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President's Report

Josh Lull



I would like to first thank my predecessor John Stephenson for his work in the position and thank all of you for your support since I was elected at the 2022 State Tournament.

Happy New year folks! Stating the obvious that 2023 is a BIG year for the MHPA is an understatement. Not only will the bright lights of the world tournament be in our state capital this year, our very own horseshoe showcase of the year, the state championship turns 100. (If my calculations are correct. I welcome anyone checking that or making sure that is indeed correct) I am excited for this year and I hope you are too.

I see folks are not wasting time to get their tournaments in as the first indoor tournament in Jackson has been filled for some time. Be sure to contact the tournament directors to get your spot secured.

I decided to run for the position of President because I believe I can help. I am up for the challenge to leverage opportunities to grow our sport and leave it in a better place when I exit than when I started. I will start by encouraging you to help as well. Let your club officers know, the tournament directors, the state officers what are your thoughts and or concerns about the association? What are you hearing as to maybe why someone has left the association or maybe why someone is hesitating to join?

I have some ideas of my own, but I also want to start a bit of a listening tour. This will help give guidance in determining what our next steps will be.

Let us know where you think maybe we are missing some opportunities. I'm willing to work with anyone and looking forward to work with the other officers to strengthen the participation and the overall health of the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

I know some of you have already reached out in regards to happenings around the World Tournament, but I do not have any specific information yet. It was agreed upon that after the holidays and the start of the new year would be a good time to meet with the Greater Lansing sports authority. I'll gladly share any new information as I receive it. Keep your eyes on the NHPA's website for details.

<https://www.horseshoepitching.com>

Let's make 2023 a year to remember.

—Josh

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Statistician's Report

By Keith Schafer

First Place Finishes:

- 12 J D Drake
- 10 James Dunlap
- 8 Danny Markley
- 7 Johnnie Smith
- 6 Andrew Adams
- 6 Cathy Ardelean
- 5 Quincy Johnson
- 5 George Parsons
- 5 Lisa Smith

Second Place Finishes:

- 8 Bob Peek
- 7 James Dunlap
- 7 Sam Moore
- 6 J D Drake
- 6 Helga Hewlett
- 6 Ken Kuss
- 6 Brandy Morehead
- 6 Lisa Smith
- 5 Dave Buikema
- 5 Lawrence Hinton

Third Place Finishes

- 9 Bob Peek
- 8 Danny Markley
- 8 George Parsons
- 8 Lisa Smith
- 6 Brandy Morehead
- 5 Quincy Johnson
- 5 Sam Moore
- 5 Johnnie Smith

Shoes Pitched

(37 tournament/941 pitchers)

- Ringers: 70,801
- Shoes: 239,702
- Percent 29.54%

List of Highest Games by Michigan Pitchers in Michigan tournaments (Only highest game by pitcher shown)

40 foot

- James Dunlap 79.17%
- Gregory W Burke 77.78%
- Tom Williams 76.19%
- Andrew Adams 75.00%
- Eric Soltis 75.00%

30 foot:

- Helga Hewlett 83.30%
- J D Drake 80.70%
- Lisa Smith 78.13%



SPRING MEETING

Our spring board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, at the Jackson Horseshoe Club at 10:00 a.m. All MHPA members are invited. Tournament directors are encouraged to attend to pick up supplies and discuss future tournaments.

- Brandy Morehead 76.90%
- Bob Peek 75.00%

Highest tournament list by Michigan Pitchers in Michigan tournaments (Only Highest tournament by pitcher shown)

40 foot

- James Dunlap 68.69%
- Andrew Adams 68.07%
- Tom Williams 63.55%
- Eric Soltis 57.83%
- Quincy Johnson 53.33%

30 foot:

- J D Drake 66.09%
- Helga Hewlett 65.38%
- Lisa Smith 62.04%
- Bob Peek 61.74%
- George Parsons 60.98%

Tournaments pitched in Michigan:

- George Parsons 30
- Danny Markley 27
- Bob Peek 26
- Lisa Smith 26
- Lawrence Hinton 24
- Sam Moore 24
- Johnnie Smith 24
- J D Drake 20
- Quincy Johnson 20
- Brandy Morehead 18
- James Dunlap 18
- Douglas Bailey 15
- Helga Hewlett 14
- Cathy Ardelean 13
- Ken Kuss 13
- Paul Bachelor 12
- John Banks 12
- Keith Schafer 12

RD/Statistician

Keith Schafer



The 2023 schedule has come out, is on the website, and there are many opportunities to get your tournaments in to qualify for the first World Horseshoe Tournament ever in Michigan. We would like to again thank Jason Castle for joining our association and hosting tournaments in Lapeer. Our first two indoor tournaments have been full houses over a week early, so there is much excitement for the Worlds.

