



# Newsline

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2023 President's Message

## We Welcome Young Leaders in the NHPA?

By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President

I am honored to have served as your NHPA President during the past 16 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. I am now dealing with the challenge of getting adequate bids for the 2024 and 2025 World Tournament. We have no adequate bids as we speak but we do have some very interested parties which I have listed below.



Plans for the 2023 Tournament are falling into place. Lansing hosts are very willing to work with us. Our photography group, Empire Media, from last year will be present. Ron and Polly Horseshoe Pitching Supplies will be present. Let's hope for a good entry level. Don't forget to inform your members of the bylaws and rule changes that will be acted upon at this year's Convention. We are also adding new court structures and adding IT equipment. Barb Carson, our Vice President, donated \$2,500 dollars in the name of her husband to assist with the needed equipment.

I want to repeat my advice from last month. 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. 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.

I wanted to mention that I appointed Jerry Smith as Director of Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion to assure that we reach out to all minorities. Jerry will have the help of Barry Webster, Assistant Director, with this important venture. I will ask for any progress in this regard in future additions to our Newsletter.

I will soon be leaving to participate in the Invitational Tournament at our NHPF Facility. Fifteen games against the best horseshoe pitchers in the US! Also, two weeks later, I will be in Wisconsin to participate in the Team Tournament with Alan and Amy Francis, and Darryl Miller in another top pitching experience.

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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.

Here is a list of potential bidders that have expressed interest and are at some stage of submitting proposals for consideration:

### **2024 Potential Bidders**

- Cabarrus County, N.C.
- Grand Island, NE
- Sevierville, TN
- Salt Lake City, UT

### **2025 Potential Bidders**

- Fargo, ND
- Dallas, TX
- Richmond, VA

Gary

## *Rules/Bylaws Proposals Reviewed*

Brian Poole, 1st VP

Well I hope you are all pitching shoes and getting into your summer activities. We had a long winter here in Idaho and I did have some fun in the snow Snowboarding and riding my snowmobiles with my family.

I hope you are all thinking about coming to Worlds in Lansing Michigan. This should be a great tournament. The Lansing Hosts are working hard to make this a fun event for all and doing all they can to make it successful. I have held one tournament in Idaho to help get tournaments to be eligible, and I will host 1 more on May 13, 2023. The entry deadline is May 15, 2023.

There are several Rule proposals that are going before the Delegates for a vote during the Annual NHPA meeting. I would hope that the Charter Presidents are taking a good look at who they are selecting to vote on the proposals. There are some important issues that need to be discussed and voted on.

Thanks for all you do to help promote Horseshoes and get new people involved. I look forward to seeing everyone in Michigan.

One change that will also be going into this next World is the Council has done away with shoe check during your check-in. But we will hold a random shoe check on day 2 or day 3 when you pick up your round robin sheets. So bring your shoes with you to pick up your round robin cards.

If you have questions on Rules or Bylaws please give me a call and let's talk.

Brian

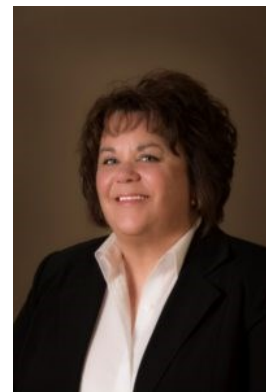


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### FIRST TIME ATTENDING A "WORLD HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT?"

Here is what you can expect when attending a World Tournament for the first time. First, the requirements for a Dress Code. In the NHPA Rule/Bylaws and there are sections in the Rules regarding the dress code at a World Tournament (See Rule 12 page 21 - **APPROPRIATE NHPA MEMBER CONDUCT**. For proper attire and etiquette reasons, we have provided some basic information for you if you are a first timer attending a World Horseshoe Tournament. Please remember that this event is our **"Super Bowl Event"** of the year. There will be plenty of media around such as T.V. stations, Newspaper, and radio at the venue daily, conducting interviews at random etc. and at any given time.



**Per the NHPA Rules Section C - 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.

### THINGS TO KNOW

The World Tournament location this year is not that far from Canadian Border, so if you are wanting to venture out and go sightseeing, you must have a current Passport to cross over the Canadian border at customs, birth certificates, driver's licenses will not work.

If you do not have a passport and need one, please check online or with your local U.S. postal office to make an appointment, so do not wait or put off either renewing or submitting a first-time application. Here is the US Postal Service Processing Time Frame: **NOTE:** (By the time this article is published the time frame may have changed, so check with your local U.S. Postal office).



### THE LANSING CENTER

There are several entrances into The Lansing Center, from the parking garage, the Radisson Hotel Pedway, Michigan Ave., or the underground parking garage. However, the main entrance into The Lansing Center is located on Michigan avenue. As we want everyone's world tournament experience to be a positive and memorable one, we understand that things can be confusing and frustrating, especially if you have never attended or competed in a World Tournament before. In this Newsline edition, we are providing some basic information for you. Upon arrival at The Lansing Center, stop by the "WELCOME" booth/table area which will be located in the hallway of the main entrance and sign in. The CVB staff at the desk will have a list of all pitchers/entries that are competing this year. There, you will be asked your name and state, then you will pick up your "WELCOME" bags. Some of the items that will be included in those bags are your World Tournament program book, a World Tournament patch, World Tournament towel as well as other items and information for your convenience.



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Local staff from the CVB and the City will be on hand daily to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the local area and tourism information. They will also have information for various modes of transportation in and around the city, including the scooters, shopping, wineries, tours, sightseeing, historical sites, MSU Campus, the Capital and much more.



## HEALTH CARE LOCATIONS

Your health and wellbeing are a priority, and we hope it's not a necessity while you're visiting the Greater Lansing region, but it doesn't hurt to be prepared in case of an emergency. With pharmacies located within just a couple miles of all our venues to meet your basic needs, and quick in and out Urgent Cares located across the region, Lansing has health care options to meet every situation. Our region is also equipped with two state of the art hospitals including a level one trauma center.



We recommend/suggest that if you have any medical information that is of any significance, medical history, medication lists etc., we ask that you please be prepared and have any medical information or paperwork with you while traveling in case you need it. It's better to be safe than sorry. The facilities are listed on the NHPA/ Lansing logo and the list of addresses and phone numbers for your convenience.

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Welcome to the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships! Many of you may be witnessing a horseshoe event for the first time. We hope the information found here adds to your enjoyment of the event! In memory of Bill Marvin who created this information.

### *What's happening?*

At first glance it's difficult to determine "what's happening" out there! There is some structure to the tournament, honestly there is!

Without going into too much detail about that, let it suffice to say that players, matched by ability, are competing against others within their class on consecutive courts, playing 40-shoe cancellation games and are trying to score more points than their opponent. At completion of play (usually after three days) the player with the best win/loss record will be named Class Champion of that class.

During the second week, you will witness the world's best pitchers (ability wise) competing in Championship Divisions for "World Champion" titles. They will mostly be pitching 40-point cancellation games in eight divisions, Men, Senior Men, Elders, Women, Senior Women, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, and Cadets (under 12). Those with the best won/loss record will be declared World Champions.

### *Scoring and scorekeepers*

Each player will pitch two shoes, and then the players walk together to the opposite end to determine the results of those four shoes. After close examination, the scoring player will call out the score to the scorekeeper (that is the person seated) who will record it on the scoreboard. The scorekeeper also tracks the total number of shoes pitched.

Although the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) has a standard method of calling score, other regions of the USA and other countries often develop their own jargon. You may hear a variety of "calls" which make it difficult to understand, but if you watch the scoreboard, you'll soon come to understand that particular player's "language". Here are the NHPA calls:

### *NHPA Recommended Calls*

**"No score"**, all four shoes are out of count.

**"One point"**, calling player has no ringers with the closest shoe in count.

**"Two points"**, calling player has no ringers with two closest shoes in count.

**"One ringer, three points"**, calling player has one ringer with no other shoes in count or the other player having the closest shoe in count.

**"One ringer, four points"**, calling player has one ringer with the closest shoe in count.

**"Two ringers, six points"**, calling player had two un-cancelled ringers.

**"Two dead, no score"**, two cancelled ringers with no other shoe in count

**"Two dead, one point"**, two cancelled ringers and calling player has one shoe in scoring range.

**"Two dead, three point"**, two cancelled ringers and calling player has one un-cancelled ringer.

**"Four dead"**, four cancelled ringers.

Spectators often applaud consecutive "four dead."

