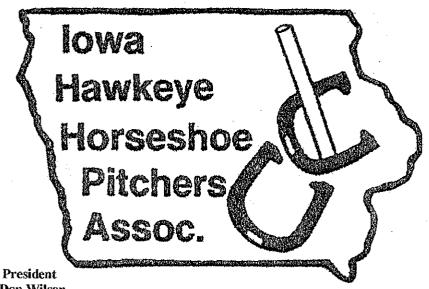
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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to thank everyone for voting me in as your new president. I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

The Annual Meeting went along very smoothly. The food was excellent! We need to thank the party or parties responsible for the morning cookies. And a big thank you to the cooks at the Marshalltown Moose Lodge for all the work they do in preparing a wonderful lunch for us.

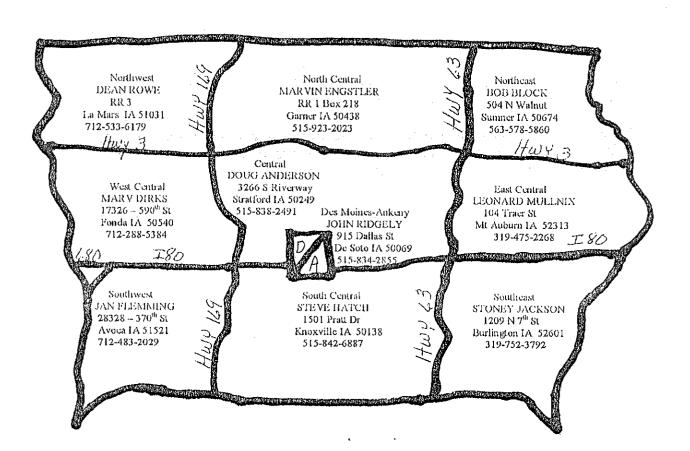
One thing I am sure of, if we don't know what you like and don't like, we can not work towards making changes to insure everyone enjoys our great sport. If you have ideas you think will improve the tournaments, etc, write them down and give them to myself, one of the officers or mail them to the Newsletter editor.

A meeting of the Executive Board and Regional Directors was held October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Eldora Courts. You can read the minutes of that meeting later in this Newsletter. We voted to have an IHHPA Chaplain, with the President appointting someone to fill that position. As we have two worthy members, it was a tough decision. However, I chose Glenn Warden as our IHHPA Chaplain, with Doug Anderson as his assistant. Feel free to call upon either one with your needs. Their addresses and phone numbers have been added to the front of this Newsletter.

In the May/June Newsline there was an article by Casey Sluys, NHPA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, about a NHPA program called "co-op ads". It is to help State Charters with publicity to recruit new members. The NHPA will reimburse up to 75% of the cost of the ad up to \$2.00 per adult member based on 2002 membership. That is to say, if a charter had 450 members in 2002 it would qualify for \$900.00 in co-op money. This means if the charter spent a total of \$1200.00 or more, the NHPA would reimburse that charter \$900.00. I have e-mailed Casey Sluys to see if we can use this funding toward the price of printing new brochures for the IHHPA. He has assured me that this would qualify as a "co-op ad".

I want to take this time to thank Bob Walters for his dedication to the IHHPA and all the work he did in his  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years as president.

Don Wilson, President



October 2003 Horseshoe Pitching Memories Iowa State Fair Des Moines, Iowa

In the World Book Encyclopedia it tells of the days of Jesus when Roman soldiers played games with the shoes off their horses. When the Iowa State Fair began in 1854 farmers showing off their livestock brought this game to the fairgrounds. A great game that is thousands of years old. Now we can look back at some of the 8 world champs from Iowa with 11 in the National Hall of Fame and one in the Iowa Register Sports Hall of Fame.

Who from horseshoes is in the Iowa Register Sports Hall of Fame? None other than the very first world champion and also the first Iowa State Champion at the Iowa State Fair in 1920 from Kellerton Iowa, Frank Jackson. In Kellerton, Iowa every street corner has his name on it. This man is in the National and Iowa State Hall of Fame. Each year the Frank Jackson Award goes to the person who does the most for horseshoe pitching in Iowa.

Do you remember the daredevil motorcycle driver who pitched in the 1920's? It was told he drove his cycle upon the roof of the grandstand at the Iowa State Fair. I have no proof. Well in 1924 and 1925 he won the World Horseshoe title. He also won the shortest game ever played in the World Tournament. He was from Eldora. Inducted in the National and Iowa Hall of Fame. Our indoor horseshoe arena in Eldora is called the Putt Mossman Arena. Which state did the winning players come from who hold the world record for the shortest and longest horseshoe games? Read on.

A horseshoe promoter from Des Moines, not for playing is in the National Hall of Fame. This was Leland Mortenson. He was 21 when he became director of the Iowa State Championships in 1927 at the Iowa State Fair. Mortensen gradually improved the competition to Midwestern and then a World event. The Midwestern event was to attract all of the greatest pitchers in the world. When the National could not find a sponsor for the World Tournament from 1935-39 the event was at the Iowa State Fair. When the army drafted him during World War II the army made him special services director of a recreational horseshoe program for soldiers.

