



The Ringer Report



Informative - Educational - Entertaining

April 2023

Still time to register for the World Tournament

Register by May 15

Walking Doubles Championship - St. Clair Shores

The main event in St. Clair Shores, the state doubles championship, takes on competition with the best doubles teams in the state.

Don't like to walk after your shoes? Well, how about a little walking if you can pitch your own shoes and not that of your partners? That has been a common complaint with sanctioned pitchers who like to pitch their favorite shoes.

Walking doubles has two opponents stationed at one stake with their partners at the opposite stake. One pair of partners compete as a unit against the other. They alternate pitch for fairness, walk to the opposite end, call the score, and pitch back until each team has thrown 50 count-all shoes.

If you have competed in one sanctioned tournament since the last doubles event, all you have to do is grab a partner or have one assigned to you. It is all in fun, we are all out to win, but the day we chose to pitch horse-shoes proves that people do truly pitch for the love of the sport.



Saturday, August 5



July 17-29



333 E Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48933

Entry Form on Page 11



State Championships - Jackson

The excitement is building in Jackson... the State Tournament is quickly approaching and the final details are being put in place for a GREAT tournament! The most important detail is that this is YOUR tournament – get your registration sent in by the deadline.

Members must have pitched in four tournaments (in Michigan) since last year's state tournament in order to participate. If you have questions about your number of tournaments pitched, please contact MHPA Secretary Pam Nelson.

August 25, 26 and 27 are the dates for this great weekend for the sanctioned tournament activities.



MHPA 50/50 Raffle Volunteers Needed

We have been notified that we are allowed to conduct raffles throughout the tournament with the proceeds going to MHPA.

Volunteers are welcome even if you are not pitching in the WT. Hopefully, our MHPA members will take this on. So please volunteer.

Editor's Notes

Dean Schmitz



It's getting close for all MHPA pitchers to sign up for the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament to be held in our back yard. You will not be sorry for the great experience, but you will be if you do not participate.

I was an inexperienced pitcher when I pitched in my first WT in Greenville, OH. I had no idea that I was going to horseshoe pitching heaven until I got there. I signed up right after I had my first major GIST cancer operation in March 1999. I wore a belly brace to keep the tissue from popping. I was placed in a round robin of 16 pitchers from all over the country. We all had a ringer percent within 29.00%. All were very polite gentlemen and some handed out pins representing their states. I had no idea what to expect, but I hope I was gracious.

I was so over taken by at the atmosphere that I toured every building at the fairgrounds where the pitching activity took place. This was the last WT not to be held inside in controlled temperatures. It was hot. There was a playoff building, a publicity building and another for cities wanting to hold the next WT.

I stayed in a motel near I-75 and drove for about 30 minutes each day to the venue. My first pitching day was quite an experience. I couldn't remember if I was playing league play with alternating pitch until my opponent told me the rules. I was 4-1. The second day was good to me with a 5-0 record. Each day we pitched in another building. The last day was in the pig barn with posts near each court, some pitchers didn't like the raised pits, but I sure did. Everything was consistent and well set up. I didn't do so well on the third day 3-2. I thought that might be good enough to finish high in the standings. After my last game and being beaten by a fellow throwing 50% against me, I was on the way to my car to change my sweaty shirt when someone called out, "Hey Dean, You are in a playoff with a three way tie. Report to the playoff building."

Again, I didn't know what to expect. High % pitcher sits out, that was me. Number two and three pitch first. I sat down with a small group to watch the first game. I leaned over to the guy sitting next to me and said, "I know who will win this game, the fellow who pitched 50% against me."

Sure enough, my prediction was right. I had time watching the first game to think about the fundamentals of the game. Get set, aim, easy back swing, lift, follow through and keep my eyes on the stake at all times. My brain and body got together in the last game. I turned the tide on him and pitched a 50% game. I met him again at another WT, but didn't pitch him. We talked about horseshoes. A few years later, I read his obituary in the Ohio Newsletter. Sad, he was a young fellow and a great competitor.

We only have one chance in life. Now is the time to take that chance by signing-up and pitching in the WT hosted by our MHPA and the City of Lansing.

