



The Ringer Report



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October 2024

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 STATE CHAMPIONS



Men's F
Bobby Mumford III



Women's B
Pam Yates



Elder's C
Bob Dale



Men
Andy Adams



Women
Helga Hewlett



Elder
JD Drake



Mixed 30
Tina Payne



Women's A
Denise Daly



Men's C
Johnnie Smith



Men's C
Joe Hettrick



Men's B
John Cousins



Elder's B
Doug Bailey



Cadet Girl's
Audrey Hetrick



Cadet Boy's
Jackson Vanleave



Junior Boy's
Bryce Vanleave



Debbie Markley



Harry Ellout

Three
New
Hall of
Fame
Inductees.



George Parsons

President's Report

Josh Lull



Another year in the books and here we are in October already. I would like to thank the Lake Orion Club and the Kalamazoo Club for putting on successful state doubles and singles championship tournaments to end the outdoor portion of the season. A big thank you to all the individuals who donated their time and efforts as well.

If you were not in attendance at the state tournament or the fall meeting my time as president is coming to an end. I was flattered to be nominated again, but I did decline. I wish Mark Burns, our incoming President the best of luck going forward. I've had some other opportunities present themselves so I'm pursuing them.

I did enjoy my time as President and the larger scope (than just my Kalamazoo Club) that was required of the position. I tried to listen the best I could to all of those who were willing to share their thoughts and ideas. I would encourage all members to share your thoughts and ideas with your local club, with the state officers. Attend the meetings in the spring and the fall. Let your voice be heard. We all know we have a membership issue and our age demographic skews a bit to the older side. If we already had the answer it wouldn't continue to be an issue.

I want to thank Michele Burns, Zach Spanke, Tina Payne, Keith & Tina Schafer, Paul Bachelor and Roger Higgins for all being part of my sounding board and for all the advice.

If I missed anyone I apologize.

Let's finish out this year and have another great year in 2025. I'll see you on the courts.

—Josh

Last two 2024 indoor tournaments:

10/27/24 - Sunday, Jackson

11/2/2024 - Saturday, Brighton

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Tournament Results

Lansing - Sat., July 27, 2024

Dewey Howard Memorial

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. J.D. Drake	68.51	4-0	101	184	54.89
2. Clip Connin	58.65	3-1	88	166	53.01
3. Helga Hewlett	59.24	2-2	69	152	45.39
4. Keith Schafer	51.81	1-3	91	190	47.89
5. Ken Kuss	52.60	0-4	78	172	45.35

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Douglas Bailey	44.08	4-0	69	116	59.48
2. Mark Burns	42.18	2-2	68	186	36.56
3. Greg Burke	48.59	2-2	67	184	36.41
4. Bob Peek	46.52	1-3	62	176	35.23
5. Michele Burns	41.85	1-3	44	134	32.84

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Tina Schafer	25.39	5-1	66	262	25.19
2. Becky Sullivan (FL)	32.69	4-2	62	258	24.03
3. Cathy Ardelean	29.21	2-4	53	254	20.87
4. Tina Payne	22.69	1-5	26	222	11.71

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Dan Kofflin	28.52	5-1	68	288	23.6
2. Chris Nyenhuis	22.15	4-2	54	222	24.32
3. Archie Canterbury	23.87	3-3	72	278	25.90
4. Lawrence Hinton	26.26	0-6	8	216	3.70

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Larry Majerski	13.79	4-1	28	194	14.43
2. Roland Block	19.59	3-2	37	178	20.79
3. Dave Durham	6.87	0-4	3	144	2.08

LO State Doubles - Sat., August 3, 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Hewlett/Westbrook	54.62	5-1	120	240	50.00
2. Drake/Bailey	59.02	4-2	139	296	46.96
3. Adams/Reynolds	55.18	2-4	117	288	40.63
4. Daly/Burns II	55.04	1-5	114	248	45.97

