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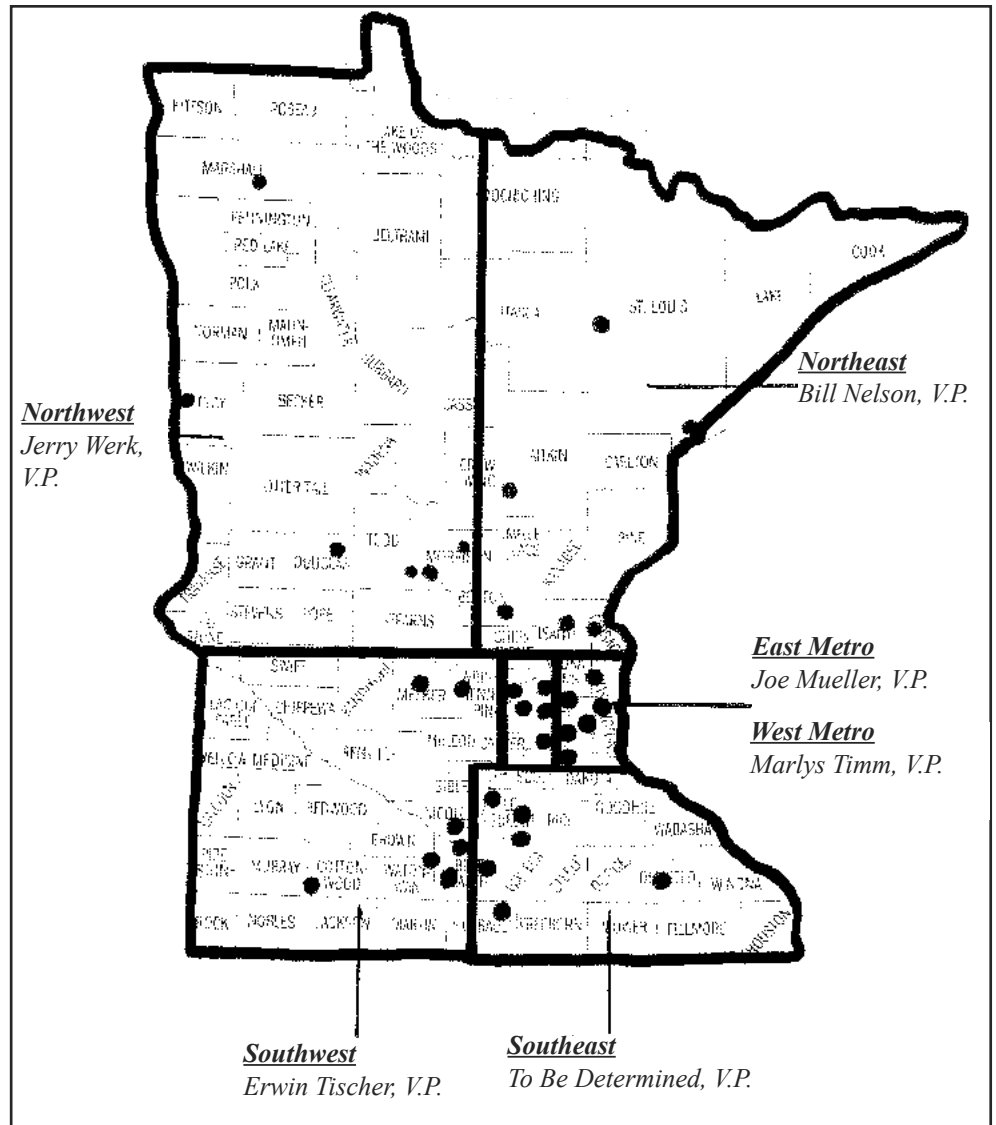
New Districts Proposal On Table

By Rick Wright, President

This fall, the MGSHPA will have three vice presidents ending their second terms, so I have been thinking what better time to take a look at the district map. This map shows where our clubs are located in the state and which vice presidents are in charge of these clubs. It has been 15 years since this map has been updated. Since then, we have lost clubs and have new clubs all over our state. While looking at this map, I found that we have eight districts and we have two vice presidents that are in charge of only one or two clubs in their district, so now would be a good time to make any updates to our district map.

At this time, I would like to propose a new map with only six districts. They would be Northeast, Northwest, East Metro, West Metro, Southeast and Southwest. With six districts, we only need six vice presidents. Each vice president of our new districts will be in charge of five or six clubs each. This will make for a much more uniform responsibilities.

With three vice presidents terms expiring this fall, there will be few changes



The Proposed New MGSHPA Districts

to work out. With this new map, the North Central district would be eliminated. The current West Central district (Vice President Jerry Werk) would become the new Northwest district. All the other VPs would remain in charge of their respective districts. Erwin Tischer, Southwest, would be ending his second term as would Mel Larson and Denny Foss in the fall.

We would also be looking for a new Southeast vice president district this fall.

So in a nut shell, we would be going from eight districts to six districts and six vice presidents. If the association passes this proposal, there will be a new, finalized map presented in the January, February, March 2011 issue of the *Ringer Digest*.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



by Rick Wright, MGSHPA President

What a Spring! By now I am sure everyone has started league play and I hope everyone invited someone to come and enjoy our sport this summer. If you have not, it is not too late. Think about how much you love this sport, the people, and the friendly competition, then go out and share this with someone new.

Another thing to remember is come to league and tournaments with a positive attitude. You would be surprised to find how this will help your play and your relationship with fellow pitchers.

I would like to remind our pitchers of a few important notes to help everyone plan for their horseshoe future. Remember, if you plan on playing in our 2010 state tournament, make sure you get in the tournaments you need before August 1 to qualify.

Also, if any club plans on bidding on the state tournament for 2011/2012, make sure you send me your completed bid before August 1 this year.

Another important reminder to tournament players, make sure you get your name and money to the tournament direc-

tor before the deadline. These directors really work hard and appreciate your promptness. Also taking extra time to show up early and help keep score for fellow pitchers is very much appreciated by both the tournament director and the players. Directors work hard to put on a good quality tournament and with your help it can be more fun for everyone.

The last thing I would like to remind everyone is that we are still looking for donations so that we can purchase our trailer to store and transport our new equipment from state tournament to state tournament. Please send your donations to me and together we can finish this historic project. We have a lot invested in our new equipment and why not take care of it properly. My goal is to reach the \$9,000 mark to make this happen.

Here is a challenge for everyone in our state association: If I receive \$8,000 in donations by August 1, I will add a donation of \$1,000 to complete the goal. Thank you to all that have supported this effort.

I wish everyone a fantastic horseshoe year and have fun!

MINNESOTA CHARTER CHATTER

by Jerry LaBrosse

Statewide Email List

For those of you who are new members, I'd like to take just a minute to explain one of the services that your state association provides -- a statewide email list. This list contains over 300 or so email addresses of our current members. We use this list to spread important notices, reminders,

and updated information to our membership.

Several years ago when I was the state president, I compiled this list and have maintained it ever since. State officers, directors, and tournament directors request that I send out information regularly. I try to include the email address

of the person from whom the notice originated, so that you can respond directly to them instead of going through me. I will always address the mass email to myself, and BCC all of you to protect your email addresses from hackers and spam artists.

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Ringer Digest

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So, if anybody has any important information to share with the state membership via email, send it to me and I will forward it statewide. If you are not on this list and wish to be kept up-to-date with the latest notices and information, send me an email and request to be added. My address is: Jlabro6186@aol.com.

Soccer and Horseshoes?

By Rick Wright

I was working on our courts getting ready for our Bud Nelson Open Tournament when I saw two ladies in front of the VFW selling flowers to help Forest Lake Youth Soccer. I thought maybe I would buy some flowers and



talk to these soccer moms about getting some of their kids involved in horseshoes.

