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2023 President's Message

Are you ready for 2023?

By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President



I am honored to have served as your NHPA President during the past 14 months. I have faced many unusual challenges during this time. The most challenging issue was the Covid outbreak at the World Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana. Despite the illness of both officers and participants, we were able to complete the tournament. I owe a special thanks to the Council members who worked many hours during this difficult time. Blaine Scott was a key contributor to our success. I am now dealing with the challenge of getting adequate bids for the 2024 World Tournament.

As I indicated in my last message, we have many challenges as we begin the new year. Membership, promotion, and sponsorship are the obvious areas that must be addressed. Unfortunately, we experienced another small loss of membership in 2022. In the area of promotion, we have been in talks with GoLive Sports to potentially film a game at the 2023 World Tournament. This company has been instrumental in getting other minor sports televised. We must pursue many other promotional opportunities. Future strategies will include a much better social media presence, production of promotional videos, and the development of a focused approach to getting sponsorship. Widely distributing video coverage of the 2023 World Championships will also be a good promotional opportunity.

One area of promotion that I believe would be helpful is recognition and support of major tournaments like the Valley of the Sun in Arizona, the New England Championships, and the Greenville Ringer Classic in Ohio. Obviously, there are people who have worked very hard to make these tournaments successful. Others could learn how to build a large tournament. I would also like to promote and recognize successful tournaments within each charter. We could recognize charters who have the largest state championships and assist those who are struggling. We could develop a strategy to help smaller charters with updating and keeping their website current. I haven't worked out all of the details as yet, but I think the NHPA could be very helpful in this respect.

Homer Cain of Oklahoma approached me with an interesting idea this week. Homer proposes to divide the US into four regions. Each region would have a major tournament that would determine the participants of each championship division at the World Tournament. According to his idea, the top three finishers in each

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region in the Men's Open Division would be the top 12 participants in the World Tournament. The bottom 12 participants would be those with the 12 highest percentages who did not finish in the top 3 of their region. Each championship division would be handled the same way although some divisions would have smaller numbers. I would like to thank Homer for this idea. It will be interesting to see what others think of this intriguing idea.

Another goal is to continue to get young leaders into our organization. Josh Olson of Minnesota is one example of a future leader. Ben Webb of Kentucky has moved into the Junior Director position. Perhaps his title should be changed to Youth Director to be inclusive of the Cadet Division. It is important to continue the recruitment of young leaders. Young leaders must also be recruited on the state and local level. Many dedicated local tournament and league directors are aging and finding it difficult to continue to perform all of the necessary tasks. When these key people are gone, clubs will struggle to survive. State charters also need to recruit and train young leaders.

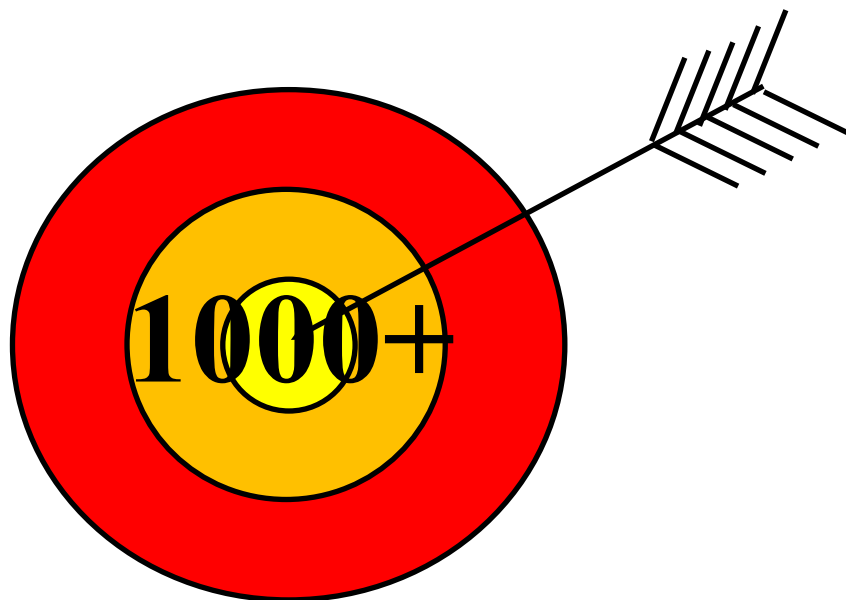
We are also preparing for the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing. I am predicting that we will have a minimum of 1000 entries. We are doing everything possible to make each participant's experience a positive one. We have been meeting regularly with Meghan Zeihmer, our Lansing contact. She has some great ideas to make our visit to Lansing a memorable event. Hopefully, you will see some positive changes. We will need to upgrade IT equipment and replace damaged courts. We will once again have professional photography available as Empire Media will be present for the entire tournament.

A crucial task in the immediate future will be determining the location of the 2024 World Tournament. Ocala, Florida, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and El Paso, Texas submitted bids. Unfortunately, none of these sites met financial and safety issues. The deadline for bids has been extended as several other cities have shown interest in hosting the tournament.

Another task will be to review rules and bylaws proposals that were submitted to the Rules Committee prior to the deadline of December 31, 2022. These proposals will be published in this issue of Newslines. Please read these closely and let your charter officers know how you feel about these proposals.

I appreciate the support I have received during the year. I do not have all of the answers to our many challenges, but I pledge that I will work tirelessly to make positive improvements.

Gary



Rules/Bylaws Proposals Reviewed

Brian Poole, 1st VP

Well, I hope everyone is looking forward to starting to throw some shoes soon. Here in Idaho it will be the end of April before my first tournament in Pocatello due to the snow and winter we are having. There are some spots that will warmup sooner but it is too cold and the snow is too deep at the moment.

I have submitted the Rule & Bylaw Proposals that the committee approved to the Board and those approved by the Board are included in this edition. These changes will be reviewed and voted upon by the NHPA delegates in attendance at the World Horseshoe Tournament in Lansing Michigan in July 2023. We would encourage each of you to provide your feedback to your charter representatives that will be attending the World Tournament. I would like to thank all those that took the opportunity and sent in a change proposal to be evaluated. There were many that we took a lot of time to discuss and identify the need and what the result of the change would do to the game and make it better for our Charters and members to enjoy and participate in pitching horseshoes.

If you have a question please reach out to me by email or phone call. I love the chance to talk to any NHPA member.

One of the rule Proposals will look at putting term limits on the NHPA Board positions. This will give more members the opportunity to run and become a member on the council. If this proposal passes there will be several spots open that we will need interested members to step up and consider running for a VP Position. This will bring new ideas and insights to the Board and give others a better chance to serve on the Board. Please come talk to any of the current Board members if you have any questions about serving on the Board.

I also hope that you are considering coming to the World Tournament in July at Lansing Michigan, July 17-29, 2023. We think this will be a well attended tournament. Get your entry and reservations in early and before the May 15 deadline. I look forward to seeing you and participating in my 12th World Tournament and my 2nd elected term of office. It is a pleasure to serve you and help to promote horseshoes in Idaho and across the country.

Hope to see you on the courts!

Brian Poole; NHPA 1st VP



2023 Rules/Bylaws Proposals for Review

Brian Poole, 1st VP

PRC #1

Add to Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions

Section G - Elder Women (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become seventy (70) years old).

1. Elder Women may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platform, ~~and shall observe the twenty four foot (24') foul line.~~ **but they must start behind the 27 ft foul line and take one step forward while releasing the shoe.**

Elder Women must notify their Charter Membership Director, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares herself a short-distance pitcher, she must remain in that Division until the next year's membership card is purchased. At that time, she may switch back to the Open Women's Division, but must remain in that division until the next year's membership card is purchased.

2. Physically Challenged Women - Physically challenged, Female pitchers less than seventy (70) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Elder Women Division ~~observe the twenty four foot (24') foul lines~~ **but they must start behind the 27 ft foul line and take one step forward while releasing the shoe.**

The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Application form (available from Charter Secretaries and on some Charter Websites) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Elders Women Division.

Reason:

I feel that these women deserve as much consideration as the men. Some of these elder women have enjoyed the sport of horseshoe pitching for many years and would like to continue to do so. However, due to their physical inability it is becoming impossible for them to do so at the thirty foot (30') distance that these women are required to observe. Also, keep in mind that many of these women are caregivers for younger children that witness the love and enjoyment these elderly women have for this sport. No doubt many of these children will gravitate toward the sport of horseshoe pitching. This activity will help keep the women physically and mentally healthy.



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Rules/Bylaws proposals...2023...continued

PRC #2

Current Wording:

Rule:

REQUIREMENT 3 - CHARTER/STATE INFORMATION

Section A - State Championship Play

3. Residency

State Championship Tournaments are open only to those NHPA members who legally reside in that State and meet the regular eligibility requirements imposed for the event. An exception to this shall be active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their immediate family (if married) who may pitch in the State Championship event of any State in which they are stationed/reside, provided they meet the other eligibility requirements of that Charter. No one will be allowed to pitch in more than one State Championship Tournament per year.

Proposal:

REQUIREMENT 3 - CHARTER/STATE INFORMATION

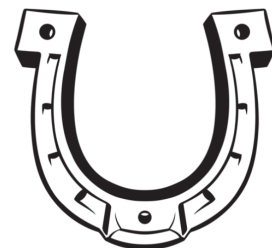
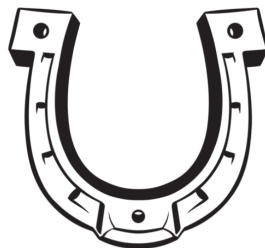
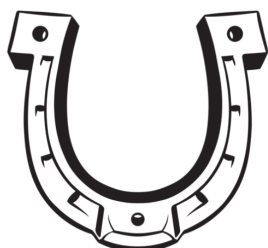
Section A - State Championship Play

3. Residency Eligibility

“State Championship Tournaments are open to those NHPA Members who meet the residency eligibility requirements imposed for the event by the State Charter. An exception to this shall be active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their immediate family (if married) who may pitch in the State Championship event of any State in which they are stationed/reside, provided they meet the other eligibility requirements of ~~that the~~ Charter. No one will be allowed to pitch in more than one State Championship Tournament per year.

Rationale:

There are several reasons this adjustment for State Tournament eligibility should be made. The advent of eShoe allows anyone from any location to join any charter of their choosing, regardless of any residency definitions. Additionally, individuals in neighboring states may geographically have greater proximity and/or social-community connectivity to a charter not of their home state, including snowbirds who reside in two states (or more) for several months of the year. There is a history of NHPA granting such exceptions extending 3-4 decades in some instances. Rather than the NHPA dictating to the charters who may and may not participation in their state championship, this change codifies that the charters set all eligibility requirements to participate in their respective state tournaments.



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*Rules/Bylaws proposals...2023...continued***PRC #3****Rule 11; Section D; 1:****Current Wording:**

1. No Current Average - Any contestant without a current ringer average at their pitching distance shall pitch a minimum of one hundred (100) consecutive shoes on a sanctioned court to establish their tournament seeding percentage. This qualifying must be scored in writing and witnessed by two (2) NHPA members no more than thirty (30) days prior to the entry deadline. Note: This 100-shoe qualifier is not a sanctioned event. Alternately, NHPA Sanctioned League ringer percentage averages may be used if they are based on one hundred (100) or more shoes.

Proposed Wording:

1. No Current Average - Any contestant without a current ringer average at their pitching distance shall pitch a minimum of one hundred (100) consecutive shoes on a sanctioned court to establish their tournament seeding percentage. This qualifying must be scored in writing and witnessed by ~~two (2)~~ one (1) NHPA members no more than thirty (30) days prior to the entry deadline. Note: This 100-shoe qualifier is not a sanctioned event. Alternately, NHPA Sanctioned League ringer percentage averages may be used if they are based on one hundred (100) or more shoes.

Reasoning:

I would change from two NHPA players viewing to one (1) on the hundred shoe toss. Even if the stats were fudged, it would only affect the players first tournament.

PRC #4

Under "III Guideline", "Section A Regular Doubles"

Current Wording:

Section A - Regular Doubles

In regular doubles, both team members use the same pair of shoes and all contestants stay at the same end of the court for the entire game. To begin the game, the highest-rated contestants will decide on the first pitch and pitch their shoes, just as in singles competition. Their partners, at the opposite end, will decide on and call the score, retrieve the shoes, and pitch them back following the same procedure. The decision on who pitches first in each inning depends upon the scoring system being used, following the rules of singles play. A single score sheet should be used that clearly shows the ringers and shoes pitched by all contestants.

Proposed Wording:

Section A - Regular Doubles

In regular doubles, both team members use the same pair of shoes and all contestants stay at the same end of the court for the entire game. To begin the game, the tournament director will determine who starts the pitching and how the pitching rotation continues. ~~the highest-rated contestants will decide on the first pitch and pitch their shoes, just as in singles competition.~~ Their partners, at the opposite end, will decide on and call the score, retrieve the shoes, and pitch them back following the same procedure. The decision on who pitches first in each inning depends upon the scoring system being used, following the rules of singles play. A single score sheet should be used that clearly shows the ringers and shoes pitched by all contestants.

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*Rules/Bylaws proposals...2023...continued***PRC #5**

Under “III Guideline”, “Section B Walking Doubles, 1. Shoe-limit games”

Current wording:

Section B - Walking Doubles

In walking doubles, all contestants will pitch their own shoes. A single score sheet should be used that clearly shows the ringers and shoes pitched by all contestants. 1. Shoe-limit Games - The lower-rated contestants will decide on the first pitch and pitch their four (4) shoes. The higher-rated pitchers will then pitch their four (4) shoes and all pitchers will then walk to the opposite end, decide on the scoring, and pick up their shoes. The scores of the highest rated team should be recorded first and they will also pitch first for the remainder of the game. Which one of them (and their opponents) pitches first depends upon the scoring system (cancellation or count-all) being used, following the rules of singles play. This procedure will continue until the game is over.

Proposed Wording:

Section B - Walking Doubles

In walking doubles, all contestants will pitch their own shoes. A single score sheet should be used that clearly shows the ringers and shoes pitched by all contestants.

