

## 2012 State Tournament Report

by Jim Bainter

The 2012 Missouri State Horseshoe Championship tournament has been entered into the record books. Congratulations to all the new State and Class champions. The wind and rain we experienced on Friday and Saturday made playing indoors a real pleasure and ensured a successful tournament.

I hope each of you enjoyed the tournament as much as your hosts enjoyed providing the venue. Jim, Marshal, and I want to thank everyone who helped during the clay preparation, set up and tear down of the courts and other venue facilities. The host of any tournament cannot be successful without the volunteer help necessary to complete the final preparations. Statewide support of the tournament is one of the things that makes the MOHPA such a great organization. We appreciate your support and look forward to providing more features next year.

This year, participation in our state tournament was about the

same as last year, 250 pitchers. I actually expected more entries based upon the success enjoyed during last year's event. I know the economy has played a significant role in many decisions not to participate, but I would like to encourage each of you to consider attending next year's tournament. You won't regret it and you will enjoy the venue and the community.

Next year for Lebanon III, your hosts and the city of Lebanon are each providing \$500, a total of \$1000, in additional prize money. It won't be like winning the lottery but the extra prize money should be an incentive to participate.

Two issues arose this year that drew complaints. One was the lack of spectator seating and visibility for pitching in the middle courts against the wall opposite the balcony seating caused by the 8 foot wall separating the back to back courts. This wall is necessary both for safety and to eliminate distractions to the pitchers. During the set up, we attempted to make bleacher seating available for that section but, due to safety considerations for the spectators, we reluctantly abandoned the idea. The hosts apologize for this inconvenience but it is something we couldn't accommodate in this indoor venue. The other issue involved Super 8 motel procedures regarding room safes for your valuables. I talked with the manager and he pointed out two things of which all guests were made aware – one, guests were required to initial the registration sheet that identified the safe charge, and two, a large sign on the registration desk stated this policy. Hotels and motels have varying policies regarding features they offer their guests. Be aware of possible extra charges.

We want to make next year's tournament better, whether it's with organization, set up configuration, or pitcher/spectator satisfaction. If you have some ideas or suggestions, please let me know. Your input is important to the success of our tournament.

In closing, I would like to thank all the advertisers and sponsors from the Lebanon community who have supported our efforts to provide this venue to the MOHPA. Without their support, this venue is just a dream. Thanks also go to the MOHPA officers who spend the 4-5 days of our tournament running as much as the host to make your tournament a success.

PS: There are still some small, large, and XL tee-shirts with the tournament logo available, as well as a few logoed towels and caps. Quantities are limited and I cannot get names on them. We have priced them all at \$5 plus \$3 postage if you want me to mail them. Call or email me if you are interested: [jbainter@charter.net](mailto:jbainter@charter.net) or 816-918-6789.

### Prez Sez

by Sharon Taylor, President MOHPA

To all my officers, who I have stressed to get articles in for *Shoe Biz*, I apologize. Apparently the article I sent to Elizabeth did not get there. So here is a short, short article from me for this issue.

We had a great State tournament. The co-coordinators, hosts, and everyone who helped did a terrific job. I hope to see everyone there next year.

Congratulations to the Hall of Fame inductees, Nile Abbott and M.O. Turner!

I am looking forward to the World Tournament. We hope to have as many Missouri entries as at the last World. Contact me if you want some good hotel information. Ignore the NHPA rates since the lowest priced hotel will give you a better deal.

We are having our annual winter meeting on November 10. We have a few issues to discuss that we hope will make the year better.

I am sorry this is so short but I just got the notice that my article was not received. I will make up for it in the next issue.

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### Shoe Biz Deadlines

The magic number is "9":

February 9  
May 9  
October 9



## Furn's Turn

by Elizabeth Furner

I think in the last issue I said something about summer coyly showing its face. Wow, what an ultimate understatement. I'm still sitting in the garage, still thinking. Thinking how hot it's been, thinking how dry it's been. Thinking if averages means anything it could really be a different winter. I think of the new champions we gained, the established champions who welcome them. Most of all, I think of the inordinate number of Last Shoes in this issue.

One Last Shoe I did not know of earlier was Grant Kueck. Grant was a friend of mine and fellow pitcher. It was he who introduced me to organized horseshoes. Imagine my shock as a friend and I were discussing some of Grant's antics on and off the courts and then I heard, "You knew he died."

After I recovered from the initial shock, I thought back to some of the times we shared. One of those memorable times happened at work. I was Grant's supervisor at Target Products in Olathe, Kansas. Grant worked night shift. When I came in one morning, I was summoned to the office. Seems when the office staff came in that morning there was a less than complimentary note sticking to the soft drink machine. The note's author let the vending machine operator know of his dissatisfaction when, for the umpteenth time, the machine took his money and did not render product. The note essentially let the operator know what could happen – something about Bubba and the boys coming down from Concordia with their hunting rifles and dragging that darn machine behind the pickup back to the east. It was all I could do to keep from breaking into a real har de har. "Look," I said, "this is Grant. It's a joke." The office folk were placated, Grant received his refund. He was asked not to write anymore notes and all was right with the world.

Grant was a good pitcher, his delivery was so smooth and his shoe sailed. He told me one time he had considered moving up in the classes but, "Those fellows at the top are too serious. We have a lot of fun down here."

This issue is packed full of exceptions. Rich Altis broke or

tied several State Tournament records as he earned the 30' Championship. Missouri had a Junior and a Cadet pitch phenomenal numbers on the way to National Championships. Michael Gillespie had totally out-the-roof points as he earned the "Player of the Decade" award and Audrey Jackson was a very young "Junior Rookie of the Year." Savanna Johnson had a banner performance with her directorship of a tournament benefitting the Ronald McDonald House. The Hall of Fame just got better as it welcomed Nile Abbott and M.O. Turner. We couldn't end this without speaking of Gene Loyd and his accomplishments and recognition earned with his efforts to the community of Clinton and the sport of Horseshoes.

Missouri represented in outstanding fashion in Tennessee. Can we duplicate or, even better, improve on those numbers in Utah during 2013? Lebanon had another successful outing; third time is the charm as we return for another State Tournament in Lebanon in 2013. The city wanted us back so badly they were willing to put their money where their mouth is and increased the prize money pot.

Capitol City Horseshoe Club has an interesting approach to class winner recognition. Rather than trophies, medals, or plaques, Steve Bruemmer and his club have designed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place embroidery patches. I wonder what the impact to travel would be if each club came up with a unique patch? State quarters were great to collect and presidential dollars seem to be hot. What if pitchers could travel the state with the prospect of collecting unique tournament patches, not just any patch, but a special patch for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place?

There were several rule changes voted this past session. Read further and see how this could impact pitching and scoring.

There were lots of contributors to this issue. Those sending in reports and musings are: Steve Bruemmer, Pam Henderson, Donna Bastel, Daphne Happy, Sharon Taylor, Dee McIntire, Jeanette Claas, Laura Johnson, Gregg Craven, Jan Kreienkamp, Sam Godbouldt, Vicki Winston, Jim Bainter, Scott Raimer, Chris Geinosky, Dan Sanders, Jim Kinney, and the little ole garage sitter.



## This & That

by Vicki Winston

Another year has passed quickly and even though 2012 cards are good until the end of December, we are technically into the 2013 membership year as of the first of October. I have the new cards and you may renew your membership at any time or sign up a new member. There is a membership application elsewhere in this newsletter, or you may print one from our website.

With the NHPA cadet age limit having been changed, youths may now remain cadet pitchers through the calendar year in which they reach their 12th birthday, if they so desire. Youths who had to move back to 30 feet because they had reached the age limit of the old rule may now return to the cadet division if they qualify under the new age limit and after they have purchased their 2013 card. They don't have to change back to cadets if they want to stay at the junior distance, but the opportunity is available for them to change back if they wish. Any pitcher who changes from one category to another, whether a junior or adult, must notify the state secretary when the change is made and the date that change in category and pitching distance is taking effect.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who work so hard to keep the various clubs and leagues going. Without this activity, our charter wouldn't be what it is today. I also want to thank the hard-working MOHPA officers who also do their part to make Missouri one of the best charters in the country. I want to thank Jim Kinney Jr. for all he has done for the MOHPA. Jim has had to leave his Zone 1 Director position because of a new job. He was a very active person, lending a hand whenever possible. We are welcoming Ron Highley as our newly elected Zone 1 Director. All other MOHPA elected officers remain the same.

It took the remnants of a hurricane to bring some much-needed moisture to our state. Unfortunately that occurred on state tournament weekend. However, thanks to our 2012 state tournament hosts, we were inside the lovely Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, MO and didn't experience one rain delay. The only thing we lacked was a covered walkway from the parking lot to the building. Smile! Many thanks to our hosts and all of the volunteers who worked before, during and after the tournament to enable us to enjoy another very successful event. Congratulations to our state champions and all of the class champions on your successful pitching.

We had an unusual experience at our annual MOHPA business meeting this year. We actually received three bids to host the 2013 state tournament. We had bids from Lebanon, the West Plains Civic Center, and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club. Trying to decide which bid to accept was a nice problem to have. It is always hard to beat an incumbent and we will be returning to the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon for the 2013 state tournament. If you've not yet had the opportunity to pitch there, begin now to make your plans to attend our state tournament next year. I do want to thank the other bidders. We appreciate your efforts and I hope you will try again in the near future.

During the business meeting it was announced that the Quail Ridge Club will be hosting our annual Missouri Club Team Tournament on Saturday, June 1, 2013. We would like to have teams representing as many clubs as possible take part in this annual event.

While attending the NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in Knoxville, I had the honor of accepting the NHPA plaque for the charter having the most junior members in 2011. We had 111 junior members in 2011. That was due to the number of Cub Scouts that the Quail Ridge Club signed up. Unfortunately, our total number of juniors will not be nearly as high for 2012 because the Cub Scouts did not renew their memberships.

I was contacted recently by Ethan Kueck. He is the son of the late Grant Kueck and the grandson of Wally Kueck. Grant passed away earlier this year after a battle with colon cancer. Ethan was wondering if anyone might have photos of his dad, or maybe him and his dad together that were taken at a horseshoe tournament. If you have a picture you would like to give to Ethan, please send it to him at 814 NE 1125th Rd, Concordia, MO 64020. Thank you.

Please take note that just because you send an entry for our state mixed doubles tournament, it does not mean that you are going to get to play. Each year I have to remind people that the doubles tournament is on a first come, first served basis. For every 16 entries that arrive, another class is added. If your entry is among the last few that come in, and there are not enough to add another class, you are out of luck. So, if you really want to play in doubles, get your entry in several weeks before the deadline. Don't wait until the last minute.


To keep up with the latest news in our charter, visit our website often. We only do a newsletter three times a year. The website is updated continuously and we often post announcements in the Guestbook or on the Bulletin Board. There is a Classified Ad section of the Bulletin Board if you have an item you would like to sell, or you are looking for a certain item to buy. The Tournament Schedule is also updated each time an event is added. There are lots of informative links to explore. We thank our webmaster, Stan Griggs, for making this excellent website available. It's one of the best charter websites in the country. I know, because I have looked at some of the others.

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and I hope that you have a good winter. Until next time, I leave you with this thought: "Life is what happens when you've made other plans."

### Condensed Financial Report


Funds on Hand November 1, 2011	\$18,807.41
Receipts	32,710.28
Expenses	<u>-35,200.49</u>
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# Last Shoe



## Everett Chess Jr.

November 27, 1941 – September 23, 2012

by Vicki Winston

Missouri has lost a former pitcher, who was a member of the NHPA and the Saline County Horseshoe club for 16 years. Everett Chess Jr. was born on Nov. 27, 1941 and passed away on Sept. 23, 2012 after many years of failing health. He resided in Marshall, MO and pitched in league for as long as he was able in the days when Tom Ebers was running the club. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Everett. He will be missed by all who knew him.

## Larry Gilchrist

December 3, 1919 – September 21, 2012

by Jeanette Claas

Larry Gilchrist, age 92, of Sherwood Park, MO., died on September 21, of natural cause. Larry had been a resident of Cedar Crest Health Center for about a year. His wife, Shirley, passed away earlier this year. Larry was not only the oldest member of the



QRHC, but also the oldest MOHPA state member. He was a lifelong resident of Missouri.

Larry and his wife, Shirley, were the parents of five children. To keep his young family in milk, Larry went to work for the Pevly Dairy Company which would become his lifelong occupation. Larry retired in 1981 with 32 years of service at the age of 62.

Larry served with the U.S. Marines for 3 ½ years during WWII in Guam and Okinawa. Larry says he wasn't injured during his service time but he remarked a bullet ricocheted off his head one time, but it didn't hurt, he didn't even go to sick bay. He describes his time in the war as having fun, a great experience. Larry was an active member with the VFW Post #5651 in New Melle and the American Legion Post #618.

Not only did Larry survive WWII but during the latter part of his life, he survived two five -bypass heart surgeries, one in 1962 and another in 1970, plus getting hit by a car while he was raking leaves! Throughout it all, Larry states that it was his wife who was the true survivor after being married to him all those years.

Larry began pitching horseshoes at the age of 13 with the St. Louis Playground Association during the mid 1930's. In 1978, he pitched with the Warren-St. Charles County Horseshoe League. In 1981, Larry built 4 horseshoe courts in Lake Sherwood where he managed and captained it until 1989.

Larry was a charter member of the New Melle Horseshoe Club when it began in 1989. He received his 20 year membership card from the MOHPA in 2010. During this time Larry traveled with the group to Nashville, TN and to Liberty for some fun and friendly competition.

In 2002 Larry joined the summer league in Washington, MO. Larry has won numerous trophies throughout his horseshoe career which included an 80% game to his credit and other high games. He has served as team captain and was a prominent and reliable scorekeeper which earned him the 2004 Scorekeeper Award from the MOHPA. In the year 2000, Larry was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award elected by his peers.

In 2006 Larry was inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame for his contribution to horseshoes in St. Charles County. Larry captivated his audience that evening as he gave an arousing acceptance speech telling of his younger days of pitching horseshoes. At the conclusion, Larry remarked, "You don't know what a family is until you have a family in horseshoes."

In 2011, Larry was the first recipient to be awarded an honorary lifetime membership of the QRHC. Larry will be well remembered at the NMHC and QRHC. His attitude and high-spirited enthusiasm is probably the answer for his longevity. He was an inspiration to all. He served his family well, his country well and the sport of horseshoes well. We were fortunate to share a part of Larry's life, leaving us with so many good times and memories.

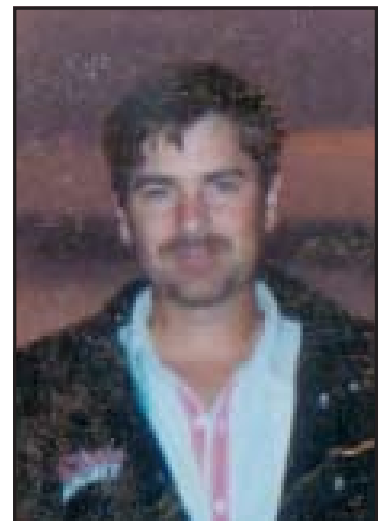
## Brian Looper

September 4, 1958 – July 5, 2012

Brian Lee Looper was born September 4, 1958 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Ray and Jodi Looper. He died July 5, 2012 at home with loved ones after a long and hard fought battle with cancer.

Brian worked 20 years for IBP. He was employed by Morris County in 2001 as a custodian at the courthouse. The year 2003 saw him take as his bride Denise Kosmicki.

Larry Collete, President of KHPA, let us know of Brian. Brian loved spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, orienteering, travel and most of all, pitching horseshoes. Brian was a member of the Kansas Horseshoe Pitching Association and had pitched in the Don Harris Arena. It was the family's wish to have memorial contributions made to the Brian Looper Memorial Fund, which will go towards restoring the horseshoe pits at the Council Grove City Park.



## Loree Meier

March 5, 1934 – September 16, 2012

by Jeanette Claas

Loree Meier passed away on September 16, 2012 from natural causes. Although Loree hasn't pitched horseshoes in recent years, she was a familiar face where horseshoe events took place and remains in our minds as a great horseshoe pitcher and competitor on the courts. She was always there, waiting for the next competitor, the next challenge.

Loree Hart grew up on a farm in a small community in Missouri about eight miles from the Iowa line named Cainsville. She was the third oldest child in a family of ten children; 7 girls and 3 boys. Her youngest sister, Joyce, would grow up to be the mother of Alan Francis. Being one of the eldest children, Loree had done her fair share of the chores from milking cows to baby sitting. She attended a one room school house from 1st grade through 6th grade. The family later moved to town where she graduated from Cainsville High School in 1951.

After graduation she moved to Kansas City to find employment at AT&T as a long distance telephone operator working there until 1962. While working in Kansas City, she met her future husband, Jack Meier, at a dance and they were married on March 3, 1962. They were blessed with two daughters, Carla and Karen. They made their home in Independence for the next 50 years.

Loree's nephew, Alan Francis, first inspired her when he attended his first World Horseshoe Tournament at the age of 9 at Genola MN in 1981. When Alan, his family, his grandparents and aunt returned home from the trip with so much excitement, Loree got caught up in the fever just hearing about it. Alan took 4th place in that tournament with an average of 82.2%. He could indeed teach his Aunt Loree a thing or two. "Alan talked me into pitching horseshoes, and all of his help gave me the initiative to continue pitching horseshoes far as long as I could", remarked Loree several years back as I interviewed her.

Their neighbors had some stakes in the ground and a pair of horseshoes and she began pitching to see what she could do. The following year Jack built a court in their backyard and she would throw some 600-700 shoes a day. Jack took up canning the green beans so Loree could practice.

Loree & Jack bowled together for many years, but back in 1981 Jack heard about a horseshoe league forming and he decided horseshoe pitching would be a lot cheaper than bowling. He had no idea at that time that in the coming years he would be making many trips to tournaments across the United States. Bowling, perhaps, might have been cheaper! Loree and Jack joined the Independence Horseshoe Club in 1981 and were members for 22 years. It was the beginning of her horseshoe career, and excel she did!

