

President's Message

Start of the Season and Looking Forward to the Tournament

by [Stu Sipma](#), NHPA President

With spring in the air and the snow pretty much gone. I can't remember ever having such a mild winter here in North Dakota. It's that time of year to be thinking about getting your leagues started and getting new members to sign up for the pitching leagues.

Just a reminder for everyone (and I know you have heard me say this before) that it is "all" of our responsibility to get out there and sign up new members to pitch this season. My selling pitch has always been it's a family sport where everyone can participate, you get to play outdoors, in addition to getting some exercise, you get to meet new friends and create new relationships, and where can you find a sport that is so reasonable to participate in. Please try and do your part and grow your clubs.

Congratulations to Bob Dunn and Clive Wahlin (deceased) who will be inducted into the National Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame. Bob Dunn will be inducted into the category of "Promoter/Organizer", and Clive Wahlin will be inducted into the "Historic Era Player". The Hall of Fame induction will be held at the 2016 World Horseshoe Tournament at Montgomery, AL. Congratulations to these two deserving individuals. The NHPA Council would like to thank Vicki Winston for the great job she is doing directing the HOF Committee.

This year at the convention, there will be no by-Law or rules changes to vote on. However, it is our intentions to discuss our NHPA financials. As most of you know, who have been involved in past delegate meetings at the world tournament, our financials have slowly dwindled down to a point where we need to make some changes. Pretty much all of our income comes from the membership dues. Each year our numbers have been slowly decreasing while the cost of doing business has risen significantly.

I would like all of you to know that the NHPA Council has been working hard at controlling cost and increasing membership. However, the numbers have reflected differently. The NHPA Council will be proposing a dues increase at the convention. It is my intention to spend some time discussing and going over the financials justifying an increase and hope to come to a consensus on the dollar amount. Again this is only a proposal.

Another topic on the agenda at the convention is the election of 1st & 3rd Vice President Positions. For the position of 1st VP, Dan Sanders has decided not to run for another term, however we have three candidates that have met the requirements of our By-Laws and will be campaigning for this position at Montgomery. They include Michael Taylor from Nebraska; Gary Roberts from Ohio, and Wayne Saulsbury from Delaware. The NHPA Council wishes each of these candidates the best of luck. A bio of each is included in this issue of Newsline.

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For the position of 3rd VP, Jerry Smith has decided to run for another term. For other NHPA members, April 1st was the deadline. Since April 1st has passed, I announce that there are no other candidates running for the position of 3rd Vice President.

The 2016 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 25 – August 6, 2016 in Montgomery, AL. The host site, the Multiplex located at the Crampton Bowl is in the city limits and close to downtown Montgomery. The deadline for submitting your entry is May 16, 2016. For more information, visit our website at www.horseshoepitching.com. Please be sure, when submitting your entry, you are registering in the proper division. Parents of Cadet and Junior pitchers, this is especially important so your child will not be disqualified from the competition. Please note the entry fee has not changed.

The Council would like to thank all the Charters who provided nomination letters for individuals who they feel deserve to receive an NHPA Achievement Award. The NHPA Council will be reviewing the applications and the recipient/s will receive their award at the Hall of Fame Banquet in Montgomery.

The Council is pleased to announce three sites that will be bidding to host the 2018 World Tournament. These sites include: 1) El Paso, TX, 2) Florence SC, and 3) Shreveport –Bossier, LA. Dave Sidles, Tina Hawkins and Bill Marvin performed site visits. Their articles are included in this issue of Newsline. These three bidding sites will be hosting a booth the first week during the 2016 World Tournament in Montgomery and will be giving a formal presentation at the convention. Per our By-laws, voting is based on a simple majority and only one winner will be announced. The Council would like to thank these three sites for their interest in hosting our grand event. We look forward to a great time with all of you in Montgomery and wish you all the best of luck. Shown below are the three sites and their proposed dates:

El Paso, TX (July 30 – August 11)

Richard Madrigal (Convention Sales Manager- Destination El Paso) has put together a bid package to include hosting the event at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center

Florence, SC (July 30 – August 11)

Kendall Wall (GM for SMG/Florence Civic Center) has put together a bid package to include hosting the event at the Florence Civic Center.

Shreveport-Bossier, LA (July 30 – August 11)

Kelly Wells (VP Sports and Tourism) has put together a bid package to include hosting the event at the Shreveport Convention Center.

In conclusion, I believe it is going to be another great year for horseshoes. The Council is really hoping for a great turn out in Montgomery, AL for the 2016 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships. The NHPA Council is pleased to see we have three members who have shown interest in serving on the NHPA Council board as 1st VP. We wish them the best of luck in their campaigning.

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Let's all make an effort to get out there and recruit new members and turn this downward membership count to a positive.

See you in Montgomery, and safe travels.

Stu

Hall of Fame Inductees

by [Vicki Winston](#), *Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson*

The Hall of Fame Committee has completed the 2016 voting process and, as I announced recently in the Hall of Fame category on the NHPA Forum, we have elected two individuals who will be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame during the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet to be held in Montgomery, Alabama on Sunday evening, July 31st.

