hills, May 7. Director: Rick McEntire

Class A:	Rick McEntire	5-0	84.5%
	Tim Henderson	4-1	64.0%
	Sam Carter	3-2	60.5%
Class B:	Bill Smith	5-1	33.3%
	Pat Sternard	4-2	13.3%
	Jason Tongay	2-4	15.6%

Independence Spring Mixed Open @ Independence, May 7.

Directors: Wayne and Pam Henderson

Class A:	Michael Bowman	7-0	71.1%
	Ray Plute	6-1	65.0%
	Al Gwinn	5-2	58.9%
Class B:	Nile Abbott	7-0	37.9%
	Elwyn Cooper	4-3	42.9%
	Debbie Harris	4-3	41.4%
Class C:	Cliff Pierce	7-0	35.0%
	Johnna Bales	4-3	38.6%
	Fred Smith	4-3	28.65
Class D:	Keith Johnson	7-0	29.2%
	Donald Plowman	6-1	17.1%
	Jim Arrowood	5-2	24.6%
Class E:	Dennis Bales	6-1	18.8%
	Raymond Phelps	5-2	17.9%
	Bret Myers	5-2	16.3%
Class F:	Joe Barry	7-0	8.3%
	Dale Franklin	5-2	7.5%
	George Goldizen	5-2	6.0%
Class G:	Matthew Jordon	7-0	7.9%
	Jackie Guggisberg	5-2	4.6%
	Ladon Dial	5-2	3.8%

Warsaw Mixed Open #1, May 14.

Director: Jeff Spry

Class A:	Paul Taylor	7-1	35.8%
	Debbie Harris	6-2	40.0%
	Dan Couch	5-2	42.1%
Class B:	Jeff Spry	7-0	39.6%
	Johnna Bales	6-1	37.1%
	Dean Constance	4-3	27.9%
Class C:	Vic Scheuring	7-1	20.8%
	Charles Jackson	6-2	18.1%
	Mike Watkins	4-3	17.5%
Class D:	Pam Constance	7-0	15.0%
	Dennis Bales	5-2	13.2%
	Doug Carter	5-2	13.2%

June Heat Mixed Open @ Park Hills, June 4.

Director: Rick McEntire

Class A:	Rick McEntire	7-0	72.1%
	Sam Carter	6-1	58.3%
	Bob Crabtree	4-3	55.0%

Class B:	Danny Williams	5-0	36.5%
	Joey Tongay	3-2	33.5%
	Michael Brewer	3-2	23.5%

8th Annual MOHPA Club/Team Benefit Tournament @ Quail Ridge, June 4.

Director: Donna Bastel

1. Liberty – “Pit Crew”	29	57.1%	
2. Heart of America – “Kansas City”	25	54.3%	
3. Lake of the Ozarks – “Ozark American Ringers”	25	48.6%	
4. QRHC – “Full House”	24	54.3%	
5. Liberty – “All Rights”	23	65.2%	
6. Liberty – “Dead Eyes”	22	51.5%	
7. QRHC – “Young & the Rest of Us”	22	48.6%	
8. Liberty – “Ring-A-Dings”	22	45.5%	
9. QRHC – “Riley’s Ringers”	22	45.2%	
10. QRHC – “Tough Bunch”	21	48.6%	
11. Liberty – “Pitchin’ Fits”	21	42.9%	
12. Mountain View – “3 Ringers 3”	18	40.0%	
Class A:	Gregg Craven	6-1	76.1%
	Jan Kreienkamp	5-2	62.1%
	Stan Griggs	4-3	60.4%
Class B:	W. Dusenbery	6-1	63.2%
	Don Claas	6-1	55.7%
	John Sapper Sr.	5-2	58.6%
Class C:	Donra McCown	5-2	51.8%
	Kelly Combs	5-2	42.1%
	Paul Taylor	4-3	42.1%
Class D:	Natalie Altis	7-0	44.6%
	Laura Johnson	5-2	40.0%
	Edward Griffith	4-3	43.6%
Class E:	Fred Smith	5-2	37.9%
	Carol Howard	5-2	37.5%
	Darryl Gettinger	4-3	34.6%
Class F:	Pat Griewing	7-0	27.5%
	Gina Baker	5-2	27.6%
	Robert Bailey	4-3	21.4%
Class G:	Roy Evans	7-0	31.4%
	Bob Bastel	5-2	24.6%
	Suzanne Evans	4-3	29.3%
Class H:	Carl Harris	5-0	10.0%
	David Jackson	4-1	14.8%
	George Chichura	3-2	14.4%