Shortly after joining the league, Loree ventured right into her first World Tournament at Huntsville AL in 1982. She entered in Class "J" and won her class with a 30% average. The bug had bit. From 1981 to 2003, Loree had 23 years of NHPA pitching; 19 years of Missouri State Championship pitching; and also pitched in 19 World Tournaments. From 1982 through 1991, Loree pitched in the Missouri Women's Championship Class. Loree finished twice in third place and six times in second place (runner-up to Vicki Winston). In 1988 Loree pitched her highest tournament ringer percent taking 2nd place with a 72.7%.

The year 1986 was a dream season for Loree. She surprised herself when she won the MO State Fair Championship Class in Sedalia. A few weeks later she surprised everyone when she, at the age of 52, won the Missouri Women's State Championship in Independence. She upset the former Missouri State Champion Vicki Winston, bringing Vicki's winning streak to a halt. "I was in shock," Loree recalled. "I guess Vicki had a bad game and me, a good one! With seven wins and no losses and a ringer percent of 61.5%, Loree became the second Missouri State Women's Champion. The game between Loree and Vicki went 60 shoes. Loree had 42 points, 44 ringers, 17 doubles and a ringer percent of 73.3%. Vicki had 31 points, 41 ringers, 12 doubles and a ringer percent of 68.3%. Just a great game between two great champions!

It was at this time that Sports Illustrated heard about the event and came to Loree's home to interview her. They presented her with a Silver Platter and took her picture which appeared with an article in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of the magazine. It was quite an honor for a gal pitching only four years! In 1998 she entered the MO State Tournament with an average of 63.15%.



Loree went on to pitch for another ten years in the Missouri Women's Championships. During that time she took over the number two spot in the All Time Victory Leaders category with 75 wins out of 123 games. For the 19 years of Championships tournaments (1983-2003) Loree ranked fourth in ringer percent, with a 56.38% ringer average of championship players with four or more championship tournaments. She was also ranked third in Active Players All-Time Leaders, ringer percent category with 56.38%. Her winning percentage of 60.98% places her fourth in the percentage of games won category.

In 1988 Vicki Winston and Loree Meier set the records for longest game, 68 shoes, total ringers 106, ringer percent, both players, 77.9% and number of four deads, 12. Loree holds the record for the shortest games in annual State Tournament play; 20 shoes in the 1990 State Tournament pitched against Mary Ann Ell which was tied later by Hall of Fame member Vicki Winston in 1994. As of 2010 that record still stands. As of 2010 Loree is still ranked #4 in the Missouri Women's Division State Tournament All-Time Victory Leaders and #4 in ringer percent for Championship play.

Some of her most exciting matches and best pitching records have been achieved at the Las Vegas Open Tournament held each January during those years. Jack remembered these trips as exciting, but expensive adding up airline, motel and casino fees. Bowling might have been cheaper! Loree was in a car accident and suffered back injuries and a broken arm in October of 1994. To cheer her up Jack flew her to Las Vegas for a little R&R. She especially remembered this tournament as they ran across Don & Mary Ann Ell and Bob and Rose Diekamp. The Diekamps were on their honeymoon and Rose was elated winning her class in the tournament. Loree was unable to pitch but they watched the event as Rich Pintor, of Colorado, won the Class A Championship. Loree

became a three-time mixed Champion Class winner of the Las Vegas Tournament. She returned there the next two years, 1996 & 97' winning the event over the former Colorado Champion.

Loree attended and participated in many tournaments throughout her pitching career, racking up some 60 trophies, numerous plaques, pin holders, metals, ribbons, a silver cup and platter. In 2010 Loree Meier was inducted into the Missouri State Horseshoe Hall of Fame for her excellence in pitching, a well deserved honor for her.

As the years went by, Loree had health issues and had to give up her beloved sport of horseshoes. Her husband Jack passed away in 2006. She is survived by her two daughters Carla Daniel husband Brian; Karen Yord, husband Rick; two granddaughters Allison and Taylor Daniel; five sisters and one brother; many nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by her family members, and remembered fondly by all her competitors and friends in horseshoes. A lady we will always remember in horseshoes.

### Sammy J. Weese

May 20, 1928 – June 16, 2012

Sammy Junior Weese was born in Winfield, Iowa, on May 20, 1928, and left us June 16, 2012. Sammy Sr. and Zola (Carey) Weese soon moved with young Sammy to Grenville, N.M., then to Winston, Missouri, where he graduated high school in 1947, and lived in the surrounding area most of his life. He touched many lives with his heart warming smile.

Sammy served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He worked 33 years as a printer for the St. Joseph News Press & Gazette and was a member of Eastside Baptist Church. Always the sportsman, Sammy loved to play basketball in his younger years and always watching the Royals. If he wasn't water skiing, fishing or dancing, he was sitting on the porch watching the birds at their feeder and perhaps playing cards. One of his favorite sports was horseshoe pitching. I had the pleasure of being Sammy's pitching partner during one of the Liberty Leagues. Sammy was ever the coach, "Lift from the waist, follow through."

Sammy was a role model for me. He had persevered through several health challenges. Be it heart surgery or knee replacement, he was unstoppable. Even in his 70's he had a ringer percentage others might covet; a little hop, flip of the wrist and a ringer was born. Anytime I would see him after he moved from the area it would be, "Elizabeth, get those knees fixed?" "You'll never regret it."

He married Norma Trout in 1954. They divorced in 1972. They had 3 sons and a daughter. He married Bonnie Williams in 1973 that had 2 sons. Bonnie and Sam owned Sam's Quick Stop in Holt, Missouri for 23 years. She preceded him in death in 2004. The last five years he has been blessed with a dancing partner and close companion, Lea Curd of St. Joseph.

### Special Thanks

This is a note to thank "The Greatest Horseshoe Family" for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and your continued support as I go through surgery and treatment. I really appreciate it. It has helped tremendously. Again, "Thank you!"

—With love, Jan Kreienkamp

## 2012 Missouri State Fair

by Donna Bastel

Those of you who didn't attend this event missed out on some of the best weather the Fair has ever seen. Both days in Sedalia were in the mid 80s with a nice breeze to keep you cool. There were 82 entries, including three Juniors. Read in other sections of this *Shoe Biz* for the results.

## 2012 MOHPA Club/Team Report

by Donna Bastel

The 9th Annual MOHPA Club/Team Tournament was hosted by the Liberty Horseshoe Club at the Don Harris Arena of the Ruth Stocksdale Park in Liberty. We had 68 adult entries and four juniors. There were 12 teams representing only eight clubs:

- Ballwin Club 1 team
- Heart of America 1 team
- Lake of the Ozarks 1 team
- Liberty Club 4 teams
- Mountain View 1 team
- Lions Park Club of Peculiar 2 teams
- Quail Ridge 1 team
- Truman Lake Club of Warsaw 1 team

This single fundraiser for the MOHPA saw \$1065.50 going into the coffers. This money goes to sponsoring MOHPA events and helps keep state dues low.

I do believe this tournament should have some type of recognition for creative team names. Check out the following winning teams.

- 3rd place: Truman Dam Ringers (Truman Lake), 30 team points, winning percentage 64.5%
- 2nd place: Heart of America (Kansas City), 31 team points, winning percentage 61.3%
- Champions: Beauties & The Beasts (Liberty), 32 team points, winning percentage 62.5%

2012 Club/Team Champions Audra Craven, Angie DiRaimo, Keith Johnson, Dale Franklin, and Noah Renne were responsible for bringing to the Don Harris Arena another champion plaque. Liberty Club President Dee McIntire will see that this plaque is on display inside the arena. Congratulations to all!

The 2013 Club/Team Tournament will be hosted by the Quail Ridge Club in Wentzville on June 1. Please enter a team, enjoy the competition, and support your MOHPA.

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# League Results and Doubles Tournaments

by Stan Griggs

## League Results

A reminder to all League Directors: For a league to count as a sanctioned event in NATSTATS, a pitcher must have pitched a minimum of 400 shoes. If any of your league pitchers do not meet the 400 shoes minimum, please do not list them on the final league results.

## Tournament Results

A new rule now covers what counts as a tournament.

### PRC2 – Requirement 2: All NHPA Tournaments/Leagues

Section E –Tournament Credit (see RGS page 23)

**Approved Change of Wording** (amended/approved wording is in *italic/bold* print)

**1. For singles and doubles events, a contestant must have pitched a minimum of 100 shoes to receive NatStats credit.**

**Exception (approved by NHPA Council): If all games of the round-robin schedule have been pitched in less than 100 shoes, these statistics may be submitted for NatStats credit.**

To recap the new rule, if you complete all rounds in a tournament, the tournament will count towards NATSTATS, no matter how many shoes you pitched. If the tournament is stopped prior to the completion of all rounds or an individual drops out before all of his or her rounds are completed, a minimum of 100 shoes is needed for this event to count in NATSTATS.

## State Doubles Tournament

There still seem to be some pitchers who do not understand how we set up our state doubles tournament. We have spoken of this for the past four to five years at each Annual Business Meeting and we have also published our guidelines on the state doubles entry form information page. So, let me once again explain our issues as to why the two tournament averages are not always the same.

Due to omissions in the software program, we are currently unable to reliably run the doubles tournament on the nationwide HSMMASTER, a program most all singles tournaments are run through. Since this has been the case for the past four to five years, we have been running our doubles tournament through the SHOES program, which uses our current state-wide database. Unfortunately, these two software programs do not share the same database and the average in our state database (SHOES) and the average in our national data base (HSMMASTER) do not always match. This variance is most often seen with pitchers who pitch in more than one state. If the stats from the out-of-state tournament are received by the state statistician, those results are considered in the average seen in SHOES. If out-of-state tournament results are not received by the state statistician, said results would not be considered; thus the chance for variance. This year, we were missing more than two full months of out-of-state results and still at this date have not received any out-of-state results for the months of June through September.

A formal complaint was sent to the NHPA President as to pitcher averages and class placing in this year's doubles tournament. After speaking with the national officials, it was deemed we were

following correct procedures. The doubles entry form information page has a complete accounting of how averages are determined. I would suggest if a pitcher participates in an out-of-state tournament and would like to have the out-of-state stats as a part of their average, it would behoove said pitcher to take charge and forward a copy of the tournament results to the state statistician.

Since the state tournament, I have contacted NATSTATS to try to work out our differences with missing results and I was basically told we are only to use NATSTATS for running tournaments and it is not their job to supply the state statistician with out-of-state results. I explained that we do not have a program that will let us do this and I was told HSMMASTER is used for doubles at other state tournaments. When questioned how that can be with the omissions in the software, no comment was ever sent back to me.

I am here to tell you the doubles side of the program has a couple of serious omissions. The program does not have a shoe checking system, which basically lets you know if there is an error on the score sheet. You enter what's on the score sheet and it accepts anything you enter. The pitcher is at the mercy of the scorekeeper and/or the data entry person. The second shortcoming can be as equally dramatic. The shoe entry for each game is a one-time entry, which means each player on each team would have to pitch the exact same number of shoes. This means a tie would be a tie and the Championship Class would always pitch 40 shoes and never 40 points.

I have contacted the HSMMASTER committee and I have posted my concerns on the NHPA forum and still have not heard back from anyone regarding the issues I have brought forward.

At this point, since it was brought forward to the NHPA with a complaint, we have now been told that we must use NATSTATS averages. We do not have a reliable computer program to run this tournament. We will be discussing this at our officers meeting in November to see what direction we want to go with this. We have several options:

- 1) Discontinue the doubles tournament
- 2) Unsanction the doubles tournament and do not keep stats
- 3) Use HSMMASTER with its limitations, meaning you better hope the score sheet is correct, because whatever is on the score sheet is what is going into the computer for final results. Championship Class will be limited to 40 shoes, all classes would be limited to 40 shoes, a tie at 40 shoes would stay a tie.
- 4) Use the SHOES program with our state database averages as we have for the past four to five years and suffer the consequences of the NHPA.

In closing, let me just share my thoughts. We as your elected officers have been voted on by our peers to do a job fit for our association, and I can say without hesitation that we all do what is best for the MOHPA. Unfortunately, when we are questioned as to our motives and challenged to a higher source, we now have limitations put on us and those limitations may very well affect us all.

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# Missouri Horseshoe Club News



## Capital City Horseshoe Club News

by Steve Bruemmer

When you consider Capital City Horseshoe Club is an outside-only pitching facility, we have had a truly busy season. Thanks to an uncommonly dry season, we were able to sponsor several leagues and tournaments.

The Capital City Horseshoe Club has held 14 tournaments for the 2012 pitching season. Check out the new patch. We have given embroidery patches for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, plus high ringer game in each class. We also are giving out high ringer percentage patches to each participant. The club has lowered the entry fee to \$7 (except the Big Money Tournament). The Big Money Tournament will be held on June 29-30, 2013. The payout will be \$125 to 1st place, \$75 to 2nd, and \$25 to 3rd for all classes.



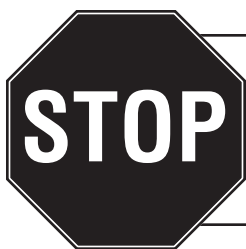
Capital City met Quail Ridge in Jefferson City a few weeks ago with 40 pitchers competing. Quail Ridge beat Capital City Horseshoe Club 80.50 to 39.50. The top winners for the Capital City Horseshoe Club were James Driver, Class A fourth place; Jed Baker, Class B fourth place; Adam Scheppers, Class C second place; and Harold Wolken, Class D seventh place.

The Club Picnic was held in late September. The winner of the annual CCHC Tournament was Steve Johnson.

Along with the tournaments, we have been occupied with three leagues. The Spring Singles League winners were James Driver, first place; Steve Steck, second; and August Dudenhoefter, third. The Summer Singles League winners were James Driver, first place; Jim Gregory, second; and August Dudenhoefter, third. The Summer Team League winners were Adam Scheppers, Ryan Scheppers, and Nathan Evers.

Let me take time to recognize some accomplishments by individual club members. The Capital City Horseshoe Club had a World Champion in the Cadet Division, Ryan Scheppers. Steve Steck won his class in the men's division. The Club has had two winners in their class during State Tournament, Andrew Reeves and Tom Lehman.

I would like to welcome our new members for 2012: Andrew Reeves, Jerry Weller, Jason Kuse, Terry Russell, Aaron Atkins, Bobby Schwent, Ryan Scheppers, and Jack Hollingshead.



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## Independence Horseshoe Club

by Pam Henderson



We had an excellent season. It was fun and very hot but we all made it, right up to the end. We had great officers who worked very hard and did a great job. Our president, Earl Gunter, did a good job as a first-year officer and it will be easier for him next year. The same can be said for our league director, Dennis Bales, and our new statistician, Lee Miller. Thanks, guys, for a great season.

We had a lovely banquet thanks to our friend Fran, who did all the delicious cooking. The following were recognized. The team of Kim Hanes and Perry Mann was 4th place; Lee Miller and Jack Stokenbury, 3rd; Johnna Bales and Nancy Gunter, 2nd; and Tony Bootka and Robert Johnson, 1st.

Top individual performances were as follows. A class: Earl Gunter, 3rd; Dennis Bales, 2nd; Bruce Kidd, 1st. Championship class: Al Gwinn, 3rd; Wayne Henderson, 2nd; Jack Stokenbury, 1st. Bruce and Jack had a pitch-off to see who would be the Grand Champion and Jack Stokenbury won the title. Congratulations, Jack. We are proud of you. Our Rookie of the Year went to Nancy Gunter. Sportsmanship award went to Lee Miller. Perfect Attendance went to Perry Mann, Lee Miller, Johnna Bales, Dennis Bales, Roy Flatt, Ray Phelps, Mike Gillespie, and Wayne Henderson.

Ray Phelps won 1st place in his class at State and we are very proud of him. Ray is also our Horseshoe Chaplain.

Mike Gillespie, the man with the plan, was honored as Player of the Decade. Wow! This was no overnight accomplishment. It required strategy, planning, and 10 years of dedication. Congratulations, Mike!

On a sad note, we lost our lifetime members this year, Sam Kidd and Loree Meier. We will miss them so very much. They were both fun and good sports. We also lost one of our long-ago pitchers and helper, Brian Bilyou. He helped us out so much in the refreshment area. (I say lost, but we really know they aren't lost.) We send prayers out to Tony Bootka, as his wife is having health issues right now. May she soon come home.

Remember, our Memorial Tournament is February 2. Our computer is up and running so you can e-mail us at waynepam@juno.com or call at 816-257-1853. From all the Independence Horseshoe Club members, we say, "See you soon, have a great holiday season."

## Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club

by Donna Bastel



Is it fall already? Where do the summers go? We held two summer leagues this year. We didn't have to deal with much rain as the drought was in full swing, but the unrelenting heat caused us to cancel a few nights when it was 104° at pitching time.

In our Monday Night Singles League, Lile Harper was league champion with 29.5 wins and 9.5 losses. He also held the high point average of 88 and pitched the highest game at 110 points. Congratulations, Lile! This league was sponsored by F & J Disposal. Thank you!



George Lawler pitched a game 36 points over his average. Wow! The most-improved pitcher was Ed David. He improved his point average by 13 and his ringer percentage by 10.4%. Ed was also voted the Sportsmanship award. Our Rookie of the Year was Harry Mason, who recently moved to the lake area from Indiana. Welcome to Missouri, Harry, and keep up the great pitching.

In the Wednesday Morning Singles League, the champion was Carl Folsom with 31.5 wins and 13.5 losses. Not surprisingly, he also held the high average of 122 points and high percentage game of 72%. His final average was 101. Rich Reina had high game over average of 27 points. Our Rookie of the Year award went to Dan Douglas. We're looking forward to seeing more of you, Dan. The Sportsmanship award went to Leroy Dooley. The league sponsor was Chances 'R' Restaurant; another big thank you to them.