### *Electronic Scoring*

The World Championship uses electronic scoring, and the scorekeeping terminal displays the following. Each terminal has the following listed picks beneath each player:

No Score  
1 Point  
2 Points  
1 Ringer 3  
1 Ringer 4  
2 Ringers 6  
2 Dead  
2 Dead 1  
2 Dead 3  
4 Dead

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All the scorekeeper does is mouse over to the name of the pitcher calling the score and click on the score he calls. It registers on the display and at the end of the game it is sent, by the scorekeeper, to the host computer located in the statistics room. These results are printed and posted on the “Results Board” located strategically for all pitchers and spectators to view. The numbers at the bottom of the screen indicate: Court number: number of shoes pitched; number of ringers pitched, top player; number of ringers pitched, bottom player.

J. Hokkala	S. Otto
52	50
J. Mueller	J. LaBrosse
23	26
<small>Court Shoes Pitched 1st player Ringers 2nd player Ringers</small>	<small>Court Shoes Pitched 1st player Ringers 2nd player Ringers</small>
1. 50 30 20	2. 50 26 18

## Pitching styles

There is a wide diversity in pitching stance, grip, backswing, release, turn, flip, and follow-through.

Spectators can quickly become a student of the game by learning to recognize differences in pitchers and the success each one has with their methods. This may be found far more interesting than attempting to keep up with “who is beating whom” throughout the tournament.

The “turn” of the shoe can be classified in the following general groups (for right-handed pitchers). See how many of them are being used in the class you are watching.

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### Clockwise

- ¾ turn.....held open end facing to pitcher’s right.
- 1 ¼ turn.....held open end facing pitcher’s left.
- 1 ¾ turn.....held open end facing pitcher’s right.

### Counterclockwise (not as common as clockwise)

- ¾ turn.....held open end facing pitcher’s left.

- 1 ¼ turn..... held open end facing pitcher’s right.
- 1 ¾ turn.....held open end facing pitcher’s left.

### Flip- held palm up.

- 1 flip.....one complete flip, points rise and back.
- 2 or more.... multiple flips, points rise and back.

### Flip- held palm down (not as common as palm up) same rotation as palm up.

Rolling flip clockwise (sometimes called a flop) Combinations of a single turn and flip usually held near closed end of shoe. The clockwise turn for right-handers is common.

### ¾ reverse turn

Some right-handers pitch a “reverse” or “counterclockwise” turn.

Of course, the left-handed pitchers can do everything a right-handed one can do. Then the terms clockwise and counterclockwise are switched accordingly.

*Got more questions? Ask anyone near you, horseshoers share their knowledge of the game. This will also be*



## **NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS' FOUNDATION**

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### “Lansing Giveaway”

The Lansing CVB has been gracious enough to create an opportunity for you to “WIN” this great package. Just submit your World Tournament entry form by April 30th, 2023, and you must attend, and you can have the chance to win. To enter, just go to the NHPA website at [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com) and click on the “Lansing” logo, from there scan the QR code and follow the instructions.

## “ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN”

**Register**  
**NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT**

REGISTER BY APRIL 30, 2023 TO BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A GREATER LANSING THINGS TO DO PACKAGE!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION LINK OR GO TO [WWW.HORSESHOEPITCHING.COM](http://WWW.HORSESHOEPITCHING.COM)

**GREATER LANSING THINGS TO DO PACKAGE**

Package includes:

- A pair of tickets to the Lansing Lugnuts Game on Wednesday July 19th
- One \$25 gift card to Lansing Brewing Company
- A pair of tickets to Impression 5 Science Center
- One \$25 gift card to Sidecar Slider Bar

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## 2023 WORLD TOURNAMENT PHOTOS – PRE-ORDERS AVAILABLE

You will now be able to pre-order your 2023 World Tournament photos. The information is listed below, get a head start on your orders and you can pick them up at the photography booth at the Lansing Center. The photographer booth will be located in “Vendor Alley”.

**PHOTO**  
*Frames*

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### **KARAOKE IN LANSING**

For those of you that are karaoke enthusiasts, here are a few locations that are located within the entertainment district in the downtown Lansing area, and close to the Radisson. Have you ever wondered about the psychology behind karaoke? It's quite a puzzle because right after the number one fear that most people have - the fear of flying, comes the fear of public speaking. So, what would make so many people want to get up in front of a crowd of strangers in a public venue and sing? Some may say that it's like living out a childhood fantasy of being a rock star. Or maybe it's a way of expressing your feelings and personality. Whatever your feelings, karaoke is a popular pastime and Lansing has a few popular spots for your time in the spotlight. The best source of information is already compiled along with links for you to share with your friends. <https://www.lansing.org/blog/post/karaoke-in-lansing-michigan/>



### **Lansing's Ultimate Trivia Night Guide**

Time to put all your pop culture, history, and whatever miscellaneous knowledge you've collected in your brain over the years to use! Now is your chance to prove that you actually DO have all the answers during trivia nights in Greater Lansing. Whether it's DJ Trivia with onscreen questions, Sporcle Live or Geeks Who Drink, there are plenty of options and evenings to choose from. Share the link with family & friends and let the competition begin!

<https://lansing.org/blog/post/trivia-in-greater-lansing/>



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The Ohio Charter would like to cordially invite you to attend the annual,

### **63RD RINGER CLASSIC IN BEAUTIFUL GREENVILLE, OHIO**

Two years ago, we had 15 states represented. Unfortunately, last year, because of an early date and Covid restrictions, our entries were down. This year we have a lot of surprises in store for you. The City Park has undergone massive renovations, including the restrooms, sidewalks, water fountain, and the horse-shoe courts have brand new fencing. The City of Greenville has gone above and beyond to make your pitching experience an unforgettable one. If you have been here before-welcome back, if it is your first time, great!



Every entry to the Ringer will automatically be in the drawing to win a signed pair of Alan Francis horseshoes donated by Gary Roberts. Ben Webb, KY, has donated the Entry Fees for the first five (5) Junior entries to sign up. Don't miss out!

To enter the Ringer Classic Tournament, please complete the information by visiting the OHPA website at <https://www.ohiohorseshoes.org>. You can print the entry form out and mail it in or you can enter online. Once your application is submitted, you will be redirected to make payment. Your receipt will show the payment made to OHPA. Make checks payable to the Darke County HS Club.

The Ringer **pitching schedule** will be available on the OHPA's website/social media/emailed on or about **June 26, 2023**. By entering this tournament, you acknowledge that it is your responsibility to review the posted schedule carefully to find out what day and time you pitch. **We are no longer making phone calls to advise pitchers what date and time they pitch.** No phone calls please. No refunds after the deadline date. *Please share this schedule with other pitchers.*

Entries fees and sponsorship funds will determine the payouts which will be posted on the first day of the tournament. All Classes, except A-B, may pitch 40 points or 40 shoes, whichever comes first. This will depend upon entries, weather, and time allotted. All decisions/changes will be made by the tournament director.

Schedule will be posted on the OHPA website <https://www.ohiohorseshoes.org>

#### **HOTELS**

Quality Inn (937) 316-5252 - Ask for the Horseshoe Rate \$109/night.

Holiday Inn Express-Newly Renovated! (937) 548-1328 - Ask for Horseshoe Rate \$129/night

Baymont Inn (937) 548-3613

#### **CAMPING LOCATIONS:**

Wildcat Woods Camping (937) 548-7921

Arrowhead Camping (937) 996-6203

Darke County Fairgrounds Camping (937) 548-5044

**A \$5.00 score keeping fee is included.**

**Adults: \$35 plus \$2 convenience fee = \$37.00**

**Juniors: \$10 plus \$2 convenience fee = \$12.00**

**Class A: \$55 plus \$2 convenience fee = \$57.00**

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### **SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND RISKS**

While we understand that everyone is entitled to their own opinions, thoughts, and ideas, 1st amendment rights etc., I would ask that each of you **please take the time** to read this partial article about “Online Abuse in Sports” that came out in the latest edition of Sports Pro Daily magazine, click on the link to read the full “Report” on Sports Pro daily website. Just click on the tab “Reports” <https://www.sportspromedia.com/> .

There is more information to this article that I can’t publish so please look this magazine up online and read it at your convenience. This hits home to all of us and our organizations, whether we are on an individual club, state charter level and how all Sports brands/organizations in the sports industry are dealing with the consequences of negativity, dangers, harmfulness, and the overall **disrespect** to an organization and its purposes and business intentions. This article will also show how the negativity directly affects and/or impacts a national organization/sports brand like the NHPA and its members (regardless of ages) in various ways.

No matter how often or how close we monitor the many social media NHPA/horseshoe pages, whether we are admins or not, this article will explain and give more insight into things that we do not realize that are “affected” or that we take for granted, or brush/blow off, that social media posts and commenting can effect on a daily basis. Whether you believe it or not, when we look for potential bidders, whether we are promoting/advertising charter/club tournaments, in addition to the World Tournament, online pitching etc., these CVB’s and cities look at these Social Media pages as a “**Reference**” into organizations whether it is the NHPA, NFL, NBA, PGA Golf, ACA, USA PICKLEBALL, PGA GOLF, etc., and how people’s overall perceptions can affect sports and the harm that this causes its people/members in general, even in their local communities.

