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2023 President's Message

## 2024 World Tournament Location To Be Named

By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President

The 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan was very successful in many ways. There were 954 entries and some sensational competition. I would like to thank Julie Pingston, President and CEO of the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau, Meghan Ziehmer, Executive Director of the Greater Lansing Sports Authority, and Scott Keith, President and CEO of the Lansing and Public Facilities Authority for their cooperation and assistance throughout the Tournament. We would also like to thank Donna Roy who worked directly with us every day. Our next host will have their hands full with equaling the performance of the Lansing staff.



I would like to thank our set-up staff for getting the courts ready for play. Volunteers included Pep Plummer, Roger Vogel, Clarence Lassiter, Roy Stahlsmith, Dwight Silvers, Buddy Lampkin, and Keith Shafer. Please excuse me if I forgot someone who helped. Several Michigan members also helped. The results were great competition courts with adequate practice courts.

As the Tournament was in progress, we were able to announce that the 2024 World Tournament will be held in Tri-Cities Washington. Kevin Lewis, who was our leader when our tournament was held in St. George, Utah, is now the President and CEO of Visit Tri-State. The Tri-Cities metropolitan area consists of key cities like Kennewick (population 83,921), Pasco (population 77,108), and Richland (population 60,560). The entire metropolitan area has a population just over 311,000 people. I am sure that Kevin will be planning a great event for us. I am very excited about visiting this part of the country.

The Council will be facing many difficult challenges this year. The first of these challenges is finding a new Secretary-Treasurer. As many of you know, Jim Kinney was an excellent person for this office. It requires many hours of work. Setting up the World Tournament and getting the schedule out as quickly as possible is very stressful. We will need to get a qualified person. Budgeting and constant monitoring of financial resources is also important for this job. Jim has agreed to help with a smooth transition. If you are interested in this position, please get credentials to me as quickly as possible..

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Another tough assignment is replacing all of our cameras and determining how to pay for them. Those who are not aware, our cameras are no longer functional. Another company purchased the company that provided our cameras. The cameras will no longer be functional. Josh Olson will be trying to find what cameras might be useful for us.

If those tasks are not enough, we now have a considerable problem for our Facebook presence. Another party is now in control of the site. Getting help from Meta to solve this situation is mostly impossible. We now have a cyber security person working on this. My best guess is that we may terminate our site and resurrect it to get control back. We will keep everybody informed.

This is just a few problems we are facing. However, the biggest problem is the continuing reduction in membership. Without reversing this trend, the future is not good. Much of my time will be spent to develop ideas from all of our pitchers on what activities the NHPA can pursue that can have a direct effect on membership. All ideas are welcome.

Gary

*Rules/Bylaws Changes—Status*

Brian Poole, 1st VP

For My Article this time I will show all the Rules & Bylaw Changes that the Delegates voted on at the Lansing, Michigan delegate meeting.



**PRC #2 PASSED**

**REQUIREMENT 3 - CHARTER/STATE INFORMATION**

**Section A - State Championship Play**

**3. Residency Eligibility**

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

This change took out NHPA requirements for eligibility in Charters State Tournaments.

**PRC #3 PASSED**

**Rule 11; Section D; 1:**

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

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## Rules/Bylaws Changes...continued

This change modified the number of members who need to witness a pitchers certification pitching of 100 Shoes.

The next three changes modified the wording so that Tournament Directors will determine the pitching rotations for tournaments

### **PRC #4**                    **PASSED**

Under “III Guideline”, “Section A Regular Doubles”

#### Section A - Regular Doubles

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

### **PRC #5**                    **PASSED**

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

#### Section B - Walking Doubles

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

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

### **PRC #6**                    **PASSED**

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

#### Section B - Walking Doubles

2. Point-limit Games -

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*Rules/Bylaws Changes...continued*

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

The next two changes will allow non-members to be used as pacers in Tournament/League to let non-members participate and play in a Tournament of League.

**PRC #7**                    **PASSED**

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

**Add a second line to “a.”**

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

**PRC #8**                    **PASSED**

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

After the word “Pacers” add:

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

This next change just added the wording “Electronic Meetings” to how we are currently conducting meetings.

**PBC #1**                    **PASSED**

By-Law changes

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

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

... by any means available

This next change modified the wording of who is allowed to submit a travel allowance and lets the President review and approve or deny all requests with Council approval.

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*Rules/Bylaws Changes...continued*

**PBC #2 PASSED**

Under “Article V: Officers; SECTION 5:

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

**PBC #5 PASSED**

By Laws; Article III; Section 7

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

This last change designates where you are to get your Charter membership card by where you file your taxes or vote. We did take out the requirement of where your driver's license is issued. This change also added an option that NHPA members can apply for an exemption and request to purchase your card in a different charter. The Council is establishing guidelines to follow in what is allowed.

There was also an added rule change that lets a pitcher that has a medical issue to requalify and pitch 100 shoes to re-establish a new percentage with the medical issue.

Rule added at 2023 Delegate Meeting

Add to: **Section D - Seeding Contestants (pg 19)**

**4. Physically Challenged Pitcher:** A pitcher may apply to their Charter to reestablish a new ringer percentage due to a medical or physical issue. Upon approval from their Charter they can reestablish a new ringer percentage using current RGS guidelines. This will be sent to NHPA Sec/Treasurer to input into eShoe.



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## *Rules/Bylaws Changes...continued*

Here are the rule changes that **failed** to get the votes needed to pass.

### **PRC #1 FAILED**

#### **Add to Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions**

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

1. Elder Women may pitch from any place on either the extended or full-distance platform, and shall observe the twenty-four-foot (24') foul line. but they must start behind the 27 ft foul line and take one step forward while releasing the shoe.( amended to 20 ft foul line)

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

2. Physically Challenged Women - Physically challenged, Female pitchers less than seventy (70) years old may be given permission, by their governing Charter, to move onto the extended platforms in the Elder Women Division observing the twenty-four-foot (24') foul lines but they must start behind the 27 ft foul line and take one step forward while releasing the shoe. (amended to 20 ft foul head) The prior completion and approval of a Medical Exemption Application form (available from Charter Secretaries and on some Charter Websites) is required. At the World Tournament and at State Championship Tournaments, they shall compete in the Elders Women Division.

### **PBC #3 FAILED**

#### **Current wording:**

SECTION 8. Terms of office

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

#### **Proposed wording:**

#### **ADD:**

b. All officers shall serve a maximum up to of three (3) consecutive elected nine-year terms.  
Footnote: Those currently in office shall go retro beginning the first year they were elected in office.

### **PBC #4 FAILED**

Article V; Section 8

#### **Add:**

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

I hope this helps show you what was changed and how it will help increase our NHPA Membership.

Brian Poole



## Welcome to the Tri-Cities!

I can't tell you how good it was to see so many old friends at the World Tournament in Lansing, and I can't wait to see you all again at the 2024 World Tournament in Washington – you're going to love it! For those who don't know me, I was in St. George, Utah when we hosted the World Tournaments in 2013 and 2017 and I'm excited to put on another great event in 2024. Let me tell you what you are in for.



## The Destination

The Tri-Cities (Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland) are located in southeast Washington, nestled in the heart of Washington Wine Country at the confluence of the Columbia, Snake and Yakima rivers. The region's landscapes and weather are unlike the typical patterns associated with the Pacific Northwest. Clear skies and a dry climate offer unceasing access to waterways and river recreation. Uncommon discoveries in history and science are uncovered here, and more than 200 wineries and vineyards provide a unique backdrop for unforgettable events and entertainment. A boundless list of activities and attractions can be bundled into five major categories: Winery & Vineyard Experiences; River Recreation; History & Science; Events & Entertainment; Sunshine & Open Spaces.

## The Facilities

The 2024 tournament will take place at the Three Rivers Complex utilizing the Toyota Center, Toyota Arena and the Three Rivers Conference Center. These beautiful, air-conditioned facilities are serviced by a friendly and accommodating staff. All tournament events will take place at the complex and there is plenty of FREE PARKING! In fact, there are no paid parking facilities in the entire region!