We held our End of Leagues Tournament on September 8 and our overall League Champion was Ed Davis, with runners up Rich Reina and Harold Hoffmeister.

By the time this *Shoe Biz* reaches your doorstep, our winter season at The Pits indoor courts will be well underway with five weekly leagues running through March, a short six-week fall league for the snowbirds, and a non-sanctioned league for our American Legion friends. There will also be tournaments held the second week of each month through April.

We are also trying something new this fall unrelated to horse-shoes, a Corn Hole League that will be all couples. We will have 10 couples participating.

Wishoeing you all a warm and cozy winter with many ringers.

## Liberty Horseshoe Club News

by Daphne Happy



Now that we are through pitching in Summer Leagues, sweet old Mother Nature has discontinued the arid sweltering weather. Go figure! She did provide a beautiful day on September 22 for the final matches of our End-of-Summer League Tournament in the morning and the Championship Brackets that afternoon. Laura Johnson was the star of the day. She pulled off a three-pete by being the Tournament Champion close on the heels of being champion in her class at both World and State Tournaments; good job, Laura! Laura's runner up and 2nd place winner was Bobby Johnson. Other pitchers who won their class or came in second when the 1st place pitcher could not be present to compete in the final brackets were: 3rd, Lyle Samuelson (pitching for Debbie Harris); 4th, Terry Kampe; 5th, Ray Bendure (pitching for Jackie Guggisberg); 6th, Wayne Dusenbery; 7th, Gina Baker; 8th, Ron Jackson; and 9th, Grandin Lane.

Here are the champions of our Summer Leagues. Members of the team finishing in first place in the July Juniors Only League were Mia Craven, Ashley Craven, Cooper Phipps, Jeremiah Oard, Audrey Jackson, and Kylie Clark. Monday Morning winning team members were Jim Arrowood, Jack Carnes, Larry Gearheart, and Robert Hayward. Tuesday Indoor winning team members were Angie DiRaimo and Terry Kampe. Tuesday Outdoor winning team members were Barry Arthur, Gina Baker, Nancy Gunter, and Robert Johnson. Congratulations to all the winners!

The Hodgson Memorial Open, named in honor of our club founder, Wilbur Hodgson, was held June 16 with the following results, listed in order of position:

- Class A: Gregg Craven, Audra Craven, Dave Cooper
  - Class B: Charles Gordon, Norm Green, Wayne Henderson
  - Class C: Lawrence Loney, Clifford Pierce, Debbie Harris
  - Class D: Elwyn Cooper, Tom Beaver, Johnna Bales
  - Class E: James Kinney, Jr., Erika Myler, Bob Bloss, Jr.
  - Class F: James Premer, Richard Schmidt, Larry Anderson
  - Class G: Charlie Baker, Jose Ramirez, Michael Gillespie
  - Class H: Danny Wetzel, Perry Mann, Jim Arrowood
  - Class I: Carl Harris, Jackie Guggisberg, George Chichura
  - Class J: Rodney Mallinckrodt, Mark Miller, Tyler Fishbaugh
  - Class K: Alec Craven, Heather Campbell, Robert Johnson
- Liberty Horseshoe Club pitchers played a large role in Missouri winning the MO/KAN Border War Tournament on September 15. Club finishers were as follows:

- Championship Class: 1st, Gregg Craven; 3rd, Nick DiRaimo
- A Class: 2nd, Audra Craven; 4th, Ralph Richardson; 5th, Elizabeth Furner
- B Class: 1st, Elwyn Cooper; 6th, Laura Johnson
- C Class: 4th, Nile Abbott; 7th, Terry Kampe
- D Class: 1st, Angie DiRaimo; 6th, Dee McIntire
- E Class: 2nd, Larry Anderson; 4th, Keith Johnson

Our annual Banquet and Business Meeting was held October 2 at the Arena, where the culinary prowess of the members and/or their spouses was enjoyed by all in attendance. The office terms of President, Secretary/Treasurer and League Director expired this year. Current officers were retained by acclamation, so once again Dee McIntire is President, Daphne Happy is Secretary/ Treasurer, and Gregg Craven is League Director. The Liberty Club is honored that the 2012 Director of the Year, Gregg Craven, will continue to put his organizational talents to good use for us. Gregg presented awards for the recently completed summer leagues, with special recognition going to:

- Adult Rookie of the Year: Tim Fox
- Junior Rookie of the Year: Hunter Clark
- Junior League Sportsmanship: Warren Highley
- Monday Morning Sportsmanship: Wayne Dusenbery
- Tuesday Indoor Sportsmanship: Savanna Johnson
- Tuesday Outdoor Sportsmanship: Gina Baker
- Most Improved: Hunter Clark, Carl Harris, Nancy Gunter, Denise Bloss
- High Average: Devin Wetzel, Gregg Craven, Gregg Craven, Nick DiRaimo

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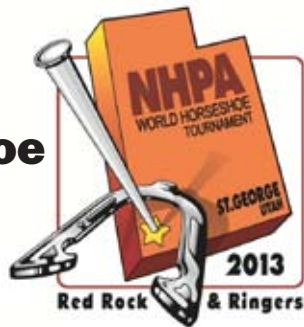
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# 2013 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament

St. George, Utah



## Frequently Asked Questions

### When is the 2013 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament?

The tournament will be held July 22 to August 3, 2013.

### Where will it be held?

The 2013 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held at the Dixie Convention Center, located at 1835 S. Convention Center Drive #a, St. George, Utah.

### Is there a social networking group available to communicate with others who are interested in horseshoes and the 2013 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament?

Yes, on Facebook. The Facebook groups "National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association (NHPA)" and "World Horseshoe Tournament 2013" are available. Search for the groups in the search field and request membership.

### Is there a place to go to find out about the facilities, travel to St. George, and activities to do with my family while I'm there?

Absolutely! Visit <http://www.utahstgeorge.com/horseshoe.html> for more information

### What do I need to do to qualify to pitch in the 2013 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament in St. George?

According to NHPA Rules, Section H:

- i. Qualifying Events – All adult entrants to the World Tournament who reside in the United States must have completed at least four (4) NHPA sanctioned events at their Division pitching distance during the twelve (12) months preceding the cut-off date listed on the current World Tournament entry form. Note: Only one event is required for Juniors.
- ii. Exemptions – An exception to the requirement of four (4) sanctioned events shall be active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their immediate family (if married), provided they meet the other eligibility requirements. Entering averages for foreign entrants and active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their immediate family, not in the NatStats database, will be verified by other means. (See RULE 11, Section D.1)

### How do I find tournaments in my city/state?

Visit [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com) and click on the map with the title "Pitch with us!" Select the place you are from and locate the nearest state horseshoe pitching association to you. We always welcome new pitchers!

- High Over Avg: Hunter Clark, Carl Harris, Becky Jackson, Bobby Johnson
- High Pts w/Hcp: Michael Leger, Carl Harris, John Moraski, Bobby Johnson

The following Percentage Patches were awarded:

- 60%: John Moraski
- 50%: Mike Crouch, Carl Harris
- 30%: Becky Jackson, Nancy Gunter, Jackie Guggisberg, Bobby Johnson
- 20%: Barry Arthur, Mark Miller, Cooper Phipps, Chris Thompson, Larry Moore
- 10%: Jana Miller, Holly Phipps, Clark Hunter, Jeremiah Oard
- 6-9%: Juniors Merissa Caravello, Audrey Jackson
- 0-5%: Juniors Kylie Clark, Warren Highley

Longevity patches were presented to Ray Bendure for 10 years and Sharon Taylor, Paul Taylor, and Larry Anderson for 20 years.

Audrey Jackson was presented her engraved trophy for being the State of Missouri's Junior Rookie of the Year.

Nile Abbott was congratulated as a 2012 inductee into the Missouri Hall of Fame.

The granite stone honoring Don Harris has been moved from inside the Arena and placed in its permanent spot just outside the Larry Craven friendship entrance to the Horseshoe Pitching Arena, where it can bring a smile of remembrance to everyone's face as they enter the arena to enjoy the sport that was near and dear to the heart of both Don and Larry.

For the most part, our members have been healthy. David Jackson battled kidney stones while everyone was away at the World Tournament and no one knew, but he is back pitching again better than ever. Also, we are still keeping Connie Trautwein in our prayers as she continues receiving chemo treatments. Congratulations to Noah Renne and his family as they welcome their new son into the fold. We grieve the loss of former club member Sammy Weese. Sam moved from Liberty to St. Joseph but we still considered him one of us.



## Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club News

by Jeanette Claas

After the longest hot spell of all time, we at QRHC are glad to be wearing jackets and preparing for the cool weather that fall and winter bring.

It was an exciting spring for QR as we hosted the first Hall of Fame Invitational in May and hosted the National Veterans Golden Games in June. A total of 350 veterans pitched in the one day event; it was a challenge for the QRHC, especially feeding that amount, but we did it. We were so proud of the veterans and proud that we could do something to repay what they have done for us.

We held an After-Hours Social for the Wentzville Chamber of Commerce with 25 different business representatives attending. We supplied the place and West Allen Grill supplied the food. We gave them a tour of the HOF, instructed and pitched some horseshoes with them, and gave them a brief history of horseshoes and how the HOF came to be located in Wentzville. All had a very enjoyable evening.

The QRHC participated in the Wabash Days held in Wentzville by the railroad tracks where the Wabash railroad made its debut many years ago. We set up a horseshoe court and some corn hole boards. It was another hot 94° day that kept a lot of patrons away. The event gave our club and the NHPA HOF lots of exposure and attracted many children.

We want to congratulate all our members who traveled to the World Tournament in Knoxville. Those pitchers earning a trophy or prize money were: Rich Altis, Mick Gillette, Don Claas, and Bob Cutright. Gary Buehler received an NHPA Achievement Award and J-Net Claas received the Presidential Award. Missouri was second in participation, having 100 pitchers attending to Ohio's 110. It should be pointed out that Missouri had the most 1st place winners! We were so very proud of Dalton Rakestraw and Ryan Schepers, who won the World Championship Titles in their divisions.

Congratulations to all our winners at the 2012 State Tournament held in Lebanon. Check out the results of the state tournament winners in this issue of *Shoe Biz*. A special congratulation goes to Rose Diekamp for claiming her 9th Women's State Championship title. Her last game against Lachelle Cook was a most exciting game for all who watched. It got down to the last few shoes to determine the winner. Another special congratulation goes to Rich Altis, who claimed his 1st 30' Championship title. I believe he is the only Missourian who holds the record of claiming a 40' and a 30' championship title in both divisions. As pointed out by Gregg Craven, Rich has broken or tied five tournament records while in Lebanon.

On the first fall weekend, 20 QR members traveled to Jeff City for some friendly competition with the Capital City Horseshoe Club. It was a beautiful day to be pitching outdoors and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Sam Godbouldt grilled some tasty chili hotdogs that were enjoyed by all the hungry horseshoe pitchers. The QRHC brought home the traveling trophy. Next year (same time), the CCHC will have another chance for braggin' rights. Thanks to the CCHC for the hospitality. While in Jeff City, several members toured the old MO State Penitentiary. It was a very interesting and historical tour that I would recommend for all to see.

At our recent club meeting, 2nd VP Norm Pierce and Treasurer Jim Howard were re-elected by acclamation. Jan Kreienkamp, our former secretary, chose not to run for another term so she can focus on getting herself well. We thank Jan for all she has done for the club and hopefully look for her return as soon as she is able. Dee Null was elected as our new secretary.

Our day league with 30 members is in full swing and our winter leagues are just beginning. Our Monday night league is filled with 16 teams. We wish to welcome the 17 new pitchers and hope they enjoy the season and return next year. The Wednesday night Men's League has 11 teams including six new members. Welcome back to Allen Stark and Dave Moynihan who are returning to the club. Thanks to our league directors who put in many hours to make this all possible: Don Claas, Ginny Weiss, Jill Knobbe, and Rich Altis.

We are preparing for many events to end our 2012 horseshoe year. The NHPA Club/League Tournament will be held on Oct. 6-7, the Halloween Bash will be here on October 27. Please come and bring the kids, they will love this event. Check out the tournament schedule for time and dates of other tournaments. Please note



that the NHPA Walking Doubles will be hosting this tournament on Jan. 19. So, grab a partner and let's try to make this a successful event.

Our club is saddened by the death of two members, Jo-Ann Eisenbeis and Larry Gilchrist. They will be sadly missed. We have lots of members on our sick list. Larry Volo is very ill at this time; his wife Alice passed away in late September. In our thoughts

and prayers are Dot Gooch and Jan Kreienkamp who are battling cancer. To all others, we wish you speedy recoveries.

Until next issue, we wishoe good health and lots of ringers.

## Shelbina Library Horseshoe League News

by Scott Raimer

The year 2012 was another milestone for Shelbina Library Horseshoe League. This year marked the 20th consecutive year of recognition as a singles league by the NHPA. Thanks once again to league director Russell Ebbing for his time, energy, and continuous service to the community and the MOHPA. We are all looking forward to another season of pitching horseshoes in Shelbina for 2013.

This year's league had 15 members and consisted of eight adult pitchers and seven juniors. We are very proud to have the junior pitchers who continue to return year after year and to the addition of one junior in the 2012 season. We hope they all will be able to join us again for some good fellowship and horseshoe competition in the league next year.

Once again the league had two shifts, at 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. On each shift, the members played a round-robin schedule in which they played two games each night against one opponent. Each game was 50 shoes in length and was handicapped. A single person could earn up to three points per night. The winner for the early shift was Pat Heathman (below right) and the late shift winner was Roger Otto (below left). Each shift also voted on the member from their shift they felt displayed the most sportsmanship. Those recipients were Don Langdon for the early shift and LaRue Baker for the late shift.



# 2012 Hall of Fame Inductees

by Dee McIntire

## Nile Abbott, HOF Player/Promoter Recipient

Nile Abbott, aka The Nileator, began his pitching career at an early age; on the farm with his Dad and brothers as well as at family picnics. At one such family picnic Lyle Samuelson told Nile about the horseshoe league in Liberty. In 1989 Nile began pitching league.

Nile married his lovely wife Reva in 1953. They have two daughters and a son. Before horseshoes, Nile's passion was barbershop singing. He sang baritone with the chorus for 32 years and was in a quartet for 25 of those years. He traveled around the United States singing in concerts and singing competitively. He is no stranger to competition, team building and first place finishes as the chorus and quartet won many competitions.

After leaving the Navy, Nile went into banking. He worked for United Missouri Bank in downtown Kansas City for many years and then moved to Parkville and the Farmers Exchange Bank. He served as Vice President and Head Cashier until retiring in November, 1991.

During Niles banking career, he had a close call. Sometime in the 1980's three men decided they wanted to rob the bank. During the robbery, one of them jumped the counter and demanded the money from the vault. Nile was in the process of trying to close for the day; the robber demanded all the money from the vault. When Nile informed them that it could not be accessed because it was on a timer, the robber struck Nile with the butt of his gun. The blow broke his dentures and knocked him to the floor. The thieves did get caught that same day, but not with as much money as they thought they would get.

Nile makes a lasting impression on people. Just a few weeks ago I was with Laura Johnson and Sharon Taylor at Shawnee Town trying to drum up new pitchers and a woman came to me asking if I knew Nile Abbott. She remembered him from his banking days and remembered him pitching horseshoes. She explained to me that she and her husband always asked for Nile when they had banking business because they knew they would always be dealt with honestly and fairly.

Anytime the Don Harris Arena is open, Nile is there. Nile served 6 years as the President of the Liberty Club. He is the kind of person who is always willing to do whatever is needed to help around the courts. He has done stats for leagues, and is to the Arena early for tournaments. If he isn't helping get paperwork ready for pitching or taking money from pitchers as they arrive, he and Reva are readying their chairs for a morning of scorekeeping.

## New Member List

Compiled by Vicki Winston

We welcome our new 2012 members who have joined the NHPA and MOHPA for the very first time between May 10 and the end of the 2012 membership year. We hope you are enjoying our sport.

Name	City	Club
Aaron Atkins	Centertown	Capitol City
Stephanie Bruemmer	Jefferson City	Capitol City
James R. Cook	Buffalo	
Skip Fitzgerald	Kansas City	Liberty
John Garner	Philadelphia	Shelbina
Roger Gibson	Marshall	Saline County
Jacob Goodding	Huntsville	Shelbina
John Gregory	St. Louis	Quail Ridge
Robert Haskell	Maysville	Pony Express
Allen Huls II	Independence	Liberty
Tom Ivey	Lebanon	Pitchers Paradise
Jason Kuse	Jefferson City	Capitol City
John C. Lewis	Marshall	Saline County
Harry Mason	Gravois Mills	Lake Ozark
Velda King Mays	St. Joseph	Pony Express
Jana Miller	Kansas City	Liberty
Mark Miller	Kansas City	Liberty
John J. Moraski	Cameron	Liberty
Dennis Parker	Springfield	Doling Park
Holly Phipps	Liberty	Liberty
Terry Russell	Jefferson City	Capitol City
Mark Swearngin	Warsaw	
Chris Thompson	Liberty	Liberty
Dennis Waggoner	Independence	Liberty
Christopher Wilkymacky	Savannah	Pony Express
Hank Zak	St. Charles	Quail Ridge

## M.O. Turner, HOF Player Category Inductee

M.O. Turner was nominated in the Player Category. The man better known as "MO" on the pitching circuit is seen as a gentleman and an enjoyable opponent. This is an image he has cultivated over 30 years of pitching.

MO was drafted into the United States Navy in 1956 and served on the destroyer escort, the USS Taylor. It was while in the Navy that he met his wife Velva. MO retired from Bendix/Honeywell in 1997 after working there 37 years. MO and his wife Velva live in rural Odessa. MO built an indoor horseshoe court so he could practice close to home year round. MO is a well rounded sportsman; he also has a pond and a small lake on his property where he also enjoys fishing. He also enjoys playing golf.