The ladies were excited, invited me to a meeting and wanted more information about a horseshoe league for kids. Wow, what a find!

We are in the early stages of getting a kids league started, but I am very excited because the ladies said there were 800 kids involved in the Forest Lake soccer program and they were involved with about 300 of these kids. I am excited about getting a chance to work with these soccer folks.

Hopefully we can help each other. Just another way to introduce kids to our sport of horseshoes. I really didn't want any flowers but I donated some money to their cause. I think in the long run it will be money well spent.

The junior league will begin in Forest Lake sometime in June, and I'm going to need some help coaching these kids and getting them organized. Once we have a start date, I'll get the information out and hope many of you can plan to spend a few hours introducing this new group of juniors to our great sport. Wouldn't it be great if we can get between 50 and 100 new juniors going this summer?

STATE NEWS

Proposed Bylaw Changes Up For Vote

MGSHPA Members will have at least three bylaw changes to consider and vote on at the next membership meeting at the State Tournament this Labor Day weekend.

The MGSHPA Constitution may only be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting. And per the rules, these proposed changes are presented here in the *Ringer Digest* at least 60 days prior to the meeting. The proposals are as follows:

BYLAW CHANGE 1: ARTICLE V (OFFICERS)

READS: The elected officers of this Association shall consist of a President. Eight (8) District Vice Presidents, (including the First Vice President), and a Secretary/Treasurer/ Membership Director. These officers, including the NHPA Regional Director, shall constitute the EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Executive Board is responsible for providing and updating the MGSHPA Guidelines along with performing the duties required under ARTICLE II.

CHANGE TO READ: The elected officers of this Association shall consist of a President. Six (6) District Vice Presidents, (including the First Vice President), and a Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Director. These officers, including the NHPA Regional Director, shall constitute the EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Executive Board is responsible for

providing and updating the MGSHPA Guidelines along with performing the duties required under ARTICLE II.

REASONING: See Rick Wright's article "New Districts Proposal on Table" on Page 1.

BYLAW CHANGE 2: ARTICLE VII (ELECTION OF OFFICERS)

READS: Candidates for MGSHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing and received by the President and the Ringer Digest Editor no later than June 1st. The officers elected by a majority vote of the regular members present and entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the Association shall hold office for three-year terms (maximum of two consecutive terms). **EXCEPTION:** The Secretary/ Treasurer/Membership Director's position may continue beyond two consecutive terms. The election of officers, to be installed at the conclusion of the regular annual meeting, shall be held on alternating years as follows:

- a. President, NE District Vice President, SE District Vice President, and East Metro District Vice President
- b. Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Director, West Metro District Vice President, and West Central District Vice President

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- c. SW District Vice President, Central District Vice President, and North Central District Vice President

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- b. Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Director, West Metro District Vice President
- c. SW District Vice President, SE District Vice President, and NW District Vice President

REASONING: In most smaller volunteer organizations, such as the MGSHPA, it is often very difficult to find qualified and energized people to fill the officer and director positions. When a good qualified person holds one of these positions, it doesn't make good sense to force them out because of term limits. If the membership doesn't like the way they do their jobs, they can vote them out of that position when the term comes due.

BYLAW CHANGE 3: Sec. 3. (STATE TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS) READS:

A Chance Worth Taking to Pitch with the Best

by Janet Larson

One day in February, Al came in with the mail and said "take a look at this." It was an invitation to sign up for the 17th Annual Six Pac Invitational Tournament to be held May 1 and 2 at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville, Missouri, home of the NHPA/NHPF Hall of Fame and museum.

It was sent to the top 100 40-foot horseshoe pitchers in the United States and Canada. Al was number 82 on the U.S. list and they would be accepting the top 16 pitchers that responded to the invitation. It said to feel free to send in your application and in bold print stated "no

matter where you rank on the list." So we thought "What the heck! Why not?"

In early April he got the second letter. "Congratulations! You have qualified!" What an opportunity! Having just missed the Championship class at the World Tournament in Gillette in 2006 and drifting even farther from it in Ardmore 2007 and Springfield 2009, Al was finally going to get his chance to pitch with the very best horseshoe pitchers in the World.

So, we were off to Quail Ridge, a beautiful park on a hill just outside of St.

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REASONING:

With the revised *Ringer Digest* mailing schedule, there is no time to put in state tournament bid announcement in the August/September issue of the *Ringer Digest*. Moving the bid deadline to July 1st allows ample time to prepare state tournament bid announcements for the August *Digest*.

If any member has a question on these proposals, they are invited to contact President Rick Wright at the contact points on the back of this publication.

Louis. The courts are set up in two parallel buildings with eight courts in each, with the Hall of Fame and an open concession area connecting them. One building would host the 16 40-foot pitchers while the other would host the 16 top 30-foot pitchers. It was a World Championship tournament with a small-town tournament feel.

It was a round robin format and Al was seeded in the number 16 spot. They would play eight 40-point games on Saturday and seven on Sunday.

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Practice had gone well on Friday and again on Saturday morning, so Al was ready to face his first opponent, Alan Francis.

I'm sure some of you can relate to what happens next. The shoes are flipped, the game begins, and someone must have moved the stake! Al did manage to score five points, but after 34 shoes, it turned out to be the worst game of the tournament for both Al and Alan Francis. Al only pitched 44 percent, while Alan Francis pitched a modest 79 percent. Alan Francis, being the gentleman that he is, consoled Al on having had some bad luck, having lost a few ringers, and agreed to pose for a picture.

Al did a little better in the second game, against Brian Simmons, losing 13-40 with a ringer percentage of 55.88.

He then won his third with Jim Walters. Each game got a little better and he ended the first day with five wins and three losses, pitching his best, 71.87 percent, in game eight versus Sam Carter.

The second day Al went 3-4 for an overall eight wins and eight losses, earning eighth place and \$125. As far as we know, it was a tournament first for a pitcher seeded 16 to finish in the top eight.

The mood of the tournament was professional, yet relaxed. When Al pitched with Hall of Fame pitcher Mark Seibold, there was a rare throw when all four of their shoes missed the stake.



Minnesota's Al Larson (middle) at the Six Pac Invitational with Brian Simmons (left) and Alan Francis (right).

Mark calmly stated, "Well at least they're all sort of open, you have to find something positive about it."

Later in game 12, Al got Art Tyson, another Hall of Fame pitcher, laughing when Al asked Art if he had figured out which of the 17 pair of shoes he was going to use, as earlier Al had seen Art trying out all the sample shoes that were for sale. Each of the pitchers generously agreed to have their picture taken with Al, providing Al with some very special keepsakes. What an honor and what an experience!

Alan Francis and Brian Simmons were undefeated going into game 15 and after 98 shoes, Brian came out victorious.

The 30-foot division was decided in a playoff game between Sue Snyder and Joan Elmore with Sue taking first place. The finale was a game between Sue and

Brian with Sue coming out on top. It was amazing to watch all the truly great pitching in such a great facility.

There were 12 states represented this year in the tournament. The last time Minnesota was represented was in 2002 by Dale Lipovsky. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe club members were great hosts, everyone was so friendly and we felt so comfortable and welcomed.

It was a long shot. He was number 82 on the invite list, but somehow Al believed that it was possible. Al was confident that he could compete and compete he did.

If any of you ever receive a letter inviting you to participate, I would highly recommend accepting the invitation. It could be your chance to pitch with the best and to have an experience of a lifetime!