Do you know the name of the Junior State Champion who was a famous basketball star for Iowa State University? Would it help to know he was called the Roland rocket. Yes it was none other than Gary Thompson who now does play by play broadcasting on television. He was Junior State Champ in 1950 and 1951.

Lucille Hopkins of Ottumwa was elected to the National Hall of Fame. She was superintendent of horseshoes at the Iowa State Fair until 1973. Fifteen years the state secretary of Iowa Horseshoes. She never played she would go and watch her husband play and one day was asked to help. She was also inducted to Iowa Hall of Fame.

My time in horseshoes began in the 1960's playing in the backyard with dad and my brothers. A visit to Birdland Park in 1972 would begin my organizer career. Soon I was elected secretary of horseshoes in Iowa. From 1968 to 1973 for six years horseshoe pitching was inside the sheep barn at the Iowa State Fair. In 1973 I saw the portable inside horseshoe courts with rubber mats on springs crowded in a building. These nortable courts were designed by Dale Dixon a former Iowa State Champion. He was

state champion 11 times. A member of the National and State Hall of Fame from Des Moines.

This all changed the very next spring as horseshoes moved to its current location. For years it was in the cattle barn area then moved inside for six years. Kenny Fulk and Jerry Coughlin met with me and other horseshoe pitchers in 1974. It was March of 1974 when we were told our new place would be on the Teen Town spot we now have. My job was to create a schedule to have horseshoes everyday at the Iowa State Fair. We are still playing everyday of the Iowa State Fair.

In 1978, the World Horseshoe Tournament was held on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The first time on this spot. In the 1930's it was held down near the cattle barns. This was hailed as the most successful World Tournament ever by the Secretary of the National Association. Never before such a turnout of players from the host state. There were 200 entries from our state. Over 800 players from all over the country was here. This would be the last time qualifying would take place at a world tournament. After this ringer percentages of tournaments played would be used. This practice already was in place at the Iowa State Fair tournaments, beginning in 1974. In the 1980's regional tournaments were held during the Iowa State Fair. In 1988 four former world champions were competing.

Who from the state of Iowa was the winner of the longest game of horseshoe ever pitched? There was 194 shoes pitched and he had 175 ringers. They call him the lion of Iowa horseshoes. This man has 7 world records to his credit and is listed in the World Book of Guinness. 18 times the State Champion, elected to the National Hall of Fame and the Iowa Hall of Fame in 1978. An award each year is given to the Men's State Champion in his honor. This award is the Glen "Red" Henton award. He lives in Maquoketa and was a visitor again last year to the horseshoe courts. My grandson who has just begun to play horseshoes remarked to his mom I have met a horseshoe legend.

Three Junior player Champions from the Iowa State Fair have went on to become World Champions? Care to guess? The first was Kevin Cone of Storm Lake. Iowa Junior Champion in 1979, Men's State Champion 7 times and Men's World Champion in 1992. He was asked to go to Japan to get the game started over there by the National Association. He is in the Iowa Hall of Fame. Our second person of course is Cathy Carter of Council Bluffs also a member of the Iowa Hall of Fame. Iowa Junior Champion six straight times, Ladies Champion 17 times for a total of 23 State titles and Women's World Champion in 1993. The third one to remember is Joseph Smith of Gladbrook. Seven Junior state titles and 1995 World Junior Champion.

In 1976 there was a record 559 entries the year of the Bicentennial for the state of Iowa at the Iowa State Fair. There is a picture of all the players for 1976 in the Iowa State Fair Museum. In 2003 we came close to the record with 558 entries. It will only get better. Our Open Singles tournaments have become very popular. Every year will bring more memories. Our greatest comment came this year from a contestant who said they never ever imagined their whole family could play the game of horseshoes together at the Iowa State Fair. Keep up the great work Iowa State Fair. This old game is still going great at the Iowa State Fair.

The horseshoe pitchers of Iowa thank you.

Renorter Danny Sease Superintendent of Horseshoes

## Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association was held on October 18, 2003 at the Moose Lodge in Marshalltown, Iowa. The meeting was attended by 43 association members and 16 guests. Following a welcome by representatives of the Marshalltown Visitors and Convention Bureau, President Bob Walters called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Dick Walker led the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance. Doug Anderson followed with a prayer.

Secretary Dave Sidles read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as read.

Dave Sidles then gave a treasurers report. He said that there were 260 adult members and 15 junior members this year. He reported that the association finished the year with a profit of \$597.97. This figure did not include one outstanding bill in the amount of \$93.36 for newsletter postage. He then reported on the investment account that the association has with Fidelity Investments. The mutual fund was reported to have a value of \$8,801.36 as of 9/30/2003. He reported on the performance of the fund over the past year and also pointed out problems with the tax I.D. number that the account was opened with. He suggested that the association might have to consider reorganizing as either a non-profit or a tax-exempt organization or a combination of the two.

