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2023 President's Message

2024 World Tournament Location To Be Named

By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President

This is a very exciting time for the NHPA. The 2023 World Tournament with 954 entries is upon us in Lansing, Michigan. We are making every effort to make this a great experience for all who entered. Meghan Zehmer, our Lansing contact has been very helpful in every respect to make the tournament successful.



On June 27, 2023, the Executive Council is meeting to decide on the location of the 2024 World Tournament. Tri-Cities Washington appears to be the leading candidate. If the tournament is awarded to them, we must wait until the contract is signed by both parties. Kevin Lewis, who now works with Tri-Cities was involved in the St. George, Utah Tournaments. One other fact is becoming apparent in seeking bids is to award more than one tournament year to bidders. Tri-Cities Washington would like to hold the tournament again in 2027. This would allow them to store clay and they would not have to purchase it again. Once the contract is signed, we will make the announcement at the World Tournament.

Another exciting opportunity is our ability to use Scoreholio for horseshoes. Josh Olson has done an excellent job in making this happen. The Scoreholio folks are very anxious to make this work for us. We can start by using it in local tournaments.

The delegate packets for our Convention will be mailed out this week. Please pay close attention to the proposed changes for Rules and Bylaws. We will have a lot of business to conduct this year. Also, in the delegate packet will be information on major changes for next year's World Tournament. Major changes have been talked about for years but next year's tournament will reflect some of those major changes. All Charters are required to submit their delegates to the President at least 12 hours before the Convention.

There will be various videography available at the World Tournament. Go Live Sports is scheduled to be present. Also, some other people will have cameras set up for certain courts. We should get some good coverage.

We are considering participating in the Pokatok Festival in Houston, Texas from April 4th to April 7th, 2024.

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This event is designed to be a “World’s Fair for Sport”. This will be an opportunity to demonstrate our sport and to get offers for future tournament dates. We are looking at the requirements. There will be thousands of people at this event.

I will look forward to meeting many of you in Lansing.

Gary

Judging Clinics—Learn or Improve your Judging Skills

Brian Poole, 1st VP

Judging clinics will be held during the World Tournament at Lansing. The schedule for the clinics is:

- Saturday, July 15th at 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 18th at 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, July 20th at 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Lansing!
Brian



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POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 All Around African World Museum
- 2 Allen Neighborhood Center/Allen Market Place





JULY 15TH, 2023 WORLD WARM-UP

World Tournament Warm-Up, Open to Any Sanctioned horseshoe pitchers looking to pitch in a WORLD Tournament Venue just days before the BIG EVENT. 6 Person Mixed Classes, No Handicap. Come get a great warm-up in before you compete in Lansing!



**Limited to FIRST 96
Pitchers**

**Sign up from 8-
8:30AM EST**

**\$25 Entry (includes
scorekeeping)**

**Lansing Center
(SAME VENUE as
WORLD TOURNAMENT)**

**SATURDAY JULY 15th
2023**

Tournament Director:
NHPA 5th VP Josh Olson

2023 WT Predictions!!!



Ben Webb and a panel of 6 NHPA non-biased horseshoe pitchers have put together their opinions on the possible outcomes of the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing Michigan. Please remember that the information in this prediction are purely for entertainment purposes and does not represent the personal views of Ben or anyone on the NHPA Council.

It's that time of year again, we are just a few weeks away from the 2023 World Championships in Lansing, Michigan! Over the last few weeks since the schedule was released our panel of analysts have been putting together their predictions for both the move-ups and results of each championship class. The panel was carefully selected to be non-biased with experienced, tenured pitchers to give the most accurate account of what we may expect from the 2023 World Tournament!

Men's -

Starting with the Men's division the 16 man group breaks down to about 4 groups: The favorite, the top 8, the wildcards and the field. As for our favorite, it's impossible to bet against the defending champion, 26 time Men's World Champion, from Defiance, Ohio, Alan Francis. Francis has claimed the Men's championship every year it was contested since 2011, and has only lost 1 game along the way in the championship round. There are rumblings in the horseshoe community about Alan having off games this year, and it may be an opportune time for someone to slip up on him but the facts are the facts. If you want to defeat Alan in a 40 point game for the World Championship you must be ready to hit in the high 80's for around 100 shoes.

As for the field our team has selected the following to move-up in the top 8: Drew Becker (CA), Tyler Howard (KY), Dan Watson (AL), Ben Webb (KY), Matt Fuller (WA), Gale Greene (VT), Austin Bailey (IL). As for the wildcards we have Gary Opper (ID) and Randy Zeiders (PA). The rest of the class is predicted to consist of Walter Ray Williams Jr (FL), Jerry Dean, Cole Pearson (NE), Randy Smith Jr (CT), Jimmy Campbell (VA), and Jeff Finke (TX).

The one game Francis has lost in his recent streak of championships was to Tyler Howard back in 2018. Since then however Alan has been able to put away Howard quickly in shorter games. Howards level of pitching has declined around 5% since then but everyone knows that Howard is capable of pitching those very high percentages for long periods of time. Canada's Drew Becker is another who gave Alan a run for his money at last year's WT, taking him over 100 shoes to finish Drew off. Can Drew find that little bit of extra to push him over the edge this year. Watson, Greene, Fuller and Bailey are all consistently in the 70's around WT time and seem to always finish among the top 8 at each tournament. Kentucky's, Ben Webb has had a recent string of mid-70 tournaments, claiming 2 horseshoe tour championships this season. It's predicted that any of these 7 Men could be right there with Alan come the last day of the tournament, however it'll require their best day of pitching to date to hold off the rest of the field and win that critical game against the GOAT, Alan Francis for the World Title.

There's two individuals our panel cannot seem to agree on and that's Gary Opper and Randy Zeiders. Gary has been rebuilding his game since a shoulder surgery last year, and recently had a good showing at the Horseshoe Tour in Lowell, North Carolina. If Gary can keep his focus, Gary could be right there in the top 10. Then there's Randy Zeiders. Randy is one who always holds a high average and stacks up state titles, but we've never seen him on the big stage of the world tournament. If Randy can keep his consistency at the world tournament then he'll easily slip in the top 5, however if he gets overwhelmed by the size of the event or the raised courts it could majorly effect his game.

As for the rest of the field, each of these pitchers are more than capable of pitching in the 70's and 80's for several games. It'll be the consistency factor that separates the top 8 from the bottom 8, our analysts predicted that it'll take 68%+ over the tournament to pull into the top 8.

Projected Top 3:

Alan Francis #1 , Drew Becker #2 , Dan Watson #3

Projected Move-Up Order

Men

- #1 Alan Francis
- #2 Drew Becker
- #3 Tyler Howard
- #4 Dan Watson
- #5 Ben Webb
- #6 Matt Fuller
- #7 Austin Bailey
- #8 Gale Greene
- #9 Walter Ray Williams
- #10 Jerry Dean
- #11 Cole Pearson
- #12 Randy Zeiders
- #13 Gary Opper
- #14 Randy Smith Jr
- #15 Jimmy Campbell
- #16 Jeff Finke

Projected Finishing Order

Men

- #1 Alan Francis
- #2 Drew Becker
- #3 Dan Watson
- #4 Ben Webb
- #5 Tyler Howard
- #6 Gale Greene
- #7 Walter Ray Williams
- #8 Matt Fuller
- #9 Cole Pearson
- #10 Austin Bailey
- #11 Gary Opper
- #12 Jimmy Campbell
- #13 Jerry Dean
- #14 Randy Smith Jr
- #15 Randy Zeiders
- #16 Jeff Finke



Women -

Anyone who witnessed the impressive feat Sarah Chaffee accomplished at last years World Tournament, would predict her to easily retain. The women’s field is never that simple though. Since last years WT, Sarah has rarely eclipsed that 80% level. Our top contenders in the Women’s championship class looks to be: Marlene Ray (TN), Skyla Rioux (CT), Pam Meyer (MO), Joan Elmore (TN), and Sylvianne Moisan (CA). Our wildcard pitcher in this group is Denise Daly, with Daly’s recent tournaments and her capability, if she can hold her game together she could pull high into the top 10.

Marlene Ray would have to be considered the top contender to dethrone the current champ. Mar is capable of averaging 80 and stringing together dozens of ringers in a row, Marlene will need to be on top of her game to finally capture a world championship against Chaffee though. Then there’s 10 time world champion, Joan Elmore, hungry for the record breaking 11th title. Joans game doesn’t seem as strong this year though as in previous years, dropping several major tournaments and only hovering around 70 percent for most tournaments. Sarah’s biggest challenge will most likely come against forever rival Skyla Rioux, Skyla always pushes Sarah to her limit. Could this be the year Skyla finally overcomes the rivalry and takes the world championship away from Sarah?

The rest of the field is strong with several long time contenders, our panel predicts everything from about 5th place down to be a toss-up. All of these women are capable of averaging 65-70% on any given day but can anyone survive the class with a clean record and have a good game to take to the championship or will Sarah Chaffee continue her undefeated streak in World Championship play?

