

Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association



The Ringer Report



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AUGUST 2026

2026

State Horseshoe Pitching Tournament



Friday, Aug. 21

Saturday, Aug. 22

Sunday, Aug. 23

Class seedings will use the eShoe averages as of Friday, August 14, 2026 available at NOON. (The tournament average from August 15 tournament WILL NOT be used in the class seedings.)



Kalamazoo



Entries accepted by mail - postmarked by August 10, 2026.
Entries will be accepted at the August 15, 2026 Jackson Tournament.
NEED ONLY TWO SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS TO QUALIFY.

President's Report

Mark Burns



Fall is in the the air! Football season is so close to starting, so that means our state tournament is just weeks away!!!!

I am sure by the time this is out our State doubles tournament is already underway or close to it. I do hope everyone has a great time and pitches well!

I want to say thanks again to all of you who traveled to Wisconsin and pitched in the World Tournament!! Congratulations to all of you!! Go Team Michigan!

Since we have updated our by-law regarding the number of tournaments required to pitch in the State Tournament to only two (2), I hope that you all sign up, and we can make this tournament one of the biggest ones in a long time!

Once again, as always, **we will vote on the bylaws** in this Ringer Report at our membership meeting, and we need our members to be present to vote!! The President and 2nd Vice President are up for re-election, so that voting will take place also. If you or anyone you know (who is an MHPA member), would like to be an officer, please come to the membership meeting!! The membership meeting will be held on Saturday evening for the State Tournament weekend. Details about the dinner will be shared as soon as they are finalized.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out and I will be happy to answer them!

See you all in Kalamazoo on August 21, 22 and 23

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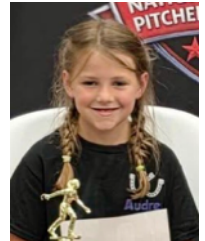
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Thirty-nine MHPA Members Pitched in the World Tournament

	Name	Entry%	Class	Place	R%
1	Jackson Vancleave	17.74	Cadet Class B	3	30.25
	Jackson Vancleave		Finished Fourth in Cadet Boys Championship Class		
2	Audrey Hetrick	3.98	Cadet Class E	1	8.67
	Audrey Hetrick		Finished Third in Cadet Girls Championship Class		
3	Greg Burke	62.65	Elder Men B	3	62.83
4	John Banks	62.55	Elder Men B	15	54.50
5	Clip Connin	56.61	Elder Men D	12	46.67
6	Ken Kuss	52.19	Elder Men E	3	53.17
7	Kevin Bastian	51.24	Elder Men E	15	39.83
8	Bob Dale	43.70	Elder Men I	4	38.00
9	Mark Burns	40.56	Elder Men J	3	40.50
10	George Jones	38.59	Elder Men K	16	19.33
11	Paul Bachelor	37.76	Elder Men K	2	38.00
12	Robert Kudla	36.71	Elder Men L	8	27.67
13	Roger Higgins	36.20	Elder Men L	13	22.00
14	Danny Markley	34.38	Elder Men K	1	35.91
15	Bobby Mumford Sr.	28.24	Elder Men P	11	23.33
16	Bob Roesler	25.91	Elder Men R	10	23.75
17	Cindy Jones	6.10	Elder Women C	4	8.25
18	Bryce Vancleave	28.32	Junior Class C	4	17.75
19	Andrew Adams	71.98	Men A	5	73.50
	Andrew Adams		Finished 2nd in Men Championship Class		
20	Warren Westbrook	49.12	Men C	4	44.50
21	John Cousins	45.90	Men D	4	41.50
22	Mark Burns II	41.84	Men E	12	29.50
23	Wayne Friesmuth	38.24	Men F	4	37.67
24	Josh Lewandowski	32.47	Men H	13	28.00
25	Joe Hetrick	30.95	Men I	4	34.83
26	Kevin Gladstone	28.13	Men K	11	16.83
27	Will Plankenhorn	27.56	Men K	5	25.00
28	Bobby Mumford III	25.64	Men L	15	16.83
29	Bobby Mumford, Jr.	25.52	Men M	6	20.83
30	Matt Skrzypek	24.47	Men M	1	27.83
31	Thomas Wedyke	15.07	Men Q	9	11.83
32	Denise Daly	71.66	Women A	9	71.83
	Denise Daly		Finished 6th in Women Championship Class		
33	Brandy Morehead	69.89	Women A	4	73.33
	Brandy Morehead		Finished 7th in Women Championship Class		
34	Helga Hewlett	66.51	Women B	6	59.67
35	Michele Burns	41.61	Women D	7	35.00
36	Aprile Friesmuth	32.42	Women G	2	33.50
37	Tina Payne	27.41	Women H	1	34.67
38	Crystal Devine	26.27	Women H	12	22.17
39	Carmen Wedyke	6.63	Women K	9	5.23