Dick Carlson gave a report on the Hall of Fame selection process. He said that 4 people had been nominated and that 2 had received the required number of votes to be elected.

He indicated that there were no nominations for the Frank Jackson Award this year.

He then reported that he had received no proposals for by-laws changes.

Dick also reported on the Iowa Games. He pointed out a couple of the changes that were made this year and the limited affect they had on participation.

Ronnie Burgess spoke briefly on his role as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and the responsibilities of the position.

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Harold Garner spoke about the tournament schedule for the past year and asked for questions or comments. Dave Sidles indicated the need for timelier reporting of results and also the status of a tournament that is not held for whatever reason.

Harold then read a list of nominations he had received for the elected positions to be filled later in the meeting.

Chairman of the Regional Directors, Leo Buell, described his position and the responsibilities that go with it. He indicated that the Northwest Iowa Director position was open. He then called on the Regional Directors that were present to each give a report.

North Central Director, Mary Engstler, reported on both sanctioned and non-sanctioned tournaments held in his area. He also described a demonstration that was put on in Mason City.

Marv Dirks reported on the West Central Region. He described what was going on with the Clay County Fair indicating that they may have new courts in 2004. He talked about the lack of players in the area and the difficulty that leagues and clubs were having getting through a season.

Central Iowa Director, Doug Anderson, said that having the Eldora Horseshoe Club in his area really helps when assessing activity in the region. He also reported on the 2 tournaments held in Boone this year. Doug also told of an effort to promote horseshoes at the Webster City Raspberry Festival and the problems he encountered there.

East Central Director, Leonard Mullnix, reported on activity in his region. He said numerous tournaments were held with 5 being held in Cedar Rapids along with 1 league there. He said his region was well represented at the World Tournament this year. Leo Buell indicated that the East Central region has the seconded largest number of members with Des Moines being first.

Leroy Law spoke for the Des Moines/ Ankeny Region. He reported holding a tournament on a Thursday that was attended by around 40 players. He also mentioned that the State Fair events had been mostly a success with the exception of the heat. The courts in Ankeny were briefly discussed.

Jan Fleming, Southwest Regional Director, reported that Cathy Carter won her 23 State title this year and of an effort to get that record in the Guinness book of World Records.

He also said she had been contacted by the producers of the Tonight Show for a possible appearance. He invited everyone to come to Council Bluffs to play horseshoes.

Marv Woolums spoke for the South Central region. He said there might be an effort to get the Kellerton tournament going again. Marv also talked about teaching the game to school aged kids in Mt. Ayr. Mic Wilson said that kids were also being introduced to the sport in Winterset.

Stoney Jackson reported for the Southeast Region. He said several tournaments had gotten rained out this spring. He reported on having good participation at doubles tournaments that he directed and suggested other tournament directors think about it as an option.

He said that the league in Burlington has their results in the newspaper every week.

Stoney then spoke briefly about possibly standardizing the way tournament placing are determined at sanctioned events and also the need to have registration and tournament play begin promptly at the advertised times.

Leo Buell told of a highly successful saloon league in Wapello where none of the players were cardholders.

Leonard Mullnix said that he and Pat Simon talked about getting courts going again in Waterloo.

Leo Buell gave a World Tournament report. He said that 15 players represented Iowa. He also indicated that it again conflicted with the State Fair but that for the next 2 years it would not. He then spoke about the 2004 World Tournament.

Leo then described the National Horseshoe Pitching Federation, what it was about, and the Iowans represented there. He emphasized that the NHPF is funded solely by donations and that only 17 Iowans were listed as donors to date.

Youth Director, Dennis Smith, was not present.

Vern McGrath spoke about the success horseshoe pitching seems to be having in Dubuque including an all women's league.

Dave Sidles talked about possibly trying to start high school horseshoe pitching clubs with competition between area schools as a way to get young people involved.

Margo Utley rose to thank you to everyone who helps to keep horseshoe pitching going in the state. She described the D.M. community calendar as a way to spread the word about our sport. Jane Meyer of Des Moines and John Pleshette of Winterset were mentioned for their outstanding efforts to get more participants involved in the sport.

Newsletter Editor Mic Wilson asked for everyone to feel free to submit items for the newsletter. Lunch was then served with entertainment provided by the Burgess Family.

Brad Haines, a realtor from Waterloo, spoke after lunch and preformed a brief skit.

The meeting continued after lunch with old business. The float was discussed. Dave Sidles described the insurance issue, as he understood it. Glen Warden said he would talk to his insurance person about possible solutions.

Gary Reed then stepped to the podium. He talked about ways to advance horseshoe pitching in the state. One suggestion he had was having another indoor facility in the state. His main concern was using IHHPA money on projects or facilities that the association didn't control or own. He called

everyone's attention to a handout that he had made available to all who were at the meeting. He also said he was going on record stating the he had written a provision in his will that designated \$1000.00 to be put in a trust for the sole purpose of developing and maintaining such a facility. Lengthy discussion followed as to how to get such a project started. The existing facility at the State Fairgrounds was also discussed at length. It was determined that more information was needed before the discussion could continue.