Projected Top 3:

Sarah Chaffee - #1, Skyla Rioux - #2, Marlene Ray - #3

Projected Move-Up Order

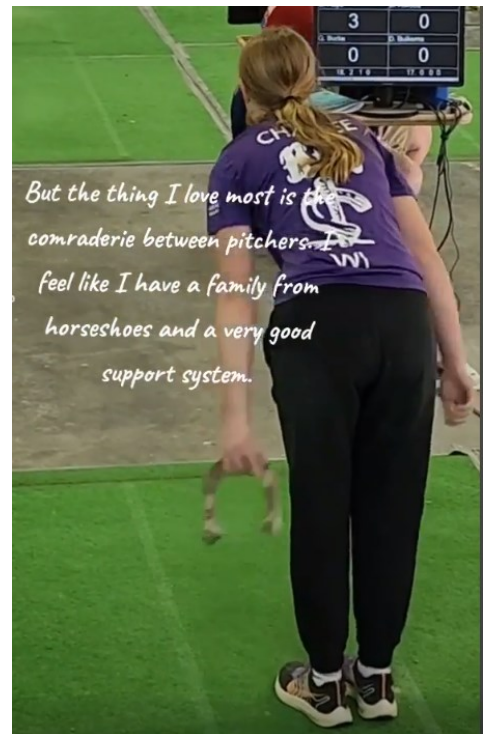
Women

- #1 Sarah Chaffee
- #2 Marlene Ray
- #3 Skyla Rioux
- #4 Pam Meyer
- #5 Joan Elmore
- #6 Sylvianne Moisan
- #7 Karen Graham
- #8 Denise Daly
- #9 Kelly Glidewell
- #10 Lyne Pineault
- #11 Cindy Clausen
- #12 Aleena Lepak
- #13 Jennifer Gegg
- #14 Sue Laughlin
- #15 April Campbell
- #16 Penny Steinke

Projected Move-Up Order

Women

- #1 Sarah Chaffee
- #2 Skyla Rioux
- #3 Marlene Ray
- #4 Sylvianne Moisan
- #5 Pam Meyer
- #6 Denise Daly
- #7 Joan Elmore
- #8 Kelly Glidewell
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- #12 Karen Graham
- #13 Penny Steinke
- #14 Cindy Clausen
- #15 Sue Laughlin
- #16 April Campbell



Elders -

Absolutely none of our panel could agree on this class other than one factor, David Holmes is the favorite. Narrowly losing a playoff last year, David Holmes knows how to handle the pressure enough to capture yet another Elders world championship. Bob Gray returns this year to attempt to defend his championship but with this year being the first to feature 65+ Elders in the world tournament, this class is the hardest to predict what may happen. Our top contenders for this class has to be the mainstays in: Zane Goggin, Ron LeGrand, James Cooper, Don Epps and Roger Vogel.

Beyond choosing a favorite and ranking the Elder's in the division based on stats and opinions there's not a lot we can say about this division. Several factors cause the Elder's averages to have much more variation than other divisions. Anyone who can hold 75+% for the entire tournament will definitely be a contender.

Projected Top 3:

David Holmes #1, Zane Goggin - #2, Ron LeGrand - #3

Projected Move-Up Order

Elders

- #1 David Holmes
- #2 Bob Gray
- #3 Tom Routh
- #4 Zane Goggin
- #5 Ronald LeGrand
- #6 James Cooper
- #7 Jacques Houle
- #8 Jim Blikderback
- #9 Don Epps
- #10 Roger Vogel
- #11 Toss-up
- #12 Toss-up
- #13 Toss-up
- #14 Toss-up
- #15 Toss-up
- #16 Toss-up

Projected Finishing Order

Elders

- #1 David Holmes
- #2 Zane Goggin
- #3 Ron LeGrand
- #4 Bob Gray
- #5 James Cooper
- #6 Tom Routh
- #7 Jacques Houle
- #8 Jim Blikderback
- #9 Don Epps
- #10 Roger Vogel
- #11 Toss-up
- #12 Toss-up
- #13 Toss-up
- #14 Toss-up
- #15 Toss-up
- #16 Toss-up



Senior Men -

Another strongly debated division among our panel was the Senior Men’s division, this time in terms of the winner. So debated that we couldn’t agree on the final 4 to finish out the class, however everyone agreed on the top 8. We have former World Champions in this division with: James Dunlap, Jacob Fimbres, Gary Roberts, Raymond Bedard, Mark Seibold, and last year's champion Rick Howe. What makes this class so hard to predict is the fluidity of the players in it, with their averages fluctuating significantly during the season there is no obvious choice. The kicker in this division is that although we have 6 former world champions of the divisions involved, not a single Sr. Men’s world champion has retained the title since Ron Deckard in 2010.

Our returning champion, Rick Howe has seen a major average drop in the last year, for personal reasons, but the capability is still there. 2-time champion Raymond Bedard is in the field again this year and is consistently averaging in the high 50’s/low 60’s range. NHPA President “The Chief” Gary Roberts won the division back in 2018 in a playoff with Raymond but has had a minor issue with his ankle this season. Gary is no stranger to tough competition in the WT though, picking up 4 Junior Boy’s championships all the way back in 1961-1964. Another former champion in the class is Mark Seibold who picked up the 1966 Junior Boy’s title, along with the 1986 Men’s Championship, could it be Mark’s year to make a comeback? The other 2 strongest contenders being 2019 champion James Dunlap, in his home state of Michigan, and 2021 champion Jacob Fimbres.

The prediction panel has chosen the newcomer to the division to come out the champion this year though, Missouri’s Stan Griggs. Stan “The Stats Man” is a 13-time Missouri state champion and always seems to be tough to contend with in the big events. Stan’s average has been up and down in recent years but if recent history shows us anything it’s that the newcomer has the advantage in this division. This division always seems to beat up on each other, so it’ll be interesting to see who can scratch out the win.

Projected Top 3 –

Stan Griggs #1, Rick Howe #2, Jacob Fimbres #3

Projected Move-Up Order

Senior Men

- #1 James Dunlap
- #2 Raymond Bedard
- #3 Stanton Griggs
- #4 Gary Roberts
- #5 Jacob Fimbres
- #6 Rick Howe
- #7 Ken Fraser
- #8 Mark Seibold
- #9 Toss-up
- #10 Toss-up
- #11 Toss-up
- #12 Toss-up

Projected Finishing Order

Senior Men

- #1 Stanton Griggs
- #2 Rick Howe
- #3 Jacob Fimbres
- #4 Gary Roberts
- #5 Raymond Bedard
- #6 James Dunlap
- #7 Ken Fraser
- #8 Mark Seibold
- #9 Toss-up
- #10 Toss-up
- #11 Toss-up
- #12 Toss-up



Senior Women –

Unlike the Sr. Men’s division, the Sr. Women’s division has an obvious favorite in 2018 Women’s world champion, from Tennessee, Maxine Griffith. Maxine consistently averages in the mid/high 70’s and enters almost 15% over the rest of the field. The rest of the field we predict to move-up is: Sheila Shepard, Tamara Burke, Barb Adams, San Juanita Murray, Mary Fimbres, Pat Stumpf, and Debby Michaud.

Tamara, Pat, and Sheila enter the tournament over 60%, giving them the best chance to overtake the favorite in the division in Maxine. Sheila has been hovering around that 60% mark, but Tamara and Pat seem to be on the upswing. Both women have posted 73% tournaments in their last outing. Making them the prime candidates to take down one half of the Tennessee Twins.

While Max is our panel’s favorite to take this division, anyone who can string together a 70% tournament with an 80% game at the right time definitely has a chance at taking home the 2023 Senior Women’s Championship.

Projected Top 3 –

Maxine Griffith #1, Sheila Shepard #2, Tamara Burke #3

Projected Move-Up Order

Senior Women

- #1 Maxine Griffith
- #2 Sheila Shepard
- #3 Tamara Burke
- #4 Barb Adams
- #5 San Juanita Murray
- #6 Mary Fimbres
- #7 Pat Stumpf
- #8 Debby Michaud

Projected Finishing Order

Senior Women

- #1 Maxine Griffith
- #2 Sheila Shepard
- #3 Tamara Burke
- #4 Barb Adams
- #5 San Juanita Murray
- #6 Mary Fimbres
- #7 Pat Stumpf
- #8 Debby Michaud



The Junior Divisions –

The most unpredictable category at any world tournament is of course the junior/cadet classes. So many times, school lets out the end of May after the WT schedule is set, then begins the long practice sessions. It's almost commonplace for a youth pitcher to enter the tournament at a low average and average 20+% over their entry average. Whoever wants it the most and puts the time in among these 4 divisions often walks away the champion.

Junior Boy's -

Did I mention unpredictable? Look no further than last year's Jr Boy's champ, Derek Reynolds. Derek entered the tournament right around the 55% mark, not a single analyst anywhere would've predicted he'd average over 81% in the championship round. Derek has the highest Junior Boy's average since 2012 and only the 2nd 80+ average since 1997. With that being said it would appear Derek is the obvious choice to retain his championship, however his game has fallen off a lot since last year's tournament.

Our move-ups for this division are predicted to include: Zack Grzembki, Jackson Johnson, Memo Ramirez, Bradley Benzing, and Jayden Fri. All of these boys are ranked among the top 15 in the world and are poised to have a good showing at this year's tournament. Along with these picks the panel's breakout junior in this class looks to be Caiden Hogue from Ohio, if he can pick up his game just a little more he will be another strong contender to take the title from Reynolds.

The panel's selected favorite however is the inaugural Cadet Boy's World Champion from 2021 Hastiin Begaye. Hastiin holds the highest Cadet average ever pitched in the WT and gave Derek his best run at last year's world. Begaye continues to be cruising this year above 70% with 80% capabilities. With this information, and Reynolds' lack of high averages this year, Hastiin is our pick to win this division. However, Derek proved last year that he can never be counted out, Begaye will need to be on top of his game this year to take the championship away come WT time.