Bryce Vancleave
with Dedication Award



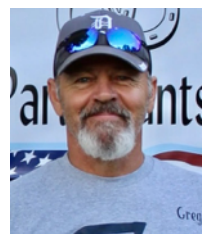
Audrey Hetrick



Jackson Vancleave



Danny Markley



Greg Burke



Paul Bachelor



Andy Adams



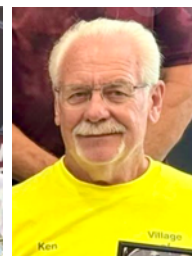
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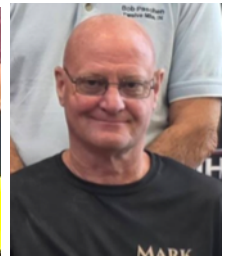
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Ken Kuss



Mark Burns

2026 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.



UPCOMING MHPA EVENTS - AUG., SEPT., OCT., NOV., 2026

AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST						
7 Friday Kalamazoo	7 Friday St. Clair Shores	8 Saturday St. Clair Shores	9 Sunday St. Clair Shores	15 Saturday Jackson	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					30	31	1	2	3	4	5

AUGUST 21-23 Friday Saturday Sunday Kalamazoo	STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT August 21-23 2026 <i>Kalamazoo</i> NEED ONLY TWO SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS TO QUALIFY
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SEPT.	SEPT.	SEPTEMBER							Indoor Season Starts	OCTOBER	OCTOBER
12	19	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		4	24
Saturday		30	31	1	2	3	4	5		Sunday	Saturday
Mecosta	Saturday	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		Jackson	Mecosta
	St Clair Shores	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
		27	28	29	30	1	2	3			

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10			8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31			29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Proposed By Law Changes for Voting at Summer meeting – 2026

Mark and Michele Burns

1. **State Doubles Tournament – Section 7 – Currently reads** “Sign-up deadline is 9:30 a.m. on the day of the tournament.”

Recommended change – Tournament will be pre-registration with deadline a week before the scheduled tournament. Report time for the tournament will remain at 9:30 a.m. and pitching will begin at 10 a.m.

Rationale: Since COVID-19 we have been following a pre-registration requirement, this update would bring the by-laws in alignment with current process.

2. **State Tournament – Section 2 – Currently reads** “A resident of the Upper Peninsula must compete in three sanctioned tournaments in a recognized association or league to enable the member to qualify for the State Tournament.”

Recommended change – Removal of this section entirely.

Rationale: We updated the number of required tournaments for all pitchers to two tournaments, and this would align with current requirement.

3. **Article VII – State Tournament – Section 4/Article VIII – State Doubles Section 8/Article IX - Playing rules — Section 3 - Currently reads** “All pitchers and score keepers shall wear shirts and blouses.”

Recommended change – All pitchers are able to wear sleeveless shirts/tops – only those that are made by the manufacturer without sleeves. They must have a finished seam and no frayed edges. (You can not create your own by removing sleeves and extending the sleeve opening). Pitchers shall have their last name professionally lettered on the back (for all State tournaments).

Rationale: This would allow for cooler clothing options for the summer months and provide a less restrictive option for pitchers that don't care for regular sleeves.

4. **Article VI - Tournaments – Section 11 – Currently reads** “All MHPA sanctioned tournaments shall be 35 point cancellation.”