The dates of play at the 2023 World Horseshoe Tournament are July 17 through July 29. The deadline for entries is May 17 for the World tournament.

Repeating the next two paragraphs from the last Ringer Report: I will be around to the courts this coming year to re-sanction the facilities. We have lost Brighton and Holt in the last year, and have regained Lapeer. Inactive facilities in Hillsdale, Lincoln Park and Manton can be re-sanctioned if a new tournament director steps up to head these clubs.

In this coming year, the tournament directors will be provided the token numbers to send the results to EShoe. There is no reason for TD's to send the results to the statistician when it is easier and potentially more accurate to have the TD's send them directly in to EShoe. The tournament directors will also be asked to send the results overview report to the webmaster, the Secretary/Treasurer and the Ringer Report editor. The statistician can then get the data for year-end reports from EShoe later, and work with the Secretary/Treasurer to resolve any issues.

I am pitching in a league in Florida this winter and I know that the World Tournament even gets notice down here. We are looking at a big event! As Josh learns things, he will ask for help from us. Step up and be someone, it is worth it.

Please remember to be kind to those tournament directors who have stepped up to run the winter tournaments. It's a bit of work, and can be quite thankless, but a kind word can make a big difference.

As a final note: Dean Schmitz has done some real good work since resuming the Ringer Report. When you all see him, give him some thanks.

Happy pitching to all this winter! See you in April.



GREAT CLUB NEWS



Brighton Indoor - Hillman - Jackson - Kalamazoo - Lake Orion - Lansing - Lapeer - Mecosta - St. Clair Shores

Brighton

The news for the Brighton Club is that we stopped all operations in 2022, and the club is now defunct.

All usable materials have been given away (i.e. Clay, stakes, pit covers, scoreboards, etc.)

Regarding indoor tournaments - I have offered to host a couple of indoor tournaments to help 'fill the gaps' in the schedule. Because there is no longer a club to receive the proceeds from the tournament, they will be donated to the MHPA, after my expenses have been covered.

"Please don't sue me."

—Paul Bachelor

Hillman

No report

Jackson

No report

Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo hopes this news finds everyone well. We are coming off one of our best summers yet with two doubles league nights (Mon. and Wed.) for the second straight year and hosting a very good state tournament.

If this news finds you in the area and you are looking to pitch in a league during the summer find the Kalamazoo Area Horseshoe Club on Facebook or look me up under the 2023 schedule and give me a call.

<https://www.mhpahorseshoes.com/copy-of-tournaments-1>

Kalamazoo is hosting two tournaments indoors at Jackson. Sat., Jan. 28 and Sat., March 4. Call ahead to your spot secured.

I would also like to mention we are planning on hosting our first outdoor tournament on Sat., May 20. The reason I mention this is because we will be separating the 30' pitchers from the 40' pitchers. The classes that day will not be mixed by distance. This is something we have been considering and we thought now would be a good time to do so. We would love to get as many people pitching in this tournament to really get a feel how this could work moving forward.

—Josh Lull

Lake Orion

Our expectation for the club for 2023 is to have a better season than we did in 2022, we are still feeling the effects of the 2020 and 2021 seasons that we did not have league play due to covid. In those two years we experienced a loss of players because of health, their jobs and their priorities changed, some started playing cornhole (that's sad).

Let's give a big congratulations to our 2022 1st place league champion Jacquelyn Quillen, with a 73.1%-win rate and 19.0% ringers.

During our end of season membership meeting, we brainstormed some options that would increase our membership in 2023. Having our website disappear for two years certainly did not help the situation, so we created our own website www.lakeorionhorseshoes.com This is certainly helping us reach prospective new members. Doing our best to keep our Facebook page up to date and tag groups that have similar interest. Another thought was to connect with as many Parks and Recreation organization in the area as possible. It was also decided that we should play 4 games @ 30 shoes vs 4 games 40 shoes, the



reasoning behind the change is to be done earlier.

We feel that it is important to have a Great Reputation in the Community, for all players to treat everyone with respect and dignity. Don't be afraid to get involved with your Club not only the necessary maintenance items, but the critical involvement to maintain an organization. The simplest thing anyone can do is be an Ambassador to your Club and introduce people to the Horseshoe Pitching World.

Lake Orion Horseshoe Club will be defending the Woody Cup title this year in Lake Orion, so be thinking about putting your Team together, you get bragging rights, the wonderful trophy and we raise money for St Jude's Children's Hospital.