We (NHPA) initially thought by creating our Social Media pages that this would be an opportunity for the NHPA to get our sport recognized/attention as well as gain national sponsors/advertising, etc., and to get our charters/clubs attention. It was decided some time ago to remove the NHPA Chat from the website, because it became too much to deal with technically and to monitor everyday/every couple of hours and to give responses or answer questions in a timely manner. I would hope we all gain some insight and information from this article and “**Think**” about what we are saying and how it can affect someone or something before we post on Social Media outlets.

Social Media Platforms can bring serious problems to an organization and its members of all ages whether it’s a national pro-team/player or not. This is a portion of an article that came out of the most recent version of “Crisp” a Kroll Business that was recently published in Sports Pro Media magazine. I wanted to share a few of the paragraphs/research with you to give you an idea of the issues and problems that can arise from the negativity of Social Media Platforms and the danger they cause from negativity and behavior. Whether we (NHPA) are, or are not a branded sport, or regardless if our pitchers are as famous as the NFL, NBA, PGA GOLF, USA PICKLEBALL, ACA, or whether we have major sponsors or not, online abuse in all sports intensifies...and who reaps the fallout from it all?

“The sports industry is grappling with the significant rise in online abuse across social media platforms. Harassment has intensified, targeting athletes and their families, fan communities and brands that promote them. Online harms directed at the sports industry are inescapable, both on athletes owned social media pages and on brand-sponsored pages. Tracking 25 athletes from five top sports, Crisp found 72,995 items of harmful content in a six-week period, or an average of three harmful items per hour.”

“With little protection online, instigators and bad actors are free to harass and abuse athletes overall at will. The amount of abuse from a relative few is staggering. Crisp detected more than 21,000 items on brand-sponsored pages alone, averaging 442 harmful items per day for a six-week period starting on January 17th.

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Sadly, The NHPA Group Page as well as other Horseshoe pages have gotten to see the same type of abuse and have the same issues as branded sports. Online abuse is prevalent in all sports regardless of gender or star status. In a BBC Sport study, one third of elite British sportswomen across 39 sports have been targeted by trolls on social media channels with “horrific” abuse, double the percentage five years prior. During the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, 87% of abusive Tweets were directed at women, totaling more than 200,000 items.

Julia Elbaba, former Women’s Tennis pro, received death threats from gamblers who lost money on a match she was expected to lose: “The messages rolled in. It was like, ‘I hope you die. I hope your whole family dies of cancer.’” More recently at the controversial 2022 World Cup in Qatar, hate speech ran rampant on and off the field.

### *Social media abuse doesn’t discriminate between public or private people.*

Athletes may bear the brunt of abuse in the sports industry, but two out of five Americans (41%) report experiencing online harassment. Everyone has skin in the game when it comes to online abuse, especially in social media fan communities where high engagement and volumes of activity put users, and the brands that sponsor the communities, at risk.

While the targets and types of online abuse have expanded, Crisp found a relatively small group of actors driving most of the harmful content. During the same six-week period analyzed, Crisp found more than 50,000 individuals **sharing** harmful content targeting athletes. But, of that group, only 10% accounted for nearly 80% of all harmful content. These stats were shocking and **while community managers often focus on the commentary itself, effective content moderation and risk mitigation strategies should also focus on the individuals or actor groups responsible for generating the content in the first place. 10% of individuals accounted for 80% of all harmful content.**

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### **NHPA “NEW” Membership Numbers for 2022 & 2023**

Per the NHPA lists that has been turned into the NHPA Sec./Treas. Jim Kinney from each of these charters, here are the new member numbers for 2022 and the numbers so far for 2023. There was a total of **756** “New” members with the states reporting the following numbers: “Welcome” to all.

For those charter secretaries that have not sent in your new member list to me to get the new membership bags, please do so as soon as you. My contact information is on the NHPA Website under the “About Us”/Officers. I will send you the information that you need in order to receive the bags and t-shirts.

#### **2022 New Member’s**

Alaska – 1  
 Alabama – 3  
 Arkansas- 2  
 Arizona- 12  
 California -74  
 Colorado – 46  
 Connecticut – 14  
 Delaware – 3  
 Florida – 18  
 Georgia – 5  
 Hawaii – 1  
 Iowa -11  
 Idaho – 5  
 Illinois – 20  
 Indiana – 14  
 Kansas – 18  
 Kentucky – 8  
 Louisiana – 10  
 Massachusetts – 9  
 Maryland -5  
 Maine – 12  
 Michigan – 23  
 Minnesota – 59  
 Missouri – 25  
 Montana – 16  
 North Carolina – 8  
 North Dakota – 18  
 Nebraska – 45  
 New Hampshire – 4  
 New Jersey – 15  
 New Mexico – 14

Nevada – 9  
 New York – 12  
 Ohio – 17  
 Oklahoma – 14  
 Oregon -8  
 Pennsylvania – 8  
 Rhode Island -9  
 South Dakota – 3  
 Tennessee – 1  
 Texas – 18  
 Utah N - 3  
 Utah-S - 37  
 Virginia -12  
 Vermont -12  
 Washington – 6  
 Wisconsin- 46  
 West Virginia -7  
 Wyoming – 19  
 Washington, DC - 3

#### **2023 New Member’s**

Alabama – 9  
 Alberta, Canada – 99  
 British Columbia, Canada - 241  
 Arkansas- 2  
 Arizona- 22  
 California -57  
 Colorado – 9  
 Connecticut – 23  
 Delaware – 3  
 Florida – 30  
 Georgia – 7  
 Hawaii – 5

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### **2023 New Member's (Continued)**

Idaho – 0	Nevada – 3
Illinois – 16	New York – 16
Indiana – 8	Ohio – 25
Kansas – 4	Oklahoma – 5
Kentucky – 2	Ontario, Canada - 98
Louisiana – 7	Oregon -2
Massachusetts – 11	Pennsylvania – 43
Maryland -4	Quebec, Canada -1
Maine – 5	Rhode Island – 4
Michigan – 33	South Carolina – 2
Minnesota – 5	South Dakota – 1
Missouri – 55	Tennessee – 2
Mississippi - 2	Texas – 17
Montana – 2	Utah N - 2
North Carolina – 55	Utah S - 21
North Dakota – 18	Virginia -2
Nebraska – 30	Vermont -3
New Hampshire – 3	Washington – 5
New Jersey – 8	Wisconsin- 16
	West Virginia -0
	Wyoming – 3
	Washington, DC - 2

### ***Lansing Michigan Events***

**NHPA Junior Party – Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5-9pm** at Impression 5 Science Center located directly across the street from the Lansing Center. We have rented out the entire science center for the juniors to enjoy. Register today via the QR code on the flyer or this link (<https://lansing.simpleviewcrm.com/webapi/rsvp/v2/index.cfm/?action=details&noredirect=1&eventId=1059>) to enjoy the excitement. Food, drinks, and treats will be provided.

**NHPA Junior Welcome Reception – Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm** at Jackson Field located right next door to the Lansing Center. Register today via the QR code on the flyer or this link (<https://lansing.simpleviewcrm.com/webapi/rsvp/v2/index.cfm/?action=details&noredirect=1&eventId=1060>). Juniors that register will get a complimentary ticket to the game where they will meet and greet as a group and then be escorted to their seats. They will get to enjoy the game as well as be recognized during the game. We encourage juniors to bring money to purchase food and drink.

**NHPA Nights at the Lansing Lugnuts Game** – Happening the same night as the Junior Welcome Reception. The Greater Lansing Sports Authority has worked with the Lansing Lugnuts to offer discounted tickets for the game on Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:05pm. Ticket must be purchased via this link - <https://fevo.me/nhpa2023> -or you can purchase onsite at the ticket counter just please tell them you are there for NHPA Night and would like to receive the Horseshoe Discount. All participants will sit together and be recognized throughout the game.

**Karaoke in Lansing?** We have you covered! Check out this blog with the best places in town to sing the night away. - <https://www.lansing.org/blog/post/karaoke-in-lansing-michigan/>

**Greater Lansing Craft Beverage Pass** – We have curated the best craft breweries, artisan distilleries and boutique wineries in Michigan's Capital region so that you can sip, savor and discover your favorite craft beverages. Find one-stop access to deals and discounts as you check in, accumulate points, and win fun prizes including decals and exclusive 16 oz mugs. For more information check out - <https://www.lansing.org/plan-your-trip/experience-pass/>

**Check out one of Greater Lansing's One of Kind attractions.** We have everything from putt that mimics a full-size golf course to axe throwing, throw bowling, pocket soccer, combat karting and much more! Check out this link for a list of our unique attractions - <https://www.lansing.org/things-to-do/attractions/unique-attractions/>

## NHPA Website/Newsline Advertising options now available

There are 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](mailto: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](http://www.horseshoepitching.com).

