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I know by now that everybody has had enough of winter. The amount of wood that I have burned this year sure tells a story. We had a little touch of spring and then old man winter came right back. I've been thinking about spring and warm weather and pitching horseshoes like everyone else. As I was thinking a memory came to me that I would like to share.

When I first started pitching shoes I thought man I'm not that bad of a pitcher. I could pretty much beat most back-

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From The Editors Chair:

Do you ever feel that the game of horseshoes mimics other events in your life? At this time in my life playing horseshoes reminds me of a day trip to an amusement park.

When I was a young girl, my family would take one day each summer and head off to an amusement park. Whether it be Crystal Beach, Fantasy Island, Waldameer or Midway. My siblings and I always looked forward to that day. Much like looking forward to the next horseshoe tournament.

Once we got to the park we would spend all day having a blast with each other riding the rides. One of the best rides of all is of course the roller coaster. No matter which one you rode they all proceeded about the same (like a lot of my horseshoe games). The

ride starts off slowly crawling upward, then hits an apex and plunges fiercely into twists and turns, ups and downs. Riding crazily until the abrupt stop at the end, (like the final shoes of a match). Afterwards, you jump off that coaster, grab a drink, go to the bathroom and then get back in line to ride again. Several times this routine takes place, until finally you've had enough.

I for one want off this crazy horseshoe roller coaster. I need to play with a little more consistency. Maybe I should try the Scrambler for a while!

-Diane.....

From your Prez.....LYLE

yard pitchers. That is until...

My friend Dennis, my son Aaron and I had received an invitation to go to Seel St in Dunkirk and pitch some shoes with some older guys. Here we were with one clay court, lights, and neighbors in lawn chairs. This is the first day I remember getting an actual butt whipping at horseshoes. These elderly gentlemen all pitched well above 60%. We went down to Seel St. every Monday night in the summer and got taught many horseshoe lessons over the years there.

As time went by, we slacked off a bit and didn't show up most Mondays anymore. Well, I received a call from one of the Seel St gentlemen and he invited us back. He explained that if we did not come back then they wouldn't have anyone to return their shoes for them. At least we served a purpose.

These men are all now passed away, and I'm sure glad that I was able to be a part of the Seel St gang. I still ride by there once in awhile just to look at the yard where we once had so much fun losing. Even if we were there just to return the shoes.

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Green Beer for all Horseshoe Pitchers!

NYS CLUB DIRECTORY

Latest Club Contact List

24 Active Clubs

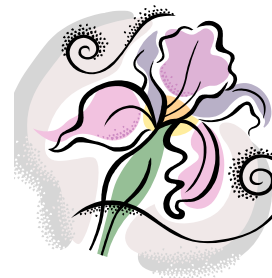
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<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>SANC-CERT.</u>
Altamont	Altamont, NY	Stan Towne	518-827-4300	NO
Andes	Andes, NY	Adam VanValkenburg	845-676-4079	YES
Catskill Mountain	Deposit, NY	Vic Davis	607-467-2227	YES
Chautauqua Lake	Jamestown, NY	Ralph Whitney	716-789-4495	YES
Concord	Springville, NY	Wayne Goodridge	716-592-5539	YES
Crow's Nest	Getzille, NY	Roland Rupp	716-839-1842	NO
Floyd	Floyd, NY	Don Ezman	315-337-5284	YES
Forestville Flingers	Forestville, NY	Lyle Dorler	716-965-2212	YES
Hornell	Hornell, NY	Mike Pierce	607-324-2851	YES
Leroy	Leroy, NY	Eric Burdett	585-768-2954	YES
Lockport	Lockport, NY	Paul Thomas	716-434-1154	YES
Mid Hudson	Newburgh, NY	Rose Wright	845-565-4601	YES
Moreau	Gansevoort, NY	Chris Jackson	518-793-0549	YES
Odessa	Odessa, NY	Ernie Pound	607-594-2169	YES
Pine Grove	Camden, NY	Bob Best	315-245-5879	YES
Pioneer	Syracuse, NY	Wayne Hinman	315-656-3697	NO
Queen City	Elmira, NY	Jerry Bernard	607-684-3711	YES
Round Robin	Delevan, NY	Dean Rogers	716-492-4676	YES
Seneca	Hammondsport, NY	Al Buckland	607-292-6281	NO
South New Berlin	South New Berlin, NY	Roger Chase	607-754-8208	YES
Southern Tier	Johnson City, NY	Charlie Reigles	607-488-4029	YES
Tri County	Groton, NY	David Conrad	607-657-2703	YES
Waterloo	Waterloo, NY	Kevin Green	315-237-2540	YES