Bring a Friend, Neighbor, Co-Worker, Relative. Horseshoes doesn't have to be your

Life but as we all know it is Fun, Competitive, and it can become a big part of your Lifestyle.

Many of the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club pitchers are looking forward to playing in the World Tournament this year, for many of them it will be their first World Tournament.

—Ronald A. Price

Lansing

The Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Club was host to 6 outdoor tournaments in 2022. We also hosted the annual Woody Cup Competition and handed over the cup to Lake Orion who won the tournament. Our sanctioned league was again successful and we had new members from far away places as far as 2 hours drive from Lansing.

In 2023 Lansing will host 7 outdoor tournaments. Some of these tournaments will feature new formats. One of the formats is called 40/30. 40 foot pitchers will be separated from 30 footers if possible. We are featuring 2 tournaments with that format. Our first outdoor tournament is being hosted so any player who needs one more tournament before the World Tournament can attend and get credit for the needed tournament to qualify. We are also bringing

back the "Water Wonderland" tournament with \$200.00 added to the prize money. This tournament will be played on July 4. We are also hosting the MHPA Senior's tournament. We hope more seniors 60 and older will participate this year.

Please join us at any of our tournaments this year. Should be a lot of fun with a good chance of seeing old friends once again.

—Randall Kamm

Lapeer

Lapeer will reintroduce sanctioned pitching on the horseshoe courts by hosting three sanctioned tournament in May.

Jason Castle will be the tournament director. Please give him the much needed support to keep horseshoe pitching alive in Lapeer.

—Editor

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MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

St. Clair Shores - Sunday, Jan 15 at Jackson

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bob Peek		3-1	87	188	46.28
2. Lisa Smith		2-2	80	186	43.01
3. Brandy Morehead	47.63	2-2	75	188	39.89
4. James Carter		2-2	61	160	38.13
5. Quincy Johnson		1-2	71	170	41.76

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. John Banks		4-0	53	126	42.06
2. George Parsons		3-1	58	122	47.54
3. Wayne Friesmuth		2-2	32	118	27.12
4. Steve Campbell		1-3	30	120	25.00
5. Zachary Spanke		0-4	5	110	4.55

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Tonya Toth		4-0	54	160	33.75
2. Narone Parker		3-1	50	178	28.09
3. Sam Moore		2-2	30	174	17.24
4. James Toth		1-3	37	202	18.32
5. Johnnie Smith		0-4	32	198	16.16

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bobby Choranziak		4-0	47	162	29.01
2. Jason Castle		2-2	34	180	18.89
3. Brent Castle		2-2	30	164	18.29
4. Darryl Mathews		2-2	34	188	18.09
5. Reginald Bell		0-4	24	182	13.19

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Clay Strange		3-1	46	180	25.56
2. Darrell Harris		3-1	39	168	23.21
3. Dylan Castle		2-2	37	168	22.02
4. Sean Saumier		2-2	39	188	20.74
5. Jim Choranziak		0-4	23	160	14.38

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Myrick El		3-1	33	194	17.01
2. Thomas Wedyke		2-2	38	194	19.59
3. Rob Fowler		2-2	23	200	11.50
4. Carmen Wedyke		2-2	10	200	5.00
5. Tim Blosser		1-3	14	184	7.61

Jackson - Sunday, January 22

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrew Adams	67.83	4-0	106	164	64.63
2. Eric Soltis	55.82	2-2	93	176	52.84
3. Quincy Johnson	52.09	2-2	96	184	52.17
4. Lisa Smith	58.45	2-2	94	188	50.00
5. Danny Markley	50.50	0-4	67	160	41.88

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. James Carter	38.13	4-0	83	174	47.70
2. Greg Burke	42.62	3-1	74	148	50.00
3. Larry McArthur	34.00	2-2	59	160	36.88
4. Alfred Cortez (OH)	44.00	1-3	56	152	36.84
5. Michael McDaniel	36.91	0-4	34	124	27.42

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Narone Parker	28.25	4-0	64	166	38.55
2. John Smith	33.00	3-1	60	154	38.96
3. Rich Hare	28.93	2-2	49	160	30.63
4. Darwin Adams	30.00	1-3	45	176	25.57
5. Johnnie Smith	28.74	0-4	20	140	14.29

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Rick Morrow	24.00	4-1	67	250	26.80
2. Bobby Mumford	23.78	3-2	62	234	26.50
3. Barbara Meadows	25.90	3-2	63	246	25.61
4. Kevin Humbarger	19.20	2-3	57	216	26.39
5. David Benedict	25.00	2-3	63	250	25.20
6. Randy Sheffer	20.17	1-4	52	232	22.41