Peculiar Summer Mixed Open @ Peculiar, June 11. Director Glenn Bowman

Class A:	Gregg Craven	5-0	79.8%
	Michael Bowman	4-1	69.2%
	Wayne Henderson	3-2	57.1%
Class B:	Lawrence Loney	4-1	42.0%
	Laura Johnson	3-2	36.8%
	Joann Jones	3-2	35.2%
Class C:	Jim Kinney Jr.	4-1	37.6%
	Denise Bloss	4-1	34.8%
	Erika Myler	4-1	34.4%
Class D:	Danny Wetzel	4-1	25.6%
	Larry Guggisberg	4-1	25.6%
	Leroy Leabo	3-2	28.4%
Class E:	George Chichura	4-1	13.6%
	Frank MacArthur	3-2	22.8%
	Carl Brown	3-2	22.4%

Class F:	Roy Flatt	5-0	12.8%
	Megan McLeod	4-1	11.6%
	David Jackson	3-2	12.8%
Class G:	Paige Goddard	5-0	11.2%
	Andrea Kinney	3-2	5.6%
	Charles Hamilton	3-2	3.6%

Festus Mixed Open #5 @ Festus, June 11.

Director Fred Smetzer

Class A:	Mary Ann Yates	7-0	43.8%
	John Sapper	5-2	55.8%
	Mike Fadler	5-2	42.1%
	Jason Weiler	5-2	42.1%
	David Schneider	2-5	29.0%
	Dan Peterson	2-5	25.4%
	Jordan Weiler	2-5	16.3%

Wilbur Hodgson Memorial Mixed Open @ Liberty, June 18. Dirs: Brady & Nan Craven

Class A:	Gregg Craven	6-1	79.2%
	Nick DiRaimo	5-2	68.3%
	Stan Griggs	5-2	63.3%
Class B:	Dave Cooper	7-0	63.3%
	Wayne Dusenbery	6-1	62.9%
	Bob Booe	4.5-2.5	52.1%
Class C:	Elizabeth Furner	5-0	48.0%
	Karen Goldizen	3-2	44.4%
	Lawrence Loney	2-3	43.6%
Class D:	Debbie Harris	5-0	47.6%
	Elwyn Cooper	3.5-1.5	46.0%
	Laura Johnson	3.5-1.5	42.4%
Class E:	Devin Wetzel	4-1	42.4%
	Tom Beaver	4-1	40.4%
	Clifford Pierce	3-2	26.4%
Class F:	Mark Constance	6-1	32.5%
	Richard Schmidt	6-1	29.2%
	Jim Kinney Jr.	4-3	31.7%
Class G:	Kevin Chambers	4-1	24.4%
	Danny Wetzel	3-2	19.6%
	Jon Aronson	3-2	17.2%
Class H:	Larry Guggisberg	4-1	18.8%
	Jim Arrowood	3-2	22.0%
	Larry Anderson	3-2	21.6%
Class I:	Savanna Johnson	4.5-0.5	28.0%
	Pam Constance	3.5-1.5	16.8%
	Rod Mallinckrodt	3-2	23.2%
Class J:	David Jackson	4-1	8.8%
	George Goldizen	3.5-1.5	10.8%
	Harold Turley	3.5-1.5	10.0%
Class K:	Alex Roberts	4-1	11.2%
	Joe Barry	3-2	12.0%
	Barbara Foster	3-2	12.0%

Father's Day Mixed Open @ Jefferson City, June 18. Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A:	Virgle McCown	6-0	60.8%
	Donra McCown	5-1	50.0%
	Steve Johnson	4-2	64.2%
	James Driver	4-2	54.2%
Class B:	Oscar Reeves	6-0	40.4%
	Jedd Baker	5-1	34.7%
	Stan Bailey	3-3	42.5%

