



The Ringer Report



We will have a garage sale at the State. You can bring any items you wish to donate. The proceeds will go towards the winners payouts and 1/10th will go towards the HOF. Pat Bailey will watch over it some of the time and sell tickets for items at the auction.

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2023 MHPA Championships

The 100th Annual MHPA Singles Championships will be held Aug. 26-27. The best pitchers in the state will square off to see who will be this years state champion.

With added prize money this should be one of the highest prize payouts in MHPA history.

Defending Champions: J.D. Drake, Elder Men; Helga Hewlett, Women; James Dunlap, Men and Bryce Vancleave, Junior / Cadet will be defending their 2022 titles.



J.D.



Helga



James



Bryce

“SOMETIMES A PITCHER WINS, AND SOMETIMES A PITCHER MAKES GOOD FRIENDS. MOST PITCHERS HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS.”



2023 MHPA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 25, 26, 27

Hosted by:

JACKSON COUNTY HORSESHOE CLUB

Entry Mailing Deadline: August 7, 2023

Entries will be accepted at the last three regularly scheduled tournaments in Lake Orion, Mecosta and Lansing.

Entry Fee: \$40.00



Banquet Dinner will be \$12

- Our menu is as follows:
- Chicken • Baked bean
- Mashed potatoes and gravy
- Macaroni salad
- Macaroni and cheese
- Desserts

Entry form on page 11 and MHPA website

Editor's Notes

Dean Schmitz

Some people are pitchers and others are spectators. I was a spectator due to a back injury and I did manage to visit the first Wednesday of the WT with my granddaughter.

Maggie is taking classes at Cooley Law School and was kind enough to drop me off at the Center in the morning.



With Granddaughter Maggie

The Lansing Center is very spacious with lots of room for everything. You didn't have to bump elbows anywhere you ventured.

I first ran into Roger Higgins and Paul Bachelor who were in the process of going to the practice courts. My next stop was the arena set-up with over 50 portable courts and watched Larry Hinton and Larry Majerski pitch.

On my way to check out the concessions, I met Josh Lull who was tending the MHPA Guitar Raffle station thanks to the generous donation of Tina Payne. I did relieve Josh a few minutes and sold a couple of tickets. The money from the sales will go to added prize money for our State Tournament. With other added monies, this tournament should be a large payout for our 100 year anniversary. Make sure you register.

Maggie then joined me for lunch as we watched another round of pitching. We sat next to Barb Meadows and a contingent of the Mumford family and watched Bobby Mumford and Darrell Harris who were pitching against 5 other MHPA members in the round robin.

I even visited with NHPA President Gary Roberts and Publicity Director Laurie Lampkin for a minute.

It was a fun day!

Next year in Tri-Cities, WA.

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Doubles Tournament Results

St. Clair Shores - Saturday, August 5, 2023

RD/Statistician Report

Keith Schafer



Just a few items before focusing on the State Tournament in Jackson:

We are still looking for a replacement Publicity Chair. I know there is someone who can keep the people entertained and renewing their membership.

Michigan had a good turnout for the World Tournament, 131 entrants out of the total 955 entered. Michigan had 6 World Class Champions, Rick Lyle in Men's D2, Jason Fri in Men's J1, Phil Griffin in Men's K2, Dennis Soldan in Elder F2, James Dunlap in Senior Men A, and Kevin Bastian in Senior Men C, and one world Champion, James Dunlap in Senior Men. Congratulations to our winners!



James Dunlap

Four of our pitchers accepted the invitation to pitch in the World Championship groups, Andrew Adams in Men (4th, 10-5, 74.08%), Denise Daly in Women (10th, 6-9, 70.56%), James Dunlap in Senior Men (1st, 10-1, 58.37%), and Keith Schafer in Senior Men (8th, 4-7, 44.84%). Our top pitchers represented well!

A little research into the Senior Men's Championship group showed 10 confirmed current or past multiple state champions in the group (data is not there for Arkansas pitchers). What a tough group! Way to rise to the top, James!

Those going above and beyond at the World included Tina Payne, Brandon Tremlett, Dave Durham and Josh Lull at the guitar auction, Owen Mergen working the 50/50 during week 2 (with help from Penny Harageones of New York on Monday), Denise Daly and Minnesota's Michelle Foard for the pictures of pitchers for Facebook, and all those who helped by scorekeeping and set-up/tear down crew who were too many to mention, and anyone else whose work I did not see should also get thanks. Thanks to all!

Michigan pitchers threw 78,418 shoes during the 12 days of world tournament competition, and 22,883 shoes were ringers, for a percentage of 29.18%. Way to go Michigan!

