



# The Ringer Report



Informative - Educational - Entertaining

March 2024

This year's WT format has changed. They flipped the weeks so keep that in mind when entering. If you pitched in the 1st week you will now pitch the second week.

The 2024 World Tournament is in Tri-Cities Washington. July 29-Aug. 10, 2024. Deadline is May 20th. You can also go to the NHPA website for more information.

All adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 20th, 2024, in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. All averages used will be the average on record in eShoe as of May 20th, 2024.



**Reminder: You need four "MHPA" tournaments since the 2023 state to qualify for the 2024 State. The 2023 state tournament does not count.**

"Most of us know that our leadership, the NHPA, has made some tough decisions recently. The World Tournament will be held out West, at least 4 of the next 5 years, hard to understand. But I'm sure they have their reasons. Also, the World Tournament schedule format will change drastically. Change is difficult. And because none of us are part of the inner circle of the NHPA, we cannot truly know why they are doing what they are doing. So, a lot of negative things are being spoken by pitchers, not only in Wisconsin but in several other charters also. And I am hearing that many who used to head out to World Tournaments are now calling the WT quits." —NHPA Chaplain Ken Heinritz, WI



We are looking to fill the position of Secretary-Treasurer immediately. If you might know of someone interested let Josh know and he will be glad to contact them or even have them call him. "Even someone that we feel would make a good candidate I'd really like to talk to them." —Josh

**NOTE: Brandy is moving her tournament from Sunday, March 31 (Easter) to Saturday, March 30th.**

## Constitution Changes Starting 1/1/2024

Rule change regarding the pitchers with ringer percentages under 25%, 30 points or 40 shoes, whichever comes first. That is probably the biggest change and we (as an association) will need to make sure we start off on the right foot with enforcing and staying consistent with it. I know as we have more tournaments it will become old hat. However, old habits die hard too.

—Josh Lull, MHPA President

## St. Jude features Patient Art

At St. Jude, art therapy is used to reduce stress or anxiety, explore complex feelings, manage side effects and improve quality of life.



These colorings was made by the children at The St. Jude Hospital.

—Contributed by Bob Wells

## Constitution and By-laws Changes

The Constitution and By-laws may be revised by submitting changes at any membership meeting or sending to the chairperson of the Constitution and By-laws Committee, 1st Vice-President Tina Payne, by July 15th.

All proposed revisions are voted on at the State Tournament meeting. Any additions, deletions and/or changes takes a two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting and become effective January 1st of the following year.

Hall of Fame nomination forms must be received by June 15th for the nominee to be included in the voting for that year. Send HOF form to Danny Markley. (See page 2 for addresses.)



**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**  
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*Pledge forms available on the MHPA website, and Ringer Reports.*

**President's Report**

Josh Lull



Feels like spring is almost here, but true Michiganders know that snow could just as easily be around the corner. As we anticipate the arrival of outdoor tournaments let's keep the attendance at Jackson going strong.

I have a couple of things I would like to go over. First, we are still looking for anyone that would be interested in the Sec. \ Treas. position. If you or someone you know are might be interested please reach out to myself, Zach Spanke or Tina Payne.

The position of President is up for re-election this year. If anyone is interested they should give it some thought.

Elections are held at the Fall meeting during the State Tournament. The state tournament will be held in Kalamazoo this year.

Speaking of the State tournament, I believe we as an organization may need to think about how that tournament is being held. It has been held at two locations for the past several years and I believe some fatigue is settling in at those locations. I'm not thinking or talking about radical changes, but more of a group effort across the association in terms of making sure certain items or things are done alleviating some of the burden that goes into planning \ holding the event.

For example: court \ site preparation, food \ concessions on site, the Saturday dinner, raising of funds for a Championship class etc.

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The officers could attempt to head or appoint others to lead committees that would be responsible for completing one or two of the tasks. Even if one or two were left for the host site that would reduce quite a burden. I'd love to hear others' feedback and or thoughts on this.