1. Shoe-limit Games - ~~The lower-rated contestants will decide on the first pitch and pitch their four (4) shoes. The higher-rated pitchers will then pitch their four (4) shoes and all pitchers will then walk to the opposite end, decide on the scoring, and pick up their shoes.~~ The tournament director will determine who starts the pitching and how the pitching rotation continues. The pitchers at both ends will pitch their four shoes and then walk to the other end and decide the scoring and pick up their shoes. ~~The scores of the highest rated team should be recorded first and they will also pitch first for the remainder of the game.~~ Which one of them (and their opponents) pitches first depends upon the scoring system (cancellation or count-all) being used, following the rules of singles play. This procedure will continue until the game is over.



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*Rules/Bylaws proposals...2023...continued***PRC #6**

Under “III Guideline”, “Section B Walking Doubles, 2. Point-limit games”

Current Wording:

The tournament director will determine who starts the pitching and how the pitching rotation continues. The higher-rated contestants will decide on the first pitch and pitch their four (4) shoes. The lower-rated contestants will determine the scoring for these shoes. The partner of the pitcher who scores (or the partner of the contestant who pitched last, in case of a no-score situation) will call or record the score and will pitch first in the next inning. All pitchers will now walk to the opposite end. The highest-rated contestants will pick up their shoes (already scored) and step back. The scoring of the last four (4) shoes pitched will be determined and called or recorded. The contestant calling the score always pitches first. This procedure is continued until the game is over. For safety or other reasons, the Tournament/League Officials may select an alternative walking sequence, as long as the scoring sequence remains the same.

Proposed Wording:

Section B - Walking Doubles

2. Point-limit Games -

The tournament director will determine who starts the pitching and how the pitching rotation continues. ~~The higher-rated contestants will decide on the first pitch and pitch their four (4) shoes. The lower-rated contestants will determine the scoring for these shoes.~~ The partner of the pitcher who scores (or the partner of the contestant who pitched last, in case of a no-score situation) will call or record the score and will pitch first in the next inning. All pitchers will now walk to the opposite end. The highest-rated contestants will pick up their shoes (already scored) and step back. The scoring of the last four (4) shoes pitched will be determined and called or recorded. The contestant calling the score always pitches first. This procedure is continued until the game is over. For safety or other reasons, the Tournament/League Officials may select an alternative walking sequence, as long as the scoring sequence remains the same.

Reasoning:

The reason for the above changes is that The NHPA does not need to suggest who pitches first in doubles.



Rules/Bylaws proposals...2023...continued

PRC #7

Under “Requirement 1 – Tournament/League”, “2. During the Event.”

Add a second line to “a.”

“Leagues can pitch non-members as pacers to encourage new players to participate.”

PRC #8

Under “Requirements 2 – All NHPA Tournaments/Leagues”, “Section B”

After the word “Pacers” add:

“except in league play where non-members can be used as pacers”

Reasoning:

The reason for these changes is to allow non-members a chance to pitch and participate and perhaps join the NHPA.

PBC #1

By-Law changes

Under “Article IV: Executive Council”, “Section 3. Meetings”, “c.”

Add before the word “or”, “Electronic Meetings”

... by any means available

Reason:

Just the modern way we do things.

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*Rules/Bylaws proposals...2023...continued***PBC #2**

Under “Article V: Officers; SECTION 5:

Current Wording:

All NHPA positions listed above in section 3 (a-f), who attend the World Tournament will receive a travel allowance in accordance with the current Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) guide of the NHPA. Those with dual responsibilities receive only one travel allowance.

Proposed Wording:

Replace the whole section with:

“All NHPA positions listed above in Section 3 (a-f) who attend the World Tournament may request a travel allowance in accordance with the current Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the NHPA. The President, with council approval, has full authority to grant a request, modify the request, or deny the request. Those with dual responsibilities receive only one travel allowance.”

Reason:

It was never intended to be open to any position without regards to WT duties.

PBC #3**Current wording:**

SECTION 8. Terms of office

a. All officers shall serve a three-year term.

Proposed wording:

SECTION 8. Terms of office

a. All officers shall serve a three-year term.

ADD

b. All officers shall serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive elected terms.

Footnote: Those currently in office shall go retro beginning the first year they were elected in office.

Rationale:

Our officer team is the head of our organization. Our organization is struggling to keep membership and have more involved players. This gives members a chance to become more involved. The sayings “incumbents are almost NEVER beat” or “why should I run against an incumbent, they will win” is no longer an excuse. Having these terms limits put the organization back in the memberships hands and give a voice to those wanting to take the leap to become officers but not strong enough to run against someone with experience. We need change at the top. It is the epiphany of insanity to “do the same thing over and over and expect different results.” We elect the same officers each three years and expect different results. Some of our officers have been in for almost 10 years and we are expecting different results and have not seen numerical growth or added value. Even in US politics there are term limits for our President and elected officials. We should be taking matters into our own hands as members and giving the opportunity for a fresh voice to come in and serve us.

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*Rules/Bylaws proposals...2023...continued***PBC #4**

Article V; Section 8

Add:

F. All Officers who have been elected to an NHPA officer position three consecutive times may not run for that office until after one election cycle for that position has been completed. If they were appointed to the position, they may not run after a third Elected consecutive term. They may not be appointed back into that position in either of these circumstances.

PBC #5

By Laws; Article III; Section 7

Current Wording:

SECTION 7. A membership card must be issued by the Charter in which the member maintains legal residence as determined by the filing of federal and state tax returns, voting, and/or driver license laws. Charters collecting NHPA dues for a non-residence member should give only a receipt, and then forward the dues and address information to the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer who will advise the Charter of record. Residents of a State having no active Charter may become an NHPA member by sending their dues directly to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer.

Proposed Wording:

SECTION 7. A membership card **can** be issued by **eShoe** or the Charter in which the member maintains legal residence as determined by the filing of federal and state tax returns **or** voting. ~~and/or driver license laws.~~ *The NHPA Executive Council can grant exceptions to the residency rule on a case by case basis following established council guidelines.* Charters collecting NHPA dues for a non-residence member should give only a receipt, and then forward the dues and address information to the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer who will advise the Charter of record. Residents of a State having no active Charter may become an NHPA member by sending their dues directly to the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer.

Reasoning:

There are some cases in which the residency rule doesn't make sense. There is an elder who resides in Texas for 6 months and has his legal residency there for tax purposes. He plays no sanction horseshoe in Texas but plays all of his tournaments and leagues in his home state. He should be allowed to buy his membership card in that state where he plays, and play in that state tournament. Another case is a player who lives very near the border of a state and pitches all of their horseshoes across the state line because there is no horseshoe activity where they live. These situations are already happening and folks see that it's common sense and it is not questioned. However, there are some small minded folks out there that will press this issue to the letter of the Bylaws and that is why I feel that the NHPA council should have the authority to grant exceptions to this requirement.

Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP- World Tournament Coordinator/Publicity & Promotion Director

World Tournament Locations/Bid Process

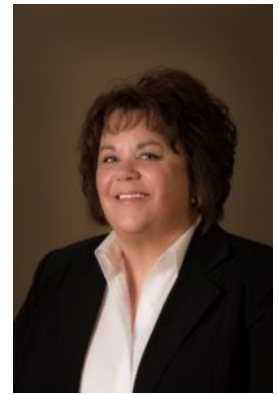
Several years ago, when the World Tournament was held outside, it became more difficult each year dealing with the elements, and mother nature interrupting or postponing pitching. People traveling from all over, used their vacation time from work, spent hard earned money on travel and hotels and were not able to compete because of the elements and time.

Many of the seasoned pitchers will remember years of pitching in a World Tournament outside. I have heard stories from past council members and others about what the World Tournaments were like when they were held outside. People were dropping like flies in the 100° heat or couldn't finish their games because of rain. In 1998, in Ainsworth NE, the World Tournament was held outdoors. In 1999, Greenville OH Fairgrounds, the tournament was indoors as well as in 2000 in Bismarck ND where the tournament was held indoors.

At Ainsworth Nebraska it was 102°degrees, the council sent three people to the emergency room due to heat exhaustion and heat stroke. After the success at Bismarck North Dakota in 2000 being indoors, Paul Stewart and Stu Sipma felt it was needed to have a world tournament coordinator to make sure this event never goes outdoors again. Now, with our current electronic score keeping system and other equipment being outside in the elements, this may not be able to happen outside. This is when Dave Loucks, CA sat down with his attorney and created the current World Tournament contract we now use. To have potential interest, cities/CVB's, the World Tournament bidders are obtained through 3 Sports Conferences (they pay for the NHPA council member to attend and is of no expense/cost to the NHPA) that show an interest in our event to possibly host a World Tournament.

An appointment portal is created by the Sports conference. You go into that portal and pick and choose the best locations, and some CVB's will request your event for appointments as well. Once the schedule of appointments is set, appointments begin each day at 9:00 am and run until 5:00 pm each day, the cities meet with us each. We then have a 3-5-minute meetings/discussions (speed dating) about our annual event. An NHPA thumb drive with all our information is given to the CVB during the appointment to take back and review. When a bell sounds the next appointment takes place and so on. This goes on an average of 2-4 consecutive days, all day long with breakout (educational) sessions available to attend. Once everyone has returned home from the conference, the information is reviewed and if a CVB/city feel that our event is a good fit for them, they will contact us, and the planning will begin at that point. Our World Tournament Director, Jim Kinney lays out the Schematics/Measurements of a venue in a CAD system to make sure our equipment will fit, then we (CVB) plan an in-person site visit.

If a city is serious about submitting a bid, an in-person site visit is scheduled and planned at the cost of the CVB/city hosting the site visit including the travel costs. These site visits last sometimes 2 days, itineraries are created by the CVB to visit various locations as well as the venue, do a walk through or tour to make sure the venue complies will all our needs. We also make sure that we are following local fire codes and city ordinances when setting up the equipment for the event. We have a detailed checklist, visit hotels, identify Hall of Fame Banquet locations, select a menu for the banquet, determine the layout and set up of the room for awards presentations, plan tourism and activities for the youth along with many other details that are discussed and potentially negotiated. Those cities that have hosted a World Tournament, and with the assistance of the local horseshoe charters/clubs, know of the time/days/weeks and the hard work of planning and organizing. The NHPA council works year-round on this event as well as many other business and tournament plans.



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2nd VP (Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity)...continued

As mentioned in the January 2023 edition of the Newslite, in 2022, there were several venues interested and had verbally committed to submit a bid. While contracts to bid were not yet signed, an extreme interest had been shown by several great destinations for hosting the 2024 and 2025 event. The CVB's (Convention Visitors Bureau's) obtain their funds through various resources, and federal funding options and grants, city taxes, etc., so many cities and states are still trying to financially recover from the Covid Pandemic. The Federal Government gave many cities across the U. S. funding to re-ramp their tourism and sports, industries events with the federal assistance and these cities are still seeing and experiencing funding problems. However, not all cities received the same federal funding and several cities that had verbally committed were awaiting confirmation before they could officially send in a check and a signed contract to bid. We have also discovered that some cities do not participate in the bidding processes, Indianapolis being one of them. Now, with inflation and the increasing costs of everything, cities are feeling the brunt of not being able to afford some of these events regardless of the financial impact that comes from the event.

During the most recent review of the submitted bids for 2024, and with inflation affecting everyone in some capacity, bidders are trying to offset their expenses and want the NHPA to pay for some of the larger expenses mentioned in the NHPA contract, such as venue rental fees for 2 1/2-weeks which includes the set-up/tear down time needed, the initial purchase of the clay, shipping of the clay, rental of the mortar mixers, forklifts, etc. The clay alone for a World Tournament takes approximately 22-25 tons and runs between \$20,000- \$22,000 and does not include the shipping/delivery to a World Tournament venue. We could use other cheaper pit material per the Rules/Bylaws under court construction, but for a World Tournament, would this be acceptable? Synthetic Clay is also another option that has been discussed as an alternative, however there are requirements to maintain the clay, and to have an additional trailer to piggyback our current NHPA trailer, which is an added expense. The clay would be reused each year in place in barrels/containers and sealed on the trailer. However, the CVB's would never have to purchase the clay or pay for shipping/delivery making this a lesser cost and potentially get more locations interested in bidding.

The council received a request from a potential bidder and during our conversation/presentation with that bidder, we discovered that regardless of the language and the terms and conditions that are specifically listed in detail, some cities, and counties do not always share their funding sources with private venues or entities which cause additional expenditure's to take place that are not originally part of the contract language. This causes the event to struggle to come up with ways or ideas for a location to host a World Tournament or any event.

We have also discovered this year that regardless of the language set forth in the contract, cities will not negotiate these items because of the costs. Many cities/counties, CVB's rely on the hotel bed taxes (heads in the beds) to offset their expenses of hosting the event. For a host to put on a World Tournament now, versus the past, and with the current inflation rates, for a CVB/City to host a World Tournament for 2 1/2 weeks (includes the setup and tear down time), could get into the neighborhood of \$3-\$500,000 +/- . However, if a World Tournament attracts 1,000 - 1,300 firm entries and their families, the city can get that money in return with the hotel room tax (Heads in the Beds), local gas taxes, alcohol taxes, etc.

We, the NHPA negotiate with the hotels and the CVB's for a "Horseshoe Discounted" rate when we sign these hotels contracts. We have entertained the thought of using a new housing group to take the hotel negotiations off us. However, we are finding that cities may not bid at all if we use a housing group because they use that bed tax to offset their expense as well. Please know that the NHPA council is very diligent and detailed about the process of the bids and work with the cities in every way we can that submit these bids. The NHPA considers your overall health and safety for yourselves and your family, vacation choices, hotels, RV parks, travel and tourism information in mind when making these decisions.