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Smith/Smith	47.27	5-1	115	288	39.93
2. Johnson/EL	44.30	4-2	91	288	31.60
3. McArthur/Yates	46.33	2-4	97	288	33.68
4. Markley/Parsons	46.23	1-5	86	288	29.86

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Morehead/Spanke	43.78	5-2	162	352	46.02
2. Bachelor/Higgins	41.65	4-3	109	344	31.69
3. Burns/Burns	42.02	3-3	87	288	30.21
4. Soldan/Nelson	41.27	1-5	94	296	31.76

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Friesmuth/Friesmuth	36.57	5-0	102	240	42.50
2. Heier/Payne	39.76	3-2	88	240	36.67
3. Schafer/Schafer	39.01	3-2	72	240	30.00
4. Hubbard/Banks	38.34	2-3	76	240	31.67
5. Kuss/Ardelean	38.78	2-3	76	240	33.75
6. Bastian/Belfiori	33.73	0-5	67	240	27.92

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Saylor/Mumford	32.39	5-2	96	336	28.57
2. Hoye/Matthews	26.73	4-3	72	336	21.43
3. Price/Thomas	26.42	3-3	73	288	25.35
4. Harris/Matthews	30.06	1-5	50	288	17.36

Class F	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Gladstone/Devine	23.74	5-2	69	336	20.54
2. Herbetz/Kudla	21.20	4-3	63	336	18.75
3. Smith/Kristoff	26.14	3-3	54	288	18.75
4. Quillen/Quillen	23.20	1-5	54	288	18.75

Kalamazoo - Friday, August 9, 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Keith Schafer	50.20	5-0	90	198	45.45
2. John Cousins	37.86	4-1	76	180	42.22
3. Larry Majerski	16.02	3-2	43	244	17.62
4. Dan Mendham	24.60	2-3	67	228	29.39
5. Matt Skrzypek	27.62	1-4	32	194	16.49
6. Martin Quillen	41.53	0-5	63	248	25.40

Mecosta - Sat., August 10, 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Andrew Adams	73.12	5-0	94	134	70.15

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bob Dale	42.92	4-1	79	204	38.73
2. Warren Gionet (FL)	37.04	3-2	85	230	36.96
3. Jason Larson	22.35	2-3	76	228	33.33
4. Martin Quillen	33.47	1-4	77	210	36.67
5. James Robinson	19.38	0-5	32	170	18.82

St. Clair Shores - Sat., August 10 2024

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Lisa Smith	59.63	5-1	170	312	54.49
2. Larry Heier	56.82	4-2	155	260	59.62
3. Douglas Bailey	49.53	2-4	92	234	39.32
4. Donald Mueller (FL)	51.38	1-5	135	290	46.55

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Tournament Results

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Wayne Friesmuth	39.58	4-0	66	190	34.74
2. John Banks	37.34	3-1	68	184	36.96
3. Johnnie Smith	32.16	2-2	65	170	38.24
4. Darryl Matthews	27.31	1-3	50	178	28.09
5. Aprile Friesmuth	39.24	0-4	47	174	27.01

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Paula LaBadie	19.06	4-0	29	160	18.13
2. Zachary Spanke	23.78	1-3	22	160	13.75
3. Andrea Olewnik	7.50	1-3	11	160	6.88

Lansing, St. Jude - August, 17, 2024

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Helga Hewlett	60.18	4-1	127	242	52.48
2. Clip Connin	56.38	3-2	122	238	51.26
3. Keith Schafer	50.20	0-4	55	140	39.29

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bob Peek	45.86	4-1	85	194	43.81
2. Greg Burke	48.59	4-1	87	210	41.43
3. Paul Bachelor	46.35	3-2	72	198	36.36
4. Bob Dale	41.98	2-3	81	212	38.21
5. Martin Quillen	34.42	1-4	82	230	35.65
6. George Parsons	43.42	1-4	68	228	29.82

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lawrence Hinton	21.99	4-0	45	196	22.96
2. Becky Sullivan (FL)	29.61	1-3	42	206	20.39
3. Jack Mings (IN)	26.82	1-3	34	190	17.89

