



The Ringer Report



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August 2025

Defending Michigan Horseshoe Pitching State Champions



Womens
Helga Hewlett



Mens
Andy Adams



Elders
JD Drake



Cadet Girls
Audrey Hedrick



Cadet Boys
Jackson VanCleave



Junior Boys
Bryce VanCleave

Information for the upcoming State Tournaments

State Doubles - Saturday, August 2 - hosted by the St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club

Sign up deadline is July 31 by 8 p.m. Call Mark Burns (734)- 323.9116 to sign up your team.

Ringer percentages can not total more than 120 (combined) - final ringer percentages on eShoe (7/31) will be used for class seedings.

Sign in by 9:30 a.m. and the tournament begins at 10 a.m.

State Singles -

Hosted by the Jackson Horseshoe Club

August 22—State Tournament Class Play starting at approx. 7:00 p.m.

August 23 and 24— State Tournament Class Play starting at 8 a.m.

August 24—State Tournament Championship Round starting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Mailing Deadline—August 8, 2025 Entries will be accepted at the Jackson tournament Sat. August 16.

Entry fee \$40.00 Adults and Juniors (Check or MO preferred)

If you would like to pay online, use this link (<https://www.clover.com/.../1674de0d-b0d6-495c-92c3...>). (there is a small fee incurred for processing)

No Refunds after August 16, 2025.

In order to participate in the State Tournament, you must have pitched in four (4) sanctioned events in Michigan between Sept. 2024 and Aug. 17, 2025.

The schedule will be posted on the MHPA web-site and the Facebook page late Sunday evening,

August 17th; or you can call (734)- 323-9116 (Mark Burns), for your pitching times.

- Membership meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon/evening
- Elections for the 1st Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer will be held.
- Proposed Changes to the Constitution and by laws will be voted on.

We are ordering **T-shirts for the State Tournament** - they will be \$20.00 each. Order deadline is August 13 and they will be ready for pick up at the State Tournament. Money for shirts will be due at time of pick up.

Please contact Mark or Michele Burns.

Lake Orion Horseshoe Club will host the 2025 non-sanctioned event.

Starting time is 11 a.m. Register by 10:30.

The cost is \$10 per player and the proceeds go to the St. Jude Charity.

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22nd Annual
WOODY CUP
CHALLENGE



President's Report

Mark Burns



It's that time again! Training camp is in full swing across the NFL so that means August is right around the corner and so are our State Tournaments! I hope everyone is making sure to getting their four required tournaments in if not you still have time to get a few more in. We have tournaments on 8/2,8/9,8/16.

I can't express enough that we need members to attend our membership meeting this year and the years to come to vote on our bylaws. I truly believe the President's Review Committee is working in the right direction to help to increase our membership, pay-outs, and make changes to benefit all our members.

The lottery raffle tickets we had was a success. We were able to put \$2300 into our account for the State Tournament. Due to the short time period we had to sell the tickets, we didn't sell all of them but overall we were able to make some money! I can't thank everyone, who sold tickets, enough that helped make this successful! We are thinking about doing this again, possibly twice next year and give ourselves a longer time to sell tickets and that will allow more members to participate.

- Potluck between the two shifts at the State Doubles on August 2. Please bring a dish to pass

- Concessions will be available during the State Singles tournament weekend, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and beverages.

If you have questions about the upcoming State Tournaments, please let Michele or me know!

See you all on the courts!

EMAIL SCAM ALERT -

There is an email circulating that says it is from Mark Burns, as President of the MHPA asking for help with gift cards for Veterans in the Hospice & Palliative Care

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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.

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) St. Clair Shores - Non-Walking
	8/17/2025 - Sun	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	



Lansing - Monday, May 30, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Helga Hewlett	62.99	4-0	95	154	61.69
2. Ken Kuss	52.56	2-2	96	172	55.81
3. Douglas Bailey	48.58	0-4	68	158	43.04
Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Danny Markley	34.14	4-1	83	244	34.02
2. Dave Harrison	26.05	3-2	81	212	38.21
3. Chuck Garrison (AL)	37.20	2-2	72	170	42.35
4. Cathy Ardelean	24.09	1-3	63	196	32.14
5. George Jones	33.00	1-3	48	158	30.38
Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lawrence Hinton	14.95	4-0	16	168	9.52
2. Cindy Jones	9.74	2-2	10	164	6.10
3. Chelane Priller	3.06	0-4	7	164	4.27