Recommended Change: All MHPA sanctioned tournaments shall be 40 shoes

Rationale: Changing to 40 shoe games would align with the NHPA World Tournament and will help our tournament directors manage their tournament days (reduce the amount of time that it takes to run and organize a tournament and would speed up the time needed to play each round of tournament play) and it would align with many horseshoe leagues (that is what many of our members are already familiar with.) The adoption of this change would also eliminate the 30 points or 40 shoes exception for pitcher under 25%.

Money Raised for St. Jude

The Lansing club raised \$220.00 and the Lake Orion club raised \$350.00. Special thank you to both clubs for their work in this effort. Since we started our fundraiser we've donated over \$81,000 to St. Jude. A special thank you to all the horseshoe pitchers and friends that made this possible. I will be turning all of my St. Jude records over to Mark Burns in hope that someone will step forward and take over this worthy program. Keep Pitching! —Bob Wells



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.*

Reminders for the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association State Tournament August 21-22-23, 2025 Hosted by the Kalamazoo County Horseshoe Club

- The classes are established to provide the most competitive groupings possible. Unfortunately, there are some classes that we are not be able to make the percentages as close as we like.
- All pitchers must report to check-in wearing an appropriate shirt with their name on the back in letters that are at least 1 inch. **Anyone that reports without their name on their shirt will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.**
- Pitchers are asked to report an hour early for their first shift. This will allow for check-in, class pictures and adequate warm-up time. Example: if you play at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, report by 6:00 p.m..
- We encourage spectators to assist us with scorekeeping for our tournament. Unfortunately, if we don't have scorekeepers, we will not be able to start our tournament shifts on time. Pitchers are reminded to pay each scorekeeper one dollar (\$1) per game.
- We will be having our annual "fall" meeting at the conclusion of play on Saturday night in conjunction with a dinner. As part of the agenda for the meeting, there are two officer positions open, President and 2nd Vice-President. If you are interested in running for either position, please let Michele Burns (mabearin@yahoo.com) or have someone ready to nominate you from the floor at the meeting.
- **Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2025 between the morning shift and the Championship round (approximately 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.)**
- If you have any questions about the reminders or the tournament, please reach out to Michele Burns (517.605.8573) or mabearin@yahoo.com) or Mark Burns (734.323.9116) (or burnsmo@umich.edu).



Congratulations to the Michigan team for their fourth (4th) place finish at the Team World Tournament recently held in Beloit, Wisconsin - Andy Adams, Brandy Morehead, Greg Burke, Helga Hewlett, and Kyle Peterman.



Lansing - May 30, 2026

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Brandy Morehead	69.89	4-1	150	224	66.96
2. Helga Hewlett	66.51	3-2	135	248	54.44
3. Clip Connin	56.61	2-2	120	204	58.82
4. Ken Kuss	50.64	1-3	106	212	50.00
5. Quincy Johnson	56.05	1-3	91	192	47.40

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Dave Harrison	41.25	5-3	123	368	33.42
2. Mark Burns	40.56	4-4	126	352	35.80
3. Kayden Fowler	45.52	3-4	128	346	36.99
4. Michele Burns	41.61	3-4	120	342	35.09

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Danny Markley	34.38	4-1	87	212	41.04
2. Douglas Bailey	39.06	4-2	106	276	38.41
3. Bob Peek	37.36	3-2	95	252	37.70
4. Vance Upper	39.50	1-3	45	144	31.25
5. George Jones	38.59	0-4	42	188	22.34

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Cathy Ardelean	26.11	5-1	60	290	20.69
2. Jason Mayfield	18.00	4-2	49	248	19.76
3. Derrick Ostrander	16.67	2-4	35	252	13.89
4. Aaron Ostrander	17.58	1-5	34	242	14.05

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Vaughn Shipman	14.24	3-1	31	156	19.87
2. Cindy Jones	6.10	2-2	17	156	10.90
3. Zach Inman	16.00	1-3	23	160	14.38

St. Clair Shores Memorial - June 6, 2026

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. John Banks	62.55	4-0	102	196	52.04
2. Larry Heier	64.91	3-1	91	184	49.46
3. Ken Kuss	52.19	2-2	82	168	48.81
4. Dennis Soldan	41.07	1-3	77	174	44.25
5. Michele Burns	41.61	0-4	64	166	38.55