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Tim Blosser	7.63	4-0	24	208	11.54
2. Daryl Mathews	18.09	2-2	38	200	19.00
3. Myrick EL	13.84	2-2	36	200	18.00
4. Blake Morehead	14.00	2-2	23	208	11.06
5. Robert Parham	4.27	0-4	7	200	3.50

Kalamazoo - Saturday, January 28 at Jackson

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. James Dunlap	65.10	5-1	161	252	63.89
2. Eric Soltis	55.82	4-2	157	292	53.77
3. Quincy Johnson	52.22	2-4	101	230	43.91
4. Danny Markley	50.50	1-5	114	258	44.19

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Parsons	48.13	3-1	75	146	51.37
2. Paul Bachelor	41.67	3-1	76	166	45.78
3. Boyd Howe	41.55	2-2	87	182	47.80
4. Warren Westbrook	41.00	2-2	80	176	45.45
5. James Carter	43.11	0-4	73	182	40.11

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Roger Higgins	39.76	4-0	61	156	39.10
2. Mark Burns (FL)	37.47	2-2	60	170	35.29
3. Tonya Toth	36.13	2-2	55	156	35.26
4. Dan Mendham	34.12	2-2	39	162	24.07
5. Zachary Spanke	36.89	0-4	13	128	10.16

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MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jennifer Hess	28.92	4-2	77	258	29.84
2. John Cousins	27.39	4-2	73	246	29.67
3. Chad Fleisher	29.28	3-3	77	292	26.37
4. James Toth	31.27	1-5	57	260	21.92

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Brad Reynolds	26.00	5-1	65	238	27.31
2. Darrell Harris	23.98	4-2	53	266	19.92
3. Chuck Osborn	26.88	3-3	44	278	15.83
4. Richard Andrews	21.90	0-6	48	286	16.78

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Matt Skrzypek	14.84	5-1	60	280	21.43
2. Myrick EL	15.19	5-1	58	296	19.59
3. Craig Currier	16.52	2-4	40	278	14.39
4. Albert Goodsell	19.37	0-6	37	282	13.12

Mecosta - Saturday, February 4 at Jackson

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrew Adams	67.83	4-0	112	158	70.89
2. James Dunlap	65.13	3-1	110	168	65.48
3. George Parsons	49.34	1-3	70	144	48.61
4. Quincy Johnson	52.22	1-3	78	170	45.88
5. Danny Markley	47.13	1-3	46	148	31.08

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jackie Saylor	45.00	3-1	71	148	47.97
2. Greg Burke	42.95	3-1	64	156	41.03
3. Cody Bupp	36.98	2-2	63	152	41.45
4. Larry McArthur	36.88	2-2	66	160	41.25
5. Tonya Toth	36.46	0-4	36	144	25.00

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Pam Yates	30.00	3-1	57	144	39.58
2. Larry Rhode	30.92	3-1	58	160	36.25
3. Narone Parker	33.13	2-2	46	180	25.56
4. Joe Hettrick	30.51	2-2	38	150	25.33
5. James Toth	30.18	0-4	27	158	17.09

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Mike Lerner	29.17	3-1	53	146	36.30
2. Chad Fleisher	29.28	3-1	56	198	28.28
3. Rick Morrow	26.80	2-2	43	172	25.00
4. Bobby Mumford	25.00	1-3	41	172	23.84
5. Larry Murphy	24.28	1-3	34	188	18.09

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bobby Mumford III	20.60	4-0	52	194	26.80
2. Dale Moore	21.46	3-1	42	164	25.61
3. Carl Rennell	21.78	2-2	35	172	20.35
4. Jim Benjamin	16.90	1-3	39	178	21.91
5. Crystal Devine	20.34	0-4	32	184	17.39

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Kevin L. Young	15.00	4-0	36	164	21.95
2. Vaughn Shipman	15.64	3-1	25	196	12.76
3. Larry Budziszewski	10.00	2-2	24	190	12.63
4. Robert Parham	4.01	1-3	7	178	3.93
5. James Robinson	13.04	0-4	21	184	11.41

St. Clair Shores - Saturday, Feb. 5 at Jackson

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Denise Daly		4-0	110	154	71.43
2. James Dunlap		3-1	110	180	61.11
3. Lisa Smith		2-2	75	142	52.82
4. Quincy Johnson		1-3	71	144	49.31
5. Brandy Morehead		0-4	84	184	45.65