Darrel Thrasher Memorial Mixed Open @ Warsaw, June 25. Director: Jeff Spry

Class A:	Bob Renfro	7-0	52.5%
	Bob Outt	5-2	45.0%
	Lynn Elmore	4-3	41.3%
Class B:	Jerry Cramer	7-0	47.9%
	Jim Gregory	5-2	35.0%
	Dan Couch	4-3	43.3%
Class C:	Jim Kinney Jr.	7-1	31.5%
	Larry McAlister	6-2	29.2%
	Paul Parnell	5-2	35.8%
Class D:	Richard Reina	6-1	31.7%
	Dean Constance	5-2	25.4%
	Mike Watkins	4-3	24.6%
Class E:	Leroy Dooley	6-1	24.2%
	Dennis Mills	5-2	17.9%
	Charles Jackson	5-2	17.1%
Class F:	Carl Harris	7-0	18.8%
	Rob Gibson	5-2	10.8%
	Elmer Seymour	5-2	8.8%

Tournament of Champions @ Mt. View, June 25. Director: Dalton Rakestraw

Class 40':	Dan Hobbs	5-0	50.4%
	Paul Davis	4-1	49.0%
	Virgle McCown	3-2	48.5%
Class 30':	Dalton Rakestraw	6-0	65.7%
	Donra McCown	3-3	42.9%
	Laura Johnson	3-3	39.2%

Old Glory Days Mixed Open @ Clinton, July 2. Director: Eugene Loyd

Class A:	Ray Plute	7-0	60.8%
	Kelly Kasper	5-2	43.8%
	Lynn Elmore	5-2	38.8%
Class B:	Dennis Mills	6-1	22.9%
	Vic Schuering	5-2	19.2%
	Mark Constance	4-3	32.5%
Class C:	Michael Gillespie	7-0	20.0%
	Pam Constance	6-1	21.3%
	Charles Jackson	4-3	16.3%
Class D:	Skip Coursey	7-0	6.7%
	Tom Beebe	5-2	8.8%
	Jackie Guggsburg	5-2	8.8%

Poppin Hot Mixed Open @ Mt. View, July 2.

Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A:	Dalton Rakestraw	5-1	67.1%
	Dan Hobbs	4-2	47.5%
	Virgle McCown	3-2	51.0%
Class B:	Archie Matheny	5-0	49.5%
	Darrin Sherman	4-1	44.5%
	June Thompson	3-2	28.0%
Class C:	Devon Wisdom	2-3	9.6%
	Steve Earp	1-4	14.4%
	Franklin Cremer	0-5	5.5%

July 4th Mixed Open @ Jefferson City, July 2. Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A:	Oscar Reeves	5-0	39.5%
	Steve Johnson	3-2	67.0%
	Charles Gordon	3-2	45.0%
Class B:	Jedd Baker	6-1	38.3%
	Kevin Chambers	6-1	19.2%
	Steve Bruemmer	5-2	25.0%

July Special Open @ Quail Ridge, July 3.

Director: Rich Altis

Class A:	Daniel W. Allen	6-1	20.7%
	Paul Beard Jr.	5-2	22.2%
	Steve Olson	2-4	9.3%
	Daniel Olson	0-6	6.9%

Summer Splash Mixed Open @ Laurie,

July 9. Director: Donna Bastel

Class A:	Roena Branson	7-0	51.8%
	Donra McCown	5-2	47.1%
	Lile Harper	4-3	48.2%
Class B:	Dan Couch	4-1	42.0%
	Joann Jones	3-2	42.0%
	Jerry Weller	3-2	36.0%
Class C:	Jeff Spry	7-0	35.4%
	Alex Carson	5-2	28.3%
	Jedd Baker	4-3	35.8%
Class D:	Richard Reina	6-2	25.4%
	Dennis Mills	5-3	24.2%
	Bob Bastel	4-3	23.8%
Class E:	Doug Carter	7-0	22.1%
	Darrin Gregory	5-2	19.2%
	Mark Schepers	5-2	18.8%
Class F:	Chuck Koss	7-0	23.3%
	Jack Slough	6-1	15.8%
	Pete Renick	4-3	12.9%

Chillicothe Mixed Open @ Chillicothe,

July 9. Director: Paul Howard

Class A:	Ray Plute	5-0	63.0%
	Terry Kampe	4-1	37.0%
	Keith Peck	2-3	43.5%
Class B:	Lawrence Loney	4-1	42.5%
	Terry Murray	4-1	40.5%
	Tom Beaver	3-2	31.0%
Class C:	Richard Schmidt	4-1	23.0%
	Keith Johnson	3-2	24.5%
	Donald Plowman	3-2	16.5%
Class D:	Pat Heathman	5-0	34.0%
	Danny Wetzal	3-2	24.0%
	Larry Anderson	3.5-2.5	20.0%