## The Community

I moved to the Tri-Cities from St. George, just 9 months ago, and I gotta tell you, the people here may be the most friendly of any destination I've been. You will be amazed at the community spirit and enthusiasm for the event.

## The Journey

By car, the Tri-Cities region is easily accessible via major interstates - just three hours from Seattle and Portland, two hours from Spokane, and four hours from Boise. Tri-Cities Airport (PSC) offers direct flights to and from 10 major hubs. Or, if you prefer, you can get here by Amtrak train. There are plenty of great hotels, RV parks and campgrounds and restaurants within minutes of the tournament site. The dining options are great, and if you stay at the host hotels you can easily walk to the venue.

I have to admit, it's been a few years since I've done any consistent pitching, but I'm ready to dust off the shoes and get after it again. I'm working on my team as well – maybe we'll find some new hidden skills in the office.

This is just the kind of place you're looking for, good facilities, good people and a new adventure in the Pacific Northwest. Check out our [tournament website](#) for all the details and start following our social media channels to get a feel for what we're all about @Tri-CitiesWashington on [Facebook](#) @Tri-CitiesWA on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

We'll see you in 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Lewis".

Kevin Lewis  
President & CEO  
Visit Tri-Cities

# The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is coming to Tri-Cities, WA!

July 29 - August 10, 2024

Tri-Cities, WA is a growing metropolitan area in southeast Washington where 300 sun filled days offer visitors a year-round outdoor paradise. Known as the Heart of Washington Wine Country®, the Tri-Cities (Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland) in the southeastern corner of the state offers a retreat for exploration and rejuvenation. Tri-Cities, WA is a land of discovery that offers a diverse culinary scene, hundreds of world class wineries, vast outdoor activities, and a history and science culture that is unexpected, sometimes unimaginable.



## The Venues

The Toyota Center is a beautiful, multifunctional facility for everyone to enjoy. The Toyota Center and Toyota Arena, located right next door to each other, offer a combined 44,000 sq. ft. of playable floor space for the NHPA World Tournament. Just steps away is the stunning Three Rivers Convention Center, a 75,000 sq. ft. facility, offering multiple breakout rooms and Great Hall space for tournament goers to utilize. All three venues are centrally located in Kennewick, WA with multiple dining, activities, and shopping options just steps away to be explored.



## Where to Stay

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association has made arrangements with these amazing local hotels to accommodate you during your stay.

### Host Hotels



**SpringHill Suites by Marriott Kennewick**  
7048 W Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336



**Hilton Garden Inn Kennewick**  
701 N Young St, Kennewick, WA 99336

### More Hotels



**SureStay Plus Hotel by Best Western Kennewick Tri-Cities**  
602 N Young St, Kennewick, WA 99336



**Super 8 Kennewick**  
626 N Columbia Center Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336



**Red Lion Hotel Kennewick Columbia Center**  
1101 N Columbia Center Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336

*RV Camping is also available!*

- Columbia Sun RV Resort**  
103907 Wiser Pkwy, Kennewick, WA 99338
- Franklin County RV Park**  
6333 Homerun Rd, Pasco, WA 99301

- Horn Rapids RV Resort**  
2640 Kingsgate Way, Richland, WA 99354
- Wright's Desert Gold RV Park**  
611 Columbia Park Trail Richland, WA 99352





## Where to Play



Looking for some practice courts around Tri-Cities? Check out these courts around town!

- **Eastgate Park:** 24 courts, 15 minutes from venue
- **Columbia Park:** 6 courts, 15 minutes from venue
- **Chiawana Park:** 4 courts, 20 minutes from venue



## How to Get Around

### By Air

#### Direct flights to and from Tri-Cities

**FROM:**

- Burbank, CA
- Denver, CO
- Las Vegas, NV
- Minneapolis, MN
- Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
- Salt Lake City, UT
- San Francisco, CA
- Seattle, WA
- Los Angeles, CA
- San Diego, CA

**VIA:**

- Avelo
- United
- Allegiant
- Delta
- Allegiant
- Delta
- United
- Alaska / Delta
- Allegiant
- Allegiant

### By Land

#### Transportation in Tri-Cities

- Uber / Lyft / Taxi
- Benton Franklin Transit
- TC Black
- A&A Motorcoach
- Aspen Limo Tours
- Eastern WA Transportation

| DRIVE TIMES TO TRI-CITIES FROM | MILES | TIME        |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Seattle, WA                    | 225   | 3 hr 30 min |
| Spokane, WA                    | 136   | 2 hr 15 min |
| Vancouver, WA                  | 218   | 3 hr 30 min |
| Wenatchee, WA                  | 141   | 2 hr 15 min |
| Yakima, WA                     | 83    | 1 hr 15 min |
| Portland, OR                   | 218   | 3 hr 30 min |
| Boise, ID                      | 293   | 4 hr 30 min |
| Coeur D'Alene, ID              | 167   | 2 hr 45 min |

## Things to Do!

- Paddleboarding
- Kayaking
- Museums
- Hiking
- Biking
- Wineries
- Breweries
- Farmers' Markets
- Golf
- STEM activities
- Axe throwing
- Escape rooms
- Agritourism activities
- Shopping
- **And much, much, more**



**More to come! Stay tuned!**  
**We can't wait for you to visit in 2024!**



Find out more at [VisitTri-Cities.com](http://VisitTri-Cities.com)  
 or scan the QR code.

## A DREAM COME TRUE!

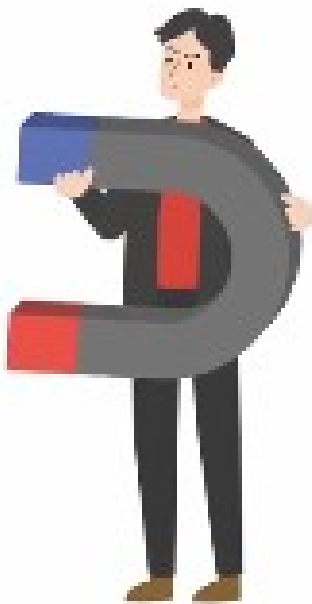
The State of Washington is excited to be the site of the 2024 World Tournament. We extend the warmest welcome to all our family of horseshoe pitchers to join us next year.

We are the home of many outstanding past horseshoe pitchers. You may recognize some of these names – John Monosmith, Ed Fiscel, Henry Knauft and Winnie Winetrout, and of course our great pitcher, Russ Phillips, who we all miss so much.

The Toyota Center is a great facility to host this tournament and the Tri-Cities Visitors group is covering all the bases.

The Washington Charter is excited and planning to help make your stay in our beautiful state a lasting experience. We'll be at the door to greet each one of you. Come one come all!

Phyllis Quist



## Are you attracting new members...or are you repelling them?

- Invite others to pitch with you
- Hold a family horseshoe tournament...get the kids involved
- Create a newsletter
- Send articles to your local newspapers
- Post a notice in your classifieds or on social media event pages
- Thank your members regularly
- Create perks for members who recruit new members (Free Tournament fees, Prizes, Recognition, Outstanding recruiter award)
- Provide charter business cards to the members to share with their friends with officer information, website, key events
- Encourage members to list NHPA membership in their professional bios
- Produce a pin for the charter and encourage members to wear them proudly
- Assign someone in the charter as a recruiter
- Reach out to former charter members and invite them back
- Ask your members for recruiting ideas...what brought them into the organization?
- Partner with local city events and encourage signing up for NHPA membership
- Give a free NHPA membership as a prize for tournaments
- Speak positively of the NHPA with friends, neighbors and on social media—you are the face of the organization
- Have fun! People can easily observe whether you are enjoying your participation with the NHPA

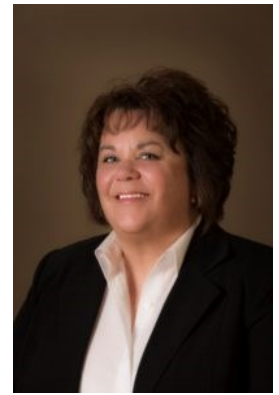
## *Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity*

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

### *“THANK YOU”, LANSING, MI*



The 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, MI has wrapped up. The NHPA council and staff would like to say “Thank You” to the Lansing Sports Authority and staff, The Lansing Center, and staff and for anyone and everyone that worked at this event. The NHPA is very appreciative of the hard work, time, and the 2 years of planning that it took to plan this event.