MO first started pitching horseshoes in 1975, pitching with Glory horseshoes and throwing a turn and a quarter which he still pitches. He attended his first State Tournament in 1983 in Springfield where he won first place in "D" class with an average of 55%.

MO is a 30 year member of the MOHPA and has competed on a high level many of those years. He has earned 133 wins and as such, ranks 7th highest in the number of wins in the State Men's Championship Class. In all those State Tournaments, he had an overall average of 60% plus. MO was the Open Men's Division State Champion 2 times; in 2003 with a 65.7% average and an 8-1 record and in 2009 at 62.4% with a 6-1 record.

MO competed in several World Tournaments and finished 9th in the Senior Men's Championship in 2009 and 2010. In 2007 he won the Senior A class and finished 3rd in the Championship with 60.67%. MO has also pitched in the Team World Tournaments held in Beloit, WI for over 10 years and was a familiar face in the historical Six-Pac tournaments held first in New Melle and ending in 2011 at Quail Ridge.

# 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, Nile Abbott and M.O. Turner. 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.

A nomination form for 2013 is on the next page. 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.

## MOHPA Hall of Fame Committee

Dee McIntire, Chairman

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

## 1984 Charter Members

Ezra Beard, Jack Claves, Dan Cook, Billy Crick Sr., Frank Crumm, C.C. Davis, F.L. Ludemann, Tom Meagher, William Pfender, Lawrence Robinson

## Inductees

<b>1985</b> Bob Bales John Elkins Jack Erwin Wayne Winston	<b>1990</b> Charles Killgore J.A. "Bud" Larson D.E."Red"Wommack	<b>1996</b> Sam Carter	<b>2001</b> Carl W. "Cotton" Gutshall	<b>2007</b> Tim Henderson Ken Pogue
<b>1986</b> Ray Cavin Paul Lattray Alfred Smith	<b>1991</b> Oscar Bozich Wayne Trautwein	<b>1997</b> None	<b>2002</b> Jerry Griggs Pam Henderson	<b>2008</b> Gregg Craven Caryle Gricks
<b>1987</b> Earl Winston Vicki Winston	<b>1992</b> Louis "Lefty" Steinmann	<b>1998</b> Val Eikel Stan Griggs Wayne Henderson	<b>2003</b> Randy Grady	<b>2009</b> Brady Craven Bob and Donna Bastel
<b>1988</b> James Acock Dave Baker	<b>1993</b> Elwyn Cooper Woodrow Shephard	<b>1999</b> Joe Faron Sam Foster Kent Armstrong Alan Francis	<b>2004</b> Rich Altis Rose Diekamp Tom Ebers	<b>2010</b> Loree Meier
<b>1989</b> H.P. Heidel	<b>1994</b> Charles Picraux	<b>2000</b> Harvey Wobbe	<b>2005</b> Jeanette Claas	<b>2011</b> Bob Diekamp Nick DiRaimo
	<b>1995</b> Don Harris		<b>2006</b> Kelly Hill	<b>2012</b> Nile Abbott M. O. Turner

# 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.*

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# 2012 Cadets World Champion: Missouri's Own Ryan Schepers

by Jeanette Claas

Perhaps the most unique horseshoe event at the World Tournament is the Cadet Division. These kids, age 6 to 9, are out there pitching their hearts out all in fun. Watching these kids pitch, you wonder, "What is going through their minds?" Every now and then they talk to their opponent and you wonder, "What do they talk about?" Once in a while they have to call a judge to come over to figure out who gets the point, as they cuddle on top of the clay, waiting for the judge to make the decision.

They sometimes seem oblivious to the fact of what they are doing but then they look towards the bleachers looking for support from a familiar face. They fidget, they jump, they run, pull up their pants, and take their hats on and off a dozen times. It's a kid's world and it brings a smile to every spectator watching the event. The spectators cheer for each of them, not caring who wins or loses. It doesn't matter. They have the courage to get out there and pitch shoes and it is the beginning of their horseshoe career if they choose to stay with it.

For Missouri spectators, we had the time of our lives as we watched little Ryan Schepers of Osage Beach perform his talents on the courts for our enjoyment. And talent he did have, we were even a bit envious. How could this 8-year-old, 75-pound kid accomplish what we couldn't? Amazing!

Several weeks before the 2012 World Horseshoe Tournament in Knoxville, Ryan entered the Summer Splash Tournament in Laurie, MO. It was a mixed tournament so he pitched with the adults. He entered at 21% in the Class C Division. The first game he pitched a 70% game! He won all his games and ended with a 56% tournament average! At eight years old!

Ryan began pitching in July 2011 at the age of seven. He claimed his first Missouri Cadet State Title pitching 10% with a 3-0 record. Ryan comes from a horseshoe-pitching family. His grandparents are Mark and Tina Schepers and Chris and Caitlin Evers. His dad, Adam Schepers, is well on his way to becoming a very good horseshoe pitcher. His cousin, Nathan Evers, now 14, won the 2007 Cadet World Championship in Ardmore, OK, displaying his talent and skills on the courts. Nathan was Missouri's first Cadet Champion, pitching a 36% for the tournament.

This year, Ryan's parents couldn't attend the World Tournament due to their work schedules, so Ryan arrived in Knoxville with both grandpas and cousin Nathan, who also pitched in the WT. Ryan pitches with the Capital City Horseshoe Club in Jefferson City and in the 2011 winter league at The Pits Horseshoe Club in Sunrise Beach.

Once he found out he would be going to the WT in Knoxville, little Ryan began pitching shoes three times a day; he was determined he was going to beat his opponent, who was seeded #1 with a 35.05%. Ryan entered with a 30.56% average and went undefeated with a record of 9-0 in the Class A Cadet Division and a tournament average of 49.17%. His high game was 62.50% and low game was 27.50%.

The next day, Ryan entered the World 2012 Playoffs, which consisted of four pitchers: Patrick McCarthy, WA, 28.06%; Alex Francis, OH, 17.22% (making his first appearance in horseshoe competition with mom and dad beaming in the bleachers); and Michael Little, MN, 12.22%. During this competition, Ryan's

games were: 40%, 45.83%, 57.69%, 56.25%, 50%, and 52.50%. With a 6-0 record and a 49.40% tournament average, Ryan was declared the 2012 Cadets World Champion!

Only two Cadets entered the 2012 Missouri Horseshoe Tournament; due to his high percentage, Ryan automatically received the Cadet Championship Title. The MOHPA officers decided to make it more fun for Ryan by letting him pitch with the Junior Boys. Ryan actually placed third with a 2-2 record and a 39.67%, and a high game of 60.71%, but did not qualify for a junior award. Ryan won a golden cup for Junior Rookie of the Year 2011 along with co-winner Audrey Jackson of Liberty, MO.

Ryan entered third grade at Osage Beach Elementary this year. He is an exceptionally bright kid who reads at the 8th grade level and loves math. He would like to be either a professional football player or horseshoe pitcher.

Born January 22, 2004, Ryan is now 8. However, during the NHPA Business Meeting at the WT, it was voted that the Cadet Division will extend the age limit to 12 years old, meaning that he could stay in that division for another four years if he so chooses. What kind of an average Ryan will be pitching at that point in his life is anyone's guess! We just hope he stays with his horseshoe game and has fun with it. Another remarkable and talented kid from Missouri!



# 2012-2013 MOHPA Tournament Schedule

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Date	Sanction #	Location	Tournament Name	Contact	E-mail or Cell #
<b>2012</b>					
10/6,7	19-12-056	Wentzville	NHPA Sanctioned Club/League	Dave Sidles 515-450-3557	dsidles@cox.net
10/13	19-12-106	Liberty	Kansas City Open %	Dee McIntire 816-452-0254	dinetamcintire@att.net
10/13 +	19-12-120	Park Hills	Spooky Cat	R.McEntire 573-431-6107	
10/13,14	19-12-018	Sunrise Beach	Frosted Pumpkin Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
10/14	19-12-089	Jefferson City	Oktoberfest Open	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
10/14	19-12-102	Festus	Festus Open #7	Fred Smetzer 636-937-2612	
10/14 +	19-12-123	Glen Allen	Fall is in the Air Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
10/20	19-12-075	Mountain View	Harvest's Over (Limited Space)	D.Hobbs 417-934-6741	
10/20	19-12-057	Wentzville	Fall Team Handicap Tournament	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
10/27	19-12-090	Jefferson City	Triple Elimination Open	S.Bruegger 636-541-3232	sdr@att.net
10/27	19-12-107	Liberty	Don Harris Memorial %	G.Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
10/28 +	19-12-124	Glen Allen	Fall Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
11/3	19-12-108	Liberty	12th Annual Holly Marie Memorial %	S.Griggs 816-313-1814	moshoe@kcnet.com
11/3 +	19-12-121	Park Hills	Pre-Deer Season	R.McEntire 573-431-6107	
11/3	19-12-058	Wentzville	NHPA Halloween Bash	Altis 314-541-4705	richaltis@juno.com
11/3,4	19-12-024	Crane	Deer Season Blues	Hudson 417-723-5429	
11/4 +	19-12-125	Glen Allen	Special	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
11/10,11	19-12-019	Sunrise Beach	Turkey Stakes Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
11/9,10	19-12-103	Festus	Festus Open #8	Fred Smetzer 636-937-2612	
11/17	19-12-109	Liberty	Charles Killgore Memorial %	Cooper 816-741-0043	ipitch6@hotmail.com
11/17	19-12-059	Wentzville	Turkey Trot Tournament	Knobbe 314-303-4809	knobbe@orcolan.com
11/25 +	19-12-126	Glen Allen	Holiday Leftover Special	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
11/17	19-12-025	Crane	Christmas is Coming	Hudson 417-723-5429	
12/1	19-12-110	Liberty	Harvesters Food Network Benefit %	Dee McIntire 816-452-0254	dinetamcintire@att.net
12/1,2	19-12-020	Sunrise Beach	Snowball Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
12/8 +	19-12-122	Park Hills	Jolly Ole Man	R.McEntire 573-431-6107	
12/9 +	19-12-127	Glen Allen	HO!HO!HO! Holiday Tournament	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
12/15	19-12-104	Festus	Festus Open #8	Fred Smetzer 636-937-2612	
12/15	19-12-111	Liberty	Santa Claus is Coming %	G.Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
12/16 +	19-12-128	Glen Allen	Bah Hum Bug Scrooge Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
12/8,9	19-12-060	Wentzville	Jingle Bell Rock	Moreland 636-265-2674	mark.moreland@charter.net
12/8	19-12-104	Festus	Festus Open #9	Fred Smetzer 636-937-2612	
<b>2013</b>					
1/5	19-13-021	Liberty	Happy New Year @Don Harris %	G.Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
1/5	19-13-041	Wentzville	New Year Ringers	Roehrig 636-359-2762	groehrig24@gmail.com
1/5,6	19-13-030	Crane	January Thaw	Hudson 417-723-5429	
1/6	19-13-033	Glen Allen	Icicle Cladssic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
1/12	19-13-017	Park Hills	January Freeze	McEntire 573-431-6107	
1/12,13	19-13-008	Sunrise Beach	Cool Shoe Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
1/19	19-13-022	Liberty	Deep Freeze @Don Harris %	B.Craven 816-781-7581	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
1/19	19-13-001	Wentzville	NHPA Walking Doubles	D.Michaud 508-822-9610	loonpd@verizon.net
1/20	19-13-034	Glen Allen	Snowball Extravaganza	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/2	19-13-023	Liberty	Independence Memorial @Harris %	Henderson 816-257-1853	waynepam@juno.com
2/2,3	19-13-031	Crane	Almost Spring	Hudson 417-723-5429	
2/3	19-13-065	Glen Allen	Sweetheart Valentine	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/9	19-13-018	Park Hills	Chilly Days	McEntire 573-431-6107	
2/9	19-13-042	Wentzville	Happy Hearts Tournament	Foulds 636-583-6446	jankandyf@esagelink.com
2/9,10	19-13-009	Sunrise Beach	Peg in My Heart Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
2/16	19-13-024	Liberty	Window of Opportunity @Harris %	Straughn 816-246-0310	nmstraughn@sbcglobal.net
2/17	19-13-036	Glen Allen	Birthday Party Blowout	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
2/23	19-13-043	Wentzville	Spring Team Handicap Tournament	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
3/2	19-13-037	Glen Allen	Spring is in the Air	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
3/2	19-13-025	Liberty	Robin Red Breast @Harris %	B.Craven 816-781-7581	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
3/2,3	19-13-032	Crane	Spring is Coming	Hudson 417-723-5429	
3/9	19-13-019	Park Hills	March Winds	McEntire 573-431-6107	
3/9,10	19-13-010	Sunrise Beach	Daylight Savings Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
3/16	19-13-026	Liberty	Cancer Action Benefit @Harris %	Cooper 816-741-0043	ipitch6@hotmail.com
3/16	19-13-044	Wentzville	Shamrock Fling	Rahe 636-462-6337	gdrahe@centurytel.net
3/17	19-13-038	Glen Allen	Spring Ringer Flinger	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
4/6	19-13-045	Wentzville	East vs West Challenge	Claas 636-447-3039	djclaas@sbcglobal.net
4/7	19-13-039	Glen Allen	Fool's Classic	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
4/13	19-13-040	Glen Allen	Yee Haw Four Dead Surprise	Williams 573-238-0047	nipdpeg2@yahoo.com
4/13,14	19-13-011	Sunrise Beach	Bluebird Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
4/20	19-13-027	Liberty	Juniors Only (IN & OUT) %	G.Craven 816-781-4132	gregg_audra@sbcglobal.net
4/20	19-13-020	Park Hills	April Showers	McEntire 573-431-6107	
4/20	19-13-046	Wentzville	April Showers Tournament	Maassen 636-240-6260	azonian@gmail.com



4/20,21	19-13-012	Sunrise Beach	End of Leagues Tournament	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
5/4,5	19-13-047	Wentzville	HOF Invitational Tournament 40'	Faron 314-704-7082	bugsfaron@aol.com
5/4,5	19-13-048	Wentzville	HOF Invitational Tournament 30'	Diekamp 636-249-6260	rdiekamp@charter.net
5/11	19-13-002	Laurie	Spring Fling Open	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
6/1	19-13-005	Wentzville	MOHPA Club/Team Benefit	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
6/15	19-13-028	Liberty	Wilbur Hodgson Memorial (IN & OUT)	B.Craven 816-781-7581	bcraven2@kc.rr.com
7/13	19-13-003	Laurie	Summer Splash Open	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
8/14	19-13-016	Laurie	Summer EOL Tournament	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
8/17,18	19-13-006	Sedalia	Missouri State Fair Tournament	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
8/30	19-13-055	Lebanon	State Championship Doubles	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
8/31-9/2	19-13-007	Lebanon	State Championship Singles	Winston 660-563-3536	horshuvicki@socket.net
9/21	19-13-004	Laurie	Hillbilly Fair Open	Bastel 573-378-3447	dbastel@lauriekitchen.net
9/21	19-13-049	Wentzville	QRHC vs CCHC	Claas 636-447-3039	djclaas@sbcglobal.net
10/5,6	19-13-050	Wentzville	NHPA Sanc Club/League Tourn	Sidles 515-450-3557	dsidles@cox.net
10/12,13	19-13-013	Sunrise Beach	Frosted Pumpkin Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
10/26	19-13-051	Wentzville	Halloween Bash Tournament	Hawkins 580-467-7203; Altis 314-541-4705	tinahawk@msn.com richaltis@juno.com
11/2	19-13-052	Wentzville	Fall Team Handicap Tournament	Howard 636-441-7679	horseshoejc@yahoo.com
11/9,10	19-13-014	Sunrise Beach	Turkey Stakes Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net
11/23	19-13-053	Wentzville	Turkey Trot Tournament	Knobbe 314-303-4809	jknobbe@orcolan.com
12/14	19-13-054	Wentzville	Jingle Bell Rock	Moreland 636-265-2674	mark.moreland@charter.net
12/14,15	19-13-015	Sunrise Beach	Snowball Open	Bainter 573-372-3650	jbainter@charter.net

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

NHPA Card: State & National dues: Adults \$28.00, Juniors \$5.00. Order from Vicki Winston: 10326 HWY D, LaMonte, MO 65337.

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

## A Horseshoe Family

by Laura Johnson

Gregg Craven is not new to horseshoe pitching; he has 21 years of experience as a sanctioned horseshoe league director. He and his wife, Audra, are seen quite often with horseshoes in hand either at home, at the Don Harris Arena in Liberty's Stocksdale Park, or in many other cities and states for tournaments. Gregg won Missouri State Champion in 2011 in the 30' Class and was in the World Tournament 30' Men's Championship Class in 2010 and 2011. Audra has been in the Missouri Women's Top 10 for the last four years, placing 2nd in 2010 and 3rd in 2011.

With all this championship pitching in the family, it's not surprising to see the Cravens are passing on the love of their sport to their grandchildren. All seven, Ashley (17), Nickel and Toby (15), Mia (12), Merissa and Sophie (10), and Audrey (9) competed in the World Horseshoe Tournament in Knoxville. There were 67 boys and girls competing for spots in the championship finals. Nine boys and girls age 9 and under vied for the top Cadet honors. Several of the Cravens pitched against each other for a chance at being a World Champion.



## Publicity Report

by Laura Johnson

Publicity Director. What does that mean? Well, I am finding out very quickly. I want to thank those of you who thought of me for the new Publicity Director for the MOHPA. I think. I was told it is a job that will not take a lot of my time but this seems to be the busy time of the year with World and State just around the corner.

In the last couple months, I have notified newspapers six times with articles related to tournaments coming up or results from tournaments that had ended. I only received correspondence back from one newspaper. It just happened to be for my daughter's Ronald McDonald House Tournament.

On June 30, the Independence Examiner had a great article on the front page, in color, mentioning 14-year-old Savanna Johnson and her benefit tournament. It not only mentioned horseshoes at Don Harris Arena but also the Ronald McDonald House Charities, Girl Scouts, Truman High School, St. Mark's Catholic Church, and volunteering. What a great plug for everyone.

