



The Ringer Report



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March 2025

St. Jude 2025 Program

Bob Wells, St. Jude Coordinator

This summer I will be running a program to raise money for the St. Jude Children's fund.

St. Jude has provided a very nice backpack which we're going to fill with prizes to be awarded at the State Tournament August 23.

Anyone who donates \$25 or more for St. Jude will have their name and phone number put in a drawing to win the backpack and its prizes.

One ticket per entry only.

The backpack will have:

- 1 X-large and 1 large St. Jude T-shirt.
- The Otto Reno book "Pitching Championship Horseshoes."

- A \$25 gift card for Bob Evans Restaurant
- A \$25 gift card for Applebee's Restaurant
- Measuring horseshoe pitching tools

I would like to thank all of the tournament directors for their help in putting this program together.

Your friends and relatives are also invited to enter this drawing.

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"Best Horseshoe Event of the Year" - Sue Snyder **TEAM WORLD**

The 39th Team World Tournament will be held May 16, 17, and 18, 2025

The MHPA is in the process of forming teams for this event. So far, Team one is, Andrew Adams, J.D. Drake, Brandy Morehead, Helga Hewlett, and Warren Westbrook. Team Two includes Quincy Johnson, Jonathan Landino, Jaime Goodman, Sam Moore, and Danny Markley.

Team World is a 3-day event.

The entry fee is \$200 per team. Teams are assessed a scorekeeper fee of \$1 per player, per game, when teams arrive to check in.

Teams do have the option of including a 5th player on their team with no additional entry cost to the team. This 5th player can be from any division (Men, Women, Elders, and/or Junior Boys/Girls) except Cadets, provided the combination does not exceed the maximum limit of (3) short distance pitchers. The event is limited to 24 teams. Teams with the lowest combined entering ringer percentage from a U.S. state with multiple teams entered may be denied entry if more than 24 teams or an odd number of teams enter.




St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
is our charity of choice. Make your ringers count even more.

Pledge forms available on the MHPA website, and Ringer Reports.

Welcome to the 

2025 State Doubles Championship Saturday, August 2

Hosted by the **St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club**

- Pre-register by 7/30/25 (Mark Burns, burnsmo@umich.edu)
- Need one MHPA tournament to qualify
- 9:30 a.m. Sign-In Deadline \$40.00 per Team

Note if the tournament is cancelled - The rain date will be Sunday, August 3

- Combined average cannot be greater than 120%
- Pick your partner or we'll find one for you
- Walking doubles
- Pitch your own shoes
- 50 shoe count-all scoring
- All money returned in prizes and trophies
- Roasted chicken/Bring a dish to pass




2025 MHPA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 22-24, 2025
Hosted by:
Jackson Area Horseshoe Club

August 22: Tournament Prelims
August 23: Tournament Prelims
August 24: Class/Championship Play

Entry Mailing Deadline: August 18, 2025

Entries will be accepted at the last two regularly scheduled tournaments in Kalamazoo and Lansing.

Entry Fee: \$40.00 Adults and \$40.00 Juniors

Entry form located in the Ringer Report and MHPA website



President's Report

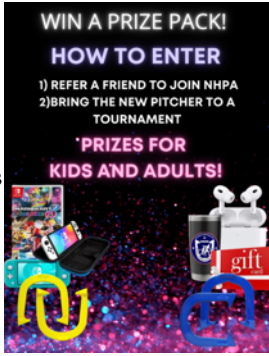
Mark Burns



Welcome to the 2025 pitching season!

For those who haven't renewed your membership there is still plenty of time to get it done! Let's get out to a tournament to start pitching! As always, tell a friend and let's build our membership!! We all have friends that aren't members and now is the time to get them to join us!

The NHPA Promotions committee is doing a drawing, a couple of prize packs - one for kids and one for adults, it is easy to get entered, just refer a friend to join or bring a new pitcher to play in a tournament.



I am forming a committee to review our standard playing practices too. If there are items that need improvement and what we can do within our set By-Laws (or to suggest By-Law changes) to make the MHPA more enjoyable and competitive for everyone. Please, if you have any suggestions email (burnsmo@umich.edu) or text me (734.323.9116).