St. Clair Shores Memorial - Sat. June 7, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry Heier	61.86	4-0	86	154	55.84
2. Ken Kuss	53.73	3-1	79	158	50.00
3. Douglas Bailey	48.58	2-2	55	148	37.16
4. Quincy Johnson	55.00	1-3	56	156	35.90
5. Tina Payne	25.18	0-4	24	128	18.75
Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Kevin Bastian	41.00	3-1	60	150	40.00
2. Wayne Friesmuth	37.08	3-1	60	168	35.71
3. Aprile Friesmuth	39.29	2-2	52	178	29.21
4. George Parsons	43.86	1-3	56	188	29.79
5. John Banks	39.81	1-3	32	148	21.62
Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Dennis Soldan	34.09	4-0	65	176	36.93
2. Robert Kudla	32.28	3-1	63	198	31.82
3. Joe Hetrick	32.85	2-2	41	168	24.40
4. Myrick El	32.79	1-3	42	190	22.11
5. Johnnie Smith	33.07	0-4	48	192	25.00
Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Christopher Hoye	28.47	4-0	53	150	35.33
2. Joel Durecka	30.00	3-1	42	160	26.25
3. George Jones	30.38	2-2	48	164	29.27
4. Darryl Matthews	28.37	1-3	38	148	25.68
5. Andrew Matthews	16.35	0-4	28	162	17.28

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Troy Durecka	25.42	3-1	55	186	29.57
2. Cathy Ardelean	27.12	3-1	49	186	26.34
3. Rob Herbertz	26.82	3-1	45	184	24.46
4. James Belfiori	27.92	1-3	51	184	27.72
5. Rich Hare	27.00	0-4	35	184	19.02
Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Crystal Devine	24.85	3-1	41	152	26.97
2. Josh Lewandowski	22.22	3-1	36	144	25.00
3. Joe Kristoff	22.60	3-1	31	142	21.83
4. Darrell Harris	22.27	2-2	24	150	16.00
5. Zachary Spanke	22.05	0-4	13	152	8.55
Class G	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Cindy Jones	9.74	5-0	20	204	9.80
2. Thomas Wedyke	8.16	3-2	30	194	15.46
3. Andrea Olewnik	6.88	3-2	20	198	10.10
4. Carmen Wedyke	5.21	3-2	18	200	9.00
5. Dave Miller	5.47	1-4	13	204	6.37
6. Brandon Tremlett	5.00	0-5	8	192	4.17

Kalamazoo - Friday, June 13, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Mark Burns	36.43	3-0	53	146	36.30
Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Kyle Peterman	54.00	2-1	50	150	33.33
2. Dave Harrison	31.37	1-2	35	124	28.23
3. Joe Hetrick	32.85	0-3	44	164	26.83
Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry Majerski	17.67	3-0	22	124	17.74
2. Dan Mendham	21.74	2-1	18	124	14.52
3. Matt Skrzypek	25.33	1-2	24	120	20.00
4. Bill Shrout	13.00	0-3	12	120	10.00

Lake Orion - Sat. June 14, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry Heier	66.86	5-1	156	236	66.1
2. Lisa Smith	62.11	4-2	151	260	58.08
3. J.D. Drake	56.72	2-4	161	282	57.09
4. Ken Kuss	53.73	1-5	123	254	48.43
Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Kevin Bastian	40.00	4-1	94	194	48.45
2. John Banks	39.84	3-2	93	220	42.27
3. George Parsons	43.86	3-2	86	208	41.35
4. Vance Upper	41.33	3-2	91	224	40.63
5. Paul Bachelor	42.92	2-3	83	226	36.73
6. Martin Quillen	38.08	0-5	79	208	37.98

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Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Dennis Soldan	34.09	4-0	67	156	42.95
2. Roger Higgins	37.16	3-1	69	154	44.81
3. Danny Markley	35.78	2-2	43	162	26.54
4. Johnnie Smith	33.07	1-3	46	148	31.08
5. Wayne Friesmuth	37.55	0-4	38	156	24.36