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Danny Markley		4-0	63	192	32.81
2. George Parsons		2-2	74	174	42.53
3. James Carter		2-2	59	176	33.52
4. John Banks		1-3	63	182	34.62
5. Sam Moore		1-3	37	152	24.64

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Narone Parker		3-0	48	110	43.64
2. Christopher Hoyo		2-1	33	112	29.46
3. Mark Burns II		1-2	41	122	33.61
4. Johnnie Smith		0-3	19	116	16.38

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Sean Saumier		3-1	47	178	26.40
2. Andrew Matthews		2-2	50	174	28.74
3. Clay Strange		2-2	47	178	26.40
4. Dylan Castle		2-2	47	198	23.74
5. Darrell Harris		1-3	40	180	22.22

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Steve Campbell		4-0	53	130	40.77
2. Jason Castle		3-1	34	156	21.79
3. Myrick EL		2-2	35	176	19.89
4. Brent Castle		1-3	36	158	22.78
5. Martin Quillen		0-4	8	132	6.06

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MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry Budziszewski		4-0	44	180	24.44
2. Kevin L. Young		3-1	32	190	16.84
3. Blake Morehead		2-2	22	198	11.11
4. Jeremy Helzer		1-3	28	198	14.14
5. Tina Payne		0-4	16	182	8.79

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Harry Grant	15.84	4-0	33	164	20.12
2. Bryce Vancleave	10.00	3-1	21	178	11.80
3. Jackson Vancleave	6.00	2-2	23	186	12.37
4. Silas Meadows III	15.04	1-3	9	186	4.84
5. Robert Parham	4.17	0-4	10	198	5.05

Brighton - Saturday, Feb. 11 at Jackson

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lisa Smith	58.45	4-0	112	202	55.45
2. Danny Markley	46.73	3-1	88	162	54.32
3. Eric Soltis	55.82	2-2	98	174	56.32
4. Bob Peek	53.25	1-3	44	124	35.48
5. George Parsons	49.77	0-4	82	178	46.07

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. James Carter	42.05	3-1	73	148	49.32
2. Pam Yates	39.58	3-1	62	154	40.26
3. Bob Dale	40.23	2-2	54	152	35.53
4. Larry McArthur	39.06	1-3	64	164	39.02
5. Roger Higgins	39.51	1-3	44	154	28.57

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Alfred Cortez (OH)	36.84	3-1	55	164	33.54
2. Rick Lyle	35.36	3-1	48	178	26.97
3. Johnnie Smith	28.59	3-1	44	192	22.92
4. Joe Hettrick	30.51	1-3	41	146	28.08
5. Gordon Simon	35.00	0-4	22	144	15.28

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Valerie Jones	25.92	3-1	63	242	26.03
2. Darwin Adams	25.57	3-1	52	200	26.00
3. Rick Morrow	26.07	3-1	41	220	18.64
4. Dan Kofflin	24.00	1-3	33	206	16.02
5. Barbara Meadows	26.36	0-4	50	228	21.93

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Carl Rennell	21.35	3-1	41	172	23.84
2. Larry Budziszewski	18.38	3-1	41	192	21.35
3. Crystal Devine	20.34	2-2	40	186	21.51
4. Kevin L. Young	19.21	1-3	35	170	20.59
5. Kevin Gladstone	16.00	1-3	28	184	15.22

St. Clair Shores - Sunday, Feb. 19 at Jackson

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Denise Daly		3-1	85	128	66.41
2. Brandy Morehead		3-1	79	138	57.25
3. Lisa Smith		3-1	85	170	50.00
4. Eric Soltis		1-3	96	176	54.55
5. Danny Markley		0-4	32	140	22.86

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Parsons		4-0	69	124	55.65
2. Sam Moore		3-1	57	140	40.71
3. Mark Burns		1-3	58	156	37.18
4. Ron Nelson		1-3	31	134	23.13
5. Wayne Friesmuth		1-3	32	154	20.78

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Mark Burns II		5-1	87	244	35.66
2. Joel Durecka		5-1	82	252	32.53
3. Christopher Hoye		2-4	66	286	23.08
4. Johnnie Smith		0-6	58	294	19.73

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrew Matthews		4-0	50	152	32.89
2. Clay Strange		3-1	43	180	23.89
3. Aprile Friesmuth		2-2	35	192	18.23
4. Sean Saumier		1-3	31	182	17.03
5. Troy Durecka		0-4	26	162	16.04

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry Budziszewski		4-0	49	170	28.82
2. Thomas Wedyke		3-1	40	178	22.75
3. Kevin L. Young		2-2	32	162	19.75
4. Carl Rennell		1-3	25	174	14.37
5. Robert Kudla		0-4	18	172	10.47