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STATE NEWS

Minnesota Sends Three Teams to Team World Team #1 Fights Tennessee for First Place

By Jerry LaBrosse

Minnesota sent three teams to the 2010 Team World Tournament in Beloit, Wisconsin. The May 14, 15 and 16 tournament weekend marked the 26th anniversary of this event.

Team #1, consisting of Dale Lipovsky, Edi Holland, Gerald Stangland, and Bob Knudtson, nearly pulled off a miracle finish, but fell short to the first place team from Tennessee.

Colorado who has taken home the championship four of the last five years, finished fourth. Minnesota last won a championship in 2002.

Here are the individual results for each of the MGSHPA teams:



Minnesota Team World Representatives: Front Row (left to right): Jerry LaBrosse, Al Larson, Mark Smith, Dale Lipovsky, and Gerald Stangland. Back: Dale Hustad, Marlys Timm, Bob Knudtson, Dave Hughes, Edi Holland, Bert Logsdon, and Dick Dvorak

<u>Team #1</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>R%</u>	<u>Team #2</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>R%</u>	<u>Team #3</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>R%</u>
(59 total wins)			(26 total wins)			(33.5 total wins)		
Dale Lipovsky	14.5	65.23%	Dave Hughes	8	49.47%	Mark Smith	11	57.63%
Bob Knudtson	17.5	67.16%	Bert Logsdon	5	46.71%	Alan Larson	9.5	55.79%
Gerald Stangland	14.5	66.25%	Dale Hustad	7	43.68%	Marlys Timm	7	51.18%
Edi Holland	12.5	56.70%	Dick Dvorak	6	38.95%	Jerry LaBrosse	6	46.45%

AROUND THE STATE

News from the St. Paul-Ramsey County Horseshoe Club

by Dick Dvorak

Pitching began on May 4 with only two games completed and two games rained out. All Wednesday night (May 5) games were played. The courts were in excellent condition thanks to the April cleanup crew.

The St. Paul-Ramsey County Horseshoe Club proudly welcomes these new members: Kelly Conway, Nick Finberg, Dan Fitzgerald, Larry Gold, Benjamin Ireland, Kathy Johnson, Brian Johnson, Ron Letourneau, Jim Mellgren, Shawnore Micagey, Andrea Otterness, Joe Pasholk, Don Sheldon,

Amy Soule, Daniel Travers, Mark Warner, Kristina Winter, Joseph Roehl, Tom Crancer, Phyllis Crancer, Donna Bauer, Sandra Miller, Julie Doepner, Kathy Antrim, Lee Adelhelm, John Adelhelm and Clay Erickson.



AROUND THE STATE

West St. Paul Club Kicks Off Season

by Dick Dvorak

The West St. Paul season began with league play scheduled for Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening, Wednesday evening and Thursday evening. Thanks to the overhead shelter there were no rainouts!

The club wishes to acknowledge and welcome the following new members: Mark Lanner, Jerry Tschida, Jesse Schmidt, Dan Taft and Dan Santos.

Welcome New Pitchers!

North Mankato League News

by Alison Troidahl, North Mankato Publicity Director

The 2010 season has finally started with the North Mankato league playing the beginning games of the season during the first week in May. The league has 135 pitchers for this season playing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. The last night of league play will be on August 12.

The Spring meeting was on April 6 with 18 out of 19 teams represented. Work night was held on April 20. Thank you to the 46 members in attendance who helped to clean up the courts and get the pits in suitable form to start receiving ringers!

The annual Fun Days tournament will be held on July 10-11. See the listing at the back of the Digest for more information. The unsanctioned Doubles Tournament will be held on July 17. Players are encouraged to recruit non-members to participate in this tournament. The Club Tournament will be August 21, continuing August 22 if needed.

The club is looking forward to hosting the State Singles Tournament again this year. Committees are



formed and are busy planning all of the details for the event including advertising, accommodations and entertainment.

The club has five new sponsors this year including Choppers, Finish Line, Kato Engineering, T & T Painting and Roger's Last Chance. The club also welcomes 30 new members who are joining the league this year for a fun and competitive season of play.

North Mankato league officers this year will be Erwin Tischer, President; Tom Engelen, Sr., Vice President; Linda Duenow, Secretary; Kim Briard, Treasurer; Rosie Tischer, Membership; Ken Neidecker, Statistician; Brian Duenow, Statistician and NHPA contact; and Alison Troidahl, Publicity.

What's Up In Upsala?

by Mel and Joyce Larson

Well, the Upsala Winter horseshoe season is over. We started in January and ended with our delicious baked potato and ham banquet on March 24.

Our Monday afternoon league was full with 16 pitchers. We pitched three games of 50 shoes for 10 weeks with one snow-out, which was made up by pitching four games for three weeks. Our format is handicapped count all. Carol Nelson finished first with Leroy Langner second, and Mel Larson third. The sportsmanship and most improved pitcher were both awarded to Walt Beneke.

Monday night also had 16 pitchers of which two were subs but all were sanctioned, following the same format as the afternoon group. Myron VanderWeyst finished first with Ken Tadyck second, and Gary Boots in third. Gary Boots had one phenomenal series of 375 to top both leagues. Sportsmanship was won by Kevin Henifin.

Our year-end tournament was held with five groups of six each. Class winners were:

- E – Clem Pilarski
- D – Al Betterman
- C – Denny Foss
- B – Don Waldoch
- A – Mike Holz

Our absolute league champ was Don Waldoch.

We spent most of the winter working around a complete remodel of the front of the rec building. Those who have seen it are wowed by the transformation.

Also, we thought it rather interesting to note the make up of the 28 league members -- 15 pitchers are in M division; 13 pitchers were E and five women. There were more pitchers at 30 feet than at 40.

Anyway, we had a good season and look forward to next year.

AROUND THE STATE

Upsala Plays Host to First- Ever Paperless Tournament

by Mel Larson

The Upsala Tournament was held April 17 on a beautiful Spring day. This was a real milestone in Minnesota tournaments. It was the first completely paper free tournament ever -- no scoresheets, no separate tally sheets, no round robin cards. This was the first totally electronic tournament maybe ever done.

It was set up by Rob Hagman and Jerry LaBrosse and was carried out without a hitch. The set up took only about half an hour. With an electronic tourney, we saved at least 30 minutes per session, not having to add up the score sheets and fill out round robin cards. We did all our sessions in under three and a half hours.

Another item of note: we ran the entire tourney from the back of the rec building. The front of the building is now finished and really

looks nice. We advertised for 48 pitchers only, as with all the winter tourneys, we've had trouble getting to 64 previously. This year, we had over 64. We assume this was because pitchers needed more tourneys to enter the world in Iowa.

The full results are listed in Results at the back of this issue, so I won't completely recap now. But here's some quick highlights . . .

Butch Booker came back with a vengeance. He's had some past bad results, but actually won Class E and had a higher average than his brother, Gene, who was two classes above him. (Sorry, Gene).

Dale Ackman had a very good day pitching 10 points over his average. Joshua Olson also had a good day pitching five points over his average. Edi Holland had the high average in Class A at over 68 percent. WOW!!

There were two undefeated winners, Edi and Jeff Lawrence.

Finally, the Booker boys from Clarissa have entered every Upsala tournament since the early 1980s with one or two exceptions when one had to bail because of illness. Now that's a commitment! Thanks, guys and to all who entered.

We will be expanding our Fall tournament to 64 pitchers.

In Cokato, Railroad Arms Down Means Ringer Percentages Up

by Jim Klein

The Cokato Horseshoe Club had their spring meeting May 4, which started at 7 p.m. and ended at 9:15 p.m. It took a little longer this year because we had enough people to grow from six four-man teams to seven four-man teams, which meant we had to go to an eight-team schedule instead of the six team schedule. We will start May 11 and end August 24 with our end of the year league tournament.