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2nd VP (Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity)...continued

Contrary to popular belief on social media, the NHPA council wants your World Tournament experience to be a memorable and wonderful experience each year. There are numerous meetings, phone calls, emails that take place at all hours of the day and night depending on the time zones that some CVB's are located to discuss the NHPA requirements and guidelines and to see what a city has to offer when they bid. This is a very time-consuming process to get all details in place. The CVB's then give a presentation to the NHPA council for a Q&A session. At that time, the council members ask any questions they see fit to make an informed decision.

Please know that the NHPA council has everyone's health safety and welfare first and foremost and each possible bidder gets viewed in many ways, not only by asking the CVB's representatives, also checking with charter members, local health departments and checking the local newspapers, TV Stations, watching crime rates, cleanliness of the local hotels, RV parks and activities to do when not competing in a city or surrounding area. There is lots of details that must be considered overall, work and time that the NHPA council puts into selecting and trying to make the best, safest decision possible for your World Tournament Experience.

The Lansing Center & Pets, Support animals, and the World Tournament venue requirements

The Lansing Center has specific ADA guidelines in place that must be followed. Here are the “Venue” guidelines and requirements for pets and service animals:

The Lansing Center requires that all “Service Animals” with a “Service Vest” are welcome in LEPFA facilities for guests with special needs. Animals must always remain on a leash or in a harness. If you intend to bring a service animal to a LEPFA facility, *please contact them in advance at 517-483-7400, ext. 0, and pre-register your service animal with the facility so we may be able to assist you further.* Please know the venue requirements are that “No family or personal pets” are allowed in the venue.

Although your pet may be as important to you as any other family member, not everyone feels that way, and making sure that people and the venue is comfortable with the arrangements by following a few simple guidelines is the best way to ensure that your World Tournament experience doesn't turn out to be a disaster.

While we truly understand not wanting to leave your pets, support animals in a hotel room, or in your RV campers etc., the NHPA must follow the guidelines of the ADA and the Venue.

Please know that while we understand that these animals are very important to you and your needs, it is your responsibility to keep your animal under control. We do not want to see someone get bit because they want to pet the animal, especially if there are kids around or to have an animal make noise by whining or barking during competition.

Please respect the competitors, spectators, as they are there to watch and compete the same as you are. Please know that if this occurs the NHPA council members, shift directors, venue security, can and will ask you to remove the animal from the building if there are any disruptions.



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National Horseshoe Pitchers Association 2023 World Championship Parking Information



LANSING CENTER ADDRESS: 333 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48933

PARKING ADDRESS: 325 Riverfront Dr, Lansing, MI 48933 (lots #21 and #37 are located across the street from Lansing Shuffle (just to the South).

Google Link to Parking Directions <https://goo.gl/maps/g1x3cnaBwjks7pff8>

If you enter the Lansing Center's Address in an address search, you will be directed to the front of the Lansing Center. Parking is located below and behind the Lansing Center which is why we provide a different parking address as it will be more helpful due to the one-way streets.

Parking Passes for Cars

Sold online at <https://edocs.lansingmi.gov/forms/specialpass>, you will pick up your passes at registration. Deadline to pre-purchase passes is **July 1st**. Otherwise, they will be available for sale during the event at the Parking Services Office at 219 N Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48933 during normal business hours.

- \$35 for 7 consecutive days, (\$5/day). Please see daily and hourly parking info below. The passes are QR Codes that will be scanned when you enter and exit.
- The very first time you enter a lot, you must take a ticket, you don't need to keep it but it's the only way the gate arm will open. After that point you will need your QR code for every time you enter and exit the gates.
- Parking passes for cars are only good in lots #19, #20, #21, and #37, which are highlighted in green on the attached map.

Passes are only good for one in, and one out- **as many times as you'd like** but once you're in, that same pass will not grant someone else access in (**No Sharing**). And once you're out, that same pass will not let someone else out.

NOTE: Parking in the Lansing Center is first come, first serve. You are not guaranteed a spot but there will be overflow parking available if need be. There are baseball games from July 18th-23rd. The lots will be busy those evenings, so it would be best to arrive before 5 pm those days, except for Sunday the 23rd when it's a day game. It will be best to arrive before 12 pm on Sunday, July 23rd.

Daily and Hourly Parking (car parking only)

- Daily and Hourly- Available in the Lansing Center (#19, #20, #21, and #37) for \$2/ hour with a \$10 daily maximum.
- Daily and Hourly- Available in the North Grand Parking Ramp (Pink D on map) for \$3/hour with a \$15 daily maximum.
- Daily- Lot B (purple B on map) \$10 per day flat rate.

RV, Trucks/Trailer Parking 500 E. Kalamazoo St, Lansing, MI 48933

*****MUST PRE-REGISTER BY JULY 1st***** otherwise contact Parking Services to make arrangements. \$20 per day. <https://edocs.lansingmi.gov/forms/specialpass>

Google link to RV, truck, and trailer parking: <https://goo.gl/maps/M5sCcYfZZsHKCkqP6>

RV, and trucks with trailer parking is available in Lot 49 across the street from Wendy's.

RVs and trucks with trailers **CANNOT** park in the Lansing Center lots. Contact Parking Services.

For more info:

Parking Services Office (517)-483-4240, parking@lansingmi.gov
219 N Grand Ave, Lansing, MI

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MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE HALL OF FAME BANQUET /TICKETS NOW ONSALE

You can purchase tickets now for the upcoming Hall of Fame Banquet in Lansing to be held at The Lansing Center on Sunday evening July 23, 2023. Contact the NHPA Sec./Treasurer Jim Kinney or you can purchase your tickets online on the NHPA website at www.horseshpeitching.com. Tickets will also be on sale at the World Tournament and at the NHPF booth, just stop by and see Dave Sidles, and also at the door on the evening of the banquet. Tickets are \$30/each and include dinner, festivities for the Hall of Fame award ceremonies, and the "Live Auction" immediately to follow. The Hall of Fame Itinerary for the evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with "Happy Hour" and a "Cash Bar" and light background music. The Cash Bar will remain open all evening.




The Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48933
Sunday July 23rd, 2023

Hall of Fame Banquet
"Honoring the Sports Greatest Players, Promoters and Organizers"

Cash Bar: 5:00 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm

\$30.00 No Refund Awards & "Live" Auction
Admission 1 to follow Dinner

HALL OF FAME INTINERARY:

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – "Happy Hour" – Cash Bar.
6:00 p.m. - Dinner will begin with a buffet style menu (See Below).
7:00 p.m. - Awards/Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies and Speeches.
Approximately - 8:30 p.m. - "Live" Auction.

HALL OF FAME DINNER MENU

NOTE: If anyone has any potential food allergies or any dietary restrictions, please contact me directly with your information (my contact information is on the NHPA website/officers) so that I can make the proper arrangements/meal choices on your behalf.

Mixed Salad Greens (GF/Vegan/DF)
Choice of (2) Salad Dressings
Cranberry Relish (GF/Vegan/DF)
Roasted Chicken Breast (GF/DF)
Pineapple Glazed Sliced Baked Ham (GF/DF)
Garlic Smashed Potatoes (GF)
Sweet Potato Casserole with Brown Sugar & Marshmallow Topping
Cornbread Stuffing (DF)
Homemade Chicken Gravy
Seasoned Black Beans and Rice (GF/Vegan/DF)
Honey Dill Glazed Carrots (GF/Vegan/DF)
Dinner Rolls & Butter
Chef's Assorted Dessert Table

Approximately at 7:00 p.m., the Hall of Fame Ceremonies, Awards, Hall of Fame inductees will start. After the ceremonies have concluded, stick around for a fun filled evening with the "Live" auction. Many donated items will be up on the auction block, and if you would like to donate any items to this years Auction, contact Jim Kinney and Dave Sidles. If we can, we will try to have a list and photos of items to be auctioned off in the upcoming Newslines as these items become available.

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WORLD TOURNAMENT SHIRT VENDOR

Fine Designs, Inc. is a leader in customized event apparel sales on site for fundraising purposes. Fine Designs has years of experience. They offer imprinted products at a fair price and their services cost you absolutely nothing. Lansing has chosen Fine Designs as the 2023 World Tournament vendor for all your World Tournament shirts, hats, pullovers, towels, souvenir items. Go to the Lansing logo on the NHPA website, scroll down to the "Official Apparel" and begin your shopping experience. Pre-order your 2023 World Tournament apparel, hats, towels, shirts online.



You will not be able to place a pre-order for pick up at the venue, the vendor does not have that option available, you can order on site or online only and have the items shipped directly to you. You will need to place your orders to allow enough time for shipping to get the items delivered to you in time for the World Tournament or wait until you arrive and place your order onsite.

NHPA BANNER PROGRAM CONTINUES FOR 2023

This is a refresher for the articles that were written in Nov./Dec. 2022 Newsline. NHPA Banner Program Continuing. We are continuing the banner program for 2023 and if any interested clubs and charters would like to place an order, please contact me and I will email you a form to fill out and return.

Please check all spelling for any errors before returning the form. Recent weather conditions may have damaged or destroyed your banners and you may want to replace them. The information on the banner will be laid out as shown with your club or charter name on top, and your website just above the NHPA website. The NHPA logo and website address on the banner is a requirement.



You can also reference your social media pages if you have any. There is a process in place for ordering these banners, so please email me at laurie_r@bellsouth.net and I will send you the form to fill out with the information you want on the banner. There is no limit to how many you can order; the cost is \$40.00 each (no tax), or they will give a discount for multiple banners ordered, due to inflation and the cost of vinyl per square foot. Please make your checks payable to the NHPA and mail directly to Jim Kinney, NHPA Sec./Treasurer.

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NEW MEMBER BAGS & SHIRTS PROGRAM CONTINUES FOR 2023

This is a refresher for the articles that was written in Nov./Dec. 2022 Newsline. If you would like to get your membership bags for your new members, the information and process are listed below for you. We hope that you send those names to us as soon as you get them, so that they will be able to get their items. Once you have your shirts, take a group photo, and send it to me. Mix up your group with some front photos and back photos of your shirts.

If your charter has any newly elected people, please update their contact information with the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Jim Kinney. It is very possible that the emails have not been forwarded onto the new Secretaries. To receive a new membership bag for your new 2023 members, you as the charter secretary are asked to follow the protocol listed below so that we can track these bags and justify the costs. This is a tool to help retain your new members or possibly recruit new ones.



THE COLORS OF THE SHIRTS ARE - Orange, Grey, White, Golden Yellow, Navy Blue, Bright Safety Yellow, Dark Purple, Pink. These are 50/50 t-shirts/no pockets. If you need another size that is not listed, please let me know and we will special order that for you, please know this will be a special order and I will need adequate time to place the order and get that printed in advance. Sizes range from Small, Med., LG, XL, 2X, 3X, and larger – (No Youth sizes are available). Please keep this list for future reference.



THE PROCESS FOR PLACING YOUR ORDERS

State Secretaries will notify me (Laurie Lampkin) directly preferably by email, with a spreadsheet or list of new members. I will mail out membership bags back to each state secretary which will include the items shown above for joining. To help personalize the note for your new member, I will need the full name of your new member.

I will require the new members NHPA Card number for 2023. The New member must have competed in a minimum of 2 NHPA sanctioned events by the end of 2023 (of course we encourage members to participate in more tournaments and events) before receiving a new membership bag. We will check eShoe for the events that have been completed and that has been logged into e-shoe.

The box or package will ship directly to you the charter/club secretary, the secretary is to disburse to your members/clubs when you can. The cost to ship to everyone individually is extremely costly.

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NEW VENDOR BOOTH SET-UP AT THE LANSING CENTER “VENDOR ALLEY”



For those of you that expressed your interest on social media and with emails to the council, and working in conjunction with the Lansing Center, you can now rent booth space at the World Tournament in the “Vendor Alley” area. The Lansing CVB has placed the application form on their page under the Lansing logo. The forms were listed in the Jan/Feb Newsline and are available to print out under the Lansing logo on the NHPA website. Just click on the Lansing logo and scroll the Lansing information.

The NHPA is currently working with the Lansing Center and potential vendor space in 2023. Lansing has the space available to create a “Vendor Alley.” Please make plans to sell your goods and products at the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing. The NHPA is in the process of working out the details for the “Vendor Alley” site at the Lansing Center to offer booth space for anyone that may be interested in renting a space during the World Tournament, apart from the NHPA contract vendors (game related sales, photographer, shirt vendor) once these have been determined for 2023. The Lansing CVB and The Lansing Center has provided the details and information available for booth space, skirted tables, chairs, electricity etc., as the information and details are worked out between the NHPA and the Lansing Center. There is no limit to the type or number of products that can be sold. If any alcohol products are being sold, you will have to follow the city ordinances, in Lansing and contact the Lansing Center for additional information which is listed on the form. You will be able to set your booth up with your Stand-up Banners, Signs, Tablecloths, Electricity, etc. Make your plans now to set up your booth for the entire 2 weeks of the World Tournament. Happy Shopping!

WHICH STATE HAS THE LARGEST TOURNAMENTS?

LET S START A CHALLENGE FOR 2023 – WHO’S IN?

There are several large, sanctioned tournaments that take place at various times over the pitching season. “Valley of the Sun” in Arizona, “The Greenville Classic” in Greenville, Ohio, “Team World” “The Sanction League Tournament” in Wentzville, MO, as well and many others across the U.S. each year. Many dedicated pitching enthusiasts will travel long-distances and spend hard earned money to attend one of these large tournaments because they have attended so many times it has become a part of their traditions. You may not win a lot of money/trophies, etc., or you might, however, the size and numbers of the entries are exceptional at these tournaments. These tournaments can vary in length of time from one day to a few days or over an entire weekend.

How many other states have large tournaments that are not publicized, and can you beat the number of entries/attendees from another state each year? I’m sure I have missed mentioning several others, not intentionally, however. Send me your brochures with your tournament information, we will have these on our NHPA website as well as out on social media and let’s see if we can start a “Battle of the States”. Each year the state with largest number of attendees, will receive a “Traveling Trophy” purchased by the NHPA with a brass plaque on the base with your states name, year and number of attendees listed. The state will have the bragging rights for one year until the next year, and the competition will begin all over again. Once a trophy base is filled with plaques, we will find a location for it in the Hall of Fame in Wentzville.

