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Special World Tournament Report Supplement to Newsline

To bring you all the World Tournament details from Montgomery, Alabama, a separate special supplement has been created. Find the World Tournament Recap, both viewable and printable, here: [LINK TO PDF](#)

President's Message

Recapping the 2016 World Tournament

by [Stu Sipma](#), NHPA President

Montgomery AL, host site of the 2016 World Horseshoe Tournament was held indoors at the Multiplex Center at the Cramton Bowl July 25th – August 6th, 2016. Nine hundred and thirty four (934) pitchers competed for cash and prizes worth over one hundred and sixty thousand dollars. The NHPA Council and staff would like to thank the City of Montgomery, the CVB staff and the Multiplex staff for bringing this event to their community. Special thanks to Kay McCreery and Tom Bush for their extreme dedication and long hours for working this event.

Congratulations to all the Division and World Champions. The NHPA Council would like to recognize and congratulate Alan Francis for winning his 21st Men's Title.

The NHPA Council would like to thank Jerry LaBrosse (NHPA 4th VP) and Bill Marvin (NHPA 5th VP) who took time from their busy schedule to come out early to assist the Montgomery Multiplex staff in the court setup. The Council would also like to thank Roger Vogel from Kansas and Ron Smith from Louisiana for their time coming out early and assisting in the setup.

The 2016 delegate meeting was held on Sunday, July 31. This year the delegates had three cities to choose from to host the 2018 World Horseshoe Tournament. The three sites competing were Shreveport- Bossier, LA, Florence, SC and El Paso, TX. The NHPA Council would like to thank these three cities for coming to Montgomery and setting up a booth. The results of the vote revealed the winner going to Florence, SC. Congratulations to Kendall Wall (GM for the SMG/Florence Civic Center) and Tina Dean (Director of Sales and Marketing SMG/Florence Civic Center). The NHPA Council would also like to thank Kelly Wells Executive Director of the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission, and Cathy Stevens, Senior Convention Sales Mgr. for El Paso, TX for their work during the bidding contest and hope they will consider bidding again.

This year we had two positions up for election, 1st Vice President and 3rd Vice President. Dan Sanders our current 1st VP decided not to run for another term and so we had three candidates in the running for this position. The candidates were Mike Taylor from Nebraska, Gary Roberts from Ohio and Wayne Saulsbury from Delaware. Results of the voting awarded the position to Gary Roberts. Congratulations to Gary, the Council is looking forward to working with you. The Council would also like to thank Mike and Wayne for their efforts and hope they will consider running again in the near future.

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The position of 3rd VP was awarded (by rule of acclamation) to Jerry Smith. Congratulations Jerry, the Council is looking forward to working with you for another term.

At the Hall of Fame Banquet, Clive Wahlin (deceased) and Bob Dunn were inducted into the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. Clive's brother was present to accept his plaque on his behalf. Bob was unable to attend, therefore Jerry LaBrosse accepted his plaque on his behalf.

In closing, I want to thank the NHPA Council, Directors, NHPA staff, and all the volunteers for their many long hours of working this World Tournament over the 2 1/2 weeks. Not many people know what goes on behind the scenes, but I want to make sure their work does not go unnoticed. In my thirteen years of serving on the Council this by far was the smoothest run tournament I can ever remember.

----THANK YOU----

Stu

A Thank You from the NHPA National Office

by [David Sidles](#), *Secretary-Treasurer/Insurance*

As World Tournament Director, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on this year's event. While it may have seemed that things went very smoothly, which they did, a lot of work and effort go into this and a lot of people deserve to be recognized and thanked.

I want to start off by thanking Rob Hagman. I enlist Rob's help right from the beginning of building the schedule and it continues right to the printing out of the last page of results. I also want to thank my fellow Council members who do so much behind the scenes to make the tournament run as smooth as it does. And of course, everyone else who does what we affectionately call "shift" work. In all, it takes a staff of close to a dozen people to make it all work every day. The staff at the Multiplex were simply amazing. I can't say enough about all the help they gave us. And lastly, I want to thank my wife Carla, for being by my side for three weeks and keeping me loaded with Pepto-Bismol.