Kalamazoo has added a tournament on August 11 (Friday night) to the schedule.

The deadline is coming soon for the state tournament in Jackson. Get your entry in to Pam right away so the Tournament Committee has more time to set up the groups in the best way possible. This is the 100th state tournament, and there is much added money in the payouts.

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Drake/Bailey	58.01	5-0	90	240	37.50
2. Dunlap/Schafer	55.31	4-1	109	240	45.42
3. Parsons/Markley	47.39	3-2	99	240	41.25
4. Daly/Burns II	53.22	2-3	103	240	42.92
5. Smith/Smith	46.98	1-4	85	240	35.42
6. Hewlett/Morehead	56.08	0-5	68	240	28.33

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Banks/Parker	39.06	5-1	89	288	30.90
2. Yates/Gladstone	36.50	4-2	92	288	31.94
3. Kuss/Ardelean	38.67	2-3	86	240	35.83
4. Johnson/EI	36.99	2-3	70	240	29.17
5. Burns/Burns	39.04	2-3	70	240	29.17
6. Bachelor/Higgins	40.65	1-4	61	240	25.42

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bastian/Belfiori	34.75	5-0	85	240	35.42
2. Friesmuth/Friesmuth	35.04	4-1	69	240	28.75
3. Matthews/Hoye	33.17	3-2	65	240	27.08
4. Moore/Nelson	32.98	2-3	61	240	25.42
5. Giorlando/Herbertz	32.18	1-4	56	240	23.33
6. Spanke/Castle	30.40	0-5	44	240	18.33

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Harris/Matthews	25.29	4-2	81	296	27.36
2. Soldan/Kudla	27.87	3-3	73	288	25.35
3. Hare/Devine	27.51	3-3	64	296	21.62
4. Castle/Castle	26.91	2-3	60	240	25.00
5. Price/Thomas	28.26	2-3	46	240	19.17
6. Schafer/Humbarger	17.36	0-0	0	0	00.00

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Labadie/Olewnik	10.61	5-0	46	248	18.55
2. Choranziak/Choranziak	19.22	4-1	47	248	18.95
3. Helzer/Nevin	13.34	2-3	31	240	12.92
4. Wedyke/Wedyke	12.67	2-3	26	240	10.83
5. Payne/Tremlett	10.49	2-3	23	240	09.58
6. Nowacki/Birdsall	6.66	0-5	7	240	02.92



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Pictured left to right are: Roger Vogel, unknown, Karl VanSant, Alex Clark, unknown in back, Paul Focht, unknown in back, Roy Smith. This photo was taken from an old video, that is why the quality is so poor.

Hi Dean!

I was at Lansing Friday with my sister Linda and brother Carl to watch the pitching action. What a great event and we had fun watching the men and women's top groups. Some mighty fine pitching going on, for sure. We did not see too many Michigan pitchers we knew, but talked to Dewey Howard for a while. My sister and I are in touch with Roger Vogel on Facebook, and got to meet him in person! Linda and I also got a fine photo of James Dunlap with his Senior Men's Champion trophy.

James was excited to learn we were Roy Smith's kids, and he called up Andy Mathews to tell him he had won and to guess who he was talking to, Ha! Andy went on and on with some stories of pitching with our dad back in the day and some of the advice Roy had given him. And Andy told James that he was like Roy in being such a tough competitor! I agree! James told Linda and I that he had been in a car accident in March and didn't think he would be able to pitch, but wanted to do it, because he wanted to represent Michigan here in our home state! I love that!

After they were all done pitching we got to say hello briefly to Walter Ray Williams, Jr. Carl really enjoyed watching Alan Francis pitch for the first time ever. He sure is a consistent ringer machine! Glad the tourney was such a success and that Michigan had so many entries! Kudos to everyone who had a hand in the set-up and organization. By the way, your last Ringer Report was a stellar issue, so much good info! Looks great too!

Sorry we couldn't make it to Lansing for any other days, and didn't get to see you! Take care, I may be off to Canada when the State tourney is held, my friend and I are just waiting to see how bad the wildfires are when we get closer to the end of August, so I may not be attending that.

Peggy Smith

P.S. I enclosed a really old photo from 1964 Water Wonderland tourney and some of the big names back in the day are in the photo! Also the ringer report from the tourney results. Roger Vogel won it!

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R. Vogel, Illinois Sharpshooter, Tops Focht, Ex-World Champ, To Win Michigan's Water Wonderland Tournament

Roger Vogel, ace ringerman from Manito, Illinois topped Paul Focht, of Dayton, Ohio, and former world champion, in a play-off game to win the second annual Michigan Water Wonderland tournament held at Bailey park in Battle Creek, Michigan. Vogel also pitched the longest game of the tournament with Ralph Bacon of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the game going to 102 shoes, with Vogel the winner.