The EIC (Economic Impact Calculator) that CVB’s and sports authorities use to calculate the financial impact for an event, The Lansing Sports Authority tells us that this event surpassed all expectations on all sides of the business for this first-time event to Lansing, MI.

### *“GO LIVE” SPORTS and WORLD TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS*

Go Live Sports videoed and recorded this year’s World Tournament Championships. They are in the process of the final edits and will be reaching out to ESPN, CBS Sports, Fox Sports etc., with the finished product. This company has done a tremendous job of working with the NHPA over the last 2 years to get this project to come to fruition. Thanks to Frank Mazella, Kelly Rinne, and our own NHPA statistician, Stan



Griggs, for commentating on the Championships for their time, dedication, and hard work that went into setting up the process to make this production happen. We will keep you updated as the information becomes available. While the NHPA did not have to raise any funds for this production, we are looking forward to getting all the pitchers various pitching distances of all percentage ranges on T.V. soon.

**NEW INCOMING CHARTER OFFICERS** - As a friendly reminder, with charters possibly changing officers this year, it’s time to get all charter contact information updated and current on your charter websites. Your charter secretaries should update all contact information directly with the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer as well or wherever this may apply. Please make a note to get this task accomplished. The NHPA Council appreciates your help.



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## *Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity*

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

### *2024 WORLD TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: TRI-CITIES CVB - KENNEWICK, WA*

NHPA Members:

The NHPA council is pleased to announce that Tri-Cities CVB, Kennewick, Washington has been awarded the bid to be the site of the 2024 World Tournament!



The city of Kennewick is located near the southwest bank of the Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. It is the most populous of the three cities collectively referred to as the Tri-Cities (the others being Pasco and Richland). The capital city of the state, Olympia Washington is located approximately 266 miles northwest of Kennewick. Referred to as the Pacific Northwest. Kennewick which is a native American word meaning "Winter Paradise". Kennewick is recently known for the Kennewick Man discovered at Columbia Park during the annual Water Follies hydroplane races. He is the oldest known inhabitant of the area. His skeleton is 9,200 years old, making it the oldest nearly complete skeleton ever found in North America.

Some of the best things to do in Kennewick when you are not competing are to **1)** visit one of the 27 beautifully maintained parks, the Columbia Park is a 360-acre river frontage that has something to offer everyone. **2)** Burgeoning culinary scene, 43 world class wineries, vast outdoor activities such as Fishing, Swimming, Boating, Windsurfing, Paddleboarding, Golf, and a History and Science culture. **3)** Several RV Parks, Hotels, Shopping, and Restaurants. **4)** Richland has a five (5) mile paved walking trail and can enjoy an outside concert, is also home to three community theater troupes, medieval renaissance and folklife festivals, and a classic car and street rod event. Richland offers you steelhead fishing, beautiful and challenging golf courses, a self-guided walking tour of the National Historic Register's "Gold Coast Neighborhood" with its "Alphabet Homes" and several places that commemorate Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. **5)** Pasco is host to the Fiery Foods Festival, the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, the Sacajawea Blue Grass Festival, and Heritage Days. There is always something of interest taking place in historic downtown Pasco for visitors of any age. The area's largest farmers' market is a great place to find fresh produce on Wednesdays and Saturdays and the recently launched Food Truck Friday features a variety of cuisine all in one place.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The event will be held in the Toyota Center/Toyota Arena, located at 7000 W. Grandridge Blvd. in Kennewick, Washington **July 29th – August 10th, 2024**, and has a 153,000 sq ft combined total with both facilities which includes an Olympic NHL ice surface as well as a place for the World Tournament to take place.

The Kennewick Horseshoe Club hosts 23 outdoor courts in "Kennewick" during daylight hours only, located on the corner in Eastgate Park at Oak Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately 15 minutes from the Toyota Center/Arena with another 4 courts located in Chiawana Park in Pasco, 2020 Rd 88, 20 minutes from the venue. The Washington Charter is looking forward to providing a great hosting experience for everyone that comes to visit their city and state for the 2024 World Tournament. We encourage everyone to watch for additional information in upcoming Newslines editions.

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## Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

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

### **2024 WORLD TOURANEMNT INFORMATIONAL PACKETS AVAILABLE**

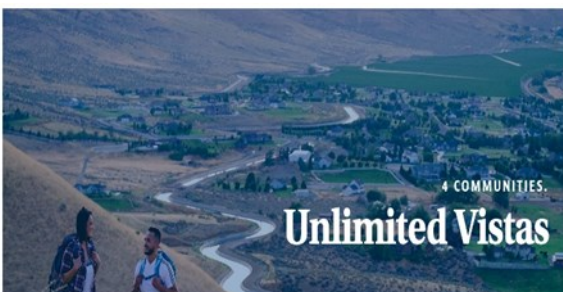
For all “Charter Secretaries” that would like to have 2024 World Tournament packets/bags sent to them to hand out at any time during next year, which includes Tri- Cities tourism information, please email Kaiya at [Kaiya@visittri-cities.com](mailto:Kaiya@visittri-cities.com) to receive these in time for your state tournament. You can contact Kaiya at any time throughout the year for these tourist informational packets/ bags.

We will begin working with Tri-Cities CVB, and the local hotels soon. The NHPA has not officially signed any hotel contracts for the 2024 World Tournament yet, but we are in the process, so please know that if you have tried or have made a reservation, it may not be honored for this event until we have signed any and all hotel room block contracts and the hotel room rates are subject to change. Allow yourself time and plan accordingly for traveling to Washington. For anyone that will be driving or RVing, please check with AAA or each states transportation websites for any potential road construction, delays, etc. The states update those websites daily with current information.

### **RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCES**

Do you know what events in Washington state are happening? Looking for events in the [Tri-Cities](#)? The group of cities that includes [Kennewick](#), [Pasco](#), [Richland](#) & [West Richland](#)? We're ready to help! You'll see there are plenty of exciting activities and attractions all over the Tri-Cities region. On our events page you can get the scoop on monthly art walks, speed boat races, yoga in the park, when to pick your own fresh produce, the annual rodeo in August, and anything else that interests you. Please visit our website at [www.visittri-cities.com](http://www.visittri-cities.com) for more information.

**Want to spend time outdoors?** The Tri-Cities is known for great weather, and with three rivers for paddling, fishing or floating. The geology of the Tri-Cities area is in stark contrast to other parts of Washington State, with a basalt and lava landscape carved by the great Ice Age Floods. Surrounding ridgelines tell tales of the unique geology and cataclysmic forces that shaped the Columbia Basin. Treeless mountains (Badger Mountain, Rattlesnake Mountain, Red Mountain) rise from the earth-great basalt remnants of the Ice Age floods which shaped the community and are continuing to have a dramatic impact on the people, lifestyle,



and economy of the region. Known as the Heart of Washington Wine Country®, the Tri-Cities (Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland) in the southeastern corner of the state offers a sun-drenched retreat for exploration and rejuvenation.

Nestled at the confluence of the Columbia and Snake Rivers with a desert climate, easy access to these mighty waterways provides world-class recreation, majestic natural beauty and irrigation for the [world-class wineries](#) – 200 within a one-hour drive.

Visitors enjoy creature comforts at local [hotels](#) and spas, carefully crafted fare from [local eateries](#) and [farmers markets](#), and [award-winning golf courses](#). Hands-on [history](#) is accessible throughout the region, sharing the local perspective on international events like [The Manhattan Project](#), and the [Lewis and Clark Expedition](#). Recreational and [sports](#) enthusiasts love the Tri-Cities professional sports teams - [Tri-City Americans WHL](#) ice hockey and the [Tri-City Dust Devils](#), a professional affiliate of the San Diego Padres. The Tri-Cities region is three hours from Seattle and Portland by car, two hours from Spokane, and one hour from Walla Walla and Yakima. Arrive by Amtrak train and then bike or rideshare from Pasco’s Intermodal Station to a hotel or restaurant of choice. Fly into the [Tri-Cities Airport](#), with direct flights to and from 10 major hubs.