Looking forward to another one next year in St George, Utah and believe it or not, that work has already started.

Dave

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Playing Rules, Judging Clinics and Breaking Ties

by [Dan Sanders](#), 1st Vice President, By-Laws, Rules and Grievance Director

Another Great World Tournament! I have been attending World Tournaments since 1983, and this was one of the best that I can remember. The spacious air-conditioned arena was perhaps the most impressive physical aspect of this venue, with ample room for the set-up of courts, including both play-off and practice courts. I also heard very few negative comments about the clay or court conditions/set-up. The spacing of the courts, seating for spectators, and spacious areas outside the arena for Game Related Sales items, HOF booth, spaces for future WT bidders, reasonably- priced food and refreshments, and area for picking up a variety of printed materials and talking with our next year's host, the St. George Utah reps, were all more than adequate. Thanks also to the NatStats crew for all of their Class Results efforts and for maintaining the electronic scoring system and scrolling results . . . in such a way that even pitchers unable to attend were able to follow this tournament from the comfort of their homes. A special thanks also to my fellow NHPA Officers and to our World Tournament Director, David Sidles, for the many hours that were spent both before, during, and after this memorable tournament. I would also be remiss if not including all of the Montgomery folks who served as our gracious hosts. If we needed something, all we had to do was ask! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you next year in St. George, Utah.

Playing Rules & Judging Clinics Update – You may recall that the recent NHPA Judging Clinics were first offered in Buffalo, NY – three years ago. They were also offered last year, and again this year in Montgomery. Each year there have been about 30 or so members who have attended these clinics from many states, and the feedback has been very favorable each year. Many members have taken the written Clinics Materials, GRS Judging Kits/tools, and GRS Pit Models back to their charters each year, and several of them have been successful in the training of judges for their local and state tournaments. But other than at 'special' meetings or perhaps the Annual State/Charter meeting, the scheduling of these Judging Clinic presentations/demonstrations has been reported as 'difficult' to schedule . . . mostly because at many/most Charter tournaments, people who aren't pitching are needed for keeping score, in the stats office, or in other ways. And so for this reason, we have decided to put the Judging Clinics on the NHPA Website.

This will start with the written materials . . . a series of questions taken from the Playing Rules section of the RGS Book. These questions are presented as True or False and Yes or No questions, which are then followed by the actual RGS Text, where the answers can be found. Some very good discussions usually follow these Playing Rules questions/answers. Some of this discussion material will also be included on the website. We'd eventually like to include some video footage of these clinics/discussions, and would especially like to produce some YouTube kinds of video, which actually show how all of the basic measurements are supposed to be made, along with special situations which may surround some of these more difficult measurements. If anyone has this video/editing expertise and an interest in helping with these video clips please contact me. Upon completion of viewing/understanding the website

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presentations, some actual judging 'experience' at charter tournaments will be required before an individual can become an NHPA Certified Judge. Individuals completing these requirements will then be recognized with an official NHPA Certified Judge pin, as well as a peel-off sticker that can be applied to his/her annual NHPA card. Look for more information about this training program in the next few months, or e-mail me if you have any questions.

The Breaking of Tournament Class Ties – Over the last few months I have received questions from several charters about the breaking of tournament class ties, for individuals who have the same number of wins and losses. Under Rule 11, Section B-2, there are several options suggested, and although they are not presented there as a 'required' order, this order is arguably the order that should be followed. The first tie-breaker mentioned here is a *play-off game*, which is required for some tournaments/classes, as further described in this and other Sections under Rule 11. But a play-off game (if not required) it is often impossible, or may be inconvenient . . . for example, there may not be any play-off courts available, or the time required for a play-off game would delay another shift that is scheduled to begin right away. And so, the TD may choose to go on to the second tiebreaker listed here . . . *overall ringer percentage* during that class play. Though this is not allowable for handicapped classes, *overall ringer percentage* is most generally used as the 'next' tiebreaker, and this will most always break these W/L ties. If *overall ringer percentage* cannot be used (as in handicapped classes), the next recommended tiebreaker listed is '*Who beat Who*' (*aka Head to Head*) during class play. This is perhaps the next-best thing besides using overall ringer percentage (and some TDs choose to use H to H over ringer average as that next tiebreaker) if a play-off game isn't possible. And finally, it is possible for there to be a 3-way (or more) tie, especially in handicapped classes, since all pitchers pitch the same number of shoes. And so in these situations, the next suggested (and final) tiebreaker is '*Highest Over or Closest To*' *their entering NatStats average*. And in 99+ of all cases, this will break all ties as it is very unlikely that any two pitchers in the *entire tournament* would have the very same entering NatStats average; and so, the likelihood of them 'tying' in the same class increases these odds even further!