Seventy-five competitors from five states, including many former state and national champions, took part in the competition at Bailey Park.

Third place in Class A went to Karl VanSant of Cayuga, Ind., winner of last year's tournament; Roy Smith of Muskegon was fourth; Herb Pinch of Sharon, Pa., fifth, and Ken Jensen of St. Joseph was sixth.

First place winners in other classes were as follows: Class B, Jim Ostrander of Lansing; Class C, Harry Palmer of Muskegon; Class D, Gerald Cowell of Weston; Class E, Willie Preston of Battle Creek; Class G, Gordon Sites of Sturgis; Stan Surridge ran well in the standings in this division. Class F, Steve Brozovich of Dearborn. J. Guernsey gave a good account of himself.

In competition for women, Bonnie Siebold of Huntington, Ind., was first, throwing 58 per cent ringers in her high game, and Wanda Ditmar of Winchester, Ind., was second with 60.8 per cent of the shoes she tossed ringing the stake in her high game.

Dale McElrath of Battle Creek was the winner in the Boy's tournament with John Swain being the runner-up.

CLASS A

	W	L	R	SP	%
R. Vogel, Normal, Ill.	14	1	1148	785	68.3
P. Focht, Dayton, Ohio	14	1	1168	826	70.7
K. VanSant, Cayuga, Ind.	12	2	966	690	71.4
R. Smith, Muskegon, Mich.	12	3	1058	677	63.9
H. Pinch, Sharon, Pa.	9	6	978	637	65.1
K. Jensen, St. Joseph, Mich.	9	6	1067	679	63.6
H. Tuttle, Youngstown, Ohio	8	7	1042	636	61.0
Alex Clark, Garden City, Mich.	7	8	964	594	61.6
H. Wolfe, Cedarville, Ohio	8	7	1018	580	56.9
S. Manker, Martinsville, Ohio	8	7	1080	628	58.1
R. Bacon, Grand Rapids, Mich.	7	8	1046	619	59.1
D. Kaiser, Clayton, Mich.	4	11	920	523	58.6
G. Maison, Warren, Mich.	4	11	1006	554	55.1
N. Vogel, Manito, Ill.	3	12	908	477	52.5
D. Estep, Toledo, Ohio	0	14	forfeit		
Alvin Clark, South Haven, Mich.	0	14	forfeit		

President's Report

Josh Lull



I would just like to thank all of our members who helped with any of the workings of the world tournament. You helped put on a phenomenal tournament.

I want to congratulate all of our Michigan pitchers with their performances in the world tournament. You brought a very high level of competition and made our state proud.

I am proud of all of you.

I tried to follow and encourage as many of you as I could while I was able to attend. I made some connections with other RD's and of-ficers around the country. I have a few ideas and hopefully leading to some exciting things to come in the future for our association.

If you have not done so already please be thinking of getting your State championship application filled out and get it turned in so you can participate.

After the pitching I saw at the world I cannot wait to see how things unfold in Jackson!

Final Note: I would just like to say, "Job well done St. Clair Shores with State Doubles."

The facility, the food, the club did a fantastic job.

Sorry, I could not stay to congratulate all of the winners.

It was a good day.

—Josh

If anyone has any concerns or questions please come to the fall meeting on August 26th.

—Zach Spanke

This Is What You Missed...

Chippewa Falls, WI native, Sarah Chaffee defended her Women's World Championship by finishing 15-0 and throwing 84 percent in the championship rounds. Sarah was the only competitor to throw higher than 80 percent ringers in the championship.

"I just kept score for one of the greatest, if not THE greatest game this year! Marlene Ray and Sarah Chaffee pitched 140 shoes! (40 pts. to win)

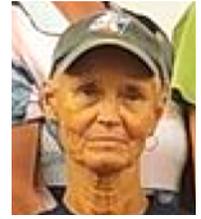
The longest run of ringers was 38 in a row by Marlene. This tied the record for longest game for Women in history!

It was luck that had this match paired on my court when signing up to keep score."