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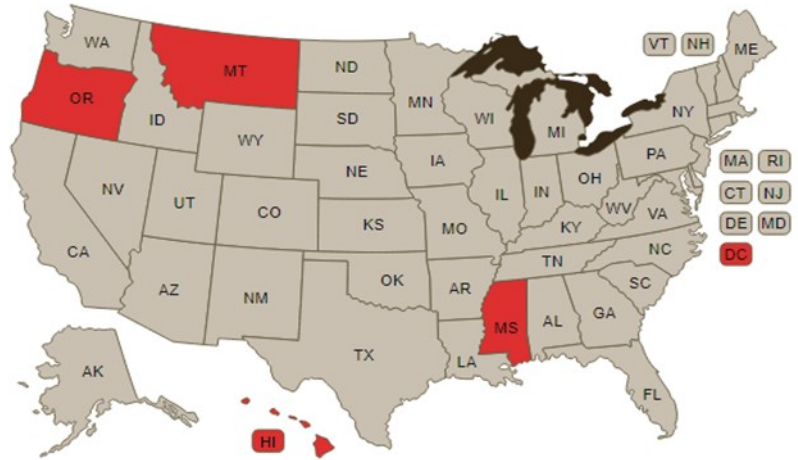
# Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

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

## NHPA WEBSITE – US MAP

In the previous Newsline’s, I have included articles regarding the use of Social Media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. These outlets are just an “**enhancement**” to promote your individual charters.

These social media pages and sites do not qualify as an “Official” charter website that will suffice for potential contact information for Convention Visitors Bureaus, General Public, or to attend tournaments, tourists traveling through your state that may want to obtain contact information, as well as GPS locations for local horseshoe courts/clubs. We (NHPA) are constantly getting calls or emails asking about several of the charters and local clubs across the U.S.



Currently, these states (listed below) **DO NOT** have an active or updated charter website. However, these are the states that really need attention. When attending Sports conference’s throughout the year to get potential bidders, we have issues with some of these websites and cannot pull up the main contact information for officers to get a point of contact for that specific charter, or to show a CVB (Convention Visitors Bureau) what they want to see or to possibly submit a bid and prepare to host a future World Tournament.

For the charters that need assistance or guidance with their current websites, here are a few suggestions. We understand that not every charter or club has the finances, computers, technical background, or knowledge to create or maintain a charter website. Contact the NHPA Newsline editor Blaine Scott for assistance and information in how to set up and maintain your website using a free service, or you can contact your local IT Department head at your local community college, university, and ask them to have their class assist your organization in setting up and maintaining your website.

If you have any technical questions or concerns that you may have to get your charter website updated and current, please contact Blaine Scott. The NHPA relies on the local charters and clubs for your local information. We truly appreciate all your hard work.

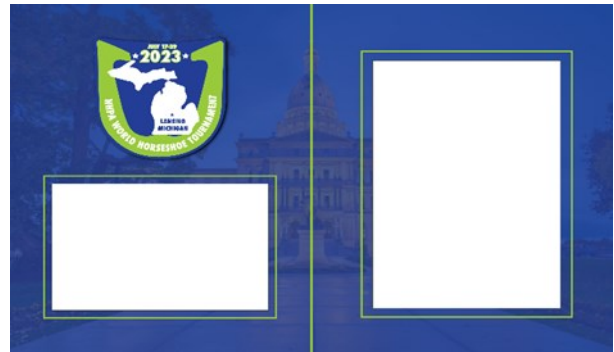
**Currently these are the websites need updating:**

- Montana
- Mississippi
- Hawaii
- Washington D.C.

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## 2023 WORLD TOURNAMENT PHOTO'S

There were several photo's left behind at the photography booth in Lansing, and Miss Amanda and her staff would like to get these photo's mailed out to you. Please contact Empire photography at (318) 791-1267. You will also need to know your class information that you competed in when you call. This will save time for them to locate your photo's.

## NHPA WEBSITE SCROLLING BANNER - ADDED FEATURE



We have added a scrolling banner to the main page of the NHPA website. We can now place important messages and news for your charter on this scrolling banner. Will the banner help visitors find upcoming information on events that you may have planned? Is the banner useful? Many websites add a rotating banner to their website to catch the attention of their visitors. The goal is to direct and alert the visitor to various events, tournaments, articles, or anything else.

## LARGE ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS

There are several large tournaments that take place at various times over the pitching season. "Valley of the Sun" in Arizona, "The Greenville Classic" in Greenville, Ohio, "Team World" "The Sanction League Tournament" in Wentzville, MO, as well and many others across the U.S. each year. Many dedicated pitching enthusiasts will travel long distances to attend one of these large tournaments because they have attended so many times it has become a part of their traditions.

You may not win a lot of money/trophies, etc., or you might, however, the size and numbers of the entries are exceptional. These tournaments can vary in length of time from one day to a few days or over an entire weekend. We can place your information on the Upcoming Events tab on the NHPA website to get the information noticed, just submit your information or details to our NHPA webmaster, Blaine Scott.

## NHPA Website/Newsline Advertising options available

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

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

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



### NHPA Website Advertising

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

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

The NHPA grants the advertiser the right to advertise their product on [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com). In addition, the NHPA and named advertiser agree to the following conditions.

1. **Advertising Fee** – An advertising fee of \$100 will be paid/received by Jim Kinney, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer prior to posting the ad on the website.
2. **Advertising Image** – The advertiser listed above will provide a jpeg image not exceeding 300 x 150 bpi (.png, .jpg) which will be placed on the website [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com) in one or more locations.
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](http://www.horseshoepitching.com).

3rd VP Message

## The Projected 2024 World Tournament Format

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian



I want to sort of repeat an article that I wrote last year. Here goes. At the 2022 annual Delegate meeting I presented a World Tournament presentation that suggested a complete WT format change. I would like to present my suggested new format so that the change planned for 2024 will be well known in advance. Keep in mind that the council will change, and this format may well be tweaked somewhat or abandoned depending on un-known future situations.

### Potential 2024 World Tournament Format

There are several main desired changes and requirements that I will list first. The venue will have to hold 48 competition courts and guarantee that the Wi-Fi system can handle our needed load and band width requirements. There will be a featured court with adequate camera coverage where each and every adult final game will be played, one at a time. All these final games will be for the World Championship Title in each category. How exciting is that? These games will also be played on the middle Saturday or the day before the delegate meeting. It is hoped to have decent crowds watching live and on webpage. The lower pitchers can come a couple of days early and finally get to see the best pitchers in the world. Here's how I see all of this happening.

The first major change involves the seeding of half of the championship classes. That will be eight Men, eight Women, and eight Elders. The Senior Men get six and the Senior Women will have four or six depending on the number entries. The first three days of tournament will feature 4 shifts. These shifts will be the top six groups of the Men, Women, and Elders. The fourth shift will be four Senior Men and two additional Women to help included enough Senior Women if they don't have their own group. They did in Lansing so this may need changes. These preliminaries will produce the move ups in all five adult categories.

The Championship Classes will begin on Thursday. The Men, Women, and Elders will play six games on Thursday and Friday and three games on Saturday morning. The Senior Classes will finish their Championship Classes on Friday. All games will be 40 points or 50 shoes, which ever comes first. This shoe format is needed to maintain our schedule. This will be very important when we get to the Championship games which are played one at a time. Ties are ties in the Championship preliminary classes. If needed, an afternoon shift on Friday could start the lower classes in the first week. The Junior pitching will be very much like it is now, Thursday and Friday's last shifts. It may be possible to move the final games for the Juniors and Cadets to Saturday also, that remains to be seen.

All five adult categories will be evaluated to choose the top four pitchers in each category. The criteria will be wins, head-to-head, ringer percentage and over entering average. At 11:00 am in all categories there will be a pitch-off between the number four and number one finishers and between the number two and number three finishers. The winners of these two games will play for the World Championship of their category.