One of the problems with all of these 'options' for the breaking of class ties is that each charter TD may have a different opinion about which of the tiebreakers is best to use. And since there is no 'requirement' for which tiebreaker is used, or in which order they should be used, this situation is sometimes problematic to the pitchers who are involved in these ties. This is especially true if the TD *has not announced* (before class play begins) how ties will be broken, which they are required to do based on the published RGS Book information. At stake, for some pitchers/charters, is 'Player of The Year' Awards, which are based on points awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. places, for all scheduled charter tournaments.

And so for a greater consistency among Charter TDs, '*Requirements for the Breaking of Class Ties*', for both 'scratch' and for 'handicapped' classes (in cancellation play) has been added to the charter bylaws of at least one state. This State's Bylaws Change/Addition Proposal was made after many discussions of their Charter Officers, with members, and all TDs who host their NHPA Sanctioned Tournaments. Although not all TDs may have been in unanimous

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agreement, these proposed '*Requirements for the Breaking of Class Ties*' was adopted by a 2/3rds + vote of their Charter members/delegates at their annual meeting, and is now a part of/included in their Charter Bylaws.

Is this even allowable, according to NHPA Rules? Yes, it is . . . so long as the listed '*Requirements for the Breaking of Class Ties*' are not in violation of NHPA Rules. And so now, all of their Charter TDs must follow these Charter Bylaws Requirements for the breaking of class ties for their sanctioned tournaments. And this is something that your Charter Officers, TDs, and members may want to consider enacting at your next State/Charter Convention? It certainly provides consistency for this very important question/concern, and all pitchers/members involved will know in advance how all class ties will be broken, should they occur. In the next issue of *Newsline*, I may include some examples of '*Requirements for the Breaking of Class Ties*' that your state/charter may choose to use or modify, and possibly add to your Charter Bylaws.

No Shortage of Media Coverage at 2016 World Tournament

by [Tina Hawkins](#), 2nd Vice President and Publicity/Promotion Director

The 2016 World Tournament in Montgomery, AL, did not have a shortage of media attention!

Coverage began DAYS before the tournament started, on Thursday, July 21, with WSFA 12 News' live interview with Bethany Davis at 6:30 a.m. followed by Bethany's live Facebook feed on the courts. Later that same morning was the Thursday morning Mayor's press conference, which primarily featured the World Tournament. That media event was immediately followed by "media day" on the courts where several local and state newspapers, radio and television reporters gathered to shoot video, snap pictures and interview NHPA officials and pitchers.

Throughout the course of the tournament, media were onsite about every other day to follow up on their pre-event coverage. In addition to WSFA television, coverage was received from the Montgomery Advertiser and Montgomery Independent (newspapers), the Associated Press, and a live, onsite radio broadcast by The Doug & Charlie Tailgate Show on ESPN's The Ticket.

Doug and Charlie conducted live, on air interviews with 21-time Men's World Champion, Allan Francis, NHPA 2nd Vice President, Tina Hawkins, and newly crowned 2016 Senior Women's World Champion, Sheila Sheppard.

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2016 Senior Women's World Champ with radio personalities, Doug Amos and Charlie Trotman.

Links for much of the coverage can be found on the official Facebook page of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association ([facebook.com/NATIONAL-HORSESHOE-PITCHERS-ASSOCIATION](https://www.facebook.com/NATIONAL-HORSESHOE-PITCHERS-ASSOCIATION)), which also features daily updates, fun facts, and coverage of the event, as well.