The NHPA grants the advertiser the right to advertise their product on [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://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](http://www.horseshoepitching.com) in one or more locations.
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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](http://www.horseshoepitching.com).

## 3rd VP Message

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian

Last Newsline I announced the NHPA's newly created program entitled "Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI). Over the past two months, Associate Director Barry Webster and I have been busy planning the next few steps in the implementation of this important program. After the announcement in the last Newsline regarding the creation of the new "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) program, Barry Webster and I fielded questions and comments in person and on social media regarding the goal of this program. We encourage and appreciate the input and look forward to interacting with you as we step into this important arena. The goal of any DEI program is to simply ensure current and future members represent our local communities and provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. To that end we are planning a survey for our members on your experiences in our local, state, and national tournaments. We are also looking for members who want to join us as we look at ways to safely enhance our membership across the board but with an eye towards underrepresented groups. All of us want to see our membership numbers grow and it would be wonderful to connect with groups within our communities who may be curious about competitive horseshoe pitching but don't know if it is a safe place for them to join and belong. Please reach out to Barry and myself if you have ideas, connections or suggestions.



Jerry

## A blast from the past...100 Years Ago!!! Pitching Shoes!

*The Horseshoe World—Feb 1923*

<https://www.horseshoepitching.com/HSWorld/February23.pdf>

### HORSESHOES AT LONG BEACH



#### BRAVE MUD

Several horseshoe pitching enthusiasts recently, could no longer resist the temptation to try their skill in an effort to ascertain if interruption by bad weather had impaired their pitching ability, so a contest was arranged and the pitchers chased back and forth over the sodden court, leaving deep footprints in the mud and carrying a liberal portion of the court about on their shoes.

One pitcher had even come equipped with a pair of rubber boots, and all apparently were just as thoroughly enjoying the game as if they were in their shirt sleeves under a caressing mid-summer sun.—Washington C. H. Herald.

Long Beach, California, is peculiarly a resort for middle-aged and old men from middle-west communities. And judging by the throngs playing in the little park adjacent to the city library, horseshoe is their favorite game. Not only do they indulge in it here, where there are well-laid out grounds for it, but are seen in groups in other parts of the city. The above picture shows a number of well-dressed men who have found a game in a rather weedy lot, and are throwing the horseshoe as merrily as if in the shady park grounds.

The principal site for the game is in the park, however, and around three sides of this park is held the municipal market three days in the week. So while the women market and visit the men play their beloved game, and many have become quite expert at it. There is also a roque

game nearby, and this is the favorite of the women. This game played with the short handled mallets put unused muscles into commission, and the ladies think it helps them reduce, and adds to grace and health.

The game of quoits is not merely an old men's game in this city, however, for many young men enjoy the sport. But it is really a blessing that so many elderly men have a game of this kind to keep them out of doors. In the Southern California climate there is but few days when they cannot be in the park, meeting other men from "back home" and elsewhere, and acquiring skill and an appetite as they play their favorite game.

For other men, who have different inclinations in the sport line there are chess and checker clubs indoors, and roque and even old-fashioned croquet for those who want to indulge in a mild pastime outdoors.



*4th VP Message***Time to Re-Sanction all NHPA Sanctioned Pits**

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

Hello Everyone and Happy Spring. I hope all of you had a wonderful Easter with your family and friends.

Well, here we are in May already. The World Tournament in Lansing, MI. will be here before you know it. If you haven't got your entry in yet, hurry, hurry. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is going to be a great venue and the people of Lansing are excited to have us in their great city. I am excited to be a part of this wonderful event. I can't wait to see and visit with all of my horseshoe friends and family.

This has been a really hard 6 months for me, but I am glad to be able to get out and be a part of such a wonderful sport. I couldn't have made it without all of your support and kindness. I am really looking forward to traveling this summer attending different tournaments and getting my much needed hugs. All of you are such wonderful people and I thank each and everyone of you for your love and support.

I just got home from South Carolina where we kicked off the Horseshoe Tour season. I was also inducted in the Horseshoe Tour Hall of Fame. Thank you to the Horseshoe Tour staff and the NHPA for letting me be a part of these wonderful organizations. Our next stop for the tour is Clarksville, TN, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a great venue with covered pits. If you have never attended a tour event, you are missing out on a great tournament. Go to [thehorseshoetour.com](http://thehorseshoetour.com) and check it out.

I have completed sending out Patch Orders. I do have some left over so if you add more tournaments or need more, simply email me your request and I will get them out to you. Thank you everyone for your hard work and support.

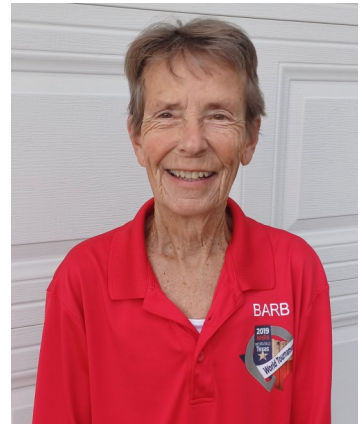
Don't forget RD's that this is the year you need to re-sanction all of your courts. As you get them done, please send me a list of them. I have already started to get a couple of them in, so thank you. I don't need copies of the Sanction Certificates. When you have finished your court sanctioning, simply e-mail your list to me at [bcarson848@gmail.com](mailto:bcarson848@gmail.com). You all make my job easier and I appreciate everything you do to make it run smooth.

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.

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.



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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.

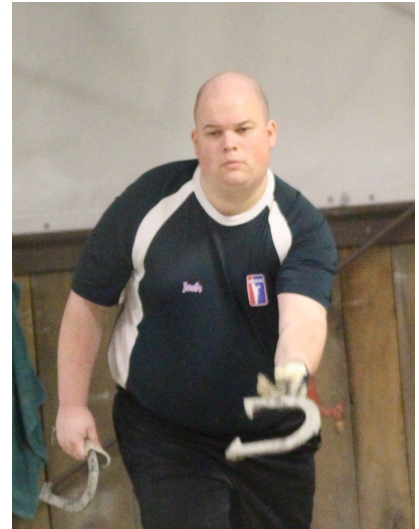
Barb

5th VP Message

Scoreholio...NHPA Future

Josh Olson, 5th Vice President

The very popular Tournament application for Billiards, Bocce Ball, Darts, Pickleball, Cornhole, Table Shuffleboard and yes of course Horseshoes among a few other popular sports. Scoreholio. Cornhole of course is the most popular when you hear the word Scoreholio. Scoreholio is used for many different things. It can be used for running a tournament of any size right from the convenience of a phone, tablet or computer. From your backyard to a sports arena, Scoreholio can and has done it.



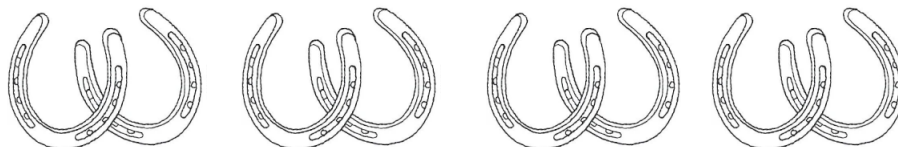
Some people already use Scoreholio in the horseshoe world. One person who is no stranger to the backyard horseshoe world, he is known as Double D, Dave Nelson out of Southern California uses Scoreholio to run all of his horseshoe tournaments. The app is simple to install, all you must do is download it, and then create a profile, and then you can register for a tournament in your area just like that.

Scoreholio, I believe, can be the future of how we run tournaments and used for keeping score as well. Right now, the app is not setup for cancelation scoring. But keep an eye out, soon it will have the cancellation format so be on the look out for it.

If you are familiar with "score magic" it is a scoring system that is primarily used in cornhole for keeping track of stats along the way in the game for every tournament. This is a feature that I believe can be used very effectively in the world of horseshoes. The app can be used for keeping track of all kinds of statistics in the game, can help with finding tournaments and even seeing the results and rankings just like we already have with eShoe but now available on a mobile app. I myself could see Scoreholio be used at small horseshoe tournaments, state tournaments, and the World Tournament. Scoreholio has some great features that are very exciting, and I can't wait to see what is coming with the app, I believe the two will benefit from each other tremendously. Stay tuned, I hope to have more exciting news on Scoreholio soon.

I would like to take this time also to reach out to anyone that is planning on attending the World tournament during the second week of competition that has knowledge of HSMaster and basic computer troubleshooting skill, please reach out to me if you would be interested in helping in the Stat room. See you in Lansing!