A vote was taken to continue with Railroad Ringers again this year. As some of you know, our courts are in Railroad Park in Cokato which means we are next to the railroad tracks.

To get a Railroad Ringer you must pitch a ringer when a train is coming and the cross arms are down on Broadway Avenue. If you are lucky enough to get a ringer we circle it on the score card. A record is kept of all the Railroad Ringers and for each one your name goes in a hat and at the fall banquet we draw names out of the hat for \$5. This money is from the profit of our pop sales. It is surprising how everybody's ringer percentage goes up when a train comes.

Our league president this year is Tom Aho, our vice president is Hall of Famer Glen Sandquist, treasurer for the fifth year is Doug Lundeen and first-time secretary is Dean Sveta.

We ended the night with homemade cookies and coffee from Donna Klein.



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JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

by Mary Ann Sheehan, Junior Program Director

Juniors, want to have another big party at the State Tournament?

Make plans to attend the Minnesota Team Tournament that is held in Fridley on June 26. Proceeds from concessions will go toward the Junior Party.

Last year, the concessions made well over \$300 in proceeds. It was a fun time, even if a bit windy, doing concessions as well as pitching in the Team tournament.



The junior party is for you juniors, so, let's make plans to attend the tournament or just selling concessions. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please give me a call or email me so I can plan accordingly for working the concessions.

Junior Only Tournament

Junior Only tournament will be held in North Mankato again this year! With such great turnout, it was decided that we have it in the same place as last year. There is no cost to this tournament and the participants enjoy the competition.

Let's make this year bigger and better than ever! To enter, by July 1, please email me at sheehan.mary@mayo.edu or

call me at 507-534-3445 or 507-421-3992 (cell). You can pitch in this tournament as well as the North Mankato tournament if you wish.

Junior State Tournament

Plan to enter in the state tournament again this year. It will be held at the same place as last year, Verizon Center in Mankato. Everyone had a good time pitching in a world class setting!

Plans are to have the party at the same place as last year, WOW zone. I will try my best to have more time for laser tag as that was the popular event among all!

World Tournament

I just scanned the list of juniors that are signed up to pitch in the tournament and I am pleased to see some new names on the list, pitching for the first time as well as some of the ones that competed in several world tournaments already.

I will guarantee you that you will have a time of your life, meeting new friends from all across the nation. Some of these friends will develop into long-lasting friendships.

I will be there, along with Katie, to support the Minnesota Juniors while they pitch.

JUNIOR PROFILE

Joshua Olson

Age: 16
School: Bertha Hewitt School
Grade: 11

Favorite music type or artist:
Country and Rock

Favorite junk foods:
Pizza

Tell us a little about your family members or pets. Do other relatives pitch horseshoes, also?

I have one brother Cody, he is 15 yrs old. I have a dog Lassie. My dad and brother both throw horseshoes. My mom, Sharyl used to play horseshoes also but doesn't anymore.

Both my parents are my big supporters not only in horseshoes, but in everything I do.

What junior horseshoe league do you belong to?

I belong to the Bertha Horseshoe Club.

When did you start pitching horseshoes?

I started pitching horseshoes in 2005.

What pitching style or turn do you use? Flip.

How do you communicate with friends about horseshoes?

My friends are cool with horseshoes. I have classmates that also play in league.

What other sports, hobbies or activities do you like?

I enjoy baseball, bowling, horseshoes, playing video games.



Joshua Olson

Other comments about yourself: I am looking forward to the World tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this year!

AROUND THE STATE

Greenfield Horseshoe Club Wraps Up Its Winter Season

by Jerry LaBrosse

The Greenfield Horseshoe Club wrapped up its winter season in April, after enjoying the most successful season yet.

Monday nights feature a handicapped league, with Ron Fadden narrowly

edging out Lowell Johnson for the league title. In the end-of-season handicapped tournament, Steve Lilly took first place honors.

Thursday afternoon and evening leagues, which are straightaway with

no handicap, were both dominated by the ever-rising Jim Holland. He took first place in both leagues, and also dominated the end-of-season tournaments, pitching in the upper 60s.

Horseshoe Pitching is Fun! Event

by Shawn Warnemunde, Promotions/Club Advisor

By the time everyone reads this the season should be in full swing. The month of May was designated, by our NHPA promotions director Tina Hawkins, as a great time to have clubs host a Horseshoe Pitching is Fun! Event. The event's purpose is to attract new pitchers into our ranks.

Hopefully all of the club contacts that are on our website received my email regarding details of the program and were able to set aside a day in May to host their own event.

Isanti had its event on May 4. We took a page out of Mankato's book and invited the mayor to come out and toss the first shoes of the season. This, by the way, is an excellent tool to gain free publicity in local papers as elected officials LOVE to have their photos taken. We managed to sign up a new junior and have three more interested individuals.

I hope other clubs had some luck in signing up new pitchers and look forward to receiving news of the event. I will share anything I get in the next issue of the Digest.



Isanti's Shawn Warnemunde looks on as Isanti Mayor George Wimmer pitches to kick off the season.

OBITUARIES

Ronald "Ronn" Negaard

December 26, 1937–March 22, 2010

A memorial gathering was held on Friday, March 26, at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, St. Cloud, for Ronn Negaard of St. Joseph, who died on Monday evening, March 22. A prayer service and time of sharing was also observed.

Ronn was born to the late Theodore A. and Ellen F. (Brean) Negaard in St. Cloud. He married Phyllis Notch on July 13, 1963 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in St. Cloud. Ronn was truly an entrepreneur; Vill Norsk Enterprises was just one of his many endeavors over the years. He was a mem-

ber of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Ronn enjoyed karaoke, Vikings football, horseshoe pitching, dart league, dog sled racing, spending time at his lake home and the company of his multitude of friends.

Ronn is survived by his son, Randy (Jen) Negaard of Sauk Rapids; step-grandsons, Jason and Nathan Sjogren; siblings, Kenneth of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Joyce (William) Baird of Emmett, Idaho, Roger (Gail) of Cold Spring, David (Joan) of St. Joseph, Judy (Larry) Knosalla of Motley and Janell (George) Sweet of Santee, California; and dear friend, Brian Christle of Rice. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; and brothers, James and Gary.

OBITUARIES



Gerald A. Bruns

July 24, 1939–April 6, 2010

Gerald A. Bruns, 70, of Fargo, died Tuesday, April 6 at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo.

Jerry was born on July 24, 1939 in Stanley, North Dakota to John and Madeline (Brick) Bruns. He graduated

as valedictorian from Hannaford High School in 1957 and graduated from Minot State Teachers College with a degree in Hotel Management. Jerry worked at the Townhouse Motel in Fargo for 20 years and was also employed at NDSU and the FargoDome.

He married Annette Loegering on June 12, 1971 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. He enjoyed watching sports, golfing, pitching horseshoes, playing cards and games on the

computer and spending time with his family, especially playing games with his grandchildren. He was an active member of St. Mary's Cathedral as an usher and spending hours at Eucharistic Adoration.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Annette of Fargo; daughters, Marijo (Jason) Schwengler of Fargo, Debra (Benjamin) Ruona of Fargo, Brenda (Alexander) Anderson of Wichita, KS; grandchildren, Jacob, Andrew and Simon Schwengler, Matthew Ruona, Adam and Eric Anderson.

Sandra Carlson of the Moorhead Horseshoe League also notes: "Jerry was a very enthusiastic player, and always offering to help at any tournament we held. He tried to improve his average each year and become a player that could win his class at tournaments.

"He had just recently participated in a tournament at Dakota Magic in Hankinson, North Dakota in early March."

JUNE AND JULY MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Send a birthday greeting to a horseshoe friend or two.