The last thing I have noticed is that our pace of play has increased lately. Classes are taking longer to complete which adds to the amount of time everyone is at a tournament. I would just like to remind everyone to be mindful of the time you are taking between games. Let's try to minimize leaving the courts only for bathroom breaks or grabbing a quick drink / snack. (Pitchers and Scorekeepers)

If your next court is open after you complete a game let's move to it and begin pit preparation. Once your scorekeeper is ready and your next opponent has arrived let's begin pitching.

I understand we all want to talk to our friends and socialize. I'm not saying we should take that aspect out of the game. Let's not allow that to delay the playing of our games.

Thanks, and as always see you on the courts.

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## Tournament Results

### Lapeer @ Jackson - Sat., Jan. 13, 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Danny Markley		5-1	128	242	52.89
2. George Parsons		4-2	120	286	41.96
3. John Smith		3-3	114	262	43.51
4. Sam Moore		0-6	73	89	30.67

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Darrell Harris		4-2	66	226	29.20
2. Myrick EL		4-2	63	244	25.82
3. Darryl Matthews		3-3	69	288	23.96
4. Zachary Spanke		1-5	24	230	10.43

### Jackson @ Jackson - Sun., Jan. 21, 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Brandy Morehead	56.51	5-1	155	268	57.84
2. Kayden Fowler	48.00	4-2	141	260	54.23
3. Wayne Baker (OH)	44.25	3-3	129	268	48.13
4. John Smith	41.83	0-6	106	248	42.74

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Dan Kofflin	21.46	5-1	71	280	25.36
2. James Toth	29.41	4-2	84	264	31.82
3. Kevin Gladstone	23.00	2-4	48	254	18.90
4. Bobby Mumford	26.44	1-5	61	286	21.33

### Kalamazoo @ Jackson - Sun., Jan. 27, 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Denise Daly	70.52	3-1	80	128	62.50
2. Lisa Smith	60.97	3-1	86	150	57.33
3. Brandy Morehead	58.26	3-1	73	146	50.00
4. Greg Burke	48.55	1-3	53	152	34.87
5. Bob Peek	47.22	0-4	43	144	29.86

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Wayne Baker (OH)	46.18	4-0	90	178	50.56
2. Paul Bachelor	42.98	3-1	65	152	42.76
3. Gerald Harris (WI)	42.50	1-3	66	158	41.77
4. John Smith	43.14	1-3	72	182	39.56
5. Wayne Friesmuth	40.04	1-3	54	150	36.00

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Mark Burns	38.45	6-0	102	218	46.79
2. Mark Burns II	35.92	4-2	82	224	36.61
3. Johnnie Smith	36.40	2-4	66	260	25.38
4. Rick Filush	36.00	0-6	59	238	24.79

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Brad Reynolds	27.85	4-1	81	206	39.32
2. John Cousins	34.92	4-1	77	216	35.65
3. Aprile Friesmuth	33.13	3-2	58	220	26.36
4. Chad Fleisher	28.38	2-3	61	194	31.44
5. Chuck Osborn	27.00	1-4	54	212	25.47
6. David Benedict	25.75	1-4	51	240	21.25

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Dan Kofflin	21.46	4-0	42	148	28.38
2. Kevin Gladstone	23.00	3-1	35	144	24.31
3. Kary Christiansen	17.13	2-2	27	146	18.49
4. Will Plankenhorn	24.64	1-3	21	150	14.00
5. Larry Majerski	12.70	0-4	10	144	6.94

### Lapeer @ Jackson - Sat., Feb. 10, 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Lisa Smith		5-1	125	246	50.81
2. Danny Markley		4-2	110	258	42.64
3. Dave Buikema		2-4	116	262	44.27
4. Paul Bachelor		1-5	120	274	43.80

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Gerard Kane (OH)		5-1	93	232	40.09
2. Roger Higgins		5-1	102	274	37.23
3. Johnnie Smith		2-4	72	264	27.27
4. Kevin Gladstone		0-6	26	222	11.71

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Dan Kofflin		6-0	35	206	16.99
2. Dave Durham		2-4	12	214	5.6
3. Lawrence Hinton		1-5	6	232	2.59