Projected Top 3 –

Hastiin Begaye #1, Derek Reynolds #2, Caiden Hogue #3

Projected Move-Up Order	Projected Finishing Order
Junior Boy's	Junior Boy's
#1 Derek Reynolds	#1 Hastiin Begaye
#2 Hastiin Begaye	#2 Derek Reynolds
#3 Caiden Hogue	#3 Caiden Hogue
#4 Zack Grzembki	#4 Zack Grzembki
#5 Jackson Johnson	#5 Jackson Johnson
#6 Memo Ramirez	#6 Memo Ramirez
#7 Bradley Benzing	#7 Bradley Benzing
#8 Jayden Fri	#8 Jayden Fri



Junior Girls –

Sarah Chaffee and Skyla Rioux’s early exit from the Jr Girl’s division really opened up this class to be much more competitive last year. According to eshoe averages, Lizy Jordan enters this division around 20% over the next entrant in the class. As all of our Jr. Girl entries will be transferred to the championship round with only 7 scheduled at this year's tournament, there are a few standouts to challenge Lizy for the soon to be vacant championship. (Kalie Trujilo, last year's champion, will not be at this year's event)

Other than Kalie, Sadie Wolken from Missouri was the only person to defeat Jordan at last year's tournament. Even though Wolken’s average isn’t at the same level, both girls know that Sadie is capable of defeating Lizy in championship play. Lily Strong is our other top contender, with her most recent tournament being close to 40%, this will put her right at the top of the class.

The Jr. Girl’s division is very up in the air though. Any girl in this class that can coast at 40% and have a couple 50% games at the right time is very much a contender for this year's championship.

Projected Top 3 –

Lizy Jordan #1, Sadie Wolken #2, Lillyan Kildahl #3

Projected Move-Up Order

Junior Girls

- #1 Sadie Wolken
- #2 Lily Strong
- #3 Lizy Jordan
- #4 Cherie Harges
- #5 Lillyan Kildahl
- #6 Sade Harges
- #7 Mackenzie Rasmus

Projected Finishing Order

Junior Girls

- #1 Lizy Jordan
- #2 Sadie Wolken
- #3 Lillyan Kildahl
- #4 Lily Strong
- #5 Cherie Harges
- #6 Sade Harges
- #7 Mackenzie Rasmus



Cadet Boy's -

Several years ago when you thought of cadets, you'd think of a young kid who couldn't hardly get the shoes to the pit but still wanted to pitch because the adults did. That was the basis of the cadet division. As time went on and the age limit went from 9 to 12 year's old thus came the Cale Matlock's, Walker Forrester's, Riley Malino's, and Hastiin Begaye's of the division. It became common for a few cadets to pitch around 50% come WT time, with the few extraordinary cadets eclipsing the 70% mark. In the current era of cadet pitching much is still the same but now there's the social media factor. With the help of his social media manager, Heath Shawn (VA), there's one name that eclipses the cadet division in 2023. That person is 2022 Cadet Boy's World Champion, Virginia's, Eli Sullivan. Over 400 people follow Eli's horseshoe page on Facebook today, and Eli enters this division poised to retain his championship. Eli has been on cruise this year hovering in the mid-60's, but recently surpassed the 70% mark again in Lowell, North Carolina on the Horseshoe Tour. When the pressure gets higher Eli seems to get better most of the time, for example, on the tour he would claim the 30' B championship but would do this by throwing a 93% game at former Sr Men's World Champion "The Iceman" Jim Cooper.

With that being said, the panel's favorite in this class is Eli Sullivan. While several boys in the field could jump up and give Eli a run, Tom Grose is our standout contender if anyone can take down Eli this year. Tom hovers at almost 60%, with his highest tournament being 63%. This is Tom's first WT, so there'll be added pressure due to the size of the event.

Tom, or any other cadet, will need to hold together a 60% plus tournament to navigate the field. Most likely even with this average, it'll take a 70%+ game to dethrone the current champion when we get to Lansing, Michigan.

Projected Top 3 –

Eli Sullivan #1, Adakai Begaye #2, Tom Grose #3

Projected Move-Up Order

Cadet Boys

- #1 Eli Sullivan
- #2 Tome Grose
- #3 Landon Morgan
- #4 Lucas Ras
- #5 Adakai Begaye
- #6 Gavin Begaye
- #7 Conner Kildahl
- #8 Eben Begaye

Projected Finishing Order

Cadet Boys

- #1 Eli Sullivan
- #2 Adakai Begaye
- #3 Tom Grose
- #4 Landon Morgan
- #5 Lucas Ras
- #6 Gavin Begaye
- #7 Conner Kildahl
- #8 Eben Begaye



Cadet Girls –

If there ever was a toss-up at the WT it's this division. With only 3 entrants in this class, all averaging under 10% making it impossible to predict. Addisyn Goodard, Jazmyn Kildahl, and Za'kiyah Arbogast are our three cadet girls at this year's tournament. Any of these 3 could have a breakout tournament and take home the vacant championship (Crystal Knighten, last year's winner, is not entered). This division will simply come down to points most likely, and any girl that puts in the most practice over the next 3 weeks will likely walk away the champion.

Projected Top 3 –

Jazmyn Kildahl #1, Addison Goodard #2, Za'kiyah Arbogast #3

Projected Move-Up Order

Cadet Girls

- #1 Addisyn Goddard
- #2 Jazmyn Kildahl
- #3 Za'kiyah Arbogast

Projected Finishing Order

Cadet Girls

- #1 Jazmyn Kildahl
- #2 Addisyn Goddard
- #3 Za'kiyah Arbogast

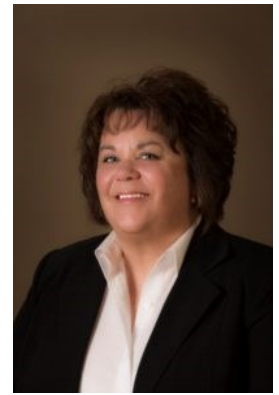


Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

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



**WELCOME
TO THE 2023 NHPA
WORLD HORSESHOE
TOURNAMENT
LANSING, MICHIGAN**



WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR FIRST DAY

As always, we have people attending the World Tournament for the first time. This year is no exception. If you are a first-time or a veteran to the attending the World Tournament, you will sometimes feel overwhelmed and intimidated on their first day. Lots of emotions are going on internally, from excitement to being scared and nervous. We have a few processes in place that are particularly important to follow and to help ease your stress levels. We will try our best to put your mind at ease and give you the information you will need to help you navigate through your World Tournament experience.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

This is your first day of competition and this will put the first day of the World running a little later than normal. The afternoon sessions will be pushed back from our normal schedule beginning with the second and third flights of the first day, so please be patient. Opening Ceremonies are set to begin promptly at 11:00 am. If you are onsite at the venue, please stop by and attend. Your very own NHPA President, Gary Roberts will be giving the opening and welcome speech to begin the World Tournament as well as the Mayor of Lansing—Andy Schor who will also be on hand along with other local dignitaries. The National Anthems will be sung by the NHPA Sec./Treasurer, Jim Kinney. The First horseshoe will be thrown out by the Mayor of Lansing. Look and listen for times for the later flights to begin after the Opening Ceremonies have concluded.

If you are competing, you should plan to arrive a minimum of *1 ½ hours prior to your pitching time*. You will need to be prepared for class photos, announcements, etc. and signs will be posted where to go. Here are a few items that are **“REQUIRED,”** and you will need to have on hand, and these things will be checked during your class photos and announcements, so please be ready and prepared so things can move smoothly.



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Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

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



CAN I BRING ALCOHOL, OUTSIDE FOOD & DRINK INTO THE VENUE/ LANSING CENTER?

Each year, we ask the venues what their city ordinances, licensing, and ABC laws are regarding food, beverage, and alcohol allowances. In accordance with State of Michigan Law, absolutely **NO alcohol** can be brought onto the premises by clients, vendors, or attendees. Outside alcohol found on the premises (inside or outside includes all parking areas) will result in confiscation and the possibility of bar service ending at that point and the entire time for the event. There are NO Water Bottles, Tumblers, Coolers, or insulated Lunch bags, or similar items, etc. allowed inside the venue.

Lansing Center's food and beverage department is the exclusive supplier for all food and beverage service on premises. **NO outside food or any beverages will be allowed** to be brought into Lansing Center, with the exception of wedding cakes. In certain cases, ethnic food via a licensed caterer may be arranged for through approved food functions. The NHPA council asks that you please respect the local laws and ordinances as the NHPA has no control over how the venue conducts business.

COMPETITION DRESS REQUIREMENTS:

Per the NHPA RULE 12 - APPROPRIATE NHPA MEMBER CONDUCT

21 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.

Your shirts will be checked to make sure you have your name and state on the back. We ask/suggest that you **make sure the letters are "PROFESSIONALLY" lettered, at least a 1" in size with your name and state on the back of the shirt for score keepers to view**. You will receive your round robin card for the first day. We appreciate your cooperation on this. Also, please note the information that is on the entry form and on your schedule in your welcome bags.

CLASS PHOTO'S and ANNOUNCEMENT ROOM:

We are excited again this year that Empire Photography, Amanda Lyon, and her staff will be the "OFFICIAL" NHPA photographer for the 2023 World Horseshoe Tournament in Lansing, MI. Each class will have their picture taken together. These pictures make excellent souvenirs and will be available for sale in the vendor alley area at the NHPA Photographer booth. If you would like to ask Miss Amanda or her staff for any other types of photos, please feel free to stop by their booth and make your request/inquiry.