—Dalton Rakestraw, CA



Sarah, WI



Marlene, TN

"I can't imagine throwing 38 in a row and losing. Wow. Great game"

—Keith Boone, CO

MATCH 10 RULES - PLACE THE CORRECT # IN THE BOX

Term		Definition
1. Handicap	<input type="text"/>	Contestants must deliver both shoes within thirty (30) seconds. (See page 10, RULE 3, Section C.2)
2. Heel	<input type="text"/>	The regulations for temp/ground level courts with the exception that for any raised pit, the top of the pit shall be no more than seven (7) inches above the level of the pitching platforms. (See page 41, II – SPECIFICATIONS FOR COURT LAYOUT, Section C)
3. NHPF	<input type="text"/>	Refers to the standard method of NHPA sanctioned tournament play. In round-robin play, each contestant will play all other contestants in the Class. Court assignments and the order of play will follow a printed schedule, either posted or given to each contestant at the beginning of the contest. (See page 18, Rule 11, Section A)
4. Pacer	<input type="text"/>	A document adopted by an organization which contains the basic rules for governing itself.
5. Ringer	<input type="text"/>	The area of the horseshoe (at the open end) that includes the "tips" and the "hooks".
6. Burr	<input type="text"/>	A small, displaced fragment of steel that may be created when a horseshoe hits other shoes or the stake.
7. Round-robin Play	<input type="text"/>	Refers to an individual who may fill a vacated position during round-robin tournament play.
8. Temporary and/or Raised Pits	<input type="text"/>	The official spin-off organization of the NHPA, established to promote the game of horseshoes, and to provide and maintain the NHPA Hall of Fame facility.
9. Bylaws	<input type="text"/>	A shoe that comes to rest while encircling the stake.
10. Time Limit	<input type="text"/>	A predetermined number of bonus points given to a player in addition to the actual "scratch" score pitched in a game.

2023 MHPA World Tournament Outcomes

MEN (75)

Adams, Andrew - Men A1 - 7th(16)
4th in Championship Round
Andersen, Alan - Men J1 - 4th(16)
Bashore, Rod - Men J1 - Did not pitch
Benedict, David - Men G1 - 12th(16)
Benjamin, Jim - Men I2 - 2nd(16)
Boerema, Joshua - Men K2 - 3rd(15)
Budziszewski, Larry - Men E1 - 11th(16)
Buikema, Dave - Men B2 - 13th(16)
Burns, Mark - Men D1 - 7th(16)
Burns II, Mark - Men D1 - 13th(16)
Campbell, Steve - Men D1 - 10th(16)
Carter, James - Men B1 - 9th(16)
Castle, Dylan - Men E1 - 10th(16)
Castle, Jason - Men F2 - 6th(16)
Christiansen, Kary - Men I2 - 12th(16)
Cousins, John - Men F1 - 2nd(16)
Cousins, Cody - Men G2 - 9th(16)
Durecka, Joel - Men E1 - 8th(16)
Durecka, Troy - Men G1 - 11th(16)
EL, Myrick - Men I1 - 15th(16)
Ervin, Matthew - Men K1 - 14th(15)
Eversole, Dave - Men H1 - 6th(15)
Fleisher, Chad - Men F2 - 3rd(16)
Fri, Jason - Men J1 - 1st(16)
Friesmuth, Wayne - Men D1 - 6th(16)
Giorlando, Frank - Men D2 - 3rd(16)
Gladstone, Kevin - Men H1 - 10th(15)
Griffin, Phil - Men K2 - 1st(15)
Hare, Rich - Men E2 - 14th(15)
Harris, Darrell - Men G2 3rd(16)
Herbertz, Rob - Men E2 - 2nd(15)
Hettrick, Joe - Men E2 - 9th(15)
Howard, Loren - Men K2 - 7th(15)
Howe, Boyd - Men B2 - 14th(16)
Hoye, Christopher - Men F1 - 14th(15)
Johnson, Quincy - Men B1 - 4th(16)
Keyes, Roger - Men H1 - 3rd(15)
Kristoff, Joe - Men K1 - 7th(15)
Lambert, Greg - Men H2 - 15th(16)
Larner, Mike - Men D2 - 2nd(16)
Lyle, Rick - Men D2 - 1st(16)
Mendham, Dan - Men F1 - 15th(16)
Mendham, Jake - Men E2 - 13th(15)
Moore, Dale - Men E2 - 7th(15)
Mullin, Judson - Men K2 - 14th(15)
Mumford, Bobby - Men G2 - 12th(16)
Mumford III, Bobby - Men H1 - 13th(15)
Nelson, Ron - Men E1 - 15th(16)