### Mecosta @ Jackson - Sat., Feb. 17, 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Denise Daly	70.52	4-0	118	164	71.95
2. Brandy Morehead	58.26	3-1	104	144	72.22
3. Helga Hewlett	54.22	2-2	100	162	61.73
4. Lisa Smith	60.97	1-3	97	160	60.63
5. Larry McArthur	45.65	0-4	52	130	40.00

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Mark Burns	41.69	4-1	83210	39.52	
2. Mark Burns II	36.55	4-1	86222	38.74	
3. John Cousins	36.50	3-2	72218	33.03	
4. Johnnie Smith	36.40	2-3	74218	33.94	
5. Johnn King	33.33	1-4	67218	30.73	
6. Michele Burns	41.74	1-4	53230	23.04	

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## Tournament Results

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Brad Reynolds	33.99	4-0	50	128	39.06
2. Joe Hettrick	33.49	2-2	67	204	32.84
3. Dale Moore	30.68	2-2	36	142	25.35
4. Craig Currier	28.00	1-3	42	168	25.00
5. Josh Lewandowski	29.00	1-3	32	162	19.75

<b>Class D</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jake Mendham	17.67	4-0	42	172	24.42
2. Dan Mendham	27.69	3-1	59	166	35.54
3. Jason Larson	26.74	2-2	44	210	20.95
4. Edward Henry	21.35	1-3	31	166	18.67
5. James Robinson	17.81	0-4	32	174	18.39

<b>Class E</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jackson Vancleave	10.76	4-0	37	146	25.34
2. Bryce Vancleave	13.94	2-2	12	178	6.74
3. Audrey Hetrick	1.00	0-4	3	152	1.97

### Brighton @ Jackson - Sat., Feb. 24, 2024

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Denise Daly	70.84	4-0	106	138	76.81
2. Lisa Smith	62.02	3-1	81	142	57.04
3. Helga Hewlett	57.31	2-2	101	170	59.41
4. Quincy Johnson	53.46	1-3	73	156	46.79
5. Danny Markley	50.00	0-4	76	162	46.91

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bob Peek	47.22	3-1	62	130	47.69
2. Bobby Mumford Sr.	46.62	3-1	64	150	42.67
3. Warren Westbrook	46.86	2-2	70	152	46.05
4. Paul Bachelor	42.94	2-2	48	148	32.43
5. Mark Burns	42.56	0-4	38	124	30.65

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Roger Higgins	37.35	3-1	58	200	29.00
2. Mark Burns II	37.70	2-2	66	176	37.50
3. Michele Burns	41.74	2-2	55	166	33.13
4. Johnnie Smith	36.00	2-2	52	176	29.55
5. Wayne Friesmuth	40.04	1-3	56	190	29.47

<b>Class D</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Aprile Friesmuth	33.13	4-0	51	132	38.64
2. James Toth	30.49	3-1	50	162	29.76
3. William Bender	22.00	2-2	40	166	24.69
4. Robert Kudla	15.06	1-3	22	166	13.58
5. Lawrence Hinton	26.63	0-4	3	140	2.14

### Kalamazoo @ Jackson - Sun., March 3, 2024

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Brandy Morehead	61.89	4-0	95	156	60.90
2. Kayden Fowler	54.23	2-2	94	174	54.02
3. Bobby Mumford Sr.	46.62	0-4	42	142	29.58

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. James Toth	31.59	4-0	45	162	27.78
2. Joe Hettrick	34.03	2-2	34	130	26.15
3. Tonya Toth	36.00	0-4	24	136	17.65

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. David Benedict	25.75	3-1	45	168	26.79
2. Dan Kofflin	25.87	2-2	57	204	27.94
3. Chuck Osborn	27.00	1-3	49	208	23.56

<b>Class D</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Rick Filush	24.79	4-0	43	124	34.68
2. Kevin Gladstone	22.56	2-2	29	138	21.01
3. Bobby Mumford III	22.15	2-2	30	152	19.74
4. Bobby Mumford	24.57	1-3	29	152	19.08
5. Richard Andrews	23.21	1-3	21	142	14.79