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Announcements:

On your first day of Competition, you will need to go to the Class photo room. During the photo sessions, there will be a few important announcements made so **“PAY CLOSE ATTENTION”** to your shift director. Please **“DO NOT LEAVE THE ROOM”** until after the Shift director instructs you to do so. After this, you will be dismissed to head out to the competition floor. **DO NOT GO TO THE COURTS TO BEGIN PRACTICE UNTIL YOU ARE DIRECTED TO DO SO.** There will be plenty of time to warm up so don't panic. Shift Directors will tell you when to start your games, so wait until that announcement is made to go onto the floor to your assigned courts. Please be respectful and mindful so as to not distract the people on the floor that are still pitching games. **“NO”** flash photography is allowed at any time in the arena area.

On days two and three, please be at the arena at least 30 minutes ahead of time to pick up your round robin card for the day. No other check-in is needed. **Again, do not walk out onto the courts to begin practice until you are directed to do so.** If for some reason you cannot pitch the second or third day, please notify the NHPA World Tournament Director, Jim Kinney (816) 738-0868 as far in advance as possible so a Pacer can be put in your place.



Competitor & Spectator Information

Spectator sports can provide many benefits to the athletes who participate in them, as well as to the fans who watch them at home or anywhere during the “Live Streaming” on the NHPA website. For the athletes that are participating in the World Tournament this year, winning the tournament in your class or the championships can be a way to achieve recognition in the sport of Horseshoes. It can also provide them with the opportunity to compete at a higher level and push themselves to achieve the goals that they have set for themselves all year long. Regardless, if this is your first time attending a World Tournament, for the family members, fans, spectator sports provide a form of entertainment and excitement. Watching a live game can be thrilling and exhilarating, and it can create a sense of community and belonging. Fans can also become emotionally invested in their favorite pitcher, cheering them on and celebrating their victories. As we do each year and while people will get excited especially if the games are close in score, we would like to inform everyone that the **“LIVE STREAMING”** cameras will be on the courts and throughout the arena. These cameras have **“Voice Activation,”** and every word, comment, and conversation can and will be heard, so please be careful of using any foul language, gossiping etc. People at home, in the venue or anywhere can view the Live action at any time on their cell phones, iPads, tablets etc., and can hear everything.



Cool Temps in the Arena

If you are sitting and watching the tournament as a spectator, please know in advance that the competitors/pitchers are very warm on the competition floor. The temp in the arena will be around **65 degrees daily**, so bring a light jacket. Here are a few other suggestions and tips that will help you enjoy the World Tournament Experience.

How to watch the competition from the sidelines or stands.

- Bleachers will be your seating arrangements this year, so bring comfortable seat cushions.
- Binoculars if you're seated near the back.
- Comfortable shoes.
- Money — cash and card — and an ID card for purchasing concessions and Souvenirs.

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USE THE LANSING LINK TO LOCATE LOCAL INFORMATION:

If you are wanting or needing any information to help you prepare for Lansing, please visit the NHPA website at www.horseshoepitching.com and click on this link (logo) below to locate any information you may need. Here you can scroll down the page and click on any of the headings to get the information you may need. There, you will see such information as tourism, local restaurants, parking information, RV Camping, Hotel, and contact information as well as various modes of transportation and getting around the city, and much more.

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STOP BY THE WORLD TOURNAMENT SOUVENIR & MERCHANDISE BOOTH

There are many options and choices available to purchase your World Tournament attire and other items. Visit the Main Page of the NHPA website, scroll down to the center of the page, and click on the Lansing link, “**Order 2023 World Tournament Merchandise today!!!**”.

There, you can place your order and purchase items such as Sport Shirts, T-shirts, Youth Shirts, Jackets, Towels, Caps, Cooling Bandanas, Baby items etc.. All are available in various sizes and colors.

Any orders purchased online will be shipped directly to you, but “**Fine Designs**” will be onsite for the duration of the world tournament selling event merchandise as well so make sure to stop by their booth!

Order here:

<https://www.fdsportswear.com/.../2023-nhpa-world...>

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NEWSLINE/ LANSING INFORMATION

PARKING REMINDER - If you would like to purchase a weekly parking pass and pick it up during registration, you must purchase your pass by July 1st. Information on how to obtain the parking pass can be found at www.lansingsports.org/nhpa or you contact Meghan Ziehmer at mziehmer@lansing.org or 517-377-1425.

NHPA JUNIOR PARTY – Sunday July 23rd – 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 19th 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 Lansing Lugnuts to offer discounted tickets for the game on Wednesday July 19th, 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.

TRAVELING INTO LANSING MICHIGAN

For anyone traveling by Car, RV, etc., Please be prepared for various road conditions and construction delays that can occur. Please plan accordingly and do your homework before venturing out. If you feel that you need extra time on the road to get through the congested areas, please think ahead and allow enough time to get through those areas.

There are many resources available to check with prior to getting on the road. Check with your AAA club, check on any State Department of Transportation website or app for the most current construction and road conditions that you may need. If you are an AAA member, they will route you out and show you the safest routes through the constructions zones to travel.

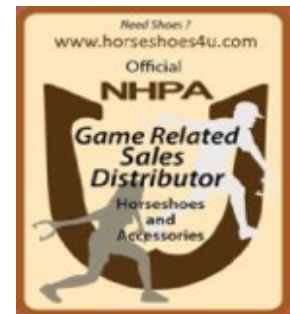
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NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT HORSESHOE VENDOR

Ron & Polly Murphy will be on hand and will have a vast selection of Horseshoe related products and various brands and weights of Horseshoes for sale. Stop by their booth and look at their product line of horseshoe bags and boxes, pick up sticks, various brands of Horseshoes, measuring tools, score books, etc.



ANNUAL WARM UP TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, JULY 15TH, 2023

Please remember for anyone that is interested in participating the “Warm Up Tournament” will be held on Saturday, July 15th with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. first come first serve, no pre-registration will take place, you must be on site and in person to register. The tournament will begin shortly after registration has closed and the classes have been assigned. For more information contact your NHPA 5th VP- Josh Olsen, his contact information is listed on the NHPA website.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame and Museum

The NHPF booth will be set up in Vendor Alley this year. The NHPF will be accepting items for their Auction as well as the “LIVE” Auction to be held after the conclusion of the Hall of Fame Banquet and the annual awards ceremonies. While visiting the booth, you can purchase 50/50 tickets for the daily raffles, make any form of donation, or purchase a brick in the walk.

HERE IS SOME INFORMATION ON THE NHPF THAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW.

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation was formed as a charitable public foundation to raise funds necessary to build and maintain the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame and Museum. Working together, the NHPF and NHPA continue to solicit contributions to preserve the history, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching, through grants, educational programs, and the operation of the museum.

Because the NHPF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your donations may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax adviser for details.

HALL OF FAME MUSEUM INFORMATION:

They are located at:

100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO (at the intersection of Interstate 64 and 70).

Museum Hours Saturday and Sunday 12pm – 5pm

To visit and tour the museum Monday through Friday, contact one of the following Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members for more information. Make this a location to visit when traveling.

Gary Buehler - (636) 328-1201

Norm Pierce - (636) 357-3081



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57th Annual HALL of FAME Banquet & Awards Presentation



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



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

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

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

Admission 1

Make plans to attend the Hall of Fame Banquet. This special event is open to everyone and will be held Sunday, July 23rd, 2023. The festivities for the evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. at The Lansing Center located at 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933. We suggest that you program this address into your GPS, and it will take you directly to the location.

This is your chance to meet many of the greats of our Sport up close and personal. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., appetizers will be served, followed by Dinner, Entertainment, Awards Ceremony, and a "Live Auction". Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased online, or at the Tournament anytime during the first week. An online processing fee will be added to the online orders. Look for Dave Sidles at the NHPF Booth or Jim Kinney in the NHPA Office to make your purchases.

Tickets will also be sold at the door if time permits. Please hang around after the ceremonies for "The Live Auction" to follow the awards. History has shown that this auction will be a fun filled event for all and lots of unique items to be auctioned.



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SUNDAY - JULY 23, 2023

The 57th Annual

HALL of FAME Banquet & Awards Presentation Schedule

SOCIAL HOUR - 5:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M.

LIVE BACKGROUND MUSIC, CASH BAR, *HORS D'OEUVRES*

2023 HALL OF FAME MENU

The Chef needs to be made aware of any special dietary needs a minimum of two weeks prior to the banquet to ensure alternative meals will be available. There is no such thing as too soon. Contact Laurie Lampkin to make your changes.