Aakre	Robert	7/6	Bullard	Kyle	6/25		
Aasberg	Scott	7/11	Buse	Brittany	6/26		
Ackman	Miriam	6/21	Buse	Travis	7/8		
Ahles	Joyce	7/18	Buse	Savannah	6/9		
Albrecht	Ryan	7/30	Bussey	Terry	6/22		
Alickson	Scott	7/23	Bussey	Richard	7/7		
Anderson	Randy	6/30	Carlson	Steve	6/13		
Anderson	Virgil	6/29	Christensen	Buddy	6/12		
Anderson	Robert	7/28	Christoffel	Andrea	6/11		
Andrea	Cheryle	6/25	Coffin	Alan	7/30	Fadden	Nick
Arndorfer	Mark	6/20	Doyle	Jake	6/14	Finch	Walter
Awsumb	Henning	7/2	Duenow	Linda	7/12	Fisher	Gary
Bartel	Danny	7/20	Duenow	Joel	7/26	Freitag	Paul
Baumgartner	Ivan	7/9	Ebbinga	Don	7/25	Fuchs	Delrose
Bergerson	LuAnn	6/17	Edstrom	Dan	6/4	Germescheid	Karl
Berschneider	Rick	6/2	Edwards	Pete	7/11	Giese	Wally
Berschneider	Jon	6/24	Egging	Patrick	6/6	Giller	Tom
Betterman	Charles	6/12	Ellanson	Brittany	7/18	Ginn	Charles
Beyer	Amy	7/30	Elmore	Olivia	7/16	Granquist	Mike
Beyer	Angela	6/5	Elmore	Karrina	6/15	Greenlee	Ken
Bisbee	Deb	7/24	Engelen	Bruce	7/22	Greenwaldt	Norman
Bliss	Mike	7/23	Engelen	Andrea	7/2	Grose	Bev
Bonn	Gordon	7/3	Engelen	Jeremy	6/3	Gross	Gene
Booker	Butch	6/5	Erickson	Gene	6/8	Hagen	Jerald
Brabec	Larry	7/12	Erickson	Bill	6/18	Hagler	Gary
Brown	Brian	7/16	Esch	Robert	7/14	Hammer	Dan
Brown	Dennis	7/2	Fadden	Gary	7/17		



"Birthdays" continued Page 12

BIRTHDAYS (continued from Page 11)

Hanson	Kris	6/12	Lundeen	Doug	7/9	Richmond	Kevin	6/20
Hartke	Gene	6/21	Lundgren	Dale	6/4	Rigdon	Dave	7/16
Hemish	Steve	7/31	Mans	Jerry	7/31	Ritter	Jared	6/1
Henrichs	Ted	6/11	Maquire	Mike	7/3	Rodi	Sherlen	6/12
Hillegas	Mark	7/10	Martinez	Justin	6/29	Rooney	Michael	6/14
Holland	Kyle	6/22	Mead	Paula	6/21	Rosenow	Glenn	7/8
Holz	Mike	7/20	Mead	Aaron	7/6	Ross	Bill	6/26
Honsey	Bob	7/12	Meehl	Cheryl	7/26	Ryan	Jim	7/28
Hooker	Trace	6/16	Melchert	Becky	7/30	Sandquist	Scott	6/6
Hoppe	Brian	6/7	Michaels	Matt	6/18	Schaefer	Mark	6/5
Hughes	Dave	7/29	Miller	Jim	7/1	Schreiner	Marilyn	6/17
Hunter	Floyd	6/4	Miller	Brittney	6/8	Sheehan	Mary Ann	7/7
Isaacson	Linton	7/30	Monson	Michel	6/22	Sheehy	Brianna	7/12
Ishaug	Lori	6/18	Moran	Art	6/29	Shipka	John	6/24
Jirovec	Karen	6/27	Myrum	Debbie	7/5	Shults	Dutch	6/27
Johnson	Brandon	7/12	Nau	Jerry	6/23	Skon	Jason	7/27
Johnson	Blaze	6/13				Smith	Mark	6/5
Kaehn	Bob	7/3				Smith	Rick	7/9
Kaisershot	Todd	7/25				Sowers	Zach	6/9
Kaufhold	Andrew	7/16				Speltz	Clarence	7/7
Klein	Kim	6/22				Stalboerger	Ryan	7/29
Klugherz	Pete	7/25				Stepanek	Dave	7/13
Kohanek	Tony	6/23				Stepka	Ryan	6/7
Kohnen	Butch	6/10				Strandquist	Willard	7/25
Kolden	Darrell	6/5				Stromberg	Richard	7/13
Kopetka	Kathy	7/8				Swanson	Gerrie	7/14
Kopischke	Ashley	7/4	Naylon	Scott	6/16	Switajewski	Tim	6/23
Koplen	Brian	6/23	Nelson	Randy	6/14	Thrasher	Sarah	7/7
Kramer	Delmar	6/8	Nelson	Bud	7/25	Toribio	Austin	6/16
Kruse	Julie	7/19	Nicholson	Al	6/7	Tripp	Roger	7/3
Lampton	Randy	7/7	Nick	George	6/21	Vetter	Anthony	6/1
Lampton	Arlo	7/8	Nick	June	6/12	Waataja	Michael	12/30
Lampton	Richard	6/21	Norman	Steve	7/8	Wabshaw	Lacey	7/13
Langner	Leroy	6/12	Oakes	Patti	7/22	Waldoch	Mark	6/6
Larson	Janet	7/20	O'Brien	Ginger	6/19	Walsh	Alison	6/8
Larson	Alan	6/29	Olson	Bob	6/2	Warring	Mike	7/31
Larson	Bruce	7/3	Olson	Chad	7/24	Wegener	Mike	7/29
Larson	David	7/10	Olson	Paul	7/12	Wennerberg	Anders	7/20
Larson	Julian	7/2	Osten	Mike	7/22	Werner	Robert	6/12
Larson	Joshua	7/25	Otterness	Al	6/21	Westerland	Brad	6/19
Lashinski	Tom	7/16	Owens	Vernon	6/30	Westlund	Larry	7/30
LeForte	Marc	6/26	Palmersheim	Maury	7/30	Williams	Deanne	7/31
LeForte	Renee	6/4	Pepper	Bruce	6/25	Williamson	Lloyd	7/15
Leinonen	Sharon	6/11	Peterson	Carson	6/18	Wilson	Tim	7/17
Lilly	Nicole	6/11	Pietruszewski	Corny	7/26	Wolters	Jesse	6/28
Lilly	Steve	6/29	Pooley	Christine	6/22	Yborra	Melissa	6/20
Link	John	7/6	Pooley-Haac	Brianna	6/29	Yesil	Korhan	7/24
Loper	Ron	6/21	Pratts	Roberto	6/22	Young	Wes	7/29
Lopez	Darius	7/13	Presler	Cliff	7/6	Yurecko	Don	7/20
Lozier	Duane	6/8	Reasor	John, Sr.	7/26	Ziegler	Steve	6/5
Ludwig	Mark	7/9	Rezac	Al	7/1	Zuehlke	Bob	7/17
Lundeen	Charlie	6/9	Richardson	Rand	6/15			



TOURNAMENT RESULTS & RECAPS

March Madness #23-10-003

March 13, 2010

Junior Pitcher of the Year Points Top 10

as of May 15

Class A

Jim Holland	Blaine	6	2	52.53%
Jim Aleckson	Princeton	5	3	54.27%
Dick Dvorak	St. Paul	4	3	47.77%
Melvin Larson	Upsala	3	4	50.61%
Jerry LaBrosse	Greenfield	3	4	48.27%
Jerry Hokkala	South Haven	3	4	46.67%
Dustin Dahl	Winona	3	4	45.24%
Lloyd Wolf	St. Cloud	2	5	35.11%