<b>Class E</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bruce Sehy	11.33	4-0	36	134	26.87
2. Jackson Vancleave	18.06	2-2	29	146	19.86
3. Bryce Vancleave	13.94	2-2	23	126	18.25
4. Roger Keyes	20.06	1-3	24	140	17.14
5. Kary Christiansen	17.74	1-3	22	158	13.92

<b>Class F</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrew Terrell	6.00	3-1	18	150	12.00
2. Dave Durham	8.33	3-1	13	150	8.67
3. Denny Graver	8.00	0-4	5	160	3.13

### Mecosta @ Jackson - Sat., March 16, 2024

<b>Class A</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Denise Daly		3-1	144	208	69.23
2. Brandy Morehead		3-1	106	162	65.43
3. Andrew Adams		2-2	147	204	72.06
4. Kayden Fowler		2-2	114	184	61.96
5. Quincy Johnson		0-4	55	138	39.86

<b>Class B</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry McArthur		4-0	80	162	49.38
2. Bobby Mumford Sr.		3-1	71	174	40.80
3. Michele Burns		2-2	62	176	35.23
4. Mark Burns		1-3	63	160	39.38
5. Mark Burns II		0-4	70	184	38.04

<b>Class C</b>	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Joe Hettrick		6-0	88	238	36.97
2. James Toth		3-3	67	230	29.13
3. Tonya Toth		2-4	35	220	15.91
4. Jackson Vancleave		1-5	50	244	20.49



*Condolences*

**Jaunita Parsons**

We all knew Jaunita as George's loyal partner on all of his horseshoe pitching adventures.

Parsons, Jaunita G. (née Rackley) of Davisburg, passed away March 1, 2024 at 85 years of age. Born in Pine, Missouri to dear parents, Waif and Mary (née Hicks) Rackley; loving wife of George for 69 years; beloved mother of Dwight (Kelly) Parsons, Pam Murray, and Yvonne (Dave) Carr. And, many grand and great grand children.



Funeral service was held Monday, March 4, 2024.

**It takes Effort to Promote**

Just how much effort does each club and our association put into recruiting and promoting our clubs?

We, the SCSHC have promoted, it seems, forever. Starting with our flyers, sport cards, local newspapers, magazines, facebook, website, word of mouth, our recreation center, recreation newsletters and our guide book.

We built our club shed and pavilion with funds raised through donations and membership dues. We will expand the shed this year to make it a more efficient way to operate the club. We groom the courts every spring with a discount in fees to members who participate. Resetting of pit stakes is done during that time or whenever it needs to be done. We paint the picnic tables and do any repairs needed.

We have reached out to give each new member a club shirt, guide book and a great welcome to the club. We have club jackets, shirts, koozies, etc.

Members participate in our district sanctioned tournaments, state and world tournaments. Participation in the Woody Cup to raise money for St. Jude has become an exciting event for club members.

We have members step up to become officers and shed managers. One of the high-lights is the banquet held under the pavilion in August. During that time we see that everyone gets a delicious meal and plenty of awards. Last year over \$300 was given out in 50-50. The Ted Kowalski "for the love of horseshoe pitching" Award is given out, now over 20 years, with the family presenting the award.

We have banners posted on our fence promoting our sponsors and banners on our shed to promote the NHPA and SCSHC. Last year our State doubles tournament had a record turn-out of over 100 people helping themselves to the tournament meal. Over the years we have had the Recreation Director, Rec. Dept. members, SCS Mayor, State Representative, and the NHPA president throw out the first pitch during our sanctioned tournaments.

We have grown from 9 active pitchers in 1997 with one night of pitching to currently three evenings of pitching. We have a recreation singles league, a sanctioned league and 12 full courts of doubles pitchers. We fill the courts, also, for our 10 week fall league. We are looking for expansion into more nights of pitching. We have been in existence since 1991.

**We are always trying something new. This year, we hope to form a youth club.** See page 10. We tried for many years to start our doubles league and now it is the heart of the club. We never give up promoting. If the youth club doesn't work out this year, we will learn from the experience and try, try, again.