Ray Cavin Mem. Mixed Open @ St. Joseph,

July 16. Dirs: Ron & Peggy Campbell

Class A:	Gregg Craven	4-1	75.3%
	Stan Griggs	4-1	60.7%
	Ray Plute	3-2	62.0%
Class B:	Wayne Dusenbery	5-0	60.0%
	Wayne Henderson	3-2	50.0%
	Bob Bloss	3-2	38.0%
Class C:	Devin Wetzal	4-1	40.8%
	Eugene Newkirk	4-1	30.0%
	Mark Mays	3-2	20.8%
	Brady Craven	3-2	10.0%
Class E:	Roy Flatt	5-0	8.7%
	Hannah Johnson	3-2	10.0%
	George Goldizen	3-2	8.0%

3 Ringer Courts Summer League Tourn.,

July 16. Director: Dalton Rakestraw

Class A:	Marion Harris	4-1	47.5%
	Dalton Rakestraw	3-2	68.8%
	Virgle McCown	3-2	46.9%
Class B:	Donra McCown	4-0	47.5%
	David Wilson	2-2	43.1%
	Darrin Sherman	2-2	34.4%
Class C:	Ronny Lee Mincks	3-1	26.9%
	June Thompson	3-1	16.9%
	Robert Kingsolver	3-1	18.3%

Jefferson City Mixed Open, July 30.

Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A:	Donra McCown	7-1	53.8%
	James Driver	6-2	53.1%
	Virgle McCown	4-3	53.9%
Class B:	Jedd Baker	6-1	41.8%
	Oscar Reeves	4-3	42.1%
	Jim Bruemmer	4-3	44.3%
Class C:	Roy Flatt	5-2	20.7%
	Mike Manning	4.5-2.5	25.7%
	Tom Lehmann	3.5-3.5	30.7%

Summer Doubles Mixed Open @ Jefferson City, August 6, 2011. Dir: Steve Bruemmer

Class A:	Jim Gregory	5-1	27.6%
	Sam Godbouldt	5-1	24.4%
	Donra McCown	4-2	48.1%
	Kevin Chambers	4-2	15.4%
	Mel Bruemmer	3-2	34.6%
	Chris Evers	3-2	21.5%

Summer Breeze Mixed Open @ Warsaw,

August 13. Director: Jeff Spry

Class A:	Carl Folsom Sr.	7-0	55.8%
	Bob Outt	5-2	60.0%
	Ray Plute	5-2	55.8%
Class B:	Alfred Mundy	7-0	50.4%
	Tim Vaughn Sr.	5-2	41.7%
	Dan Couch	4-3	47.9%
Class C:	Paul Vaughn Jr.	7-0	48.3%
	Douglas Peoples	6-1	28.3%
	Jeff Spry	5-2	34.2%
Class D:	Richard Reina	7-1	28.1%
	Jesse Dowell	6-2	27.3%
	Vic Scheuring	4-3	20.8%
Class E:	Rodney Hargrave	6-2	18.1%
	Doug Carter	5-3	21.5%
	Michael Gillespie	4-3	23.3%
Class F:	Mark Breshears	7-2	10.6%
	Ron Gibson	5-3	14.0%
	Jack Slough	5-3	6.9%

Sunburn Mixed Open @ Mt. View,

August 13. Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A:	Paul Davis	4-1	55.7%
	Archie Matheny	3-2	46.7%
	Billy Gill	3-2	46.6%
Class B:	Joe Cameron	5-0	33.7%
	Arnold Crow	3-2	25.8%
	Ronny Lee Mincks	3-2	24.1%

Missouri State Fair Mixed Open @ Sedalia,

August 20-21. Director: Donna Bastel

Class A:	Michael Bowman	7-1	68.9%
	Ray Plute	6-2	63.5%
	Stan Griggs	6-1	67.9%
Class B:	Tamra Jenkins	7-0	50.4%
	Al Constance	6-1	49.2%
	Jerry Cramer	5-2	49.2%
Class C:	Charles Gordon	7-0	52.1%
	Debbie Harris	5-2	43.9%
	Terry Murray	3-4	41.8%
Class D:	Harless Kampe	7-2	37.2%
	Franklin Rohlfling	5-3	38.3%
	Ree Cutright	5-3	37.3%
Class E:	Paul Vaughn Jr.	7-0	44.6%
	Mark Constance	5-2	31.4%
	Dick Byersdorfer	4-3	31.1%
Class F:	Bill Bouyea	7-0	35.0%
	Richard Reina	5-2	26.8%
	Roger Otto	4-3	30.4%