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GREAT CLUB NEWS

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



Hillman

Don and I have decided to move to Florida full time. We are headed to Michigan May 1st to sell our home there. As soon as it sells we will head back to Florida. I left a message for Keith Schafer this morning so that we can tell him the news. I know this is not good news for the club. We will surrender the courts to the village of Hillman and hope that someone takes interest in running the game.

We tried. I have mixed emotions as I write this but it was a decision that we have been trying to make since we bought our home here in Crystal River. We certainly did build the finest court in northern Michigan and we are very proud of that. We are going to run the May 27th tourney as a Goodbye to Hillman game.

— Vicki Mueller

The July 1 tournament is still in Hillman with a TD TBD.

The first sanctioned tournament was held at Hillman's brand-new courts on Sat., Aug. 11, 2020. Don Mueller, a Hillman resident, and local volunteers erected the horseshoe courts after a year-and-a-half of work.

Let's hope the the present club members take up the legacy that Don and Vicki have left in Hillman.

Best of Luck.

—Editor



Hillman President
Don Mueller.

Hillman farewell Tournament Saturday, May 27, 9:30 check-in

Emerick Park. Six sand courts
Directions: From M-32, turn on Old M-32 and follow to Business M-32. Continue north, the park is on the west side of Business M-32. The courts are accessed by taking Elowski Street.



Jackson

This past summer league saw the Jackson County Horseshoe Club proudly celebrate its 50th season and looks forward to hosting Michigan's 100 State Tournament this coming summer. In early 2023 we welcomed our 84th Lifetime Member Ryan Bailey. We now are near the end of 16th annual winter league, with our version of March Madness on the horizon. Our winter league club tournament kicks things off March 7. This club sponsored event combines both league nights in a double elimination format. Then our leagues switch to playoff mode for two weeks with league champions opposing each other March 21st for winter league supremacy. The winners will join the previous 15 champions on our winter league perpetual trophy.

Our winter league concludes Tuesday April 4th with our 2022-23 Awards/Banquet. The Jackson County Horseshoe Club will also host the final winter MHPA tournament Saturday April 9. This will be the 9th annual Dave Thrun/Terry Vincent Memorial Tournament. As in the past the JCHC will provide awards for the 1st place winners in each class.

—Brandy Morehead



St. Clair Shores

The SCSHC Memorial Tournament honors deceased pitchers who has been members of the MHPA since 2000.

After the SCSHC pavilion was built in 2008, members decided that the north end of it would be a great way to post names of those we remember.

The SCSHC pays for the name plates that are posted and if good calculations matter, there are 102 name plates with over \$866 invested by the club.

This year's tournament is June 3. If anyone wants to try pitching in a sanctioned tournament, now is your chance.

Walk-on's can come early and pitch 100 shoes to be seated in a round robin. Trial Members pay \$0 membership, but must pay the tournament entry fee of \$15. They will be allowed to play in only one tournament. After the trial, you will be hooked on our brand of horseshoe pitching and join the NHPA/MHPA with a \$45 fee at the next tournament.

JUNE 3 2023

MICHIGAN HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL
Dedicated to those who have passed away since the year 2000

THIS TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL PITCHERS. NHPA MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED. \$15 ENTRY FEE. PITCH 100 SHOES FOR SEATING IF NOT AN NHPA MEMBER.

ST. CLAIR SHORES HORSESHOE CLUB MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

MICHIGAN HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL
DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE YEAR 2000
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

CHECK-IN BY 9:30 A.M. ST. CLAIR SHORES HORSESHOE CLUB 4475 MEMORIF PARK - HARPER & MARSHALL

Everyone is good enough to pitch horseshoes. You will always have a chance to win your round robin.