We all know that we have lost many horseshoe clubs in Michigan. Those still in existence have had members step up to keep the clubs afloat. We at SCSHC have plenty of help from horseshoe pitching members and promoters to keep expanding the SCSHC.

**Promote and keep horseshoe pitching alive!**



2024 recreation dept. flyer.



2024 guide book.

**Renewing Your Membership**

Listed below are the basic steps to renewing your membership card online. This is the preferred method it saves MHPA time and money.



1. Go to [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)
2. Click on the E Shoe link
3. Click in the Players search box
4. Type name or your card number
5. Click on your name
6. Next to Card year Click Renew
7. Then click Print

These 7 steps are the easiest way of renewing your card online. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Josh Lull (269-838-7698) and he will be more than happy to help you.

—Dean Schmitz, Editor

**2024 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.

**WINTER TOURNAMENTS AT THE JACKSON INDOOR COURTS**

**March**

	<b>PRE-REGISTER</b>	3/2/2024 - Sat	
		3/3/2024- Sun	Kalamazoo
	<b>TO GUARANTEE</b>	3/9/2024 - Sat	
		3/10/2024- Sun	
	<b>YOUR SPOT FOR</b>	3/16/2024 - Sat	Mecosta
		3/17/2024- Sun	
	<b>WINTER</b>	3/23/2024 - Sat	Lapeer
		3/24/2024- Sun	
	<b>TOURNAMENTS</b>	3/30/2024 - Sat	Jackson
		3/31/2024- Sun	

**April**

	<b>PRE-REGISTER</b>	4/6/2024 - Sat	
		4/7/2024- Sun	
	<b>TO GUARANTEE</b>	4/13/2024 - Sat	
		4/14/2024- Sun	Lapeer
	<b>YOUR SPOT FOR</b>	4/20/2024 - Sat	
		4/21/2024- Sun	
	<b>WINTER</b>	4/27/2024 - Sat	Jackson (Thrun/Vincent)
	<b>TOURNAMENTS</b>	4/28/2024- Sun	

**May**

		5/4/2024 - Sat	Mecosta
		5/5/2024- Sun	
		5/11/2024 - Sat	Lapeer
	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	5/12/2024- Sun	
	<b>Team World</b>	05/17/24	
	<b>Team World</b>	5/18/2024 - Sat	Lansing - 30/40
	<b>Team World</b>	5/19/2024- Sun	
		5/25/2024 - Sat	
		5/26/2024- Sun	
	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	5/27/2024 - Mon	

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Mecosta	Helga Hewlett	(989) 621-7630	helgahewlett@gmail.com).
St. Clair Shores	Tina Payne	(586) 744-3223	tinapayne0828@gmail.com

**June**

		6/1/2024 - Sat	St. Clair Shores Memorial Tournament
		6/2/2024- Sun	Lake Orion
		6/7/24 - Friday	Kalamazoo - 7:00 Signup Deadline
		6/8/2024 - Sat	Kalamazoo/Mecosta
		6/9/2024- Sun	
		6/15/2024 - Sat	Lake Orion - Mike Ardelean St. Judes
	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	6/16/2024- Sun	
		6/22/2024 - Sat	Lapeer/Mecosta
		6/23/2024- Sun	
		6/29/2024 - Sat	Lansing Water Wonderland Tournament
		6/30/2024- Sun	St. Clair Shores - Non Walking Doubles

**July**

	<b>4th OF JULY</b>	<b>07/04/24</b>	
		7/6/2024 - Sat	
		7/7/2024- Sun	
		7/13/2024 - Sat	Lake Orion
		7/14/2024- Sun	
		7/19/2024 - Fri	St. Clair Shores
		7/20/2024 - Sat	St. Clair Shores
		7/21/2024- Sun	
		7/27/2024 - Sat	Dewey Howard Memorial - Lansing
		7/28/2024- Sun	
	<b>World Tournament</b>	7/29/2024	

**August**

	<b>World Tournament</b>	8/3/2024 - Sat	State Doubles - Lake Orion
	<b>World Tournament</b>	8/4/2024- Sun	
	<b>World Tournament</b>	8/10/2024 - Sat	St. Clair Shores/Mecosta
		8/11/2024- Sun	
		8/17/2024 - Sat	Lansing St. Jude
		8/18/2024- Sun	
		8/24/2024 - Sat	State at Kalamazoo
		8/25/2024- Sun	State at Kalamazoo