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Douglas Bailey	40.97	4-0	60	166	36.14
2. Tom Gombos	40.00	3-1	57	146	39.04
3. Mark Burns	40.56	2-2	53	180	29.44
4. Vance Upper	39.50	1-3	45	144	31.25
5. George Parsons	39.12	0-4	22	124	17.74

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Aprile Friesmuth	32.42	5-0	83	230	36.09
2. Danny Markley	36.83	4-1	69	208	33.17
3. Wayne Friesmuth	38.24	3-2	62	210	29.52
4. Cathy Ardelean	29.62	2-3	55	224	24.55
5. Andrew Matthews	37.00	1-4	90	248	36.29
6. Johnnie Smith	31.73	0-5	40	200	20.00

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Chris Hoyer	25.17	4-0	45	102	44.12
2. Paula LaBadie	25.00	3-1	17	184	9.24
3. Zachary Spanke	16.94	2-2	24	194	12.37
4. Jacqueline Quillen	25.20	1-3	21	178	11.80
5. Frank Quillen	23.39	0-4	13	154	8.44

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrea Olewnik	8.44	2-0	8	80	10.00
2. Thomas Wedyke	15.07	1-1	6	80	7.50
3. Carmen Wedyke	6.63	0-2	2	80	2.50

Kalamazoo - Friday, June 12, 2026

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Joe Hetrick	30.95	5-1	79	272	29.04
2. Josh Lull	24.00	3-3	36	220	16.36
3. Matt Skrzypek	24.47	2-4	53	252	21.03
4. Larry Majerski	21.04	2-4	47	264	17.80

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Frank Duvall	20.00	4-0	38	36	27.94
2. David Benedict	17.00	3-1	27	134	20.15
3. Kary Christiansen	14.00	2-2	24	154	15.58
4. Ryan Fern	4.00	1-3	16	136	11.76
5. Audrey Hetrick	3.98	0-4	5	156	3.21

Lake Orion - Saturday, June 13, 2026



Lake Orion Tournament, June 13, 2026.

Class A Participants: Larry Heier, John Banks, Sam Moore, J.D. Drake, Kevin Bastian and Ken Kuss. Larry and Kevin pitched 68 innings and had nine 4-deads before the game ended.

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Lake Orion - Sat., June 13, 2026

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry Heier	64.91	4-1	135	218	61.93
2. John Banks	62.55	3-2	105	198	53.03
3. Ken Kuss	50.60	3-2	102	196	52.04
4. Sam Moore	55.44	3-2	108	216	50.00
5. Kevin Bastian	51.24	1-4	124	228	54.39
6. J.D. Drake	53.89	1-4	75	200	37.50

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Tom Gombos	39.04	4-1	91	210	43.33
2. Dennis Soldan	42.50	3-2	95	242	39.26
3. Martin Quillen	40.91	2-2	65	194	33.51
4. Wayne Friesmuth	37.63	1-3	47	160	29.38
5. Paul Bachelor	37.76	1-3	49	178	27.53

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Danny Markley	36.23	5-1	102	260	39.23
2. Christopher Hoyer	26.82	3-2	88	242	36.36
3. Aprile Friesmuth	33.53	3-2	89	258	34.50
4. Roger Higgins	36.20	1-3	70	190	36.84
5. Andrew Matthews	36.29	0-4	67	194	34.54

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. James Belfiori	24.42	4-0	52	158	32.91
2. Cathy Ardelean	25.71	3-1	51	206	24.76
3. Greg Trusick	25.74	2-2	42	170	24.71
4. Jacob Kwasneski	14.93	1-3	36	196	18.37
5. Jane Nevin	15.97	0-4	40	178	22.47

Jackson - Sat., June 13, 2026

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Alan Francis (OH)	84.55	5-0	189	242	78.1
2. Brandy Morehead	69.28	4-1	188	264	71.21
3. Greg Burke	62.65	3-2	168	246	68.29
4. Amy Francis (OH)	70.87	2-3	137	226	60.62
5. Helga Hewlett	66.71	1-4	163	264	61.74
6. Andrew Adams	74.18	0-5	127	226	56.19