The Championship games will also be 40 points or fifty shoe games. Since there is a chance for ties in the four-person preliminary and the championship games, I am proposing that ties be broken with two shoes pitched at a time starting with a shoe flip and alternating who starts as ties continue.

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### *3rd VP Message—New Format? (Continued)*

The first four shoes will be normal “up and back” style. If the players are still tied, the game will continue as sudden death where each pitcher will throw 2 shoes and if one scores, they are the winner. This continues until someone wins. Again all five categories will have center stage in this order: Senior Women, Senior Men, Elders, Women, and Men. This format is my creation and is subject to change. The lower classes of pitchers will pitch in the second week with the usual format of 16 person classes when possible. Come to Washington next year as we begin the new WT concept with exciting finishes and winner take excitement. Washington is a beautiful state and a great place to visit.

Jerry

## Facebook Update

Blaine Scott—Newsline Editor/NHPA Webmaster

If you have an account on Facebook and are associated with the NHPA Facebook Page/Group, you have seen that the content on those two locations is not controlled by the NHPA. The page has been hacked, all admins removed by the hackers, and we have been unable to get Facebook/Meta to respond to the issues. Facebook is notoriously bad about helping victims reclaim their pages and their accounts.



We don't know how they gained access since all administrators of the page still have control of their personal accounts. Typically, they will change the passwords on personal accounts and have access to much more than Facebook if people have not followed strong security practices.

We know that many NHPA Charters have Facebook groups. We encourage the following:

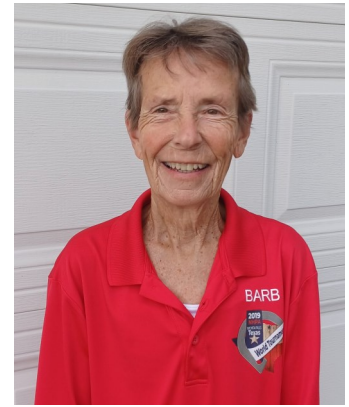
1. Require two-factor authentication for each of your accounts—I am personally getting messages almost daily from people trying to hack into my accounts on any of the places where I am actively working. Two factor authentication will send a code to my email, which is usually one that is not accidentally guessable by the hackers, providing a stronger protection for my accounts. It can also send a message through text, phone call or on a third party authenticator app.
2. Assign a backup admin on the account—in our case, we had 3 admins assigned to the account, but they removed everyone from the account
3. Be wary of who you add onto the group—Create group rules that will require them to agree to the rules, but it also provides a way for you to review who is coming into the group and whether there is intent to join and participate or intent to harm or spam.
4. Change your passwords every 3 months. Use a strong password at least 8 characters and use a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols.

At this point, we are not anticipating positive assistance from Facebook/Meta and are anticipating that we will need to recreate our social media presence on Facebook but are trying to shut down the current site that is getting more and more inappropriate in the content. We have engaged with a Cyber Security expert who has been working the issue. They are finding the same challenges that we found in trying to resolve the issue. We are sorry for what this has caused in our means to communicate effectively on that platform.



*4th VP Message***Celebrations, Memories, and Transitions**

*By Barbara Carson, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 September already. I can't believe how fast the summer has gone. A lot of you are finishing up your horseshoe pitching season and some of you will be starting your season. I want to wish Good Luck to everyone that will be having your State Tournament in September. Just remember to have fun and cherish all of your memories.

If you didn't attend the World Tournament in July, you missed an amazing event. The venue was outstanding and the competition was amazing. This was literally one of the best World Tournaments I have ever attended. The hosts were literally so accommodating and best of all, they are talking about doing it again. Thank you Lansing, Michigan for your hospitality. They literally made everyone who attended feel welcome. Thank you to everyone who attended and good luck to all of you in your horseshoe pitching season. I especially want to thank all of the RD's who volunteered to help me with the Check-In process. You literally made this task easier and run smoothly. I really appreciate all of you.

Well, as most of you know, I was up for re-election this year and unfortunately I lost my position as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. I am very disappointed, but I guess that is something I have to live with. I literally couldn't have made it without all of your support and kindness. This is very hard for me because I really enjoyed working with all of you and I will miss being a part of this wonderful sport. It has been a really tough year for me, but if it hadn't been for you guys, I never would have made it through. I will never forget all of the good memories that have made up the last 14 years. Please keep in touch with me. You all have my phone # and my email address. I will have to literally find something else to do to fill my days as I begin yet another Chapter in my life. I will miss all of you and thank you for your love and support. Virtual hugs to all of you.

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 your new 4<sup>th</sup> VP and RD Director will be Austin Bailey from Illinois. I will be working with Austin in the coming months to transition the position to him. I will be sending you the 2024 patch order forms this month, but you will need to send them to Austin to be filled. I will be ordering the 2024 patches at the beginning of October but will have them delivered to Austin as they take a month or so to be made. I will send you Austin's information in my monthly RD Update email.

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](mailto: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.

Thank you again to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication. Good Luck and keep pitching those ringers. Hope to see all around on the courts. I have 2 Horseshoe Tour Tournaments left for this year, but I literally do not know what I am going to do after that. Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement. I am so blessed to have all of you in my life. I will miss all of you.

Barb

*5th VP Message*

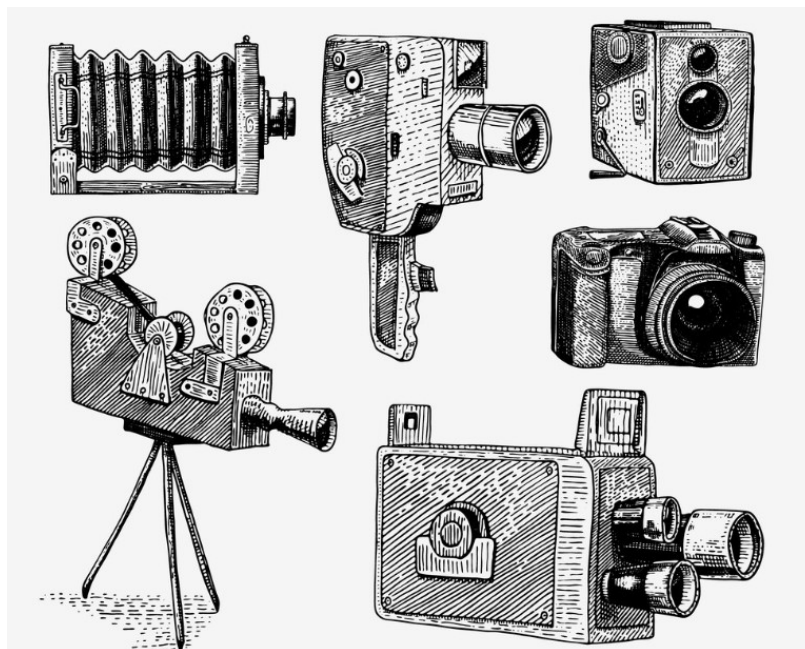
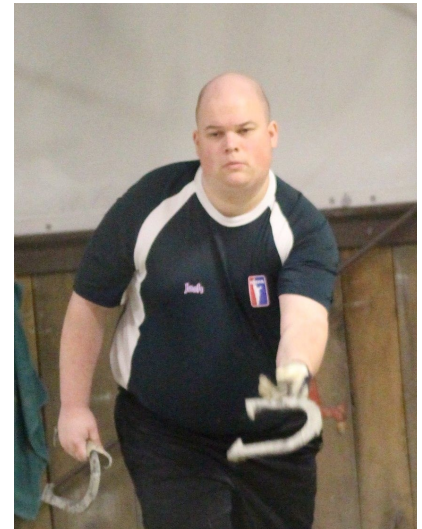
**Join the new I.T. Committee...Contact Josh!**

*By Josh Olson, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President—IT Director*

World Tournament 2023 has come and gone. Man, what a great place to have the World Tournament! Lansing Michigan was a FANTASTIC Host and such a great facility to run a World Tournament. This was a memorable one for me, that is for sure. We had some technical difficulties right away at the beginning of the Tournament, some things didn't go our way the way we wanted it to, but we were able to get everything back up and running and had a smooth World Tournament after that.