**September**

		9/1/2024- Sun	
	<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>09/02/24</b>	
		9/7/2024 - Sat	
		9/8/2024- Sun	
		9/14/2024 - Sat	Woody Cup - St. Clair Shores
		9/15/2024- Sun	
		9/21/2024 - Sat	
		9/22/2024- Sun	
		9/28/2024 - Sat	
		9/29/2024- Sun	Fall Scheduling Meeting

**October**

	<b>PRE-REGISTER TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT FOR FALL TOURNAMENTS</b>	10/5/2024 - Sat	
		10/12/2024 - Sat	
		10/19/2024 - Sat	
		10/26/2024 - Sat	
		10/27/24 - Sun	Jackson

**November**

	<b>PRE-REGISTER TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT FOR</b>	11/2/2024 - Sat	Brighton
		11/9/2024 - Sat	
		11/16/2024 - Sat	





# NHPA Digest

Horseshoe Pitching Newsline  
Jan.-Feb. 2024

**One bright spot of the year 2023 was the World Tournament held in Lansing, Michigan.** The facility and the closeness of adequate hotel rooms nearby was very convenient. Our Lansing hosts were exceptional. Anything we needed was provided to make our stay very successful. The attendance exceeded expectations as we received 947 entries. The result was some excellent pitching in all divisions. We should not forget our set-up crew who had all the courts available for starting time. Pep Plummer, Clarence Lassiter, Roger Vogel, and many Michigan charter members helped with this effort. We should also thank Empire Photography and Ron and Polly's Horseshoe Pitching Supplies for their presence at our tournament. Hopefully, Lansing will ask us to return in the future.

**Two new rules** were passed in 2023 that are worthy of discussion. One rule was allowing women over 65 to pitch up to the 20' line. This will be voted on at the 2024 Convention as to the experimental results that we obtain prior to that date.

Another rule was allowing people from one State to play in the State Tournament of another state under certain difficult circumstances. Difficult circumstances could be driving a long distance in your state when you live and pitch in a neighboring State. Also, people who live in more than one State may choose which state they want to pitch in. The Council has decided that a pitcher should submit evidence as to why they want to pitch in a neighboring State. This rule was not implemented to allow people to switch to another State just because they have a problem with their home State. Let's see how this goes.

—Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President

**Clubs are always looking for ways to grow and recruit new members,** there are many things club members can do to attract new members. Here, you'll find a few viable approaches that a local club or organization could use to recruit more members.

- Simply ask someone, such as family members, co-workers.
- Update or improve your charter websites and have them linked to other sports groups or City Parks and Rec. departments and city websites, state Travel and Tourism offices.
- Contact your state Travel and Tourism office (CVB), give a list of all the clubs in your state and physical addresses and GPS information and have them list it on their website. You never know who may be traveling through your state and want to stop and pitch in a tournament.
- If you have any local clubs such as a Rotary Clubs, Masonic Lodges, American Legions, your local schools, churches, send out invitations to pitch on one night a week. "Club vs Club."

- Create a Junior/Cadet group. Have your Junior Directors, if applicable, get into the schools and host a tournament/challenge between the Football Teams and Basketball Teams or other groups in the schools. "Club vs Club" format and bragging rights.

- Advertise in Newspapers & local TV Stations, Radio. Invite these same media people to your tournaments and leagues each week. Create a media contact list.

- Create your own Social Media pages and posts for your own clubs, and charters such as Facebook, Tik-Tok, Instagram, Twitter, etc. Create a Social Media director position in your clubs.

- Have open to the public tournaments. Anyone and any age can pitch,

- Have a booth at malls, local county and state fairs, festivals etc., also hold public exhibitions of pitching on portable pits.

- Place pamphlets/brochures in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, local grocery stores, convenience stores, or as inserts into your local newspaper, etc.

- Hold a membership drive, give prizes for the member that recruits the most members to join in a calendar year. Set a goal of how many new members you want to attract this year, Make it a goal.

- Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club when you're hosting events.

NHPA has a one-time sanctioned tournament with a "Free" trial membership, or you can try the provisional membership as an incentive.

—Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP, Pub. & Promotion

**The cameras will be unusable anymore as of April 2024,** therefore we have to find a new way to bring the World Tournament live streaming to you our Membership going forward. I'm hopeful that we will find a camera that will work the way we need to be able to stream the live action from the courts to our NHPA Website so everyone can watch. We are looking into the possibility of other streaming social media platforms as alternatives as well, these cameras can also be a great opportunity for Marketing and advertising if used the right way. There is a lot of research and development when it comes to testing this process and at the end of the day, I'm hopeful that we are on the right track when it comes to finding a camera that will work and then we can figure out the logistics afterwards.

—Josh Olson, 5th NHPA VP—IT Director

**I want to draw your attention to the new World Tournament Format.** We are shifting the schedule to host the Championships at the conclusion of the first week. Pitchers with higher percentages will participate on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the first week, determining the rosters for the Championship Classes on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The remaining pitchers will compete in the second week. By making this change we hope to increase the spectator experience and support for our Championship pitchers.

—Brian Poole, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer



# St. Jude Sponsor Form

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Those turning in \$75 or more will receive a sports bag and T-Shirt.  
 Those turning in \$35 or more receive a T-Shirt.  
 Please Circle your size:  
 Adult sizes: M L XL Child sizes: 10-12 or 14-15

## Consent and Release of Liability

In consideration of the furtherance of your purposes, directives and work and in consideration of your permitting me to participate in your pledge event, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I hereby waive and release and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against you, the municipalities in which the event takes place as well as any other person connected with the event, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns for any and all injuries which I may suffer while taking part in or as a result thereof.

**IMPORTANT:** Participants under age 18 must have this form signed by parent or guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sponsor:

Please help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by pledging 25 cents, 50 cents or more for each unit. For the safety and convenience of the participant, we request that you do not give cash. Please make your tax-deductible check payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Thank you for your support of our life-saving research and treatment programs.

Sponsor's Name Please Print	Sponsor's Address Street - City - State - Zip	Phone	Pledge per Unit	Units* Scored	Total Pledge

Total pledge per point/unit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x total number of point/units \_\_\_\_\_ = Total pledge due \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL POINTS VERIFIED BY \_\_\_\_\_ (Official's Initials) TOTAL AMOUNT  
 COLLECTED FOR RESEARCH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*A unit is a measurement which will vary for different types of events: Ringers, Laps, Miles, etc.

**List additional sponsors on a separate sheet of paper.**

Editor's Notes  
Dean Schmitz



Tina Payne, our 1st Vice-President and TD of the St. Clair Shores club will be starting a Kids Club on the SCSHC courts this spring. We hope other clubs will follow suit.

Seth Ohms, an NHPA member from Utah, has a program called Horseshoe America for youth.

<https://www.horseshoeamerica.com>

"Horseshoe America is a Youth athletic/recreation program designed specifically to introduce today's Youth to the sport of Horseshoe Pitching in an incredibly fun and personally fulfilling way. The intended audience of this website are city parks and recreation departments, community youth sports committees, existing horseshoe pitching clubs, or anyone who is looking for an alternative sport for their youth to participate in.



The program is designed to introduce youth to Horseshoes as an organized sport. The fundamentals are presented and reinforced through fun-filled training sessions during an introductory clinic. Youth are presented with opportunities to participate in Singles, Doubles, and Team versions of horseshoes including competitive tournaments and a short league."

