

# Kentuckians Compete In Clarksville Pro Tour Event



Ten Kentucky Horseshoe Association members competed in the Clarksville Tennessee Pro Tour Event held June 13<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> at Civitan Park. Charlie Meredith, Tony Hankins & Robert Taylor qualified for the Class A 40' Pro, which was won by the best flip Pitcher in the world, Dan Watson from Alabama. Dan defeated Charlie 22 ringers-16 ringers and 24-20 in the finals. Randy Hankins and Dow Buford qualified for 40' Pro Class B, won By Ed Posey from Texas. Kentucky's Larry Hayes captured the Class D win 10-6 & 11-7 over Tennessee's Richard Rosser. Jim Culver qualified in the Class B 30' Pro Division. Charles Browning captured another win for Kentucky in Class C 30' Pro Division defeating Tennessee's Maxine Griffith in the finals 19-16 & 17-13 after a 17-17 opening match tie. A.B. Webb competed in the Open Division and Ben Webb competed as the lone junior in the event, posting a percentage of 76.19%. Tennessee's Joan Elmore was the Champion of the 30' Pro Division and Tennessee's William Drinnon captured the Open Division. All players that participated in the 40 and 30 foot Pro Divisions received payback in the event. The higher up you qualified, the more money you had a chance to win. As an added bonus, players had the opportunity to bank some extra cash in the opening round "Big Game Challenge" with any game pitched over your entry average. Tony Hankins was able to bank an extra \$100 bonus for pitching a near perfect game of 29 ringers out of 30 shoes. All games were played to 30 shoes with a seven game qualifying round held on Saturday and the championship class rounds held on Sunday.



### The Clarksville Pro Tour payout chart

	40' Division				30' Division				Open	Junior	Total
Entries	16				15				8	1	40
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A		
# Advance to Finals	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	1	36
Payout Amounts											
1st	500	200	125	75	500	200	125	75	125		1925
2nd	300	150	100	60	300	150	100	60	90		1310
3rd	200	125	75	50	200	125	75	50	50		950
3rd	200	125	75	50	200	125	75		50		900
Consolation											0
Total Payout	1200	600	375	235	1200	600	375	185	315	0	5085

Kentuckians will get another opportunity to compete for some cash in the next Pro Tour event which will be held in Chalybeate Kentucky on August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on this unique and fun event! How often do you get chance to win some dollars and compete against other horseshoe tossers from surrounding states? The signup deadline is 10 days prior to the event. Get signed up today!

## Horseshoes On TV!

Horseshoe pitching was featured in a 1959 Season 3 Episode of the TV series, The Real McCoys entitled, "The Weaker Sex". Amos McCoy, played



by Walter Brennan, is touted by his grandson as "about the best horseshoe player in the world!" Amos meets his

to outdo his new neighbor, Aggie Larkin, who just happens to have been the State "Champeen" of Nebraska For six years. Aggie Threatens to dethrone Amos as the Champeen of the annual Picnic Horseshoe



Tournament and Amos attempts to have her barred from competition! This episode is available on the Real McCoys Season 3 DVD set and is currently on youtube. Check it out or add it to your horseshoe video collection!



## The KHPA Is On Facebook!

The KHPA now has a page on Facebook! You can find the page by Typing "KHPA (Ky. Horseshoe Pitchers Association)" into the Search bar on facebook. Laurie Lampkin has been heading up the page and Robert Taylor has been posting some of the tournament photos each week.



The facebook page is a good avenue to share horseshoes and reach many more people. You can help and participate too! Add and share your own horseshoe photos with and on you and your friend's timelines. Share, tag and participate!! If you do not have access to the page, contact Laurie to get your contact added today. We need to get horseshoes out into the mainstream to increase membership!

## All Eyes On Topeka

The 2015 World Horseshoe Tournament is fast approaching, coming up on July 13<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. We Want to wish all of our Kentucky participants well as they go into competition and especially our juniors. Kentucky has 9 juniors that will be competing for World and Class titles: Ben Webb & Tyler Howard will be trying to win their first Junior Boy's World Championship. Seth O'Nan is fast moving up in the rankings, quickly rising to be one of the top contenders for the Junior Cadet World title. Keep your eye on Seth! Courtney Lampkin will have an eye on the Junior Girl's title and Leland Fuller, Hadden Fuller, Zach Hankins, Alex Hankins & James Webb will all be competing as well. Best of luck to you all! Don't miss out on the live telecast by ESPN Sportscenter on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am until Noon EST.!!!



## History Files

At the Jim Noble Memorial, I sat down with Lou Pottinger & David Ward to obtain a history of the Elizabethtown Courts & Club. This "history file" write-up on the Elizabethtown Club will be online soon alongside the histories of Millville, Mt. Sterling/Grassy Lick & Somerset.