Class G: Pat Heathman	5-2	31.1%	Class B: Dean Renfro	5-0	45.0%	Men's B Marion Harris	6-1	47.5%
Norman Kiso	5-2	30.7%	Alfred Mundy	4-1	46.0%	Mike Fadler	5-2	50.4%
Dennis Mills	5-2	28.9%	Bobbie Jones	3-2	34.0%	Joie Welker	5-2	45.7%
Class H: Vic Scheuring	6-1	22.6%	Larry McAlister	2-3	27.5%	Men's C Kelly Kasper	7-0	50.4%
Michael Gillespie	5-2	22.9%	Paul Parnell	1-4	26.0%	Jerry Weller	6-1	39.3%
Jose Ramirez	4-3	19.3%	Joe Cameron	0-5	23.0%	Michael Massa	4-3	41.1%
Class I: Ronnie Attebery	7-0	32.1%	Saline County End of League Tournament,			Men's D Jimmy Higginbotham	7-0	42.9%
Randy York	6-1	29.3%	August 29. Director: Norman Kiso			Jeff Spry	4-3	36.1%
Pam Constance	5-2	19.8%	Class A: Paul Vaughn Jr.	10-1	46.2%	Jim Spidle Jr.	4-3	35.7%
Class J: Ernie Ellermann Jr.	5-1	22.2%	Paul Vaughn Sr.	10-1	50.0%	Men's E Mike Davault	6-1	30.8%
Elmer Seymour	4-2	12.0%	Orland Young	8-3	26.4%	Danny Williams	5-2	31.3%
Gabe Heathman	2-3	17.2%	Tony Simmons	6-5	8.2%	Dick Byersdorfer	5-2	30.8%
Class K: Roy Flatt	5-1	11.8%	Elmer Van Buren	5-6	43.6%	Men's F Ronnie Bohannon	7-0	40.8%
Willard Adolphs	4-2	11.4%	Norman Kiso	5-6	30.0%	Levi Blevins	5-2	22.9%
George Goldizen	3-2	8.0%	Gary King	5-6	10.0%	Darryl Gettinger	4-3	27.9%
Class L: Jackie Guggisberg	5-0	3.6%	Willard Adolphs	4-7	10.0%	Men's G Glenn Bowman	7-0	35.4%
Lyle Bargfrede	3-2	8.0%	Wayne Gerard	4-7	2.4%	Chris Evers	6-1	26.3%
John Bargfrede	3-2	4.8%	Bob Gibson	4-7	3.3%	Men's H Robert Kingsolver Sr.	7-0	21.8%
Independence State Tune-Up Mixed Open,			John Bargfrede	3-8	11.6%	Paul Beard Jr.	4-3	24.6%
August 27. Dirs: Wayne & Pam Henderson			Lyle Bargfrede	2-9	8.9%	Jesse Dowell	4-3	22.9%
Class A: Gregg Craven	7-0	66.0%	Missouri State Doubles Championship			Men's I Jose Ramirez	6-1	24.3%
Michael Bowman	5-2	66.0%	@ Lebanon, Sept. 2. Dirs: MOHPA Officers			William Liedtky	4-3	25.0%
Nick DiRaimo	5-2	63.9%	Double's Championship			Bob Bastel	4-3	23.2%
Class B: Larry Gearheart	6-1	52.9%	1. Bob Outt	7-0	64.9%	Men's J Ronnie Attebery	6-1	23.6%
Wayne Henderson	6-1	47.1%	Rose Diekamp		62.3%	Joe Keller	5-2	24.3%
Al Constance	5-2	43.3%	2. Don Claas	5-2	56.7%	Andrew Revelle	5-2	21.1%
Class C: Bob Bloss	5-0	41.9%	Bob Renfro		52.8%	Men's K Mark Schepers	6-1	22.9%
Johnna Bales	3-2	33.1%	3. Nick DiRaimo	4-3	64.0%	Ernie Ellermann Jr.	4-3	18.8%
Laura Johnson	2-3	33.0%	Gary Roehrig		40.7%	Darrin Gregory	4-3	16.3%
Class D: Larry Brown	3-2	28.0%	Double's B			Men's L Jack Cargile	5-0	21.2%
Angela DiRaimo	3-2	25.0%	1. Frank Rohlfing	7-0	47.4%	Mike Dentsbier	4-1	20.4%
Jim Kinney Jr.	3-2	24.5%	Dean Renfro		42.3%	Daniel W. Allen	3-2	19.6%
Class E: Gina Baker	7-0	44.2%	2. Ree Cutright	6-1	43.9%	Men's M Glen Rippee	6-1	17.1%
Tony Bootka	5-2	33.3%	Dan Couch		37.8%	James Adkins	5-2	19.2%
Danny Wetzel	4-3	19.6%	3. Jim Howard	4-3	35.0%	Brandon Riley	5-2	17.5%
Class F: Savanna Johnson	7-0	27.1%	Jim Gregory		32.5%	Men's N Ron Gibson	6-1	14.2%
Raymond Phelps	4-3	21.3%	Double's C			Steve Olson	5-2	7.5%
George Chichura	4-3	20.8%	1. Jim Spidle Jr.	7-0	36.2%	Jim A. Jones	4-3	11.9%
Class G: Dennis Bales	5-0	19.5%	James Hillis		20.4%	Women's Championship		
Bret Myers	3-2	20.0%	2. Glenn Bowman	5-2	39.8%	Rose Diekamp	7-1	67.6%
Carl Harris	3-2	16.0%	Angela DiRaimo		23.0%	Donra McCown	6-2	59.5%
Class H: Dale Franklin	4-1	19.0%	3. Larry McAlister	4-3	41.3%	Audra Craven	5-2	52.1%
Joe Barry	4-1	11.5%	Larry Brown		25.0%	Women's B		
Charlie Baker	3-2	18.5%	Double's D			Terrie Rose	6-1	37.0%
Class I: Jackie Guggisberg	5-0	19.6%	1. Melody Williams	6-1	25.8%	Eileen Reeves	5-2	37.9%
Nancy Gunter	4-1	20.0%	Bob Cutright Sr.		18.2%	Ree Cutright	4-3	39.3%
Jim Hlaca	3-2	11.2%	2. Edgar Stoverink	5-2	27.6%	Women's C		
Hot August Evening Mixed Open @ Jefferson			Larry Anderson		16.8%	Victoria Highley	6-1	37.5%
City, Aug 27. Director: Steve Bruemmer			3. Roy Evans	4-3	27.6%	Gina Baker	5-2	37.1%
Class A: Steve Johnson	6-1	67.5%	Scott Raimer		18.9%	Natalie Altis	5-2	34.2%
Steve Steck	5-2	41.8%	Double's E			Women's D		
Mel Bruemmer	4-3	47.5%	1. Mike Dentsbier	7-0	17.9%	Rose Buehler	5-0	37.6%
Jim Bruemmer	4-3	47.9%	George Chichura		12.2%	Megan Riley	4-1	28.8%
Class B: Mark Schepers	4.5-1.5	22.9%	2. Rod Mallinckrodt	5-2	19.4%	Sheila LeGrand	3-2	23.2%
Kevin Chambers	4-2	27.5%	Roy Flatt		11.2%	Jr. Boy's Championship		
Steve Bruemmer	2-4	14.6%	3. Ronnie Attebery	5-2	20.9%	Dalton Rakestraw	4-0	72.7%
Sam Godbouldt	1.5-4.5	29.2%	Joe Barry		5.6%	Nathan Evers	2-2	59.9%
State Warm-Up Invitational @ Webb City,			Missouri State Singles Championship @			Tyler McCown	0-4	27.9%
August 27. Director: Bob Long			Lebanon, Sept 2-5. Dirs: MOHPA Officers			Junior Boy's A		
Class A: Bob Long	5-0	65.0%	Men's Championship			Josie Lapp	6-1	42.5%
Virgle McCown	4-1	57.5%	Michael Bowman	6-1	64.0%	Jordan Weiler	5-2	25.4%
Bob Renfro	3-2	46.9%	Stan Griggs	5-2	62.8%	David Heathman	5-2	24.2%
Donra McCown	2-3	45.6%	Mick Gillette	4-3	59.5%	Junior Girl's Championship		
David Wilson	1-4	40.0%	Men's A Andrew Foulds	6-1	52.1%	Kelcee Davault	5-0	18.0%
			Virgle McCown	5-2	59.6%	Marguerite Lapierre	4-1	20.9%
			Ronald LeGrand	4-3	50.7%	Megan McLeod	3-2	12.0%