News articles are still being posted there as they become available! Be sure to “like” the page and post your own news articles, as well!

Comments and Suggestions in for Review

by [Tina Hawkins](#), 2nd Vice President and Publicity/Promotion Director

Once again, the comment box reaped some good ideas and suggestions from NHPA members. Some of them were put in place as soon as they were received!

Some comments pertained to existing NHPA rules. The Council's hands are tied on many of those, as the RGS book and the NHPA Bylaws govern them. While your suggestions may be very good – they cannot be acted upon without rules changes.

When you feel a practice should be updated or changed, you are encouraged to do your homework on that particular area and submit a bylaw or rules proposal.

All comments from the box will be reviewed and discussed by the Executive Council during its winter meeting. NO COMMENT goes unread or ignored! The World Tournament belongs to the NHPA members and your suggestions are always welcome – and you do not have to wait for the box to come out at the World Tournament. Every NHPA officer can be contacted through the NHPA website and they want and need to know your opinions. Simply select the

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NHPA/Officers/NHPA Officers tabs at the top of www.horseshoepitching.com to communicate with your elected officials. They are in place to work for you – the NHPA!

Seeking Bidders for 2019

by [Tina Hawkins](#), *2nd Vice President and Publicity/Promotion Director*

The 2016 World Tournament is in the books... That means it's time to start seeking bidders for 2019!

Yes, it really does happen that far in advance. This time of year, representatives from the NHPA Executive Council begin attending sports conferences, promoting our World Tournament and seeking qualified bidders to host our event.

Conferences, such as Connect, TEAMS and S.P.O.R.T.S exist for the sole purpose of bringing sporting planners and CVB's (Convention and Visitors Bureaus) together in hopes of creating the perfect match between events and venues. Some of our greatest World Tournament hosts came out of the relationships cultivated at such gatherings.

However, that is not the ONLY place a great World Tournament host can be found. There might be one right in your charter or even your own hometown.

If you are one of the many pitchers who have said, "When are you going to bring World to MY state?" the answer is, WHEN YOU WIN THE BID FOR IT! And, of course, the first step toward winning the bid is MAKING the bid.

Gain the support of your charter and devise a plan to convince a CVB in your area that they need to host the NHPA's premier event. All the venue and contract requirements can be obtained just by asking.

To start your quest to become an NHPA World Tournament host site, email NHPA 2nd Vice President, Tina Hawkins, for bidder requirements and contract information.

All Packed Up from the World Tournament

By [Jerry LaBrosse](#), *4th Vice President, Charter Communications Director*

We have another successful World Tournament in the books, and what a great tournament it was! I can't recall one that ran any smoother than Montgomery. It was a pleasure working with the staff at the Multiplex. Many thanks go out to Kay McCreery and Tom Bush, and all of their helpers. And many thanks go out to our own NHPA members who come early to help with the set up. Ron Smith and Roger Vogel were there the whole time and we greatly appreciate that.

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If you attended this event, I'm sure you have drawn the same conclusions about the area that many others and I did. The people in Montgomery were very welcoming and friendly wherever I went. The wide selection of food options was fantastic, and we found a few local places that served real southern dishes. Did any of you try the catfish at Martin's Restaurant? Awesome!!

Montgomery is rich with history, and the downtown area is very well marked with historical landmarks. We did the Segway tour to see some of the sights near the river as well as downtown. If you've never ridden a Segway, I advise that you try it someday. It's a blast!

I'd like to give you an update on the condition of the equipment. As you know, the portable courts have been in service since the WT in York, PA in 2008. This equipment has serviced nine world tournaments. In the past 3 years, we have replaced some of the boxes and a few front bumper pads. We lose a few pieces each year due to the rough nature of handling this type of equipment. The stakes are doing fine, and we couldn't be happier with the service we're getting from all of our portable courts and the electronic equipment too. So, the state of our equipment is sound, but aging. There will come a point where replacement will have to happen, but we're years away from that, and we are closely monitoring the condition each year.