Don Wilson gave a Hall of Fame trailer report. He said that he had all but 2 pictures of Hall of Fame members. He said the current trailer could continue to be used and that no rent was due at this time.

Bids for the 2004 State Tournament were discussed. Dave Sidles indicated that Danny Sease would like to host the tournament during the 2004 Iowa State Fair. There were no opposing bids, however, Ronnie Burgess indicated that he would be preparing a bid for the 2005 State Tournament to be held in Cedar Rapids. Discussion followed about effects and possible consequences of moving the tournament away from the fair. Leroy Law presented the case for staying in Des Moines. A motion was made by Glen Warden to hold to 2004 State Championships in Des Moines in conjunction with the Iowa State Fair. Ronnie Burgess seconded it. The motion passed.

Awards were presented next. Several recipients were not present. Dave Sidles indicated that Debbie Davis was the 2003 Most Improved Player. She was not present.

A service award was to be presented to Bob Block who also was not present.

A President's Award went to Scott Bierle of the Eldora newspaper. He was not present.

Dick Carlson then presented the Hall of Fame Awards to Stoney Jackson and Marv Woollums.

Harold Garner, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, presided over the election of officers. For the office of President there were 2 nominees, Glen Warden and Don Wilson. With no additional nominees from the floor, it was moved that nominations cease. The motion was seconded and passed. Each candidate was given 30 seconds to speak to the members. During the counting of the ballots, Bob Walters thanked the association for giving him the opportunity to serve as president.

Don Wilson was elected President of the association.

For 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Glen Warden and Stoney Jackson were nominated. Glen Warden was elected. For 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Ronnie Burgess and Stoney Jackson and Mike Fishnick were nominated. Mike Fishnick was elected.

For Regional Director, Leo Buell was nominated. Leroy Law and Ronnie Burgess were also nominated but both declined the nomination. Leo Buell was elected by proclamation.

For newsletter editor, Mic Wilson was the only nominee and elected by proclamation.

The office of Publicity Director came open when Don Wilson was elected President. Dick Huitt was tentatively elected to the position although he was not present to accept.

Ronnie Burgess led in the singing of My Country, 'Tis of thee.

Bob McKee moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sidles, Secretary Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association Executive Committee Meeting
Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association was held on Sunday October 26, 2003 at the Hardin County Fairgrounds Community Building. Board members present included, Don Wilson, Glenn Warden, Leo Buell, Mike Fishnick, Dick Carlson, and Dave Sidles. Regional Directors Bob Block and Leonard Mullnix were also in attendance as well as several guests. The meeting was called to order by President Don Wilson at 9:30 a.m.

Leroy Law informed the Committee about an e-mail he received from Jan Fleming regarding Cathy Carter's possible appearance on the Tonight Show. He expressed his concern about the cost of the trip and asked the Committee to consider helping her if needed. He also suggested having a fundraiser tournament if needed.

A motion was made to seat the Regional Directors that were present. The motion was seconded and passed.

President Don Wilson then asked the committee members for any matters of concern.

Glenn Warden made a motion to have an association Chaplain. He explained the possible duties of the position and that there were two persons that were possible candidates, himself and Doug Anderson. Following discussion, the motion passed. There was then discussion about whether this should be an elected position or a appointment. A motion was made that the position be a Presidential appointment. The motion passed and Glen Warden was appointed IHHPA Chaplain. It was agreed to add his name to the list of offices on the front of the newsletter.

Don Wilson asked Danny Sease to explain in more detail his bid for the 2004 State Tournament. Danny added that he was open to ideas and suggestions to improve the State Fair events. He also said he could provide a list of all non-sanctioned players at the previous State Fair. He suggested sending them all a welcome letter, an IHHPA brochure, and a tournament schedule. A motion was made and passed to do this.

A motion was made to update and print 500 more brochures. Changes to the brochure were discussed and the motion passed.

Leo Buell read a letter from NHPA 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Allen Baptist on ways to improve membership and coop money that might be available to do things like print the brochure. Don Wilson pointed out an article in the Newsline that described the NHPA coop-advertising program. There was then a general discussion of where to best spend money on promotion and ways to increase membership. Glenn Warden suggested adding the current officers names to the brochure and also places to purchase horseshoes.

Mic Wilson suggested that directions to the various pitching sites be added to the new schedule. She also informed the committee of a new publishing schedule for the newsletter.

Don Wilson pointed out that the committee had agreed to purchase a new Hall of Fame trailer several years ago and that it had not been done. Lengthy discussion of the size and type of trailer followed. It was agreed that several members would start getting prices for the committee to consider.

Don Wilson expressed his concern about the lack of young players involved in horseshoes. He described the limited success people were having trying to get young people started and asked the committee to think about solutions to this problem.