Josh



*Junior Director*

## Junior Events at the World Tournament

*By Ben Webb, Junior Director*

The 2023 pitching season has kicked off in most states at this point and our annual world tournament is approaching fast in Lansing, Michigan. Entries for the tournament have gotten off to a slow start, as usual, with 396 entrants as of last Friday. We do expect a considerable jump in entries in the coming weeks, with more and more people using the online system, this also allows people to put off entering the tournament until the last minute. As for the junior division 2022 champions Derek Reynolds (Junior Boys) and Eli Sullivan (Cadet Boys) have already confirmed their plans to attend the 2023 tournament and defend their championships.

Working with Lansing we have set up several events for our youth membership during their time in the city. Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have our traditional junior “meet and greet” at Jackson Field, across the street from the tournament venue. The Lansing Lugnuts (A Minor League Team) have a game this night beginning at 7:05 p.m., every youth player that is signed up to pitch in the World Tournament will receive a complimentary ticket to the game. We will meet at the ballpark as a group and have a designated area for the NHPA. Those with the NHPA will also be recognized at some point during the night. Anyone else in town with the World Tournament will be able to purchase a ticket at a discounted rate. Please stay tuned to the next edition of Newsline and the NHPA Youth Facebook page for more details on this event.

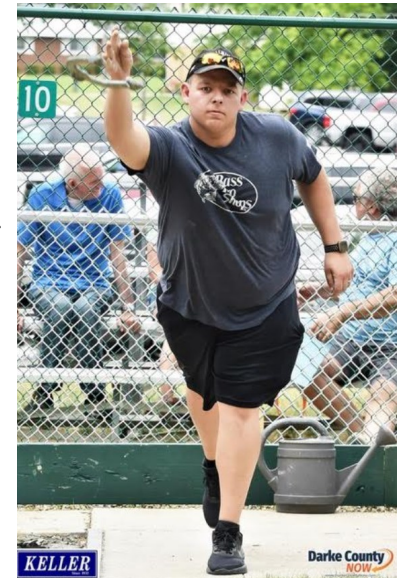
Our junior doubles last year seemed to be well received and I’d like to run that tournament again as a warm-up. With the meet and greet time being when it is I will have to find an alternate time to run that tournament. It will most likely be Wednesday during the day, but please check the next edition of Newsline for that information.

The annual Junior Party will be held across the street from the venue as well at Impression 5 science center, Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5 – 9 p.m. Impression 5 science center is an interactive experience that is fun for all ages. This is during the same time as the Hall of Fame banquet. Check out Impression 5’s website for a list of all the exhibits and experiences available here as well. We would like to get a count of how many juniors will be attending as well, check with Newsline next month for that link to sign up for this as well. Food and drinks will be provided for the juniors during this event.

We hope to see many youth pitchers in Lansing, Michigan this year for the World Tournament. Youth pitchers need only 1 sanctioned event per year to be eligible for the event. Your World Tournament appearance last year can count toward this, if it is still on eShoe and you haven’t changed divisions.

The World Tournament Preview & Predictions will be in the next edition of Newsline coming out the first of July. I had originally stated it would be in this edition but there are simply not enough entries to make accurate predictions at this time. For example, the last entry list I saw didn’t have 2022 World Champion Sarah Chaffee on it. If we put out the predictions the day before she entered, we’d be leaving out a major variable. We will be previewing the championship classes in the: Men’s, Women’s, Elder’s, Senior Men & Women’s, Junior Boy’s & Girl’s, and both Cadet divisions. By that time the schedule will be out, and we’ll be able to make fair predictions.

We are still seeking members for our Junior Committee. This has been an ongoing struggle since forming this late last year. So many times, we’re told that the NHPA needs to do more with this or that. I’ve been trying to find people to get involved with this committee, but many people are simply too busy. We have just three members at this point: Austin Bailey (IL), Aleena Lepak (WI), and myself. If you’re interested in helping on this committee, please contact me for more information.



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*Junior Director...continued*

## **Eli Sullivan makes history.**

The 2023 season of the Horseshoe Tour has kicked off last weekend in Newberry, South Carolina. Here, over 70 pitched flooded to the middle of South Carolina for the event. In an event that featured several former World Champions, and a full weekend of pitching Joan Elmore (TN) won the 30' Division and myself, Ben Webb (KY) won the 40' Division. This is also the weekend the Horseshoe Tour makes their Hall of Fame inductions. This year the nod went to Maxine Griffith (TN) and NHPA council member Barbara Carson (OH).

Among the field of seasoned veterans and longtime players on the tour, there was one outlier at the Sue Snyder Memorial tournament in Newberry. 11-year-old, 2022 Cadet Boys World Champion Eli Sullivan pitching from 30 feet? The tour does not offer a Cadet division, however Juniors and Cadets are welcome to participate as long as the observe the 30' foul line and pay the normal entry fee. At the Horseshoe Tour events, Junior pitchers are also eligible to win the same prize money as the adults, as they play in the same classes.

Eli entered the tournament at 72.54% and would qualify through the prelims as the #2 seed in the B, 30' division, with 63.89%. As a testament to just how tough Horseshoe Tour events are, Eli would be matched up with a powerhouse in the first round in 2023 Horseshoe Tour Hall of Fame inductee, and 2018 Women's World Champion, Maxine Griffith (TN). Eli would however get the win in the first game against Maxine with 21 ringers to Maxine's 19. The second game would begin to turn the tide with Eli dropping the game 21 ringers to 22. Maxine would keep the pressure on Eli and take the third game 23 ringers to Eli's 18, putting Eli out of the tournament. Although everything didn't turn out the way Eli would've wanted, it's a great achievement for Eli to have been in the field last weekend. This marks the first time a Cadet division player has pitched on the Horseshoe Tour. Eli was able to hold his own against some of the best pitchers in the world in Newberry and will still pitch in the Cadet Boy's division this year. Eli is looking forward to the 2023 World Tournament and plans to defend his title in Lansing.



# 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](http://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.

## **Types of Sponsorships/Advertising available during the World Tournament:**

- Leader Board
- Website
- Web Cams
- Back Drops
- Front of Podium
- HOF Banquet
- Result Sheets
- W.T. Fences (Sponsor name on the top, [horseshoepitching.com](http://horseshoepitching.com) on bottom)
- Shirts

*NHPF Report*

## All Donations Accepted

*By Dave Sidles, NHPF Director*



Time doesn't stand still and as we age so does our museum. The building housing the museum will be 16 years old this fall. Throughout those years there has been the normal expected wear and tear but on occasion, other larger items come up. This year has been one of those times and has resulted in some significant repair costs. The major source of funding to cover these expenses are the donations received primarily from NHPA members and the Foundation is very appreciative of your support. After all, it's your museum and Hall of Fame and many family legacies are on display there. Visit the NHPF website (<https://nhpf.info/donations/>) for information on how to make a donation.

At the end of this year, 3 of the current board members terms will expire. It is the duty of the NHPA Executive Council to fill vacated seats every other year. Anyone interested in participating on the NHPF Board of Directors can submit their name including outgoing board members should they desire to stay for another term. The NHPF board would like to see some younger people get involved in foundation. If you think this is something you might be interested in, we encourage you to speak to any current board member about their duties and commitments.

This year's World Tournament will once again be featuring a silent auction running throughout the first week of the event. Items will on display at the NHPF booth inside the Lansing Center. There will also be daily 50/50 raffles. We are accepting auction items right up to the first day of the tournament.

Respectfully,  
David Sidles  
NHPF President

*National Horseshoe Pitchers Association*

### **NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum**

'Honoring and Showcasing the History of Horseshoe Pitching'



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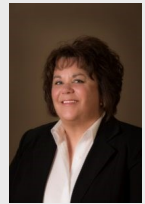
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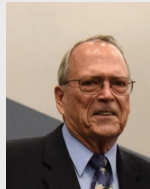
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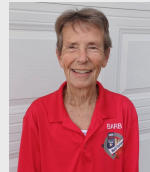
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# NHPA

## National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

*"Come Pitch with Us!"*

*From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer*

## **We Focus on More than the World Tournament**

*By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer*

It is the end of April, and everything is starting to get busy. The 2023 World Tournament entry deadline is only 18 days away. In the past a lot of pitchers have waited till the last minute to enter. It looks like it is true this year. The NHPA encourages everyone to experience this great event. The 2023 World Tournament will be in Lansing, Michigan and is expected to have a lot of entertainment and some great competition. If you need any more information, please contact me, or any NHPA officer. Hope to see you there.