In the Promoter/Organizer Category we have elected a man whose name will be recognized by many people in the horseshoe world. It was an enjoyable experience to be able to telephone Bob Dunn one morning and surprise him with the news.



Bob is a current member of the Hall of Fame committee, so I must tell you that a committee member is never allowed to cast any votes in a category where their own name, or that of a family member, appears on the ballot.

Bob resides in Brooklyn, Minnesota and it would take a very long article to tell you all of his contributions to the sport of horseshoe pitching. Therefore, I will mention just a few of them that pertain mostly to what he has done on the national level. He has also been involved in many projects on the Minnesota charter level, where he first became involved with our sport. However, it wasn't long until he was also getting involved on the national level and worked to promote the NHPA Sanctioned Club/League Program. This earned him an NHPA Achievement Award in 1990. He suggested to then NHPA President, Dave Loucks, that there should be Junior Promotion Director and Bob was appointed to the position. His work in that position earned him the NHPA Presidential Award in 1995.

As Junior Promotion Director, Bob was in to writing various articles for Newsline and had become involved in horseshoe collecting and trading. He soon became recognized as somewhat of an expert in the field of antique horseshoes. He was keeping a roster of over 80 collectors and traders and he sent out a yearly newsletter to everyone on the list. The newsletter included inventories of all collectors who furnished that information to Bob. His collection of horseshoes grew to over 350 different shoes, which he proudly displayed at several World Tournaments. For his continued service to the NHPA, Bob was chosen to receive the coveted Stokes Award in 1998.

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When a Hall of Fame building became a reality, much of Bob's horseshoe collection was donated to the NHPA and is on display at the Hall of Fame in Wentzville, MO. When Gary Kline passed away in 2008, NHPA President, Paul Stewart, appointed Bob Dunn as the NHPA Historian. Bob's love of the history of our sport made him a natural for this position, as he had been doing much research and writing articles and books involving the history of the sport for quite some time. He jumped right in and began assisting with the design of and providing information for various displays at the Hall of Fame. He also assisted with the inventory process of items contained in the archives at the Hall of Fame facility.

He has traveled many times from Minnesota to Missouri to continue his work. He worked many hours to catalog contents of the various DVD's that are available for viewing in the Winston Theater. He has also continued to write books, the largest being a 650-page book entitled "World Champions of Horseshoe Pitching 1920-2010." This book covers the women's, juniors and all World Tournament divisions that were not covered during that time period in Gary Kline's book. He has written and published "AAU National Amateur Horseshoe Pitching Championships" and "The Lee Rose Story." As of this writing, there are yet more books in progress. His interest in the history of our sport never ceases and he is most deserving of the high honor that has been bestowed upon him this year.



The other Hall of Fame inductee for 2016 is Clive Wahlin, who was on the ballot in the Historic Era Player Category. Clive lived in Utah and was still alive when the World Tournament was held in St. George, UT in 2013. However, he was getting up in years and has since passed away.

The State of Utah was very proud of him and a life-sized photo of Clive was displayed at their booth during the 2013 World Tournament. Clive was born May 24, 1928 and learned the sport of horseshoe pitching from his father. As luck would have it, the World Tournament was held for 11 consecutive years in Murray, UT during the years when Clive was beginning his pitching career.

This created an incentive for him to get involved on a higher level. He qualified for his first Men's Championship Class in 1954 and would go on to compete in 8 more. He pitched in the Men's Championship Class in Murray from 1954 through 1959 and again in 1966 when the tournament returned to Murray for one year. In 1963 and 1964 he did travel out of state and also qualified for the Men's Championship Class both of those years. He qualified for the Men's Championship Class every year that he attended the World Tournament. His highest finish was 4th place in 1958, but his highest WT average was in 1957 when he averaged 80.16% for 30 games. That year he was tied with the great Fernando Isais for high qualifying score. He had 546 points with 175 ringers out of 200 shoes for an 87.5% ringer average.

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Clive participated in the Greatest World Tournament of all time (1964) when 14 players out of the 36 participants averaged over 80%. He was not one of them, as he averaged 76.12% that year, but he did have a winning record of 20 - 15, which put him in 17th place in the field of 36 men. Of the nine World Tournaments Clive attended, he finished in the top 10 four times and has a ringer average of 74.63% for those nine events.

Clive was also very successful on the state level and during a 26 year period, he was the Utah Men's State Champion a total of 16 times. For his pitching accomplishments, Clive Wahlin was inducted into the Utah Hall of Fame in 1977.

I was able to make contact with one of Clive's sons, Brian Wahlin, and he was very excited to learn of his father's election to the NHPA Hall of Fame. At the time I talked with him, he indicated that he was certain that some family members would travel to Montgomery, AL to attend the induction ceremony. If I am able to attend, I will look forward to meeting them. I have been around long enough that I did see Clive pitch several times.