Success of the World Tournament and Looking Ahead to 2017

by [Bill Marvin](#), 5th Vice President and Regional Director and Court Sanctioning Director

No matter how you slice it, the 2016 World Tournament was a tremendous success, thanks to the efforts of countless people. The Montgomery Parks and Recreation folks bent over backwards in every way to provide the NHPA with a top-flight facility. Whatever we needed, they were able to comply with all requests. It is this type of cooperation behind the scenes that make it possible to put on a successful event. To Kay McCreery, Tom Bush and their staff, thank you for everything.

There are too many folks to list them all, but I need to acknowledge a few. The NHPA Council, which I am proud to be a part of, was able to get every shift started on time, and the tournament stayed on schedule. That is due in no small part to the willingness of people to be scorekeepers and judges. It cannot be over emphasized the importance of this aspect of running a successful event. Thanks to all of you.

World Tournament attendance was down from last year. Many things contribute to the number of people attending. The decision to attend this event is not made in the weeks before that date but it has to be planned months in advance. Pitchers have to participate in tournaments/leagues to qualify and make plans necessary to facilitate the time away from jobs and other responsibilities. Begin now to talk up the 2017 tournament in St. George, Utah. This location is a great place to have the tournament and a terrific place to vacation. The natural beauty of the National Parks in the area has to be seen to be believed. Now is the time to begin

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to plan to attend. Not only will you be a part of the biggest horseshoe tournament of the year, you will have the opportunity to see some of the most magnificent scenery anywhere in the world.



By the way, Illinois won the annual trophy challenge against Minnesota. And as a reward, Jerry Labrosse treated me to a marvelous steak dinner. As you can see from the picture, I LOVE IT!!

World Records

by [Mel Yockstick](#), NHPA World Statistician

Southern hospitality was at its highest at the 2016 World Tournament held in Montgomery, Alabama. 934 pitchers traveled many miles by air or car to compete for NHPA Class and World Titles. Missouri led with 79 pitchers, Ohio followed up with 63 and Alabama with 48. Missouri also claimed the most 1st, 2nd, 3rd place titles with 16. Ohio came in second with 15, Oklahoma ended up with 13, and Alabama finished with 11 titles. The 2016 World Prelims had 63 Classes along with 8 World Championship finals.

The 2016 NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards banquet was a super affair. This year the NHPA Council approved a new NHPA patch to be awarded to those that have pitched in World Tournaments in consecutive years: 10 through 60. This patch was awarded to Mark Seibold, Indiana NHPA Hall of Famer for pitching in 53 consecutive tournaments and Earl Winston (now deceased) also NHPA Hall of Famer for his 50 In-A-Row tournaments. Try and match that!

Other Awards:

- 90% patches were awarded to JD Drake, MI (94.44%) and Shalee Cason, FL (90.63%) for pitching in the 2015 World Tournament Championship finals.
- Two Perfect Game patches were awarded to Cindy Hoffman, PA (20 out 20-100%) and Larry Myers, GA also (20 out 20-100%) 2016 calendar year.

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This year the World Tournament Championship Finals produced seven 90% games.

Name	State	DIV.	Score	RGRS.	Shoes	90% +
Gary Bearpaw	OK	M	43-1	36	38	94.74%
Alan Francis	OH	M	42-3	34	36	94.44%
Alan Francis	OH	M	42-4	30	32	93.75%
Alan Francis	OH	M	41-1	45	48	93.75%
David Holmes	WV	ELD	42-7	41	44	93.18%
Alan Francis	OH	M	42-3	37	40	92.50%
Alan Francis	OH	M	42-11	90	98	91.84%

Be sure and go to the NHPA website –Click on (World Tourn, then WT 2016 Participation) to review your updated world records. 2016 should be added by late November.

Thanks to all the World Tournament leaders and Alabama organizers/workers for making this a great event.

Congratulation to all open Class and Championship winners!