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PARKING AT THE RADISSON

3-minute WALK (0.1 miles) to the Lansing Center. Parking is \$16/Day in the parking Garage if you book through the hotel, OR you may purchase a WEEKLY PARKING PASS AT \$35 (7 days) through the city and park in the Landing Center lot overnight (come and go as you please) and take the Skybridge (Pedway) over from the Lansing Center to the Radisson. Call 1-800-333-3333 to make reservations or book online at Radisson Hotel Americas and use “The Horseshoe Discount Code” (NHPA23).

CHARTER WEBSITES SUGGESTIONS

From time to time we suggest that you do an inventory/checkup of sort on your charter websites. While we try to not judge – other people do. The same rule applies in the digital realm: you want to represent your local charters and clubs in a way that is modern and clean. Let’s look at the benefits of regularly updating a website and how it could impact how people perceive your charter and local clubs!

Here are a few ideas/suggestions:

1. **Keeping Your Content Fresh** – Navigation and easy access to information and being user friendly is the key.

Updating your tabs on the top/side of your pages.

Improving Loading Speed –

The faster the better (if someone is traveling through your area, and is looking for courts, they will need the GPS address of those courts, so they do not bypass your locations.

Updating Your Website Design. - Many people focus only on content but fail to address the design and navigation of their website. Some of the things to avoid on your website include difficult navigation, colors that are either too boring, too dark, or far too obnoxious. All these things can lead to a website that steers people away even if your content is top-notch.

Keep your content Fresh - Keeping the content up to date on your site helps build trust between you and your customers. Most likely, customers rely on your site for useful information.

Updated information also helps build domain authority. Domain authority, briefly explained, is how much of an authority on a particular subject your website is. For example, Wikipedia.org has one of the highest Domain authorities out there, because its content is always well researched and reviewed by editors – plus you’re not distracted by unsightly or unrelated ads. Google holds this in high regard when trying to match search inquiries with useful and relevant information.

Have you ever visited a website whose copyright is 2014 and the latest blog post is years old as well? Does it make you wonder if they’re still around, or if they still service your area? Having outdated content on your site, mentioning things like an old location of your courts, can be perceived by your potential visitors that your charters/clubs don’t keep up with the latest trends. Anytime a person reads content on your site that makes them go “wait, I don’t understand that” or “wait, that’s not right”, you’re hurting your credibility.

We are driven by wanting to have the latest and greatest. We like for things to be new, refreshing and up to date. If this is how our culture is driven, why should your website be out of date and stale?

NHPA Website/Newsline Advertising options now available

There are new advertising rates and options available for the NHPA website. There is an annual contract and fee of \$100 for each ad.

Please provide the artwork/file and to the NHPA webmaster, Blaine Scott at horseshoepitching@gmail.com. The payment must be submitted and paid in full along with the signed contract to Jim Kinney, NHPA Sec./Treas.

You can print a copy of the contract shown below on the NHPA website under the Newsline/Website Sponsorship tab. The advertisement will not post until payment in full is received.



NHPA Website Advertising

This agreement shall be between the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, herein known as NHPA, and advertiser: _____.

The purpose of this agreement is to outline and confirm certain terms and conditions between the two parties, specifically regarding advertising on the NHPA website www.horseshoepitching.com.

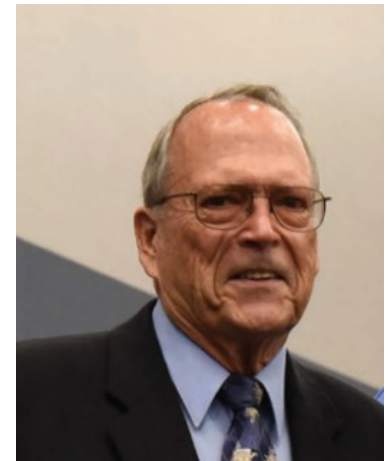
The NHPA grants the advertiser the right to advertise their product on www.horseshoepitching.com. In addition, the NHPA and named advertiser agree to the following conditions.

1. **Advertising Fee** – An advertising fee of \$100 will be paid/received by Jim Kinney, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer prior to posting the ad on the website.
2. **Advertising Image** – The advertiser listed above will provide a jpeg image not exceeding 300 x 150 bpi (.png, .jpg) which will be placed on the website www.horseshoepitching.com in one or more locations.
3. **Link to advertiser webpage** – The advertiser listed above will provide a link to their website where the product can be viewed/purchased.
4. **Website content** – Information/content located on the advertiser webpage must always be appropriate for youth since it may be viewed by cadet/junior horseshoe pitchers any time. The NHPA reserves the right to remove the link if the content does not meet that requirement.
5. **Term of advertising** – Advertising will be provided for a term of 12 months beginning with the date of first posting on the website for a period of 12 months.
6. **Point of contact** - The NHPA Secretary/Treasurer shall be the single point of contact to manage all financial communications between the two parties. The NHPA Webmaster will be the single point of contact to manage all advertising specifics for posting, availability, and adding/removing ads from the website: www.horseshoepitching.com.

3rd VP Message

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion...New Program!

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian



While much of the horseshoe pitchers around the country is waiting for the weather to allow pitching, I am covered over with the end of the year closeout stuff. A friendly reminder to league directors who have not turned in 2022 league stats. It is never too late and necessary for calculating longevity awards which will be sent in May this year. I also need to mention that I am in California until April 7th and will not be sending out any patches until I return. Emailed leagues may get put into eShoe if time permits. Thanks for your understanding.

I am excited to announce a new program that I requested and was appointed to direct; the program is intitled Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Our focus on inclusion is to help ensure that individuals from all backgrounds, ages and abilities feel welcomed and involved at all levels of our local clubs and the NHPA. Inclusivity is an atmosphere that allows each person to be themselves and fully participate at the same time.

I would like to introduce Mr. Barry Webster of Nebraska as the Associate Director of the new program who will be directly in charge of the day-to-day operation of this program and have full authority to do this job. Please join me in wishing Barry success in increasing our diversity and membership numbers and help create a horseshoe pitching community that allows everyone to feel comfortable being their authentic and whole self. We aim to proactively take steps that will ensure that individuals from all ages, backgrounds, and abilities feel welcome, involved, and able to enjoy the opportunities our association has to offer like; competitive pitching opportunities, leadership roles, and junior scholarships just to name a few.

One way we want to increase our diversity is to increase our membership numbers from underrepresented communities. While there isn't one specific underrepresented community we want to focus on, we would like to see our membership numbers better represent the local towns where our clubs reside. It's easy to say anyone is welcome but someone new who is looking to join needs to not feel like some kind of "lone individual" in the group, this can be and is a serious barrier. There are steps each member can take towards these goals; and we will be sharing ideas and steps each member and club can take to help us meet our goal to increase membership.

Speaking of junior scholarships, I want to announce the 2022 junior scholarship awardees. The scholarship program is available to junior pitchers who have pitched in a sanctioned league and who maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in their schoolwork. Here is the list of those juniors who were selected to earn scholarships.

Caiden Hogue	Try County Horseshoe Club	\$ 250.00
Adilaide Ohms	Utah High School HS League	\$ 200.00
Eli DeLacruz	Heart of America Horseshoe Club	\$ 137.50
Leon Wolken	Capitol City Horseshoe Club	\$ 137.50
Coulson Ohms	Utah High School HS League	\$ 100.00

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Congratulations to these NHPA juniors. The funds are kept in trust with the NHPA until they meet the age and advanced training requirement and meet them before they are 21.

I have also just completed the 2022 Sanctioned League “Top Ten” awards calculations and wish to publish them before I leave on my trip. I will order and/or create the awards when I return. I publish the results now so that league directors can check for any obvious errors. It is easy with manual data entry to make typos that could cause inaccurate calculations and the wrong people making the list. I have checked and re-checked and believe the list is accurate and complete. Let me know if you feel something is wrong and I will double check those concerns.

Jerry Smith
NHPA 3rd VP

A blast from the past...

The Horseshoe World—Mar 1926

<https://www.horseshoepitching.com/HSWorld/March26.pdf>

**KIND OF SHOES PITCHED
BY DIFFERENT PLAYERS**

During the National Horse-shoe Pitchers tournament held at St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 8 to 18, 1926, Buckman, Brundige, Arthur Cumming, Jackson, Mossman, Nussbaum, Reed, Coy, Spencer, Buckminster, Estep, Alex Cumming, Deeg, Gouchenour, Hill, Lawcock, McDonald, McLean, McQueen, Les Robison, Witmer, Mrs. Besancon, Mrs. Brioullette, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Francisco, Mrs. Cumming, and Mrs. Young each pitched the Ohio horseshoe manufactured by the Ohio Horseshoe Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Duryee, Gilliland, Thompson, Beesecker, Burdick, Conklin, H. Robinson, Harding and Wagner each pitched the Martin horseshoes manufactured by W. J. Martin, Cleveland, Ohio.

Nunemaker, Leonard and Vite each pitched the National Standard horseshoe manufactured by the National Standard Horseshoe Company, Akron, O.



Example of Ohio Horseshoes

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National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Sanctioned Club / League Program

2022 National Top Ten

Updated: 02/18/2023



Final Stats MUST be received BY DECEMBER 31 of the current year.
There is no need to send in any "Top Ten" forms.

Jerry Smith, National League Director

Individual High Ringer Average - Cadet

62.50	Eli	Sullivan	Cadets	VA	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club
37.26	Evan	Bedard	Cadets	MA	Loon Pond HSC Doubles 22
31.33	Garrett	Kinsey	Cadets	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 22
26.25	Alexander	Schmidt	Cadets	GA	Perry HSC Fall 22
21.13	Cody	Brickell	Cadets	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22
16.25	Maddox	Kisner	Cadets	WV	MCPARC HSC Summer 22
13.13	Conner	Kildahl	Cadets	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 22
10.94	Aiden	Weller	Cadets	WI	Summit Ridge HSC Spring2 22
8.25	Nazyia	Blakely	Cadets	MO	Liberty HSC Fall Tuseday 22
7.75	Kaylie	Thompson	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22

Individual High Ringer Average - Elder

75.56	Danny	Patterson	Elders	TX	CTHPA Spring 22
74.25	Bob	Gray	Elders	FL	Villages HSC Summer 22
72.25	Steve	Denault	Elders	IL	Millstadt HSC Summer 22
70.10	Tom	Routh	Elders	TX	Topeka HSA Summer2 22
68.23	Dave	Plowman	Elders	OH	Whetstone HSC Summer 22
66.85	Jerry	Hokkala	Elders	MN	Greenfield HSC Fall Thurs 22
66.57	Ken	Jaeger Sr	Elders	WI	Wolf River HSC Summer 22
65.22	Mel	Bruemmer	Elders	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
65.21	Jerry	Wingfield	Elders	GA	4 Stakes HSC Fall 22
64.50	Delbert	Fourman	Elders	OH	Darke County HSC Playoffs 22

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62.78	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
58.69	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	Junior Boys	TX	CTHPA Summer 22
55.42	Zander	Potts	Junior Boys	OH	Kahrigs HSL Spring 22
43.66	Riley	Malino	Junior Boys	CT	CCHC Winter 22
36.00	Jackson	Johnson	Junior Boys	ND	RRVHSL Summer 22
34.10	Caiden	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
31.50	Memo	Ramirez	Junior Boys	MO	Lions Park HSC Summer 22
29.75	Warren	Highley	Junior Boys	MO	Lions Park HSC Spring 22
21.33	Cameron	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
20.28	David	Pierce	Junior Boys	CT	CCHC Winter 22

Individual High Ringer Average - Jr. Girl

35.56	Sadie	Wolken	Junior Girls	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
33.44	Danyelle	Russell	Junior Girls	KS	Topeka HSA Spring2 22
27.57	Eli	DeLaCruz	Junior Girls	MO	HOA HSC Fall 22
21.13	Lillyan	Kildahl	Junior Girls	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 22
6.22	Linann	Riggleman	Junior Girls	IL	Danville HSC Summer 22
6.00	Milee	Bloss	Junior Girls	MO	Liberty HSC Winter Tues 22
5.20	Macenna	Brickell	Junior Girls	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22
3.92	Stormee	Kester	Junior Girls	SD	Belle Fourche Summer 22
1.78	Zorianna	Dehart	Junior Girls	IN	Darke County F Troop 22

Individual High Ringer Average - Men

72.75	Austin	Bailey	Men	IL	Springfield HSC Summer 22
70.67	Michael	Bowman	Men	MO	Lions Park HSC Summer 22
67.27	Jerry	Dean	Men	MD	Hope HSC Summer 22
66.00	Channing	Herrell	Men	MD	Frederick HSC Fall 22
64.43	Jimmy	Campbell	Men	VA	New Baltimore HSC Summer 22
62.96	Brian	Simmons	Men	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 22
60.90	Gary	Roberts	Men	OH	Ross County HSC Summer 22
60.67	Cole	Pearson	Men	NE	Pawnee HSL Summer 22
60.65	Tim	Seagroves	Men	TN	Crossville HSC Fall 22
60.63	Steven	Johnson	Men	MO	CCHSC Spring 22

*3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued****Individual High Ringer Average - Women***

74.44	Doris	Hieden	Women	TX	SCHC Spring 22
71.87	Penny	Steinke	Women	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 22
71.05	Sarah	Chaffee	Women	WI	Eau Claire HSC Summer 22
67.33	Skyla	Rioux	Women	CT	CCHC Winter 22
62.20	Tamara	Burke	Women	WV	Winchester HSC Fall 22
61.75	April	Campbell	Women	VA	New Baltimore HSC Summer 22
57.95	Coni	Hix	Women	GA	4 Stakes HSC Spring 22
56.44	Denise	Haye	Women	MO	HOA HSC Spring 22
56.17	Debra	Brown	Women	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 22
56.02	Patricia	Stumpf	Women	MN	Rice Park HSL Summer 22