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jacqueline Quillen	26.16	4-1	61	234	26.07
2. Crystal Devine	26.26	3-2	48	230	20.87
3. Cathy Ardelean	27.66	3-2	51	230	22.17
4. James Belfiori	26.59	2-3	52	264	19.7
5. George Jones	29.81	2-3	60	270	22.22
6. Bobby Mumford, Jr.	26.20	1-4	29	232	12.5

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Josh Lewandowski	23.45	5-1	62	224	27.68
2. Zachary Spanke	22.05	3-3	29	232	12.5
3. Frank Quillen	20.65	3-3	52	234	22.22
4. Joe Kristoff	23.10	1-5	42	238	17.65

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Rich Hare	19.02	6-1	67	236	28.39
2. Andrew Matthews	16.35	5-2	65	236	27.54
3. Darren Green	6.11	2-4	15	210	7.14
4. Cindy Jones	10.08	0-6	11	210	5.24

Jackson - Sat., June 21, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Alan Francis (OH)	84.91	4-0	165	206	80.10
2. Randal Hawkins	67.06	3-1	185	246	75.20
3. Brandy Morehead	67.86	2-2	126	204	61.76
4. Amy Francis (OH)	74.43	1-3	119	174	68.39
5. J.D. Drake	56.15	0-4	86	162	53.09

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Clip Connin	46.40	4-0	80	162	49.38
2. Douglas Bailey	47.94	3-1	73	174	41.95
3. Kayden Fowler	52.43	2-2	57	142	40.14
4. Mark Burns	36.41	1-3	50	166	30.12
5. Jayden Fri	43.45	0-4	26	128	20.31

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Michele Burns	32.01	3-1	69	180	38.33
2. Dale Moore	31.06	3-1	71	194	36.60
3. Mike Longbrake	31.00	3-1	54	200	27.00
4. Dave Harrison	32.38	1-3	65	184	35.33
5. Myrick El	32.79	0-4	35	158	22.15

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Tina Payne	25.20	3-1	59	184	32.07
2. George Jones	26.35	3-1	54	236	22.88
3. Michael Burns	24.15	2-2	49	182	26.92
4. Josh Lewandowski	25.18	1-3	52	200	26.00
5. Tim Stewart	30.81	1-3	28	162	17.28

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jason Fri	18.67	4-0	31	146	21.23
2. Vaughn Shipman	13.16	2-2	17	158	10.76
3. Zachary Spanke	22.05	0-4	14	148	9.46

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Narone Parker	11.00	4-0	36	142	25.35
2. David Morehead	6.00	1-3	14	150	9.33
3. Cindy Jones	10.08	1-3	11	152	7.24

Mecosta - Sat. June 28, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Warren Westbrook	47.89	4-1	86	204	42.16
2. Martin Quillen	38.89	3-2	82	216	37.96
3. Brad Reynolds	37.69	2-2	77	210	36.67
4. Keith Schafer	53.44	1-3	85	208	40.87
5. Vance Upper	41.33	1-3	75	190	39.47

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Dale Moore	30.16	4-0	78	170	45.88
2. Johnn King	26.41	3-1	53	150	35.33
3. Chad Fleisher	37.00	2-2	55	168	32.74
4. Jason Larson	30.25	1-3	51	184	27.72
5. Josh Lewandowski	22.22	0-4	0	0	0.00

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Randy Wyrick	21.00	4-0	33	138	23.91
2. Vaughn Shipman	13.16	2-2	22	158	13.92
3. James Robinson	18.75	0-4	17	140	12.14

Jackson - Sunday, June 29, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Brandy Morehead	67.86	4-0	110	146	75.34
2. Clip Connin	51.24	1-3	95	176	54.60
3. Helga Hewlett	63.77	1-3	86	160	53.75

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Danny Markley	35.33	4-0	65	142	45.77
2. Dave Harrison	34.81	2-2	57	152	37.50
3. Jackie Saylor	41.75	2-2	58	162	35.80
4. Mike Longbrake	27.00	1-3	56	178	31.46
5. James Toth	34.16	1-3	34	138	24.64

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Jones	26.88	3-1	49	170	28.82
2. Greg Trusick	26.52	3-1	51	182	28.02
3. Gene Meadows	27.00	3-1	53	224	23.66
4. Tonya Toth	25.57	1-3	26	184	14.13
5. Bobby Mumford	25.30	0-4	44	224	19.64