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Chelsea Varney		3-1	33	184	17.93
2. Joseph Varney		3-1	32	188	17.02
3. Blake Morehead		2-2	26	192	13.54
4. Kelsey Otto		1-3	29	198	14.65
5. Carmen Wedyke		1-3	16	202	7.92

1st Vice-President
Brandy Morehead



As the 1st VP I would just like to remind everyone to take some time and review the NHPA bylaws and Guidelines on the NHPA website, and please remember to be respectful to each other on and off the courts! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or any of the other officers (Josh, Zach and Keith) or even the Tournament Directors at the sanctioned tournaments! The more information you have the better prepared you will be to enjoy this upcoming fantastic event! I look forward to meeting new faces at all our upcoming tournaments and pitching with everyone this year!! And Don't forget you must have your name and State Printed PROFESSIONALLY on the back of your shirts because they do check shirts before you pitch!

2nd Vice-President
Zach Spanke



Hello to my fellow horseshoe pitchers! If you don't know me, I'm Zach Spanke and I'm beginning my first term of the 2nd Vice President of the Michigan Horseshoes Pitching Association. Many of you all know me, and many of you all don't know me.

In 2023 it will be my 21st year of Pitching Horseshoes. I started when I was age nine. I remember my first tournament and after that I fell in love with our sport. We all have a huge year ahead in 2023 in Michigan! As we all know we have the World Tournament coming to Lansing in July but, also it will be our 100th state tournament this year too. I'm hoping to help bring in youth and help to bring in more members to the MHPA. If anyone has any great ideas to help, or anything, please don't be afraid to let any officer know about your ideas! I'm open book, so if anyone needs anything, let me know. I will try my best to help. Let's have an amazing year in 2023 and beyond!

Fun Fact

JD Drake, since he won his first State championship in 2013 to 2022 winning 10 championships in a row, his championship record for the state championship is 62-2! That is an absolutely amazing 96.87% winning



The Mecosta Mid-Michigan Horseshoe Club is glad to be a part of the state sanctioned courts. We are looking forward to the 2023 Worlds Tournament being hosted in Lansing. Our local numbers are approximately 20 pitchers playing sanctioned shoes. We are hosting indoor tournaments in Jackson on Saturday, March 18th, Saturday, April 22nd and then we will be moving to our local pitch in Mecosta for 2 tournaments May 6th and 13th.

As the Tournament Director, in the area, I would like to have a sanctioned league starting late May or early June on Thursday evenings. We look forward to seeing all our pitching friends from all over the state and the world. To enter any of the Mecosta tournaments contact me. Helga Hewlett 989-621-7630 or email me: helgahewlett@msn.com

—Helga Hewlett



The clanking sound of metal on metal is almost metronomic three evenings a week in Kyte Monroe Park as more and more people discover the sport of horseshoe pitching.

SCSHC reached a record-setting membership during its 2022 summer and fall seasons of horseshoe pitching. The singles recreation and sanctioned leagues continue and the Tuesday doubles league has a waiting list. It was the first time the club had so many members.

Sanctioned Tournament pitching also reached a new high as Tina Payne, SCSHC Tournament Director, had to turn away pitchers for the first Friday Tournament. A record number of pitchers are expected for the 2023 tournament schedule.

John Thomachefski, president, said he was "Gratified that SCSHC is able to reach out to achieve this goal. The executive committee and membership have worked hard to inform the public of the great facility at Kyte Monroe Park."

In the summer of 2023 SCSHC will again host the MHPA State Doubles Tournament and members will prepare to pitch in the World Tournament to be hosted in Lansing in July 2023.

—Editor



Jay McCanham

Jason William McCanham 48, of Peck, Michigan passed away February 18, 2023 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Jay was born March 18, 1974 in Yale, MI to Ronald and Caroline (Brown) McCanham. He graduated from Peck High School, class of 1992 where he still holds the high jump record at 6'7."

His biggest love was horseshoes. He lived, breathed and dreamed about them. He played on 3 leagues and traveled the state to play and run tournaments. He won over 100 trophies. Jay was always helping or giving advice and even built "The



Dome" so he and his friends could practice and be better throwers. He will always be known as "The Hitman," his cut-off shirts and his famous "WRAAPP" when you throw a ringer. He was a member of the NHPA, MHPA, TNT board, Cros-Lex Eagles, Erie 4465 and Peck American Legion SAL.

Services were held Thursday, February 23, 2023.



Jay, at the 2018 State Tournament in Kalamazoo.