Nightingale, Richard - Men G2 - 4th(16)
Nyenhuis, Chris - Men J1 - 5th(16)
O'Brien, Martin - Men H2 - 16th(16)
Osborn, Chuck - Men F2 - 2nd(16)
Parker, Narone - Men C2 - 4th(16)
Plankenhorn, Will - Men G2 - 5th(16)
Powers Jr., Mitchel - Men H2 - 12th(16)
Quillen, Frank - Men J1 - 8th(16)
Quillen, Martin - Men J1 - 9th(16)
Rhode, Larry - Men D1 - 14th(16)
Robinson, Clayt - Men J1 - 3rd(16)
Robinson, James - Men J2 - 2nd(15)
Sash, William - Men C2 - 7th(16)
Saumier, Sean - Men G2 - 10th(16)
Schaner, William - Men J2 - 6th(16)
Soltis, Eric - Men A2 - 2nd(16)
Smith, Johnnie - Men F1 - 11th(16)
Spanke, Zach - Men D1 - 16th(16)
Stewart, Mario - Men I1 - 3rd(16)
Toth, James - Men G2 - 6th(16)
Tremlett, Brandon - Men K2 - 12th(16)
Trusick, Greg - Men F1 - 5th(16)
Varney, Joseph - Men J2 - Did not pitch
Waldon, Michael D. - Men F1 - 16th(16)
Wedyke, Thomas - Men I2 - 6th(16)
Westbrook, Warren - Men C1
Young, Kevin L. - Men H2 - 2nd(16)

WOMEN (16)

Burgess, Glendda - Women I - 2nd(14)
Burns, Michele - Women D - 11th(14)
Cole, Evah - Women I - 4th(14)
Daly, Denise - Women A - 14th(16)
10th in Championship Round
Friesmuth, April - Women F - 13th(14)
Hess, Jennifer - Women F - 9th(14)
Hewlett, Helga - Women B - 11th(16)
Meadows, Barbara - Women F - 10th(14)
Morehead, Brandy - Women B - 12th(16)
Nowacki, Rosemarie - Women I - 10th(14)
Otto, Kelsey - Women H 9th(14)
Payne, Tina - Women H - 6th(14)
Quillen, Jacqueline - Women G - 7th(14)
Smith, Lisa - Women B - 7th(16)
Varney, Chelsea - Women H 3rd(14)
Wedyke, Carmen - Women I - 8th(14)

JUNIOR BOY (3)

Fri, Jayden - Junior B - 3rd(10)
Castle, Brent - Junior C - 5th(11)
Vancleave, Bryce - Junior C - 9th(11)

ELDER MEN (26)

Bachelor, Paul - Elder Men E2 - 6th(16)
Bailey, Doug - Elder Men D2 - 6th(16)
Blosser, Tim - Elder Men K1 - 10th(14)
Connin, Clip - Elder Men C2 - 10th(16)
Dale, Bob - Elder Men F1 - 2nd(16)
Deck, Larry - Elder Men B21 - Did not pitch
J.D. Drake - Elder Men A1 - 14th(16)
Florek, Steve - Elder Men C2 - 11th(15)
Gombos, Tom - Elder Men D1 - Did not pitch
Grant, Harry - Elder Men K1 - 6th(14)
Higgins, Roger - Elder Men F27th(14)
Hinton, Lawrence - Elder Men J1 - 5th(16)
Howard, Paul - Elder Men G1 - 11th(14)
Jones, Marcus - Elder Men J1 - 3rd(16)
Kofflin, Dan - Elder Men J2 - Did not pitch
Kuss, Ken - Elder Men D2 - 11th(16)
Ledford, Larry - Elder Men C1 - 2nd(16)
Majerski, Larry - Elder Men J2 - 13th(14)
Markley, Danny - Elder Men D2 - 3rd(16)
McArthur, Larry - Elder Men F1 - 8th(16)
McDaniel, Michael - Elder Men G1 - 8th(16)
Mumford, Sr., Bobby - Elder Men E2 - 4th(16)
Parsons, George - Elder Men D1 - 14th(15)
Peek, Bob - Elder Men C1 - 7th(16)
Reid, Erv - Elder Men G2 - 9th(15)
Soldan, Dennis - Elder Men F2 - 1st(15)

CADET BOY (1)

Vancleave, Jackson - Cadet B - 5th(5)

SENIOR MEN (10)

Banks, John - Sr Men B - 4th(16)
Bastian, Kevin - Sr Men C - 1st(14)
Burke, Greg - Sr Men A - 16th(16)
Dunlap, James - Sr Men A - 1st(16)
1st in Championship Round
Kudla, Robert - Sr Men D - 8th(12)
Matthews, Andrew - Sr Men B - 10th(14)
Moore, Sam - Sr Men B - 11th(14)
Morrow, Rick - Sr Men C - 14th(14)
Schafer, Keith - Sr Men A 1 - 14th(16)
8th in Championship Round
Strange, Clay - Sr Men C - 9th(14)

SENIOR WOMEN (3)

Ardelean, Cathy - Sr Women C - 2nd(16)
Devine, Crystal - Sr Women C - 8th(15)
Yates, Pam - Sr Women A - 10th(14)

2023 MHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT PITCHING SCHEDULE

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

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

The Kalamazoo Horseshoe Club is announcing an additional tournament date that is being added to the schedule on August 11. It is a Friday night, with 7:00 p.m. check-in.