As we all know, our organization is like a family and when times get challenging a family pulls together to get through and get things done! Making changes and finding ways to grow is not always easy, but I know that if we ALL work together, we can make it happen. It won't happen over night either - it will take some time and hard work but in the end the hard work will be worth it!

Looking forward to seeing each of you at tournaments throughout 2025 and beyond as your President and fellow lover of this great game!

—Mark

March 15
\$600
additional
prize money
Call Mark at
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Tournament Results Indoor

Jackson @Jackson - Sun, Jan. 5, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Lisa Smith	58.80	3-1	81	152	53.29
2. Jaime Goodman	44.00	3-1	89	190	46.84
3. John Smith	42.77	3-1	82	178	46.07
4. Kayden Fowler	51.77	1-3	74	168	44.05
5. Bob Peek	46.65	0-4	47	136	34.56

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. George Jones	31.60	3-1	56	180	31.11
2. Joe Hetrick	35.61	3-1	52	174	29.89
3. Johnnie Smith	32.88	2-2	47	182	25.82
4. Bobby Mumford Sr.	42.20	1-3	46	166	27.71
5. Dan Kofflin	28.52	1-3	42	198	21.21

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jennifer Hess	21.00	4-0	38	104	36.54
2. Cindy Jones	14.00	2-2	11	124	8.87
3. Chelane Priller	2.00	0-4	4	136	2.94

Macosta @Jackson - Sat, Jan. 18, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Andrew Adams	71.52	4-0	115	154	74.68
2. Lisa Smith	58.80	3-1	111	182	60.99
3. Quincy Johnson	50.66	2-2	96	164	58.54
4. Helga Hewlett	58.33	1-3	81	158	51.27
5. Kayden Fowler	52.43	0-4	19	102	18.63

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Warren Westbrook	50.00	3-1	84	172	48.84
2. Jaime Goodman	46.84	3-1	83	190	43.68
3. Bobby Mumford Sr.	42.20	2-2	83	198	41.92
4. Greg Burke	46.48	1-3	93	198	46.97
5. Jackie Saylor	41.08	1-3	69	166	41.57

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jonathan Landino	39.00	4-0	75	188	39.89
2. Brad Reynolds	35.15	3-1	60	154	38.96
3. Rick Filush	34.56	2-2	55	190	28.95
4. James Toth	37.12	1-3	60	178	33.71
5. Joe Hetrick	35.61	0-4	51	190	26.84

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. George Jones	33.13	5-0	56	240	23.33
2. Dale Moore	31.16	4-1	59	232	25.43
3. John King	31.31	3-2	55	252	21.83
4. Jackson Vancleave	21.64	2-3	48	212	22.64
5. Jason Larson	30.25	1-4	27	218	12.39
6. Bobby Mumford	26.23	0-5	40	254	15.75

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Edward Henry	20.37	4-1	45	158	28.48
2. Josh Lewandowski	19.75	4-1	40	180	22.22
3. Bobby Mumford III	20.82	3-2	43	200	21.50
4. James Robinson	18.75	2-3	26	178	14.61
5. Cindy Jones	8.87	2-3	17	182	9.34
6. Audrey Hetrick	3.03	0-5	11	178	6.18

Jackson @Jackson - Sun, Jan. 25, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Lisa Smith	58.80	3-1	81	152	53.29
2. Jaime Goodman	44.00	3-1	89	190	46.84
3. John Smith	42.77	3-1	82	178	46.07
4. Kayden Fowler	51.77	1-3	74	168	44.05
5. Bob Peek	46.65	0-4	47	136	34.56

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jonathan Landino	39.89	3-1	61	174	35.06
2. Jaime Goodman	45.26	2-2	83	186	44.62
3. Paul Bachelor	45.00	2-2	72	164	43.90
4. Chuck Garrison(AL)	40.89	2-2	75	186	39.89
5. John Smith	43.11	1-3	59	160	36.88

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Wayne Friesmuth	34.79	4-0	64	170	37.65
2. Roger Higgins	36.45	3-1	52	142	36.62
3. Johnnie Smith	32.88	2-2	52	190	27.37
4. George Jones	33.13	1-3	48	178	26.97
5. Aprile Friesmuth	39.29	0-4	34	172	19.77