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Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%	Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford III	22.48	4-0	32	142	22.64	1. Kyle Peterman	33.33	4-0	86	154	55.84
2. Rich Hare	24.29	3-1	26	142	18.31	2. Mark Burns	35.50	3-1	56	136	41.18
3. Kevin Gladstone	23.86	2-2	29	150	19.33	3. Dave Harrison	37.04	2-2	56	164	34.15
4. Cindy Jones	10.08	1-3	12	148	8.11	4. Jason Larson	30.25	1-3	32	130	24.62
5. David Morehead	9.33	0-4	11	126	6.73	5. Jayden Fri	22.45	0-4	32	152	21.05

**St. Jude, Mike Ardelean Memorial
Lake Orion - Sat. July 12, 2025**

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Larry Heier	63.86	4-0	109	176	61.93
2. Brandy Morehead	69.49	3-1	104	176	59.09
3. Helga Hewlett	63.77	1-3	92	172	53.49
4. Quincy Johnson	55.00	1-3	69	152	45.39
5. Ken Kuss	53.73	1-3	59	152	38.82

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Kevin Bastian	44.77	3-0	63	118	53.39
2. Aprile Friesmuth	39.29	2-1	38	128	29.69
3. John Banks	42.27	1-2	66	150	44.00
4. George Parsons	43.86	1-2	55	152	36.18
5. Vance Upper	42.02	1-3	56	168	33.33

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Wayne Friesmuth	37.55	3-0	43	140	30.71
2. Robert Kudla	32.02	2-1	57	130	43.85
3. Martin Quillen	37.54	2-1	51	138	36.96
4. Dennis Soldan	39.07	1-2	42	120	35.00
5. Myrick El	32.79	0-4	31	156	19.87

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Tina Payne	29.12	3-0	42	144	29.17
2. George Jones	29.47	3-0	44	168	26.19
3. Jacqueline Quillen	25.74	2-1	31	158	19.62
4. James Belfiori	23.24	1-2	21	112	18.75
5. Darrell Harris	22.27	1-3	29	154	18.83
6. Frank Quillen	21.43	0-4	41	188	21.81

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Darren Green	7.14	3-1	24	160	15.00
2. Matthew Thomas	17.13	2-2	26	142	18.31
3. Cindy Jones	9.89	1-3	7	142	4.93

Jackson - Sunday, July 13, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Brandy Morehead	69.49	6-0	190	276	68.84
2. Clip Connin	52.77	4-2	143	240	59.58
3. Helga Hewlett	63.77	1-5	155	274	56.57
4. Keith Schafer	52.03	1-5	118	234	50.43

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford	33.33	4-1	62	236	26.27
2. Michael Burns	25.00	3-2	61	244	25.00
3. Tim Stewart	24.72	2-2	47	180	26.11
4. Kevin Swedine (FL)	29.00	1-3	46	178	25.84
5. Randal Wyrick	23.91	1-5	36	202	17.82

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Kevin Gladstone	23.86	4-2	38	140	27.13
2. Jason Fri	19.87	2-2	31	140	22.14
3. James Robinson	19.97	2-2	31	160	19.38
4. Vaughn Shipman	12.61	1-3	18	156	11.38
5. David Morehead	0.06	1-3	11	124	8.87

Kalamazoo - Friday, July 18, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Kyle Peterman	44.74	6-0	133	260	51.15
2. Greg Burke	43.28	4-2	110	286	38.46
3. Dave Harrison	37.04	2-4	113	294	38.44
4. Mark Burns	36.99	0-6	93	284	32.75

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jayden Fri	29.24	3-1	60	204	29.41
2. Jennifer Hess	25.12	3-1	40	194	20.62
3. Tim Stewart	25.19	2-2	52	208	25.00
4. Jason Fri	20.58	2-2	41	206	19.90
5. Dan Mendham	21.74	0-4	46	200	23.00

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Larry Majerski	18.36	4-0	28	130	21.54
2. Bryce Vancleave	18.00	3-1	36	138	26.09
3. Jackson Vancleave	16.40	2-2	27	152	17.76
4. Kenneth Holt	15.00	1-3	22	144	15.28
5. Audrey Hetrick	3.25	0-4	5	132	3.79