It is priority to make sure we have camera's working, as I stated at the Convention the current cameras, we used in the past will no longer be supported so the council and I will be coming together to figure out a plan of action to see how we want to proceed with camera coverage. We have to figure out logistics and how we are going to go about implementing these new cameras. Some idea's we are tossing around is creating an I.T committee that I would chair. If there is anyone out there that would like to be on this committee, please let me know. We will finalize that formation in a couple months so keep an eye on that. If you know of any live streaming camera system/setup's that are out there that allow you to actually stream content on multiple platforms, please let me know.

I want to conclude with saying THANK YOU to everyone that helped out this year in Lansing. Blaine Scott, Melanie Poole, Jeff Secord, Dwight Silvers, Peg Ogden, Brian Poole and Barb Carson. Each and every one helped out tremendously with keeping the stat room and computers working throughout the entire Tournament. Thank you again and I look forward to Kennewick Washington next year!



*Junior Director*

## 2023 World Tournament Prediction Panel has a Winning Record!

*By Ben Webb, Junior Director*

Now that the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan is a wrap, it's time to reflect on the tournament past and focus on the 2024 World Tournament in Washington next year. This year at the world tournament we presented a few very special awards; High Game over average, most improved, Alex Carson Memorial Sportsmanship Award, Gary Roberts Youth Lifetime Award, and the Alan Francis Award. All these awards will be given at each world tournament in the future, and we would like to congratulate all our inaugural winners. Below are my speeches from both the ACM Sportsmanship Award and the GR Youth Lifetime Award presentations for anyone who missed those. In the coming months, we'll be putting in the Newline the criteria for each award and how each award was and will be determined in the future.



I would like to remind everyone that we have many vacancies on our Youth Committee that we'll be looking to fill. We've said it several times but this committee becoming functional and fully operational is critical to our youth programs success. Anyone interested in being on this please don't hesitate to reach out to me for information.

Our inaugural Brian Simmons Youth/Adult doubles was also a success with Dan Watson and Zack Grzemb-ski (our 2023 Alan Francis Award Winner) becoming the inaugural champions in a tough field. Full results from this and the Sunday warm-up tournament is still to come! We had almost 90 pitchers in our Sunday singles as well and ran a horseshoe tour style format to accommodate the late entries, that went well I thought.

Without diving deep into our predictions in comparison to the results from the World Tournament, it's worth noting that the panel had a very high success rate in predicting the outcome of the championship classes. A few noteworthy oversights were made by the panel though that stand out. First...is Andy Adams. The panel failed to predict that Andy would qualify for the championship round and Andy not only qualified but finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the championship class. Andy has really stepped up his game this year making him a strong contender. Also, in the men's championship the panel underpredicted the success of Randy Zeiders. While the panel put him in the class we didn't predict he'd finish as strong as he did, pitching Alan Francis his longest game, Randy made himself known on the World Tournament stage this year. In the Senior Men's class, the major miss for the panel was James Dunlap. The panel predicted Dunlap would finish 6<sup>th</sup> and he walked away with the 2023 World Championship!

For the youth classes the panel only correctly predicted Eli Sullivan and Lizy Jordan to win their classes, missing the mark on Derek Reynolds and Za'kiyah Arbogast taking their respective titles. The panel in those two classes predicted the underdogs to win those classes but were incorrect in assuming that the top contenders would lose their grip so easily.

The most notable oversight from the panel came in the Women's division. An oversight almost deserving of a retraction on our predictions for the Women's class. While we did successfully predict the outcome of the Women's championship class and the majority of the qualifiers, we somehow missed the mark on a very important staple of the Women's world championship class.

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*Junior Director*

The panel managed to miss 2011 NHPA Hall of Famer and 25-time Women's World Championship qualifier **AMY FRANCIS**, when predicting the 2023 move-ups. Amy would not only qualify but finish 6<sup>th</sup> in the championship class and push the retaining world champion Sarah Chaffee to her limit in a 92-shoe game where the final score was 42-38 Sarah. The women's division also seen a record tied with a 140-shoe marathon between Sarah Chaffee and Marlene Ray, where both pitchers averaged over 86%!

Congratulations to everyone on their success at the 2023 World Tournament and I hope to see everyone back at the 2024 World Tournament in Washington next year. Good luck to everyone in their state tournaments that're upcoming as well!

Alex Carson Memorial Sportsmanship Award – Presented 7/22/2023

This year for the first time ever we have introduced some new awards for our youth pitchers, as you've seen with the most improved and high game over average. All of these will be annual awards given to our youth pitchers. Most importantly of all though is the sportsmanship award. Webster defines sportsmanship as "fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing. While pondering this initial award, it brought back memories of World tournaments gone by. I thought of individuals who had exhibited both good and poor sportsmanship toward me in the past around the horseshoe courts. Often, we forget about how we treat our fellow pitchers when we get caught up in the emotions of this game we love so much. I thought of the pitchers from when I was a junior that had treated me poorly and how I remember that to this day, along with the pitchers who treated me with the upmost support and respect. Both impacts have shaped my view of states and tournaments in different ways. I originally had no plans to dedicate this sportsmanship award to anyone at all and make a baseline youth sportsmanship award. However, through my thought process I kept going back to a gentleman who unfortunately left us suddenly in the year since our last world tournament. I met this individual and his wife as they were travelling the country in their RV visiting the various horseshoe sites en route to that year's world tournament. Since then, I was fortunate to foster a relationship with both of them that will last the rest of my life. This gentleman was taken from us much too soon, but it is his memory that will stick with the entire horseshoe pitching community. He was one to always be found lending a helping hand around the courts at the world. Whether it was scorekeeping, setup, breakdown, anything the council needed to run the event smoothly, he was there to help. Pitching in 11 world tournaments and netting only 1 victory back in his first 2009 world tournament, he left a timeless impression on all that knew him. Even when he wasn't pitching well, he could be found with a smile upon his face, and while he never achieved the high levels of pitching each of us long for, his sportsmanship in defeat especially was unquestionable. Not to get too religious with this award but Proverbs 17:17 teaches us that a friend is a friend in both the good and the bad times. This man, if we were to truly study our encounters with him would remind us that the world tournament and horseshoe pitching in general is about the wins and losses of course, but more about the friendships and relationships we gain along the way. And while this man never competed as a youth pitcher, there is simply no better person to name this award after. So, here tonight to present the very first Alex Carson Memorial Youth Sportsmanship Award is, his wife of over 50 years and our beloved NHPA Vice President, Barbara Carson.

With that being said, this year's Alex Carson Memorial Youth Sponsorship Award Recipient is:

**Tom Grose**

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*Junior Director*

## Gary Roberts Youth Lifetime Award – Presented 7/22/2023

Before I move on with the awards ceremony, I would like to say that taking this position last year as your NHPA Youth Director has truly been the honor of my career in this game. I feel like in the past year we have made monumental moves towards a better, youth organization. While I would love to continue doing this as long as the NHPA council would allow me to it, I can sincerely say that if they removed me tomorrow, I have fulfilled a dream of taking this stage. I began pitching in 2006 and in world tournaments in 2012, and while it took me all over the country playing this game we love, I could've never guessed that it would take this good ole boy from a holler in Kentucky to a world class stage in anything. With that being said, I have one more special award to give tonight, on behalf of our youth committee. While on a Youth Committee meeting a few months ago one of our members pitched this idea to me and I really thought it would be a great thing. It is no secret that our youth retention rate has never been good. Once the kids hit college age, life gets in the way for most and we understand that as much as we'd love for y'all to continue pitching.