Leo Buell briefly presented some cost figures on buildings that could be used for an indoor pitching facility. There was no discussion.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Sidles, Sec. Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

#### NOTE FROM BOB WALTERS

Executive Board meeting, great turnout, and I think a great start for Don.

I did want to bring up something, but guess you can work how you want to. A question? On your coming schedule, is it engraved in stone to have to hunt and look to identify the tournament and then to look for the tournament director? I kinda like individual tournaments to list if they have something special just made easier reading for us older people.

Coming up tournament, had a good visit for what happened at our Central Iowa meeting. Gary, will not be at the table. He will keep score and help set-up courts, put up flags, banners, tear down courts, help get kitchen supplies and pop in place. Help clean up afterwards, also make sure all our trash is placed outside the building before we leave. Many smoke fires start in the trash cans. I am going to have him help me clean up the area south of the kitchen and cut the grass, it looks quite trashy!

I think we will get along fine. We have each to stop the negative thoughts. We've got the greatest thing going!

1<sup>st</sup> Tournament. Marion Mc Kee will bring potatoe salad, Faithe will make chilli, Izzy Martin will bring cookies or brownies, or salad. Each time we want to have several people make our basic food. LeRoy and Russ will alternate 1<sup>st</sup> tournament, as Mc Kee's will have guests visiting. Players and wives, let us know what you would like to bring.

The December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> tournaments, will be the Scott Bierle and Bob Block Tournaments. We will have a little ceremony to give them their awards as they were unable to attend our annual meeting. We will have 2 coaches from high school, who work with Scott, say a few words. Also may have them bring a couple of high school kids to see a tournament and learn first hand how to keep score.

Tournament Directors, Russ Martin, (319)278-4090 and LeRoy Law, (515)223-4274. Phone at Courts, (641)858-3901. Please call and get on the list, we can only play 46 players. Let them know what day you want to pitch.

Yours for a Great Tournament Season!! Bob

### NOTES FROM THE NHPA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

EAU CLAIRE WI 2003

The Pocatello representive (Bobby) filled us in on the 2004 World Tournament site. Location will be the Holt Arena. The building was the second domed structure built in the US. It will house 48 courts with room for 96. Plus 20 practice courts all inside. Bobby showed us confirmation letters from the State Representitive and the Governer of Idaho who will be on hand to throw out the first shoe. Also, President George W Bush will be present sometime during the tournament.

Bakersfield CA was awarded the 2005 World Tournament. Don, the Bakersfield representative said "I can answer most all your questions by saying: 2, 4, yes, and yes. 2 hrs from Los Angeles, 4 hrs from Las Vegas, yes we have air conditioning, and yes we will turn it on. Location will be the Kern County Fair Grounds , July 18-30. Kitchener, Canada withdrew because of complications.

All the proposed rule changes passed as presented. Minor changes were that backboards are now to be 36" behind the stake rater then 48". The 50 shoe or 40 point rule was officially inserted into the rules.

#### Election of Officers:

Paul Stewart, NC was elected president, he was unopposed. Dave Loucks did not run for re-election.

1st VP, Allen Baptist, CO and 3st VP Larraine Sternberg, WI were elected by acclamation. 5th VP nominees were Dan Sanders IL, Stu Sipma ND, and Steve Summerlin Mi. Stu Sipma won after a run off election.

At the annual awards banquet, held Sunday evening, Brian Simmions was inducted to the Hall of Fame. Brian was the 2002 mens World Champion. He was unable to attend because of health reasons. A friend accepted the award for Brian.

C Leo Buell

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Copy of letter from Bob Walters to Gary Slater, State Fair Manager.

Dear Mr Slater,

As President of the Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association, I wish to thank you for sponsoring the Iowa State Fair Horseshoe Pitching Program.

I have visited a lot of pitchers over the state of Iowa, and you ask them how they got interested in the sport of Pitching Horseshoes and they will tell you they first saw the game and how it was played at the Iowa State Fair.

I am a retired farmer and been in the Real Estate Profession for over 30 years. I showed Spotted Poland China Hogs at the Iowa State Fair when I was 16 to 18 years old. When I married, We always came and watched the Swine Shows and other parts of the fair. I think that sometime when I was 50 years old, we would stop at the horseshoe courts. I saw how the game was played and it fascinated me. I went from a rookie to the President in about 25 years. I am 83 years old and believe the game of Horseshoes has been a great help in keeping me healthy.

I have been the Iowa State Horseshoe President for 4 ½ years and I want you to know that I have enjoyed the last two years of the Iowa State Fair more than any other. We had a float with a regulation size horseshoe court on a 60 foot trailer and our pitchers put on ringers on the go. What a thrill as when in front of the judges reviewing stand, a lady pitcher put on 2 ringers and then we had a Junior pitcher from Des Moines pitched two ringers on top. This was the most noise I heard during the parade. People were cheering. I'll never forget it as long as I live. This was 2001, IT'S A WINNER.

Tourism for Iowa, the State Fair does it all. I and my wife, Faithe, have been married 54 years and raised 5 children. Iowa was a great place to have them develop into people who like to work and play. They never will forget their days of growing up on the farm in Iowa.