One nomination has already been received for the 2017 voting and in the months ahead I will work with the NHPA Webmaster to get the list of nominees updated. You can find it on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. A printable nomination form also appears on that link. If you know someone that you think meets the eligibility requirements of one of the categories, and you don't see their name on the list of nominees, I urge you to get to work gathering the necessary data and send in a nomination for them. If you want to contact me before you go to all of that work, just to make sure the list is up to date, feel free to do so.

All of the information that you need on how to submit a nomination is on the nomination form. The worst that can happen is that the screening committee might reject the nomination, but that doesn't happen too often. Give it a shot. Someday there might be a grateful person who will be glad that you did!

2018 World Tournament Bid City Reports

The Council is pleased to announce three sites that will be bidding to host the 2018 World Tournament. These sites include: El Paso, TX, Florence SC, and Shreveport – Bossier, LA. Dave Sidles, Tina Hawkins and Bill Marvin performed site visits.

El Paso, Texas

by [Bill Marvin](#), 5th Vice President and Regional Director and Court Sanctioning Director



The facilities required to hold the NHPA World Tournament are always an important consideration when the delegates vote on where it will be held. Bidders must meet basic requirements, as outlined in the NHPA World Championship Tournament contract, to be considered. At the request of President Stu Sipma, I visited El Paso, Texas to ensure they had the infrastructure to hold a World Tournament.

Their venue is the Judson F. Williams Convention Center. The building is located in downtown El Paso, near several hotels and restaurants. It has 80,000 square feet of columnless space, a ceiling height of 28 feet, air conditioning, parking availability and 15,000 square feet of additional meeting space. There is ample room to allow for Game Related Sales, space for pictures and awards ceremonies and an area for bidders from future World Tournament sites. In short, everything outlined to hold a successful World Tournament.

There are several top quality hotels within walking distance of the Convention Center. The restaurants have diverse offerings, but I must confess that the Tex-Mex food is delightful. El Paso shares a border with Mexico and New Mexico, presenting the opportunity to visit another culture across the border and to visit a neighboring state. The City of Las Cruces is nearby, offering yet another unique place to visit.

The El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau were gracious hosts, and expressed a willingness to do “whatever it takes” to hold a successful World Tournament.



Shreveport, Louisiana

*by [Tina Hawkins](#), 2nd Vice President and
Publicity/Promotion Director*

After three trips to the Shreveport-Bossier area – all for totally different purposes – one thing truly stands out about the community...HOSPITALITY! Their main goal is to make sure visitors are happy and cared for during their visit. The food was pretty awesome, as well. Every meal on every stay was absolutely amazing. From the Shrimp & Grits at Abby Singer’s Bistro, to the famous au gratin potatoes at the Silver Star Steakhouse - not a bad bite was taken.



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The Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission proposes to hold the 2018 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament July 30 – August 11, 2018, at the Shreveport Convention Center, a 350,000 square foot multi-purpose facility. The proposal will include a 60,000 sq. ft., column-free exhibit hall with concrete floors.

The Shreveport Horseshoe Club maintains a set of 12 up-to-date, outdoor pitching courts at the Moose Lodge, less than 20 minutes from the Convention Center. These courts will be available for practice during the proposed tournament dates. The club plans to assist with the bidding efforts, as well as with the tournament, if Shreveport-Bossier is successful in the vote.

There are more than 1,000 hotel rooms less than one mile from the Convention Center, including the attached Shreveport Hilton, which would be the host hotel and the nearby Sam's Town Hotel and Casino – the first overflow property, which could also be an option for the Hall of Fame banquet location. Other possible banquet venues include the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium, site of the "Louisiana Hayride," where Elvis Presley launched his career!

The Convention Center is located just blocks from restaurants and clubs in the Red River Entertainment District, the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, the dancing water fountains of River View Park and the family-friendly entertainment at Sci-Port Discovery Center, with the world's first open-access, interactive laser planetarium. Families might also enjoy Shreveport's "Splash Kingdom," which boasts more than a dozen slides, wave pool, lazy river, two kids' attractions and large activity pool.

Shreveport is accessible by bus, train, car and air. The Convention Center is just 15 minutes from the Shreveport Regional Airport, with daily flights to and from Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit, Dallas, Houston and Memphis. This small airport is quite easy to negotiate, even for unseasoned travelers.

With all the entertainment and activity options, plus ease of access, the Shreveport-Bossier area could be an interesting and fun vacation destination for all!

Florence, South Carolina
by [Dave Sidles](#), Secretary/Treasurer

Representatives from Florence, South Carolina will be in Montgomery this summer to try to win your vote to host the 2018 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. It was my pleasure to go there to assess the suitability of their facilities and accommodations. I am pleased to report that Florence would be a tremendous host city. The furthest North of the three competing sites with an average daily high on August 1st of around 82 degrees, Florence is also the smallest of the three, a town of around 38,000 people located at the intersection of I-20 from Atlanta and I-95, a major thoroughfare connecting the NE US and Florida. The arena is located right at this intersection. It is a little over an hour from Myrtle Beach on the Atlantic coast. Florence has a smaller airport about 8 -10 minutes from the arena with daily jet service to Charlotte, NC.