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Joe Kristoff	22.62	6-0	35	230	15.22
2. Diana Eaton	6.00	3-3	26	236	11.02
3. Cindy Jones	9.15	3-3	15	238	6.30
4. Chelane Priller	2.94	6-0	6	228	2.63

Kalamazoo@Jackson - Sat, Feb., 1, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Brandy Morehead	65.74	6-0	150	232	64.66
2. Lisa Smith	60.26	3-3	128	242	52.89
3. Jaime Goodman	45.05	2-4	109	262	41.60
4. Bobby Mumford Sr.	42.61	1-5	91	252	36.11

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Johnnie Smith	32.88	4-0	65	176	36.93
2. James Toth	37.50	3-1	57	164	34.76
3. George Jones	33.13	2-2	43	198	21.72
4. Bobby Mumford	26.23	1-3	29	156	18.59
5. Kevin Gladstone	25.7	0-4	40	194	20.62

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Tournament Results Indoor

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford III	21.25	4-0	36	136	26.47
2. Dan Mendham	25.21	3-1	25	136	18.38
3. Larry Majerski	17.34	2-2	22	144	15.28
4. Diana Eaton	11.02	1-3	7	142	4.93
5. Michael Warboy	0.00	0-4	5	110	4.55

Jackson@Jackson - Sat, Feb., 8, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Andrew Adams	72.37	4-0	184	240	76.67
2. Brandy Morehead	66.45	3-1	156	226	69.03
3. Helga Hewlett	58.33	2-2	145	220	65.91
4. Lisa Smith	60.26	1-3	93	174	53.45
5. Quincy Johnson	54.0	0-4	98	188	52.13

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Sam Moore	53.14	4-0	102	180	56.67
2. Jaime Goodman	45.05	3-1	74	174	42.53
3. Bobby Mumford Sr.	42.61	2-2	76	172	44.19
4. Paul Bachelor	45.33	1-3	72	176	40.91
5. James Toth	37.97	0-4	34	118	28.81

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jonathan Landino	37.57	4-0	48	104	46.15
2. George Jones	33.13	3-1	34	140	24.29
3. Johnnie Smith	33.99	2-2	25	124	20.16
4. Diana Eaton	8.73	1-3	7	138	5.07
5. Chelane Priller	2.75	0-4	3	126	2.38

Jackson@Jackson - Sun, Feb, 16, 2025

1. Dave Harrison	23.00	4-0	37	146	25.34
2. Kayden Fowler	52.43	2-2	30	202	14.85
3. Chelane Priller	2.65	0-4	6	180	3.33

Brighton@Jackson - Sat, Feb, 22, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Lisa Smith	60.26	5-1	214	254	53.15
2. Sam Moore	56.08	4-2	200	268	50.00
3. Paul Bachelor	46.12	2-4	153	248	35.89
4. J.D. Drake	69.34	1-5	113	242	38.02

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jaime Goodman	45.05	3-1	61	160	38.13
2. Danny Markley	45.49	3-1	44	122	36.07
3. Roger Higgins	36.13	2-2	39	136	28.68
4. Johnnie Smith	33.99	2-2	36	150	24.00
5. George Jones	33.13	0-4	39	160	24.38

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. David Harrison	25.23	3-1	45	178	25.28
2. Joe Kristoff	22.62	3-1	34	174	19.54
3. Steve Campbell	14.00	2-2	29	166	17.47
4. Diana Eaton	7.75	2-2	16	154	10.39
5. Cindy Jones	7.90	0-4	10	144	6.94

Kalamazoo@Jackson - Sat, March, 1, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Denise Daly	70.56	4-0	115	144	79.86
2. Brandy Morehead	68.12	3-1	117	170	68.82
3. Helga Hewlett	61.08	2-2	98	156	62.82
4. Lisa Smith	60.26	1-3	91	170	53.53
5. J.D. Drake	69.34	0-4	68	144	47.22