<u>August</u>				
30-23-038			08/05/23	State Doubles - St. Clair Shores - Pre-register by 7/30/23
30-23-039			08/12/23	Lake Orion
30-23-040			08/19/23	Mecosta
30-23-041		SUNDAY	08/20/23	Lansing - Senior tournament Pre-register by 8/12/23
30-23-042	Preliminaries	Friday	08/25/23	State Tournament - Jackson
		SATURDAY	08/26/23	State Tournament - Jackson
30-23-043	Championships	SUNDAY	08/27/23	State Tournament - Jackson
<u>September</u>				
			09/02/23	
30-23-044			09/09/23	Lansing 40's and 30's - pitchers separated by distance
NON SANCT			09/16/23	Woody Cup - Lake Orion
30-23-045		Sunday	09/24/23	Jackson
<u>Fall Indoor Tournaments @ Jackson Facility</u>				
			09/30/23	SCHEDULING MEETING
<u>October</u>				
30-23-047			10/07/23	Mecosta
30-23-048	PRE-REGISTER		10/14/23	Lake Orion - Mike Ardelean Memorial St. Jude
30-23-049	FOR YOUR SPOT	Sunday	10/22/23	Jackson
30-23-050	FOR ALL FALL	Sunday	10/29/23	St. Clair Shores
	TOURNAMENTS			
<u>November</u>				
30-23-051			11/04/23	Brighton Indoor Club
30-23-052			11/11/23	Mecosta
30-23-053		Sunday	11/19/23	Jackson

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Proposed Bylaw change requests that shall be voted on this year

Article II - Section 7 - Currently Reads:

Section 7. The Constitution and By-laws, Rules and Regulations may be revised by submitting changes at any membership meeting or sent to the chairperson of the Constitution and By-laws Committee by July 15. Such proposed revisions shall be published in the MHPA's August newsletter. All proposed revisions shall be voted upon at the State Tournament meeting. Any additions, deletions and/or changes shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting and shall become effective January 1 of the following year. The president may at his/her option, have the State Tournament meeting later if tournament scheduling or other unforeseen reason does not allow proper time for the meeting to be held during the tournament.

Proposed Change:

The Constitution and By-laws, Rules and Regulations may be revised by submitting changes at any membership meeting or sent to the chairperson of the Constitution and By-laws Committee. **All proposed revisions shall be voted upon at the either of the annual membership meetings. The spring meeting or the fall meeting during the State Tournament. The deadline for submitting for the spring meeting will be March 15.**

The proposed revisions shall be published in the April newsletter (Spring Meeting) and the August newsletter (State Tournament) meeting. Any additions, deletions and/or changes shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of members **present at the Spring or State Tournament meeting. (Each individually, attendance at one meeting does not constitute attendance nor a vote at the other). Those approved at the Spring Meeting shall become effective the first of the month following the Spring Meeting.** Those approved at the State tournament meeting shall become effective January 1 of the following year. The president may at his/her option, have the State Tournament meeting later if tournament scheduling or other unforeseen reason does not allow proper time for the meeting to be held during the tournament.

Reasoning for Change:

The deadline for submitting for the State Tournament meeting July 15. Help encourage the MHPA membership to attend the spring meeting while at the same time encouraging their voices to be heard. The additional vote would also allow the MHPA to be more flexible to member concerns or changes to keep the quality of the game and experience at the highest possible level. Especially when it comes to state tournament issues.

Proposed by Josh Lull

Article VII - State Tournament Section 7 – Currently Reads

Section 7. Any club that meets the requirement of 18 lighted courts should be able to host the singles state tournament. Voting will take place during the meeting at the state tournament. If there is no host club for the singles state tournament, the executive council will then contact qualified clubs and award one of them the tournament. Only the MHPA will be allowed to do 50/50 raffles during the State Tournament to supplement the prize money.