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Columbia is another flying option about an hour and a half away. There is also an Amtrak station in Florence.



The Florence Civic Center is where the tournament would be held. Two sections of the building would be used to setup around 50 to 56 courts. These would be in a large hockey style arena and a large open ballroom both featuring state of the art lighting and air conditioning. On an unrelated side note, the center's Production Manager is a nephew of Ottie Reno. They would also host the Convention and the Hall of Fame Banquet in the same building. Free parking surrounds the building. Within walking distance are at least nine hotels and more currently under construction. Camping is also available within a few miles. There is numerous restaurants very close by as well as historic downtown area a few minutes away by car. Sixteen practice courts are within just a couple of minute's drive of the arena featuring full concrete walkways.

If you like to fish, you can book a guided fishing trip at the Santee Cooper Lakes about 30 minutes away, or if you're a NASCAR enthusiast, plan a day trip to the Darlington Raceway and tour the museum or take a 160 mph trip around the track with the Richard Petty Driving Experience. You might even see NASCAR legend Cale Yarborough while in Florence. You can also walk practically across the street and take a helicopter ride for as little as \$20.00. And, of course, you can golf or hike on the "rail" trail with access right from the arena parking lot.

I want to thank all the Civic Center staff for their wonderful "Southern Hospitality". And if I can stray from the objective for a second, I had the best piece of cornbread I have ever tasted along with a bowl of something called she-crab bisque that was absolutely to die for. I'd go back just for that.

1st Vice President Candidacy Letters

For the position of 1st VP, Dan Sanders has decided not to run for another term, however we have three candidates that have met the requirements of our By-Laws and will be campaigning for this position at Montgomery. They include Michael Taylor from Nebraska; Gary Roberts from Ohio, and Wayne Saulsbury from Delaware. The NHPA Council wishes each of these candidates the best of luck.

Michael Taylor



Michael Taylor is an avid horseshoe pitcher, who tries to play just about every weekend. He lives in Nebraska and plays in four different states, if time allows. Michael is currently the third Vice President of the E.N.H.P.A. (Eastern Nebraska Horseshoe Pitching Association) and oversees the Nebraska Horseshoe Pitching Facebook page.

Michael Taylor believes that the sport of Horseshoe Pitching is a great way for families to spend time together and that “everyone can play”. One goal is to invite more youth participation.

Michael is semi-retired and lives in Bellevue, Nebraska. If you would like to reach him, go to the Nebraska Horseshoe Pitching Facebook page or contact by email: Taylorml_4@cox.net

Wayne Saulsbury



MY VISION: I want to work with the other officers to help the NHPA grow and improve. I want to try to get more young people involved, as they are truly the future of our sport.

CAREER: I have worked in different positions in business and accounting. After obtaining my teaching certification, I worked as a teacher for a number of years. I currently work part-time as Vice President of Distribution for Vital Magazine.

HORSESHOE PITCHING: I have been playing and pitching horseshoes for most of my life. I entered my first tournament in 1991 at the urging of my son and ended up winning first place! I am one of the founding members of the First State Horseshoe Club. I served as Vice President and Tournament Director for four years and I am

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currently the 2nd Vice President. In my tenure, I have been the Tournament Director for well over 100 tournaments. This year will be my 14th World Tournament. I came in 1st in my class in 2001 and 2011. The First State Horseshoe Club won the award for fastest growing club by percentage points from the NHPA.

FUN FACTS: My nickname is "Rocket" or "Rocket Man" since I pitch a low hard double-flip shoe. I used to ride "centuries" on my bicycle. A century is 100 or more miles in one day. I also have a passion for listening to live music and my taste can best be described as eclectic. I help produce the DooWop music shows at the Grand in Wilmington Delaware. I am relearning how to play the guitar after setting it aside many years ago.

EDUCATION:

AA Business Administration (Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD)

BS Accounting and Business Administration (Delaware State College, Dover, DE)

Teaching Certification – State of Delaware (Delaware State College, Dover, DE)

Gary Roberts



I was born into a horseshoe pitching family, and pitching has been a part of my life since I was ten years old. I won the World Junior Championship four consecutive years, and I have pitched in the Men's Championship Division on many occasions. I was also fortunate enough to win the Ohio State Championship in 1981.

In 2012, I was awarded the Arch Stokes Memorial Award because of my international promotion of horseshoes in South Africa and Namibia, and because of my many years of exhibition pitching.

In 2013, I was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame because of my promotional activities. I am also a member of the Ohio Hall of Fame.

Horseshoe pitching has been rewarding to me in many ways. Serving as a NHPA officer would give me the opportunity to give back to our sport. There are many challenges ahead to assure that our sport moves forward.