THANKS FOR THE HORSESHOE PROGRAM. IT IS GREAT FOR EVERYONE!

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#### **IHHPA MEMBERS**

After having a great Sunday, with church service and a day of rest, I just had to get on this Smith-Corona and write a few lines.

The reports of the Officers and Regional Directors at the annual meeting were the best ever. The report of Dave Sidles and the increase in membership was something I was hoping for. There are things getting done and people are watching and listening to the results of this "Life-time" game of Pitching Horseshoes.

Our thanks to Bob and Marian Mc Kee and the Moose members of Marshalltown for letting us use their facility and preparing the noon-time meal of beef and pork and all the trimmings - a good job - they were very organized. Nice table decorations and all!

We were very fortunate to have dinner music by Ronnie Burgess, his brother, Denny and wife and daughter. They were very good and many thanks.

We were then entertained by Brad Hanes, the Waterloo Real Estate Instructor, who I had seen in some of his classes. He has a lot of talent with other sports, and memorizing some of the best piano music there is, but he still feels he's missing something. With all the tapes and books written on how to pitch horseshoes, he feels his life could be better if only "He could consistently pitch ringers!". His tongue-twisting talk about Cinderella, his baseball routine of Abbott and Costello – that was something different than we have ever had. Iowa has lots of fun-loving people who are successful in their work and also in their hobbies. Thank you Brad Hanes!!

The contest of the thoughts of the two pigs picture on what the pigs were thinking, was well-received with 19 entries. Four years ago, we had the same picture and asked the same question. We never had one response. The judges were Marion Mc Kee, Izzy Martin, and Faithe. The winning response was, "Ah, Come on honey, let's go root around in the Horseshoe Pit", submitted by Jan Flemming of Avoca, IA.

P've got to let other people tell you about this meeting, so Mic and Don, I wish the best to you in all that you do and I will be glad to help wherever I can!

Sincerely, Bob Walters

#### CEDAR RAPIDS LEAGUE

The Cedar Rapids Horseshoe League completed play on August 25, 2003. Our league runs for 16 weeks, from the  $1^{st}$  of May until the end of August. This year we had a total of 30 pitchers consisting of,  $21-40^{\circ}$  men,  $8-30^{\circ}$  men, and 1 lady(Leona Gaines from Mt Vernon). We play 40 shoe cancellation using the 6 player class format.

This years class winners were as follows:

Class A - Walt Behnke - averaging 57.5%

Class B – Larry Bolt – averaging 35.4%

Class C - Dale Feye - averaging 30.7%

Class D - Earl Cypra - averaging 25.3%

Class E - Francis Wagner - averaging 21.7%

Each class champion will receive an NHPA patch as Well as a plague. Other patches are given:
High Average – Walt Behnke – 57.5%
High Game – Larry Purcell & Walt Behnke
(80.0 – 32 out of 40)

High Game over Average – Larry Purcell – 29.6 (my favorite) Most Improved Player – Earl Cypra who increased his average over last year by 4.5%

Secretary/Treasurer Larry Purcell

#### FROM THE EDITOR

I just wanted to ask everyone to keep a couple of our members in your prayers. Marv Engstler has been in the hospital with pneumonia. I hear he is on the road to recovery, but a pray won't hurt. Phyllis Von Thun has been laid up for sometime with her back. I know she would appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Leonard Mullnix recently lost his Mother. Our deepest sympathy to him and his family.

On a lighter note. Some of you old timers will be interested to hear that I recently received an e-mail from an old IHHPA member. Rick Voshell. Rick is residing and working in Minneapolis and doing well. He hasn't had much time to pitch in the last few years, but as things are slowing down, he is trying to get going again. Hopes to make it to Eldora sometime this winter.

Below, please find an article that was in the August, 2003 Council Bluffs Newspaper. We have also been notified that Cathy will be on the Jay Leno show sometime this winter. We will be cheering for her!

Mic Wilson, Editor

# Carter sets world record

STEVE SIGAFOOSE
Staff Writer

For Cathy Carter, the state titles just kept coming and coming.

Her women's state title in

horseshoe
pitching last
month at
the Iowa
State Fair
was her
14th. That,
coupled with
nine junior
state titles,
gives her a



Carter

total of 23 which is a world's record for such a collection.

"The National Horseshoes Pitchers Association's Board of Director," explained Carter, "notified me that they had verified the record."

Carter was introduced to

the sport by her father and "I kept coming back because of my skill at the game."

The Thomas Jefferson graduate proved an all-but-instant success at the sport, winning a Class B world's championship as a junior in 1978.

Horseshoe pitching mean tossing a two to two and a half pound shoe at a peg 30 feet away (men toss the same weight shoe, but go at 40 feet). A good competition pitcher will make 70 percent ringers.

One plus about pitching is practice facilities are not costly. Carter has her own set of pits in her backyard,

"My practice time varies," Carter said. "The big thing is I made sure to go to at least three tournaments during the year so I will qualify for the state tournament, which is held every year at the State Fair."