Only a few select members of the council knew about this award, to keep it from getting out. Tonight, we present a very special award, one we've partially named the youth lifetime award. To read directly from the plaque we're giving this recipient, this award will be: Presented to an individual who began pitching in the Junior or Cadet divisions and continued to foster the sport into adulthood. This individual has exemplified a lifelong love of the game of horseshoes, has continued to grow the NHPA, along with their state charter. Maintained a high level of humility, sportsmanship, promotion, positive publicity, respect for the game, and respect for the history of our organization. Has committed years of dedicated service to the growth and evolution of the NHPA with their involvement in almost every role in our association. When all those factors are considered, there is one individual who stands out. This initial recipient will have the award named after them for this and every future award winner and will present the award if they wish to do so. Our recipient this year, began his pitching career back in 1960 and is a member of one of the most famous families in horseshoe pitching history. His knowledge for the history of the game is almost unparalleled. He has promoted our organization at every type of tournament at every level, along with his family's exhibition at the annual Bob Evans Farm Festival. He is competing in his 40<sup>th</sup> World Tournament this year and has maintained an overall ringer percentage of over 60% with a combined 39 years of tournaments. He has managed to maintain a winning record of 439 wins and 425 losses with 864 games played and almost 39,000 shoes thrown in world tournament competition. He has appeared in the World Championship classes 25 times between the Jr. Boy's, Men's, and Sr Men's divisions. These appearances have netted him 5 World Championships, 1961 through 1964 in the Junior Boy's and the 2018 Sr. Men's title as well. He is a 1986 member of the Ohio Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame and a 2013 member of the NHPA hall of fame. His knowledge for the history of horseshoes is almost unmatched, but perhaps most impressive of all is his conduct. He conducts himself at a high level both on and off the courts, and although he does have a temper, it is rarely shown to the public or even members of the council. Always willing to lend a helping hand and treating all pitchers and people with the same level of respect no matter how they rank in this game of horseshoes. This gentleman conducts himself with the highest level of self-care and respect wherever he is and whoever he's around. A true example of being who you are wherever you are and you will never go wrong. When we sat on a couch in Monroe, Louisiana last year the only guidance he gave on this position was that we need to do things that have never been done before and dammit I think we're accomplishing several new things. And if he fires me tomorrow, I can sincerely say he is a friend to many, a role model to all, Ohio's current sitting president, along with our NHPA President. Making the very first recipient of the Gary Roberts Youth Lifetime Award, Ohio's own, Gary Roberts.

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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](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)) through the completion of the event.

## **Silver Level \$5,000 (annually)**

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

## **Gold Level \$7,500 (annually)**

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

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

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

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

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

*NHPF Report*

## Looking for an Opportunity to Serve?

*By Dave Sidles, NHPF Director*

The Foundation set up shop at the World Tournament in Lansing, MI and had a successful 6 day run. Apologies to the second week people but we were a little short staffed this year. Huge thanks go out to Inge Byrkjeland, our friend from Norway, for the many hours he helped at the booth as well as for the auction items he donated. It's always a pleasure to meet and talk to everyone at the WT. The support you show for the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum is always appreciated.



We were recently informed by Casey Sluys that he will not be seeking another term on the NHPF Board of Directors. Casey has been involved with the NHPF since its inception and his contributions and service to the organization are many and far-reaching.



So that means we will be looking for a board member to serve a 4 year term beginning next January. If you are interested in joining the board or learning more about the NHPF and what the Board does, please feel free to contact me at [dsidles@cox.net](mailto:dsidles@cox.net).

With the entire history of donations and donors now in a database, we are able to more clearly see some interesting things. There have been a total of 1591 different donors over the years. These could be individuals, charters, clubs or leagues, or businesses. The three most common donation amounts are \$100, \$200, and \$50. The smallest donation was \$1. But perhaps the most concerning trend right now is the decline in the number of donations annually. The total number of donations peaked in 2007 at 342 and have steadily been declining to just 44 in 2022. Our mission is to assure the existence of the Hall of Fame and Museum well into the future and we will continue to explore all possible means of funding. Your support though continues to be vitally important.

To learn more about the NHPF or to make a donation, visit [www.nhpf.info](http://www.nhpf.info).

David Sidles  
NHPF President



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*NHPF Report*

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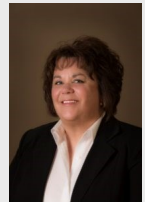
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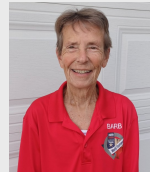
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# NHPA

## National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

*"Come Pitch with Us!"*



*From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer*

## **It's been an Amazing Journey**

*By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer*

The 2023 NHPA World Tournament is in the books, and I am catching up on the paperwork that goes with it. Lansing, Michigan was a great place to host the tournament and most people commented on how nice it was. The venue and its staff were more than accommodating on setup, during competition, and tear down. Lansing was one of the smoothest tournaments on record. The pitchers were happy with the clay and the layout of the courts. We did not hear very many negative responses to the tournament itself. We did have a few minor setbacks but nothing we could not handle. I want to thank everyone personally who helped in any way to make the 2023 tournament a memorable event. It takes a dedicated team to host an event this big.



With a little over a month to go in the 2023 NHPA membership year we are down in numbers from the 2022 membership year. For the past several years we have gone up and down in numbers. Hopefully this trend of going down in numbers will turn around in the years to come. All recreational sports are down in membership throughout the sports world. Most sports have not recovered from the Covid years. Who knows if they ever will. Everyone just needs to do their part and keep promoting the NHPA in what ever way they can. Talking to people about horseshoes is as general as it gets but it is very effective. The NHPA council is always open to suggestions people have promoting the sport.

The NHPA appreciates the work everyone does for the sport we all love and appreciate.

Episodes happen in our life that we have no control over. This can change the path we have forged for our future. We have no control over these episodes, but we can hopefully learn from them. One of those episodes has taken place in my life and with a heavy heart most of you know I am stepping down as NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the NHPA council and working with all the charter officers. I have also loved working with and helping all the members of this great organization. I hope to be able to still help with any area the NHPA needs help in but feel I need to step down as a council member. I thank all of you who have supported me throughout this amazing journey in my life.

I want to end this article by saying I hope everyone who is a part of this organization appreciates what the workers do behind the scenes to make your experience a memorable one. The tournament/league directors, statisticians, score keepers, publicity directors, food handlers, and any other job that goes into hosting events are some of the people who need to be recognized. These workers are taking time to make events we participate in something we can look back on and reflect on how good it was to share your experience with friends and families.

I am proud to be a part of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and will always look back on how amazing the members were that I met throughout my journey.

May your shoe find the peg often and hope to meet you on the court one of these days.

See you on the courts.

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### Womens Top 100 Stats 6 September 2023

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1    | 280216 | Sarah      | Chaffee   | WI    | Women    | 85.16          | 8             |
| 2    | 330031 | Marlene    | Ray       | TN    | Women    | 80.57          | 16            |
| 3    | 350626 | Shalee     | Cason     | FL    | Women    | 80.00          | 5             |
| 4    | 623905 | Lindsay    | HODGINS   | AB    | Women    | 79.35          | 7             |
| 5    | 664710 | Sylvianne  | Moisan    | QC    | Women    | 79.05          | 11            |
| 6    | 330030 | Maxine     | Griffith  | TN    | Women    | 78.20          | 16            |
| 7    | 490476 | Skyla      | Rioux     | CT    | Women    | 78.16          | 11            |
| 8    | 330173 | Joan       | Elmore    | TN    | Women    | 77.91          | 16            |
| 9    | 280078 | Penny      | Steinke   | WI    | Women    | 77.43          | 23            |
| 10   | 220130 | Doris      | Hieden    | TX    | Women    | 75.15          | 12            |
| 11   | 360294 | Amy        | Francis   | OH    | Women    | 74.83          | 12            |
| 12   | 800439 | Pam        | Meyer     | MO    | Women    | 72.90          | 16            |
| 13   | 802026 | Blanca     | Hettinga  | OR    | Women    | 72.88          | 18            |
| 14   | 190217 | Lachelle   | Cook      | MO    | Women    | 70.77          | 3             |
| 15   | 300441 | Denise     | Daly      | MI    | Women    | 70.52          | 11            |

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Mens Top 100 Stats *6 September 2023*