The program the NHPA uses to track members and events is called eShoe. This program has been a great tool since we introduced it to the charters in 2019. Everyone has really embraced eShoe and worked hard to make it the standard throughout the NHPA. Canada has now been added to eShoe and is working with the NHPA to track their pitchers also. Charters have not had any major problems. There have been a couple of minor issues that we have been able to work out with intervention solutions. One of these issues is renewing your membership online. Sometimes current pitchers hit the JOIN button on the NHPA website instead of the RENEW button. This creates a second NHPA number for the member. If this happens reach out to your charter secretary or me. It is an easy fix. We need to make sure your charter is credited for the online purchase and the member has the correct events associated with their correct number. If there are any ideas anyone has to help with this tool or any other areas within the NHPA please contact us. We are here to make your pitching experience easier and more enjoyable.

I am looking forward to traveling to some great tournaments in other states this year. I pitched in the Valley of the Suns tournament located in Mesa, AZ. The Team World held in Beloit, WI on May 19<sup>th</sup> is always a great event. There should be some good competition this year as always. There are two tournaments at the NHPA Hall of Fame on May 6<sup>th</sup> called HOF Invitational 40' and HOF Invitational 30'. The competition in this tournament is also great to watch. The Ringer Classic, which is held in Greenville, OH on July 1<sup>st</sup> is another tournament that has been around for years. The World Senior Games Singles and doubles located in St George, Utah on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> is an event everyone over 55 should experience. These are a few tournaments I am planning on attending or have been privileged to watch/participate in. I know there are many more tournaments scheduled throughout the country that are great events. I am planning on attending the Horseshoe Tour one of these days and I wish I could get to all the great tournaments that so many people in the NHPA work hard to host. I hope all the pitchers in our organization take the time to see all the work in your charter that is being done behind the scenes to make your pitching experience memorable and exciting. If you have an event you want to showcase, please contact me.

We are moving closer to making some changes in the NHPA that affects most pitchers. These changes are in the form of Rules and Bylaws. If you are not attending the World Tournament you can have your say in what passes and what does not by contacting your charter president and have your voice heard thru the charter delegates at the World Tournament Convention. The rules and bylaws that are being proposed are posted in the March/April Newslines and are on the website. Please read the proposals and give your input. We need everyone to get involved.

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I know there are a lot of people who are unsure of the status of the NHPA. I assure you the NHPA is still a strong organization and is not shutting down anytime soon. The NHPA is made up of many great charters who are dedicated to their pitchers. Social Media can be a great tool, or it can be a tool for those who do not know what is going on behind the scenes to create a platform for themselves. I am reaching out to those who want to know what is true, or not, by contacting me by phone and I will help you. I do not communicate thru social media on any issue but I do welcome anyone who has an issue to contact me directly and we can work together to resolve it. I also am reaching out to anyone who is interested in getting involved or would like to run for an NHPA Council position. We are always looking for those who make a difference and are willing to work together as a team.

Thank you to anyone who is a member of this great organization. I respect you as a pitcher or any other role you play that makes us great. See you on the pits.

Jim Kinney Jr  
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Gary Roberts, Sue Gillespie, and Harold Reno at the 1962 World Tournament in Greenville, Ohio

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July 17th – July 29th

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**2023 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships**

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**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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In 2011 the NHPA Officers approved a new World Patch (much like membership patch) to be awarded to those that have pitched in 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, or 60+ World events.

World Tournaments In-A-Row Patches were also added to this program.

The 10 Year patches from the 2022 World Tournament have been mailed out and the remainder will be presented at the Hall of Fame Banquet during the World Tournament in July.

Below is the complete list from the 2021 World Tournament.



**40 WT**

Alan Francis (OH)

**30 WT**

Tina Hawkins (OK)  
Roger Vogel (KS)

**20 WT**

Jim Cooper (TN)  
Mike Deer (OK)  
Marvin Dirks (IA)  
Rick Howe (MA)

**20 WT**

Gary Kollmann (ID)  
Larry Munhofen (NE)

**10 WT**

Barney Bell (KS)  
Jean Bullington (GA)  
Barbara Carson (AZ)  
George Davis (CA)  
Donald Gore (NY)  
David Greer (TX)  
Jerald Hagen (ND)

**10 WT**

Jon Harris (FL)  
David Holliday (PA)  
Garry Jascckson (OK)  
Richard A. Johnson (TX)  
Keith Johnson (MO)  
Kevin Kyle (CA)  
Buddy Lampkin (KY)  
Helen Laumbach (NM)  
Arlen Lee (SD)  
Ronald LeGrand (MO)  
Josh Olson (MN)

**10 WT**

Doug Palmer (ID)  
Judy Phillips (NC)  
Chuck Poole (GA)  
Brian Poole (ID)  
John Strong (NE)

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**40 WT IN-A-ROW**

Alan Francis (OH)

**20 WT IN-A-ROW**

Tina Hawkins (OK)

**10 WT IN-A-ROW**

John Barney (AZ)  
Barbara Carson (AZ)  
Mark Fimbres (AZ)

Michael Gillespie (MO)  
Randy Jackson (OK)  
Jan Knaub (CO)

James Miller (TX)  
Josh Olson (MN)  
Ed Posey (TX)

Ron Smith (LA)  
Joie Welker (MO)



Do you have a difficult time choosing which shoes to pitch? Check out the challenge for Peter Mauer! There are avid horseshoe pitchers all around you...some who are members of the NHPA and some that are not yet. When you hear the clang of the metal on their stakes...when you see the smile on their face after a solid ringer...when you see the calluses on their hands from hours of pitching...invite them to join in the fun that we all experience every week. Life is too short to miss out on the things we enjoy and that brings us a little inner peace in a time of much turmoil and contention in the world. Let's contribute to the peace...and leave the contention behind. Blaine Scott NHPA Newsline Editor

## 2023 Hall of Fame Recipients

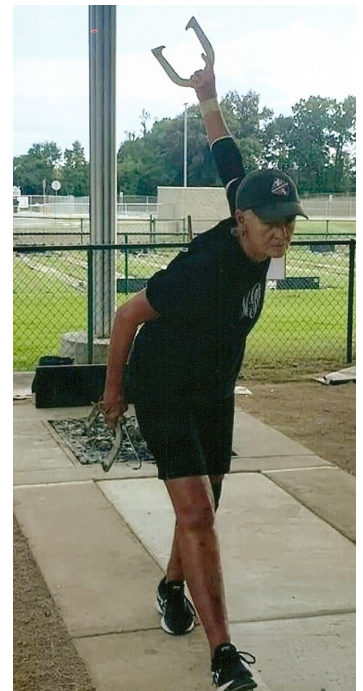
By Vicki Winston

If you read my article in the March/April edition of Newslines, you learned that the HOF Committee was in the process of the 2023 voting. The voting process had not yet been completed when I wrote the article and sent it to the editor. Then the voting got completed and I had learned the results and had contacted all living inductees just before the editor was ready to circulate that edition. He was able to squeeze in a brief announcement below the closing of my article and give you the names of the HOF inductees for 2023 before he circulated that edition. My article in this edition will contain some information about the four individuals who make up the NHPA Hall of Fame Class of 2023. In the Player category, we have elected Maxine Griffith. In the Historic Era Player category, we have elected Karl Van Sant. In the Promoter/Organizer category we have elected Jerry Smith and Kurt Whaley. Three are living and planning to attend their induction at the banquet to be held during the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. Karl Van Sant is deceased and to the best of my knowledge will have no family members in attendance. I could probably write at least a short book about the members of the HOF Class of 2023, but you are fortunate that I don't have that much time or space. So I will try to keep this as brief as possible, while also giving you some pertinent and hopefully interesting information. It probably won't be as brief as you would like.



### Maxine Griffith - Player.

Anyone who has been involved in World Tournament horseshoe pitching for any length of time has heard of the twins from Tennessee - Max and Mar. Max is the one who pitches left handed and you may be surprised to know they were raised in upstate New York on a dairy farm. Their parents were both avid horseshoe pitchers. They even had a grandfather who pitched the Putt Mossman brand of horseshoes. Max was never a stranger to our sport. However, in high school and college, she excelled in volleyball and basketball and in 1983 was inducted into the New York State Hall of Fame for achievements in high school athletics. In 2007 she was inducted into Lambuth University Sports Hall of Fame for volleyball and basketball. She went to the University of Southwestern Louisiana and earned her Masters Degree in Education and in her long teaching career, as you might guess, she was involved in coaching along with teaching math. She also got a grant from the state of Tennessee and implemented horseshoes into some high school physical education classes. The FFA built the courts. Max married Eddie Griffith, who was a self employed construction worker, and they had one daughter, Rayna Jo Cross, (also known as Shack). Shack excelled in fast-pitch softball in college and is a teacher and coach. At the time the bio was written, Shack and her husband had two children. Unfortunately, Eddie passed away on 1/25/20. However, some years before that he had built Max and Mar an indoor horseshoe court at his shop, so they could practice together almost every day. Perhaps that has helped the sisters to achieve the high ringer percentages that both have pitched over the years at various tournaments throughout the nation. They both play in a lot of events and travel together some distance to some of them. I expect they also practice a lot when they have the time. Their ringer averages are usually high. Max has won 17 State Titles and that is quite an achievement considering her twin sister, and another excellent pitcher by the name of Joan Elmore, also live in Tennessee.