—Editor

SPRING MEETING

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

MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Jackson - Sunday, Feb. 26

CLASS A	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Denise Daly	70.68	4-0	118	170	69.41
2. James Dunlap	65.42	3-1	112	166	67.47
3. Andrew Adams	68.48	2-2	126	188	67.02
4. Lisa Smith	57.78	1-3	71	144	49.31
5. George Parsons	51.69	0-4	65	152	42.76

CLASS B	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Steve Florek	47.41	4-0	79	144	54.86
2. Greg Burke	42.95	2-2	73	180	40.56
3. Sam Moore	37.21	2-2	63	160	39.38
4. Danny Markley	49.84	2-2	59	178	33.15
5. Rick Lyle	33.89	0-4	22	110	20.00

CLASS C	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Steve Campbell	28.42	4-0	61	156	39.10
2. Mark Burns II	33.50	3-1	62	164	37.80
3. Johnnie Smith	26.43	1-3	35	148	23.65
4. Art Meadows	28.41	1-3	28	162	17.28
5. David Benedict	25.20	1-3	26	178	14.61

CLASS D	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Randy Sheffer	20.46	5-1	59	234	25.21
2. Chelsea Varney	17.93	5-1	62	254	24.41
3. Joseph Varney	17.02	2-4	43	270	15.93
4. Twina Meadows	21.43	0-6	21	278	7.55

CLASS E	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Kelsey Otto	14.65	5-1	51	270	18.89
2. Dan Kofflin	16.02	3-3	41	300	13.67
3. Kevin Gladstone	15.22	2-4	37	282	13.12
4. Blake Morehead	11.87	2-4	33	292	11.30

Kalamazoo - Saturday, March 4 at Jackson

CLASS A	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Lisa Smith	57.78	6-0	86	140	61.43
2. Quincy Johnson	50.80	3-3	92	184	50.00
3. James Dunlap	65.78	2-4	36	156	64.29
4. Danny Markley	49.84	1-5	61	180	33.89

CLASS B	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Narone Parker	35.76	3-1	61	156	39.10
2. Bob Dale	40.53	3-1	58	172	33.72
3. Bobby Mumford Sr.	37.10	2-2	68	170	40.00
4. Pam Yates	39.93	1-3	70	186	37.63
5. Wayne Friesmuth	39.12	1-3	41	176	23.30

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1. Johnnie Smith	25.96	3-1	48	156	30.77
2. Dan Mendham	28.00	3-1	52	188	27.66
3. John Cousins	28.27	2-2	45	172	26.16
4. Aprile Friesmuth	25.32	1-3	38	178	21.35
5. Michael D. Waldon	28.70	1-3	39	190	20.53

CLASS D	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Larry Budziszewski	24.72	5-1	82	260	31.54
2. Will Plankenhorn	23.00	3-3	67	262	25.57
3. David Benedict	20.79	2-4	62	264	23.48
4. Kevin L. Young	20.77	2-4	53	250	21.20

CLASS E	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Matt Skrzypek	17.70	3-1	36	196	18.37
2. Bryce Vancleave	11.80	2-2	29	198	14.65
3. Kevin Gladstone	13.95	2-2	26	198	13.13
4. Jr Wyatt	14.67	2-2	21	200	10.50
5. Jackson Vancleave	12.37	1-3	23	200	11.50

St. Clair Shores - Sunday, March 12 at Jackson

CLASS A	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Denise Daly		4-0	109	162	67.28
2. Lisa Smith		3-1	77	128	60.16
3. Brandy Morehead		2-2	102	182	56.04
4. George Parsons		1-3	61	148	41.22

CLASS B	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Greg Burke		3-1	87	186	46.77
2. James Carter		3-1	76	174	43.68
3. Danny Markley		3-1	68	184	36.96
4. Bob Dale		1-3	63	176	35.8
5. Wayne Friesmuth		0-4	39	136	28.68

CLASS C	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Bobby Mumford Sr.		4-0	65	150	43.33
2. Rick Lyle		2-2	55	182	30.22
3. Mark Burns		2-2	54	182	29.67
4. Mark Burns II		2-2	45	164	27.44
5. Michele Burns		0-4	47	182	25.82%

CLASS D	ENTRY%	WL	RGRS	SH	R%
1. Larry Budziszewski		4-0	57	152	37.50
2. Andrew Matthews		3-1	50	158	31.65
3. Christopher Hoye		2-2	29	142	20.42
4. Barbara Meadows		1-3	28	152	18.42
5. Johnnie Smith		0-4	26	164	15.85

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Participants: Help the TD's by bringing the correct fee money. It will speed up check-in. Bring dollars for scorekeepers. It is good etiquette to wear a tournament shirt at all events.

MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

CLASS E	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Aprile Friesmuth		4.0	50	168	29.76
2. Randy Sheffer		3-1	37	164	22.56
3. Crystal Humbarger		2-2	20	184	10.87
4. Chelsea Varney		1-3	27	192	14.06
5. Kevin Humbarger		0-4	33	200	16.5

CLASS F	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Kevin L. Young		4.0	30	184	16.3
2. Kevin Gladstone		3-1	30	166	18.07
3. Kelsey Otto		1-3	13	200	6.5
4. Joseph Varney		1-3	11	184	5.98
5. Dave Durham		1-3	10	178	5.62

Mecosta - Saturday, March 18 at Jackson

CLASS A	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Brandy Morehead		3-1	93	160	58.13
2. Larry Ledford		3-1	92	184	50.00
3. Helga Hewlett		2-2	189	68	52.98
4. Lisa Smith		1-3	105	180	58.33
5. George Parsons		1-3	76	168	45.24

CLASS B	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Quincy Johnson		4.0	82	146	56.16
2. James Carter		3-1	74	148	50.00
3. Danny Markley		2-2	39	126	30.95
4. Wayne Friesmuth		1-3	60	168	35.71
5. Narone Parker		0-4	60	156	38.46

CLASS C	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry McArthur		3-1	59	160	36.88
2. Mike Larner		3-1	57	180	31.67
3. Larry Rhode		2-2	66	176	37.50
4. Alfred Cortez		2-2	51	162	31.48
5. Sam Moore		0-4	48	170	28.24

CLASS D	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Johnnie Smith		6.0	70	244	28.69
2. Darwin Adams		3-3	51	282	18.09
3. Greg Lambeat		2-4	46	298	15.44
4. Aprile Friesmuth		1-5	48	280	17.14

CLASS E	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Dale Moore		5-1	76	234	32.48
2. Rick Morrow		4-2	61	254	24.02
3. Brent Castle		2-4	56	280	20.00
4. Larry Murphy		1-5	54	268	20.15

CLASS F	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jason Castle	20.00	4-2	60	300	20.00
2. Martin O'Brien	20.00	4-2	47	294	15.99
3. Mario Stewart	17.09	2-4	45	272	16.72
4. Dave Durham	11.63	2-4	26	266	12.78

Jackson - Saturday, March 25

CLASS A	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lisa Smith	57.78	6-0	86	140	61.43
2. Quincy Johnson	50.80	3-3	92	184	50.00
3. James Dunlap	65.78	2-4	36	156	64.29
4. Danny Markley	49.84	1-5	61	180	33.89

CLASS B	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Narone Parker	35.76	3-1	61	156	39.10
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2. Bryce Vancleave	11.80	2-2	29	198	14.65
3. Kevin Gladstone	13.95	2-2	26	198	13.13
4. Jr Wyatt	14.67	1-2	20	200	10.50
5. Jackson Vancleave	12.37	1-3	23	188	11.50

CLASS F	<u>ENTRY%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>RGRS</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Dan Kofflin	14.62	4-0	38	166	22.89
2. Robert Fowler	11.50	3-1	20	192	10.42
3. Crystal Humbarger	10.87	2-2	23	200	11.50
4. Tristan Davidson	2.00	1-3	12	184	6.52
5. Dave Durham	11.63	0-4	13	190	6.84

World Tournament Dress Code

All contestants competing in a World Tournament shall have, as a minimum, their last name and State or Country abbreviation professionally lettered on the back of their shirts. Said shirts cannot be sleeveless. No cut-offs are permitted and closed-toe shoes must be worn. Further dress code restrictions may be imposed by the Executive Council if all entrants are notified no later than the mailing date of their pitching schedules. This Dress Code may also be adopted into any Charter Bylaws or may be enforced at any State Championship Tournament or at any local tournament, if announced in advance by the Tournament/League Officials. Contestants who do not comply may not be allowed to participate in the event.