Cadet's Championship			
	Ryan Schepers	3-0	10.0%
	Sophia Schepers	0-3	.0%
30 Ft. Men's Championship			
	Gregg Craven	7-1	67.6%
	Bob Long	6-2	62.9%
	Raymond Bowling	4-3	64.0%
30 Ft. Men's A			
	Bob Outt	7-0	69.6%
	John Sapper Sr.	6-1	62.5%
	Wayne Henderson	5-2	44.6%
30 Ft. Men's B			
	Jerry Cramer	6-1	50.4%
	Dan Peterson	5-2	53.9%
	Bob Diekamp	5-2	41.1%
30 Ft. Men's C			
	Alfred Mundy	7-1	40.3%
	Franklin Rohlfling	6-2	42.5%
	Elwyn Cooper	5-2	38.9%
30 Ft. Men's D			
	Harless Kampe	6-1	43.2%
	Marshel Keith	5-2	35.4%
	Larry McAlister	4-3	31.1%
30 Ft. Men's E			
	Richard Reina	7-0	35.0%
	Ed Peters	5-2	31.1%
	Roy Evans	4-3	28.5%
30 Ft. Men's F			
	Leroy Dooley	5-0	22.8%
	Gary Ball	4-1	21.6%
	George Chichura	3-2	12.2%
30 Ft. Men's G			
	Charles Baker	6-1	21.7%
	Roy Flatt	5-2	19.6%
	Jack Slough	5-2	16.9%