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However, the NHPA Hall of Fame committee looks mostly at performances at the World Tournament, because there the pitchers all pitch on the same type of courts, under the same conditions and using the same tournament format. The WT is also the place where a good number of the very best pitchers available will be gathered at one event. It's as close as anyone can get to having equal conditions for all pitchers. Then we wait to see which pitchers are at their best on the days their division pitches their preliminary classes and then which pitchers make the Championship Finals, where they will pitch point limit games and not shoe limit games. This will be more of a test of how good of a horseshoe pitcher they really are and how they hold up under the pressure. At open tournaments all over the nation, the playing conditions will not be as good some places as they are at others, the tournament format and rules will vary, and there might be a wide spread in the ringer average of the pitchers within a class.

Max has done pretty well on the WT level, but at times has had to put her pitching career on hold. From 2001-2006 she took care of her mother in New York. She also cared for her older brother for a time when he was diagnosed with cancer. I also saw something about Max battling back from injuries, but she seems to have done that well. Max has participated in 16 WT's and made the Championship Finals 15 times. She won the Women's World Title in 2018, averaging 77.66%. That is her only World Title up to this point in time. In 2022 she finished 2nd with 78.73%. In 2016 she placed 3rd with 73.42%. She also has three 5th places in 2010, 2017 and 2019. In 2010 her ringer average was 71.94% and in 2019 her ringer average was 76.19%. I'm sure that Max will continue to enjoy the sport, while she battles with her opponents, and will be trying for another world title for as long as she is able. Congratulations to Max on her election to the NHPA Hall of Fame.

### [Karl Van Sant - Historic Era Player](#)

Karl Van Sant was born Jan. 25, 1925 and passed away March 30, 2002 at age 77. As far as I know, he lived in Indiana his entire life. He and his wife, Mary Ann, had two daughters, Karla and Jennifer. Karl was a carpenter by trade and also an avid collector of name & design bricks. In talking with Karla, I learned that Mary Ann is now deceased also. She was still living when Bob Dunn wrote Karl's bio in 2011. Karla told me her daddy tried to teach her to pitch horseshoes, but she could never get the hang of it. However, she enjoyed going to some of the many tournaments he attended each year and learned to keep score. She learned to be a part of the sport by doing that.

I knew Karl, as I was at all of the WT's where he pitched in the Men's Championship Class except one. He had a total of 13 appearances in it. Everyone liked Karl. He had a pleasant personality and was just a good person to be around. Many of the years he pitched were some of the years when there was just outstanding competition in the Men's Division. He did pitch in the Championship Class in 1961, but then wasn't back in it again until 1968. Then he pitched in it six times during the 1970's and five times from 1981 thru 1987. For those 13 appearances he averaged 71.64%. Many of those tournaments were 36 man round robins and some were 34. There were also a few that were 32. Even averaging over 70%, a couple of 13th place finishes was the best he could do. The years he averaged 77%, 76% and 74% were not the years he got as high as 13th place. As I said, there were some years when the competition was outstanding. Karl did manage to win 3 Indiana State Championships in 1986 (79.4%), 1988 (78.4%) 1990 (78.5%). I will remind you that Curt Day also lived in Indiana, as well as some other great pitchers. Karl was runner-up to Curt Day in 1963, 1969 and 1970 while averaging 75.5%, 83.5% and 78.5%. Indiana inducted Karl into their Hall of Fame in 1978.



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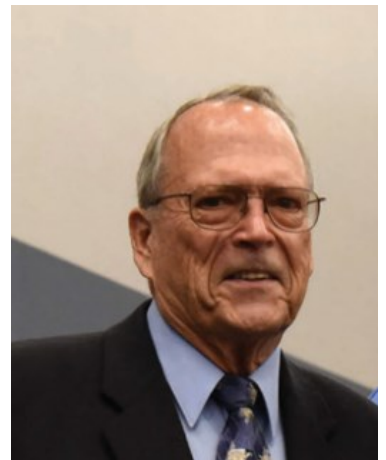
I remembered something as I was talking to his daughter and asked her if I was remembering correctly. There was a year that Karl came to the WT and was entered, but he suffered a heart attack while at his motel. Karla said he drove himself to the hospital and they life-flighted him to a hospital in Illinois, I believe she said. We didn't get to what year that was. The doctors at the hospital did surgery and saved his life. Some friends of Karl's, who were at that WT, drove his truck home for him.

Karl moved into the WT Intermediate Men's Division in 1990 and qualified for the Championship Class, but was runner-up with a 10-1 record and a 70.90% average. In 1991 he entered the Senior Men's Division, but placed 6th with a 5-6 record and a 70.37%. In 1992 he entered the Senior Men's Division again and qualified for the finals with a 75.14% average. In the finals he pitched against four Hall of Fame pitchers, plus two former Senior Men's Champions, and Karl won the title with a 10-1 record and a 67.74% average. At last he finally had a World Championship title and trophy. Karla told me that was the highlight of her dad's pitching career.

### [Jerry Smith - Promoter/Organizer](#)

This year two individuals were elected in this category, so I will take them in alphabetical order. Before I begin, I will mention that yes, Jerry Smith is a member of the NHPA Hall of Fame Committee. There is a rule that any HOF Committee member, who is a nominee on the ballot, or has a relative on the ballot, must abstain from voting in the category where that name is listed. The committee member does participate in the voting in the other categories that are available.

Jerry was born and raised in Ohio. He told me that while in his youth, he often sat and watched his dad pitch horseshoes, but never once thought about trying to pick up some horseshoes and learn to play the game himself. Now he kicks himself for not taking any interest in the sport until years later when he had been an adult for a long time and had a family. Jerry and his late wife, Diane, were married in 1966 and had two children, Jill and Douglas. The family moved to California in 1974 and then to Idaho in 2002. They then returned to California in 2018 and Diane passed away in 2019. There are five grandchildren in the Smith family. Jerry is currently living in Ohio, where he started out, when he isn't traveling.



Jerry first joined the NHPA and NCHPA in 1985. He also joined the Yolo HSP Club in 1985 and was the President of it for 12 years. Once he got started in the sport of horseshoe pitching, he was completely hooked. He helped build the facility at Yolo into the largest permanent pitching facility in the world, 40 clay courts under lights. The facility included: a snack bar, an air-conditioned stat room, concrete bleachers, a shoe sales shop and a Hall of Fame building. Jerry also served the NCHPA for a time in various charter positions. He was chosen by NHPA President, Dave Loucks, to serve on the first NHPA Computer committee as they began to investigate the use of computers for horseshoe pitching purposes. He was elected to the NCHPA Hall of Fame in 1999.

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Jerry moved to Idaho in late 2002 and soon became involved in the horseshoe activities of that state. In 2005 he became the editor of Idaho's horseshoe pitching newsletter, a job he held until 2015. In 2005 he was elected as the Idaho Association's Secretary/Treasurer and held that position until 2017. He also took over as Idaho's statistician and held that job until 2017. While living in Idaho, Jerry completed his first book in 2009, which documented the life of horseshoe pitching legend Don Titcomb. At the 2009 WT Jerry asked for and received permission from the NHPA President to write Volume Two of the Gary Kline book, *The Official NHPA History of the World Tournament*. He got permission and wrote that book covering 30 years of the Men's Championship class.

Jerry's work involving the NHPA continued to grow. In 2010, he was asked by the late Glenn Jamieson, the NatStats Director, to assist him in the stat room at the 2010 WT. He was approved by the NHPA Council and after the unfortunate passing of Glenn just before the WT, Jerry was asked by the NHPA President to not only work the WT stat room, but to help with the transition of HSMaster and to basically take Glenn's spot. He continued in that capacity until 2015 when he was appointed NHPA 3rd Vice President, a position he still holds today. In 2011 the NHPA Council approved an award patch for Participation in 10 or more World Tournaments. Bart Sargent (from Massachusetts) had worked for years putting together a NHPA master book listing every player that participated in a World Tournament from 1909 through 2003, complete with classes pitched in and stats, when available. Steve Summerlin received Bart's volumes of work and converted each page into an Excel file. Jerry Smith and Mel Yockstick began entering each world tournament player from 2004 to 2014. This process took about two years to complete before patches could be distributed and records be posted on the NHPA website. Mel Yockstick continued on with that work until the NHPA now has a complete history of all World Tournament participants' records from 1909 through the current year that are posted on the NHPA website. A couple of years ago, Mel asked to be relieved as the WT Statistician and Stan Griggs of Missouri was appointed to replace him.