Condolences

Charles "Chuck" Shinn

Charles "Chuck" Shinn, age 87, February 23, 2023. Beloved husband of Carol for 61 years. Loving father of Sandy (John) Wardwell. Proud grandfather of Garret. Brother of Joyce Cantalini.



Chuck Shinn

Chuck was an original member with the Mount Clemens Indoor Horseshoe Club, then with the SC-SHC, and in many recreational leagues. He was a member of the MHPA for a number of years and pitched tournaments in SCS and in Jackson.

Funeral Service was Friday, March 3, 2023 at First United Methodist Church, Warren, MI. Burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

Contributions are appreciated by the family to the American Cancer Foundation or First United Methodist Church.



Richard C. Colbert



Richard C. Colbert

Richard Clark Colbert, formerly of Harper Woods, age 77, died in Indianapolis. Born: Sept. 15, 1946 - died March 14, 2023.

He was an avid NHPA/MHPA member for many years. A twenty plus year SCSHC member, receiving the Kowalski Award in 2014. One of his proudest moments was earning the title of "World Champion in Horseshoes" in the Senior National Olympics in 2009.

Richard's trademark was his matching outfits, from his cap to his shoes. He proudly wore his uniforms representing the sport that he loved just as he did wearing his Army uniform during his service in Vietnam.

He participated in track and field and basketball at Kokomo High School, and graduated in 1964. He was drafted for the United States Army in 1965 and deployed to Vietnam with the 62nd Engineering Battalion.

Celebration of Life was Sat., March 25, 2023. Funeral at 12:00 p.m.

Burial at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.



Richard C. Colbert and wife Vaughn accepting the 2014 Kowalski Award.

Let us not forget our beginners

NHPA exists for the purpose of holding World Tournaments and making rules consistent with our sport. The same can be said about the MHPA. A member meeting is held mainly for election of officers, changes in the constitution and for deciding the time and place for the state and other tournaments.

Let us not forget our beginner; the person on their way up. They need every bit of help and encouragement that we can give. It is from these ranks that the new champions and new records are born. May we suggest that the top notch pitchers in every club in the NHPA and states devote a part of their time each week to the instruction of the newcomers and those desirous of improving their game. Make them feel welcome and that they are necessary and essential to our organizations.

After assigning a new pitcher to a fellow who I thought would be a good welcoming member, he said, to me "Why do I have to pitch her? She's hasn't pitched before." I would say that this is the wrong attitude and no wonder some people think our sport is disappearing. It is up to our present members to lend a hand, encourage beginnings, give them your secrets of pitching and make them so welcome that they will be back next week.

The art of pitching ringers in horseshoes has been classified as one of the most difficult games to master. The game of horseshoes demands considerable organization, well designed and well kept courts, plenty of good American sportsmanship on the part of the participants and publicity of our sport by word of mouth and by any other means. If the proper contacts can be made throughout our playing seasons, there is no doubt that horseshoes can be made as popular a game with the public as any other sport.

After-all, Horseshoe Pitching is a safe, wholesome sport for the whole family. I've never seen anyone carted off the courts because of injury. We can keep horseshoe pitching alive!
—Editor



Fun Fact

Denise Daly is ranked #15 on the NHPA Women's Top 100 Stats with a 69.82%. Congratulations and welcome back to the MHPA.

Helga Hewlett #37

Lisa Smith #41

Terry Beagle #50

Brandy Morehead #58

Andrew Adams #13 men's 68.48%

James Dunlap #19

Eric Soltis #65

J.D. Drake #37 Elders 66.27%

Brent Castle #43 Boys 20.50%

Jayden Fri #4 Cadet Boys 40.08%

You make us all proud!