NYS ADDITIONAL SANCTIONED CERTIFIED COURTS/PITS

Farnes Road Pit	Canton, NY	Dick Pike	315-386-2378	YES
Jessmore Courts	Oswego, NY	Jerry Jessmore	315-342-2431	YES
Leo's Court	Dundee, NY	Al Buckland	607-292-6281	YES
Olsen's Barn	Geneva, NY	Kevin Green	315-237-2540	YES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of past NYSHPA President Stan Banner after his untimely death this past December



NYSHPA TREASURES'S REPORT (Feb)

INCOME

Interest/Donations Income

Interest/Donations 96.50

Junior Fund Inflow

Donations 25.00

Membership Dues

2011 4185.00

Mud Subscriptions

2011 225.00

Pins & Patches

2011 110.50

TOTAL INCOME 4642.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 3245.73

INCOME LESS EXPENSED 1396.27

Junior Fund 969.43

NYSHPA 5109.81

EXPENSES

Hall of Fame

Jackets/Plaques (2) 140.00

Jr. Program

NHPA Dues 2011 (9) 45.00

Trophies 73.44

Total Junior Fund 118.44

NHPA Dues

2010 Adult 34.00

2011 Adult 12397.00

Total NHPA Dues 2431.00

NYS Tournament

Doubles Contribution 124.00

Office Supplies, Postage, Printing

Paper, Labels, etc. 27.07

Newsletter 135.96

Stamps 96.22

MUD (309) 173.04



We're on the web. The easiest way to access the NYS website is: horse-shoepitching.com

Once you are there, go to the map of the U.S. and click on NY state. Then go to the bottom of the page and click on the NYS patch. That will take you to the NYS website. Save to your favorites so that you can access the site easily next time you visit.

Service Year Award Patches

Arthur Tyson	40yrs
Robert Yeomans	40yrs
Mark Cooley	20yrs
John Camey	20yrs
Bob Klock	20yrs
Ernie Pound	20yrs
Tim Collier	20yrs
Kevin Green	20yrs
Ted Hinz	20yrs
Wayne Hamilton	20yrs
Ed Uhlig	20yrs
Bob LaBrum	20yrs
George McCracken	20yrs
Henry Grulkowski	20yrs
Dale Edwards	10yrs
Wayne Wright	10yrs
Diane Dorler	10yrs
Bill Hornbuckle	10yrs
Robert Wright	10yrs
Joshua Wright	10yrs
Ted Cale	10yrs
Eric Burdett	10yrs
Brad Johnson	10yrs
Tino DeAngelo	10yrs
Nathan Metott	10yrs
Sue Way	10yrs
Jerry Way	10yrs
Bob Kelzach	10yrs
Tom Scheffler	10yrs
Joshua Bowerman	10yrs
Jim Conant	10yrs
Dick Winters	10yrs
Walt Wright	10yrs

2011 New Members (1st Quarter)

Don Middendorf	Apalachin
Brittany Stansfield	Beaver Dams
Jenna Stansfield	Beaver Dams
Penny Harageones	Delancey
Lowell Hill	Nedrow
Dave Fleming	Penn Yan
Thom Jensen	Penn Yan
Ignatius Scott	Penn Yan
Timmy Taylor	Penn Yan
Tim Viele	Penn Yan



NYS MEMBERSHIP

Adults:	155
40'	105
30'	35
Women	15
Juniors:	9
Boys	4
Girls	5

NYSHPA SPRING MEETING

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011

Time: 11:00am

Place: Waterloo Sportsmans Club

Waterloo, NY

Any club that is interested in hosting either the NYS Singles Tournaments, or the NYS Doubles Tournament, should send a representative. We will be voting for the host clubs at this time.

There will be a lunch available for purchase after the meeting



UPCOMING SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>HOST CLUB</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>ENTRY FEE</u>
03-05-11	02-23-11	Tri-County (March Open)	Singles	\$15.00
03-19-11	03-12-11	Andes	Singles	\$25.00
04-02-11	03-23-11	Tri-County (April Open)	Singles	\$15.00
06-04-11	05-25-11	*Waterloo (Open 1)	Singles	\$20.00
06-05-11	05-25-11	Waterloo (Open 2)	Singles	\$20.00

CONTACT INFO:

Tri-County	David Conrad	607-657-2703
Andes	Adam VanValkenburg	845-676-4079
Waterloo	Kevin Green	315-237-2540

***There will be a Chicken BBQ available for the Waterloo Open 1. Pre-sale: \$8.00 Day of Tournament: \$8.50**

CLUB NEWS

TRI-COUNTY will be holding "The George Lovell Appreciation Tournament" on April 16, 2011. It will be limited to the first four classes to sign up. 100% payback of the \$25.00 per team plus 50/50's and raffle proceeds will go toward cash prizes in each class. Make checks payable to Tri-County HS Club. Along with your check include both partners ringer percentage and a telephone number. Mail to: Eric Conrad 9096 West Creed Rd. Berkshire, NY 13737. To check for availability call Tom Scheffler (607)423-2773 or John Martin (607)729-5244. *We are doing this because George has contributed financially to many horseshoe clubs including ours, as well as churches and charities around Binghamton, but prefers to remain anonymous. He never takes credit or recognition for the tangible help he gives either-like vegetables grown in his garden-and corn he buys by the station wagon full-and delivers all of this to local food organizations-like CHOW. He is in his mid 90's now but still has one of the largest gardens in Vestal. On a competitive level he's known for being one of the best pitchers in the state-winning many tournaments or at least being in the running. After winning he is always first to praise his opponent-and you can't congratulate him without hearing this stock reply, "I was just lucky"