St. Jude, Lansing - Sat. July, 19, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Kyle Peterman	44.74	4-0	101	182	55.49
2. Quincy Johnson	55.00	3-1	84	148	56.76
3. Greg Burke	43.28	1-3	79	182	43.41
4. Paul Bachelor	42.92	1-3	48	152	31.58
5. Bob Peek	45.73	1-3	40	136	29.41

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Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Becky Sullivan (FL)	26.60	4-0	54	130	41.54
2. Kevin Swedine (FL)	28.03	3-1	51	172	29.65
3. Krystle Price	32.64	2-2	56	174	32.18
4. Archie Canterbury	26.15	1-3	48	166	28.92
5. Danny Markley	39.66	0-4	26	174	14.94
Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Matthew Thomas	18.18	5-0	39	190	20.53
2. Clayt Robinson	15.91	3-2	37	178	20.79
3. Chris Nyenhuis	19.97	3-2	24	190	12.63
4. Jacob Kwasneski	24.00	2-3	33	196	16.84
5. Evah Cole	9.69	2-3	19	192	9.90
6. Lawrence Hinton	15.21	0-5	9	182	4.95



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 Aug. 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 to enter this drawing.

My mailing address is:

6777 Lexington Pl.

Temperance, MI 48182

Phone number 419-654-0818

BYLAW PROPOSALS



Proposed Bylaw change requests that shall be voted on this year

Article VI: Tournaments

Currently Reads: Section 3 - District tournaments under jurisdiction of the MHPA shall start at 9:30 a.m. All participating members must be signed in by that time.

Proposed Change: All District tournaments (indoor and outdoor) shall now be pre-registration. Each participant must contact the host tournament director by the Wednesday before the scheduled tournament. Morning shift participants must be signed in with the tournament director by 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon shift by 1:00 p.m. Tournament will be begin at 9:30 a.m. for morning and 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon.

Reasoning for Change: This change will allow the tournament director to assign players to their classes and post the seedings on the MHPA social media outlets by Friday evening before the tournament (participants can also call the tournament director for seedings). This will also eliminate the need for all pitchers to report early, just to wait to play in the afternoon shift of the tournament. Our pitchers will be able to better plan for their pitching day by knowing their pitching schedule in advance of the tournament. The current odd and event date schedule will remain the same (odd – lower % and even -higher %).

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

Article VI: Tournaments

Currently Reads: Section 4 - Entry fees for Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments shall be \$15.00 (minimum) The MHPA Executive Council will be responsible for defining and publishing minimum payouts for both Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments.

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1ST: 2ND: 3RD: 4TH:

Three person	20.00	13.00		
Four person	24.00	20.00		
Five person	25.00	20.00	10.00	
Six person	30.00	21.00	15.00	
Seven person	30.00	22.00	15.00	10.00
Eight person	35.00	25.00	18.00	10.00

Proposed Change: Entry fees for Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments shall be \$20.00 (minimum). The MHPA Executive Council will be responsible for defining and publishing minimum payouts for both Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments.

Indoor Tournaments

	1st	2nd
Three person	42.00	
Four person	40.00	16.00
Five person	45.00	25.00
Six person	55.00	29.00
Seven person	60.00	38.00

Outdoor Tournaments

	1st	2nd
Three person	48.00	
Four person	45.00	19.00
Five person	50.00	30.00
Six person	60.00	36.00
Seven person	70.00	42.00

Reasoning for Change: This adjustment in the tournament entry fee will allow for an increased payout for our participants and by reducing the number of places paid out, that will also increase the payouts. There had not been an increase in the tournament entry fee in many years. **There was also a change in the fees that were being paid to the Jackson Horseshoe Club for utilities/ use of the facility. The fee was previously \$8/player and is being reduced to \$6/player. This will allow some additional money to be paid out.**

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

Article VI: Tournaments

Currently Reads: Section 5 - The scorekeeping fee for all tournaments shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per player per game, including juniors.

Proposed Change: The scorekeeping fee for all tournaments shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per player per game, including juniors. Scheduling of the scorekeepers will be handled by the tournament director.

Reasoning for Change: If the bylaw change proposal passes to make all tournaments pre-registration and split report times, tournament directors will need to "assign" scorekeepers to be sure that the tournament can run as planned.

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

Article VI: Tournaments

Currently Reads: Section 11 - All MHPA sanctioned tournaments shall be 35 point cancellation.