STATE Class at Kalamazoo - Aug., 23-25, 2024

Elder's A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. J.D. Drake	68.57	9-0	207	302	68.54
2. Ken Kuss	51.45	4-5	193	360	53.61
3. Clip Connin	56.38	3-6	138	346	39.88
4. Larry McArthur	53.18	2-7	158	364	43.41

Elder's B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Douglas Bailey	49.53	8-1	165	356	46.35
2. Danny Markley	49.04	5-4	132	368	35.87
3. Paul Bachelor	46.35	5-4	136	388	35.05
4. George Parsons	43.42	0-9	103	360	28.61

Elder's C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bob Dale	41.98	5-1	105	262	40.08
2. Roger Higgins	36.94	2-4	89	258	34.50
3. Martin Quillen	34.42	2-4	81	236	34.30

Men's A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrew Adams	71.14	9-0	212	312	67.95
2. Keith Schafer	50.20	5-4	194	388	50.00
3. Quincy Johnson	53.36	3-6	148	372	39.78
4. Warren Westbrook	50.00	1-8	126	336	37.50

Men's B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. John Cousins	39.21	9-1	153	362	42.27
2. Greg Burke	48.59	7-3	163	388	42.01
3. Jackie Saylor	38.13	6-4	138	330	41.82
4. Mark Burns II	38.14	6-4	141	356	39.61
5. Mark Burns	42.18	2-8	107	356	30.06
6. Harry Hubbard	39.62	0-7	0	0	0.00

Women's A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Denise Daly	71.93	8-2	289	414	69.81
2. Brandy Morehead	67.84	7-3	272	424	64.15
3. Lisa Smith	59.18	4-5	251	416	60.34
4. Helga Hewlett	60.18	0-9	149	334	44.61

Women's B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Pam Yates	35.91	8-0	126	302	41.72
2. Aprile Friesmuth	39.24	5-3	118	302	39.07
3. Crystal Devine	24.30	3-5	84	316	26.58
4. Cathy Ardelean	24.09	3-5	75	334	22.46
5. Jacqueline Quillen	25.76	1-7	84	350	24.00

Junior/Cadet	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bryce Vancleave	11.27	5-1	17	240	7.08
2. Jackson Vancleave	21.64	4-2	15	240	6.25
3. Audrey Hetrick	2.92	0-6	3	240	1.25

Men's C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Joe Hetrick	35.31	8-2	189	524	36.07
2. John Banks	37.61	6-4	161	436	36.93
3. Kevin Bastian	37.05	6-4	165	464	35.56
4. Wayne Friesmuth	33.77	5-5	165	492	33.54
5. James Toth	37.12	3-7	127	480	26.46
6. Myrick EL	34.75	2-8	126	472	26.69

Men's D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Johnnie Smith	30.92	8-3	163	516	31.59
2. Matt Skrzypek	27.62	7-4	149	530	28.11
3. Darrell Harris	32.28	6-4	117	474	24.68
4. Chuck Osborn	27.37	6-4	107	486	22.02
5. Jason Larson	27.21	4-6	137	476	28.78
6. Bobby Mumford, Jr.	26.71	0-10	73	454	16.08

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Tournament Results

Men's E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Chris Nyenhuis	24.06	7-1	54	272	19.85
2. David Benedict	23.70	6-2	82	294	27.89
3. Kevin Gladstone	24.65	5-3	51	286	17.83
4. Zachary Spanke	23.78	2-6	51	286	17.83
5. Dan Mendham	24.52	0-8	37	288	12.85

Men's F	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford III	20.68	6-2	68	318	21.38
2. Joe Kristoff	21.54	5-3	82	318	25.79
3. Frank Quillen	19.29	5-3	70	308	22.73
4. Kary Christiansen	20.13	3-5	53	302	17.55
5. James Robinson	18.13	1-7	55	298	18.46