Proposed Change:

Any club that meets the requirement of 18 lighted courts should be able to host the singles state tournament. **(Remove the portion in regards to voting taking place during the meeting.)** The executive council will contact qualified clubs and award one of them the tournament. **The MHPA will decide how 50/50 raffles are conducted and by who during the State Tournament to supplement the prize money.**

Reasoning for Change:

The MHPA is currently not in a position where voting is necessary to decide who hosts the state singles tournament. Let's hope in the future the MHPA is able to get back to where that is a valid concern. At that time a re-instating a vote would be completely valid to make sure not favoritism is shown and the joy of the tournament is shared. Currently the MHPA only has a couple of locations.

In regards to the 50/50 raffle this allows the MHPA to be more flexible in possibly trading the conducting and proceeds of the raffle for possibly a more lucrative benefit in increasing the prize payouts at the State Tournament.

Proposed by Josh Lull

Section 8 – Currently Reads

This association shall award the Junior Boy and Junior Girl State Champion a \$100 scholarship each. These scholarship monies shall be awarded upon a college, university or trade school's letter of enrollment to the association. This award must be claimed before their twenty-first birthday. Junior and Cadet players are to pay the State Tournament entry fee. They will be eligible to receive monetary awards for the class pitched in.

Proposed Change: Addition of a sub-section. An exception to Section 8.

A. In the event that either the Junior Boy or Girl are the only one in their class at the state tournament, they are given an option to be classed in a 30' group thus relinquishing eligibility to be the junior boy or girl champion for that year. However, they are eligible for the plaques and monetary awards in that 30' group. This option is only given when either that Junior Boy or Girl are the only participant in their class in the state tournament.

If the Junior Boy or Girl declines the option of pitching in a 30' group, they will be awarded the scholarship. (Tournament entry fee refunded) However, they are then only allowed to pitch as a pacer in another group/class. Not eligible for awards and or plaques.

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Reason for Change:

This gives the MHPA and the junior pitcher some flexibility when it comes to an issue that has been a struggle for some time. We want to provide competition but also conduct it in a way that is consistent with the rest of our groups/classes. With the very unstable participation at the junior levels this flexibility would allow the MHPA to provide a competitive experience with award eligibility if the junior pitcher chooses to do so.

I believe it is also important to keep in consideration that we need to keep these juniors at 30' and also recognize we would be in a bit of dicey situation in regards to of Rule 1 Pitching Divisions Section A subsection 2,3 of the RGS. Our use of the mix classes is where I believe we can allow them to play without relinquishing their junior status.

Proposed by Josh Lull

Article VIII - State Doubles Tournament: Section 10 – Currently Reads

The cost of the cookout/potluck meat will be paid for by the MHPA.

Proposed Change: Remove section 10 completely.

Reasoning for Change:

The MHPA is currently not in a position to allow for a blank check purchase of a “meat” dish for either of its two state tournaments.

This is not a consideration nor a rule for the State Singles Tournament. Why the State doubles? Treat the State doubles tournament just like the State singles tournament. The cost liability must be taken on by the host club. If the financial position of the MHPA improves enough to consider handling the cost of the meals at our State Championships this topic could be revisited as a policy.

Proposed by Josh Lull

Article VI: Tournaments - Section 11 – Currently Reads

All MHPA sanctioned tournaments shall be 35 point cancellation. Any game at a state singles tournament between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 30 points or 60 shoes, whichever occurs first. Any game at a district tournament between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 35 points or 50 shoes, whichever occurs first. In case of a tie game the pitchers shall pitch down and back (four shoes) until a winner is decided. If a class consists of only 5 players at a district tournament, they will be allowed to pitch to 40 points. The 25% rule would remain the same.

Proposed Change:

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Reasoning for Change:

It seems that one area we see lack of scorekeeping is when it comes to classes were the pitchers are predominantly under 25%. Games are longer (If they get closer to the shoe limit and less exciting due to lack of dead ringers and lower scores)

25 points is an amount that is quite achievable by most pitchers under 25%. Games feel exciting because there is a good chance either participant is going to reach that amount and simply outlast the other by hitting the shoe limit. In my opinion the move to 30 pts was in the right direction but the at the same time moving to a 60-shoe limit was a bad idea. Both decisions together cancelled each other.

Now one could argue the MHPA has plenty of games with pitchers both over 25% that go over 50 shoes. Well Yes, we do. However, that usually means both pitchers are pitching well and the game includes a fair number of live and dead ringers for a competitive game. With the higher competition when one pitcher is not pitching well that game will most likely be quite short. (In terms of time and innings) A good chance with pitchers under 25% if one is not pitching well the other does not pitch well enough to shorten that game. (In terms of time and innings)

Really an idea to help shorten our time a bit and make the game more exciting for all.