Minutes: State Officer's and Regional Directors Meeting

by Phyl Quist

The meeting was held July 30, 2016, Montgomery, Alabama

NHPA President, Stu Sipma chaired the meeting. 21 states were represented at the meeting. Stu opened the meeting welcoming all and thanking all for the support at the charter level. He urged all to take the ideas and discussions back to their membership.

V.P. Bill Marvin reported that the court sanction reports were turned in and appreciated the good response from the regional directors. He asked that all take a good look at patch requests – it is better to have to reorder than to have lots not used. He also has patches for the officers upon request.

V.P. Jerry Smith reported on the Sanction Leagues. Last year he had 297 sanctioned leagues. There were 400 new members in leagues last year. Jerry rewrote the Red Book and it is now available with all the up to date information. H.S. Master does not have rules for setting up leagues. Participants are limited to 1 patch – however, if someone wants to get repeats, Jerry will send upon request. All forms are on the web site. Longevity plaques are given for every 5 years. You are not allowed to have non-sanctioned persons pitch in sanctioned leagues. Discussion is being held on maybe allowing them to pace for a week or two.

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Stu asked how many used H.S. Master – about ½ by hand count. We would like to see 100%. NHPA will help anyone get set up.

Stu reported on membership. In 1993 we had approximately 15,000 members – in 2015 the count was 9630. We may need to raise our dues and increase our tournament fees. Treasurer, Dave Sidle reported that many charters do not send in their dues for the year until October. At this time he has only 6000 paid members. One solution might be to have all pay for dues on line. And of course increasing membership is the key to increasing income. Some ideas were to give a free membership, H.S. Mania and have an active promotion director in all charters. We all need to promote.

V.P. Dan Sanders reported on the judging clinics being held. He will be putting it on the NHPA web site for charters to use. He encouraged all state tournament directors to have official judges at State Tournaments. Dan also discussed handicapping tournaments and procedures used to determine tiebreakers and class setup. There are several options. Charters need to set up their own rules on how to determine placement.

V.P. Tina Hawkins reported on looking for sponsors for the World Tournament. She will be setting up a Sponsorship Committee.

Stu encouraged all convention delegates to read their packets and base votes on the best interest of all the membership.

Meeting was adjourned.

Hall of Fame Inductees and Committee Opening

by Vicki Winston, Hall of Fame

Another World Tournament has come and gone. I am sorry that I was unable to be in Montgomery, AL to personally take part in the festivities, but total knee replacement surgery made it impossible for me to travel at that time. However, I was keeping track of what was going on by way of the WT information that was being placed on the NHPA website. I thank the NHPA for making that available to us who are not able to get away from home. I congratulate all of the 2016 Class Champions and all of the 2016 World Champions and I hope you enjoyed the experience. A few days after the close of the World Tournament I received a Get Well card in the mail that was signed by many people who attended the tournament this year. I really enjoyed seeing your names and reading the messages that you wrote. Thank you all for taking the time to do that.

I am told that the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet was nice and that the food was good. I thank Dave Sidles for presiding over the part of the program that usually falls to me to handle. I

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received word just before the World Tournament that Bob Dunn would not be able to make the trip due to health reasons and had to cancel his plans to be present for his induction ceremony. I was so sorry to hear that he couldn't be present for this big moment in his life. Bob, I hope you are now feeling much better. I saw the photo of the Hall of Famers who were present at the banquet. That was the smallest group picture of Hall of Famers I think I have ever seen. A lot of us are getting up in years and health problems are plaguing some of us, but I hope the group picture will be larger in 2017.

Just before the World Tournament I received a letter from Jerry Schneider, a committee member from California. He is now in his early 90's and thought it best to submit his resignation from the HOF Committee. I first came to know Jerry when I was a teenager and attending the World Tournaments in Murray, Utah during the 1950's. I'm not sure when he was appointed to serve on the committee, but he has been on it a long time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jerry for all of his years of faithful service to the NHPA in this important position. The NHPA President, Stu Sipma, is now working on finding a replacement for Jerry's spot on the committee.

The last time I checked, the Webmaster had updated the Hall of Fame nominee list that appears on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. All names should be on that list who are currently eligible for the 2017 voting. The deadline for new nominations is January 31, 2017. A printable nomination form is also available on the HOF link.