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Sam Moore	56.08	3-1	90	158	56.96
2. Bobby Mumford Sr.	43.55	3-1	67	172	38.95
3. Jaime Goodman	45.05	2-2	59	132	44.70
4. Danny Markley	45.49	2-2	56	152	36.84
5. Kayden Fowler	52.43	0-4	34	134	25.37

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Wayne Friesmuth	37.08	4-0	67	194	34.54
2. George Parsons	41.74	3-1	75	204	36.76
3. James Toth	37.97	2-2	37	134	27.61
4. Mark Burns II	38.55	1-3	63	196	32.14
5. Jennifer Hess	36.54	0-4	41	164	25.00

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Johnnie Smith	33.99	4-0	65	208	31.25
2. Bobby Mumford III	22.48	2-2	43	206	20.87
3. Kevin Gladstone	25.70	2-2	36	218	16.51
4. Dave Harrison	25.31	1-3	42	206	20.39
5. Bobby Mumford	26.23	1-3	31	206	15.05

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Tonya Toth	20.22	3-1	26	158	16.46
2. Steve Campbell	17.47	3-1	23	146	15.75
3. Larry Majerski	17.83	3-1	16	158	10.13
4. Diana Eaton	9.28	1-3	8	146	5.48
5. Michael Warboy	4.55	0-4	12	160	7.50

Mecosta@Jackson - Sat, March, 8, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Andrew Adams	74.43	4-0	131	168	77.98
2. Brandy Morehead	68.81	3-1	126	192	65.63
3. Helga Hewlett	63.31	1-3	119	196	60.71
4. Sam Moore	57.82	1-3	88	158	55.70
5. J.D. Drake	65.87	1-3	78	166	46.99

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Tournament Results Indoor



Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Quincy Johnson	54.84	4-0	85	182	46.70
2. Larry McArthur	53.18	3-1	74	176	42.05
3. Warren Westbrook	48.89	2-2	78	162	48.15
4. Danny Markley	45.49	1-3	27	146	18.49
5. Kayden Fowler	52.43	0-4	20	126	15.87
Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jaime Goodman	45.47	3-1	68	162	41.98
2. Brad Reynolds	32.55	3-1	54	156	34.62
3. George Jones	33.13	2-2	58	182	31.87
4. George Parsons	41.14	1-3	60	174	34.48
5. Jonathan Landino	39.48	1-3	42	146	28.77
Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Dan Kofflin	25.05	4-0	42	192	21.88
2. Dave Harrison	23.40	3-1	42	152	27.63
3. Cindy Jones	8.44	2-2	16	140	11.43
4. Diana Eaton	9.33	1-3	9	154	5.84

NHPF Grant Qualification

There is no requirement for a club applying for a grant to be registered with the state or feds as a non-profit. Ideally, the club would be part of an NHPA charter but that also is not a requirement. One thing to keep in mind is that the NHPF cannot grant funds to an individual or a club if the money is to be used to make permanent improvements on privately owned property. NHPF grant checks must be issued to organized clubs, associations, city, county, state or federal entities where the funds will be used to enhance horseshoe pitching opportunities open to the general public. NHPA clubs with courts on public owned land qualify because they are open to the general public. If a club or charter is leasing a privately owned site, indoor or out, the NHPF could provide funds for portable courts to be used at those sites because ownership of the courts stays with the club or charter and no funds were used to improve the privately owned site.

Welcome Any and All!

One of the attractions to our sport is the friendly atmosphere and family culture. Unfortunately, there can be some who take things too personally, make unnecessary comments and cause hard feelings. These actions are not good. Things said in anger or in a hurtful, confrontational manner have no business on the courts.

There is no reason for rude, obnoxious behavior and does nothing to promote the game of horseshoes. Would you want to join a sport where animosity is open and obvious? Not sure I would. We celebrate fairness, friendliness and welcome any and all who come to the pits. Don't be the one who strays from this theme and foments anger and turmoil. We are all ambassadors to recruit new members, and should take pride in the way we treat one another. I am certain that your Gramma told you more than once "If you can't say something nice about someone, keep your thoughts to yourself." Good advice any time.