Mixed 30 ft.	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Tina Payne	23.82	7-1	72	242	29.75
2. Tonya Toth	20.15	6-2	53	278	19.06
3. Larry Majerski	17.34	4-4	37	272	13.60
4. Roland Block	20.73	3-5	28	306	9.15
5. Lawrence Hinton	21.99	0-8	12	258	4.65

State Championship Results

Championship Elder	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. J.D. Drake	68.54	5-0	113	190	59.47
2. Douglas Bailey	46.35	3-2	96	232	41.38
3. Larry McArthur	43.41	3-2	87	222	39.19
4. Bob Dale	40.08	2-3	79	228	34.65
5. Paul Bachelor	35.05	2-3	67	210	31.90
6. Roger Higgins	34.50	0-5	71	242	29.34

Championship Men	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Andrew Adams	67.95	5-0	130	206	63.11
2. Keith Schafer	50.00	3-2	121	242	50.00
3. Quincy Johnson	39.78	3-2	122	250	48.80
4. Jackie Saylor	41.82	2-3	89	228	39.04
5. Greg Burke	42.81	1-4	98	232	42.24
6. John Cousins	42.27	1-4	102	246	41.46

Championship Women	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Helga Hewlett	44.61	5-2	203	346	58.67
2. Brandy Morehead	64.15	4-3	168	338	49.70
3. Lisa Smith	60.34	3-3	135	250	54.00
4. Denise Daly	69.81	1-2	110	180	61.11

Another successful Doubles Tournament at Lake Orion

It was doubles tournament championship time for the MHPA and the sweet sound of ringers; those perfectly pitched horseshoes that encircle the stake and fill the air.

As relaxing as the game can be, there was much was at "stake" at the annual Michigan State Doubles Championships.

The MHPA Doubles Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was held on Sat., Aug. 3 at the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club in Lake Orion. Twenty-six teams each consisting of two players competed for championships in six divisions. This NHPA Sanctioned Tournament attracted teams from throughout the State of Michigan.

The **A division** was won by the team of Helga Hewlett, Remus and Warren Westbrook, Cedar Springs.

The **B division** was won by the team of Lisa and Johnnie Smith, Detroit.

The **C division** was won by the team of Brandy Morehead, Jackson and Zach Spanke, Chesterfield.

The **D division** was won by the team of Aprile and Wayne Friesmuth, St. Clair Shores.

The **E division** was won by the team of Jackie Saylor, Belleview and Bobby Mumford, Jr., Ypsilanti.

The **F division** was won by the team of Kevin Gladstone, Belleview and Chrystal Devine, Ypsilanti.

(See stats on page 3)

St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club to Host MHPA 2025 Doubles Tournament

St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club will host the Michigan State Doubles Tournament in 2025.

On a Saturday in August pitchers will be teamed and try to claim they are the best. Horseshoe pitching has a long history in Michigan and next year's version will be one of the best.

There are many great pitchers in Michigan and it is anticipated that they will all be in the competition. Many state and class champions will be coming to SCS.

The tournament will be held in Kyte Monroe Park, located at Harper and Masonic Blvd. Each bracket will have up to six teams competing for their own championship. All will pitch from their age related distances.

Lunch will also be served between the morning and afternoon sessions. The public is welcome to attend.



Lake Orion Horseshoe Club Gives Back to The Community

In July 2015, the Village of Lake Orion Parks and Rec's committee contacted me and asked if we would consider building a horseshoe court (sand of course) in Green's Park. A beautiful park setting on Lake Orion. It is always a good idea to promote horseshoe pitching so we completed the task, complete with a horseshoe house that makes horseshoes available for those wanting to play the game. The single pit got lots of play and overtime the backboards and horseshoe honor house became extremely weathered.

In August 2024 we were contacted to give the pits some love. Little did Rosemary Ford from Parks and Rec's realize that the work to update these pits had already begun. New backboards, paint for the honor horseshoe house, solar lights, flowers planted, additional freshly painted horseshoes, new sand, and a rake. This was all done at no cost to the Village once again. You can see some before and after pictures. Oh, we also added one more touch a Lake Orion Horseshoe Club decal for a little exposure.