2022 MHPA Champions are:

<u>Champion</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Ringer %</u>
Men's	James Dunlap	Detroit	59.55%
Women's	Helga Hewlett	Remus	55.36%
Elder's	JD Drake	Linden	56.80%
Cadet Boy's	Bryce VanCleave	Schoolcraft	13.59%

2022 NHPA Champions are:

<u>Champion</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Ringer %</u>
Men's	Alan Francis	OH	85.01%
Women's	Sarah Chaffee	WI	86.48%
Elder's	Bob Gray	FL	76.41%
Senior Women	Sheila Shepard	CO	64.29%
Senior Men	Rick Howe	MA	72.76%
Junior Boy's	Derek Reynolds	AR	81.67%
Junior Girl's	Kalie Trujillo	NM	52.72%
Cadet Boys	Eli Sullivan	VA	69.05%
Cadet Girls	Crystal Knighten	AL	30.00%

2023 MHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT PITCHING SCHEDULE

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

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

<u>Sanction No.</u>	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2023 Date</u>	<u>HOST CLUB</u>
<u>WINTER INDOOR TOURNAMENTS AT THE JACKSON INDOOR COURTS</u>			
<u>April</u>			
30-23-016	Sunday	04/02/23	St. Clair Shores
		04/08/23	Mecosta
30-23-017		04/15/23	Brighton Indoor Club
30-23-018		04/22/23	Lapeer
30-23-019		04/29/23	Thrun/Vincent hosted by Jackson

Schedule continued on next page

Tournament Directors

<u>Club</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Brighton Indoor	Paul Bachelor	(810) 772-8678	paulbachelor@aol.com
Hillman	Don/Vicki Mueller	(989) 884-0108	greenerpastures54@gmail.com
Jackson	Brandy Morehead	(517) 599-5933	brandy.morehead@gmail.com
Kalamazoo	Josh Lull	(269) 838-7698	joshlull@gmail.com
Lake Orion	Doug Bailey	(248) 421-9708	doughbailey204@gmail.com
Lansing	Keith Schafer	(517) 256-8224	michhorseshoectdir@yahoo.com
Lapeer	Jason Castle	(810) 358-6209	jcastle95@hotmail.com
Mecosta	Helga Hewlett	(989) 967-3081	helgahewlett@msn.com
St. Clair Shores	Tina Payne	(586) 744-3223	tinapayne0828@gmail.com

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

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Lake Orion Horseshoe Club

Making a pitch for new members

Pitching is a great way to enjoy the great outdoors, get exercise, and meet new friends.

The history of the horseshoe game dates back to the ancient Greeks, who are credited with inventing the basic concept of the game. The game was further developed by the Romans and was later played in the Middle Ages. The modern version of the game was brought to the United States by European settlers in the 19th century and was popularized by President Benjamin Harrison. In the 20th century, the game gained in popularity and is now played around the world.

The objective of the game is to throw horseshoes at a stake in the ground and try to get them to encircle the stake. The closer you are to the stake, the more points you get. Horseshoe is a great game for all ages and can be played indoors or outdoors. It's a fun way to spend time with

friends and family, and it's a fun way to challenge yourself and improve your aim. Whether you're playing for fun or as part of a competition, horseshoe is a great game that's sure to provide hours of entertainment.

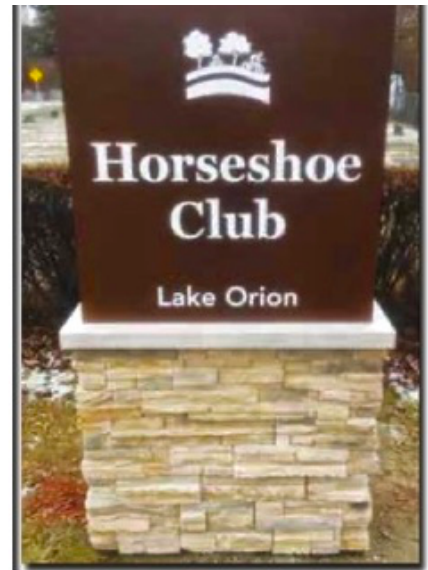
The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club is sanctioned by the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association (MHPA) and is one of 11 sister clubs within the state. Collectively, these clubs hold statewide weekend tournaments throughout the year. The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club started in the Bunny Rub subdivision in the late 1950s. The founders obtained approval from the Village in the early 1960s to develop the land east of Children's Park. The members began the task of preparing the grounds and constructing the 15 regulation horseshoe courts according to standards set forth by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA). For over 62 years, the club has acted as the sole caretaker for the courts, making them available to the entire community. The club promotes sportsmanship amongst its members while also promoting the art of horseshoe pitching.