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name   | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|-------------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1    | 360940 | Alan       | Francis     | OH    | Men      | 84.98          | 12            |
| 2    | 320292 | Tyler      | Howard      | KY    | Men      | 77.45          | 17            |
| 3    | 657381 | Drew       | BECKER      | ON    | Men      | 76.74          | 7             |
| 4    | 623713 | Cal        | BEAUDOIN    | AB    | Men      | 75.22          | 10            |
| 5    | 320063 | Ben        | Webb        | KY    | Men      | 74.80          | 22            |
| 6    | 390143 | Randy      | Zeiders     | PA    | Men      | 73.73          | 13            |
| 7    | 290652 | Austin     | Bailey      | IL    | Men      | 73.44          | 13            |
| 8    | 260084 | Dan        | Watson      | AL    | Men      | 73.36          | 9             |
| 9    | 440124 | Ken        | Fraser      | NY    | Men      | 72.96          | 19            |
| 10   | 300151 | Andrew     | Adams       | MI    | Men      | 72.94          | 13            |
| 11   | 460059 | Gale       | Greene      | VT    | Men      | 72.87          | 18            |
| 12   | 10058  | Matt       | Fuller      | WA    | Men      | 68.94          | 13            |
| 13   | 190693 | Michael    | Bowman      | MO    | Men      | 68.50          | 14            |
| 14   | 100290 | Brandon    | Tenjieth    | AZ    | Men      | 68.46          | 3             |
| 15   | 350369 | Walter Ray | Williams Jr | FL    | Men      | 68.38          | 25            |

Elders Top 100 Stats *6 September 2023*

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1    | 370121 | David      | Holmes    | WV    | Elders   | 79.14          | 11            |
| 2    | 350350 | Bob        | Gray      | FL    | Elders   | 78.94          | 18            |
| 3    | 370298 | Junior     | Peters    | WV    | Elders   | 78.19          | 10            |
| 4    | 660765 | Jacques    | HOULE     | QC    | Elders   | 75.94          | 5             |
| 5    | 480354 | David      | Bliss     | MA    | Elders   | 74.18          | 11            |
| 6    | 420337 | Tom        | Mills     | MD    | Elders   | 73.96          | 9             |
| 7    | 190103 | Ronald     | Legrand   | MO    | Elders   | 73.85          | 15            |
| 8    | 220577 | Danny      | Patterson | TX    | Elders   | 73.81          | 19            |
| 9    | 10092  | John       | Bruhn     | WA    | Elders   | 72.50          | 7             |
| 10   | 340080 | Zane       | Goggin    | GA    | Elders   | 72.22          | 8             |
| 11   | 361017 | Don        | Epps      | OH    | Elders   | 71.87          | 16            |
| 12   | 10135  | Russ       | Phillips  | WA    | Elders   | 71.53          | 5             |
| 13   | 220870 | Tom        | Routh     | TX    | Elders   | 71.23          | 19            |
| 14   | 100192 | Mike       | Massari   | AZ    | Elders   | 70.57          | 27            |
| 15   | 191256 | Virgle     | Mccown    | MO    | Elders   | 70.00          | 15            |

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Girls Top 25 Stats *6 September 2023*

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1    | 490491 | Lizy       | Jordan    | CT    | Girls    | 58.59          | 13            |
| 2    | 191533 | Sadie      | Wolken    | MO    | Girls    | 42.09          | 11            |
| 3    | 340280 | Lily       | Strong    | CA    | Girls    | 40.89          | 12            |
| 4    | 280115 | Lillyan    | Kildahl   | WI    | Girls    | 39.72          | 6             |
| 5    | 31233  | Kaidence   | Begaye    | CA    | Girls    | 33.13          | 1             |
| 6    | 180473 | Danyelle   | Russell   | KS    | Girls    | 32.42          | 8             |
| 7    | 130865 | Cherie     | Harges    | IN    | Girls    | 30.93          | 7             |
| 8    | 95085  | Kayla      | Julander  | UT    | Girls    | 30.44          | 11            |
| 9    | 190110 | Eli        | Delacruz  | MO    | Girls    | 28.31          | 5             |
| 10   | 615391 | Asia       | BOWDEN    | BC    | Girls    | 27.51          | 2             |
| 11   | 220456 | Ashlyn     | Luster    | TX    | Girls    | 26.88          | 1             |
| 12   | 802674 | Madeline   | Workman   | NV    | Girls    | 25.07          | 7             |
| 13   | 652230 | Emma       | CALHOUN   | ON    | Girls    | 25.00          | 2             |
| 14   | 800812 | Lilli      | Light     | MT    | Girls    | 24.58          | 3             |
| 15   | 95096  | Adilaide   | Ohms      | UT    | Girls    | 22.38          | 10            |

Boys Top 50 Stats *6 September 2023*

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name  | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|------------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1    | 31151  | Hastiin    | Begaye     | CA    | Boys     | 75.00          | 5             |
| 2    | 360274 | Zander     | Potts      | OH    | Boys     | 58.91          | 4             |
| 3    | 480516 | Zack       | Grzembski  | MA    | Boys     | 58.33          | 20            |
| 4    | 360365 | Caiden     | Hogue      | OH    | Boys     | 58.25          | 7             |
| 5    | 260172 | Tyler      | Harris     | AL    | Boys     | 58.18          | 9             |
| 6    | 220641 | Isaac      | Nelson Jr. | TX    | Boys     | 54.67          | 4             |
| 7    | 280127 | Blake      | Benzing    | WI    | Boys     | 51.77          | 6             |
| 8    | 95078  | Coulson    | Ohms       | UT    | Boys     | 45.44          | 7             |
| 9    | 231968 | Tristan    | Dehkes     | MN    | Boys     | 44.58          | 1             |
| 10   | 150403 | Jackson    | Johnson    | ND    | Boys     | 44.31          | 11            |
| 11   | 190045 | Memo       | Ramirez    | MO    | Boys     | 43.98          | 21            |
| 12   | 490452 | Riley      | Malino     | CT    | Boys     | 43.78          | 5             |
| 13   | 803169 | Ryder      | Smith      | MT    | Boys     | 43.71          | 2             |
| 14   | 191622 | Brady      | Fox        | MO    | Boys     | 42.26          | 1             |
| 15   | 190085 | Warren     | Highley    | MO    | Boys     | 39.98          | 26            |

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Cadets Top 25 Stats *6 September 2023*

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name  | State | Division   | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|------------|-------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1    | 380630 | Eli        | Sullivan   | VA    | Cadet Boys | 78.55          | 13            |
| 2    | 802657 | Tom        | Grose      | NV    | Cadet Boys | 65.10          | 21            |
| 3    | 801315 | Evan       | Bedard     | MA    | Cadet Boys | 51.35          | 11            |
| 4    | 800879 | Landon     | Morgan     | IL    | Cadet Boys | 51.04          | 17            |
| 5    | 31223  | Adakai     | Begaye     | CA    | Cadet Boys | 41.09          | 4             |
| 6    | 220815 | Preston    | Beusch     | TX    | Cadet Boys | 38.18          | 2             |
| 7    | 803710 | Joshua     | Russell    | NV    | Cadet Boys | 36.41          | 11            |
| 8    | 231913 | Lucas      | Rasmussen  | MN    | Cadet Boys | 33.29          | 6             |
| 9    | 804087 | Gavin      | Begaye Jr. | CA    | Cadet Boys | 31.10          | 5             |
| 10   | 800315 | Ethan      | Knighten   | AL    | Cadet Boys | 29.43          | 6             |
| 11   | 802184 | Waylon     | Basler     | MO    | Cadet Boys | 26.67          | 1             |
| 12   | 802970 | Alexzander | Schmidt    | GA    | Cadet Boys | 26.13          | 7             |
| 13   | 803216 | Beau       | Dehkes     | MN    | Cadet Boys | 25.00          | 1             |
| 14   | 370009 | Max        | Martin     | WV    | Cadet Boys | 22.87          | 3             |
| 15   | 804088 | Eben       | Begaye     | CA    | Cadet Boys | 22.81          | 5             |



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