NHPF News

by [Casey Sluys](#), *President, National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation*

Thank you to all of you who stopped by our booth at the WT. We sincerely appreciate it and enjoyed speaking with all of you. We hope we answered all your questions. If not please do not hesitate to ask – kclus@sbcglobal.net.

We had nice things on the table beginning with a hand carved walking stick that brought in \$772.00 many thanks to Marcel Guilmette (CT) for donating this fine item. We received a hand made coat rack that went as an auction item at the banquet. Thank you Melvin Jeardoe of KS for this donation plus the horseshoe decoration. Dee and Gary Null were once again huge contributors with two nice goodie bags plus a brand new horseshoe box all stuffed with GRS items. Dave Fisher PA donated some autographed hats and horseshoes plus a one of a kind trading card of Alan Francis. Of course the auction would not have been the same without NHPA auctioneer Paul Stewart (NC) and his side kick Arie Shaly of ON. Thanks to all of you who bought those items at the banquet. Denise Daly, you were outstanding running the 100 shoe toss as a benefit for the foundation. She contributed \$330.00 from that venture, thank you all who participated in this fund raising effort. The 100 shoe toss seems to be a hit. The carving of the WT logo done by Ron Higley (MO) was in our silent auction on our table to final bid was \$85.00, thanks Ron. There is a 50/50 table raffle that we conduct at the banquet every year, an

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idea first brought to the NHPA by Gene Burlingame of IA (Burly, the original Stewlie). It's been a hit since its inception and this year the winning table, Joan Elmore TN, Debra Odum TX, Walter Ray Williams FL, Bill & Shalee Casson FL, Bill & Joyce Campbell TX, and Dee & Bill King TX, donated their winnings back to the NHPF. Nine people at the table did not even have a second thought about donating it back. Folks we sincerely thank you for your generosity!

Thank you everyone for participating in spreading the word about the foundation and the fund raising efforts at the WT. We picked up a few more brick orders also. If you've seen the patio lately you can see that there are parts that are full and certain areas that could use a few more inscribed brick. All inscriptions are possible as long as we can read it in church. Think about what you would put on a brick to honor your horseshoe career, your local club, your parents, your son or daughter your grandson or granddaughter. Remember Christmas is coming soon and a brick would make a wonderful gift for a loved one.

Thanks to my fellow directors for picking up the slack as I had to rush off Saturday night to get Travis into the U.S. Marines. We sincerely thank all of you for your continued support. Those that have not participated lately please reconsider a monthly stipend to our foundation. Remember it is YOUR Hall of Fame that we maintain.

Here is a wonderful site tailored toward the Junior pitchers in our group. <http://www.horseshoeamerica.com>

Support us when you shop for back-to-school items. #StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-1671910> and Amazon donates.

Special Thank You to Our Donors

by [Casey Sluys](#), President, National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

We express our sincere thanks to the following who have donated as reported in the Sep/Oct 2016 issue of *Newsline*.

Donating \$10-\$95:

Lions Club Horseshoe Club, MO
Charles M. Bunner, WV
Southern Tier Horseshoe Club, NY
Sodbuster Horseshoe Pitching Club, VT
George Muse, NC

Donating \$100-\$225:

Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Assn., MO
Dave & Cathie Loucks, CA

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Vermont Horseshoe Pitchers Assn, VT
North Carolina HPA, NC

Bricks Purchased By:

Try County HPC, OH

Phyllis Quist, WA

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, MO

Oklahoma Horseshoe Pitchers Assn. OK

(2 Bricks)

Stuart & Sandra Sipma, ND

Donna & Stan Dodson, WV

Other Income:

NHPA Game Related Sales	\$850.00	Rent
Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, MO	\$2500.00	Rent
World Horseshoe Tournament		
Drawing	\$772.00	
Booth Sales	\$552.00	
Banquet Auction	\$665.00	
Banquet 50/50	\$1021.00	
100 Shoe Tournament	\$330.00	
(Denise Daly, Dir)		