

Horseshoes

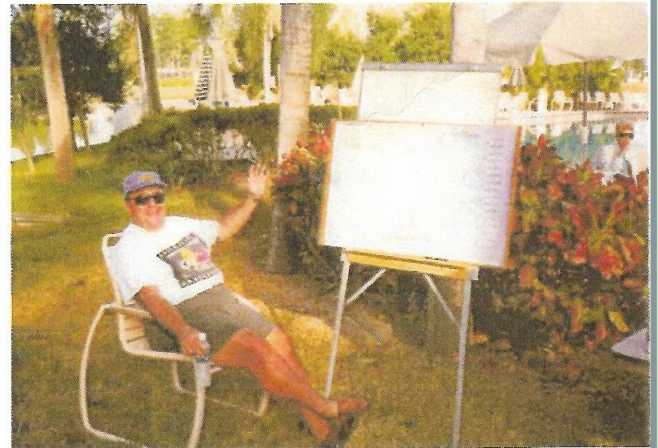
By Bob and Jean Hendershot



The Horseshoe Club - back row: l. to r. - Brent Seymour, John Pryslak, Reinhard Matzkuhn, Mick Rhodus, Larry Schaupp, and Joe Luminiello; second row: Bill O'Connell, John McCann, Joanne McCann, Judy Budreau, Buddy Caputo, Dick Arsenault, And Don Spencer; first row: Bob Hendershot, Charlie Schneider, Larry Budreau, Lou Bostik, And Jan Page.



The gallery watches as Judy Budreau and Tom Lawton square off.



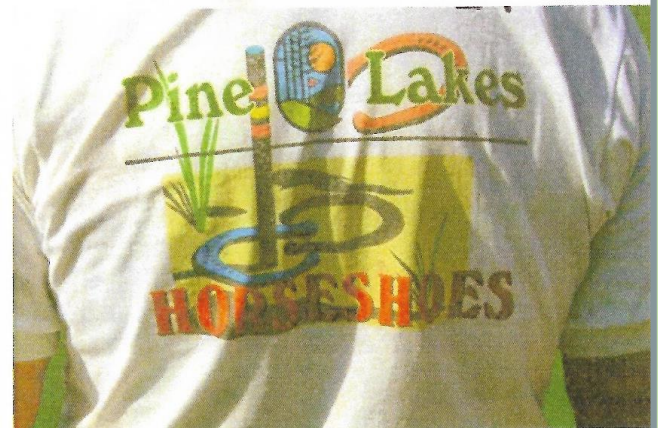
Official score keeper Paul Machado.

In 1997 Bob and Jean Hendershot moved to Pine Lakes. Bob couldn't help but notice that our one horseshoe pit was grown over with weeds and bushes. Bob, being an avid player from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, wanted to get something going. He contacted Andy Boyd, maintenance supervisor at the time, and with Andy's help and others from the community, the playing area was cleaned up and a second pit added.

When the work was finished, a league was started. Men and women were both welcome and played on Tuesdays.

Management has since donated picnic tables, lighting and recently concrete slabs for the tables. The Beautification Committee recently installed benches that were located around the community. I think we can all agree the area looks great now. It has come a long way through the years.

Besides the current league playing in January and February, Bob puts together tournaments throughout the year. In 2005, a special Memorial Day tournament was held. The pits are always a busy place in the spring when the Candlelighters are visiting the community.



Sometime in the late 90s, the new groups began to wear "uniforms." Above is one of the many shirts designed by Guy Troiano.