Class C

Al Blumer	Princeton	7	0	26.07%
Ron Mead	Rogers	6	1	26.43%
Michael Littell	Spring Park	4	3	17.86%
William Creighton	Tamarack	4	3	17.14%
Randy Lampton	Hibbing	3	4	12.50%
Dale Ackman	Litchfield	2	5	15.36%
Wayne Davis	Kasota	1	6	15.71%
Bud Schaefer		1	6	14.29%

Class B

Patti Oakes	Roseville	6	1	24.82%
Roger Lodermeier	Sartell	5	2	26.43%
Bonnie Holland	Blaine	4	3	41.43%
Boots Skelton	Clearwater	4	3	35.25%
Joe Mueller	Ham Lake	2.5	4.5	27.50%
Leslie Marquardt	Foley	2.5	4.5	23.40%
Rick Wright	Stacy	2	5	30.00%
Shawn Warnemunde	Isanti	2	5	25.53%

Class D

Ben LaCoursiere	Brooklyn Park	6	1	23.93%
Pepper White	Coon Rapids	5	2	11.07%
Jim Klein	Kasota	4.5	2.5	12.14%
John Hustings		4	3	20.00%
Tony Hulau	Coon Rapids	3.5	3.5	11.07%
Daniel Schardin	Minneapolis	2.5	4.5	13.21%
Ann Hagman	Anoka	1.5	5.5	10.36%
Vern Osterhues	East Bethel	1	6	3.21%

Upsala Spring #23-10-004

April 17, 2010

Pitcher of the Year Points Update as of May 15

Class A

Edi Holland	McGregor	7	0	68.57%
Jim Aleckson	Princeton	5	2	57.50%
Jerry LaBrosse	Greenfield	4	3	55.00%
Bob Knudtson	Columbia Heights	4	3	63.21%
Harold Schrader	Easton	3	4	52.86%
Myron Vanderwey	Rice	3	4	47.14%
Henry Greenwaldt	Bertha	1	6	46.79%
Jerry Hokkala	South Haven	1	6	42.50%

Class D

Jeff Lawrence	Cottage Grove	7	0	25.00%
Edward Fuchs	Winsted	5.5	1.5	27.14%
Jerry Blenker	Melrose	4.5	2.5	25.00%
Charles Roeser	Vadnais Heights	4.5	2.5	16.07%
Ben LaCoursiere	Brooklyn Park	3.5	3.5	15.36%
Glenn Rosenow	Grove City	2	5	17.86%
Rob Hagman	Anoka	1	6	21.07%
Lu Cave	Sartell	0	7	9.64%

Class B

Jim Holland	Blaine	6	1	55.71%
Don Waldoch	Little Falls	6	1	41.79%
Sherm Anderson	Princeton	4	3	42.14%
Delrose Fuchs	Winsted	3	4	41.79%
Lloyd Wolf	St. Cloud	3	4	43.57%
Wallace Runia	Balaton	3	4	26.79%
Boots Skelton	Clearwater	2	5	30.36%
Mike Holz	Holdingsford	1	6	36.07%

Class E

Dale Ackman	Litchfield	6	1	30.36%
Daniel Schardin	Minneapolis	5	2	16.79%
John Hustings		4	3	17.14%
Jim Becker	Browerville	3	4	25.71%
Gerry Schmidt	Little Falls	3	4	22.86%
Marvin Timm	Loretto	2.5	4.5	14.29%
John Olson	Mankato	2.5	4.5	11.43%
Robin Constance	Farmington	2	5	17.50%

Class C

Joshua Olson	Bertha	6.5	0.5	37.86%
William Creighton	Tamarack	6	1	30.71%
Rick Wright	Stacy	4.5	2.5	27.86%
Don Landsteiner	Mapleton	4	3	33.21%
Don Tieg	Ortonville	3	4	24.64%
Gary Boots	Barrett	2	5	26.79%
Gene Booker	Clarissa	1	6	18.57%
William Nelson	Tamarack	1	6	16.79%

Class F

Butch Booker	Clarissa	6	1	20.71%
Dale Grunzke	Wells	6	1	19.29%
Bud Schaefer		5	2	19.64%
Les Holland	McGregor	4	3	11.79%
Marvin Akkerman	Mapleton	3	4	10.36%
Frank Johnson	Coon Rapids	2	5	12.86%
Paul Olson	Bertha	2	5	9.29%
Nick Daly	Chokio	0	7	7.50%

Name	District	Div	Total
Bob Knudtson	EM	30	44
Joshua Olson	C	B	43
Edi Holland	NE	W	42
Jim Holland	EM	30	41
William Creighton	NE	M	38
Tera Schusted	EM	W	37
Ron Mead	WM	M	34
Terry Miller	EM	M	30
Edward Fuchs	C	30	28
Patti Oakes	EM	W	28
Boots Skelton	C	30	28
David Haugen	EM	M	26
William Nelson	NE	30	24
Daniel Miller	EM	9	24
Al Blumer	EM	M	23
Ben LaCoursiere	WM	30	23
Tom Thompson	C	30	22
Alan Larson	WC	M	22
Daniel Schardin	EM	M	22
Jim Beyer	WM	30	22
Rick Wright	EM	M	21
Brian Wipper	C	M	21
Mark Goodwin	EM	M	21
Lloyd Wolf	C	30	21
Joey Mueller	EM	B	21
Phil Swenson	WC	30	21
Thomas Prokop	EM	M	20
Jim Aleckson	C	30	20
Mike Littell	WM	M	20

Dick Belcher Open #23-10-005

May 15, 2010

Class A

Jim Beyer	New Hope	7	0	50.28%
Thomas Prokop	St. Paul	6	1	40.00%
Don Sieben	Savage	4	3	35.42%
Delrose Fuchs	Winsted	3.5	3.5	39.71%
Cheri Newcombe	Moundsview	3	4	36.57%
Boots Skelton	Clearwater	2.5	4.5	40.28%
Jim Holland	Blaine	2	5	54.28%
Catherine Ziemann	Coon Rapids	0	7	16.57%

Class B

Tera Schusted	Lino Lakes	6	1	44.00%
Vern Bolduc	Bloomington	5.5	1.5	31.71%
Brian Wipper	St. Cloud	5	2	38.85%
Joe Mueller	Ham Lake	3	4	33.71%
Richard David	Montgomery	3	4	33.14%
James M. David	Apple Valley	3	4	25.71%
Earl Tieg	Belle Plaine	2.5	4.5	30.85%
Leslie Marquardt	Foley	0	7	19.42%

Class C

William Creighton	Tamarack	6	1	34.28%
Edward Fuchs	Winsted	6	1	30.00%
Ben LaCoursiere	Brooklyn Park	5	2	31.42%
Ted Myren	Burnsville	5	2	28.00%
Wayne Rueger		3	4	27.14%
Patti Oakes	Roseville	2	5	21.71%
Jim Richter	Elko	1	6	16.57%
Michael Littell	Spring Park	0	7	1.70%

2010 STATE TOURNAMENT INFO

SEPTEMBER 3-6

VERIZON WIRELESS CIVIC CENTER MANKATO

The North Mankato Horseshoe Club welcomes you to the greater Mankato/North Mankato area for this year's event. Please enjoy the many businesses and attractions our towns have to offer.

All pitching will take place at the Verizon Wireless Civic Center in downtown Mankato. The Annual Awards Banquet will be held in downtown North Mankato, at the Best Western Hotel. The distance between both venues is less than one mile.