I have been using Facebook to give notices too. It's a really easy way to communicate but that only goes out to people who are already interested in pitching. If you have a Facebook page and want to keep up with what's going on, check out MOHPA and NHPA and join the groups.

On Saturday, July 21, I set up a table with flyers and a poster board with pictures of pitchers in Shawnee, KS, at the ShawneeTown Summer on the Farm. My husband, Keith, set up a couple courts with picnic shoes for some good old-fashioned fun and to spark some interest in our sport. Sharon Taylor and Dee McIntyre generously agreed to come out and help in the 100°+ temperatures.

I invite anyone to contact me with information and ideas on how to publicize our sport. My email address is johnmoreco@aol.com and my home phone number is 816/478-6780.

# 2012 Junior Boys World Champion: Missouri's Own Dalton Rakestraw

by Jeanette Claas

Missouri certainly had an impressive showing at the 2012 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament held in Knoxville, Tennessee. Approximately 100 Missouri horseshoe pitchers with their families traveled by highway and airplane to northeastern Tennessee to compete for a world class and/or world championship titles. For several, those dreams came true.

Fifteen-year-old Dalton Rakestraw will never forget the summer of 2012 as he achieved a goal he only dreamed of. Just a few weeks shy of his 16th birthday, Dalton became the 2012 Junior Boys World Champion. And did he ever earn it!

Dalton entered the Junior Boys "A" Class preliminary at 75.95%. After 11 games of tournament play during the two day event, Dalton took first place with a record of 11-0 and ringer percentage of 77.73%. He had a high game of 95%.

Entering into the World 2012 playoffs, Dalton was seeded #1 with a ringer percent of 77.73%. Seven other junior boys representing six different states would be his competitors, his closest being Tyler Howard, KY, 71.14%. Check out Dalton's ringer percentages:

- Game 1: 88.89%
- Game 2: 89.47
- Game 3: 88.64%
- Game 4: 88.46%
- Game 5: 84.62%
- Game 6: 81.58%
- Game 7: a whopping 90.32%!

After seven games, a record of 7-0, and a ringer percentage of 87.65%, Dalton was declared the 2012 Junior Boys World Champion. Dalton sums up his achievement, "It is a personal accomplishment that I worked hard for. Just because you are a world champion doesn't mean you are unbeatable. Now that I have reached my goal, I still want to get better and move beyond."

Dalton was not an overnight success; he achieved this victory by sheer determination and plenty hours of practice, making many changes along the way. He credits his maternal grandparents, Paul and Wanda Davis, for all that he has achieved. He is the fourth generation of horseshoe pitchers in his family. His grandfather is a four-time Arkansas Men's State Champion (2002, 2003, 2010, 2011). His grandmother was a five-time Arkansas State Doubles Champion, pitching 45-50% and also won Class A at an Arkansas State Tournament. As a young boy, Dalton would travel with his grandparents and an aunt and uncle to many horseshoe tournaments and watch them play.

At the age of ten, Dalton entered his first horseshoe tournament in Fayetteville, AR. He took 3rd place, won a trophy, and pitched 10%. "It was love at first pitch," says Dalton. "I was hooked on horseshoes ever after." He then entered another tournament in Mountain View at Dan Hobbs courts and won 1st Place in Class

C, pitching somewhere between 15 and 20%. Horseshoe fever was running through his veins.

In 2008, Dalton entered his first Missouri State Horseshoe Tournament at Quail Ridge. He won only one game, lost four, and took last place with a 15.5%. But he was not discouraged. After this tournament, Dalton made some changes in his horseshoe pitching. His grandma won a pair of Six Pacs at a tournament and gave them to Dalton. He made the switch from Ted Allens to Six Pacs. We can thank Harvey Wobbe for that pair. In March 2009, he changed from a single flip to a ¾-turning shoe.

In the summer of 2009, Dalton felt like he was beginning to become competitive so he traveled to Springfield, IL, for his first world tournament competition. He competed in Class B and took 4th place, averaging 47.78% and qualifying for the championship division. It was at this tournament that another Missouri boy would win his second Junior Boys World Championship title, Michael Bowman. Dalton also recalls getting skunked by Michael and Tyler Howard of KY. Howard threw 73.5% and Bowman threw 91.7%.

Following the 2009 WT, Dalton entered a mixed tournament in Mammoth Springs, AR, making the bottom of the championship class playing against top seed Archie Matheny. He pitched a 58% and lost to Matheny by 3 points, 37-40.

At the 2009 Missouri State Tournament at Quail Ridge, he pitched against #1 seeded Michael Bowman and #4 Martin Williams. Dalton was 1-4, tying for 4th place with a 42.1% tournament average. Martin would claim his first Missouri State Junior Boys Title.

In January 2010, Dalton made another big change. He switched from pitching on the right side of the platform to the left side, making quite a difference in his average. Dalton entered his second WT at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 2010; he was seeded #8

out of 12 competitors. He placed 6th with a 50.23% and qualified for the championship division. He went 2-7, had a tournament average of 53.23%, and placed 7th.

At the 2010 Missouri State Tournament held in Glen Allen, there were only two juniors placed in the Boys Championship Division: Martin Williams and Dalton Rakestraw. They would play the best three out of five games. Dalton won the first game 41/25 with a 66.67%; won the second 41-8 with a 82.50%; lost the 3rd 33-41 with a 58.93%; and won the 4th 40-7 with a 76.32%. He held the high tournament average of 69.58% and also the high game of 82.58% in all divisions at the state tournament. Dalton claimed his first Missouri State Junior Boys Championship Title.

Once he reached the average of 60%, Dalton gained self confidence and was very competitive. At the 2011 WT in Louisiana, Dalton placed 1st in A Class with a 65.45%. It was his toughest



competition in the Championship Class. Dalton won 3rd place with a 64.89% average.

At the 2011 Missouri State Tournament in Lebanon, Dalton claimed his second Missouri State Title with a 4-0 record with a 72.7%. His low game was 58% and high game was 91.7%. It was now his turn to skunk. Nathan Evers would be his first victim during state tournament play

Before the 2012 WT in Knoxville, NHPA VP Tina Hawkins conducted a poll online of what junior boy would win the title. It was decided that Dalton should win the title according to the voters, and win it he did. At the WT, Dalton had his own personal massage therapists: some distant relatives from Drake, ND, would massage his upper back after each game in the Championship Division, sending him back to the courts in a relaxed and ready mode for the next competitor.

Dalton was born on August 16, 1996, and raised in the small southern town of West Plains, MO. Dalton is a very mature, multi-faceted young man. Besides pitching horseshoes, he carries a 3.7 GPA in high school, with history as his favorite subject. Dalton is also a talented musician, playing the contra-alto clarinet in concert band and the bass clarinet or baritone sax during marching season. He is a member of the SEMO All-District Honor Band, 1st chair, and SEMO Jr High All-District Choir Member. He was 1st VP of Student Council in his 8th grade year, and a Beta Club Member. He loves basketball and he refs for volleyball. He enjoys fishing, trolling for Walleye mostly but enjoys bass fishing too. He also loves to play cards, especially Spades, Rummy, and Gin.

Dalton has been an active member of the Lifepoint United Pentecostal Church. He ran the sound system and did PowerPoint for his church. He was active in the youth group, the Lifepoint Student Ministries, played the keyboard and organ, and Praise Sing.

With all this activity in his life, just how does he have time for horseshoes? While staying with his grandpa during the hot summer months, Dalton would go outside at 10 p.m., turn on the lights, and practice 500 shoes a day. In the wintertime, he travels to several indoor facilities for some good practice time at the Good Luck Courts in Bucyrus and in Mountain View.

Dalton lives with his mother and 7-year-old sister, Jade. It is with heavy heart that Dalton reported he moved to Illinois in the middle of August. He entered 10th grade at Salem High School this fall in Salem, IL. A very religious boy, Dalton believes God decided it was time for him to move on. Dalton's Mom is remarrying and he and his sister are following her to their new home.

Since that move, Dalton is adjusting to his new school, where he is taking all honor courses and making new friends. He is active

in his new church, the Apostolic Church of Salem. He has already found some horseshoe courts to pitch on in Effingham.

Dalton received special permission to pitch at the 2012 Missouri Horseshoe Pitching Tournament in Lebanon over the Labor Day weekend. He claimed his third Missouri Junior Boys State Title with a 4-0 record and a ringer percentage of 79.46%. Dalton's Missouri State Junior Championship trophy will be on display at the NHPA facility in Wentzville. At the awards program, Dalton received an Appreciation Award from the MOHPA for his service and dedication to the sport of horseshoes. He also received the Junior Player of 2011 Award.

Dalton has pitched in many tournaments in Missouri, including Hudson Hall, Crane, Park Hills, Glen Allen, Sunrise Beach, Quail Ridge, Liberty, Caulfield, and Bucyrus. Living close to the Arkansas border, he made many appearances at Mammoth Springs, Marked Tree, Fayetteville, Plummerville, Clarksville, Mountain Home, and Ozark. He will now be adding some Illinois towns to his list, earning more victories and titles among the Illinois horseshoe pitchers.

Wherever Dalton goes, we can rest assured that this young man will follow all his dreams. He will be an asset to his school, church, and community, and to the sport of horseshoes in Illinois just as he was in Missouri. Dalton says the good news is "I will only be two hours away from the NHPA facility and I plan to visit as often as possible." Missouri will miss him!

## That's a Winner!

Juniors! Would you like to have your own personalized trophy? You just need to get busy and engaged. Compete in tournaments through the year (not just Juniors-only tournaments). Become the Junior Player of the Year. Audrey Jackson of Liberty, Missouri, opted to be active her first year as a pitcher and earned the coveted Missouri 2011 Junior Rookie of the Year award. Check out the smiles of Audrey and League Director Gregg Craven.



## 2012 MOHPA State Champions



Men	Stan Griggs
Women	Rose Diekamp
Elders (30 ft.)	Rich Altis
Junior Boys	Dalton Rakestraw
Junior Girls	Kelcee Davault
Cadets	Ryan Schepers
Doubles	Don Claas and Bob Renfro

# Rules Changes Report

by Dan Sanders

The following Proposed Rules Changes were passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Convention delegates at the 2012 convention in Knoxville. The new wording can be found below in italic/bolded print and will appear in the revised edition of the RGS Book. They become effective on January 1, 2013. Copies of this new RGS Book revision will become available via your Charter Secretary or by contacting NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dick Hansen.

Published here are the PRCs that passed the 2012 Convention delegate vote:

## PRC1 – Rule 1, Section E.1

### Current Wording (also see RGS, page 8)

Section E – Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old).

1. **Elder Men** may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platforms, and shall observe the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter secretary, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short-distance pitcher, he must remain a short distance pitcher for that entire calendar year. Alternately, if a member starts the year as a short distance pitcher, he may change to the Open Men's Division, but must remain in that Division for that entire calendar year. **Note:** See RULE 11, Section D.1 for additional information about re-qualifying.

### Approved Change of Wording (new wording is in *italic/bold* print)

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## PRC2 – Requirement 2: All NHPA Tournaments/Leagues

### Current Wording: Section E – Tournament Credit (see RGS page 23)

1. For singles and doubles events, all contestants must have completed at least half of their scheduled games to receive NatStats credit for that event, with a minimum of one hundred (100) shoes pitched.

### Approved Change of Wording (amended/approved wording is in *italic/bold* print)

1. *For singles and doubles events, a contestant must have*

*pitched a minimum of 100 shoes to receive NatStats credit.*

*Exception (approved by NHPA Council): If all games of the round-robin schedule have been pitched in less than 100 shoes, these statistics may be submitted for NatStats credit.*

## Rule 3, Section D – Position of Contestants During Delivery

**Approved Changes (Part A)** (see/compare RGS page 11 for **current wording**): It is proposed that Rule 3, Section D.1 (below), with indicated changes/additions (in *bold/italic* print) be *moved to a new location*, under Rule 3, Section C.2 (see RGS page 10).

1. **The Pitcher** – During the entire address and *prior to the release of the shoe* (amended), the contestant must not start or step completely outside the pitching platform with either foot.

### Exceptions:

(a) A contestant observing the thirty-seven-foot (37') foul line may start directly behind the pitching platform provided they step within it when they release the shoe.

(b) A physically challenged contestant *requiring the assistance of special equipment, such as a wheelchair*, must have at least some contact with the pitching platform and be completely behind the twenty-seven-foot (27') foul line when the shoe is released.

**Approved Changes (Part B):** It *has been further accepted* that the following text information replace the current text in Section D.2, as follows: **Note:** This PRC was amended/accepted/approved on the Convention floor. This change of wording is in *bold/italic* type, as follows:

*When not pitching, any contestant shall stand quietly and stationary at least two (2) feet behind any contestant on their court, or on any adjacent court.*

**Approved Changes (Part C):** For editing reasons, it has been accepted that the current text heading for Section D.3 – *The Contestants*, will be changed to Section E – *Crossing Over*, as presented below. The current text information will remain the same, other than the reference change to *Section D*, in two places. Accepted changes are in *bold/italic* print.

### *Section E - Crossing Over*

If both contestants use the same pitching platform to deliver their shoes, the contestant pitching first should cross over (in front of the pit) to the other pitching platform and then move back to the position described in *Section D*, above. As the first contestant is crossing over in front, the second contestant should be crossing over and onto the same pitching platform, from the rear. If the contestants use opposite pitching platforms, the contestant who pitches first should step directly back, to the position described in *Section D*, above.

## Rule 3 – Play of the Game and Value of the Shoe

### Current Wording: Section C – Delivery of Shoes (also see RGS, page 10)

1. **Delivery** – The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (one at a time) and then the other contestant shall deliver both shoes (one at a time). A contestant may deliver the shoes from either the left or right pitching platform, but in any one inning, both shoes must be delivered from the same platform. A contestant shall pitch the entire tournament with the same hand/arm, except in the case of a medical emergency (to be determined by the Tournament/League Officials).

**Approved Change of Wording** (new wording is in *italic/bold* print)

**Section C – Delivery of Shoes**

1. **Delivery** – The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (*underhand, and* one at a time) and then the other contestant shall deliver both shoes (*underhand, and* one at a time). A contestant may deliver the shoes from either the left or right pitching platform, but in any one inning, both shoes must be delivered from the same platform. A contestant shall pitch the entire tournament with the same hand/arm, except in the case of a medical emergency (to be determined by the Tournament/League Officials).

**PRC8B – Rule 1, Section A - Juniors**

**Current Wording: (also see RGS, page 7)**

1. **Junior Cadets** (any pitcher nine (9) years old or younger for the entire calendar year).

**Approved Change of Wording** (new wording is in *italic/bold* print)

1. **Junior Cadets** (any pitcher *twelve (12)* years old or younger for the entire calendar year).

**Requirement 4 – World Tournament Play (also see RGS pages 25, 26)**

**Current Wording**

**Section F–Playoffs**

In a World Tournament, games won and lost shall determine the order in which the winners are placed. Pitchers tying for first place of a Division shall be decided the winner as follows: if two tie, a one-game playoff to forty (40) points; if more than two tie, the first place shall be decided by a ladder-type playoff based upon ringer percentages; in all others ties (second and below), trophies and prize money shall be awarded based upon ringer percentage. First place ties at the “Class” level will be determined by forty (40) shoe playoff games. Percentage ties for all move-up positions into a Championship Class shall be broken by a forty (40) shoe playoff game.

**Approved Change of Wording** (mostly all new or revised wording)

**Section F – Playoffs**

In World Tournament play, games won and lost shall determine the order in which the winners are placed. *If there is a tie for first place, a playoff game will determine the winner. All playoff games will follow the same format as the round-robin play for that Class. If more than two players tie for first place, a ladder-type playoff will be used, based on ringer percentages in that competition. All other ties (second place and below) will be determined by ringer percentage. If still tied, “who beat who”, and then “ringer % vs entry %” will be used. Note: Percentage ties for all move-up positions shall be broken by a playoff game. If still tied, additional innings will be played (see Rule 8, Section B.2).*

**Rule 11 - Section G – Forfeits**

**Current Wording (see also RGS pages 19-20)**

In tournament competition, the wins and losses and all statistics accumulated shall remain in the books for a contestant who has to forfeit one (1) or more games, for any reason. A contestant may miss any number of games, due to illness or other legitimate

reasons approved by the Tournament/League Officials, and still be permitted to return to competition. If a contestant forfeits for an unapproved reason, they will not be allowed to return to the competition and will forfeit all prize money and/or awards for that event. Any contestant who forfeits games shall finish wherever their record puts them in the standings, unless they forfeit for unapproved reasons; then they shall finish in last place. If forfeiting for an unapproved reason, this member shall also be subject to a one (1) year suspension from the NHPA (see Bylaws for additional information).

**Approved Change of Wording** (new wording is in *italic/bold* print)

*If, for any reason, a pitcher must forfeit a game prior to its completion, this player will receive a loss for that game and any accumulated statistics (shoes, points, ringers) for that game will be deleted from their records. His/her opponent will receive a win for that game, and if there are any accumulated statistics (shoes, points, ringers), they will remain in his/her records.\** A contestant may forfeit any number of games, due to illness, injury, or other legitimate reasons approved by the Tournament/League Officials, and still be permitted to return to the competition. Any contestant who forfeits *such* games *will* finish wherever their W/L record puts them in the standings, unless they forfeit for unapproved reasons (*see NHPA Bylaws, Article III, Section 8, a-d*). *If so*, they will not be allowed to return to the competition, *will be moved to* last place *in the standings*, and will forfeit all prize money and/or awards for that event. If forfeiting games for unapproved reasons, *this contestant* will also be subject to a one (1) year suspension from the NHPA (see NHPA Bylaws, *Article III, Sections 8-11*); *to be decided later by the Charter and NHPA Officers*.