It always feels good to help the community, it may pay dividends in the future. Our biggest gain is always promoting horseshoes and possible new members.

—Ron Price



Top Photo: Finished Court; Middle left: Before; Middle right: Shoe house with decorative flowers; Lower left: Adoption certificate from LO to SCSHC (Woody Cup); Lower right: "Big Man Woody" in his permanent home.

NHPA Creates Elder Women Category

Elder Women age 65 and older may pitch from any place on either the extended or full distance platforms and shall observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line.



Note: eShoe will be ready to support the new Elder Women distance as a new division—We welcome everyone to consider pitching with the NHPA!



HIGH TOURNAMENTS OF 40 FOOT MEN!

By Keith Schafer, Historian

100 years of 40-foot men in Michigan have left some great performances, and the best are those who were the top men we will document today. As before, only the top tournament is listed, and only Michigan pitchers are on this list. First up is a 22-time state champion (and 5 time Men's runner-up), Tom Williams, who threw 82.2% indoors at Jackson on February 18, 2012. In 2012, Tom finished 2nd in the Men's Championship at the World Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee, giving the World Champion one of the toughest title battles in recent years. Tom began as a junior in 1978, and moved to 40 foot pitching in 1986. Tom has pitched many other tournaments over 80% and has been a great champion for a long time.

Another state Champion on this list is Joe Latzko, who won 12 state titles in the period from 1929 to 1954. His first state tournament was in 1926, and last was in 1965. He threw 80.61% at the 1943 state tournament in Ann Arbor, at Wines Field. He had challengers such as Bob Hitt and Lee Jacobs during his peak who came and went.

Muskegon gives us the third name on the list, Roy Smith, who won his 13 state championships in the period from 1962 to 1982. He threw 80% at Cramton Park in Lapeer during the 1977 state tournament. Roy, along with Ken Jensen and "Doc" Maison, dominated the 1960s and 1970s. Roy also did some great pitching at World Tournaments, winning Class B in 1968, and pitching in the Men's Championship 6 times, with a top finish of 5th in 1969.

Duane Govitz Jr. has the fourth spot on this list. In 1992 and 1993, M-46 tournaments were NHPA sanctioned through an agreement with the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitching Association. Duane's 78.80% effort at Emerson Park in Midland on August 9, 1992 was his notable tournament. Duane was the runner-up to Tom Williams in 1992 at the state tournament and finished 4th in the 2003 finals after a seven-year absence from the NHPA. Since most of his pitching after 1995 was with the M-46 circuit, this Beaverton native's efforts are mostly hidden from our history.



Gerald "Doc" Maison, as mentioned earlier, was a 5-time state champion in the period 1971 to 1979. His 76.10% tournament at Burr Oak at the 1971 State Tournament (September 6) was his best-known effort (portions of history are still to be found prior to 1992). Doc and Roy Smith headlined many battles throughout the 1970s at tournaments, and Doc was a force at Water Wonderland tournaments against some of the best of the Midwest.

A recent champion has the sixth spot on this list. James Dunlap came back from a nearly 3-year hiatus to be a top pitcher beginning in 2012, winning the 2019 and 2023 World Senior Men Championships, was a four-time state champion and 5-time runner-up. His 75.3% effort on October 31, 2020 at the Jackson Indoor courts was his best performance based on Ringer percentage.

Stan Swarthout has the number seven spot on this list with his 74.6% tournament in Lapeer on May 14, 1977. Stan was the 1980 runner-up at the state tournament and was a strong 3rd in many tournaments behind Roy Smith and Doc Maison during the 1970s.

Bob Hitt was known as the boy wonder back in the 1930s. He pitched 74.21% in Plymouth at the state tournament on August 8, 1938 at age 16. He was a 3-time state champion (1936-1938), finished 5th in 1935, and second in 1939 (throwing 2000 shoes over that weekend) and in 1941. He drifted away from the sport soon after, but his efforts are recognized in his installation in the MHPA Hall of Fame.