Pitching shoes are made quite differently from the hand-made ones of the old blacksmith. They are now forged, using expensive and modern drop-forging hammers. A long bar of special analysis steel is heated to a cherry red in oil-fired furnaces. The bar is then bent at the end like a walking cane. This end is placed on a die block and hammered by a weighted die of about 2,000 pounds. This pounding of the steel into a shaped cavity forms the pitching shoe by a method called "drop forging." The excess metal is trimmed away and the edges smoothed.

Heat treating, or hardening, pitching shoes is an exacting process. Making the shoes too soft is not desirable, because they would nick easily. Neither is too hard a shoe desirable, because it would bounce off the stake.



Bruno J. Drozdowicz

Bruno J. Drozdowicz, age 89, passed away on January 12, 2025. Proceeded in death by his wife, Mercedes "Marcy". He is survived by his son's Ronald, Scott and his Grandson, Adam. He is survived by his brother Michael.

Bruno was proud to be a member of the General Motors Design Staff where he retired after 36 years.

Bruno was an avid sportsman who played golf, bowling and horseshoes. He loved his Detroit sports teams.

The family greeted friends at Mandzuik & Sons Funeral Directors of Sterling Heights on January 24, 2025.

Editor's note: Bruno joined the SCSHC at the age of 70 with encouragement from a fellow member. Bruno soon became quite proficient at throwing ringers. He pitched in MHPA local, state and world tournaments including tournaments and league play in Florida. When I was TD with the SCSHC he was my assistant. We traveled together for many tournaments including the Woody Cup.

He was loved by members of the SCSHC/MHPA and will be greatly missed. His name will be appear on the MHPA memorial wall, as with others from 2000, on the north side of the SCSHC pavilion.



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.

March	PRE - REGISTER		
		3/1/2025 - Sat	Kalamazoo
		3/2/2025 - Sun	
	TO GUARANTEE	3/8/2025 - Sat	Mecosta
		3/9/2025 - Sun	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	3/15/2025 - Sat	Tom Burns Memorial (Mark Burns TD)
		3/16/2025 - Sun	
	WINTER TOURNAMENTS	3/22/2025 - Sat	(Non-Sanctioned tournament being held)
		3/23/2025 - Sun	
		3/29/2025 - Sat	
		3/30/2025 - Sun	Jackson
April	PRE - REGISTER		
		4/5/2025 - Sat	
		4/6/2025 - Sun	
	TO GUARANTEE	4/12/2025 - Sat	State Tournament Fund (Zach Spanke TD)
		4/13/2025 - Sun	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	4/19/2025 - Sat	
	EASTER	4/20/2025 - Sun	
	WINTER TOURNAMENTS	4/26/2025 - Sat	Thrun Vincent (Jackson)
	SPRING MEETING	4/27/2025 - Sun	
	Outdoor Season Begins		
May			
		5/3/2025 - Sat	
		5/4/2025 - Sun	
		5/10/2025 - Sat	Mecosta (not confirmed)
	Mother's Day	5/11/2025 - Sun	
	Team World	5/16/2025 - Fri	
	Team World	5/17/2025 - Sun	
	Team World	5/18/2025 - Sat	Kalamazoo
		5/24/2025 - Sat	
		5/25/2025 - Sun	
	Memorial Day	5/26/2025 - Mon	Lansing
June			
		6/7/2025 - Sat	St. Clair Shores Memorial Tournament
		6/8/2025 - Sun	
		6/15/2024 - Fri	Kalamazoo
		6/14/2025 - Sat	Lake Orion
	Father's Day	6/15/2025 - Sun	
		6/21/2025 - Sat	Jackson