Fall Doubles Mixed Open @ Jefferson City, September 10. Director: Steve Bruemmer			
Class A	Sam Godboul	5-1	25.0%
	Steve Bruemmer		22.4%
2.	Stan Bailey	2.5-3.5	37.8%
	Mike Manning		25.6%
3.	Mel Bruemmer	2.5-3.5	39.7%
	Steve Forck		15.4%
4.	Jedd Baker	2-4	34.6%
	Kevin Chambers		14.1%

End of League Tournament @ Laurie, September 10. Director: Donna Bastel			
Class Championship			
	Ken Grossman	3-0	46.7%
	Ron Rothove	2-1	28.0%
	Dick Byersdorfer	1-2	28.7%
	Darrin Gregory	0-3	16.0%
Class A	Ken Grossman	6-1	47.1%
	Jerry Cramer	4-2	53.8%
	H. Hoffmeister	4-2	44.2%
Class B	Dick Byersdorfer	5-0	31.5%
	Charles Epperly	3-2	30.5%
	George Lawler	2-3	30.5%
Class C	Ron Rothove	5-1	27.5%
	Mervyn Moeller	4-2	27.1%
	Leroy Dooley	3-2	31.0%
Class D	Darrin Gregory	4-1	20.5%
	Robert Russell	3-2	10.5%
	Pete Renick	3-2	9.5%

John Dods Memorial @ Peculiar, Sept. 10.			
Director: Glenn Bowman			
Class A	Michael Bowman	7-0	71.5%
	Nick DiRaimo	6-1	55.0%
	Ron Highley	3-4	47.7%
Class B	Jim Kinney Jr.	6-1	38.7%
	Bob Bloss	6-1	37.9%
	Terry Kampe	4-3	34.7%
Class C	Victoria Highley	4-1	30.8%
	Oren Harris	3-2	27.9%
	Glenn Bowman	2-3	31.6%
Class D	Danny Wetzel	6-1	28.7%
	Leroy Leabo	6-1	27.9%
	Jose Ramirez	5-2	30.7%
Class E	Roy Flatt	7-0	22.9%
	Rodney Hargrave	6-1	21.7%
	Floyd Roberts	4-3	16.4%
Class F	Joe Barry	6-1	11.7%
	Tyler Fishbaugh	6-1	10.4%
	Bobby Johnson	4-3	14.0%
Class G	Corissa Bishop	7-0	9.6%
	Robert Johnson	5-2	5.4%
	Charles Hamilton	5-2	2.5%