Andrew Adams has the ninth spot on this list, with his 74.08% effort in the Men's Championship at the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing. Andy won his first state championship in 2023, and he has finished high whenever he has gone to a World Tournament. He is one who will be a force in Michigan pitching for many years.

Finally, Floyd Bartley is tenth on this list. His 73.6% effort at the Water Wonderland tournament in Jackson on June 12, 1983 places him here. He won the 1981 Men's State Championship and was a top pitcher in the period from the mid-1970s through 1980s.

Next time, the 30 foot men and the ladies top tournaments are brought to you in living print!

WORLD TOURNAMENTS

Our two MHPA representatives in the WT...

Dan Kofflin in Elders K finished 10th with 24.42%.

Rick Filush in Seniors B finished 7th with 35.00%.

Here are the venues for World Tournaments for the next five years. Each location is for a two year contract.

2025 Sandy, UT

July 21-August 2, 2025

2026 Wausau, WI

2027 Kennewick, WA

2028 Sandy, UT

2029 Wausau, WI



Sandy is a city in the Salt Lake City metropolitan area, located in Salt Lake County, UT.



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NHPA NEWS

by Scott Cline, RD, Colorado HPA

We are entering a new era for the NHPA, Ben Webb is our new President and will be leading us into the future of the NHPA. One of the first challenges for Ben was restaffing. With Ben moving up to president this opened up the 3rd vice president position and 2nd vice president became vacant with Laurie Lampkin resigning in August.

Aleena Lepak of Wisconsin will begin serving a second time as youth director, first serving from 2012 to 2019. Michelle Foard of Minnesota will become the Official NHPA social media director. Donald Sorenson of Utah will serve as the NHPA's sponsorship director. Lucy Strong from California will become the NHPA's promotion director. Austin Bailey of Illinois is our 1st vice president and will be working with Don and his committee as well as overseeing revenue generating opportunities and as the NHPA grievance director. Dalton Rakestraw of Southern California is now our 2nd vice president. He will take on the role of World

Tournament Coordinator and oversee the Promotion/ Publicity area, working with Lucy and her committee. Jerry Labrosse of Minnesota is our 3rd vice president overseeing the World Tournament.

Barbara Carson of Ohio is the 4th vice president. Barb oversees the Regional Directors and will also be taking on the NHPA sanctioned league director. Josh Olson of Minnesota is the 5th vice president. Josh's main responsibilities are maintaining the World Tournament systems, as well as exploring and implementing new technologies to help keep the NHPA up to speed with our ever changing world. Brian Poole is our secretary / treasurer, with no added responsibilities at this time.

Below is the list of Committee Chairs, below that is the rules / bylaws voting results. Congratulations to our new President and all appointee's.

Lucy Strong	Promotional Committee
Don Sorenson	Sponsorship Committee
Jerry Labrosse	Rules / Bylaws Committee
Aleena Lepak	Youth Committee
Michelle Foard	Social Media Committee
Josh Olson	IT Committee
Austin Bailey	Grievance

2025 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.

Last two 2024 indoor tournaments:

10/27/24 - Sunday, Jackson

11/2/2024 - Saturday, Brighton

The 2025 MHPA pitching schedule will be printed in the next Ringer Report. Meanwhile, check the MHPA website to view the upcoming schedule.

<https://www.mhpahorseshoes.com>

Tournament Directors

<u>Club</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Brighton Indoor	Paul Bachelor	(810) 772-8678	paulbachelor@aol.com
Jackson	Brandy Morehead	(517) 599-5933	brandy.morehead@gmail.com
Kalamazoo	Josh Lull	(269) 838-7698	joshlull@gmail.com
Lake Orion	Doug Bailey	(248) 421-9708	dougbailey204@gmail.com
Lansing	Keith Schafer	(517) 256-8224	michhorseshoectdir@yahoo.com
Lapeer	Debbie Markley	(810) 459-1772	dcdam127@AOL.com
Mecosta	Helga Hewlett	(989) 621-7630	helgahewlett@gmail.com
St. Clair Shores	Tina Payne	(586) 744-3223	tinapayne0828@gmail.com

Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association
August 24, 2024
Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Josh Lull, Association President at 6:52 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Josh Lull, said by all.