2023 HALL OF FAME DINNER MENU

THE AUTUMN HARVEST DINNER BUFFET

- Mixed Salad Greens (GF/Vegan/DF) topped with Shredded Carrots, Sliced Cucumbers and Grape Tomatoes (GF/Vegan)
- Choice of (2) Salad Dressings:
 - Creamy Ranch Dressing (GF)
 - Italian Dressing (GF/Vegan)
 - Traditional Caesar Dressing (GF)
 - Balsamic Vinaigrette (GF/Vegan)
 - Raspberry Vinaigrette (GF/Vegan)
 - Blue Cheese Dressing (GF)
- Roasted Chicken Breast (GF/DF)
- Pineapple Glazed Sliced Baked Ham (GF/DF)
- Garlic Smashed Potatoes (GF)
- Cranberry Relish (GF/Vegan/DF)
- Sweet Potato Casserole with Brown Sugar & Marshmallow Topping
- Cornbread Stuffing (DF)
- Homemade Chicken Gravy
- Seasoned Black Beans and Rice (GF/Vegan/DF)
- Honey Dill Glazed Carrots (GF/Vegan/DF)
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Chef's Assorted Dessert Table

*****(GF- Gluten Free) (DF – Dairy Free) (Vegan)*****

Drinks The Beverage Station with BIGGBY BEST Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, and Iced, Water. Various Soft Drinks will be available.

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2023 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

This year, there will be a new option available for anyone to sponsor an NHPA Court. We will have the Court Sponsorship agreement available in the NHPA office for anyone that may be interested during the World Tournament. This will also be available on the NHPA Website to print out and mail into Jim Kinney along with your payment. Once we have several sponsors in place, we will have the Banner printed up and displayed. See details below:



NHPA COURT SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS:



- *Sponsor a half (½) court for \$200 (annually) - (included as shown rubber mat, rubber backstop, stake, complete box pit, rails).*
- *Sponsor a "Full" (both ends) court for \$400 (annually) - (included as shown, will be 2 complete box pits, stakes, rubber mats, and both rubber backstops, rails).*

Name will be shown as requested on the form (EX: Gary Roberts, OHPA Charter, etc.) and will be placed on a new "Court Sponsorship Banner". This will be visible during the entire World Tournament event each year and posted on the NHPA website.

NOTE: There will be "NO" lettering directly on the pits or rubber. Each court agreement is renewable on an annual basis. A court sponsorship form will be filled out and sent to the NHPA Sec./Treasurer along with payment. There is a total of 60 full courts available for sponsorship or 120 Single courts available. The NHPA is not responsible for any Typo's, Misspellings, or Errors and will be printed on the Banner as shown on the agreement.

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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.

Clockwise

- 3/4 turn.....held open end facing to pitcher's right.
- 1 1/4 turn.....held open end facing pitcher's left.
- 1 3/4 turn.....held open end facing pitcher's right.

Counterclockwise (not as common as clockwise)

- 3/4 turn.....held open end facing pitcher's left.

- 1 1/4 turn..... held open end facing pitcher's right.
- 1 3/4 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.

3/4 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, horseshoe pitchers are a friendly bunch and always willing to share their knowledge of the game. This will also be published in the 2023 WT Program Book.



NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS' FOUNDATION

This information was printed as a courtesy of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF), *Building for the future while preserving the past and showcasing the present.*

Please send you tax deductible contribution to NHPA 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385 <http://www.nhpf.info/index>

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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

Pre-Order Now & Get a FREE Koozie!

Front/Back

Interior

Pre-Order NOW at a discount! **Only \$35.00 / Frame + FREE Koozie**

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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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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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Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

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

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
 Iowa -21

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Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

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

2023 New Member's (Continued)

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

Lansing Michigan Summary of Events

NHPA Junior Party – Sunday July 23rd – 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 19th 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 19th, 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. The payment must be submitted and paid in full along with the signed contract to Jim Kinney, NHPA Sec./Treas.

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



NHPA Website Advertising

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

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

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

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

3rd VP Message

California Horseshoes

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian

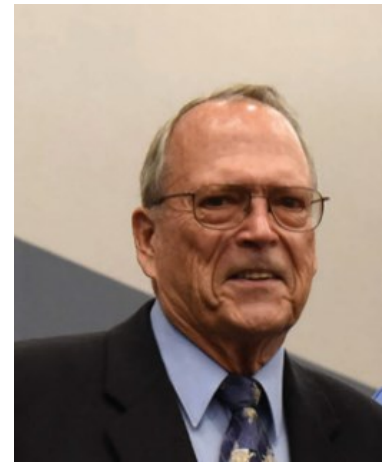
While the title would seem to indicate a story about California's two charters and the state of horseshoe pitching in the great state of California. Read on to find out about an awesome program going on in Tulare, California. The program was started and is run by Catherine and Frank Arroyo who live in Tulare.

I am summarizing a document that was sent to me by Catherine. What an awesome program that promotes horseshoe pitching and horseshoe pitchers in general. This program is a potential model that can be used to inspire other pitchers to look for ways to spread the word while achieving a great service to their communities.

California horseshoes was founded in late 2021. It is an organization launched by Frank and Cathy Arroyo. The Arroyo's pitch almost daily at the Centennial Park located in Tulare. Tulare is an agricultural community in the center of the state. The park is in an impoverished area of the county where families struggle to make ends meet. Adjacent to the park is the Tulare Boys and Girls club of the Sequoias (SB&GC). The club serves school aged kids up to the age of 18. For years the children have run over to the park and watched the Arroyos pitch and asked if they could pitch. The answer was always "yes." The Arroyos were able to observe firsthand the good work the SB&GC was doing with the children and saw the struggling families lovingly pick up their children from the club. Frank was a latch key child and really admired how the SB&GC staff were so involved and caring to their children. Frank and Cathy talked about how they could help the children. They wanted to connect to the children through horseshoes and to elevate their sport for all pitchers.

In January of 2022 Frank and Cathy were busy developing California Horseshoes (CA Horseshoes). They launched a website: calpitchers.com, had a logo developed and trademarked, planned and held four tournaments to benefit the SB&GC with a tagline of "pitch for a cause." They met with the Parks and Recs Dept to have maintenance done on the courts in which Frank did most of the labor and met with the SB&GC to set up weekly pitching sessions with the kids. They established goals for CA Horseshoes local pitchers to help community agencies that support youth and families and encouraged pitchers to partner with the community to preserve the horseshoe courts and help connect California NHPA pitchers to the kids in the SB&GC's.

Fast forward to 2023, the Arroyos taught pitching weekly with anywhere from 10-23 children slinging horseshoes. All children in the community are welcome to pitch and The Arroyos provided the horseshoes. Most of the children are ages 6-10. Many of the kids hug the Arroyos to say hello and goodbye. Children are making ringers, their hand eye coordination is improving, confidence is being built, sportsmanship is taught, and the children are learning how to add points and do math to change the score. I am sure with those ages, pitching distances are set to accommodate. More importantly, the children see that people care about them. The Arroyos listen as the children share about losing a tooth or what is happening in their lives. Frank sets up a large pop-up tent on the courts, so the kids stay cool. Recently the kids enjoyed a day of Shoes & Dogs, devouring hot dogs. All snacks and supplies are paid out of pocket by the Arroyos. Frank recently viewed a video in which Denzel Washington said that the SB&GC did not just change his life, it saved his life. Frank said, "Denzel is an inspiration, and I don't know if we will change or save a life, but their lives are important, and if we can give them happiness, then that's good enough."



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3rd VP Message—California Horseshoes (Continued)

Horseshoe pitchers' generosity does make a difference for the SB&GC member kids. With \$2,000 raised in 2022 from tournaments and donations and the \$1,500 raised so far this year, the horseshoe pitching community is making a statement that kids are important. Pitchers from Torrance, CA (LA County) donated over \$200 from their club as they were moved by what was happening with horseshoe pitching and kids here in Tulare.

Connecting pitchers is another aspect that is important to CA Horseshoes. On a road trip pitching nearly 300 miles from their home, the Arroyos met the Jeff family at a backyard tournament. The Jeff family hail from the Tachi Yokuts, a First Nation Tribe with an amazing culture and deep roots throughout the state of CA. The Jeff family and the Arroyo family live approximately 20 miles apart but did not know each other. The Jeff family were jumping into pitching and wanted to host a tournament in the traditional styles that honored their family. They asked Frank and Cathy to be a part of their journey and what transpired when the Arroyo and Jeff families collaborated was the largest and highest paying. Tournament on the west coast with over \$7,000 in prize money and over 70 teams competing. This more than fulfilled the Jeff Family's vision. Better yet, it deepened the trusting friendship that formed between the two families. This year the Tournament is September 16th. The Jeff family have designated that the tournament be in Frank's honor with proceeds from the raffles going towards benefiting the Tulare Boys and Girls Club. The raffle will help fulfill Arroyo's mission of making a difference in the lives of children through the sport of horseshoes.

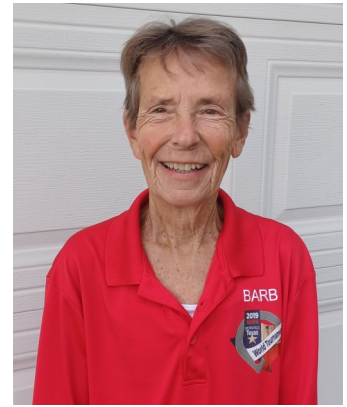
I want to commend Frank and Cathy for their work with the SB&GC and the fabulous job they are doing in Tulare and beyond. They have asked for nothing, and I am sure their involvement comes from their horseshoe pitching spirit and the willingness to help others who may be disadvantaged. Please feel free to contact the Arroyos if you feel the need to help or get information. I am sure you can raffle tickets, hint, hint. Thank you Frank and Catherine.

Jerry



*4th VP Message***Supported by Awesome Regional Directors**

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



Hello fellow horseshoe pitchers. Hope everything is well with all of you. Well, here we are in July and hope all of you are enjoying your summer so far. I am busy preparing for the World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan as I assume most of you are also. I can't wait to see everyone and to meet new friends. I am excited to be a part of this wonderful event

This has been a really hard 8 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 every one of you for your love and support.