Liberty Summer Leagues Tournament, September 12-17. Director: Gregg Craven			
Class Championship			
	Jackie Guggisberg	3-0	22.5%
	Hannah Johnson	2-1	21.7%
	Elizabeth Furner	1-1	58.8%
Class A (Monday)	Elizabeth Furner	7-0	65.6%
	Larry Gearheart	4.5-2.5	49.5%
	Elwyn Cooper	4-3	43.2%
Class A (Tuesday)	Gina Baker	5-0	43.0%
	Wayne Dusenbery	3-2	66.0%
	Audra Craven	2-3	62.5%
Class A (Saturday)	Helen Velasquez	6-1	34.9%
	Angela DiRaimo	6-1	32.8%
	Jim Moore	5-2	26.0%
Class B (Monday)	Paul Taylor	5-0	47.0%
	Lyle Samuelson	4-1	43.0%
	James Premer	2-3	35.5%
Class B (Tuesday)	Brady Craven	4-1	30.5%
	Bruce Thomson	3.5-1.5	20.0%
	Charlie Baker	3.5-1.5	24.0%
Class B (Saturday)	Darrell Pulliam	6-1	26.6%
	Danny Wetzel	6-1	25.0%
	Grandin Lane	5-2	10.4%
Class C (Monday)	Jackie Guggisberg	4-1	13.5%
	Larry Anderson	3-2	22.5%
	Harold Turley	3-2	9.5%
Class C (Tuesday)	Noah Renne	5-0	17.5%
	Ron Jackson	4-1	9.0%
	Cameron Phipps	3-2	5.0%
Class C (Saturday)	Hannah Johnson	4.5-0.5	34.9%
	Robert Johnson	3-2	6.5%
	Scott Engelmann	3-2	7.0%

Hillbilly Fair Mixed Open @ Laurie, September 17. Director: Donna Bastel			
Class A:	Carl Folsom Sr.	7-1	61.3%
	Andrew Foulds	6-2	47.4%
	Virgle McCown	5-2	48.0%
Class B:	Tamra Jenkins	5-1	44.1%
	Kelly Kasper	4-2	38.9%
	Jerry Cramer	3-2	43.2%
Class C:	Jim Howard	7-1	43.6%
	Ken Grossman	6-2	37.7%
	Jeff Spry	5-2	31.3%
Class D:	Frank Rohlfling	5-2	35.4%
	P. VanEvercooren	5-2	27.5%
	Jim Gregory	5-2	25.4%
Class E:	Darryl Gettinger	5-1	25.5%
	Joseph Cameron	4-2	21.8%
	Randy York	3-2	26.4%
Class F:	Gary Buehler	5-1	35.0%
	Charles Epperly	4-2	30.8%
	Dennis Benson	3-2	19.0%
Class G:	Mike Watkins	5-0	26.5%
	Leroy Dooley	4-1	26.0%
	Bob Bastel	2-3	21.5%
Class H:	Darrin Gregory	6-1	16.3%
	George Chichura	5-2	11.7%
	Rod Mallinckrodt	5-2	11.7%

Warsaw Fall Mixed Open, September 24. Director: Jeff Spry			
Class A:	Carl Folsom Sr.	6-1	61.3%
	Gregg Craven	5-2	71.3%
	Michael Bowman	5-2	62.1%
Class B:	Tim Vaughn Sr.	7-2	49.1%
	Jerry Cramer	5-3	54.6%
	Dan Couch	5-3	47.1%
Class C:	Jeff Spry	7-1	40.7%
	Carroll Sinclair	6-2	36.4%
	Angela DiRaimo	4-3	33.3%
Class D:	Dean Constance	7-0	29.6%
	Mike Watkins	5-2	28.3%
	Joe Cameron	4-3	28.8%
Class E:	Carl Harris	7-1	17.1%
	Charles Jackson	6-2	20.7%
	Larry Guggisberg	4-3	13.3%
Class F:	Mark Breshears	5-0	10.5%
	Ron Gibson	3-2	12.5%
	Gary Phillips	3-2	8.0%

Big Money Mixed Open @ Jefferson City, September 24. Director: Steve Bruemmer			
Class A:	Ray Plute	6-0	65.3%
	Steve Johnson	4-2	64.7%
	James Driver	2-4	56.7%
Class B:	Stan Bailey	6-1	41.8%
	Mel Bruemmer	5-2	49.2%
	Steve Steck	4-3	46.3%
Class C:	Sam Godboul	8-1	31.1%
	Robert Rakestraw	6-3	35.6%
	John Smith	6-3	29.7%

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