The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club is looking for new members! Scoring is on a handicap system, so everyone can compete.

Play in a 15-week season, beginning May 2, 2023 for only \$40, which includes an award ceremony at the end of the season. No horseshoes? No problem, the club has several sets available for you to try out. A sign up, meet and greet is happening on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 pm.

Pitching is a great way to enjoy the great outdoors, get exercise, and meet new friends. Whether you're new to the sport or a regular, stop by and check it out!

For more information about the April 25 Meet-and-Greet or about the Club, visit LakeOrionHorseshoeClub.com or Facebook.com/LakeOrionHorseshoeClub, or contact club President Ron Price at 248-909-4946.



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Celebrating A Backyard Game

By Mike Lerchenfeldt

You may think playing horseshoes is kept to backyards, during afternoon barbecues or graduation parties, something your favorite uncle does but you would never think to do. Well, you are wrong, especially if you live in St. Clair Shores.

The St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club (SCSHC) recently celebrated 30 years of pitching at Kyte-Monroe Park located near Masonic and Harper. Since 2001, the club has been managed by President John Thomachefski and he says that members have a high level of passion for horseshoe pitching with outstanding sportsmanship. The executive committee leads by example and promotes camaraderie.

Their summer league fees are \$50 for the year, allowing members to pitch in all three leagues. The season starts the first Monday in May and lasts until Labor Day weekend. They have a Monday summer singles recreation league at 6:30p.m. for serious players. It is a good league for the novice pitcher who would like to learn the game or for those with experience. They play four games of 32 horseshoes each.

The SCSHC has a co-ed Tuesday summer recreation league and a fall doubles league at 6:30p.m. that boasts 24 teams. The fall league starts the first Tuesday after Labor Day. "Our Tuesday night doubles league is our bread and butter," says Thomachefski. "It is the best club in Michigan, and we are glad St. Clair Shores (SCS) is supportive." The SCS Recreation Department used a federal grant to construct 12 horseshoe courts with groomed clay lined pits.

The SCSHC maintains the courts where members can improve their skills and techniques. Many of their pitchers are members of the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association (MHPA). This creates more opportunities for a sense of community through state-sanctioned tournaments on Saturdays. This organization is for people who enjoy playing horseshoes and want to participate in organized events and competitions.

There is also a SCSHC Thursday night summer sanctioned league. The sanctioned league requires SCSHC members to pay an additional \$45 MHPA membership fee. "I am proud of the executive committee for continuing our growth with recruitment of new members by word of mouth," says Dean Schmitz, SCSHC sanctioned league director. "This club is keeping horseshoe pitching alive when cornhole and pickleball are becoming more popular."

Schmitz says that members enjoy traveling and meeting members from other horseshoe clubs through various competitive tournaments in Michigan. Socializing and making new friends is the main reason people join. Members love the outdoor game of horseshoes. They even have their own club jackets, shirts, patches, koozies, decals, towels, and other horseshoe paraphernalia.

For more information on the SCS Horseshoe Club and how to join, go to facebook.com/St.ClairShoresHorseshoeClub.



ENTRY FORM (READ CAREFULLY)

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

July 17th – July 29th

Lansing, Michigan

2023 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



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

All applicable information above is required.

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

Entry Deadline May 15th 2023

No refunds will be made after May 19th, 2023

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

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

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

----- mail top half only -----

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

TO: NHPA
 PO Box 205
 Drexel, MO 64742

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

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

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

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FIRST CLASS

NHPA/MHPA Membership Application

Name: _____ Last NHPA Card #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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

Phone: () _____, Email: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Make Check Payable to: MHPA

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

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\$0.00 Juniors \$7.00 for a junior wanting to receive the newsletter

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