I went to Clarksville, TN, May 20th and 21st for the 2nd Horseshoe Tour event. 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 and check it out.

Please join me in welcoming our newest RD. He is Mike Hardie from South Carolina. Welcome, Mike to our team.

I have completed sending out Patch Orders and the 2023 Court Sanctioning is coming along. Thank you RD's for your hard work. I know some of you have to travel to sanction courts. I appreciate you all and your dedication to keeping our sport a strong one. 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 barson848@gmail.com. You all make my job easier and I appreciate everything you do to make it run smooth.

I do have some 2023 patches 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. I will also bring some to the World Tournament so, just come to the STAT Room or the NHPA Office and pick them up from me. It will also give me a chance to meet those of you that I have not met yet. Please feel free to stop by and say hello even if you don't need patches or sanction certificates.

We will also be having a Charter/RD meeting during the World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. It will be on the Saturday between the 1st and 2nd week. 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. Even though we have 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, I will still need volunteers to help with check-in on your first day of pitching. Shirts with your last name and State on them and close-toed shoes will be checked. 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.

Barb

4th VP Message (Continued)

If you are a delegate from your Charter, please remember that this is an election year for myself (4th VP), Laurie Lampkin (2nd VP) and Jim Kinney, Jr. (Sec./Treas). We all have our expressed our desire to remain in our current positions, so we would appreciate it if you would please vote for us.

Thank you again to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication. Good Luck and keep pitching those ringers. Hope to see all of you at World in Lansing, Michigan. Don't forget about the Warm-Up tournament that is held the Saturday before the first day. Have a great summer and safe travels wherever you go. Looking forward to being together at the World Tournament. See ya'll there.

Barb

5th VP Message

More on..



Josh Olson, 5th Vice President

I talked a little about the popular app Scoreholio in my last article. As I am putting together this article, the app has not been completely setup yet, Ben and his team at Scoreholio are still working out some minor details. Once the app is ready for testing out, I will send out a message and possibly an eBlast with more details to come. I plan to have a couple tablets on hand in Lansing to test out and Ben from Scoreholio also put together some great information that will be in the NHPA World Tournament Program for everyone when you check in at the World Tournament.

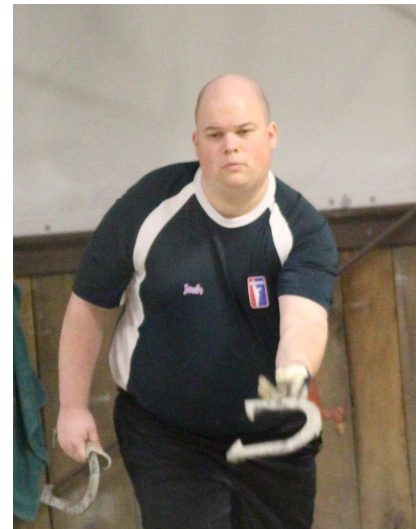
<https://scoreholio.com/scoremagic-horseshoes/>

I have attached a link that has some great information on it that will hopefully answer many questions for those that are interested in Scoreholio. Score Magic-Shoe tracking made Easy Peasy! The one thing that I think will be an obstacle to overcome is the idea of eliminating scorekeepers when using Scoreholio and the Score Magic features. I will admit that I am not a fan of keeping my score, but I have played in many cornhole tournaments and using Score Magic is Easy Peasy! I'm not comparing cornhole and horseshoes...I'm just voicing my own opinion that it isn't a huge deal to have to click the tablet or your phone a couple of times to keep track of the score. If something like this is going to be used at a large event like the World Tournament, then the idea of having someone keep score with the tablet could be entertained.

The World Warmup is scheduled for Saturday July 15th. Sign up will go from 8am-8:30am EST, we will take a MAX of 96 pitchers and we will plan to start around 9-9:30am EST. Cost is \$25 and that will include scorekeeping.

I am looking forward to Lansing! Meghan and her Team from Greater Lansing Sports Authority have done an Outstanding job with promoting the Tournament and lining everything up this year, I think this will be a very memorable Tournament.

See you in Lansing!



Junior Director

Junior Events at the World

By Ben Webb, Junior Director

It's finally here, the time of year we all look forward to. The annual world tournament is like our Superbowl for horseshoe pitchers. This year almost 1,000 people are headed to Lansing, Michigan for the annual tournament. I've been traveling all year hitting 3 horseshoe tours, the HOF Invitational and this weekend's Ringer Classic trying to get ready for the big event in July. How are you preparing for the World Tournament this year?

Hopefully everyone enjoys the World Tournament Predictions we put together this year. Over the last few weeks myself and 6 NHPA members have predicted the outcomes of each championship class at this year's tournament. **Please remember that this article is purely for entertainment purposes and does not represent the personal views of myself or anyone on the NHPA Council.** This article was done from recent statistics, previous performances, and opinions of a combined, diverse team of panelists to give the closest depiction of what we could expect at this year's tournament.

Next month's edition of Newslines will feature a WT recap, after that my panel will be teaming up for another project. We are going to determine "The best youth pitcher in WT history" This will be done based on a few factors: percentages, WT finishes, longevity, etc. The kicker here is we will be seeding them, by highest single WT average, in a 128-person bracket and eliminating them round by round until we have a winner. I feel things like the predictions and this next project give the Newslines something fresh for the readers.

Our host in Lansing has put together several good events for our youth pitchers while in town, please see the fliers posted in the Newslines and use the QR codes to sign-up. The annual Junior Meet & Greet will be at Jackson Field this year for the Lansing Lugnuts baseball game on Wednesday, July 19th @ 7:05 P.M. They have made this a special NHPA night with FREE tickets for youth WT entrants, but you must pre-register with that QR code. Also, as an added bonus 4x Junior Boy's and 1x Sr. Men's World Champion, NHPA President Gary Roberts will be in attendance to throw out the first pitch for the game!

On Sunday, July 23rd the annual Junior Party will be from 5 P.M. – 9 P.M. at Impression 5 Science Center right across the street from the Lansing center. Our host in Lansing has rented out the entire facility for the evening for our youth participants to enjoy. Please use the QR code or find the link on the **NHPA YOUTH** Facebook page to pre-register and find out more about the interactive science center. Refreshments will be provided for the Junior Party on Sunday.

The current plan is to still host the Junior World Warm-Up doubles this year but due to scheduling conflicts we are having to shift the times for it around. Please stay tuned to the NHPA Youth Facebook page for an update when this is set, we will post information on the NHPA page as well when we have the details.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's World Tournament in Lansing. Hopefully everyone has a safe trip to Michigan, and I wish everyone the best of luck in the tournament. If anyone has any questions regarding the youth activities and pitching at the world tournament, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Ben Webb
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Sponsorship Opportunities

By Laurie Lampkin

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

Bronze Level \$2,500 (annually)

Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to:

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

Silver Level \$5,000 (annually)

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

Gold Level \$7,500 (annually)

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

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

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

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 on bottom)
- Shirts

NHPF Report

Seeking Accreditation

By Dave Sidles, NHPF Director



Museums serve the whole public.

- More people visit museums, science centers, zoos, or historic sites, than attend professional sporting events.
- Seventy-six percent of all U.S. leisure travelers participate in cultural or heritage activities such as visiting museums.
- Museum websites serve a diverse online community.
- Museums are committed to ensuring that people of all backgrounds have access to high quality experiences in their institutions. In 2012, 37% of museums were free at all times.
- 97% of Americans believe that museums are educational assets for their communities.

The National Horseshoe Pitching Museum and Hall of Fame has taken the first step on a path to excellence and to show its commitment to being a good steward of the resources it holds in the public trust. That step was joining the American Alliance of Museums. The multi-step process that follows could hopefully lead to accreditation. As the museum field’s mark of distinction since 1971, accreditation offers high profile, peer-based validation of your museum’s operations and impact. Accreditation increases your museum’s credibility and value to funders, policy makers, insurers, community and peers.

The Foundation would like to express its sincere gratitude for the contribution made by one the guiding forces behind the development and building of this museum, Mr. David Loucks and the Loucks family.

David Sidles
NHPF President

Special Thanks to Our Supporters

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The Loucks Trust—\$50,000 Donation

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Steven Gibson, UT (Bricks)
Blaine Scott, UT (Brick)

Donating \$300-\$399

Clearwater Horseshoe Club, FL

Additional Income

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, MO \$2500.00 Rent



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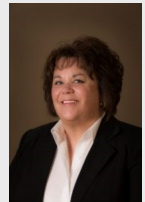
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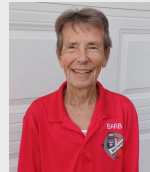
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From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Council is Always Open for Ideas

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

The 2023 NHPA World Tournament is upon us in Lansing, Michigan. The NHPA council has worked hard to make this tournament a memorable one. We are looking forward to seeing all the pitchers and their families. To some, this is a reunion of pitchers who only see each other once a year. The horseshoe community is a family who loves and enjoys the sport. Hopefully the NHPA can start growing in the coming years. The NHPA is not just about the World Tournament. There are many local and state tournaments around the country. There are also many leagues. The NHPA council is always open for ideas to help promote the sport of horseshoes at the national level. We rely on charters to help promote the sport at the charter level. Every tournament advertised on social media, or on the NHPA website, is just another way to promote the sport. Publishing the results in their local newspaper or on social media would be another way to promote the sport. There is quite a bit of horseshoe pitching on social media now. I see new posts everyday showing tournament results, pitchers practicing, and online tournaments. There is no doubt that social media has expanded the exposure of the sport. I am excited to be a part of the way horseshoe pitching has evolved in this way. Hopefully more back yard pitchers will get involved with the NHPA eventually. Until then we need to try and support all pitchers to keep the sport alive.