Parking and Directions to Verizon Wireless Civic Center

Parking is available in downtown parking ramps on Hickory Street and Walnut Street. Handicapped parking is available in designated areas.

Coming from the North, take HWY 169

(Minneapolis, St. Paul, Hudson, WI)
Follow 169 to HWY 14 East. Take the Riverfront Drive exit and follow Riverfront Drive south to the Riverfront Drive Parking Ramp. Or take HWY 22 (St. Peter, Kasota) continue following this highway, which turns into Riverfront Drive south and follow it to the Riverfront Drive Parking Ramp.

Coming from the South, take HWY 169

(Blue Earth)
Take the Riverfront Drive exit, going north on Riverfront Drive to the Walnut Street Parking Ramp. Or take HWY 22 (Wells, Minnesota Lake, Mapleton). Follow to HWY 14 West and to Riverfront Drive exit turning left onto Riverfront Drive South. Follow Riverfront Drive to the Walnut Street Parking Ramp.

Coming from the East, take HWY 14

(Waseca, Owatonna, Rochester)
Take this highway west to Riverfront Drive exit, turning left onto Riverfront Drive South. Follow Riverfront Drive to the Walnut Street Parking Ramp. Or take HWY 83 (Waldorf, St. Clair) Turn right to HWY 14. Follow this highway west to the Riverfront Drive exit, turning left onto Riverfront Drive to the Walnut Street Parking Ramp. Or take HWY 60 (Elysian, Faribault). This highway will merge with HWY 14. Follow HWY 14 west to the Riverfront Drive exit, turning left onto Riverfront Drive to the Walnut Street Parking Ramp.

Coming from the West, take HWY 14

(New Ulm, Sleepy Eye, Marshall)
Follow east to the Riverfront Drive exit, turning right onto Riverfront Drive South to the Riverfront Drive Parking Ramp. Or take HWY 60 (Worthington, Windom). HWY 60 will merge with HWY 169 North. Follow this highway to the Riverfront Drive exit. Turn right onto Riverfront Drive going north to the Walnut Street Parking Ramp.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visitor guides and park guides and maps, are available free upon request via mail. Contact **Brian Duenow** at 507-387-4115 or email blduenow@hickorytech.net For other hotel options, camping or directions contact Brian.

www.minnesotahorseshoes.com

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HOST HOTELS

Make reservations by phone and mention "horseshoe tournament" for these special rates. Online reservations will not receive these rates. Rates are only available until August 1.

Mankato City Center Hotel

(connects to Verizon Wireless Civic Center-pitching site; formerly the Holiday Inn Civic Center)

101 East Main Street, Mankato
Rate: \$94.99 + tax
507-345-1234/877-345-5577
www.mankatomnhotel.com

Best Western Hotel and Restaurant

(North Mankato, banquet site)

1111 Range Street, North Mankato
Rate: \$84.99 + tax
507-625-9333
www.bestwesternminnesota.com

AmericInn

240 Stadium Road, Mankato
Rate: \$79.99 + tax Fri. & Sat.;
\$69.99 + tax Sun.
507-345-8011
www.americinnmankatomn.com

Microtel Inn & Suites

200 St. Andrews Drive, Mankato
Rate: \$50 + tax Single;
\$55 + tax Double; \$60 + tax Suite
507-388-2818

CAMPING

On site at the Verizon Center limited, self contained RV camping

on paved parking lot; electricity available; no shower/bathroom; no tents allowed
Rate: \$30/day or
\$60/3-day weekend.
Brian Duenow, 507-387-4115

Land of Memories Campground

south of Mankato, off Hwy. 169 at Hawley Street exit
Rate: \$14/day without elec.;
\$17/day-20/30 amp service;
\$20/day -50 amp service;
first-come-first-served; no reservations
507-387-8649

Shady Oaks Campground

15 minutes south of Mankato on Hwy 169, Garden City
Rate: tents \$13/day; elec. \$16/day;
elec./water \$19/day
early reservations encouraged
507-546-3986

2010 MGSHPA STATE TOURNAMENT - ENTRY FORM

Mankato, MN • Sept. 3 – Sept. 6

Read this form carefully – fill out completely !

The entry fee must be submitted to reach the MGSHPA secretary no later than August 4. Entries received after the deadline may be returned.

Send signed entry form and payment to MGSHPA secretary, Bonnie Holland, 8730 Hastings St. N.E. Blaine, MN 55449

NAME _____ NHPA CARD NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

List 3 qualifying events

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

CHECK the DIVISION you are entering. All 6- and 8-person classes are awarded three trophies.

- MEN** - \$30.00 fee (any male who pitches 40 ft regardless of age)
- SENIOR MEN** - \$30.00 fee (any male who pitches 40 ft – eligible the year of their 60th birthday)
- ELDER MEN** - \$30.00 fee (any male pitching short distance – eligible the year of their 70th birthday)
- WOMEN** - \$30.00 fee (any woman regardless of age)
- JUNIOR BOY** – no fee (eligible through the year of their 18th birthday)
- JUNIOR GIRL** – no fee (eligible through the year of their 18th birthday)
- CADET** – no fee (eligible through the year of their 9th birthday) pitches at 20ft

To be eligible to play, a player must be a bona fide resident of Minnesota and a member in good standing with the MGSHPA and NHPA. Any person residing full time in the state at least 90 days prior to the State Tournament shall be considered a bona fide resident. All Adult entrants, (except special needs entrants), must have competed in a sanctioned tournament within Minnesota in the 12 months prior to August 1. In addition, adults must have competed in at least two other sanctioned tournaments, or pitched a minimum of 700 shoes in a Minnesota sanctioned league in the current year through July 25th. All qualifying events must be pitched from the pitching distance of the division entered. Junior and Special Needs pitchers who do not have a tournament or league average must submit with their entry, results of pitching 100 shoes using two shoes and walking back and forth. The results need to be signed by a MGSHPA member who observed the qualifying pitching.

AWARDS BANQUET SUNDAY

The Best Western in North Mankato

(1111 Range Street)

Social time 5:30 • Dinner 6:30 • Awards and Door Prizes follow dinner.

Cost: \$16.00 per person

FRIENDS OF HORSESHOE donations are used to support the Tournament. Contributions are listed in the tournament program.

Thank you for your support!

Entry fee \$30.00 \$ _____

Awards Banquet _____ @ \$16.00 \$ _____

Friends of Horseshoe \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ (Make checks payable to MGSHPA)

Each MGSHPA member is responsible to maintain conduct fitting for public attention and wear apparel appropriate for this sporting event.

All pitchers must have their name and city location printed in at least 1.5 inch letters on the back of their shirt during competition.

Any player who enters the state tournament and drops out before the event is completed is automatically barred from future state tournaments for one year, unless the player left the tournament due to sickness or other causes beyond their control **that have been verified by the tournament director.**

PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Minnesota Gopher State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the aforementioned organization, and fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, causes of actions, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

MINNESOTA STATE DOUBLES HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

September 18 - 19, 2010 - Genola Arena, Genola

1. NAME _____ 2. NAME _____

NHPA CARD # _____ NHPA CARD # _____

ENTERING AS: (CHECK ONE)

- MEN 40 WOMEN
 MEN 30 JUNIOR

ENTERING AS: (CHECK ONE)

- MEN 40 WOMEN
 MEN 30 JUNIOR

TEAM MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the Minnesota Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employers, agents and servants of the association, and all fellow participants of this event for any and all actions, causes of actions, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in this event.