—From Horseshoe America Website

WHAT YOUTH ARE SAYING

"All your friends are there and it's a party!"  
- Youth Participant Age 7

"At the end you feel accomplished for learning so much in such a short period of time."  
- Youth Participant Age 13

"When I keep in mind the fundamentals I learned I pitch awesome!"  
- Youth Participant Age 14

"It is fun when you can pitch together with your friends!" - Youth Participant Age 13

# Bringing the Sport of Horseshoe Pitching to Youth

**PRIZES!! SNACKS!!**

**ST. CLAIR SHORES HORSESHOE CLUB - KIDS CLUB**

**LEARN TO PLAY HORSESHOES**

**FUN FAMILY FRIENDS FOR LIFE**

**22337 MASONIC ST. CLAIR SHORES MI 48082 (NEXT TO THE TENNIS COURTS)**

**\$50** The cost per child will be \$50. For additional info on multiple child discounts please call

**This will include:**

**A shirt, drinks, snacks, prizes, lifelong friends and enjoyment for the game!**

**AGES 7+ CLASSES WILL: START WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH END WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH**

**6 WEEKS LONG: 5 WEEKS OF INSTRUCTION 6TH WEEK IS GAMEPLAY**

**DATES**

4-6 pm	5/08/24
4-6 pm	5/15/24
4-6 pm	5/22/24
4-6 pm	5/29/24
4-6 pm	6/05/24
4-6:30 pm	6/12/24

(extended time for awards)

**CLASSES WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 4PM-6PM**

Register by March 31st

Contact Tina Payne to register or for more information 586-744-3223

PARENT/ADULT PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED  
HORSESHOES ARE NOT REQUIRED, BUT IF YOU HAVE SOME BRING SOME

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**ENTRY FORM** ( READ CAREFULLY )

**National Horseshoe Pitchers Association**

July 29 - August 10, 2024

Kennewick, Washington

**2024 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2024 NHPA Card #** \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( Please Print ) First Last (or Canadian # )

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Prov:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check One ----->  I will print my schedule.  Mail my schedule to me.  
 (One per household please)

Circle the Division you are entering: - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page )

<b>OPEN MEN</b> 40 ft	<b>SENIOR MEN</b> 40 ft (See note #2)	<b>OPEN WOMEN</b> 30 ft	<b>SENIOR WOMEN</b> 30 ft (see note #2)	<b>ELDER MEN / ME 30ft</b> ( see note #1 )	<b>JR. BOY / JR. GIRL</b> 30 ft (see note # 3)	<b>CADET BOY / CADET GIRL</b> 20 ft (See note # 3)
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All applicable information above is required. No refunds will be made after May 31, 2024

Entry Deadline May 20, 2024 Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete.

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

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

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ENTRY FEES: U.S. ADULTS -- \$135.00 • ALL JUNIORS/CADETS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY ADULTS  
 OUTSIDE US - \$138.00**

CANADIAN ENTRIES MUST USE MONEY ORDER IF SENDING PAYMENT ENTRY FEE INCLUDES - SCOREKEEPER FEE

**MAIL THE TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM ONLY along with REGISTRATION FEES ( PAYABLE TO NHPA )**

TO: NHPA  
 2660 S Fairway Dr  
 Pocatello, ID 83201

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:  
 Phone 208-201-3326  
 Email: sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a **postmark no later than May 20, 2024**. You may enter at anytime prior to May 20, 2024. Entries received with a postmark after May 20 shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. All adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 20, 2024, in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All averages used will be the average on record in eShoe as of **May 20, 2024**. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. Please see note regarding refunds.

**READ CAREFULLY:** Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2024. Any man that turns 65 years of age in 2024, is older than 65, or has an approved medical exemption may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. Entrants in the **JUNIOR BOY AND JUNIOR GIRL DIVISION** must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2024 calendar year. **CADET BOY AND CADET GIRL DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2023 calendar year.

**Note # 1.** 30 ft Men with Medical Exemptions must be in eShoe as exempt to pitch in this division.

**Note # 2.** For class play, a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Preliminaries.

**Note # 3** Junior Boys & Junior Girls divisions will be mixed for preliminary play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls divisions will be mixed for Preliminary play.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 25, 2024** and published on the NHPA website. If you indicated above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the second week in June.

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



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**FIRST CLASS**

## NHPA/MHPA Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last NHPA Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_, Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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: **Josh Lull, 1207 Springview Ct., Middleville, MI 49333**    Email: **joshlull@gmail.com**

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

\$8.00 Ringer Report Subscription only. (Subscription included in full membership.)