Proposed by Josh Lull

Article VII: State Tournament Section 4.

“While pitching, all participants of the State Singles Tournament shall wear a shirt or blouse with their last name professionally lettered on the back.”

Reason: Currently the MHPA bylaws does not specifically state “no sleeveless shirts” allowed, only the NHPA rules identify no sleeveless shirts for the world tournament and 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”.

I would like to propose to add to the Article VII: State Tournament Section 4 of the MHPA Bylaws to include “sleeveless shirts allowed excluding cutoffs, and spaghetti strap tank tops.”

Proposed by Brandy Morehead

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Reason: Should be changed to 40 shoes because it takes way too much time for pitchers in these classes.

Proposed by Dean Schmitz

Section 9.

Any MHPA club that meets the requirements of having 12 similar courts may be able to host the Doubles State Tournament. Bids will be accepted at the fall scheduling meeting. If more than one club bids, Tournament Directors present will vote to award the club. The club must be able to host a cookout/potluck meal in between the morning and afternoon sessions. **The host club must add \$200.00 to the prize money.** Only the host club will be able to run 50/50 drawings during the tournament.

Reason: This sentence should be dropped because the host club is doing enough by hosting the doubles tournament.

Proposed by Dean Schmitz

Section 10.

A new member or a member who does not have an established ringer percentage shall pitch 100 qualifying shoes that must be witnessed by 2 NHPA members or use a NHPA sanctioned league ringer percentage based on **four hundred (400) or more shoes.**

Reason: The NHPA changed this a few years ago to 200 shoes.

Proposed by Dean Schmitz

Appendix A: Miscellaneous Rules

A. Copies of rules, regulations and the Constitution and By Laws shall be given to all new members and published in the newsletter each year for current members.

B. **Jean Swarthout**, Dick Frakes, Paul "Dewey" Howard, Bob Wells and **Paul Wishon** are granted lifetime membership to the MHPA. (Lee Jacobs will forever remain on the active membership rolls.)

Reason: Jean and Paul are deceased. I believe Judy Curtiss is on this list. It should be updated.

Proposed by Dean Schmitz

New Proposal: Add a non-walking doubles tournament to the MHPA schedule.

Reason: There are a number of pitchers who do not like walking doubles. Most of our pitchers have pitched in bar leagues or doubles recreation leagues with all pitching non-walking doubles. They are used to throwing their partners shoes. This should be an added interest to the schedule.

In regular doubles, both team members use the same pair of shoes and all contestants stay at the same end of the court for the entire game. To begin the game, the highest-rated contestants will decide on the first pitch and deliver their shoes, just as in singles competition. Count-all scoring. No handicap.

Proposed by Dean Schmitz

Proposed score sheet:

Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association				Regular Doubles Tournament													
Class:	Game#:	Court #:															
Higher Seeded Team's ID:																	
Pitchers Name - TEAM 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tie Breaker	Tie Breaker	TOTAL	Ringers	W/L
Running Total:																	
Lower Seeded Team's ID:																	
Pitchers Name - TEAM 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tie Breaker	Tie Breaker	TOTAL	Ringers	W/L
Running Total:																	

MICHIGAN STATE SINGLES TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 25, 2022 - AUGUST 27, 2023
JACKSON, MICHIGAN

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE FOR ALL \$40.00
(Includes Junior's, and Cadet's)

NAME	30 FEET	40 FEET	CARD #	JUNIOR / CADET (please indicate which category)	Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to MHPA and mail to: Pamela Nelson
660 S. Coats Rd.
Oxford, MI 48371

Entries must be postmarked by August 7, 2022.

Dress Code: All contestants shall have as a minimum shirts (no tank tops or sleeveless shirts) with your last name on the back of your shirt, to include any club affiliation and/or state.

In order to pitch the State Championship Tournament, you are required to have pitched four (4) Michigan Tournaments.

Lunch will be available during the tournament. The dinner is August 26th before the fall Board Meeting. Dinner tickets for sale during tournament 8/26/23. Cost TBD.

Self contained camping is available. Cost TBD.

At the fall Board Meeting we will be electing the 1ST VP and the Secretary/Treasurer.

Friday night start time is 7 PM.

Signature _____ . Date _____

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FIRST CLASS

NHPA/MHPA Membership Application

Name: _____ Last NHPA Card #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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

Phone: () _____, Email: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Provisional and Trial memberships are for first time NHPA members. If you were a previous NHPA member, Provisional/Trial memberships cannot be used.)

Make Check Payable to: MHPA

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

FULL MEMBER Card Costs: \$45.00 Adults - \$38.00 for second card in the same household.

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

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