		6/22/2025 - Sun	
		6/28/2025 - Sat	Mecosta
		6/29/2025 - Sun	Jackson
July			
	4th of July	7/4/2025 - Fri	
		7/5/2025 - Sat	
		7/6/2025 - Sun	
		7/12/2025 - Sat	St. Jude/Mike Ardelean Memorial - Lake Orion
		7/13/2025 - Sun	Jackson
		7/18/2025-Fri	Kalamazoo
		7/19/2025 - Sat	St. Jude - Lansing
		7/20/2025 - Sun	
	World Tournament	7/26/2025 - Sat	
	World Tournament	7/27/2025 - Sun	
August			
	World Tournament	8/2/2025 - Sat	State Doubles - St. Clair Shores
		8/3/2025 - Sun	
		8/9/2025 - Sat	Lake Orion
		8/10/2025 - Sun	
		8/16/2025 - Sat	Jackson (Mark Burns TD)
		8/17/2025 - Sun	St. Clair Shores - Non-Walking Doubles
	Fri - State Tournament	8/22/2025 - Fri	Jackson
	State Tournament	8/23/2025 - Sat	Jackson
	State Tournament	8/24/2025 - Sun	Jackson
		8/30/2025 - Sat	
		8/31/2025 - Sun	
September			
	Labor Day	9/1/2025 - Mon	
		9/6/2025 - Sat	Lansing
		9/7/2025 - Sun	Jackson
		9/13/2025 - Sat	
		9/14/2025 - Sun	
		9/20/2025 - Sat	Woody Cup -Lake Orion
		9/21/2025 - Sun	
		9/27/2025 - Sat	Jackson
	Fall Schedule Meeting	9/28/2025 - Sun	
	FALL INDOOR BEGINS		
October	PRE - REGISTER		
		10/4/2025 - Sat	
		10/5/2025 - Sun	
	TO GUARANTEE	10/11/2025 - Sat	
		10/12/2025 - Sun	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	10/18/2025 - Sat	Brighton
		10/19/2025 - Sun	
	FALL TOURNAMENTS	10/25/2025 - Sat	Mecosta
		10/26/2025 - Sun	Jackson
November	PRE - REGISTER		
		11/1/2025 - Sat	
		11/2/2025 - Sun	
	TO GUARANTEE	11/8/2025 - Sat	Mecosta
		11/9/2025 - Sun	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	11/15/2025 - Sat	Jackson
		11/16/2025 - Sun	
	FALL TOURNAMENTS	11/22/2025 - Sat	Jackson
		11/23/2025 - Sun	

NHPA Liability Insurance

As one of the benefits of membership, the **National Horseshoe Pitchers Association** carries a liability insurance policy that covers bodily injury and property damage that might occur due to the actions of one of our members participating at any NHPA sanctioned event. This coverage also extends to any non-NHPA member that has been authorized to participate in a NHPA sanctioned event.

This includes bodily injury and property damage to members, spectators, and property both inside and outside the confines of the playing area that result from normal and expected actions of the players.

Coverage determination will be subject to the actual terms of the insurance policy and the specific conditions of the incident.

Should such an incident occur, and it is deemed serious enough to warrant a claim, you are highly encouraged to use one of the claim forms provided and file a claim.

All claims will be evaluated on an individual basis.

— from the NHPA Sec/Treas.

Participants: Help the TD's by bringing the correct fee money. It will speed up check-in. Bring dollars for scorekeepers. It is good etiquette to wear a tournament shirt at all events.

Statistician's Report For 2024

By Keith Schafer, Outgoing Statistician

Warren Westbrook 61.11%

Dave Buikema 61.11%

John Cousins 60.71%

First Place Finishes:

- 7 Brandy Morehead
- 6 Andrew Adams
- 6 J D Drake
- 5 Denise Daly
- 5 Lisa Smith
- 4 Helga Hewlett
- 4 Aprile Friesmuth
- 4 Crystal Devine
- 4 Dan Kofflin



30 foot:

- Brandy Morehead 93.75%
- J D Drake 87.50%
- Denise Daly 82.50%
- Larry Heier 80.00%
- Doug Bailey 80.00%
- Danny Markley 80.00%

Highest tournament list by Michigan Pitchers in Michigan tournaments (Only Highest tournament by pitcher shown)

Second Place Finishes:

- 6 John Banks
- 6 Brandy Morehead
- 5 J D Drake
- 5 Danny Markley
- 5 James Toth
- 4 Doug Bailey
- 4 Lisa Smith

40 foot

- Andrew Adams 72.06%
- Kayden Fowler 60.24%
- Quincy Johnson 54.17%
- Warren Westbrook 51.11%
- Keith Schafer 50.00%
- Mark Burns 46.79%