Meanwhile, Jerry's work did not end. As the NHPA 3rd VP, he runs the NHPA Sanctioned League Program and all that is related to it. He received an NHPA Achievement Award in 2012.

In 2013 he was appointed to serve as a member of the NHPA Hall of Fame committee, a position he still holds. Jerry was awarded the prestigious "Stokes Memorial Award" in 2018. Also in 2018 he was elected to the Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame. In 2018 the Smith Family also moved back to California. With the passing of Bob Dunn, Jerry agreed to accept the appointment as the NHPA Historian and was given the responsibilities of updating and curating the NHPA's Hall of Fame museum in Wentzville, Missouri, as well as updating the bio information of all NHPA HOF members that appears on the Hall of Fame page of the NHPA website. In 2019 he was appointed to a position on the Board of Directors of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. At the present time he is still serving in all of these NHPA positions. Jerry apparently likes to stay busy. Congratulations to Jerry on his election to the NHPA Hall of Fame.

### [Kurt Whaley - Promoter/Organizer](#)

I'm quoting the words of the person who nominated Kurt Whaley - "Kurt Whaley has probably impacted our sport as much as any person in our entire history." From what I've learned and what I've read over the years, I think that sums it up pretty well. In case you don't know, Kurt is the author of HSMaster, HSScorekeeper and eShoe. In the late 1990's Kurt was Secretary/Treasurer of the South Dakota charter and was running many tournaments.



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As a professional computer programmer, he wrote software himself to ease his horseshoe jobs and out of that came HSMaster. In the next 20 years, Kurt revised and updated HSMaster 232 times, wrote HSScorekeeper enabling the NHPA to move into electronic scorekeeping, and proposed, wrote, and implemented eShoe. HSMaster is now fully integrated with eShoe making membership and national averages easy to update and track.

HSMaster is well known and the program is used widely throughout the horseshoe pitching world. It was first used at the 2010 World Tournament and brought the NHPA into the realm of Windows based programming, a much-needed improvement. We are told, by a person who knows, that the program has never failed to operate properly and Kurt has updated the program many times to speed up the operations of the statroom.

The HSScorekeeper program is easy, efficient, and a modern way to score horseshoe games. After the initial cost of the electronic equipment, the NHPA is saving several thousand dollars a year just for the triplicate scoresheets alone. Electronic scoring is accurate and speeds up the World Tournament in many ways. It is not necessary to collect paper scoresheets, or get them to the statroom to be checked for errors and then enter the data into the computer before results are known and awards can be presented. Errors in scorekeeping are rare and generally fixed on the floor. The awards ceremony can begin much sooner because results are known and correct within minutes of the last games being finished.

The eShoe program has eliminated the NATSTATS process and staffing. It has made tracking the membership easy and more accurate than we have ever had. Members can now join or renew online. All members' stats are readily available and are always up to date and accurate. Depending on procedures a charter uses, tournament directors can send results directly to eShoe immediately after the event and all averages are updated as they are entered. The power and speed of eShoe has brought the NHPA into the 21st century. It has been estimated that Kurt has given the NHPA...software that would cost over a 6 digit figure on the open market.

Kurt also has helped to provide some humor at the Hall of Fame Banquet over the years when doing auctions with former NHPA President, Paul Stewart and/or current NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Kinney Jr. I have never laughed so hard in my life as I did at some of those auctions. It's good to know that he can be less serious and have fun at times when he's not working on computer software.

For his involvement in making improvements to ease the workload of people who run events, handle important positions in their charter, or hold important positions in the NHPA and help to run the World Tournament, Kurt has already received some awards. He was elected to the South Dakota HOF in 2004, received the NHPA Stokes Award in 2009 and the NHPA Presidential Award in 2020. As we have learned, he has always worked tirelessly to improve HSMaster to suit everyone's needs. If he is onsite at a WT and a suggestion is made that might be a better way for the program to work, sometimes Kurt has provided a fix by the next morning. Kurt is indeed amazing and very deserving of awards. Congratulations to Kurt on his election to the NHPA Hall of Fame.

If you have read this entire article, I thank you and hope it wasn't boring and that you learned something new along the way. I am still uncertain as to whether or not I will try and make the trip to Lansing, MI for a few days during the WT. However, I am hoping that many NHPA pitchers will attend and will also attend the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet to help welcome our Class of 2023 into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Please have safe travels wherever you go as you follow the tournament trail to wherever it leads you in the upcoming months.



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### Womens Top 100 Stats 1 May 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	81.62	20
3	330031	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	81.50	20
4	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	78.90	6
5	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	78.80	12
6	480180	Theresa	Howe	MA	Women	78.62	10
7	220130	Doris	Hieden	TX	Women	78.57	13
8	664710	Sylvianne	Moisan	QC	Women	78.16	10
9	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	77.01	15
10	623905	Lindsay	HODGINS	AB	Women	75.83	9
11	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	74.56	25
12	800439	Pam	Meyer	MO	Women	73.64	17
13	280268	Aleena	Lepak	WI	Women	70.66	8
14	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	70.40	11
15	190217	Lachelle	Cook	MO	Women	69.81	3

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Mens Top 100 Stats *1 May 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	10
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	16
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	14
11	200023	Gary	Bearpaw	OK	Men	69.91	3
12	300151	Andrew	Adams	MI	Men	68.48	11
13	100290	Brandon	Tenijieth	AZ	Men	68.46	3
14	350369	Walter Ray	Williams Jr	FL	Men	68.11	21
15	190007	Stan	Griggs	MO	Men	67.34	7

Elders Top 100 Stats *1 May 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	370121	David	Holmes	WV	Elders	82.61	14
2	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elders	80.13	18
3	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	79.05	18
4	660765	Jacques	HOULE	QC	Elders	76.61	7
5	220870	Tom	Routh	TX	Elders	75.15	22
6	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elders	74.63	22
7	190103	Ronald	Legrand	MO	Elders	73.95	16
8	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	73.02	7
9	290240	Steve	Denault	IL	Elders	72.78	13
10	280236	Jim	Bilderback	WI	Elders	71.49	24
11	330199	James	Cooper	TN	Elders	71.00	24
12	100192	Mike	Massari	AZ	Elders	70.83	25
13	191256	Virgle	Mccown	MO	Elders	70.47	10
14	240222	Bert	Logsdon	IA	Elders	70.00	21
15	390280	David	Young	PA	Elders	69.86	7

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Girls Top 25 Stats *1 May 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	490491	Lizy	Jordan	CT	Girls	58.29	14
2	340280	Lily	Strong	CA	Girls	36.29	10
3	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Girls	35.93	8
4	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	35.78	17
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	5
9	615391	Asia	BOWDEN	BC	Girls	31.62	8
10	95085	Kayla	Julander	UT	Girls	30.00	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	6
15	616571	Erika	MCNAB	BC	Girls	23.24	4

Boys Top 50 Stats *1 May 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	78.71	8
2	200245	Walker	Forrester	OK	Boys	78.13	2
3	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Boys	71.83	5
4	260172	Tyler	Harris	AL	Boys	60.90	11
5	220641	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	TX	Boys	59.18	16
6	360274	Zander	Potts	OH	Boys	58.91	4
7	191622	Brady	Fox	MO	Boys	53.86	5
8	360365	Caiden	Hogue	OH	Boys	52.37	7
9	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	48.52	4
10	190045	Memo	Ramirez	MO	Boys	47.34	19
11	480516	Zack	Grzembski	MA	Boys	45.05	19
12	150403	Jackson	Johnson	ND	Boys	41.11	7
13	800579	Cole	Harland	UT	Boys	40.37	2
14	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Boys	39.96	9
15	280127	Blake	Benzing	WI	Boys	39.08	4

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Cadets Top 25 Stats *1 May 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Cadet Boys	72.54	18
2	802657	Tom	Grose	NV	Cadet Boys	58.39	22
3	801315	Evan	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	47.72	12
4	803261	Jayden	Fri	MI	Cadet Boys	40.08	1
5	800879	Landon	Morgan	IL	Cadet Boys	37.06	15
6	220815	Preston	Beusch	TX	Cadet Boys	35.01	6
7	31223	Adakai	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	31.94	5
8	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	29.14	11
9	802970	Alexzander	Schmidt	GA	Cadet Boys	28.98	10
10	31141	Evelyn	Espinola	CA	Cadet Girls	28.64	2
11	800314	Crystal	Knighten	AL	Cadet Girls	27.83	10
12	802184	Waylon	Basler	MO	Cadet Boys	26.67	1
13	801361	Cody	Brickell	CO	Cadet Boys	26.42	4
14	370009	Max	Martin	WV	Cadet Boys	22.73	2
15	231913	Lucas	Rasmussen	MN	Cadet Boys	22.21	7



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