April 20, 2024 - Spring Membership Meeting Minutes read Michele Burns, Sec/Treasurer and Motion by Keith Schafer, second by Zach Spanke - approved by all.

Financial and Membership reports – were presented by Michele Burns, Sec/Treasurer and were approved by all.

Financial Report – Current account balance -	\$10550.38
Scholarship fund	-\$2465.00
Hall of Fame	-\$242.00
	<u>\$7843.38</u>
State Tournament Cost	-\$6988.00
Final Balance	\$855.38

2024 Membership total 168 members

Reports of Officers Josh Lull, President

Thank you to Michele Burns for volunteering to finish out the remainder of the term for the secretary/treasurer position until elections in 2025. Also, thank you to Keith and Tina Schafer for their help over the last year with keeping things afloat with the changes.

Please encourage members that are not present at this meeting to attend the membership meetings that are held two times a year – these meetings are the membership’s opportunity for their voices to be heard. If the by-law proposal changes are presented, they will be reviewed and voted on by the membership to make changes to benefit all members.

Kalamazoo is selling t-shirts for the state tournament. Please check out the table, if you haven’t already purchased.

1st VP, Tina Payne – nothing to report

2nd VP, Zach Spanke - nothing to report.

Reports from Standing Committees Hall of Fame – three new inductees into the Hall of Fame this afternoon – Deb Markley, Harry Ellout and George Parsons.

Charitable Donations – St. Jude – Bob Wells announced that \$1003.00 was raised this year for St. Jude.

New Business –

By-Law Proposal changes –

1. Proposal: To combine the duties of the statistician with the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer: Reason: To streamline the processes of updating Eshoe. The secretary/treasurer is the first person to know the new memberships, new distances, and new card numbers for members. Add to Article III: At the end of the Secretary/Treasurer section, add “The duties of the Statistician will be handled by the Secretary/Treasurer. This will also add the payment for the statistician to the payment received by the Secretary/ Treasurer.”

Submitted by: Keith Schafer

Proposal Passed – Effective January 2025

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2. The Ringer Report fee is \$7 with \$100 paid to the Editor. Change: Since some TD's do not report their stats to Bob Williams on the MHPA website and to Dean Schmitz on the Ringer Report and since it is very hard to get officers and TD's to write anything to publicize our sport via the RR, therefore, I propose that the Ringer Report be dissolved. Reason: Eshoe was supposed to be easier than doing tournaments manually. Apparently, this is not true. The cost of stamps, paper, and toner has soared. Sending out the RR manually has become a chore. Some members tell me that they never read the RR. They see everything they need to know on Facebook and NHPA Eshoe. Therefore, the MHPA can place the \$7 in the prize fund and save the \$100 that is paid to the RR Editor. If the RR is to be continued, it should be sent out by email to save MHPA money by not sending it manually.

Submitted by Dean Schmitz

Proposal Failed

3. Article VII: State Tournament, Section 6. The State Tournament entry fee shall be \$40.00. At State Tournaments pay judges \$15.00 per session from the MHPA account. What I'm proposing to change, Section 6. The State Tournament entry fee shall be \$50.00. At State Tournaments pay judges \$15.00 per session from the MHPA account. Reason for change: Going from \$40 to \$50 would help with prize fund for class play and championship play.

Submitted by Zachary Spanke, 2nd VP/ RD

Proposal Withdrawn

Points of emphasis from the discussions of the proposals –

Participation of the organization in fairs and community events

Tournaments at fairs

Parade participation in addition what we are doing now.