Third Place Finishes

- 7 Helga Hewlett
- 5 Lisa Smith
- 5 Johnnie Smith
- 4 Martin Quillen
- 4 Danny Markley
- 4 Michele Burns
- 4 Aprile Friesmuth
- 3 Darrell Harris, Keith Schafer, Tina Payne, Tonya Toth, Larry McArthur, Kevin Gladstone

30 foot:

- Denise Daly 76.81%
- Brandy Morehead 72.22%
- J D Drake 70.45%
- Larry Heier 62.94%
- Kayden Fowler 61.96%
- Helga Hewlett 61.73%
- Lisa Smith 60.87%

Shoes Pitched: (33 tournaments/722 pitchers)

- Ringers: 52,193
- Shoes: 165,958
- Percent 31.45%

Tournaments pitched in Michigan:

- 19 Lisa Smith
- 18 Johnnie Smith
- 16 Danny Markley
- 15 Brandy Morehead
- 13 George Parsons
- 14 Helga Hewlett
- 12 John Banks
- 12 Aprile Friesmuth
- 13 Kevin Gladstone
- 11 Doug Bailey
- 11 Ken Kuss
- 11 Cathy Ardelean
- 11 Wayne Friesmuth

List of Highest Games by Michigan Pitchers in Michigan tournaments (Only highest game by pitcher shown)

40 foot

- Andrew Adams 77.94%
- Kayden Fowler 73.08%
- Quincy Johnson 69.23%
- Keith Schafer 68.42%

Reminder of Tournament Rules/Etiquette

- **Be aware of the Foul Line.**
- **Stand 2 feet behind the backboard
when waiting for opponent to pitch.**
- **LOOK at scorekeeper when calling the score.
(No talking to the clay.)**
- **Enter pitching platform on the left and exit
on the right. (Left-handers are exception.)**
- **Work the clay and paint stake before each game.**
- **Let Scorekeeper tally the score.
Pitchers: STAY off the courts during that time.
(Scorekeeper will deliver cards and
take score sheet to statistician.)**
- **No Smoking on Courts.**
- **No Alcohol on Courts.**
- **Be Courteous.**
- **Be a Good Sport.**
- **Enjoy the Tournament.**
- **It is good etiquette to wear a Tournament Shirt with
last name on the back & first name in front.
(Back is required for Doubles & State Tournaments.)**



HOW TO: THROW A RINGER

In horseshoes, "Almost" doesn't need to count for Alan Francis. The world champion pitcher from Defiance, Ohio, first competitively hurled equine kicks when he was 9, and won his first world championship 10 years later. This year, he'll be going for his 30th international title near Salt Lake City, UT, while mingling with the other 800+ chuckers who competed in four National Horseshoe Pitchers Association tourneys to qualify. Despite the suffocating pressure, the printing-company rep was gracious enough to break from his pre-tourney prep to demonstrate a few tosses.

THE ONE-AND-A-QUARTER TURN

Men toss from 40 feet; women, juniors, and elders from 30. Elder women from 20 feet. One target fits all: a 36" x 1" stake. How to propel the shoe from one end of the pit to the other? Most of the NHPA's 7,450-plus members hold it by one shank with the opening facing left (or right, for lefties). Now, from standing with feet together, step forward as you swing your arm in a bowler's motion. Just before your arm levels out, release. A slight right wrist twist will get it to spin 450° clockwise. If all goes to plan, it will hug the post.



THE ONE-AND-THREE-QUARTERS TURN

Pitchers tally one point if the shoe lands within six inches of the stake, three if the shoe ends up around it (a ringer). Matches are broken into innings in which players alternate two throws each. Similar tosses—say, two ringers—cancel each other out as pitchers race to 40 points. For the most part, this throw is basically the one described above, except this time the shoe is held with the opening to the right, and more wrist oomph is used to get that extra half-turn. To each chucker his own grip.



THE THREE-QUARTER TURN

This one is held like the one-and-three-quarters but is thrown to slow the rotation. The toss was deemed impractical until Francis won his first title, in 1989, with it. His version is a variation: With the opening facing left, he applies a counterclockwise spin. Players on tour are ranked by ringer percentages (total throws divided by ringers); Francis, about a 90% hurler, says his unique grip came naturally. The man has a gift. In one tourney, he threw 54 straight ringers.