Beside her 1978 championship run, Carter had made four other trips to the world tournament.

"Getting to the worlds is an expense," she admitted. "Fortunately, now Rhoden Auto is willing to sponsor me and that's big."

Now in her late 30s, there appears no limit to how long Carter can pitch or how many more titles she can win.

"I don't know what the age limit for my sport would be," said Carter. "The gal who finished second to me at state this year is retiring, but it's because the heat is bothering her and she is 83!"

Carter does have a goal in mind.

"I want to keep going and see what it would take to get into the Guinness Book of Records."

#### CEDAR RAPIDS OPEN INDIANOLA OPEN September 28, 2003 September 20, 2003 CLASS A CLASS A 1. Walt Behnke Marion 5-0 68.4 1. Mary Woollums Mt Ayr 5-0 53.2 2. Bob Schaver Illinois 4-1 61.9 Gary Reed Stuart 3-2 49.2 3. LeRoy Law 3. LeRoy Law Clive 2-350,0 Clive 3-2 45.8 4. Carl Kaiser 4. Leo Buell **Iowa City** 2-3 47.3 Des Moines 2-3 47.5 5. Carl Kaiser Des Moines 2-3 42.0 5. Ed Walsh Albia 2-3 45.2 6. Vern Kollasch 0-5 6. Mac Mc Kay Iowa City 41.0 Corning 0-5 24.3 CLASS B CLASS B 1. Mike Fishnick Dubuque 4-1 48.2 1. Art Brown Patterson 5-0 35.6 2. Pat Simon Waterloo 4-1 47.6 Deb Davis Ankeny 4-1 37.6 3. Betty Mc Gregor Lone Tree 4-1 46.8 3. Harold Garner Melrose 2-3 27.6 2-3 44.2 4. Jerry Dunkin 4. Bob Mc Kee Marshalltown New Virginia 2-3 24.4 5. Larry Bolt Mt Auburn 1-4 39.3 Dick Walker Cambridge 1-4 26,4 6. Ira Hartwick Bloomfield 1-4 22.0 CLASS C 1. Gary Elliott Muscatine 4-1 39.4 CLASS C 2. Mic Wilson Greenfield 3-2 38.2 1. Bob Rounds Perry 4-1 32.8 3. Doug Anderson Stratford 3-2 2. Nancy Fulcher Nichols 32.4 35.7 3-2 4. Leo Lamparek Cedar Rapids 2-3 39.4 3. Bob Walters Eldora 3-2 28.4 5. Glenn Warden Des Moines 2-3 4. Harold Benson Albia 3-2 27.6 38.8 6. Ronnie Burgess Cedar Rapids 5. 1-433.0 James Bown Delta 1-4 19.6 6. Jim Fulcher Nichols 1-4 18.8 CLASS D 1. Leonard Mulinix Mt Auburn 5-0 38.1 CLASS D 2. Nancy Fulcher Nichols 3-2 33.9 1. Ron Moon Indianola 5-0 17.6 3. Don Wilson Greenfield 3-2 31.0 2. Gerald Weeks Indianola 4-1 11.2 4. Roger Doering Illinois 2-3 31.1 3. Ralph Davis Ankeny 3-2 13.6 5. Marian Mc Kee Marshalltown 2-3 21.9 4. Dick Huitt Des Moines 2-3 11.2 6. Steve Jackson Grandview 0-5 5. Jim Kempkes Ankeny 18.6 1-4 6,0 6. Eric Morrison Indianola 0-5 2.0 CLASS E 1. Ernie Benda Cedar Rapids 4-1 26.4 MADISON COUNTY BRIDGE FESTIVAL 2. Leona Gaines 3-2 21.1 Mt Vernon October 12, 2003 3. Earl Stroud Iowa City 3-2 17.6 Cedar Rapids CLASS A 4. Francis Wagner 2-3 22.0 5. Earl Cypra Marion 1. Wilbur Rasmussen Prescott 5-1 2-3 22.0 52.9 6. Bob Walters Eldora 1-4 18.4 2. Mary Woollums Mt Avr 4-2 54.4 3-2 3. Marvin Engstler Garner 45.6 CLASS F 4. LeRoy Law 3-2 Clive 55,1 5. Clarence Krueger 1. Ron Swartzendruber Iowa City 4-1 21.6 Nebraska 1-4 42.2 2. Vicki Elliott Muscatine 4-1 18.1 6. Gary Reed Stuart -0-5 47.8 3. Jim Fulcher Nichols 3-2 19.6 Cedar Rapids 4. Rich Clubb 2-3 CLASS B 18.1 5. Mike Fishnick Jr Dubuque 2-3 1. Ed Walsh Albia 4-1 46.8 11.8 Waterloo 0-5 2. Carl Kaiser 3-2 6. Pat Simon Jr 13.6 Des Moines 44.0

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#### **NEED A LAUGH?**

Ask Margo Utley about the garage sale, the squirrel, and the cup of coffee. This could only happen to Margo. Isn't it wonderful that she has such a great sense of humor!