His dome, outside and inside.

2023 MHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT PITCHING SCHEDULE

Outdoor Tournaments - Check-in by 9:30 a.m

Indoor Tournaments must pre-register with the Tournament Director - Check-in by 9:30 a.m. - Starting time 10:00 a.m.

Sanction No.		NOTES	2023 Date	HOST CLUB
<u>WINTER INDOOR TOURNAMENTS AT THE JACKSON INDOOR COURTS</u>				
<u>January</u>				
	PRE-REGISTER		01/07/23	
30-23-004	TO GUARANTEE	Sunday	01/15/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-005	YOUR SPOT FOR	Sunday	01/22/23	Jackson
30-23-006	WINTER		01/28/23	Kalamazoo
	TOURNAMENTS			
<u>February</u>				
30-23-007			02/04/23	Mecosta
30-23-008		Sunday	02/05/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-009			02/11/23	Brighton Indoor Club
30-23-010		Sunday	02/19/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-011		Sunday	02/26/23	Jackson
<u>March</u>				
30-23-012			03/04/23	Kalamazoo
30-23-013		Sunday	03/12/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-014			03/18/23	Mecosta
30-23-015			03/25/23	Jackson
<u>April</u>				
30-23-016		Sunday	04/02/23	St. Clair Shores
			04/08/23	Mecosta
30-23-017			04/15/23	Brighton Indoor Club
30-23-018			04/22/23	Lapeer
30-23-019			04/29/23	Thrun/Vincent hosted by Jackson

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Tournament Directors

<u>Club</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Brighton Indoor	Paul Bachelor	(810) 772-8678	paulbachelor@aol.com
Hillman	Don/Vicki Mueller	(989) 884-0108	greenerpastures54@gmail.com
Jackson	Brandy Morehead	(517) 599-5933	brandy.morehead@gmail.com
Kalamazoo	Josh Lull	(269) 838-7698	joshlull@gmail.com
Lake Orion	Doug Bailey	(248) 421-9708	dougbailey204@gmail.com
Lansing	Keith Schafer	(517) 256-8224	michhorseshoectdir@yahoo.com
Lapeer	Jason Castle	(810) 358-6209	jcastle95@hotmail.com
Mecosta	Helga Hewlett	(989) 967-3081	helgahewlett@msn.com
St. Clair Shores	Tina Payne	(586) 744-3223	tinapayne0828@gmail.com

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OUTDOOR TOURNAMENTS			9:30 SIGN-IN TIME UNLESS NOTED	
May				
30-23-054			04/22/23	Lapeer
30-23-055			04/29/23	Lapeer
30-23-056			05/06/23	Lapeer
30-23-020			05/06/23	Mecosta
30-23-021			05/13/23	Mecosta
30-23-057			05/13/23	Lapeer
30-23-046		Sunday	05/14/23	Lansing Last Chance for World
			05/17/23	Deadline for entry to World Tournament - Lansing
30-23-022			05/20/23	Kalamazoo - 40s and 30s - Pitchers separated by distance
30-23-023			05/27/23	Hillman
			05/28/23	
30-23-024		Monday	05/29/23	Lansing St. Jude
June				
30-23-025			06/03/23	St. Clair Shores Memorial
30-23-026	7:30 start	Friday	06/09/23	Kalamazoo
30-23-027			06/10/23	Kalamazoo
30-23-028			06/17/23	Lake Orion
30-23-029			06/17/23	Mecosta
30-23-030			06/24/23	Jackson
July				
30-23-031			07/01/23	Hillman
30-23-032			07/01/23	Mecosta
30-23-033		Sunday	07/02/23	Lansing 40's and 30's - pitchers separated by distance
30-23-034		Monday	07/03/23	Lansing
30-23-035		Tuesday	07/04/23	Lansing Water Wonderland - \$200 added to payouts
30-23-036	7:30 start	Friday	07/07/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-037			07/08/23	St. Clair Shores
30-23-001			07/17/23-07/30/23	WORLD TOURNAMENT IN LANSING
30-23-002				
August				
30-23-038			08/05/23	State Doubles - St. Clair Shores - Pre-register by 7/30/23
30-23-039			08/12/23	Lake Orion
30-23-040			08/19/23	Mecosta
30-23-041		SUNDAY	08/20/23	Lansing - Senior tournament Pre-register by 8/12/23
30-23-042		Friday	08/25/23	State Tournament - Jackson
		SATURDAY	08/26/23	State Tournament - Jackson
30-23-043		SUNDAY	08/27/23	State Tournament - Jackson
September				
			09/02/23	
30-23-044			09/09/23	Lansing 40's and 30's - pitchers separated by distance
NON SANCT			09/16/23	Woody Cup - Lake Orion
30-23-045		Sunday	09/24/23	Jackson
Fall Indoor Tournaments @ Jackson Facility				
			09/30/23	SCHEDULING MEETING
October				
30-23-047			10/07/23	Mecosta
30-23-048	PRE-REGISTER		10/14/23	Lake Orion - Mike Ardelean Memorial St. Jude
30-23-049	FOR YOUR SPOT	Sunday	10/22/23	Jackson
30-23-050	FOR ALL FALL TOURNAMENTS	Sunday	10/29/23	St. Clair Shores
November				
30-23-051			11/04/23	Brighton Indoor Club
30-23-052			11/11/23	Mecosta
30-23-053		Sunday	11/19/23	Jackson