Exception: Any game at a state singles tournament between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 30 points or 40 shoes, whichever occurs first. Any game at a district tournament between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 30 points or 40 shoes, whichever occurs first. In case of a tie game the pitchers shall pitch down and back (four shoes) until a winner is decided.

Proposed Change: All MHPA sanctioned tournaments will be 40 shoes. Games that are tied at the 40 shoe limit will remain a tie (each player will receive .5 credit for the game)

Reasoning for Change: If the bylaw change proposal for the split shift of our tournaments passes, we will need to move to the 40 shoe games to ensure that our tournaments stay on the time schedule that is proposed.

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

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NHPA RULES/REGULATIONS GUIDELINES

Currently Reads: RULE 12 - APPROPRIATE NHPA MEMBER CONDUCT – Section D - Alcohol, Tobacco Products, and Illegal Controlled Substances

During the World and State Championship Tournaments, the use of alcohol, any form of tobacco, or illegal controlled substances while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, officials, and scorekeepers. This rule may also be adopted into any Charter Bylaws or may be enforced at any local tournament, if announced in advance by the Tournament/League Officials. Violations may result in the forfeiture of games.

Proposed Change: MHPA tournament participants will be allowed to place their beverages (non-alcoholic/alcoholic) behind the backboard on the courts. Beverages must be in a covered container and not be glass.

Reasoning for Change: This will reduce the amount of time that participants are spending away from the courts to get their beverages, if the proposed bylaw change about new split reporting times passing, staying on schedule will be crucial.

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

In Article VII: State Tournament

Section 1 states "To qualify for the State Singles Tournament a MHPA member must have completed four sanctioned events within Michigan, from the previous State Singles Tournament."

This is what I'm proposing

Article VII: State Tournament

Section 1 states "To qualify for the State Singles Tournament a MHPA member must have completed TWO sanctioned events within Michigan, from the previous State Singles Tournament."

Reason why,

Try to increase our state tournament entries and help those fellow pitchers who work out of town and miss most of our tournaments.

Proposed by Zach Spanke RD

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Unit. While this would be a worthy cause, this IS NOT something that we are doing.

If you get this email: don't respond block the sender and delete!

Thank you and our apologies for this non-sense!!!

- Camping will be available the Jackson Club - please contact Mark for more information. - Information on hotel accommodations will be shared via an email blast and posting on the MHPA Facebook page and the MHPA website (under News and Events).

- Dinner on Saturday night before our Annual meeting will be catered by White's Chicken. We will have chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, baked beans and dessert. The cost is TBD and tickets will be available for purchase Friday or Saturday until 2 p.m. They will be available at the tournament office.

- Report time before your first shift of pitching is one (1) hour before your scheduled time. We will take a picture of each class before your play begins. Round robin cards will be handed out about 15 minutes before scheduled pitching times. Each participant must wear a shirt with their last name on the back. (No cut-off or tank-top type shirts).



Rollie

Roland "Rollie" Block

July 1945 - August 22, 2025

Details for the arrangements are not yet available, check for updates on Facebook.

"Another Ringer" becoming International Anthem Song

Roland Block's song "Another Ringer" was published word for word in the British Columbia Horseshoe Pitchers Association October, 2017 Newsletter.

The song is beginning to be a staple at some horseshoe banquets. Larry Brown sang Roland's song at the Missouri State Tournament. There was a note about it in the Missouri Newsletter "Shoe Biz."

You can purchase a CD copy for \$10. The proceeds go to the MHPA Hall of Fame.

The original version of "Another Ringer" can be found at <https://youtu.be/XfO634ewMSQ>





2025 MHPA State Tournament

August 22, 23, & 24, 2025

Hosted by: The Jackson Horseshoe Club

August 22—State Tournament Class Play starting at approx. 7:00 p.m.

August 23 and 24— State Tournament Class Play starting at 8 a.m.

August 24—State Tournament Championship Round starting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Mailing Deadline—August 8, 2025

Entries will be accepted at the Jackson tournament Saturday, August 16

Entry fee \$40.00 Adults and Juniors (Check or MO preferred)

If you would like to pay online, use this [link](#). (there is a small fee incurred for processing)

No Refunds after August 16, 2025

In order to participate in the State Tournament, you must have pitched in four (4) sanctioned events in Michigan between September 2024 and August 16, 2025, to qualify for the 2025 State Tournament.