*\* Please note: If a forfeited game is “in progress”, a Pacer should be used so that this game can be completed, for the opponent.*

**A Life Dedicated to the Sport**

*by Sharon Taylor*

Gene Loyd started pitching horseshoes in 1989. He was a member of the Independence Horseshoe Club for 10 years while he was a resident of Raytown. Due to extreme circumstances, he moved from Raytown to Clinton, Missouri.

In 2007 or before, Gene Loyd had a vision to build horseshoe courts at the Artesian Park in Clinton. Gene went door to door for donations. From these donations (and I’m sure along with personal funds), he started with two courts.

In anticipation of starting a horseshoe club, he managed to get four more courts built. Gene not only oversaw the construction of the courts but also the landscaping, fencing, and concrete work. In 2009, these courts were officially sanctioned by the Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers’ Association as the Golden Valley Horseshoe Club.

Although Gene has had help in many ways from his fellow horseshoe pitchers along the way, at age 87, he can still be seen on a weekly basis toting shovels, water, chairs, and anything else needed for the pitchers.

# The Stats of the State

Compiled by Stan Griggs

At the conclusion of the 87th 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
2 Times	Lebanon	2011-2012
1 Time	Columbia	1980
1 Time	Crane	1988
1 Time	Park Hills	1998
1 Time	Festus	2002
1 Time	Glen Allen	2010

## Men's Division

- Stan Griggs won his ninth Men's State Title
- |           |                   |                |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| 15 Titles | Dave Baker        | Wentworth      |
| 10 Titles | Alan Francis      | Blythedale     |
| 9 Titles  | Stan Griggs       | Raytown        |
| 6 Titles  | John Elkins       | Neosho         |
| 6 Titles  | Paul Lattray      | 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         |
- 194 men have pitched in the Men's Championship Class over the 87-year history
  - 1 women has pitched in that same class (Vicki Winston, 1964)
  - 31 of them have won a Men's State Title
  - 37 of them are in the Hall Of Fame

## Women's Division -

- Rose Diekamp won her ninth Women's State Title
- |           |                |              |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| 20 Titles | Vicki Winston  | LaMonte      |
| 9 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    |
- 64 women have pitched in the Women's Championship Class in the 37-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 third 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      |
| 3 Titles | Dalton Rakestraw | West Plains |
| 2 Titles | Stan Griggs      | St. Joseph  |
| 1 Title  | Jake Kluesner    | Oran        |
| 1 Title  | Martin Williams  | Glen Allen  |
- 130 juniors have pitched in the Junior Boy's Championship Class in the 47-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

- Rich Altis won his first 30 Ft. Men's State Championship
- |          |               |              |
|----------|---------------|--------------|
| 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   |

### Moving? Let Us Know!

If you move, please send your change of address to our Secretary, Vicki Winston, at 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. Your help in keeping our mailing list current would be appreciated. Thank you!

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|---------|----------------------|---------------|
| 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       |
| 1 Title | Rich Altis           | Ballwin       |
- 58 Men have pitched in the 30 Ft. Men's Championship Class in the 23-year history of this class
  - 13 of them have won a 30 Ft Men's State Title
  - 9 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
15 Titles	Rose Diekamp	9 Women, 6 Doubles
12 Titles	Don Harris	9 30ft, 3 Seniors
11 Titles	Stan Griggs	9 Men, 2 Juniors
8 Titles	Sam Carter	4 Men, 3 Doubles, 1 Seniors
6 Titles	John Elkins	6 Men
6 Titles	Paul Lattray	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
5 Titles	Rich Altis	4 Men, 1 30ft, 3 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	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
3 Titles	Dalton Rakestraw	3 Juniors
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
2 Titles	Kelcee Davault	2 Girls
2 Titles	Ryan Schepers	2 Cadets

## Thanks Missouri

by Sam Godbouldt

*Editor's note: Sam came east a few years ago and fell in love with the horseshoe program in Missouri. It is with a heavy heart he returns to the west. He just couldn't leave without recognizing some of those instrumental in making his stay in the Jefferson City so pleasurable. You'll have to ask him about Pooh.*

As the clock creeps toward December 1st, the feelings of sorrow also creep in and leave me sad. I will miss everyone I've come to know and love here in Missouri, and hope that when I do sneak back here that the same horseshoe-loving culture remains to greet me. I cannot name everyone; however, thanks to Mel and Becky Bruemmer the most for providing everything I needed for a comfortable stay. Thanks to Steve Johnson and James Driver for their help. The folks back home won't believe me about other Blacks pitching horseshoes, so I'll show them the names of these two on the Men's Top 100 on the planet Earth (LOL)! Thanks to Quail Ridge and my girls Ginny, Pat, and J-Net. I'll miss that tiny little trio of Louise Duke, Mary Beeson, and Rose Buehler. Rose Diekamp, I'll be back to avenge that whipping you gave me in last year's QRHC v CCHC! To everyone, thanks! To my friends at CCHC, get busy with what I'm leaving you and build! build! build! Continue as a charter to grow and, most importantly, have fun!

Pooh-Pooh.



### Shoe Biz Boosters

by Vicki Winston

If you would like to receive *Shoe Biz* via first class mail, please send a donation of \$10 or more to the MOHPA in care of our secretary, Vicki Winston, 10326 Hwy D, LaMonte, MO 65337. A *Shoe Biz* Boosters donation entitles you to a listing and first class mailing for three issues. Expiration dates are listed below. Some folks continue to send multiple donations, but no listings have been extended past October 2013. Thank you all for your support of our newsletter!

#### Listing Expires After October 2012 Issue

Fred Smith	\$25
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Bobbie G. Jones	\$10
Tom Lehmann	\$22
Rodney Mallinckrodt	\$20
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Frank Miles	\$30
Frank Rohlfling	\$15
Gary Ball	\$10
Jim Claxton	\$10
Ken Grossman	\$15
Jon McKnight	\$22
Owen Moore	\$30
Bob Renfro	\$48

#### Listing Expires After June 2013 Issue

Bob/Donna Bastel	\$20
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#### Listing Expires After October 2013 Issue

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# Missouri Tournament Results

## May–September 2012

### May Flowers Mixed Open @ Park Hills, May 5. Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Rick McEntire	4-1	80.5%
Ken Pogue	4-1	62.0%
Richard Jarman	0-5	14.0%

### Springs A Blooming Mixed Open @ Mt. View, May 5. Director: Dan Hobbs

Class A: Dalton Rakestraw	7-0	66.5%
Paul Davis	6-1	49.3%
Joie Welker	5-2	45.4%
Archie Matheny	4-3	42.3%
Dan Hobbs	2-5	26.4%
Class B: Robert Kingsolver	2-5	25.0%
Ronny Lee Mincks	1-6	21.8%
Steve Boswell	1-6	12.1%

### Hall of Fame 40' Invitational @ Quail Ridge, May 5-6. Director: Joe Faron

Class A: Alan Francis	15-0	86.7%
Tom Williams	14-1	76.8%
Jim Walters	12-3	75.3%
Dan Watson	10-5	70.2%
Gary Urish	9-6	64.8%
Charlie Webb	9-6	60.6%
Randall Grady	8-7	66.1%
Stan Griggs	8-7	63.7%

### Hall of Fame 30' Invitational @ Quail Ridge, May 5-6. Director: Bob Diekamp

Class A: Marlene Ray	14-3	78.5%
Herschel Walters	13-4	74.0%
Joan Elmore	12-4	78.9%
Russ Phillips	12-4	76.2%
Sue Snyder	11-4	76.0%
Barry Chapelle	11-4	73.3%
Bobby Fields	10-5	73.5%
Paul McGee	10-5	71.3%

### Independence Spring Mixed Open @ Independence, May 12. Director: Wayne and Pam Henderson

Class A: Gregg Craven	7-0	72.3%
Michael Bowman	6-1	63.5%
Stan Griggs	4-3	63.8%
Class B: Audra Craven	6-1	50.4%
Wayne Henderson	5-2	45.4%
Tim Vaughn Sr.	4-3	42.5%
Class C: D. Franklin	6-1	36.7%
Clifford Pierce	5-2	37.9%
Elwyn Cooper	5-2	35.4%
Class D: Lee Miller Jr.	7-0	30.0%
Johnna Bales	6-1	39.2%
Angela DiRaimo	5-2	30.8%
Class E: Tony Bootka	7-0	40.0%
Denise Bloss	6-1	40.0%
Jim Kinney Jr.	4-3	37.9%
Class F: Ken Heithoff	4-1	29.0%
Mike Crouch	4-1	25.5%
Darrell Pulliam	3-2	25.0%
Class G: Keith Johnson	4-1	21.5%
Dee McIntire	3-2	19.5%
Perry Mann	3-2	19.0%
Class H: Terry Highley	4-1	26.5%
Dennis Bales	3-2	17.0%
Bobby Johnson	3-2	16.0%

Class I: John H. Smith	4-1	25.5%
Bret Myers	4-1	16.5%
Larry Guggisberg	3-2	16.7%
Class J: Dawn Bishop	4-1	9.3%
Terry Bishop	3-2	9.5%
James Smith	3-2	8.0%

### Spring Fling Mixed Open @ Laurie, May 12.

Director: Doug Carter		
Class A: Steve Johnson	5-0	55.2%
James Driver	3-2	50.4%
Donra McCown	3-2	50.4%
Class B: Al Constance	6.5-0.5	49.5%
Carroll Sinclair	5-2	43.8%
Douglas Peoples	5-2	38.3%
Class C: Joe Cameron	5-0	37.0%
Richard Reina	4-1	36.5%
Jesse Dowell	3-2	31.5%
Class D: John Ames	4-1	15.0%
Rod Mallinckrodt	4-1	15.0%
Mark Schepers	3-2	21.0%

### Mayflower Marathon Mixed Open @ Quail Ridge, May 19. Directors: Pam & Darryl Gettinger

Class A: Rich Altis	5-0	65.4%
Kelly Combs	4-1	50.0%
Jim Spidle Sr.	2-3	59.0%
Class B: George Altman	5-0	46.8%
Jim Spidle Jr.	4-1	46.8%
Ralph Hummel	3-2	39.3%
Class C: Pat Griewing	5-0	34.7%
Louise Duke	4-1	32.1%
Charlie Smith	3-2	29.7%

### Truman Lake Spring Mixed Open, May 19.

Director: Jeff Spry		
Class A: Ray Plute	7-1	55.0%
Carl Folsom Sr.	6-2	55.0%
Bob Long	5-2	39.6%
Class B: Alfred Mundy	6-2	46.2%
David Wilson	6-3	46.1%
Kelly Kasper	5-3	40.4%
Class C: Darrin Sherman	6-1	37.1%
Danny Branson	5-2	31.3%
Michael Gillespie	4-3	28.8%
Class D: John H. Smith	6-2	25.0%
Roy Flatt	5-3	24.6%
Mike Watkins	5-2	30.0%
Class E: Pam Constance	7-0	25.8%
Carl Harris	5-2	21.7%
Joyce Drake	4-3	16.7%
Class F: Mary Boze	7-0	26.3%
Nancy Smith	5-2	13.8%
Elmer Seymour	5-2	14.6%

### The Memorial Mixed Open @ Jefferson City, May 26. Director: Steve Bruemmer

Class A: Ron Hassler	5-0	54.0%
Steve Spidle	4-1	48.0%
James Driver	3-2	59.2%
Class B: Jim Bruemmer	5-0	49.5%
Oscar Reeves	4-1	40.0%
Michael Gillespie	3-2	24.0%
Class C: R. Mallinckrodt	3.5-1.5	16.5%
Scott Raimer	3-2	16.0%
Steve Reeves	2.5-2.5	22.4%

### 9th Annual MOHPA Club/Team Benefit Tournament @ Liberty, June 2. Director: Donna Bastel

Teams:		
1. Liberty Club "Beauties & Beasts"		
2. Heart of America Club "Kansas City"		
3. Truman Lake HC "Truman Dam Ringers"		
Class A: Gregg Craven	7-0	80.4%
Michael Bowman	5-2	72.1%
Stan Griggs	4-3	69.2%
Class B: Mick Gillette	6-1	57.9%
Audra Craven	5-2	57.5%
David Kincaid	4-3	58.8%
Class C: Tamra Jenkins	6-1	46.3%
Al Constance	5-2	55.8%
Kelly Kasper	4-3	39.2%
Class D: Dale Franklin	7-0	36.8%
Jeff Spry	6-1	44.6%
Clifford Pierce	4-3	37.7%
Class E: Marshel Keith	7-0	48.2%
Pam Gettinger	6-1	36.3%
Elwyn Cooper	5-2	35.7%
Class F: Jim Kinney Jr.	6-1	37.1%
Dick Byersdorfer	5-2	24.2%
Terri Loeffler	4-3	32.1%
Class G: Bruce Thomson	7-0	41.7%
Roy Evans	5-2	32.5%
Larry Anderson	5-2	27.9%
Class H: Jose Ramirez	5-2	25.8%
Dave Lachance	5-2	19.2%
Keith Johnson	4-3	26.3%
Class I: Pam Constance	6-1	25.0%
Dee McIntire	6-1	24.2%
Dennis Mills	5-2	24.2%
Class J: Noah Renne	6-1	18.3%
Joe Barry	6-1	13.8%
Tim Fields	5-2	17.1%

### June Heat Mixed Open @ Park Hills, June 9. Director: Rick McEntire

Class A: Rick McEntire	5-0	68.0%
Randy Grady	4-1	63.5%
Tim Henderson	3-2	61.0%
Sam Carter	2-3	63.5%
Larry Joe Lucas	1-4	54.5%
Class B: Joey Tongay	5-0	39.5%
Richard Maxson	4-1	32.0%
Richard Jarman	3-2	18.5%
Stanley Williford	2-3	10.5%
Michael Brewer	1-4	6.5%
Dustin Tongay	0-5	6.0%

### Peculiar Summer Mixed Open @ Lion's Park, June 9. Director: Glenn Bowman.

Class A: Michael Bowman	7-0	70.7%
Ray Plute	6-1	61.3%
Al Constance	4-3	49.3%
Class B: Nile Abbott	6-1	38.8%
Lynn Elmore	5-2	36.3%
Ron Highley	5-2	35.0%
Class C: Erika Myler	5-0	34.0%
Clint Sloan	4-1	28.8%
Lee Miller Jr.	2-3	25.6%
Class D: Danny Wetzel	6-1	18.8%
Perry Mann	5-2	23.8%
Jose Ramirez	4-3	24.2%



Class E: Larry Guggisberg	6-1	19.2%
George Chichura	6-1	14.6%
Carl Harris	4-3	22.5%
Class F: Bobby Johnson	5-0	13.2%
Joe Barry	4-1	11.2%
Tim Fields	3-2	19.6%
Class G: Johnny Egeland	5-0	13.2%
Dawn Bishop	4-1	7.2%
Robert Johnson	3-2	9.6%

**Garden's Growin' Mixed Open @ Mt. View,  
June 9. Director: Dan Hobbs.**

Class A: Virgle McCown	5-0	51.0%
Andy Matheny	4-1	49.5%
Donra McCown	3-2	48.5%
Dan Hobbs	2-3	39.5%
Paul Davis	1-4	40.0%
Class B: Joie Welker	5-0	49.0%
Darrin Sherman	4-1	31.5%
Jim Brandenburg	2-3	29.5%
Class C: Erbie Wisdom	2-3	21.0%
Ronny Lee Mincks	1-4	28.0%
Tim Warden	1-4	19.5%

**Wilbur Hodgson Memorial Mixed Open @  
Liberty, June 16. Directors: Brady and Nan  
Craven**

Class A: Gregg Craven	6-1	70.5%
Audra Craven	6-1	63.8%
Dave Cooper	4-3	69.2%
Class B: Charles Gordon	5-0	57.0%
Norman Green	3-2	53.0%
Wayne Henderson	3-2	48.0%
Class C: Lawrence Loney	6-1	40.0%
Clifford Pierce	5-2	41.7%
Debbie Harris	4.5-2.5	34.6%
Class D: Elwyn Cooper	7-0	40.4%
Tom Beaver	5.5-1.5	44.2%
Johnna Bales	4.5-2.5	29.6%
Class E: Jim Kinney Jr.	5-0	41.0%
Erika Myler	3-2	40.5%
Bob Bloss	3-2	32.0%
Class F: James Premer	7-0	30.8%
Richard Schmidt	6-1	27.9%
Larry Anderson	4.5-2.5	16.7%
Class G: Charlie Baker	4-1	30.0%
Jose Ramirez	3-2	27.0%
Michael Gillespie	3-2	25.0%
Class H: Danny Wetzel	6-1	23.8%
Perry Mann	6-1	20.8%
Jim Arrowood	5-2	20.8%
Class I: Carl Harris	7-0	33.3%
Jackie Guggisberg	6-1	19.6%
George Chichura	5-2	18.3%
Class J: Rodney Mallinckrodt	5-0	13.5%
Mark Miller	3-2	10.5%
Tyler Fishbaugh	3-2	8.5%
Class K: Alec Craven	4-1	10.5%
Heather Campbell	4-1	7.0%
Robert Johnson	3-2	9.0%

**Festus Mixed Open #6 @ Festus, June 16.**

**Director: Fed Smetzer.**

Class A: Ken Pogue	5-0	47.5%
Mary Ann Yates	4-1	47.0%
Dan Peterson	3-2	39.0%
Jerry Francis	2-3	33.5%
Frank Rohlfing	1-4	33.0%

**Father's Day Mixed Open @ Jefferson City,  
June 17. Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A: Steve Johnson	5-0	64.0%
Jim Gregory	4-1	35.0%
Jim Bruemmer	3-2	42.0%
Jerry Weller	2-3	35.5%
Mel Bruemmer	1-4	38.5%
Class B: Brian Schroer	6-1	36.3%
Andrew Reeves	5-2	36.3%
Tim Garvey	5-2	17.9%
Kieffer Forck	4.5-2.5	26.3%
Steve Reeves	4-3	19.6%
Tom Lehmann	2.4-4.5	15.8%
Joe Gay	1-6	10.8%