SIGNED _____ SIGNED _____

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Entry Deadline is September 8, 2010 * NHPA rules will apply. There will be only one division with many classes. * Appropriate clothing required. There will be no limit on total team averages. Each game will consist of 40 shoes. 2010 State Tournament eligibility averages will be used. Teams will be mixed in any combination of men, women, and/or juniors. Classes B and above will consist of six teams in order to promote fair and competitive play. Medallions and cash prizes will be awarded to the top two teams in each class. Class A will consist of 8 teams, 40 point games with Medallions & Cash Prizes awarded to the top 3 teams.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Morrison County Horseshoe League

*NHPA CARD REQUIRED (Disregard if previously purchased for the year.) National/State Card - \$30.00

MAIL ENTRY TO: DAN GIRTZ
12811 Hwy 25
Pierz, MN 56364

ENTRY FEE: \$40.00 Per Team
*National/State Card _____
TOTAL _____

*****Concessions Available. No Food or Beverages allowed to be brought into the Park*****
Proceeds from concessions help support horseshoe!!!

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Dan Girtz, 320-468-6193, daniel576@centurytel.net

**We must have 80 Teams to make this a two-day tournament.
Less than 80 registered teams will require a one-day tournament.**

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Fridley Open

SATURDAY, JUNE 12
FRIDLEY COURTS

Limited to first 64 paid entries. Eight-person classes, 40-shoe games. If six-person classes, then 50-shoe games. May be handicapped. Shifts at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. You pay scorekeepers 50 cents per game. This is a Make-A-Wish benefit tournament.

Entry Fee: \$25; \$5 Juniors

Entry Deadline: June 2

Send entry payable to:

Fridley Horseshoe Club
123 Gladstone Drive

Lino Lakes, MN 55014

651-734-5209

tschusted316@comcast.net

Sanction #23-10-009

Rochester Monday #1

MONDAY, JUNE 14

ROCHESTER EAST PARK COURTS

Sign up on site by 6:30 p.m., pitch at 7:00 p.m.

You will play five 30-shoe games.

Entry Fee: \$6 with \$1 to Make-A-Wish

Tournament Director:

Ken Howe

126 First Street East

Stewartville, MN 55976

507-533-8487

albrecht.darlene@mayo.edu

Sanction # (to be assigned)

Rochester Open

SATURDAY, JUNE 19
ROCHESTER EAST PARK COURTS

Limited to first 48 paid entries.

Six-person classes; 50-shoe games.

Entry Fee: \$26 with \$1 to Make-A-Wish

Entry Deadline: June 9

Send entry payable to:

Jim Sheehan

110 Second Street SE

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507-534-3445

jmshee@embarqmail.com

Sanction #23-10-011

Allard Open

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

MOORHEAD HORSESHOE CLUB

Limited to 72 entries. Six-person mixed classes; 50-shoe cancellation. Scorekeepers paid \$1 by club.

Entry Fee: \$20

Entry Deadline: June 9

Send entry payable to:

Moorhead Horseshoe League

PO Box 101

Moorhead, MN 56561-0101

701-371-0129

allardtournament@hotmail.com

Sanction #23-10-010

Santiago Open

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

SANTIAGO CLUB COURTS

Limited to first 32 paid entries. Handicapped if 10 percent or more spread in classes. First shift at 9 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$25

Entry Deadline: June 9

Send entry payable to:

Jim Aleckson

1212 190th Avenue NE

Princeton, MN 55371

763-662-2366

Sanction #23-10-012

Hibbing Open 1 & 2

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 19 AND 20
ANDY PAGLARINI HORSESHOE COMPLEX

Entry Fee Each Day: \$22 with \$1 to Make-A-Wish

Entry Deadline: June 9

Send entry payable to:

Jim Rebrovich

31289 County Road 52

Bigfork, MN 56628

218-245-1053

jimreb@uslink.net

Sanction #23-10-013 and #23-10-32

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Minnesota Team

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26
FRIDLEY CLUB COURTS**

No handicaps. First shift at 9 a.m.; second shift at 1 p.m. First 16 paid teams will be accepted -- divided into A and B classes; eight-team classes. Each player will pitch seven 40-shoe games. Combined team average cannot be over 200 total at the time of entry. Pitchers can be any combination of 30' or 40'.

Concessions on site.

Entry Fee: \$20 (\$80 per team)

Entry Deadline: June 16

Send entry payable to:

Rob Hagman

652 Cross Street

Anoka, MN 55305

612-600-3777

robhagman@fridleyhorseshoes.com

Sanction #23-10-014

Litchfield

**SATURDAY, JULY 10
LITCHFIELD HORSESHOE CLUB**

Entry Fee: \$25 with \$5 to Make-A-Wish

Entry Deadline: July 1

Send entry payable to:

Jeff Waataja

218 South Donnelley

Litchfield, MN 55355

320-593-6845

waataja@hutchtel.net

Sanction #23-10-015

Junior Only

**SATURDAY, JULY 10
NORTH MANKATO COURTS**

Held in conjunction with North Mankato Fun Days
Tournament.

No Entry Fee

Entry Deadline: July 1

Send entry payable to:

Mary Ann Sheehan

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507-534-3445

sheehan.mary@mayo.edu

Sanction #23-10-017

North Mankato Open

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 10-11
WHEELER PARK**

Six-person mixed classes. Cash prize.

Scorekeepers paid \$1 per game.

Entry Fee: \$20

Entry Deadline: June 25

Send entry payable to:

North Mankato Horseshoe Club

c/o Erwin Tischer

55903 174th Lane

Good Thunder, MN 56037

507-278-3424

blduenow@hickorytech.net

Sanction #23-10-016

Minneapolis Open

**SATURDAY, JULY 17
LORING PARK COURTS, MINNEAPOLIS**

40- or 50-shoe cancellation with mixed classes.

Lots of great door prizes. Bring along a canned food item to be donated to the food shelf.

Entry Fee: \$11

Entry Deadline: July 7

Send entry payable to:

Bill Orman

3116 West 85th Street

Bloomington, MN 55431

952-885-0135

billorman2002@yahoo.com

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Rochester Monday #2

MONDAY, JULY 19

ROCHESTER EAST PARK COURTS

Sign up on site by 6:30 p.m., pitch at 7:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$6 with \$1 to Make-A-Wish

Tournament Director:

Ken Howe

126 First Street East

Stewartville, MN 55976

507-533-8487

albrecht.darlene@mayo.edu

Sanction # (to be assigned)

25th Annual Kolacky Days Open

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 24 AND 25

MONTGOMERY COURTS

Limited to first 64 paid entries. Eight-person mixed classes, 40-shoe games. Some classes may be handicapped. Scorekeepers will be paid by club.

Entry Fee: \$25 with \$1 to Make-A-Wish

Entry Deadline: July 10

Send entry payable to:

Dick David

13232 Lake Avenue

Montgomery, MN 56069

507-364-7673

Jerhagel@aol.com

Sanction #23-10-019

Coon Rapids Open

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

COON RAPIDS COURTS

Limited to 32 entries. Eight-person mixed classes.

Pitchers pay scorekeepers 50 cents per game.

Entry Fee: \$25 (\$5 juniors) with \$1 to Make-A-Wish

Entry Deadline: June 9

Send entry payable to:

Claude Emmerich

10031 Larch Street NW

Coon Rapids, MN 554331

763-757-3225

Sanction #23-10-020

Leprechaun Tournament

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 14-15

O'BRIEN'S PUB, HWY. 10, RICE

Entry Fee: \$25

Entry Deadline: July 29

Send entry payable to:

Randy Danzl

5227 Ulster Road

Rice, MN 56367

320-251-0149

Rd383@q.com

Sanction #23-10-021

59th Northwest Open

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

RAMSEY COURTS, ST. PAUL

Entry Fee: \$20 with \$1 to Make-A-Wish

Entry Deadline: August 11

Send entry payable to:

Dick Dvorak

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