Individual High Ringer Game - Cadet

78.00	Eli	Sullivan	Cadets	VA	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club
60.00	Evan	Bedard	Cadets	MA	Loon Pond HSC Doubles 22
44.00	Garrett	Kinsey	Cadets	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 22
42.00	Cody	Brickell	Cadets	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22
40.00	Alexander	Schmidt	Cadets	GA	Perry HSC Summer 22
22.00	Conner	Kildahl	Cadets	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 22
18.75	Aiden	Weller	Cadets	WI	Summit Ridge HSC Spring2 22
18.00	Maddox	Kisner	Cadets	WV	MCPARC HSC Summer 22
17.00	Lena	Gray	Cadets	IA	Marengo HSL Summer 22
14.00	Kyle	Kuecker	Cadets	IA	Waterloo HSL Summer 22

Individual High Ringer Game - Elder

95.00	Bob	Gray	Elders	FL	Villages HSC Summer 22
90.00	Danny	Patterson	Elders	TX	CTHPA Fall 22
90.00	Dave	Plowman	Elders	OH	Whetstone HSC Summer 22
90.00	Steve	Denault	Elders	IL	Millstadt HSC Summer 22
87.50	Tom	Routh	Elders	TX	Topeka HSA Summer2 22
87.50	Robert	Gordon	Elders	FL	Villages HSC Winter 22
87.50	Kerry	Morris	Elders	WI	Summit Ridge HSC Spring 22
87.50	Delbert	Fourman	Elders	OH	Darke County HSC Playoffs 22
87.50	Ray	Groskinsky	Elders	WI	Summit Ridge HSC Fall 22
86.67	Bert	Logsdon	Elders	IA	West Des Moines HSL 22

*3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued****Individual High Ringer Game - Jr. Boy***

76.00	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
76.00	Zander	Potts	Junior Boys	OH	Kahrigs HSL Spring 22
73.33	Riley	Malino	Junior Boys	CT	CCHC Winter 22
67.50	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	Junior Boys	TX	CTHPA Spring 22
58.00	Jackson	Johnson	Junior Boys	ND	RRVHSL Summer 22
54.00	Caiden	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
50.00	Cameron	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
50.00	Memo	Ramirez	Junior Boys	MO	Lions Park HSC Spring 22
43.33	Aydon	Asselin	Junior Boys	CT	CCHC Winter 22
43.33	David	Pierce	Junior Boys	CT	CCHC Winter 22

Individual High Ringer Game - Jr. Girl

54.00	Sadie	Wolken	Junior Girls	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
50.00	Danyelle	Russell	Junior Girls	KS	Topeka HSA Spring 22
40.00	Eli	DeLaCruz	Junior Girls	MO	HOA HSC Fall 22
38.00	Lillyan	Kildahl	Junior Girls	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 22
20.00	Linann	Riggleman	Junior Girls	IL	Danville HSC Summer 22
18.00	Macenna	Brickell	Junior Girls	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22
10.00	Zorianna	Dehart	Junior Girls	IN	Darke County F Troop 22
10.00	Stormee	Kester	Junior Girls	SD	Belle Fourche Summer 22
10.00	Milee	Bloss	Junior Girls	MO	Liberty HSC Winter Tues 22

Individual High Ringer Game - Men

88.00	Jerry	Dean	Men	MD	Hope HSC Summer 22
84.00	Michael	Bowman	Men	MO	Lions Park HSC Summer 22
82.50	Austin	Bailey	Men	IL	Springfield HSC Summer 22
82.50	Jeff	Finke	Men	TX	SCHC Summer 22
82.00	Brian	Simmons	Men	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 22
82.00	Ben	Webb	Men	KY	Edmonson HSC Summer 22
80.00	Randy	Smith Jr	Men	CT	CCHC Winter 22
80.00	Scott	Bedard	Men	MA	Loon Pond HSC Doubles 22
78.00	Jimmy	Campbell	Men	VA	New Baltimore HSC Summer 22
78.00	Channing	Herrell	Men	MD	Frederick HSC Fall 22

*3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued****Individual High Ringer Game - Women***

86.67	Skyla	Rioux	Women	CT	CCHC Winter 22
86.00	Penny	Steinke	Women	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 22
85.00	Doris	Hieden	Women	TX	SCHC Spring 22
82.00	Sarah	Chaffee	Women	WI	Eau Claire HSC Summer 22
78.00	Tamara	Burke	Women	WV	Winchester HSC Fall 22
76.67	Carolyn	Butler	Women	CT	CCHC Winter 22
75.00	Tammy	Newkirk	Women	WI	Beloit HSC Summer2 22
75.00	Helen	Hawkinson	Women	MN	Forest Lake HSc Summer 22
75.00	Patricia	Stumpf	Women	MN	Upsala HSC Winter 22
72.00	Cathy	Parcell	Women	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Cadet

22.74	Evan	Bedard	Cadets	MA	Loon Pond HSC Doubles 22
20.87	Cody	Brickell	Cadets	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22
15.50	Eli	Sullivan	Cadets	VA	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club
14.45	Lena	Gray	Cadets	IA	Marengo HSL Summer 22
13.93	Alexander	Schmidt	Cadets	GA	Perry HSC Summer 22
12.67	Garrett	Kinsey	Cadets	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 22
9.56	Wyatt	Kuecker	Cadets	IA	Waterloo HSL Summer 22
9.00	Kyle	Kuecker	Cadets	IA	Waterloo HSL Summer 22
8.87	Conner	Kildahl	Cadets	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 22
8.24	Raylen	Trent	Cadets	IN	Darke County F Troop 22

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Jr. Boy

29.67	Riley	Malino	Junior Boys	CT	CCHC Winter 22
28.67	Cameron	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
27.79	Aydon	Asselin	Junior Boys	CT	CCHC Winter 22
24.44	Hunter	Mccrossen	Junior Boys	WI	Arkdale HSC Spring 22
23.05	David	Pierce	Junior Boys	CT	CCHC Winter 22
22.00	Jackson	Johnson	Junior Boys	ND	RRVHSL Summer 22
21.56	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Fall 22
20.58	Zander	Potts	Junior Boys	OH	Kahrigs HSL Spring 22
20.42	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	Junior Boys	TX	CTHPA Spring 22
20.00	Memo	Ramirez	Junior Boys	MO	Lions Park HSC Spring 22

*3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued****Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Men***

44.27	James	Basye	Men	VA	Winchester HSC Spring 22
39.68	Anthony	Conkling	Men	CT	CCHC Winter 22
37.39	Randy	Smith Sr	Men	CT	CCHC Winter 22
34.72	Dennis	Lanning	Men	GA	Crisp HSC Summer 22
34.54	Daniel	Broeckling	Men	IL	Millstadt HSC Spring 22
32.50	Allan	Seay	Men	OK	Yukon HSC Fall 22
31.72	Gary	Freese	Men	MN	Isanti HSC Winter Weds 22
31.56	Rich	Bialek	Men	MN	St Paul HSC Summer 22
31.27	Jon	Case	Men	CT	CCHC Winter 22
30.60	Rob	Hunt	Men	CT	CCHC Winter 22

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Woman

35.76	Charlene	Brown	Women	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 22
33.17	Shirley	Thompson	Women	OH	Ross County HSC Summer 22
31.36	Jane	Smith	Women	WI	CDC HSC Summer 22
31.33	Deb	Wiese	Women	IA	CITHL Summer 22
31.04	Ronda	Moffatt	Women	IA	Marengo HSL Summer 22
30.33	Lisa Isabelle	Bowen	Women	NH	Gate City HSC Summer 22
30.26	Jane	Schranz	Women	PA	Brevard HSC Summer 22
29.79	Tonja	Pettit	Women	OH	Hardin Co HSC Summer 22
28.96	Annette	Grebinoski	Women	MN	Rice Park HSL Summer 22
28.50	Patricia	Pertuit	Women	LA	Harahan HSA Fall 22

National High Point Average - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

95.94	Danny	Patterson	Elders	TX	CTHPA Spring 22
95.53	Bob	Gray	Elders	FL	Villages HSC Summer 22
94.39	Doris	Hieden	Women	TX	SCHC Spring 22
93.50	Tom	Routh	Elders	TX	Topeka HSA Summer2 22
87.90	Delbert	Fourman	Elders	OH	Darke County HSC Playoffs 22
86.58	Jerry	Wingfield	Elders	GA	4 Stakes HSC Fall 22
85.49	Herschel	Walters	Elders	IN	Plymouth HSC Summer 22
85.38	Steven	Johnson	Men	MO	CCHSC Spring 22
84.78	Bernie	Vanlerberg	Elders	KS	Bonner Springs HSC Fall 22
84.70	Roy	Dugger	Elders	OH	Troy HSC Summer 22

*3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued****National High Point Average - Adult - 50 Shoe Games***

115.35	Penny	Steinke	Women	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 22
114.17	Michael	Bowman	Men	MO	Lions Park HSC Summer 22
114.15	Dave	Plowman	Elders	OH	Whetstone HSC Summer 22
109.11	Mel	Bruemmer	Elders	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
109.00	Brian	Simmons	Men	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 22
108.27	Doug	Crawford	Elders	OH	Hardin Co HSC Summer 22
107.75	Channing	Herrell	Men	MD	Frederick HSC Summer 22
105.43	Roy	Dugger	Elders	OH	Green County HSC Summer 22
105.00	Cole	Pearson	Men	NE	Pawnee HSL Summer 22
104.75	Al	Williams	Elders	OH	Whetstone HSC Summer 22

National High Point Average - Junior/Cadet - 40 Shoe Games

75.52	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	Junior Boys	TX	CTHPA Summer 22
72.86	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Spring 22
52.88	Danyelle	Russell	Junior Girls	KS	Topeka HSA Spring2 22
49.38	Sadie	Wolken	Junior Girls	MO	CCHSC Spring 22
45.50	Alexander	Schmidt	Cadets	GA	Perry HSC Fall 22
25.11	Olivia	Betterman	Cadets	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 22
22.90	Kaylie	Thompson	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22
20.00	Ella	Roscoe	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22
15.00	Maci	Selleck	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22
12.78	Blair	Selleck	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22

National High Point Average - Junior/Cadet - 50 Shoe Games

104.00	Eli	Sullivan	Cadets	VA	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club
104.00	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
98.79	Zander	Potts	Junior Boys	OH	Kahrigs HSL Spring 22
73.13	Caiden	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
71.29	Jackson	Johnson	Junior Boys	ND	RRVHSL Summer 22
69.06	Sadie	Wolken	Junior Girls	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
65.00	Garrett	Kinsey	Cadets	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 22
62.17	Memo	Ramirez	Junior Boys	MO	Lions Park HSC Summer 22
60.07	Eli	DeLaCruz	Junior Girls	MO	HOA HSC Fall 22
54.81	Lillyan	Kildahl	Junior Girls	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 22

*3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued****National High Point Game - Adult - 40 Shoe Games***

115.00	Bob	Gray	Elders	FL	Villages HSC Summer 22
109.00	Tom	Routh	Elders	TX	Topeka HSA Summer2 22
109.00	Danny	Patterson	Elders	TX	CTHPA Fall 22
109.00	Delbert	Fourman	Elders	OH	Darke County HSC Playoffs 22
107.00	Robert	Gordon	Elders	FL	Villages HSC Winter 22
106.00	Jerry	Wingfield	Elders	GA	4 Stakes HSC Spring 22
106.00	Jack S	Stenberg	Elders	NY	Midlakes HSC Fall 22
105.00	Doris	Hieden	Women	TX	SCHC Spring 22
103.00	Jeff	Finke	Men	TX	SCHC Summer 22
103.00	Roger	Reeves	Elders	MO	CCHSC Spring 22

National High Point Game - Adult - 50 Shoe Games

140.00	Dave	Plowman	Elders	OH	Whetstone HSC Summer 22
133.00	Penny	Steinke	Women	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 22
132.00	Michael	Bowman	Men	MO	Lions Park HSC Summer 22
129.00	Gregg	Craven	Elders	MO	Liberty HSC Winter Tues 22
128.00	Brian	Simmons	Men	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 22
127.00	Doug	Crawford	Elders	OH	Hardin Co HSC Summer 22
126.00	Al	Williams	Elders	OH	Whetstone HSC Summer 22
125.00	Mel	Bruemmer	Elders	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
123.00	Julius	Bartell	Elders	NC	Copperhead X 22
122.00	Jose	Duran	Elders	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer 22

National High Point Game - Junior/Cadet - 40 Shoe Games

94.00	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Spring 22
86.00	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	Junior Boys	TX	CTHPA Spring 22
73.00	Sadie	Wolken	Junior Girls	MO	CCHSC Spring 22
72.00	Danyelle	Russell	Junior Girls	KS	Topeka HSA Spring2 22
70.00	Alexander	Schmidt	Cadets	GA	Perry HSC Summer 22
37.00	Olivia	Betterman	Cadets	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 22
33.00	Kaylie	Thompson	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22
32.00	Ella	Roscoe	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22
27.00	Raylen	Trent	Cadets	IN	Darke County F Troop 22
21.00	Maci	Selleck	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22

*3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued****National High Point Game - Junior/Cadet - 50 Shoe Games***

123.00	Eli	Sullivan	Cadets	VA	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club
122.00	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
122.00	Zander	Potts	Junior Boys	OH	Kahrigs HSL Spring 22
101.00	Caiden	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
96.00	Sadie	Wolken	Junior Girls	MO	CCHSC Summer 22
95.00	Jackson	Johnson	Junior Boys	ND	RRVHSL Summer 22
87.00	Cameron	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
86.00	Memo	Ramirez	Junior Boys	MO	Lions Park HSC Spring 22
82.00	Garrett	Kinsey	Cadets	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 22
79.00	Cody	Brickell	Cadets	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22

National High Point Game Over Average - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