SYRACUSE PIONEER locates new horseshoe home...as most of you are well aware, after NY Fair Director, Dan O'Hara rudely evicted us in 2008, we've been painstakingly searching for a new club location. Finally, after an unsuccessful year at the VFW's six courts, and another year in limbo, we found what we think is an ideal layout. Our hats are off to the continuous work of board members, Lance Hinman and Harry Dunbar. They were instrumental in making the right contacts and performing the necessary unsung details which all new courts require. Also helping with a great deal of painting of the courts were faithful members Otto Boyland and Sam Barbuto. Rick Whitney, through another local contact, located vital blue/gray clay for the courts. The new location is in Maxwell Park, located in the town of Dewitt, about twenty miles east of the fair. It's about five miles NE of the village of East Syracuse, approaching from the south. Take Fly Rd. from East Syracuse and turn left off of Badgley Rd. (past Rt 298). Or from the south take 481N and get off at Collamer Exit Rt 298W. From the north proceed down 481S to collamer exit, Rt 298E. After a left off of Fly Rd. onto Badgley follow it to Maxwell Park and turn right. The courts are located in a fenced in area at the end of the park. Essential in allowing us to locate our new horseshoe home was Lance Hinman's continuous and determined negotiations with horseshoe friendly town of Dewitt parks and recreation director, Mike Moraco. The pioneers are BACK!!!

-Dave Harnden

FORESTVILLE FLINGERS held their 3rd annual Oven Mitt Horseshoe Tournament this past January 23, 2011. It was a whopping 6degrees out but the sun was shining. Seven people braved the cold to compete in this double elimination singles tournament. After all the rounds were completed Gregg Orcutt of Dunkirk came out the big winner of the day followed by Linda MacDonald of Hamilton, Ontario coming in second place. We still don't know how Harold Uncapher stood out in the elements keeping track of wins and losses without either a hat on his head nor gloves on his hands,,,,,brrrrrrr!!!

Membership Application & Order Form
NHPA and New York State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association

Name: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address: _____

Club Affiliation: _____ or Independent Member: _____

Please check type of application and your division of participation.

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Men 40' _____ Men 30'(must be 70) _____ Women _____

NHPA # _____

Junior Boy _____ Junior Girl _____ (a junior cannot be greater than age 18 during the entire year)

Junior Boy 20' _____ Junior Girl 20' _____ (until end of year following 9th birthday)

*Date of Birth: _____

APPLICATION DUES & ORDER FORM TOTALS

\$5.00 _____ NYSHPA 50/50 DRAWING on Labor Day

Junior State and National Dues \$0

Adult State and National Dues \$27.00

Make check payable to: NYSHPA or

N.Y.S. Shoulder Patch \$2.50

New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

N.Y.S. Patch Logo (regular.) Decal \$2.50

Please return to: Robert Klock, NYSHPA Sec/Treas

N.Y.S. Patch Logo (inside window) Decal \$3.00

P.O. Box 478

N.Y.S. Pin \$4.00

Spencer, NY 14883

607-589-4122

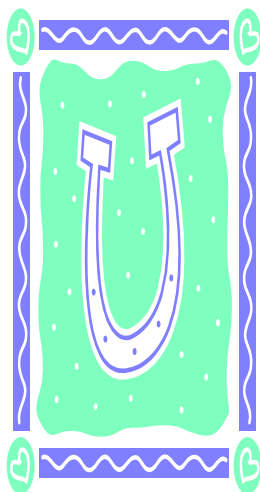
Total Amount: \$ _____

ELECTION NOTICE

The elections for 2nd Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer are due to be held at our spring meeting. Currently, Al Buckland is 2nd Vice-President and Bob Klock is Secretary -Treasurer. Anyone interested in running for theses offices, including the incumbents, should send me a brief resume and platform by March 31st. My address is:

Rowland A Rupp
 132 Burroughs Drive
 Snyder, NY 14226

Chairman of Elections
 Rowland A Rupp
 (716) 839-1842



Generic All-Purpose Tournament Application

Tournament Name: _____

Tournament Date: _____

Name: _____

NHPA Card #: _____

Address: _____

Ringer %: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Circle your pitching category: Men 40' Men 30' Women Jr. Boy Jr. Girl Jr. Boy 20' Jr. Girl 20'