The eShoe program that manages, and tracks, members and events is working well. We are always working to make eShoe user friendly and easy to navigate. All charters have been operating with the eShoe program for 5 years now and have transitioned 100% to the program. Most charters do not have any issues. If an issue does come up it is handled as quickly as possible. I am available at any time to work on any problems that arise. There are some rules being proposed in the 2023 delegate meeting that will change how we operate. This will not be any major changes, but we need to be aware of them if they pass.

In the past couple of years, we have had some issues with venues bidding on the World Tournament location. The NHPA council has been working hard to make this process a little easier for those who want to host the World Tournament. Laurie Lampkin has been communicating with any venue that is interested and she has spent a lot of hours making sure all parties involved are aware of what is required to host such a big event. I had the opportunity to attend one of the conferences with Laurie that meets with many cities looking for events like the NHPA World Tournament. I did not expect to experience how much time went into meeting with future sites. It was very educational. I believe the conferences that Laurie attends are very necessary if we want to keep up with the times. The NHPA does not pick the venues that bid. It is up to the cities to submit a bid meeting all the requirements and then the NHPA chooses the venue that meets those requirements. I believe most pitchers will be happy with the World Tournament sites in the coming years. We encourage all pitchers to experience the World Tournament if you have not attended any in the past.

If anyone has any questions on any issue or would like to run for an NHPA council position, or knows someone who would like to run, please contact myself or any of the NHPA officers and we will make sure you get the attention you need. Thank you to everyone who is getting involved.

See you on the courts.

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“World Tournament’s Perfect Games”

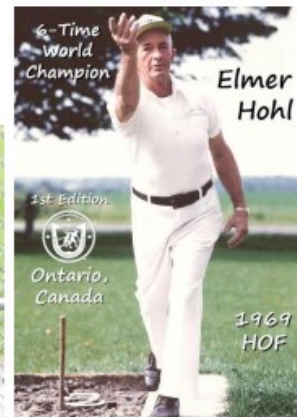
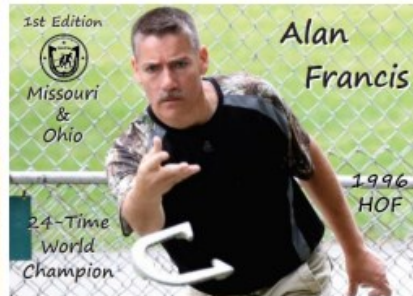
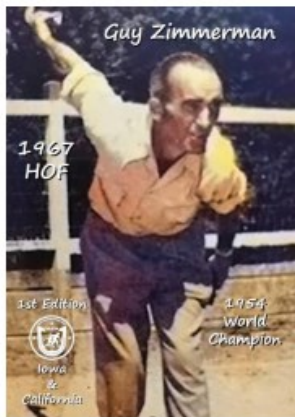
Stan Griggs

“I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence, I can reach for; perfection is God’s business”... Michael J. Fox

To pitch a perfect game in horseshoes is a feat done by few, but to perform this on the biggest stage is what Champions are made of. This summer will be our 104th World Tournament and it has only been perfected by six pitchers.

Let’s go back in time and relive those special moments...

The Original Six-Pack



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It took until the 30th World Tournament for the first perfect game to take place; The time was 1948 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The “**Big Four**”, consisting of Isais, Allen, Jones and Zimmerman, would be making their next to last appearance together in the same tournament.

In Game #15, Guy Zimmerman from California was having the game of his life, forever inscribing his name in the World Tournament Record Books. Guy, in his match with Henry Pergal from Indiana, became the first to fulfill the horseshoe pitcher’s ultimate dream – a perfect game! Guy tossed 44 ringers in a row, still the World Tournament record for the longest perfect game.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>RIN</u>	<u>SHOES</u>	<u>%</u>
1948	3rd Place	Guy Zimmerman	28-3	2,069	2,406	86.00%

It would be another twenty years before we would see this happen again, In Keene, New Hampshire at the 1968 World Tournament after setting a new World Record in qualifying. Elmer Hohl of Ontario, Canada fired a near perfect 200 shoes for an unbelievable total of 572 points. This was just 28 points shy of the maximum 600 points.

In Game #14 the greatest Canadian pitcher of all time met Wes Kuchcinski of Pennsylvania. In a match which lasted but 30 shoes. Elmer pitched the second perfect game in World Tournament history. With this 51-0 victory, he joined Guy Zimmerman on this unique list.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>RIN</u>	<u>SHOES</u>	<u>%</u>
1968	WC	Elmer Hohl	35-0	2,613	2,964	88.16%

Our next stop is another 25 years down the road and with a much younger pitcher to etch their name into the record books. The year was 1993 and the place was Spearfish, South Dakota. Sixteen-year-old Jim Walters from Ohio won his fifth straight Junior Boy’s Championship, to eclipse the record of four held jointly by Alan Francis of Missouri and Gary Roberts from Ohio.

In Game #3 Jim pitched 24 consecutive ringers in a 42-0 win over Lucas Ives from Washington. This is the first perfect game by any junior and the third overall in the NHPA World Tournament.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>RIN</u>	<u>SHOES</u>	<u>%</u>
1993	WC	Jim Walters	11-0	439	498	88.15%

The record book is going to start getting very interesting now, as for the next eight perfect games in World Tournament Championship Class play, six of them are pitched by just one man.

The year would be 2005 in Bakersfield, California. In Game #14 Alan Francis of Ohio did not miss a single shot, pitching 30 out of 30 defeating Buddy Dyrda of Canada with a score of 42-0. Alan had put the finishing touches on a six-game streak where he pitched 174 ringers out of 188 shoes, a blistering 92.55%

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>RIN</u>	<u>SHOES</u>	<u>%</u>
2005	WC	Alan Francis	23-0	750	886	84.65%

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Just two years later in 2007 the World Tournament being played in Ardmore, Oklahoma and he does it again. Game #7 sees Alan score his second perfect game in the last three years in quick fashion as he tossed 18 out of 18 against Darrell Sherrard from Indiana approaching un-paralleled territory.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>RIN</u>	<u>SHOES</u>	<u>%</u>
2007	WC	Alan Francis	19-0	574	708	81.07%

Déjà vu in York, Pennsylvania at the 2008 World Tournament, Alan was back at it again. He was on the brink of breaking another “unbreakable” record. Needing only three more wins to run his winning streak to 70 games. After starting out in his Francis fashion he dropped a 90.5% and a 92.5% in his first two games to tie the longest winning streak in NHPA history at 69 games. Well, if you are going to set the new record at 70 straight victories you might as well give them a show, and that is what Alan always does. With another record setting perfect game in Match #3 against Stan Leis of Ontario, Canada pitching 24 out of 24. This is Alan’s third Perfect Game in World Tournament’s since 2005.

He followed that game up with a 92.5% and a 95.0% so through the first five games he had pitched 174 shoes and had only missed pitching a ringer eleven times. With just two more games to go for the day he surely was going to cool off, His cooling off was an 88.2% game, now just one more game for the day what could he do to finish off this spectacular day.

Another 20 straight ringers for another Perfect Game is exactly what he would do against fellow Buckeye Gary Roberts. Two Perfect Games in one day at the World Tournament. To recap that day Alan pitched a total of 213 ringers out of 229 shoes for a one-day performance of 93.42%

Where does this sit in our history? Well, the first perfect game came in 1948, 39 years after the first World Tournament in 1909. The second perfect game was pitched in 1968, 20 years later. Alan has now pitched four in the last four years.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>RIN</u>	<u>SHOES</u>	<u>%</u>
2008	WC	Alan Francis	19-0	738	826	89.35%

We would go another five years before the next perfect game was pitched, in 2013 – St. George, Utah and this time one of our Ladies joined in on the fun.

Joan Elmore from Tennessee became the first women in our history to pitch a perfect game.

In Game #5 Joan strung 26 straight ringers to defeat Sara Otto from Minnesota with a score of 42-0.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>RIN</u>	<u>SHOES</u>	<u>%</u>
2013	2nd Place	Joan Elmore	13-2	603	790	76.33%

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In that same year in St. George, Alan was not to be forgotten as he was about to do it all again. Not one but two more perfect games, one in Game #4 on Day 1 against Ken Jones of New Mexico where he hit 32 ringers out of 32 shoes. He then came out in Dav 2 and with his second game pitched another Perfecto with 28 straight ringers against Ken Henritz from Wisconsin.

The interesting story behind this game is that in his first game on day two he ended that game with a streak of 24 straight ringers then pitched his perfect game in game two with another 28 ringers and followed that up in game three with 8 straight ringers. So over this stretch he had pitched 60 consecutive ringers without a miss.

YEAR	PLACE	NAME	W-L	RIN	SHOES	%
2013	WC	Alan Francis	15-0	593	650	91.23%

Our latest Perfect Game was pitched at the 2021 World Tournament in Winnemucca, Nevada. The new rising star has moved on to the Women’s Division now, but Sarah Chaffee from Wisconsin made a name for herself as the first Junior Girl to ever pitch a perfect game in the World Tournament.