36.09	Michael	St Pierre	Men	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall Tues 22
34.43	Deb	Wiese	Women	IA	CITHL Summer 22
33.85	Dennis	Lanning	Men	GA	Crisp HSC Summer 22
33.77	Dee	Scritchfield	Women	TX	CTHPA Summer 22
31.77	Royce	Byrd	Elders	GA	Perry HSC Summer 22
31.75	John	Williams	Elders	FL	Clearwater Horseshoe Club
30.96	Amy	Milliken	Women	NY	Midlakes HSC Fall 22
30.94	Nolan	Pustejoysky	Men	TX	CTHPA Fall 22
30.90	Roger	Reeves	Elders	MO	CCHSC Spring 22
29.59	Don	Honeyman	Elders	OH	Troy HSC Fall 22

National High Point Game Over Average - Adult - 50 Shoe Games

42.25	Lonny	Trangsrud	Men	WI	Eau Claire HSC Summer 22
40.04	Curt	Ardrey	Elders	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
37.93	George	Hanson	Men	MO	Independence HSC Summer 22
37.80	Ron	Medeiros	Elders	MA	Loon Pond HSC Summer 22
35.87	Tim	Sheehan	Men	WI	Eau Claire HSC Summer 22
35.41	Gene	Eason	Men	NC	Portsmouth HSC Fall 22
34.60	Ken	Kramer	Elders	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
34.00	Doug	Harris	Men	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 22
32.87	Russ	Laub	Men	VA	Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club
32.69	Charlene	Brown	Women	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 22

3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued

National High Point Game Over Avg - Junior/Cadet - 40 Shoe Games

25.36	Alexander	Schmidt	Cadets	GA	Perry HSC Summer 22
23.62	Sadie	Wolken	Junior Girls	MO	CCHSC Spring 22
21.14	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Spring 22
20.67	Isaac	Nelson JR.	Junior Boys	TX	CTHPA Spring 22
19.12	Danyelle	Russell	Junior Girls	KS	Topeka HSA Spring2 22
12.00	Ella	Roscoe	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22
11.89	Olivia	Betterman	Cadets	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 22
10.10	Kaylie	Thompson	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22
8.17	Bentley	Selleck	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22
7.22	Blair	Selleck	Cadets	VT	Sodbusters HSC Cadets 22

National High Point Game Over Avg - Junior/Cadet - 50 Shoe Games

38.39	Cameron	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
28.44	Leon	Wolken	Junior Boys	MO	CCHSC Fall 22
27.87	Caiden	Hogue	Junior Boys	OH	Try County HSC Winter 22
27.29	Wyatt	Brickell	Junior Boys	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22
26.69	Memo	Ramirez	Junior Boys	MO	Lions Park HSC Spring 22
26.63	Cody	Brickell	Cadets	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22
23.80	Damion	White	Junior Boys	SD	Soo Area HSC Summer 22
23.71	Jackson	Johnson	Junior Boys	ND	RRVHSL Summer 22
21.67	Linann	Riggleman	Junior Girls	IL	Danville HSC Summer 22
21.23	Sam	Trujillo	Junior Boys	CO	Colorada Springs HSC 22



How do you define dedication?

Peter Mauer's horseshoe pits...preparing to pitch in Bloomville, New York!

3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued

League Totals (with 217 leagues reported)				
Ringers	Shoes	Category	# Pitchers per Category	AVG.
8,244	47,608	Cadets	62	17.32%
87,882	152,678	Elders	118	57.56%
39,171	103,450	Junior Boys	92	37.86%
9,524	45,580	Junior Girls	54	20.90%
30,928	69,394	Men	58	44.57%
27,672	60,808	Women	48	45.51%
Total Top Ten Ringers		Total Top Ten Shoes		AVG.
203,421		479,518		42.42%

** All results are based on data submitted by League Directors.

State Tournament Results are in

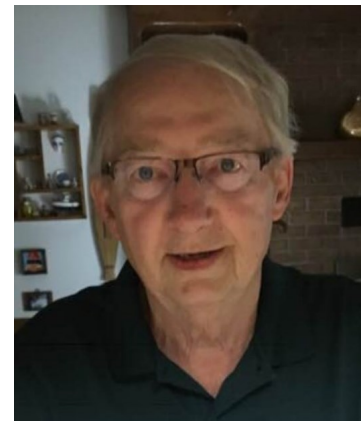
By Mel Yockstick, Statman

The cold and snowy days in Colorado had me retreating to my Man Cave. I had time to rework the “State Championship by Titles” on the NHPA website. I felt it was time to add the Men’s State Championship Winners with 5-9 wins to the NHPA website. My belief is that winning five (5) State Championship is an honor and should be recognized. In retrospect, the women’s players already only needed to win five to be recognized on the website.

Prior to the current online version, it was felt that adding the 5-9 Title winners would require too much space for the Horseshoe Digest. (The record keeping of State Championship winners in the past was done on paper and kept in a three-ring binder.) Since taking over the data for tracking all State Tournament winners, I created a digital file for the NHPA website. This allowed me to make room to honor those with 5-9 State Title wins. The file is organized by States. When a player reaches the 10th win they will be moved over to the Men’s 10+ win web page.

Hopefully you enjoy the addition.

Mel



4th VP Message

No Formal Shoe Check at 2023 World Tournament

By Barbara Carson, 4th Vice President/World Tournament STAT Room, RD Director, Court Sanctioning

It's hard to believe that it is March already. Spring is just around the corner. I am looking forward to warmer and longer days. The winter here in Arizona has been colder than normal, but I survived.

I have been busy sending out Patch Orders and only have a handful of states left to send. Thank you everyone for your hard work and support. Don't forget RD's that this is the year you need to re-sanction all of your courts. As you get them done, please send me a list of them. I don't need copies of the Sanction Certificates. When you have finished your court sanctioning, simply e-mail your list to me at bcars848@gmail.com. You all make my job easier and I appreciate everything you do to make it run smooth. I hope all of you like the new patches with our current Logo on them.

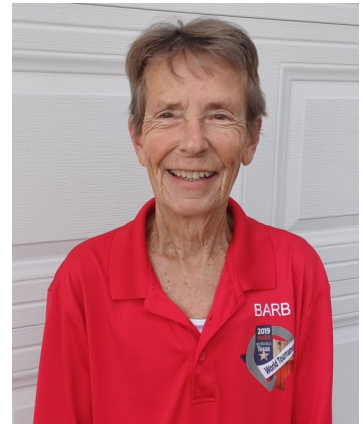
We will also be having a Charter/RD meeting during the World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. I will let all of you know when that will be scheduled as soon as I have a date and time.

The Valley of the Sun Tournament was held February 14th thru the 19th. This tournament is the NHPA's oldest Sanctioned Tournament. This year was the 65th Annual Tournament. The weather wasn't the greatest, but 122 pitchers from the U.S. and Canada signed-up. What a great turnout and a wonderful time was had by all. There were 3 NHPA Officers at this tournament this year. The tournament is hosted by the East Valley Horseshoe Club each year. Thank you EVHC for your gracious hospitality and thank you Robert Chubinsky for being a great Tournament Director. There was some awesome games pitched. It was great to see old friends and meet new ones. If you have never attended this tournament, it needs to be on your bucket list. Well, I will be going back to Ohio in March. Not looking forward to the weather, but I am looking forward to being home with family and I also will be moving into a new apartment. Another new chapter in my life. It was really nice to be here these last 3 months and to see all of my Arizona friends and all of the snowbirds. Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement. I am so blessed to have all of you in my life.

The council has decided to eliminate the formal Shoe Check as we know it today and implement a modified version beginning with the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. Your shoes will be measured and shirts and close-toed shoes will be checked on day 2 or day 3 when you pick up your Round Robin Card. On day 1 you will still need to arrive 1 hour before your scheduled pitching time to the designated room for class photos and announcements from the Shift Director. We hope to see all of you in Lansing, Michigan for the 2023 World Tournament.

Thank you again to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication. Good Luck and keep pitchin those ringers. Hope to see all of you at World in Lansing, Michigan. Don't forget about the Warm-Up tournament that is held the Saturday before the first day. Have a great winter. Please stay warm and be careful. Just remember Spring is approaching fast and before you know it, July will be here and we will all be together at the World Tournament. Looking forward to seeing ya'll there.

Barb

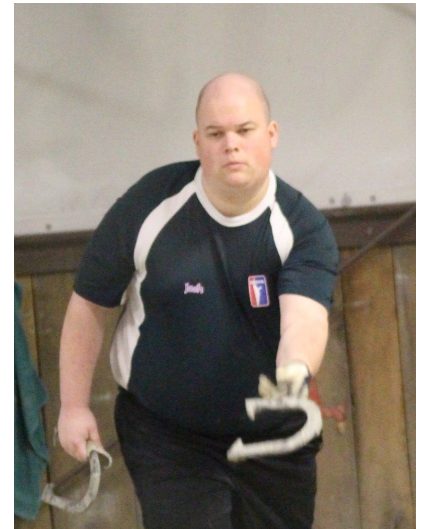


5th VP Message

Lights, Camera, Action!

Josh Olson, 5th Vice President

Live Streaming is here and now in everyday life. We get it for major sporting events, to high school sports to church services. We have got a glimpse of seeing the action live over the years at the World Tournament. It has been something that we all look forward to checking out, whether we are watching someone during the first week of competition to following someone second week when you are at home with COVID... The Council received a generous donation last summer to use towards some new cameras and we will do just that! I am on the hunt for new cameras right now, and I am doing some intense research to find the best cameras that will work for our current situation. I am also looking to the future for how we present the game to the World via live streaming. Some of you that are on Facebook have maybe seen some of the live streaming that I have done the last couple months at the Indoor courts I have access to this winter. I have been showing a "featured Court". It consists of 4 cameras, a camera pointing down at each pit, and a camera focusing on each participant as well. The object is to see the shoe being released from the competitor's hand and see it land in the pit.



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This is a glimpse of what we will be utilizing at this year's world Tournament. We will get the live score going with the game and see the action at the same time. Oh, and did I mention it will create a great opportunity for Sponsorship? I have had some really great feedback from my test environment and it has given me some great things to look at for setting up for the World Tournament this year and then going forward. Imagine, watching the defending World Champion Sarah Chaffee vs Joan Elmore on the featured court? Or watching Alan Francis vs. Drew Becker for the Men's World Title? The goal is to link the stream to multiple platforms at one time to optimize our viewers and get the competition out there. We will have a setup like this going, as well as the nest camera's out on the courts like we have in the past as well to get as much coverage as possible. I am very open to other idea's on how to tweak things here and there, I am by no means a video and production expert, I am figuring this stuff out as I go.

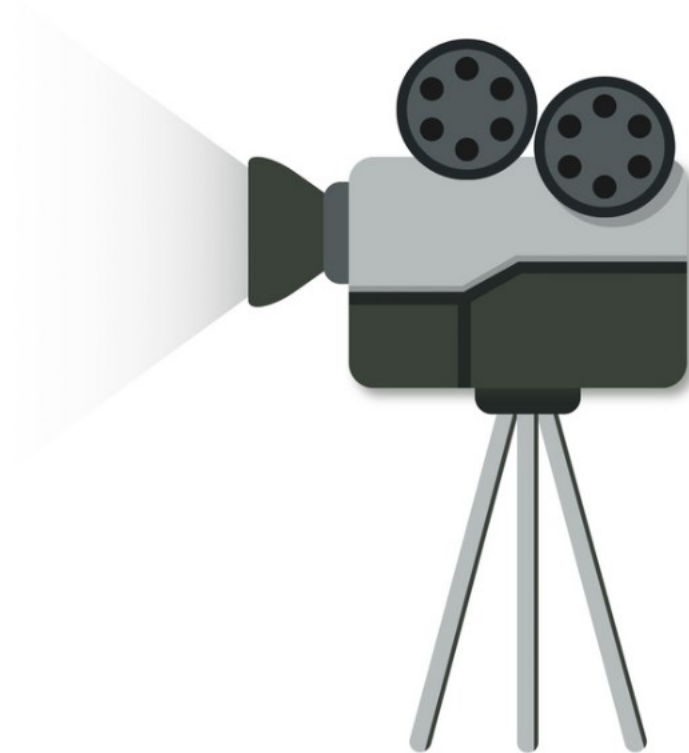
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5th VP Lights Camera Action...continued

YouTube is a very great resource for this stuff and so is that one sport, Cornhole. I don't just watch the action, I watch for the different camera angles and how they have things setup for similar setups as well. I use a free streaming software called OBS Studio. It has everything you would need to set up a stream and more. There is so much to that program it is insane; I haven't even begun to scratch the surface on what all could be done with the program. More to come, and if you have been following along on Facebook or eShoe, the next Bertha Tournaments are Saturday March 11th, April 1st and April 29th. I will have the stream going at each and every one of these tournaments!

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Junior Director

Are You Ready?

By Ben Webb, Junior Director

It's that time of year again, spring is right around the corner and with it comes a new season with new opportunities. For many of us, who don't pitch in winter events, we'll be beginning to practice and map out our seasons around this time. The 2023 world tournament is coming soon in Lansing, Michigan and I'm working with the local leadership in Lansing to get all sorts of exciting events for our youth pitchers planned out this year. Have you submitted your entry to the World Tournament yet?

On the topic of leadership we have 3 open seats on the Junior Committee and I'm looking for motivated individuals to fill those spots. I'm also in search of an editor for the Junior Newslines. This project was something we've been talking about for awhile now, and I simply don't have the extra time to put this together without an editor. If you're interested in joining the NHPA Junior Committee please contact me for more information.

In the May-June edition of Newslines after most World Tournament entries are submitted I'll be doing a "Championship Preview and Predictions" article. We'll look at the top contenders in each division and I've assembled a panel of 5 tenured, experienced, and very knowledgeable pitchers to help make predictions in each division. We'll look at each division and provide some insight as to what we can expect to see at this year's World Tournament. Will Sarah Chaffee's dominance in the Women's division continue from last year? Will Virginia's favorite son, Eli Sullivan capture another World Title for his trophy case? Can anyone break the eagle like grip on the Men's World Championship that Alan Francis has held for over a decade? All questions we'll look at in next month's Newslines so be sure to get with Blaine Scott to get on the Newslines email list, if you aren't already on it.