I feel I am qualified for this position for many reasons:

- I have served as President of the Ohio Horseshoe Pitching Association for the past eight years. During that time I have assembled a great group of officers that work hard to promote our sport.
- I have been heavily involved in promoting horseshoe pitching in South Africa and Namibia.
- I have promoted horseshoe pitching with many years of exhibition pitching. Our family has pitched at the Bob Evans Farm Festival for 44 consecutive years.

- I am currently Executive Director of a non-profit agency employing 300 people with an annual budget of \$22 million. I am very familiar with budget projections and handling difficult problems.

It would be a great honor to serve the NHPA as 1st Vice President. The consideration of my qualifications for this important position would be greatly appreciated.

New Logo Patches – Available at World Tournament

by [Tina Hawkins](#), 2nd Vice President and Publicity/Promotion Director



Dee has been hard at work in Game Related Sales, sourcing a maker for patches depicting the new logo design, which came out of the NHPA logo design contest, last year. After careful comparisons and consideration, a decision has been made and vendor secured. The new patches should be available for sale in time for the 2016 World Tournament in Montgomery, AL.

The 4-inch diameter, sew-on patch, will have partial embroidery and will sell for \$4. Patches will be in the GRS booth at Montgomery and can also be ordered from Game Related Sales beginning in June. (Be aware there will be shipping charges on patch orders.)

The new logo has been accepted by the NHPA Council as a promotional image of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and could become the “official” logo of the NHPA, pending delegate approval at the 2016 Convention, this summer.

HSMaster a Wonderful Option for League Play

by [Jerry Smith](#), 3rd Vice President and Sanction League Director, Junior Scholarships

This story will eventually have a happy ending but please don’t skip to the end and miss all of the good stuff in between. Let’s start with a small fowl up that I made in a “Top Ten” calculation and the evolution that took place to fix the problem and the series of actions that lead to that solution. Let’s start at the beginning.

A very nice young lady named Denise Daly from the great state of Illinois has had a terrific year of horseshoe pitching winning the Junior Girl’s World Championship in Topeka followed by being on the winning team in the 2015 Sanctioned League Team Tournament in Wentzville. She also pitched very well in two sanctioned leagues in Springfield, Illinois. Lee Watkins, the league director of said leagues, submitted the Final Stats for the leagues using standard “Final Stats” forms. Lee did not use our (NHPA) wonderful software, HSMaster (created by Kurt Whaley), to submit the data. The form

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that he used can be found on the NHPA website, was updated by me, and suggested by me for use in submitting "Final Stats", yet is NOT the method of submission I prefer league directors to use.

Why, you ask? When league directors submit (via email) the "Final Stats" using the "ASCII Export Final Stats" file created by HSMaster, I can drop the data into my Sanctioned League software with a minimum of manual input. Which leads me back to Denise and to the happy ending, but I digress. When I entered Denise's stats from the summer league, I inadvertently entered her high game as 72.5%. I used the figure from the adjacent column, which was her previous high game from the spring league. This fine game which was actually an 80% game, turned out to be the "high game of the year" for Junior Girls.

I ordered the "Top Ten" plaques and shipped out the over 160 award packages for the 300 recipients, which brings us back to Lee Watkins. Lee calls and informs me of my error on Denise's plaque. I thought about it and told Lee that I would fix the "Top Ten" posting on the web page and that her plaque, which had her listed as number one in the category but had the wrong percent listed, would not be fixed. I reasoned that it was a hassle to fix and that she was the only one that would know the mistake.

Now the story begins. I got off of the phone and my wonderful wife (Diane) of almost 50 years (September 3rd) who had heard most of the conversation with Lee, mumbled something about me being a "cheap sucker". Diane had kept score for Denise in Wentzville and if you know Diane at all, you would know that after meeting her for a few minutes, you'll be friends and talking up a storm. Regardless of whether Denise remembers Diane or not, over the next two days, Diane, being subtle (not), reminded me that this nice young lady would have this plaque hanging in a prominent place with a piece of duct tape over the 72.5% inked over with the correct 80% written in felt pen.

I finally came to my senses and called Lee back to make arrangements to correct the plaque, which should be completed before Denise even knows what happened. What then is the happy ending you ask? Well let me tell you, it's happy on at least two levels: First, I got a wonderful chance to promote the use of HSMaster in league play and hope that league directors will look into using it if they are not at this time. Secondly, and more importantly, I got another dose of reality as to why I have been fortunate to be with the same woman for the best part of 50 years. The question you may ask is this, why has she put up with me all this while, inquiring minds want to know.

If you are considering switching to HSMaster for league play, feel free to give me a call and I will help you get started. That also applies for the formation of new leagues or any other matters regarding the Sanctioned League Program, the more the merrier.

Share Your Success for Others to Reference

by [Tina Hawkins](#), 2nd Vice President and Publicity/Promotion Director

Springtime is here! Everyone's thoughts turn to horseshoe pitching.

For some, that means, "how do I increase my ringer percentage?" or "which tournaments will I play in, this year?"

For the dedicated few, it means, "HOW CAN I INCREASE MEMBERSHIP?"