Make adjustment to the due by date for the By-Law Proposal changes

Elections of Officers

Nominations from the floor were opened

President –

Mark Burns – Accepted nomination

Josh Lull – Declined nomination

Motion to close nominations – Keith Schafer, second Joe Hettrick - unanimous support

By proclamation – Mark Burns was elected as the President from 2025-2027

2nd Vice-President –

Helga Hewlett – Accepted nomination

Motion to close nominations – Keith Schafer, second Zach Spanke – unanimous support

By proclamation – Helga Hewlett was elected as the 2nd from 2025-2027.

Motion to adjourn – Zach Spanke, second Keith Schafer – unanimous support

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Burns, Secretary/Treasurer

2024 Woody Cup Won By Lake Orion Horseshoe Club

Established in 2004 as the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association league championship tournament and later to include non-sanctioned leagues. With the Woody Cup Challenge being open to all Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association Club Leagues, upwards of six clubs have been represented at the annual tournament. Berkley, Lake Orion, Lansing, Lincoln Park/Romulus, St. Clair Shores and Taylor have been participating teams.

Mike Ardelean (deceased) of the Lake Orion Club, the SC-

SHC, Juanita and Larry Woods, former owners of LDJ Trophies, created The Woody Cup Challenge. Mike is also credited with the tournament name. The purpose of this event is to raise money for a charity, to make the public aware of the fun of pitching horseshoes, meeting our friends, making new friends and enjoying the great game of horseshoe pitching.

The Cup is to be displayed promoting local clubs and State Horseshoe Pitching.

The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club will host "The Woody Cup Challenge" next year in September. We are looking for more teams to participate in this event.



Lake Orion - 2024 Woody Cup Challenge Champions

Ron Nelson, Mellissa Woodbeck, Darren Green, Doug Bailey, Greg Korth, Ron Price, George Parsons, Dawn Price, Matt Thomas and Krystle Price.



Art work by St. Jude patients. —Contributed by Bob Wells, MHPA St. Jude Coordinator.

The Woody Cup Challenge

It was a sporting showdown unlike any ever before seen. The St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club hosted the 20th WCC tournament with only 2020 being skipped due to Covid. The event started at 10 a.m., Sept 14, 2024 with everyone helping themselves to a delectable lunch, signing up with their team captains, paying the entry fee and donating to the MHPA designated charity, St. Jude.

Around three dozen competitors, plus guests, gathered for "The Woody Cup Challenge" tournament with competitors of all abilities gracefully throwing horseshoes. There was plenty of good-natured trash-talking. This 20th annual charity horseshoe tournament featured the two original clubs: Lake Orion and St. Clair Shores.

It was close scoring until the end of the event, LO with 15.5 and runner-up SCS with 14.5 points,

This year \$1378 was raised which brought the total to \$12,624. The winners have their names placed on the traveling cup that emulates the Stanley Cup in hockey.



Funds raised since the inception of "The Woody Cup Challenge"

2004	- \$180	- Friends of Horseshoes
2005	- \$132	- American Red Cross
2006	- \$176	- MHPA Junior Fund
2007	- \$383	- MHPA Junior Fund
2008	- \$315	- MHPA Junior Fund
2009	- \$245	- MHPA Junior Fund
2010	- \$260	- MHPA Junior Fund
2011	- \$215	- MHPA Junior Fund
2012	- \$500	- St. Jude
2013	- \$520	- St. Jude
2014	- \$557	- St. Jude
2015	- \$600	- St. Jude
2016	- \$700	- St. Jude
2017	- \$1000	- St. Jude
2018	- \$850	- St. Jude
2019	- \$1100	- St. Jude
2020	- No Tournament	- Covid
2021	- \$1000	- St. Jude
2022	- \$902	- St. Jude
2023	- \$1611	- St. Jude
2024	- \$1378	- St. Jude
\$Total	- \$12,624.00	

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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: **Michele Burns, Secretary/Treasurer - 6565 Blackman Rd. - Jackson, MI. 49201** - **mabearin@yahoo.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

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