**June Bug Mixed Open @ Mt. View, June 23.**

**Director: Dalton Rakestraw**

Class A: Dalton Rakestraw	6-0	80.4%
Paul Davis	2-4	50.8%
Joie Welker	2-4	44.2%
Dan Hobbs	2-4	40.8%
Class B: Jim Brandenburg	5-0	36.0%
Ronny Lee Mincks	3-2	25.0%
James Caulfield	2-3	23.5%
Class C: Erbie Wisdom	4-1	21.5%
Tim Warden	1-4	16.5%

**Darrel Thrasher Memorial Mixed Open @  
Warsaw, June 23. Director: Jeff Spry**

Class A: Carl Folsom Sr.	7-0	59.2%
Ray Plute	6-1	62.9%
Virgle McCown	4-3	54.6%
Class B: Alfred Mundy	7-0	58.3%
Jeff Spry	4-3	40.8%
Lynn Elmore	4-3	33.8%
Class C: Darrin Sherman	7-1	38.5%
Larry Brown	6-2	28.5%
Joe Cameron	4-3	31.3%
Class D: Andrew Schrag	6-1	24.6%
Michael Gillespie	5-2	34.2%
Roy Flatt	5-2	27.5%
Class E: Carl Harris	6-1	30.8%
Vic Schuering	5-2	20.0%
Bob Lemon	4-3	22.9%
Class F: Loretta Cameron	7-0	21.3%
Dakota Seymour	5-2	10.3%
Rob Gibson	4-3	12.7%

**Big Money Mixed Open @ Jefferson City,  
June 30. Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A: James Driver	6-0	59.7%
Steve Johnson	4-2	66.3%
Mel Bruemmer	1-5	42.3%
Class B: Keith Peck	7-1	34.6%
Frank Rohlfing	6-2	40.7%
Jerry Weller	4-3	40.0%
Class C: Roy Flatt	4-1	26.0%
Kieffer Forck	3-2	33.0%
Robert Ruble	3-2	26.5%
Class D: Steve Reeves	6-2	20.4%
Tom Lehmann	5-3	17.5%
Irene Garvey	4-3	9.6%

**Sunburn Mixed Open @ Mt. View, July 7.**

**Director: Dalton Rakestraw**

Class A: Dalton Rakestraw	5-1	74.5%
Donra McCown	4-2	58.5%
Paul Davis	3-2	50.0%

Class B: Bill Morris	5-1	38.3%
Hiram Chaffin	2.5-3.5	27.5%
Jim Bradenburg	2.5-3.5	27.1%
Class C: Robert Kingsolver	5-1	24.5%
Erbie Wisdom	4-2	21.2%
Steve Mayo	3-2	17.5%
Class D: Andrew Lau	6-0	15.6%
Brandon Clapp	3-3	3.3%
Raymond Clapp	0-6	.6%

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

Class A: Ray Plute	4-1	58.2%
Al Constance	3-2	40.1%
Bob Long	3-2	37.6%
Class B: Jeff Spry	7-1	38.1%
Lynn Elmore	6-2	37.1%
Paul Vaughn	5-2	33.2%
Class C: Jackie Guggisberg	6-1	17.5%
George Chichura	5-2	13.3%
Raymond Boulay	4-3	20.8%
Class D: Ed Morehead	7-0	14.6%
Dakota Seymour	6-1	10.8%
Heather Campbell	4-3	7.1%

**Ronald McDonald Benefit @ Don Harris  
Arena, July 7. Director: Savanna Johnson**

Class A: Michael Bowman	5-0	75.5%
Gregg Craven	4-1	76.6%
Stan Griggs	2-3	68.7%
Class B: Kyle Bidwell	6-1	57.8%
Dale Franklin	6-1	41.7%
Gina Baker	4-3	37.5%
Class C: Erika Myler	5-2	39.1%
Terry Kampe	5-2	38.0%
Nile Abbott	5-2	33.9%
Class D: Larry Brown	5-2	32.3%
Natalie Altis	5-2	30.2%
Richard Schmidt	5-2	28.7%
Class E: Mike Crouch	6-1	27.6%
Charlie Baker	5-2	26.6%
Nancy Gunter	4-3	27.6%
Class F: Dee McIntire	6-1	28.7%
Leroy Leabo	5-2	21.9%
Brenda Brown	4-3	19.8%
Class G: Joe Barry	5-0	11.5%
Darrell Plowman	4-1	15.5%
Megan McLeod	3-2	6.0%

**Summer Splash Mixed Open @ Laurie, July  
14. Director: Donna Bastel**

Class A: Gregg Craven	6-1	75.8%
Carl Folsom Sr.	5-2	62.5%
Ray Plute	5-2	59.2%
Class B: Jerry Cramer	7-0	51.3%
Tamra Jenkins	5-2	46.3%
Jeff Spry	4-3	40.8%
Class C: Stan Bailey	7-0	43.3%
Richard Reina	6-1	38.3%
Carroll Sinclair	5-2	34.6%
Class D: Ed Davis	6-1	27.9%
Jesse Dowell	5-2	21.3%
Charles Epperly	4-3	25.8%
Class E: Ryan Schepers	5-0	58.0%
Dennis Mills	4-1	30.0%
Mark Schepers	2-3	21.0%
Class F: Rod Mallinckrodt	6-1	16.3%
John Ames	6-1	16.3%
George Chichura	6-1	13.3%

**Jefferson City Mixed Open @ Jefferson City,  
July 28. Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A: Steve Steck	5-1	50.4%
Mel Bruemmer	4-2	52.1%
Oscar Reeves	3.5-1.5	47.5%
Class B: Keith Peck	5-1	39.6%
Andrew Reeves	4-2	32.8%
Jerry Weller	3-2	39.5%
Class C: Pat Heathman	5-0	29.5%
Jesse Dowell	4-1	33.0%
Tom Lehmann	3-2	22.5%
Class D: Jason Kuse	5-0	7.5%
Aaron Atkins	4-1	4.5%
Gave Heathman	3-2	15.5%

**Summer Breeze Mixed Open @ Warsaw,  
August 11. Director: Jeff Spry**

Class A: Carl Folsom Sr.	5-0	66.4%
Donra McCown	3-2	60.9%
Ray Plute	3-2	65.5%
Class B: Alfred Mundy	5-1	52.9%
Tim Vaughn Sr.	4-2	46.4%
Paul Vaughn Jr.	2-3	45.2%
Class C: Jim Bainter	8-1	33.6%
Lynn Elmore	6-2	40.4%
Richard Reina	6-2	31.5%
Class D: Clint Sloan	7-1	32.3%
Vic Scheuring	6-2	25.0%
Leroy Leabo	4-3	21.7%
Class E: Loretta Cameron	7-0	24.2%
George Chichura	6-1	18.3%
Jackie Guggisberg	5-2	20.0%
Class F: Tim Garvey	7-1	11.9%
Mark Breshears	6-2	10.0%
Ron Gibson	5-2	17.9%

**CCHC Summer Doubles @ California,  
August 11. Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A: Adam Schepers	5-0	55.8%
Ryan Schepers	5-0	43.3%
James Driver	4-1	54.8%
Mark Schepers	4-1	16.4%
Steve Johnson	3-2	59.6%
Steve Reeves	3-2	14.4%
Mel Bruemmer	2-3	34.6%
Andrew Reeves	2-3	31.7%
Ron Hassler	1-4	53.9%
Kevin Chambers	1-4	10.6%

**Missouri State Fair Mixed Open @ Sedalia,  
August 18-19. Director: Donna Bastel**

Class A: Stan Griggs	7-0	70.4%
Ray Plute	6-1	62.5%
Kyle Bidwell	4-3	54.2%
Class B: Al Constance	6-1	50.0%
Alfred Mundy	5-2	48.8%
Tim Vaughn Sr.	5-2	47.9%
Class C: Tom Beaver	4-1	41.2%
L. Bartels	3-2	38.4%
Jerry Weller	3-2	34.4%
Class D: Paul Vaughn Jr.	7-0	49.6%
Darrin Sherman	5-2	32.5%
Dick Byersdorfer	5-2	24.6%
Class E: Carl Harris	6-1	39.2%
Larry Groce	6-1	29.2%
Richard Schmidt	4-3	34.8%
Class F: Vic Scheuring	6-1	20.0%
Robert Ruble	5-2	28.7%
Dennis Mills	5-2	28.3%

Class G: John H. Smith	7-0	35.8%
John E. Smith	6-1	25.8%
Pam Constance	5-2	28.8%
Class H: Loretta Cameron	6-1	21.4%
Jeremiah Hamilton	5-2	26.1%
Bob Cutright Sr.	5-2	15.7%
Class I: Larry Guggisberg	6-1	17.5%
Jackie Guggisberg	5-2	26.8%
Tim Fields	4-3	17.1%
Class J: Darrell Plowman	7-0	12.9%
Elmer Seymour	5-2	16.4%
Wesley Reed	3-4	16.8%
Class K: Nancy Smith	7-0	15.8%
James Smith	5-2	10.4%
Brittany Koss	5-2	7.9%

**Independence State Tune-Up Mixed Open @  
McCoy Park, August 25. Directors: Wayne  
& Pam Henderson**

Class A: Gregg Craven	5-0	77.5%
Kyle Bidwell	3-2	56.0%
Al Gwinn	3-2	53.5%
Class B: Elwyn Cooper	7-0	48.8%
Terry Kampe	6-1	37.5%
Laura Johnson	4-3	42.1%
Class C: Richard Schmidt	4-1	33.3%
Carl Harris	3-2	34.6%
Tony Bootka	3-2	32.0%
Class D: Dee McIntire	6-1	34.6%
Keith Johnson	4-3	30.4%
Nancy Gunter	4-3	29.3%
Class E: Raymond Phelps	6-1	23.8%
Jackie Guggisberg	6-1	21.7%
Perry Mann	6-1	19.2%
Class F: Raymond Boulay	7-0	20.0%
Bret Myers	6-1	18.8%
Joe Barry	4-3	11.7%

**Hot Evening August Mixed Open @ Jefferson  
City, August 25. Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Class A: Steve Steck	5-1	52.9%
Jerry Weller	4-2	46.3%
James Driver	3-2	61.0%
Class B: Tim Garvey	7-1	24.2%
Sam Godbouldt	6-2	35.0%
Andrew Reeves	5-2	35.8%

**Missouri State Doubles Championship @  
Lebanon, August 31. Directors: MOHPA  
Officers**

Double's Championship		
1. Don Claas	6-1	56.5%
Bob Renfro		51.2%
2. Rich Altis	5-2	67.3%
Andrew Foulds		51.2%
3. Nick DiRaimo	5-2	54.1%
Jim Renfro		50.0%
Double's A		
1. Kelly Combs	7-0	47.4%
Ron Highley		38.3%
2. Jason Weiler	5-2	46.9%
Terrie Rose		34.7%
3. Dan Hobbs	5-2	42.3%
Elwyn Cooper		37.2%
Double's B:		
1. Mike Davault	6-1	30.1%
Pat Griewing		23.5%
2. Stan Bailey	5-2	40.3%
Randy Senciboy		19.9%

3. Edgar Stoverink	4-3	35.2%
Victoria Highley		30.1%
Double's C:		
1. Randy York	6-1	27.0%
Danny Gladden		23.0%
2. Donna Bastel	4-3	23.5%
James Caulfield		21.4%
3. Ron Bohannon	4-3	26.5%
Michael Gillespie		17.9%
Double's D:		
1. Tim Warden	7-2	16.7%
George Chichura		15.5%
2. Joey Griffith	5-3	21.4%
Ken Daniels		12.5%
3. Bobby Johnson	5-3	17.0%
Steve Boswell		13.4%

**Missouri State Singles Championship @  
Lebanon. September 1-4. Directors: MOH-  
PA Officers**

<b>Men's Champ:</b> Stan Griggs	10-2	63.1%
Randall Grady	9-3	62.1%
Michael Bowman	8-3	65.6%
Class A: Jim Renfro	7-0	61.4%
Denver Jennings	5-2	52.9%
Jason Weiler	5-2	46.8%
Class B: Dan Hobbs	7-0	47.1%
Mike Fadler	6-1	55.4%
Mel Bruemmer	4-3	37.1%
Class C: Ron Highley	6-1	43.3%
Levi Blevins	5-2	40.0%
Mike Davault	5-2	32.5%
Class D: Jimmy Higginbotham	6-1	45.4%
Justin Narup	4-3	40.7%
Lee Miller Jr.	4-3	39.4%
Class E: Roy Tindall Jr.	6-1	37.5%
Dick Byersdorfer	5-2	29.6%
James Hillis	5-2	29.6%
Class F: Andrew Reeves	7-0	40.0%
Dennis Benson	4-3	31.8%
Larry Brown	4-3	30.4%
Class G: Randy York	7-0	31.7%
Clint Sloan	6-1	30.0%
Ronny Lee Mincks	5-2	18.8%
Class H: Robert Riley	7-0	25.0%
Robert Kingsolver Sr.	4-3	23.2%
Bob Bastel	4-3	22.9%
Class I: Leroy Leabo	6-1	29.3%
Jose Ramirez	5-2	29.6%
Daniel Gavin	4-3	27.1%
Class J: Raymond Phelps	6-1	21.7%
Lester Powell	5-2	28.3%
Mark Schepers	5-2	14.6%
Class K: Tom Lehmann	7-0	24.6%
Scott Raimer	6-1	22.1%
Mark Pisane	4-3	16.7%
Class L: Wesley Stoverink	7-0	27.9%
Daniel W. Allen	6-1	22.1%
Dennis Bales	4-3	13.9%
Class M: Tracy Archer	6-1	17.1%
Richard Jarman	5-2	22.5%
James Adkins	5-2	12.9%
Class N: Daniel Olson	4-1	19.3%
Jeremy Starke	3-2	10.4%
Terry Bishop	3-2	8.4%
<b>Women's Champ:</b> Rose Diekamp	7-0	67.5%
Lachelle Cook	6-1	66.9%
Donra McCown	5-2	50.4%