Some charters seem to have no trouble growing their numbers each and every year, while the task is quite daunting for others. It can be difficult for the handful of hard workers to come up with new recruiting tactics, year after year. And who wants to keep trying the same old thing – especially if it isn't working.

If you are a leader/promoter in one of those successful charters or if you've had some recruiting success on a local level, I encourage you to share your success with your fellow organizers.

Relay an account of your most lucrative attempts for bringing in new people, so others may take advantage of your great ideas. Please be specific with details - where did you take the action? How many workers does it require? Was there a cost involved? Do you practice on-going incentives to gain and hold members?

Send your program plans and successful ventures to publicity@horseshoepitching.com to be compiled as a reference for others. They will be published in the next issue of Newsline, and posted under the "Resources" heading on www.horseshoepitching.com.

The rest of the NHPA world needs to know how you did it. Increased membership needs to be seen all across the country and YOUR recruitment success can help OTHERS achieve that goal!

Mixed Classes – Advantages and Disadvantages

by [Dan Sanders](#), 1st Vice President, By-Laws, Rules and Grievance Director

The mixing of Classes in Tournament Play has become very controversial. Some pitchers are very much in favor of it, and others are very much against it. But before we get into the pros and cons of mixing, it's important that we define what 'mixing' is because it can mean several different things. It can refer to the mixing of genders ... male and female. It can refer to the mixing of the many different Divisions that have been created; i.e. Men, Women, Seniors, Elders, and Juniors. And, of course, it can refer to the mixing of pitching distances within a Class, primarily 40-footers with 30-footers. And it is this 'mixed-distance' mixing that has become the most controversial.

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Let's first consider some of the possible advantages of mixing Classes. In many of our more local tournaments, where the total number of entries is lower, the mixing of Divisions makes it possible to keep the ringer percentage 'spread' closer together, from the top to the bottom of the Class, giving everyone in that Class a better chance of winning some games. In a Class of 8, where there might be 4 full-distance and 4 short-distance pitchers, the percentage spread might be 10% or less. In a Class of 8 full-distance or 8 short-distance pitchers, the %age spread would most likely be much greater than this, especially for the highest or lowest percentage pitchers/Classes in that tournament. And so for 8-pitcher Classes, it is much easier to create Classes with a 'tighter' ringer percentage by 'mixing' pitching distances, making it a more competitive group. In Charters where mixing within Classes is generally acceptable, this is the best and easiest way to create competitive Classes. Mixing, however, is not acceptable in some Charters, and so what other options are there?

How can TD's create more competitive Classes without mixing? Well, here are some options to consider:

1) Reduce the size of the Class; say from eight to six pitchers.

Advantages - This will most always reduce the percentage 'spread'.

Disadvantages - Some pitchers may not be happy about pitching only five games, especially if they've driven a great distance.

2) If the percentage spread is still too high, reduce the size of the Class to four pitchers and play a double round robin.

Advantages - This may be an even more competitive Class, giving all of the pitchers a better chance to win games. They will also be pitching 6 games instead of 5, as above.

Disadvantages - Some may not like to pitch against the same pitcher twice in the same tournament. With fewer in the Class, the amount of any prize money offered will be less than if more pitchers were 'paying into' that Class. And if trophies or plaques are awarded, more of them will be required for these additional, smaller Classes.

3) Use of handicapping for Classes where the ringer percentage spread is more than 8 or 10 percent.

Advantages - a) The lower average pitchers will have a better chance of winning over higher average pitchers since points will be added to their 'scratch' scores. b) All, or most, Class sizes can be kept at 8 pitchers with each pitcher pitching 7 games. c) If there are say 3 flights of pitchers over the course of the day, this will help to keep starting times 'on time', especially if the games are limited to a certain number of shoes, usually 40 or 50.

Disadvantages - a) For a variety of reasons, some pitchers may refuse to enter tournaments where handicapping is used. b) Some TDs who do not use HS Master don't fully understand the handicap system and/or how to calculate handicaps.

Why are some full-distance pitchers so against pitching short-distance pitchers? This will be discussed in the next issue of Newsline.

Weekend at Jerry's

by [Bill Marvin](#), 5th Vice President and Regional Director and Court Sanctioning Director

Pitchers who attend the World Tournament noticed a change in pitching conditions beginning in 2008. In York, Pennsylvania, we began using boxes built by Jerry LaBrosse and other members of the NHPA. Since that time, these courts have been transported from site to site and used at each subsequent location. As expected, over time some of them have been damaged in one way or another and have needed to be replaced. With this in mind, Jerry and I decided to take on this project. So one weekend in March, I drove to his place in Minnesota. Thus began my weekend at Jerry's.

When I arrived Friday evening, the components were already in place, having been cut, fabricated and ready for assembly. Each box requires six 2X4s, a piece of ¼ inch plywood, two angle irons, a piece of steel stock, eight carriage bolts, a piece of 3/8 inch belting, one 1-inch metal stake 15 inches long, various screws, bolts and a splash of black paint. Jerry had all the tools needed (saws, drill press, router, etc.) to make it all possible, and a spacious barn that also has 3 courts that are used twice a week for league play, a true multi-purpose facility.