The schedule will be posted on the MHPA website late Sunday evening, August 17th; or you can call (734)- 323-9116 (Mark Burns), for your pitching times.

- Membership meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon/evening
- Elections for the 1st Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer will be held.
- Proposed Changes to the Constitution and by laws will be voted on.

Return the portion below for registration

2025 Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association State Tournament Entry Form

(Circle One)

Name: _____ Distance: 30' or 40' Card# _____ \$40.00

Name: _____ Distance: 30' or 40' Card# _____ \$40.00

Name: _____ Distance: 30' or 40' Card# _____ \$40.00

Name: _____ Distance: 30' or 40' Card# _____ \$40.00

Name: _____ Distance: 30' or 40' Card# _____ \$40.00

Make checks payable to MHPA and mail to:
Michele Burns, 6565 Blackman Road, Jackson, MI 49201

HORSING AROUND: One 96-year-old Jackson man is a horseshoe champion

By: Olivia Pageau

Posted 9:32 PM, Sep 24, 2024



Justin "Jus" Perticone (age 96) is one of the original members of Jackson's horseshoe league.

Top: Justin (2024).

Left: Justin in center visiting with Andy Matthews and Tom Williams (2017).

The league is over 50 years old and has about 100 members. Right off Lewis Street is where the Jackson County Horseshoe Club practices its pitches. Jus Perticone is one of the original members of the league that started in 1971. Perticone reminisces, "One year, we hosted the tournament here, and they had world championships!"

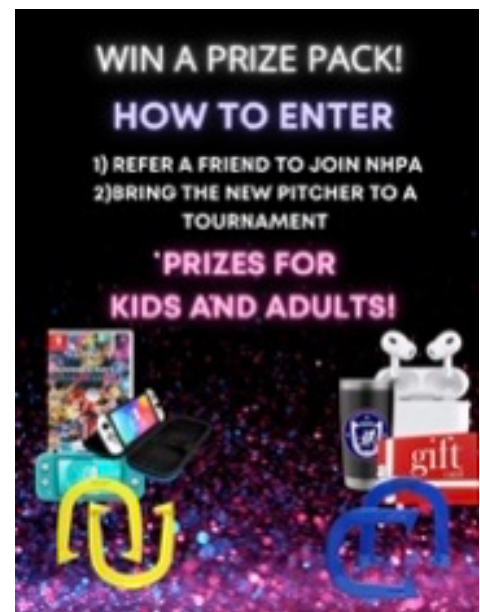
For over 50 years, pitchers from all over have come to play at these courts that Jus helped bring to Jackson. "We had tournaments here that were the biggest in the state. We had over 80 guys. For a local weekend tournament, that was fantastic," says Perticone.

Having some titles of his own, Perticone has stuck with the sport for one reason: competition. He says, "I like this sport because it's competitive, and how can you be 90- some years old and still be able to play in a sport where you're still competitive?"

Perticone inspires other pitchers in the league. Another player, Marsha Watson, says, "I watch his technique; I realize he has thrown thousands and thousands of shoes." She continues, "He's here every week. He keeps up with the 20-year-olds. He's beat me before."

Even at 96, he hasn't let his love for the sport waver. "To be active, I don't know how it's going to be if I don't pitch. I'll be thinking about it," says Perticone.

Olivia Pageau I'm your Jackson neighborhood reporter. As someone who was born and raised in Jackson, I'm so excited to be sharing our story with the rest of mid-Michigan.



Hello hello, Promotions Director here!

Hi! Don't forget about our referral prize pack!

If an existing member refers a friend to sign up to be a NHPA member, the existing member can be entered into a raffle! Bring the new member to their first tournament, then fill out this google document and have it signed off by the tournament director.

There is a prize for youth (cadets and juniors) and a prize for adults. The prize baskets have a value of \$350!

Youth prize- Nintendo Switch Lite, Switch case, Mario Kart game, and a new pair of horseshoes! Entry form <https://forms.gle/p3TNE1mcmhpokWDo6>

Adult prize- AirPods, NHPA tumblers, \$50 gift card and a new pair of horseshoes! Entry form <https://forms.gle/ENDDifiM9Z3LFFvx5>

—Brandy Morehead

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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

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