THE FLIP

This does what the name suggests. With the shoe held in the middle of the arch, it's the grip used by most backyard pitchers, as well as the majority of pro women, elder men and juniors, because it's the easiest to throw consistently. Francis' wife, Amy, has been a runner-up at worlds three times with the flip, and Francis says she's "knocking on the door" for the 2025 title. If she wins, she'll take home the same \$5,000 her husband hopes to. Chucking soul mates—who says horseshoes aren't good luck?





National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
2025 World Horseshoe Pitching Championship
 July 21 - August 2, 2025 Salt Lake City, Utah



NAME: _____		2025 NHPA Card # _____							
Address: _____	First (Please Print Legibly) Last	(or Canadian #)							
City: _____	State/Prov: _____	Zip/Postal Code: _____							
Telephone: _____	Cell: _____	Birth Date: _____							
Email: _____									
Circle One >>>>>>	<input type="checkbox"/> I will Print My schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Email my schedule							
		<input type="checkbox"/> Mail my schedule							
Circle the Division you are Entering: (You may enter only one Division) (See notes at bottom on page)									
Open Men 40 ft	Sr Men 40 ft	Elder Men 30 ft	Open Women 30 ft	Sr Women 30 ft	Elder Women 20 ft	Jr Boys 30 ft	Jr Girls 30 ft	Cadet Boys 20 ft	Cadet Girls 20 ft
	Note #2	Note #1		Note #2		Note #3			

All application information above is required. Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete. ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 19, 2025

NO REFUNDS will be made after June 1, 2025.

NOTE: A processing fee of \$15 will be deducted from all refunds.

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA), all officers, employee's, agents and the servants of the NHPA, 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. The NHPA and it's legal representatives (NHPA Officers) assigns, and retains the right and permissions to publish, without charge, photographs taken during the 2025 World Tournament. These photos or videos may be used in any publication, or in audio-visual presentations including "Live" interviews, promotional literature, advertising, sponsorships, or in other similar ways that the NHPA sees fit to use on behalf to represent and promote the NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament and the sport.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

*** Mail top half only ***

Entry Fees	US Adults --	\$130 before Feb 1, 2025 --	\$150 Feb 1 to May 19, 2025
	All Juniors/Cadets --	\$25	
	Adults outside US --	\$135 before Feb 1, 2025 --	\$155 Feb 1 to May 19, 2025
	<i>Canadian Entries must use a Money Order if sending payment</i>		Entry Fee includes Scorekeeping Fee

Mail to: NHPA
 2660 S Fairway Drive
 Pocatello, ID 83201

Telephone & Email inquires 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 19, 2025. You may enter anytime prior to May 19, 2025 using this form or on our website link. Entries received with a postmark after May 19, 2025 shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the World Tournament only as spaces are available. All Adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 19, 2025 in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors/Cadets. 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 NHPA-eShoe as of May 19, 2025. 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 2025. Any Man/Women that turns 65 years of age in 2025, or has an approved Medical exemption may enter the Elders Division. Entrants in the Junior Boys and Junior Girls Division must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2025 calendar year. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls Division entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2025 calendar year.

- NOTE #1:** 30 ft Men with a Medical Exemption must be in NHPA eShoe as "Exempt" to pitch in this Division. A copy of the Exemption Form must be sent with this application.
- NOTE #2:** For Prelim Class play, a minimum of 48 pitchers must enter Sr Division's or it may be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Division if canceled.
- NOTE #3:** Junior Boys & Junior Girls Divisions will be mixed for preliminary class play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls Divisions will be mixed for preliminary class play.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by May 31, 2025 and published on the NHPA website www.horseshoepitching.com. If you indicate above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the 2nd week in June. Please write address clearly & readable.

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 NHPA eShoe or any false or misleading information on this form, cannot validate 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 above deadline. No pitcher will be moved from a class or pitching time, without notification, after the final schedule has been published.

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**Spring
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SPRING MEETING

Our spring meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at the Jackson Horseshoe Club at 11 a.m. All tournament directors and interested members are encouraged to attend to pick up supplies and discuss successful tournaments.



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

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