The process is time consuming and the steps must be followed in a strict order. While I cannot put a time required for assembly per box, it took Jerry and I from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon to assemble 20 boxes. The entire process, however, takes much longer. Cutting the wood, fabricating the angle irons and metal bar that holds the stake, building the stakes, and other processes were done ahead of time. Some components must be interchangeable (stakes, back boards, front bumpers) not only with the courts we made, but with the originals. The NHPA has over 120 boxes that can be assembled, and it would be impossible to try to match up the same stake or back board each year, thus the need for them to be the same.

One component that cannot be measured in monetary terms is the TLC that went into each and every one. As I was putting them together, I recalled all the memories from the 24 World Tournaments that I have been fortunate enough to attend. When our kids were growing up, we were able to make the Tournament part of our vacation each year. My wife, kids and grandkids have all pitched in the World, plus we have seen a lot of this great country, making lifelong friends along the way.

They are more than just horseshoe boxes...much more.

Tournaments to be Remembered

by [Bob Dunn](#), NHPA Historian

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS (YAKIMA, WA)

One of the largest long-running tournaments in our sport is the Pacific Northwest Championships, played in Yakima, Washington. Not only is the tournament long running, as it began in 1946 and is still an active annual event, it is probably the largest event held along the West Coast.

Considerable history is known about this event because it has had unbelievable record keeping and retention, and for this research project, Barry Chapelle provided an original copy of a ten-page report commemorating the fifty-year anniversary in 1995 of the Pacific Northwest Horseshoe Pitcher's Association. He had a copy because in 1995 he had been President of the association for the past 20 years. The Chapelle family has provided service to the sport of horseshoe for many decades. Barry is a National Hall of Fame member (1993) and his sister Vicki (Chapelle) Winston is a member of the National Hall of Fame (1970), as well as her late husband Earl Winston (1988), both devoted members of the NHPA, given decades of service to the Missouri Charter and the National Association. It should be of no surprise to find that Cletus Chapelle, father and a National Hall of Fame member (1981), way back in 1946, was Secretary/Treasurer of the Pacific Northwest HPA and a founding officer of this tournament.

Following are a few notes extracted from original records that had been reprinted in that 50-year anniversary report. There is an incredible amount of tournament history in the following phrases, both in what is said and what wasn't said:

HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

This Association held its first meeting on September 29, 1946. There were 35 original members and they paid \$1.00 membership fee to belong to the association. The very first tournament was then held in October of that year. Each player played a qualifying fee of \$3.00, but only the top 16 qualifiers would actually pitch in the tournament and they played a sixteen-man round robin. The officers were as follows:

President – Ray Parker
1st Vice President – W.A. Bentley
2nd Vice President – L.L. Larson
Secretary/Treasurer – Cletus Chapelle

1947 – There were 23 members. Officers were: President – Walter Purdin; Vice President – Howard Peterson and Secretary/Treasurer – Herb Trueblood.

1948 – Membership has fallen to 22 this year. Membership voted to make Yakima its permanent headquarters. The president and vice president stayed the same and Pete Cook was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

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1949 – Membership increased to 27 this year and the officers remained the same. Cletus Chapelle suggested that a Women's Tournament be held in conjunction with the Men's, but it fell on deaf ears and was dropped.

1950 – Membership was at 29 this year. The president and vice president stayed the same with Dale Monasmith being elected as the Secretary/Treasurer. The tournament had 26 qualifiers; the top 20 played a round robin.

1951 – The officers remained the same. There were 23 players that qualified; the round robin reverted back to 16.

1952 – The qualifying fee was raised to \$4.00. There were 20 qualifiers. New officers were elected this year: President – Gene Patrick; Vice President – Bill Branstetter and Secretary/ Treasurer – Mrs. John Monasmith.

1953 – Same officers and tournament had 28 entries. Interesting note: Winnie Winetrout qualified with a 76%.

1954 – The officers stayed the same. A motion was made to have a 10-man Class A and a 6-man Class B. There was no second, so the motion was dropped.

1955 – The officers remained the same.

1956 – The officers stayed on for another year. Vancouver was to hold an open tournament. Cletus Chapelle welcomed the Northwest Association into the NHPA.

1957 – Still the same officers. A discussion was held on adding more courts as well as a B Class and maybe even a C Class. No Action was taken. *(The World Tournament had just started expanding the number of classes and many tournaments across the country were following suit, but obviously not these folks, at least so far.)* A motion was passed that the scorekeeping would start when the pitcher was ready, not when he had doubled. *(Must have been meant for the qualifying round).*

1958 – Same Officers. Twenty qualifiers entered. A motion was made that all pitchers would wear white pants and a shirt of their own choosing. Cletus Chapelle reported that the NHP membership was growing. Also there is a film available showing the NHPA World Tournament.