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Where did they go?

By Ben Webb, Junior Director

The NHPA has historically always struggled somewhat to get new junior pitchers, but along with the age old issue there, we also have never had a great Junior retention rate. While there are some that break the trend and continue well into adult years and even become lifelong members, the normal is for Juniors to lay down the shoes and walk away after they graduate from the Junior ranks. While there is a long list of people who've continued to pitch well into their adult years: Alan Francis, Brian Simmons, Rick Howe, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Aleena Lepak, Drew Becker, Shalee Cason, Gary Roberts, Penny Steinke, Randy Hankins, Lindsey Hodgins, Matt Fuller, etc. For every Junior who we retain we seem to lose 2 somewhere along the way. While there are those that pitch for adult years and have success before walking away, such as 1986 Boy's world champion and 6 time Men's KY State Champion, Tony Hankins, who pitched for 3 decades before walking away. Lets go look at a few key years in recent history for example. For the sake of length of this article I'll keep it limited to Juniors at the World Tournament who would be 50 years old or younger today.

Let's take a mental field trip back to 1991. Well before the creation of the cadet divisions, 1991 featured a 12 boy/8 girl field. Looking at the results, Celeste Polak of Texas simply dominated the Girls division at 7-0 and 20% above the rest of the class. However, none of the 8 girls in the championship class that year currently hold an NHPA membership. As for the boys' division, the 12 person class wasn't as much of a blowout as the



Photos from Kentucky Horseshoes website

Junior Director...continued

girls. With a range of 70% and 44% between the 4th place and 12th place finishers, the top 3 in this class were the standouts. In 3rd place there was, son of Kentucky legend Charlie Meredith, and undeniably KY's strongest Junior boy in history Ronnie Meredith. In the runner-up slot was Vorn Ven of Kansas, who recently resurfaced several years ago around the Topeka World Tournament, and still plays in NHPA tournaments. Both contenders hot on the heels of arguably the greatest Junior Boy in NHPA history, Ohio's Jim Walters. This 84% win was in the middle of Jim's 5 year dominance at the world tournament from 1989-1993. Jim was one of the only people that is said to be able to regularly contend with Alan Francis at each encounter. But, for several reasons, Jim Walters along with 9 of the 12 contenders that year walked away from the adult divisions.

Skipping ahead over a decade to 2003, the year the NHPA introduced the cadet division at the World Tournament. There would now be 3 championship classes up for grabs among the Juniors. It is worth noting that son of NHPA President, Blake Roberts, the first cadet world champion, hasn't pitched in NHPA events in recent years. Beyond Blake I was unable to locate the rest of the cadet field that year in time for this article. For the girls division that year only half the 6 pitcher group remain, including champion (Tava Cook) and Runner-up (Shalee Cason). This field of Junior Boy's however has one of the best retention rates in recent years, with 6 of the 8 boys who competed in this class still holding NHPA memberships 20 years later. Including that years champion, Drew Becker, whom just last year put on a show in the final game of the Men's championship with Alan Francis. Also out of this class comes Tony White. Tony is still majorly involved with horseshoes as he stays involved with White Distributors, and assists in running the Horseshoe Tour. Unfortunately, we haven't seen Tony compete in a tournament in the past twelve months. With that being said, I'll be in Newberry at the Horseshoe Tour, Tony hopefully you'll be in Newberry, we've never pitched each other....get what I'm saying? The most interesting thing about the 2003 boys class is that all 8 boys averaged 65% or higher that year, something very abnormal, especially in recent years.

Skipping ahead another 12 years to the 2015 World Tournament, this was the year ESPN was present at the world tournament in Topeka, Kansas. For the majority of the pitchers in these classes this was their last Junior year. We cannot mention this group of Juniors without mentioning 2012 & 2013 Boy's World champion Dalton Rakestraw, who aged out the year before in 2014. Starting with the Cadets division, only half of that years field remain active in the NHPA. With 4 of the 8 not renewing their memberships in the past few years, the other 4 continue to pitch in the Junior classes, notably last years World Champion, Derek Reynolds was in this class. In the girls division, of the 6 girls that played that year only two remain active. Emily Lazaris of Wisconsin and that years world champion Denise Daly continue to pitch in NHPA tournaments, the rest of the field has quit in recent years. Out of the 8 boys who pitched in that years championships over half no longer play. Only Gunnar David (WI), Tyler Howard and myself continue to pitch just 8 years after that World Tournament.

While some, like Travis Sluys of California go on to serve our country in the armed forces, and others get busy with their careers, families, etc. It leave everyone to wonder just where that player they used to pitch with went, and how we can increase our retention of junior players. What's the answer? Is it money, different prizes, are people simply too busy? This has been an issue since the beginning of the junior classes that no-one has been able to solve. Young pitchers start playing, have great success in the junior classes, then disappear. Leaving us all who still come to the tournaments to wonder, where did they go?



Photos from Kentucky Horseshoes website scrapbook

Sponsorship Opportunities

By Laurie Lampkin

(If Interested in any of these, please contact Laurie Lampkin or mail payments and artwork to Jim Kinney)

Bronze Level \$2,500 (annually)

Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to:

- One 2' x 3' banner prominently displayed on the event site throughout the competition.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other bronze level sponsors.
- Footer banner ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A quarter-page ad in the event program for the World Tournament.
- Your logo on the NHPA website (www.horseshoepitching.com) through the completion of the event.

Silver Level \$5,000 (annually)

- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to two 3'x5' banners prominently displayed on the event site throughout the competition.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other silver level sponsors.
- Large right column ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A half-page ad in the event program.
- Your logo, linking to your website, on the NHPA website through the completion of the event.

Gold Level \$7,500 (annually)

- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to four 3' x 5' banners prominently displayed at several locations on the event site.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other gold level sponsors.
- Large right column ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A full-page ad in the event program.
- Your logo, linking to your website, on the NHPA website through the completion of the event.

Platinum Level \$30,000 (3-year agreement)

- Only ONE Platinum sponsorship will be entered into per vendor.
- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company/brand to naming privileges of the event, such as "Your brand presents the NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Championships",
- The event will be called such in all press releases, NHPA and charter websites and news coverage.
- Your brand name or logo will be included on all commemorative merchandise made available for the event, including trophies.
- Your brand/logo will appear on the front cover of the event program.
- Full-page ad in the event program.
- Brand prominently displayed as 4'x 6' fence panels throughout venue.
- Posters will be displayed at events throughout the country prior to the competition each year.
- Headlining ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- Listings in the newsletters and on websites of NHPA charters.
- Your advertising banner, linking to your website, on the NHPA website for the duration of your sponsorship.

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NHPF Report

All Donations Accepted

By Dave Sidles, NHPF Director

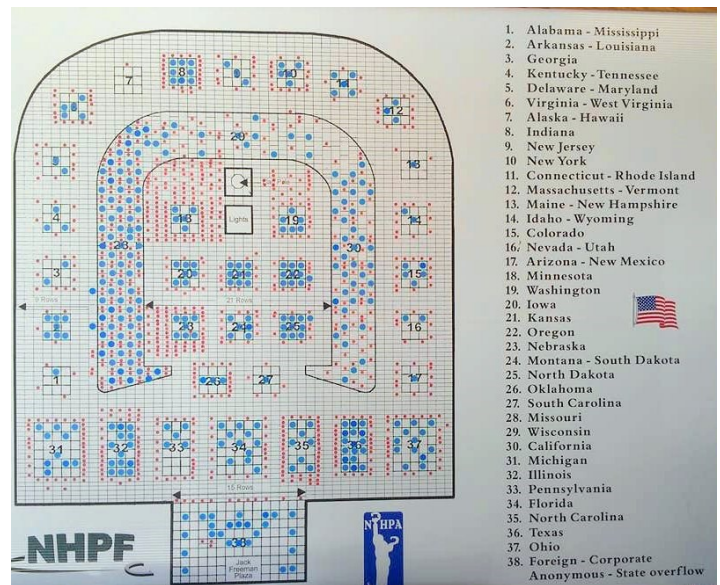
With the World Tournament fast approaching, the NHPF is making plans to be there. We will once again have an information table along with silent auction items on display and we will conduct daily raffle drawings. We are currently seeking donations of items either for the silent auction or the Hall of Fame Banquet auction. The variety of items donated in past auctions has run the gamut, from vintage horseshoes, to hand-crafted items from some of our talented members, some items horseshoe related and some not. If you have something you'd like to donate and you are attending the tournament, please bring the item with you. If you will not be arriving within the first couple of days of the tournament, please contact us and we'll figure something out. Perhaps one of your friends can deliver the item for you.

All donations help support the Hall of Fame and Museum. While the World Tournament only occurs once a year, there are other opportunities to donate year round. One is the donation box right inside the museum doorway. This box will probably be there for a long time to come but with the transition to a cashless society there needs to be other options available. One option is to visit the NHPF website where you have a choice of ways to donate. There are several buttons throughout the site that will take you to the donations page. We use PayPal to facilitate credit card payments but you don't need an account with them. Simply fill in an amount and use the "Donate with Debit or Credit Card" option. You can also write a check or purchase a brick on the plaza in front of the museum.

Another avenue the museum is currently exploring is accreditation. Museum accreditation is the benchmark for a well-run museum. Demonstrating a museum's professionalism could make it easier to get funding from corporations and donors.

We further want to acknowledge those who have generously denoted to the Foundation so that it remains a modern and dynamic exhibition of our sports past and present.

Respectfully,
 David Sidles
 NHPF President



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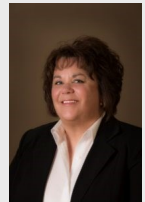
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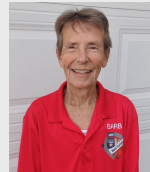
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From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

We Focus on More than the World Tournament

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

Here it is March 1st, 2023, and a lot of events have been recorded in the eShoe program across the country. I have personally traveled to a few tournaments away from my hometown and have started getting ready for the official pitching season. We have tournaments year-round, due to the indoor facilities available in Missouri, but until we start pitching outside it really does not feel like the season.

I am starting to see more tournaments from states who do not get the extreme cold that we see in the Midwest. I believe pitching horseshoes is still a sport where a lot of pitchers dedicate their lives participating in events but don't necessarily belong to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. We are doing a lot, as an organization, to come up with ideas to create more interest but some things are not that easy to implement without the support of a team of people. Horseshoe pitching has been compared to Cornhole. Some people wonder why Cornhole is so popular and horseshoe pitching is not. As I have stated to a lot of people. We are not as mobile as Cornhole. Cornhole can set up anywhere anytime without as many stipulations on size of venue or the safety precautions associated with horseshoe pitching. We can take some notes from other sports organizations and apply them to the NHPA when it comes to the pace and presentation of the game. We must discover a way to make the sport a little bit more interesting to those who watch and would love to participate. The NHPA council is always listening to suggestions on how to help the organization grow in membership and exposure. It takes everyone's involvement in an organization the size of the NHPA to keep members interested and wanting to come back every year. You must really enjoy what you are doing to convince those watching to participate and experience that joy themselves. I am in awe of those who's names are etched in the history of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association from every aspect of the records from the conception thru the present. I am proud to be serving on the NHPA council and to be a part of the history for many generations to come. It has been mentioned, by some people, that the NHPA council has only one goal. This could not be further from the truth. There are many branches to an organization but if the base does not support every branch, it will wither and die. The NHPA council is the base to our organization. We support everything that goes with the everyday operation and more. I want to thank everyone who is staying positive and who is getting involved, no matter what level you are at in the organization.

The eShoe program is going strong. It is a valuable tool for those who manage memberships, schedules, and post events, or just look up information all across the country. There is one procedure that everyone needs to be aware of...the membership renewal process. Everyone has the choice to renew thru their charter Secretary or on the NHPA website. If you choose to renew your membership at www.horseshoepitching.com, you must really pay attention to the button you are hitting to accomplish this task. There is a place for new pitchers, who have never been in the organization, to Join. This creates a number for them in the charter they choose. If an existing member accidentally hits the Join button it will also create a new number for them. This will cause the member to have two numbers associated to their membership. If this does happen, you need to contact me to make sure the correction is made before the new number is deleted so the charter gets the correct credit for the renewal. We know sometimes mistakes will happen, but this is an easy fix. I will be sending out an eblast to all the secretaries letting them know to refrain from deleting any number until we have corrected the issue. I would like anyone who has an opinion on the eShoe program, good or bad, to email me at sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com or text me at 816-738-0868. We need to thank Kurt Whaley, Dave Sidles, and their team for all the great work they have done on this program.



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NHPA Secretary/Treasurer...continued

To close out there has been some talk that the NHPA is going broke. This is not the case. In this economy today everything has gone up in price and the cost of operating an organization has gone up also. The NHPA council is aware of some of the changes we need to make to cut cost. We are looking at different avenues to help create some extra income to build on what we have. The NHPA always welcomes any kind of assistance to help maintain the growth of our organization.

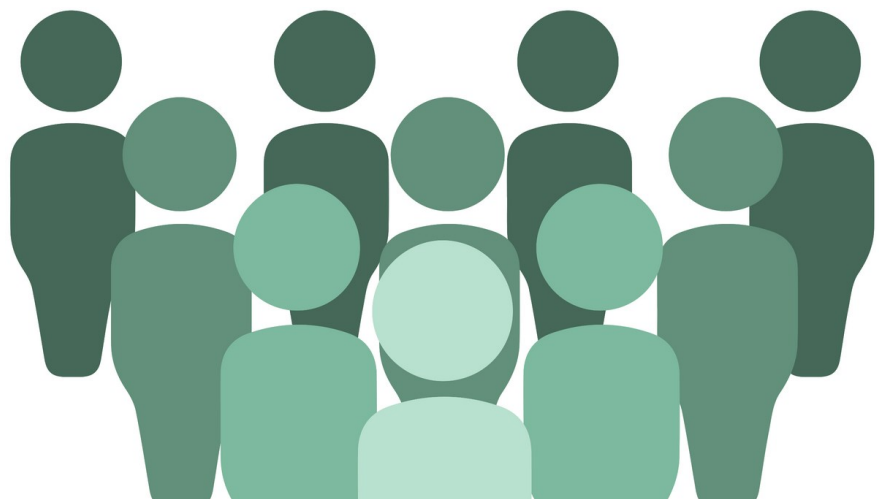
I love all the people and places I have the honor to visit throughout the country.