ENTRY FORM (READ CAREFULLY)

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

July 17th – July 29th Lansing, Michigan

2023 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



Name: (Please Print)		_____	_____	2023 NHPA Card #	_____
	First		Last	(or Canadian #)	
Address: _____					
City:	_____	State/Prov:	_____	Zip/Postal Code:	_____
Telephone:	_____	Cell:	_____	Birth Date:	_____
Email: _____					
<u>Check One</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> I will print my schedule.		<input type="checkbox"/> Mail my schedule to me.	
(One per household please.)					
Circle the <u>Division</u> you are entering: - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)					
OPEN MEN 40ft	SENIOR MEN 40ft (see note #2)	OPEN WOMEN 30ft	SENIOR WOMEN 30ft (see note #2)	ELDER MEN / ME 30ft (see note #1)	JR.BOY 30ft (see note #3)
					JR.GIRL 20ft (see note #3)
					CADET BOY 20ft (see note #3)
					CADET GIRL 20ft (see note #3)

All applicable information above is required.

Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete.

Entry Deadline May 15th 2023

No refunds will be made after May 19th, 2023

Note: A processing fee of \$15.00 will apply to all refunds.

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

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ENTRY FEES: U.S. ADULTS -- \$135.00 • ALL JUNIORS/CADETS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY
ALL OTHER ADULTS - \$138.00
 CANADIAN ENTRIES MUST USE MONEY ORDERS IF SENDING PAYMENT ENTRY FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING
MAIL THE TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM ONLY along with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
 PO Box 205
 Drexel, MO 64742

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:
 Phone (816) 738-0868
 Email sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a **postmark no later than May 15th, 2023**. You may enter at anytime prior to May 15th, 2023. Entries received with a postmark after May 17th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. All adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months **prior to May 15th, 2023**, in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All averages used will be the average on record in eShoe/ CANSTATS as of May 15th, 2023. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. Please see note regarding refunds. **READ CAREFULLY:** Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2023. Any man that turns 65 years of age in 2023, is older than 65, or has an **approved medical exemption** may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. Entrants in the **JUNIOR BOY and JUNIOR GIRL DIVISION** must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2023 calendar year. **CADET BOY AND CADET GIRL DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2023 calendar year.
Note # 1. 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must be in eshoe as exempt to pitch in this division.
Note # 2. For class play, a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Preliminaries.
Note # 3 Junior Boys & Junior Girls divisions will be mixed for preliminary play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls divisions will be mixed for Preliminary play. The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 20th, 2023** and published on the NHPA website. If you indicated above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the second week in June.

Please note: The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons; any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in eShoes or CanStats, any false or misleading information on this form, if the NHPA cannot verify through its established procedure the validity of any Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the deadline. No pitcher will be moved from class time or division, without notification, after final schedule has been published.

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FIRST CLASS

NHPA/MHPA Membership Application

Name: _____ Last NHPA Card #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Is this a new address? [] Yes

Phone: () _____, Email: _____

How do you wish to get the Ringer Report? *website* *standard mail*

(Circle One) Category: Man 40' Man 30' Woman Junior Girl Junior Boy Cadet

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____ **Mandatory for Juniors and Men Pitching at 30'.**

(We would appreciate all pitchers providing birth date for statistical purposes.)

____ **Full Member \$45:** Voting member with full privileges, able to enter all sanctioned tournaments upon paying fees.

____ **Provisional Member \$10:** Must pay entry fees and can play in as many tournaments as you like for the year.

____ **Trial Member \$0:** Must pay tournament entry fee and allowed only one tournament.

Make Check Payable to: MHPA

Mail to: **Pamela Nelson, 660 S. Coats Road, Oxford, MI 48371**

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