# Remembering Ted Sauer

As most all of you know, the KHPA lost a well respected man, a great player and a horseshoe legend and mentor in Ted Sauer on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2015. I would like to share some of my own thoughts and memories of Ted in the following text to remember him and what he meant to the sport and the current dynamic of the KHPA. When I recently attended the June 6<sup>th</sup> Fred Nalley Classic tournament in Bardstown, I had a feeling of melancholy. Bardstown has had an unfortunate loss of members this season which made for a different atmosphere but one larger looming reason for this sadness was the loss and absence of Mr. Sauer. Ted would always be around at each



**Ted at the Bardstown Classic- 2007**



**Ted at Bardstown kicked back- 2012**

Bardstown tournament, pitching shoes, sittin', relaxin' and swapping old horseshoe stories or offering words of encouragement to fellow players

as he observed their pitching techniques. Ted was a wealth of horseshoe wisdom and experience. Ted had been pitching off and on in the KHPA and in around the Louisville area club since the 1950's and possibly earlier. Ted had been out of sanctioned pitching and the KHPA since 1996, when he made a return in the summer of 2007. I first met Ted at the 2007 Bardstown Classic. Ted's return did not go to well, as he made it through about two and half games before he had to give it up. I recall him telling me that he was just going to have to get in better shape to make it through a tournament and to my surprise he would do just that.

Ted would continue to pitch and improve his game in the coming years, bettering his health and conditioning as he went. I remember Ted for a while at several tournaments; Ted would always pull out a crumpled piece of paper with horseshoe stats on it to share his story about it. I'm not exactly sure what it was that Ted had to say about it but he was very eager to tell the story of it. Some of you may know. I seem to think it might be the entry list of his first tourney back at Bardstown. I just always recall being amused by how Ted was so passionate about it! In his first state back, Ted would win Elder's Class B with a 42.9% average. In the 2008 State Ted competed in the Elder Class B with Dick Ellis and I remember that Ted was not satisfied with his effort that day, losing to Dick in their matchup. Ted came up to me and asked if he could move up also with Dick Ellis to compete in Class A. I said sure, we could use you to increase the numbers. Ted improved his percentage about three percent but did not do too well overall but he did beat Dick Ellis, haha! Ted was a competitor! Ted did not shy away from the competition or trying beat the best or be the best. On his player profile, when asked what his goals were to achieve, Ted stated "To beat Cecil Cook at 30ft. and keep beating him!" (*Cecil Cook was the top 30ft player at the time and 7-time State Elder's Champion.*) Ted's goal was achieved in 2010 when he won the State Elder Men's Championship with a ringer percentage of 69.8%! I remember Ted saying "I've been trying to win that thing for years!" (*A state title.*) 2010 was a banner year for Ted as he was also inducted into the KHPA Hall Of Fame. I was shooting video that day and I was zoned in on Ted as the announcement was being made and the accolades were being read for Ted. I could see the look of teared up joy and pride in Ted's face of



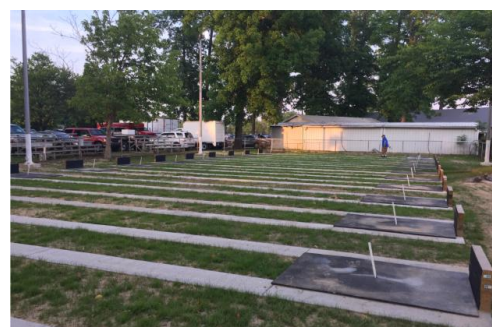
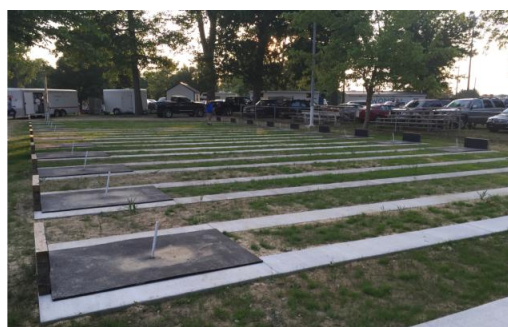
being accepted for this honor. Ted was just so very proud and happy that day! I'll never forget it. Ted would go on to add two more state titles to his legacy in the coming years, winning two State Doubles titles in 2011 & 2012, with his good buddy Bill Garrett. When once asked about the sport of horseshoes, Ted replied: "I've just always liked it." It's a good clean sport and you meet some of the finest people." You said it right Mr. Sauer, you do meet some of the finest people. I personally have been in this sport of the KHPA since 1997 and the best part of my horseshoe experience over these years has been the relationships and friendships that I have established through horseshoes. One of these is Mr. Ted Sauer. I say that what I hold true about horseshoes is that my experience and knowledge is much richer for having known Ted over these past eight or so years. Thank you Mr. Ted Sauer.

Robert Taylor



Bill Garrett & Ted Sauer- 2011 St. Doubles

## Russell Springs Courts Complete



The 12-court layout in Russell Springs is now complete and awaiting their inaugural horseshoe tournament on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Make your plans to attend this event! Brad Rexroat (above), and Frank & John Irvin have done a beautiful jobs getting these courts ready to go this season and the courts look great! Looking forward to many great tournaments there in the future!