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Doug Crawford (OH)	61.55	4-1	133	236	56.36
2. Clip Connin	56.51	3-2	112	212	52.83
3. Quincy Johnson	56.05	2-2	93	180	51.67
4. Lisa Smith	60.62	2-2	93	194	47.94
5. Kyle Peterman	55.92	0-4	43	130	33.08

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Douglas Bailey	42.42	5-1	91	208	43.75
2. Kayden Fowler	45.52	4-2	103	238	43.28
3. George Jones	38.59	2-4	81	262	30.92
4. Johnnie Smith	31.61	1-5	62	240	25.83

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bobby Mumford Sr.	28.24	6-0	76	250	30.4
2. Gene Meadows	26.10	4-2	61	274	22.26
3. Kevin Gladstone	28.30	2-4	57	250	22.8
4. Bobby Mumford, Jr.	26.44	0-6	35	294	11.9

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Aaron Ostrander	17.58	4-0	28	154	18.18
2. David Morehead	11.18	1-3	13	160	8.13
3. Cindy Jones	6.10	1-3	11	154	7.14

Mecosta - Sat., June 20, 2026

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Martin Quillen	40.91	5-0	87	208	41.83
2. Warren Gionet (FL)	30.94	3-2	70	218	32.11
3. Larry Thompson	29.60	2-3	75	224	33.48
4. Edward Henry	24.88	2-3	57	206	27.67
5. Chad Fleisher	32.74	2-3	53	200	26.50
6. Johnn King	29.68	1-4	49	204	24.02

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Chris Nyenhuis	19.75	4-1	47	184	25.54
2. Tim Stewart	23.19	3-2	49	192	25.52
3. Jason Fri	21.98	2-2	28	156	17.95
4. James Robinson	16.53	2-2	41	160	25.63
5. Leeanne Stewart	10.42	0-4	21	148	14.19

Lansing - Sat., June 27, 2026

40/30 Throwback Tournament (50 Pt games)

Class 30A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Greg Burke	65.46	4-0	156	232	67.24
2. Sam Moore	55.44	3-1	174	278	62.59
3. Helga Hewlett	66.28	2-2	150	264	56.82
4. Jaime Goodman	54.20	1-3	108	216	50.00
5. Clip Connin	57.48	0-4	138	262	52.67

Class 30B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Danny Markley	38.37	5-1	158	352	44.89
2. Tom Gombos	41.57	4-2	130	322	40.37
3. Bob Peek	37.58	3-2	112	276	40.58
4. Mark Burns	37.98	3-2	107	276	38.77
5. Michele Burns	41.61	1-3	62	206	30.10
6. Jonathan Birdsall	1.25	0-5	1	150	0.67

Class 40A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Quincy Johnson	56.05	4-0	128	232	55.17
2. Dave Harrison	41.25	0-4	102	232	43.97

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Class 40B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Kevin Gladstone	28.13	4-1	85	318	26.73
2. Jason Short	23.87	3-2	63	286	22.03
3. Chris Nyenhuis	22.11	2-2	40	226	17.70
4. Rod Bashore	19.06	1-3	36	194	18.56
5. Aaron Ostrander	18.22	1-3	36	212	16.98

Lake Orion - Sat., July 11, 2026

Mike Ardelean St. Jude's Memorial Tournament

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. John Banks	62.55	4-0	100	182	54.95
2. Larry Heier	63.90	3-1	87	144	60.42
3. Ken Kuss	51.29	2-2	90	172	52.33
4. Kevin Bastian	52.89	1-3	64	136	47.06
5. J.D. Drake	42.76	0-4	40	134	29.8

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Martin Quillen	42.00	4-1	89	198	44.95
2. Tom Gombos	41.00	3-2	86	220	39.0
3. George Parsons	36.55	2-2	43	156	27.56
4. Dennis Soldan	41.52	2-2	71	188	37.77
5. Paul Bachelor	37.21	0-4	55	186	29.57

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Jacob Behring	23.00	6-1	92	296	31.08
2. Krystle Price	28.21	4-2	65	270	24.07
3. James Belfiori	28.84	4-2	81	250	32.4
4. Matthew Thomas	20.71	2-3	42	190	22.11
5. Greg Trusick	25.77	1-4	25	178	14.04
6. Cathy Ardelean	25.77	0-5	43	228	18.86

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Paula LaBadie	9.24	3-1	26	158	16.46
2. Jacob Kwasneski	16.77	2-2	32	154	20.78
3. Jane Nevin	19.57	2-2	27	154	17.53
4. Darren Green	13.93	2-2	17	160	10.63
5. Mark Watts	11.00	1-3	24	158	15.19



A special note, this was the cadet **Jacob Behring's** very first tournament, 10 years old, and he won first place after a 3 way playoff.