In Game #2 she came so very close missing just one ringer and finished up with a 92.86% game. Not to be discouraged she followed that up in Game #4 pitching 20 consecutive ringers for her first perfect game against Lily Strong of Georgia to become the first ever Junior Girl to accomplish a Perfect Game.

YEAR	PLACE	NAME	W-L	RIN	SHOES	%
2021	WC	Sarah Chaffee	5-0	110	124	88.71%

NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT PERFECT GAMES (100%)					Shoes & Winning			
By Date	Name	State	Class	World Loc.	Ringers	Score	Opponent	Div.
1948	Guy Zimmerman	California	Men's Champ	Milwaukee, WI	44	51 - 0	Henry Pergal, IN	M
1968	Elmer Hohl	ONT-CAN	Men's Champ	Keene, NH	30	51 - 0	Wes Kuchcinski, PA	M
1993	Jim Walters	Ohio	Boy's Champ	Spearfish, SD	24	42 - 0	Lucas Ives, WA	B
2005	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	Bakersfield, CA	30	42 - 0	Buddy Dyrda, BC-CAN	M
2007	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	Ardmore, OK.	18	42 - 0	Darrell Sherrard, IN	M
2008	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	York PA	20	42 - 0	Gary Roberts, OH	M
2008	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	York PA	24	42 - 0	Stan Leis, ON-CAN	M
2013	Joan Elmore	Tennessee	Women's Champ	St. George, UT	26	42 - 0	Sara Otto, MN	W
2013	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	St. George, UT	28	42 - 0	Ken Heinritz, WI	M
2013	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	St. George, UT	32	42 - 0	Ken Jones, NM	M
2021	Sarah Chaffee	Wisconsin	Girl's Champ	Winnemucca, NV	20	42 - 0	Lily Strong, GA	G



2024 Nominations Encouraged and Welcome

By Vicki Winston

This will be fairly short, because I know that many members of our horseshoe pitching family are getting ready to depart for Lansing, MI and the 2023 World Tournament. If you read the last Edition of NEWSLINE, you will know that at that time I was uncertain whether or not I would be able to join you. If you read that article, you will also know what an outstanding class of HOF Inductees will be welcomed into the Hall of Fame during the HOF and Awards Banquet. Unfortunately, I will not be making the trip to Lansing to preside over the Induction Ceremony, as I would be doing if I was there. I am still not able to take on a trip that would require that much of an effort. I'm not house bound, am still living independently, and I drive myself to wherever I need to go. However, I do not usually venture any farther than 2 or 3 hours from home. Therefore, I canceled my reservation in Lansing.



I contacted all of the living inductees and expressed my apologies for not being able to be there in person to help bestow the honor on them that they have received and so richly deserve. There is a person who has volunteered to take my place as the emcee of that part of the Banquet program and I'm sure he will do a fine job. I recently took the things that I would normally bring with me to the HOF Banquet to Jim Kinney Jr., so if they don't get there, you can blame him. At the same time, I was able to make connections with a member of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, and all 4 photo plaques of the new HOF members have gone to the Hall of Fame building in Wentzville, MO where they will someday be placed on a wall, like all of the photo plaques of previous inductees are now displayed.

I hope that many of you will make plans to attend the Banquet in Lansing. I have seen the menu and it sounds like there will be foods available for almost any persons diet or taste. As far as I know, tickets will be available until sometime on Saturday, July 22nd. The Banquet will be on the evening of Sunday, July 23rd, at the venue where the WT is being held. If you have questions about the banquet, I believe that Laurie Lampkin can answer them.

Please remember that the Hall of Fame Committee always looks forward to receiving new nominations that meet the criteria as described on the Official Nomination Form that is on the Hall of Fame page of the NHPA website. It is not too early to begin submitting nominations for the 2024 voting. Follow the directions that are on the Nomination Form and the deadline for nominations to be in my hands is Jan. 31, 2024. Individuals submitting a nomination must be a current member of the NHPA. A sanctioned club may also submit a nomination.

To those who are attending the World Tournament, I wish you safe travels and if you are a participant, I also wish you good pitching. Have an enjoyable time in Lansing.

Vicki



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Womens Top 100 Stats 29 June 2023

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	280216	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	Women	84.49	9
2	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	80.00	7
3	330031	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	79.98	18
4	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	78.80	10
5	664710	Sylvianne	Moisan	QC	Women	78.16	9
6	330030	Maxine	Griffith	TN	Women	77.28	18
7	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	76.79	15
8	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	76.53	25
9	480180	Theresa	Howe	MA	Women	75.85	8
10	623905	Lindsay	HODGINS	AB	Women	75.83	5
11	220130	Doris	Hieden	TX	Women	75.69	13
12	800439	Pam	Meyer	MO	Women	73.61	17
13	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	70.62	12
14	370015	Tamara	Burke	WV	Women	70.08	6
15	280268	Aleena	Lepak	WI	Women	70.07	7

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Mens Top 100 Stats 29 June 2023

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360940	Alan	Francis	OH	Men	86.98	11
2	657381	Drew	BECKER	ON	Men	75.59	6
3	390143	Randy	Zeiders	PA	Men	75.18	12
4	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	75.00	16
5	623713	Cal	BEAUDOIN	AB	Men	74.57	10
6	320063	Ben	Webb	KY	Men	73.85	20
7	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	73.50	12
8	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	73.30	8
9	460059	Gale	Greene	VT	Men	71.89	18
10	300151	Andrew	Adams	MI	Men	71.79	12
11	10058	Matt	Fuller	WA	Men	70.11	12
12	200023	Gary	Bearpaw	OK	Men	69.91	4
13	190693	Michael	Bowman	MO	Men	69.88	17
14	100290	Brandon	Tenjieth	AZ	Men	68.46	3
15	190007	Stan	Griggs	MO	Men	67.79	10

Elders Top 100 Stats 29 June 2023

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	370121	David	Holmes	WV	Elders	82.61	11
2	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elders	80.13	18
3	660765	Jacques	HOULE	QC	Elders	76.39	4
4	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	75.56	11
5	220870	Tom	Routh	TX	Elders	74.92	22
6	190103	Ronald	Legrand	MO	Elders	73.95	16
7	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elders	73.50	20
8	290240	Steve	Denault	IL	Elders	72.78	9
9	480354	David	Bliss	MA	Elders	72.64	10
10	330199	James	Cooper	TN	Elders	72.50	24
11	10092	John	Bruhn	WA	Elders	72.50	7
12	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	71.91	7
13	280236	Jim	Bilderback	WI	Elders	71.47	24
14	100192	Mike	Massari	AZ	Elders	70.57	27
15	95094	Benj	Rains	UT	Elders	70.17	17

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Girls Top 25 Stats 29 June 2023

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	490491	Lizy	Jordan	CT	Girls	58.29	15
2	340280	Lily	Strong	CA	Girls	37.12	11
3	280115	Lillyan	Kildahl	WI	Girls	36.88	6
4	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	35.78	15
5	659620	Sarah	NOOREN	ON	Girls	35.50	2
6	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Girls	32.30	7
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	7
10	95085	Kayla	Julander	UT	Girls	30.44	15
11	31233	Kaidence	Begaye	CA	Girls	29.34	2
12	190110	Eli	Delacruz	MO	Girls	28.31	7
13	220456	Ashlyn	Luster	TX	Girls	27.79	4
14	150396	Uria	Gabel	ND	Girls	26.48	5
15	616571	Erika	MCNAB	BC	Girls	24.37	2


Boys Top 50 Stats 29 June 2023

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	78.71	7
2	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Boys	73.38	6
3	260172	Tyler	Harris	AL	Boys	60.90	11
4	220641	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	TX	Boys	59.18	10
5	360274	Zander	Potts	OH	Boys	58.91	4
6	191622	Brady	Fox	MO	Boys	53.86	5
7	360365	Caiden	Hogue	OH	Boys	52.37	7
8	480516	Zack	Grzembski	MA	Boys	52.05	18
9	190045	Memo	Ramirez	MO	Boys	45.69	18
10	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Boys	45.44	9
11	280127	Blake	Benzing	WI	Boys	45.14	4
12	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	43.65	3
13	150403	Jackson	Johnson	ND	Boys	40.43	6
14	803261	Jayden	Fri	MI	Boys	37.36	4
15	801042	Vance	Dilger	NV	Boys	36.67	1

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Cadets Top 25 Stats *29 June 2023*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Cadet Boys	70.62	16
2	802657	Tom	Grose	NV	Cadet Boys	59.85	21
3	801315	Evan	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	50.90	12
4	800879	Landon	Morgan	IL	Cadet Boys	40.44	16
5	220815	Preston	Beusch	TX	Cadet Boys	33.75	4
6	803710	Joshua	Russell	NV	Cadet Boys	33.09	9
7	31223	Adakai	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	31.16	5
8	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	29.14	9
9	802970	Alexzander	Schmidt	GA	Cadet Boys	28.98	8
10	800314	Crystal	Knighten	AL	Cadet Girls	27.83	8
11	802184	Waylon	Basler	MO	Cadet Boys	26.67	1
12	801361	Cody	Brickell	CO	Cadet Boys	26.42	4
13	804087	Gavin	Begaye Jr.	CA	Cadet Boys	25.56	2
14	231913	Lucas	Rasmussen	MN	Cadet Boys	22.21	7
15	370009	Max	Martin	WV	Cadet Boys	21.47	2



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