Class A: Karen Goldizen	7-0	51.3%	Class C: Ed Davis	4-2	37.9%	Class D: Mike Watkins	5-0	31.6%
Kelly Combs	5-2	47.5%	Leroy Dooley	4-2	27.5%	John H. Smith	3-2	28.8%
Johnna Bales	4-3	40.0%	Robert Russell	3-3	13.8%	Dean Constance	3-2	21.6%
Class B: Laura Johnson	7-1	41.3%	<b>John Dods Memorial @ Peculiar, September</b>			Class E: Jackie Guggisberg	5-0	18.4%
Erika Myler	6-2	40.0%	<b>8. Director: Glenn Bowman</b>			Bob Lemon	3-2	20.0%
Sherri Terwelp	5-2	36.8%	Class A: Wayne Dusenbery	5-0	61.6%	Doug Carter	3-2	15.2%
Class C: Mary Beeson	7-0	41.7%	Lawrence Loney	4-1	46.4%	Class F: Elmer Seymour	5-1	11.7%
Rose Buehler	6-1	34.6%	Tim Vaughn Sr.	3-2	49.1%	Dakota Seymour	4-2	9.6%
Natalie Altis	4-3	32.8%	Class B: Victoria Highley	5-1	35.6%	Ron Gibson	3-2	14.4%
Class D: Loretta Cameron	7-1	29.4%	Ron Highley	4-2	40.1%	<b>Liberty Summer Leagues Tournament, September 17-22. Director: Gregg Craven</b>		
Audrey Pappas	6-2	26.3%	Bob Bloss	3-2	33.3%	Champ: Laura Johnson	3-0	46.1%
Mary Boze	5-2	26.1%	Class C: Michael Gillespie	5-0	34.0%	Bobby Johnson	2-1	15.7%
<b>Jr. Boy Champ:</b> Dalton Rakestraw	5-0	79.5%	Larry Brown	4-1	26.4%	Lyle Samuelson	1-1	44.9%
Nathan Evers	4-1	46.3%	Keith Johnson	2-3	16.8%	<i>Monday</i>		
Ryan Schepers	3-2	39.7%	Class D: Jose Ramirez	6-1	29.6%	Class A: Wayne Dusenbery	7-0	63.7%
Josie Lapierre	2-3	37.5%	Terry Highley	5-2	30.0%	Gregg Craven	5-2	71.6%
Bruce Thomson	1-4	35.6%	Danny Wetzel	5-2	22.9%	Ralph Richardson	4-3	45.6%
Class A: Noah Heathman	6-0	29.4%	Class E: Jackie Guggisberg	7-1	20.0%	Class B: Debbie Harris	6-1	43.7%
Andrew Lau	4-2	25.0%	George Chichura	6-2	13.5%	Lyle Samuelson	5.5-1.5	45.0%
Gabe Heathman	2-4	14.4%	Larry Guggisberg	4-3	16.0%	David Jackson	5-2	16.8%
Jordan Weiler	0-6	15.2%	Class F: Charlee Creason	5-0	21.6%	Class C: Jackie Guggisberg	6-1	23.0%
Class B: Brandon Clapp	4-0	5.0%	Sue Roberts	4-1	16.4%	Ray Bendura	5-2	19.6%
Raymond Clapp	2-2	0.8%	Joe Barry	2-3	13.2%	Tim Fox	5-2	20.6%
Warren Highley	0-4	0.0%	<b>Hillbilly Fair Mixed Open @ Laurie, September 15. Director: Donna Bastel</b>			<i>Saturday</i>		
<b>Jr. Girl's Champ:</b> Kelcee Davault	6-0	40.6%	Class A: Donra McCown	7-0	62.1%	Class A: Terry Kampe	4-1	38.0%
Savanna Johnson	4-2	22.6%	Al Constance	4-3	59.3%	Nick DiRaimo	3-2	64.0%
Megan McLeod	2-4	10.8%	Ray Plute	4-3	65.4%	Angela DiRaimo	3-2	35.0%
Andrea Kinney	0-6	4.5%	Class B: Lile Harper	7-2	39.7%	Class B: Laura Johnson	4-1	41.5%
<b>Cadet:</b> Ryan Schepers	3-2	39.7%	Paul Vaughn Jr.	5-3	46.7%	Denise Bloss	4-1	33.5%
Warren Highley	0-4	0.0%	Jeff Spry	5-3	44.3%	Nancy Gunter	3-2	30.5%
<b>30 Ft. Men Champ:</b> Rich Altis	7-0	81.8%	Class C: Dale Froling	7-0	40.4%	Class C: Bobby Johnson	5-0	20.0%
Carl Folsom Sr.	5-2	68.9%	Stan Bailey	6-1	37.7%	Megan McLeod	3-2	11.0%
Gregg Craven	4-3	67.9%	Jim Howard	4-3	37.7%	Hannah Johnson	3-2	7.5%
Class A: Al Constance	6-2	54.4%	Class D: Ed Davis	6-1	31.3%	<i>Tuesday</i>		
Don Claas	5-3	50.0%	Dennis Benson	5-2	26.7%	Class A: Larry Anderson	5-0	36.0%
Bob Long	4-3	55.0%	Mike Watkins	5-2	21.3%	Gina Baker	3-2	53.0%
Class B: Alfred Mundy	7-0	68.8%	Class E: Bob Bastel	5-0	23.6%	Charlie Baker	3-2	28.5%
Dean Renfro	5-2	52.5%	Mark Schepers	3-2	19.6%	Class B: Grandin Lane	5-0	19.5%
Tim Vaughn Sr.	5-2	49.6%	Ray Herman	3-2	15.6%	Brady Craven	4-1	23.5%
Class C: Bob Diekamp	7-0	53.2%	Class F: Elmer Seymour	7-0	10.8%	Barry Arthur	3-2	14.0%
Elwyn Cooper	6-1	49.3%	Clint Camp	5-2	14.6%	Class C: Ron Jackson	5-0	12.0%
Ralph Hummel	3-4	42.1%	Irene Garvey	5-2	6.7%	Ian Gunter	4-1	4.5%
Class D: Nile Abbott	7-1	40.4%	<b>Capitol City Mixed Open @ Jefferson City, September 22. Director: Steve Bruemmer</b>			Scott Engelmann	3-2	13.5%
Paul Vaughn Jr.	6-2	41.4%	Class A: Steve Johnson	5-0	56.8%	<b>Pitcher Perfect Mixed Open @ Mt. View, September 22. Director: Dan Hobbs</b>		
Terry Kampe	5-2	34.3%	Steve Steck	3-2	41.6%	Class A: Donra McCown	9-1	51.1%
Class E: Paul Parnell	7-0	46.7%	Ron Hassler	2-3	44.4%	Joie Welker	8-2	48.1%
Keith Peck	6-1	42.2%	Class B: Terri Loeffler	5-2	38.0%	Dan Hobbs	7-2	42.8%
Norman Ennis	4-3	38.1%	Mel Bruemmer	4-3	49.7%	Virgle McCown	6-3	45.3%
Class F: Carl Harris	5-1	34.4%	Jedd Baker	3-3	30.3%	Archie Matheny	4-5	30.3%
Ray Ackermann	4-2	27.3%	Class C: Mike Guillaume	5-1	18.0%	Class B: Jim Brandenburg	5-4	36.6%
Richard Schmidt	2-3	26.4%	Tim Garvey	4-2	22.4%	Jeff Ridenoure	4-5	31.6%
Class G: Ed Davis	5-1	36.0%	Gary Buehler	3-2	23.5%	Ronnie Bohannon	2-7	29.4%
Dean Constance	4-2	23.3%	<b>Truman Lake Fall Mixed Open @ Warsaw, September 22. Director: Jeff Spry</b>			Ronny Lee Mincks	2-7	20.3%
Larry Anderson	3-2	26.0%	Class A: Bob Outt	4-1	54.8%	<b>Lions Park End of League Tournament @ Peculiar, September 23. Director: Glenn Bowman</b>		
Class H: Tim Warden	4-1	14.6%	Ray Plute	3-2	63.6%	Champ: Jamie Highley	2-0	6.0%
Rodney Mallinckrodt	3-2	12.0%	Jerry Cramer	3-2	53.5%	Terry Highley	1-1	27.0%
Charles Foulds	2-3	16.4%	Class B: Jerry Dugan	5-0	50.8%	Ralph Richardson	0-1	36.0%
<b>End of League Tournament @ Laurie, September 8. Director: Donna Bastel</b>			Kelly Kasper	4-1	40.0%	Tyler Fishbaugh	0-1	10.0%
Champ: Ed Davis	1-0	37.5%	Lynn Elmore	3-2	48.4%	Class A: Ralph Richardson	5-0	30.5%
H. Hoffmeister	1-1	35.0%	Class C: Joe Cameron	4-1	27.2%	Ron Highley	3-2	46.5%
Richard Reina	0-1	27.5%	Michael Gillespie	3-2	26.0%	Michael Bowman	3-2	68.0%
Class A: H. Hoffmeister	4-1	41.5%	Dennis Mills	3-2	30.0%	Lawrence Loney	2.5-2.5	50.5%
Kenneth Grossman	3-2	39.5%				Victoria Highley	1.5-3.5	28.0%
Carroll Sinclair	3-2	42.0%						
Class B: Richard Reina	5-1	27.9%						
Charles Epperly	4-2	34.6%						
Jim Bainter	2-4	20.8%						

Class B: Terry Highley	3-0	38.0%
Leroy Leabo	2-1	30.7%
Charlee Creason	1-2	19.3%
Clint Sloan	0-1	10.0%
Class C: Tyler Fishbaugh	3-1	8.5%
Tim Fields	2-2	12.0%
Jose Ramirez	1-2	17.3%
Larry Guggisberg	1-2	7.3%
Class D: Jamie Highley	3-0	6.0%
Jon Brewster	1.5-1.5	8.0%
Robert Kelley	1-2	2.7%
Warren Highley	.5-2.5	0.7%

**CCHC vs. QRHC Team Tournament @ Jefferson City, September 23. Director: Steve Bruemmer**

(QRHC 80.5 points – CCHC 39.5 points)

Class A: Gary Roehrig	5-1	59.6%
Ginny Weiss	5-1	57.5%
Rich Altis	4-2	69.6%
Class B: Jim Howard	5.5-0.5	50.8%
Jill Knobbe	5-1	47.9%
Ernie Brakensiek	4-2	56.3%
Class C: Terri Loeffler	5-1	37.5%
Adam Schepers	5-1	53.8%
Gary Buehler	4-2	29.6%
Class D: Mike Guillaume	6-0	21.7%
Ken Daniels	5-1	32.1%
Jim Brown	4-2	29.6%

**Clinton Fall Mixed Open @ Clinton, September 29. Director: Eugene Loyd**

Class A: Ray Plute	5-0	66.4%
Paul Vaughn Jr.	3-2	43.2%
Alfred Mundy	3-2	46.0%
Tim Vaughn Sr.	2-3	50.8%

Jeff Spry	2-3	40.4%
Kelly Kasper	0-5	35.2%
Class B: Jerry Dugan	7-0	34.6%
Johnna Bales	6-1	36.3%
Mike Watkins	4-3	32.5%
Ronnie Bohannon	4-3	31.3%
Dennis Mills	3-4	27.5%
Vic Scheuring	3-4	22.5%
Michael Gillespie	1-6	25.4%
Class C: John H. Smith	5-1	30.4%
Larry Guggisberg	4-2	13.7%
Jesse Dowell	3-2	20.4%
Jackie Guggisberg	2-3	24.8%
Roy Flatt	2-3	18.8%
Elmer Seymour	0-5	8.0%
Class D: Dennis Bales	5-0	15.2%
Heather Campbell	3-2	12.0%
Dakota Seymour	3-2	11.2%
Gary Phillips	3-2	9.6%
Eddie Seymour	1-4	9.6%
Andrea Kinney	0-5	1.6%

**CCHC Club Tournament @ Jefferson City, September 30. Director: Steve Bruemmer**

Champion: Steve Johnson	2.5-0.5	65.8%
Tim Garvey	1.5-1.5	25.8%
Larry Brown	1-2	29.2%
Jedd Baker	1-2	28.3%
Class A: Steve Johnson	3-0	67.5%
Mel Bruemmer	2-1	45.0%
Steve Steck	1-2	48.3%
Ron Hassler	0-3	47.5%
Class B: Jedd Baker	3-0	36.7%
Andrew Reeves	2-1	40.0%
Jerry Weller	1-2	31.7%
Bobby Schwent	0-3	34.2%

Class C: Larry Brown	3-1	31.4%
Steve Bruemmer	2-2	13.6%
Mark Schepers	1-2	15.0%
Steve Reeves	1-2	21.7%
Class D: Tim Garvey	3-0	25.0%
Rod Mallinckrodt	2-1	10.0%
Jeremy Starke	1-2	10.0%
Leonard Bruemmer	0-3	0.0%

**Would You Believe**

by Jim Kinney

*Editor's note: New job responsibilities may have caused Jim Kinney to relinquish his Publicity Director responsibilities, but Jim has not forgotten us.*

The staff of the magazine "Athlon" polled its readers for the 30 greatest two-sport athletes of all time. Check it out. See a familiar name or two? I really like the choice of sports for number 25.

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| 1. Jim Thorpe      | Track, Football      |
| 4. Bo Jackson      | Football, Baseball   |
| 23. Tony Gonzalez  | Football, Basketball |
| 25. Walter Ray     | Bowling, Horseshoes  |
| 30. Michael Jordan | Basketball, Baseball |

**Local Organization Keeps Sport Alive in Backyard**

By Chris Geinosky of the Liberty Tribune

*Editor's note: The following article is from the Liberty Tribune and was first posted August 2, 2012.*

In the mid-1980s Wilbur Hodgson started a local club in town for horseshoe pitchers. More than 25 years later, the Liberty Horseshoe Club is still alive and kicking. Approximately 100 dedicated members — boys and girls and men and women ranging from ages 6 to 80 — continue to use the year-round club based out of Stocksdale Park as a source of competition and recreation.

"It's just something that gets in your blood, seeing that thing go sliding down that stake," Liberty league director Gregg Craven said. "National membership has been falling off over the years, but it's been pretty steady here. Missouri is still one of the largest associations in the country."

Liberty Horseshoe club is one of the reasons why. The local organization holds summer (May to August), fall (October to December) and winter (January to March) leagues thanks to the facilities at Stocksdale Park, which includes both outdoor and indoor courts. Weekly league nights and regular-scheduled tournaments bring pitchers to town from all over the Kansas City metropolitan area and beyond, and in some cases from more than an hour or two away.

"It's all about the camaraderie. There's a lot of fathers and

sons, husbands and wives, mothers and daughters, brothers and sisters, grandparents and grandchildren," said the club's tournament director Brady Craven, who can attest as the brother of the league director, Gregg. "Obviously people are out here because they're competitive and they like doing it, but I think most of them would tell you this is more about getting together than it is fierce competition. I think that's what people look forward to the most out here."

With the summer session winding down, 30 members of the Liberty Horseshoe Club made the trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's World Tournament which started earlier this week and will last two weeks through August 11. More than 1,200 pitchers were expected to compete in the event — 90 alone from the Show-Me State.

The club attracted new blood to the sport by putting on a youth league, which was held last week. About two-dozen potential life-long pitchers participated in the annual event, despite the blazing, hot temperatures.

"We're just trying to keep what Wilbur Hodgson started," Gregg Craven said. "This is something a lot of people like to do, and if they're looking to play, we plan to be here."

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**[www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)**

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# Missouri Representatives at 2012 World Tournament

by Stan Griggs

Editor's note: Congratulations to all those who represented our state and our program to the rest of the world. Thanks to Stan's compilation, we have a chance to see all 93 Missourians who shared the experience of pitching at the World Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn.

Division	Class	Place	Pitcher	Division	Class	Place	Pitcher	Division	Class	Place	Pitcher	
Men's	A-2	12	Virgle McCown	Men's 30'	Champ	3	Rich Altis	Women's	B	12	Audra Craven	
	B-2	1	Jim Renfro		A-1	14	Gregg Craven		C	15	Roena Branson	
	C-1	5	Denver Jennings		A-2	12	John Sapper		D	7	Gina Baker	
		16	Dan Hobbs		B-1	2	Rich Altis			12	Donra McCown	
	C-2	7	Joie Welker			13	Al Gwinn			13	Kelly Combs	
	D-1	1	Steve Steck		B-2	9	Bob Renfro		E	3	Karen Goldizen	
	D-2	4	Ron Highley		C-1	5	Don Claas			10	Victoria Highley	
	E-1	8	Mike Davault			12	Ray Canchola			14	Debbie Harris	
	E-2	15	Jerry Weller			15	Ron Hassler			15	Carol Howard	
	F-2	8	Jim Gregory		E-2	4	Alfred Mundy		F	1	Laura Johnson	
	G-2	15	Danny Williams			6	Al Constance			12	Ree Cutright	
	H-1	13	Michael Gillespie			11	John Setzer		G	1	Terrie Rose	
		16	Kevin Chambers		G-1	2	Elwyn Cooper		H	9	Rose Buehler	
	H-2	2	Sam Godbouldt			9	Bob Beaver			15	Natalie Altis	
	I-1	10	Danny Branson		G-2	10	Douglas Peoples			16	Joann Jones	
		1	Clint Sloan			11	Paul Parnell		I	9	Donna Bastel	
	J-2	11	Keith Johnson			13	Paul Taylor			10	Mary Beeson	
		15	Bob Bastel		H-2	5	James Premer			12	Melody Williams	
	K-2	16	Steve Bruemmer			15	Brady Craven		K	11	Dee McIntire	
	L-2	12	Joe Keller		I-1	10	Richard Schmidt		L	9	Sue Roberts	
		13	Scott Raimer		I-2	8	Larry Anderson			14	Dawn Bishop	
	M-2	13	John Keller			12	Ray Ackerman		Jr. Boys'	Champ	1	Dalton Rakestraw
	N-2	2	Bret Myers		J-1	8	Roy Flatt		Jr. Girls'	Champ	6	Kelcee Davault
		9	Steve Boswell			13	Roy Evans		Juniors'	A	1	Dalton Rakestraw
	O-1	3	James Adkins			14	Darrell Pulliam			10	Nathan Evers	
	O-2	7	Daniel Olson		K-1	5	Carl Harris		B	6	Bruce Thomson	
	9	Terry Bishop		6	Bob Cutright Sr.	C	1	Kelcee Davault				
Sr. Men's	Champ	9	Mick Gillette		7	George Chichura		6	Savanna Johnson			
	A	5	Mick Gillette		10	David Jackson	D	12	Nickel Craven			
		10	Ronald LeGrand		13	Floyd Roberts	E	8	Ashley Craven			
	E	5	Larry Brown	K-2	7	Rodney Mallinckrodt	F	10	Sophie Craven			
	I	11	Ernie Ellerman		11	Joe Barry	Cadets'	Champ	1	Ryan Schepers		
		16	George Goldizen				A	1	Ryan Schepers			

## 2012 Longevity Patch Recipients

by Vicki Winston, MOHPA Sec/Treas.

Each year I have the pleasure of handing out NHPA Longevity Patches at our annual Awards Banquet held during the state tournament. These patches are awarded for every 10 years of membership through 50 years, when the person then becomes a Lifetime Member. This year, patches were awarded to the following people. I mailed the patches that were not picked up in Lebanon by the individual or one of their club members. We thank all of these folks for their continued support of organized horseshoe pitching.

### 10 Year Patch

Rusty Bass  
Ray Bendure  
Corissa Bishop  
Frank Garcia  
Daniel Gavin  
Lile Harper  
David Heathman  
David Henderson  
Angie Higginbotham  
Ralph Hummel  
Bruce Kidd  
Gary Kuehn  
Perry Mann

Lee Miller Jr.  
Frank Mills  
Terri Mills  
Ralph Pieper  
Robert Riley  
Clint Sloan  
Edgar Stoverink  
Douglas Tripp  
David Wilson  
Mary Ann Yates

### 20 Year Patch

Willard Adolphs  
Larry Anderson

Larue Baker  
Duwane Blevins  
Glenn Bowman  
Clarence Eggert  
Carl Folsom Sr.  
Jim Howard  
Bennie Kirkpatrick  
John Nahlik  
Mark Pisane  
Joyce Rehm  
Donald Shores  
Paul Taylor  
Sharon Taylor  
Danny Williams

### 30 Year Patch

Ernie Ellermann Jr.  
Tony Rohe  
M. O. Turner  
Tim Warden

### 40 Year Patch

Donald Plowman

### 50 Year Patch

Dorsey Durfee



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Tournament Director: Debby Michaud, NHPA 5<sup>th</sup> VP

**When: Saturday, January 19, 2013 @ 10AM**

**Where: NHPF/NHPA Hall of Fame Facility, Wentzville, MO**

**Host: Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club**

**Format: Cancellation, Walking Doubles, 32 team limit**

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**Entry Fee: \$50.00 per team,**

**Prizes: Cash Prizes, certificates**

(includes prize money, scorekeeping concession help fees)

**Deadline/Natstats average on: December 30, 2012**

**Maximum combined ringer % average per team: 120%** (Teams will be placed in classes just as in a singles tournament.)

**Tournament Director/ Mail entries/make checks out to:**

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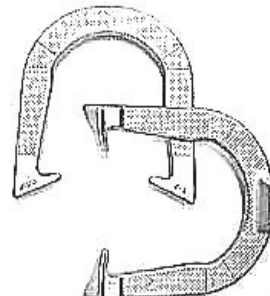
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# 2013 Membership Application

## Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Rich Altis**  
30' Men's State Champion

**Kelcee Davault**  
Junior Girls'  
State Champion

**Dalton Rakestraw**  
Junior Boys'  
State Champion

**Ryan Schepers**  
Cadets'  
State Champion

**Don Claas &  
Bob Renfro**  
Doubles' State Champion