Thank you again for all your support in this sport and our organization.

See you on the courts!

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All applicable information above is required.

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No refunds will be made after May 19th, 2023

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

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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 15th 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.

WT All-Time Victory List

By Stan Griggs, NHPA World tournament Statistician



“The Mount Rushmore of Horseshoes” Stan Griggs

“These heroes will never be defaced, their legacy will never, ever be destroyed, their achievements will never be forgotten, and Mount Rushmore will stand forever.”

I thought this would be fun and interesting, of course one’s ***“Mount Rushmore”*** would look different from someone else’s, but this was built based on World Titles and ringer percentages as a deciding factor.

Based on Next Gen Stats this is how our Men’s display would look.



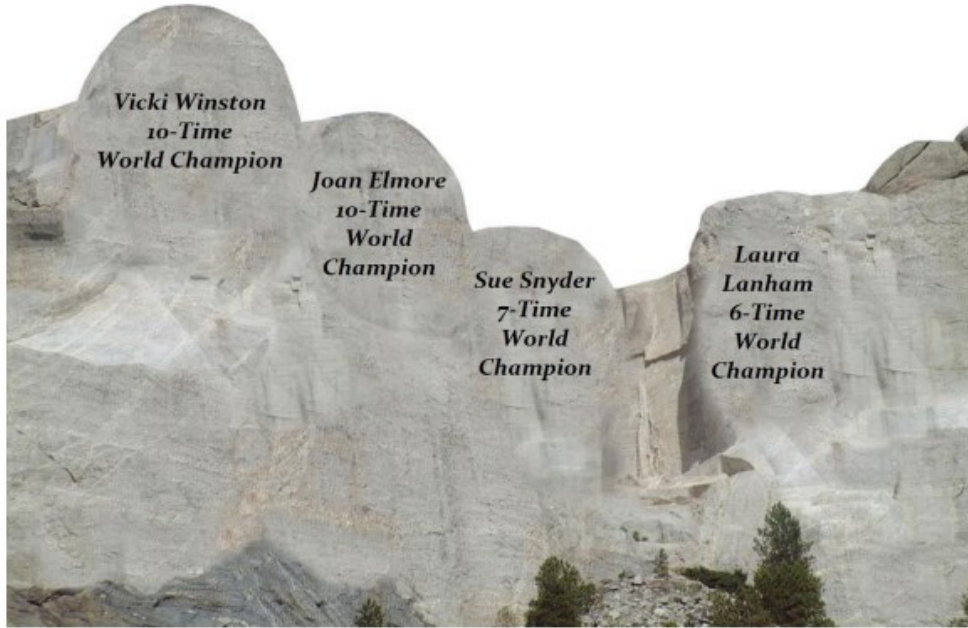
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Jim Knisley – 4-Times



Walter Ray Williams Jr. – 9-Times
Jim Walters – 4-Times
Dan Watson – 3-Times

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Our Women's Championship Division:



Sylvianne Moisan – 8-Times
Sue Snyder – 5-Times
Joan Elmore – 4-Times



Sylvianne Moisan – 5-Times
Judy Curtiss – 4-Times
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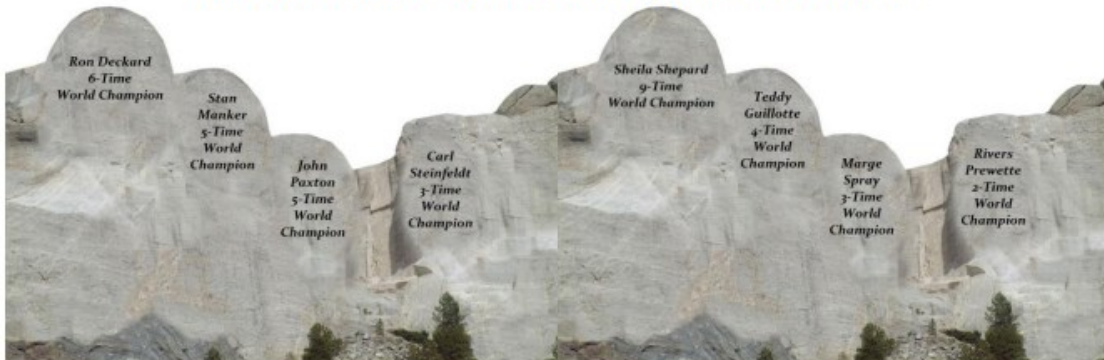
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Our Elder's Championship Division:



Our Senior Men's & Senior Women's Championship Division:



Our Junior Boy's & Junior Girl's Championship Division:



Start Now on your 2024 Hall of Fame Nominees

By Vicki Winston

This has been an unusual winter in my neck of the woods, but I'm not complaining. As I write there is only a little over a week left in the month of February and this area has had very little snow. I can deal with that.

I just wanted to let you know that I have distributed the 2023 voting materials to all HOF Committee members and they are beginning to work on completing their ballots. I am hoping that I will be able to tell you the election results in the May/June NEWSLINE. As new committee members often find out, the voting process is not as easy as they thought it might be. Even the more experienced committee members often have to struggle with trying to decide how to cast their votes. My two new committee members, Rick Bermingham and Jerry LaBrosse, are taking part in their very first voting process. I do thank them and the other committee members who have accepted appointments to serve on this important committee over the years. The newcomers did not have a lot of time to get acquainted with all of the bios I sent them for the nominees currently on the ballot. The loss of two committee members occurred as our 2023 voting process was rapidly approaching. In case you have ever wondered why we have the election so early in the year, it is because new inductees (or family members) need time to make arrangements to attend the induction ceremony, which is always held at the Banquet during the World Tournament. If they are people who have jobs, they need time to arrange for time off work and time to make travel and lodging reservations.

Since nominations have now closed for 2023, you may begin working on nominating someone for the 2024 election. As always, I remind everyone that the NHPA Hall of Fame Nomination form is on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. You must use that form, or a facsimile thereof, and follow the instructions on it. No emailed forms are accepted. A hard copy must be mailed to the address on the form.

Please also remember that this is the NHPA Hall of Fame and not your charter Hall of Fame. There are many individuals who are very worthy of being honored for the work they are doing, or have done, for their charter. They are the people who keep the charter going. Players should also be honored for outstanding performances on the local or charter level. The charter should definitely honor these people by inducting them into the charter Hall of Fame.

The NHPA Hall of Fame is to honor people or players who have gone beyond the local or charter level in pitching performances or in promoting and working for our sport. We basically look at pitching performances in adult championship divisions at the World Tournament, because that is the premiere event of the NHPA. It is at the World Tournament where players usually encounter their toughest competition in their division. Also, everyone is competing on the same type of courts and at the same venue. Any other stats have come from a variety of tournaments, with a variety of pitching conditions. Also, the level of competition is usually not as great, even at a state tournament. Some Invitational Tournaments might be an exception.

The Promoter/Organizer category honors people who have gone beyond the local charter level to promote the sport of horseshoe pitching or who have worked for the NHPA in some capacity. Maybe they have served on the NHPA Executive Council. Maybe they have served on or been the Director of some NHPA committees. Maybe they have served as the NHPA Sanctioned League Director. Maybe they have been an editor of Newsline or been an NHPA webmaster.



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Hall of Fame...continued

Perhaps they have served as NHPF Directors and traveled to many meetings that have been held by the directors. Maybe they have been responsible for building the portable courts that are used at the World Tournament and helping to set them up every year. Maybe they have been in charge of the computerized scorekeeping equipment and cameras used at the World Tournament. Perhaps they have worked in the computer room at many world tournaments. Perhaps they have helped preserve the World Tournament History for future generations. Some people help in various booths during a World Tournament or help run shifts every year. Perhaps some folks have been responsible for hosting some World Tournaments. I've probably left out some possibilities of ways individuals can go above and beyond what they do on the local level, but I think you can get the idea.

Sorry to have been so wordy, but if you read this, perhaps you learned something you didn't already know. Have a good year!

Vicki

Update!!!

Vicki Winston contacted the Newsline editor about the 2023 Hall of Fame honorees
 The individuals selected are:
Player—Maxine Griffith—Tennessee
Historic Era Player —Karl Van Sant—Indiana
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Promoter/Organizer—Kurt Whaley—South Dakota

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Womens Top 100 Stats 15 Mar 2023

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	280216	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	Women	86.20	11
2	330030	Maxine	Griffith	TN	Women	84.84	22
3	330031	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	83.14	22
4	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	80.14	9
5	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	79.35	13
6	480180	Theresa	Howe	MA	Women	78.62	12
7	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	78.59	14
8	220130	Doris	Hieden	TX	Women	78.57	14
9	664710	Sylvianne	Moisan	QC	Women	78.16	10
10	623905	Lindsay	HODGINS	AB	Women	74.66	7
11	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	74.41	25
12	800439	Pam	Meyer	MO	Women	73.66	14
13	280268	Aleena	Lepak	WI	Women	70.66	8
14	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	70.40	11
15	300441	Denise	Daly	MI	Women	69.82	9

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Mens Top 100 Stats *16 Mar 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360940	Alan	Francis	OH	Men	88.04	10
2	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	76.68	12
3	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	75.60	9
4	657381	Drew	BECKER	ON	Men	75.59	8
5	390143	Randy	Zeiders	PA	Men	75.00	12
6	623713	Cal	BEAUDOIN	AB	Men	74.57	11
7	320063	Ben	Webb	KY	Men	73.00	15
8	10058	Matt	Fuller	WA	Men	72.99	11
9	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	72.68	10
10	190693	Michael	Bowman	MO	Men	71.18	13
11	200023	Gary	Bearpaw	OK	Men	69.91	3
12	460059	Gale	Greene	VT	Men	68.52	17
13	300151	Andrew	Adams	MI	Men	68.48	10
14	190007	Stan	Griggs	MO	Men	68.21	9
15	480259	Raymond	Bedard	MA	Men	68.09	26

Elders Top 100 Stats *16 Mar 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	370121	David	Holmes	WV	Elders	82.61	15
2	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	79.83	20
3	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elders	77.68	17
4	660765	Jacques	HOULE	QC	Elders	76.61	7
5	220870	Tom	Routh	TX	Elders	75.15	21
6	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elders	74.63	22
7	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	73.08	7
8	290240	Steve	Denault	IL	Elders	72.78	14
9	190103	Ronald	Legrand	MO	Elders	71.72	14
10	280236	Jim	Bilderback	WI	Elders	71.49	23
11	191082	Edward	Griffith	MO	Elders	70.83	10
12	480354	David	Bliss	MA	Elders	70.75	10
13	240222	Bert	Logsdon	IA	Elders	70.58	20
14	390280	David	Young	PA	Elders	69.86	7
15	330199	James	Cooper	TN	Elders	69.84	26

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Girls Top 25 Stats *16 Mar 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	490491	Lizy	Jordan	CT	Girls	56.88	14
2	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	37.37	16
3	340280	Lily	Strong	CA	Girls	36.29	11
4	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Girls	35.93	8
5	659620	Sarah	NOOREN	ON	Girls	35.50	2
6	280115	Lillyan	Kildahl	WI	Girls	32.10	5
7	652230	Emma	CALHOUN	ON	Girls	31.87	3
8	130865	Cherie	Harges	IN	Girls	31.73	6
9	615391	Asia	BOWDEN	BC	Girls	31.62	8
10	95085	Kayla	Julander	UT	Girls	29.50	18
11	31233	Kaidence	Begaye	CA	Girls	29.34	2
12	220456	Ashlyn	Luster	TX	Girls	27.79	5
13	150396	Uria	Gabel	ND	Girls	27.34	5
14	190110	Eli	Delacruz	MO	Girls	26.65	7
15	616571	Erika	MCNAB	BC	Girls	23.24	4

Boys Top 50 Stats *16 Mar 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	78.71	8
2	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Boys	71.83	5
3	200245	Walker	Forrester	OK	Boys	70.00	3
4	360274	Zander	Potts	OH	Boys	63.64	4
5	260172	Tyler	Harris	AL	Boys	60.90	12
6	220641	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	TX	Boys	59.18	17
7	191622	Brady	Fox	MO	Boys	54.67	6
8	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	53.86	8
9	360365	Caiden	Hogue	OH	Boys	52.78	7
10	190045	Memo	Ramirez	MO	Boys	48.41	18
11	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Boys	42.46	12
12	150403	Jackson	Johnson	ND	Boys	41.11	7
13	800579	Cole	Harland	UT	Boys	40.37	2
14	220912	Stone	Trevino	TX	Boys	39.29	3
15	280127	Blake	Benzing	WI	Boys	39.08	4

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Cadets Top 25 Stats *16 Mar 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Cadet Boys	72.54	21
2	802657	Tom	Grose	NV	Cadet Boys	56.67	18
3	801315	Evan	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	47.72	13
4	803261	Jayden	Fri	MI	Cadet Boys	40.08	1
5	220815	Preston	Beusch	TX	Cadet Boys	35.15	7
6	800879	Landon	Morgan	IL	Cadet Boys	33.65	14
7	802041	Garrett	Kinsey	TN	Cadet Boys	33.46	7
8	31223	Adakai	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	31.94	5
9	231968	Tristan	Dehkes	MN	Cadet Boys	31.41	5
10	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	29.14	12
11	802970	Alexzander	Schmidt	GA	Cadet Boys	28.98	8
12	31141	Evelyn	Espinola	CA	Cadet Girls	28.64	2
13	800314	Crystal	Knighten	AL	Cadet Girls	27.83	12
14	802184	Waylon	Basler	MO	Cadet Boys	26.67	1
15	801361	Cody	Brickell	CO	Cadet Boys	26.42	4



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