#### MADISON COUNTY BRIDGE FESTIVAL(con't.)

October 12, 2003

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	Russ Martin	Clarksville	2-3	32.0		Mic Wilson	Greenfield	2-3	35.6
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	Dick Walker	Cambridge	2-3	28.8		Deb Davis	Ankeny	3-2	26.4
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	2.	LeRoy Law	Clive	3-2	50.3		Stoney Jackson	Burlington	5-1	37.9
	3.	Leo Buell	Iowa City	3-2	43,6	3,	Ken Cook	Cedar Rapids	4-2	28.6
	4.	Bob Mc Kee	Marshalltown	2-3	49.2	4.	Dennis Hopkins	Missouri Valley	2-4	32,0
	5.	Betty Mc Gregor	Lone Tree	2-3	43.2	5,	Dave Mittlestadt	Jewell	2-4	30.4
	6.	Pat Simon	Waterloo	0-5	35.2	6.	Leonard Mullnix	Mt Auburn	2-4	30,2
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		Mic Wilson	Greenfield	5-0	38.4			CLASS D		
	2.	Glenn Warden	Des Moines	4-1	40.4		Gene Rittman	Ankeny	4-1	39,6
		Russ Martin	Clarksville	3-2	37.6		Bob Rounds	Perry	3-2	33.6
		Bob Block	Sumner	2-3	29.6		Kent Dougherty	Marshalltown	3-2	29.6
	5,	Dick Walker	Cambridge	1-4	29,2		Russ Martin	Clarksville	3-2	28.4
	6.	Leonard Mullnix	Mt Auburn	0-5	30,0		Dick Walker	Cambridge	1-4	33,2
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	3.	Kent Dougherty	Marshalltown	2-3	31.2	2.	Marian Mc Kee	Marshalltown	3-2	29.2
	4,	Jessica Doughery	Marshalltown	2-3	24.8	3.	Bob Walters	Eldora	3-2	25,6
	5.	Don Wilson	Greenfield	2-3	24.4	4.	Steve Jackson	Grandview	3-2	22,0
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		Larry Purcell	Cedar Rapids	2-3	48.0		Vern Kollasch	Iowa City	4-1	50.8
		Carl Kaiser	Des Moines	2-3	41.7		Mary Woollums	Mt Ayr	3-2	59.6
		Bob Mc Kee	Marshalltown	1-4	50.3		LeRoy Law	Clive	3-2	54.8
		James Jackson	New London	1-4	39.2		Leo Buell	Iowa City	1-4	36.0
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#### **ALAN FRANCIS** (from Illinois Court Reporter)

Thirty-three year old Alan Francis of Defiance, Ohio captured his 9th Men's World Championship, at the 2003 World Tournament, and was undefeated for the third time since he won his first title in 1989.

Francis finished three games in front of New Jersey's Joe Mc Crink. Only one former Champion, Dale Lipovski, Minnesota, was in the top ten in the 24 man finals. With lots of newcomers in this elite class, the finishing percentages ranged from Alan's 83.9, best in the class, to 62.4 as the lowest.

Francis is now one Championship behind the legendary Ted Allen. Francis captured 5 straight titles from 1995 through 1999, which rates second only to Fernando Isais, who took six titles in succession from 1947-1952, when he battled Allen for the crown every year. These two veterans won the title 14 out of 15 years, with Guy Zimmerman winning in 1954.

In addition to his nine Men's titles, Francis won four straight Junior titles from 1982 to 1985. The next year he moved to the Men's division.

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#### TOLL OF TIME (from Sept/Oct Newsline)

#### Phyllis Negaard

Minnesota

Phyllis Marie Negaard passed away on September 22nd at the St Cloud Hospital after being diagnosed with a rare type of bone cancer just weeks before.

Phyllis was born on February 6, 1943 in St. Cloud to Norbert and Catherine

(Hollenkamp) Notch. She was a graduate of Cathedral High School and the St. Cloud Beauty College. She married Ronn Negaard on July 13, 1963. She managed a hair salon for several years, was the co-owner of Tri-N-Ceramics and was co-owner and partner with her husband of Vill Norsk, Inc for the past twelve years. She was also an avid sled dog racer.

Phyllis had a passionate 25 year career of horseshoe pitching which included fourteen times consecutive Minnesota State Women's Horseshoe Pitching Champion and five times Women's World Horseshoe Pitching Champion. Phyllis is also a member of the State and National Horseshoe Hall of Fame.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Ronn; son, Randy, St. Cloud; dog "daughter", Flirt; mother, Mrs. Catherine Notch, St. Cloud; brothers and sisters: Beverly (Everett) Nathe, St. Stephen; Marylin (Garry) Flam, St. Cloud; Cathleen Lesnau, Cape Coral, FL; Donald (Linda) Notch, Albany, Sandy (Rick) Karasch, St. Joseph.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her father and two sisters, Carol Ann Bibeau and Norma Jean Hennen.

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