MHPA CLUB NEWS

MICHIGAN STATE Doubles Tournament
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026
 HOSTED BY
LAKE ORION HORSESHOE CLUB
 EST. 1960
 ★ **STARTING AT 10AM**
 FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AND COURT ASSIGNMENT
 MANY PITCHERS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE OF MICHIGAN will be participating!
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 Come watch great competition, meet great people, and enjoy the excitement!
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 ★ GREAT PEOPLE
 ★ GREAT TIME!
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SCSHC - John Banks was presented with a **Life Time Membership Certificate Award, June 15**. He is the only remaining original member of the club (1991). He is pictured with a group of Monday night singles pitchers.

The Woody Cup Challenge

**The 2026 Woody Cup will be held in St. Clair Shores,
Sept. 19, check-in at 10 a.m.; start at 11:00 a.m.**

Established in 2004 as the MHPA 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, Taylor and Mount Clemens Shadyside have been participating teams.

Funds raised since the inception of The Woody Cup

2004 - \$180 - Friends of Horseshoe Pitching
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 - \$500 - St. Jude
2024 - \$1378 - St. Jude
2025 - \$1474 - St. Jude
Total - \$14,098.00



Mike Ardelean of the Lake Orion Club, the SCSHC, Juanita and Larry Woods, 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.

This trophy is presented annually to the MHPA league champion to create an awareness of local clubs, MHPA, NHPA, promote youth participation, and encourage membership in organized horseshoe pitching.

The Cup is to be displayed promoting Horseshoe Pitching.

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Editor's Notes

Dean Schmitz



It's time for a new editor of the MHPA "The Ringer Report" newsletter. I will continue until the fiscal year ends. I will turn 87 next spring. I have been editor on and off for a number of years. Being the newsletter editor is an excellent way to contribute to our state association. If you are handy with word processing and photo editing, then please let President Mark or Michele Burns know of you'er interested. I will be glad to assist the next editor and send my many files.

I know that computers and smartphones have taken the RR to a lower level as most of the news, such as reporting tournament results, the calendar of events and notices and be found on Facebook and our Website and for every occasion on smartphones.

When I first joined the Association, the RR was the only source of news. The late Steve Summerlin created the first website for us and later smartphones and Facebook took over for most of the news for the MHPA.

I have suggested at one time that since most news is reported before the Ringer Report is published, then maybe the newsletter might be eliminated, just as a number of NHPA Associations have done. Another suggestion is to eliminate manual mail-out versions, just email only. Then, the MHPA cost would only be \$100 which is the RR fee paid to the editor.

We need someone to fill this position, if not, then the Ringer Report has gone the way of retired pitchers. There are other positions to be filled also: St. Jude Coordinator, Audit and Finance and HOF & Museum.

Help the MHPA. Volunteer!



2026 MHPA State Tournament

August 21, 22, & 23, 2026

Hosted by: The Kalamazoo Horseshoe Club

August 21—State Tournament Class Play starting at approx. 7:00 p.m.

August 22 and 23— State Tournament Class Play starting at 8 a.m.

August 23—State Tournament Championship Round starting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Mailing Deadline—August 10, 2026

Entries will be accepted at the Jackson hosted tournament Saturday, August 15

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, 2026

In order to participate in the State Tournament, you must have pitched in two (2) sanctioned events in Michigan between September 2025 and August 15, 2026.

The schedule will be posted on the MHPA website late Sunday evening, August 16th; 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 President and 2nd Vice-President will be held.
- Proposed Changes to the Constitution and by-laws will be voted on.

Please return the portion below with registration

2026 Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association State Tournament Entry Form

(Circle One)

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

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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 [] No

Phone: () _____, Email: _____

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

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

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Mandatory for Juniors, Elder Woman 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.)