1959 - Same officers (nothing else new).

1960 – Same officers; Seventeen qualifiers entered.

1961 – The officers again remained the same. A motion was passed that the qualifying round fee would be returned to a pitcher who did not make the finals but they must stay and keep score.

1962 – Same officers remained. Nineteen qualifiers entered. NHPA Word Tournament to be held on July 26 through August 6. Cletus reported that the new NHPA membership cards were available.

1963 – Officers remained the same. Sixteen qualifiers.

1964 – Two new officers were elected this year: President – Forest Reed; Vice President – Jean Howard and Mrs. John Monasmith stayed on as the Secretary/Treasurer.

1965 – The officers remained the same, but there were big changes made this year. The courts at the Elks Park were built and were all paid by donated money, hard work by some of the members and the Park Board. There always has been difficulty getting men to keep score, so they had to impose on the wives and anyone else they could find to keep score. Gene Patrick suggested that they hire scorekeepers; he even offered to donate \$10.00 out of his own pocket. Cletus felt that this was improper and made the motion that each pitchers ay 10 cents per game to the scorekeeper. The motion was

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seconded and passed. The tournament had 44 pitchers this year, which included Classes A-B-C-D-E. *(WOW, there is finally some movement!)*

1966 – Same officers. This was the first time that the Secretary was mentioned by her own first name of Irma, instead of Mrs. John Monasmith.

1967 – New officers were elected this year, they were as follows: President – Forest Reed; Vice President – Jean Howard and Secretary-Treasurer – Alice Moerman. Irma Monasmith stepped after 15 years as Secretary-Treasurer. There were 56 men, 6 woman and 4 juniors who pitched in the tournament.

1968 – Officers: President – Joe Krug; Vice President – Wally Rehard and Alice Moerman remained Secretary -Treasurer. A lifetime membership was given to Henry Gilbo. Barry Chapelle made a motion that the tournament be held the 3rd weekend of September. Motion passed.

1969 – Officers: President – Vern Miller; Vice President – Forest Reed and Alice Moerman remained Secretary-Treasurer. Henry Knauft made a motion that the tournament be held 2 weekends after Labor Day. Motion passed.

1970 – Same officers as year before. Henry Gilbo was given Inspiration to Horseshoe Pitching Award.

1971 – Officers remained the same. John Monasmith presented Cletus Chapelle a plaque for 25 years of perfect attendance to the Pacific Northwest Tournament. This year was the largest tournament in the state: 98 men, 12 women and 3 juniors.

1972 – Same officers. This year the association name was changed Pacific Northwest Horseshoe Pitchers Association. *(Northwest Horseshoe Pitcher's Association was the previous name)*. Winnie Winetrout was given the first newly established Mr. Horseshoe Award.

1973 – New officers elected this year: President – Vern Miller; Vice President – Joe Krug and Secretary-Treasurer – Jan Krug. Irma Monasmith and Alice Moerman were given plaques in appreciation for their work as former secretaries of the Northwest Association. An Achievement Award was given to John Monasmith for 10 years of faithful attendance. Ralph Taylor was given the Mr. Horseshoe Award.

1974 – One new officer was elected - Bev Carvo was elected Secretary-Treasurer. A new rule was enacted giving awards to 1 for every 4 pitcher in a class. Ellis West gave John Monasmith a cribbage board with horseshoes on it, for his achievement as a horseshoe pitcher. Wally Rehard was named as Mr. Horseshoe for this year.

1975 – Two new officers were elected: President – Barry Chapelle; Vice President – Jan Krug. A motion passed to have the tournament, State and National, sanctioned. John Monasmith was named Mr. Horseshoe.

1976 – Ken Carvo was elected as the new vice present. The annual meeting was changed to Saturday morning instead of at the banquet. Herb Okeson was named Mr. Horseshoe.

1977 – The same officers were re-elected. It was voted that all officers would receive free tournament entry as well as banquet tickets. Howard Peterson was named as Mr. Horseshoe.

1978 – Officers remained the same. Bev Carvo was given a charm bracelet for her years of service. John Monasmith was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Ray Brumfield was named Mr. Horseshoe.

1979 – Same officers were re-elected. Cletus Chapelle was named Mr. Horseshoe.

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1980 – Officers were re-elected. Ken and Beth Carvo were named as Mr. and Mrs. Horseshoe.

1981 – Same officers retained. 145 tournament entries. Cletus Chapelle was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Rick Rebman was awarded Mr. Horseshoe Award.

1982 – Officers remained the same. Elmer Currie was named Mr. Horseshoe.

1983 – President and Vice President remained the same. Carolyn Ferguson was elected as the new Secretary-Treasurer replaced Beth Carvo who had served for the past nine years. Award distribution were changed to: 4 for 12 man class, 3 for eight man class, 2 for six man class and one for a four player class. Dean Curry was named Mr. Horseshoe.

1984 – Officers remained the same. Rick Rebman was elected as our NHPA Regional Director. Winnie Winetrout was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Ben Wiedrich was named Mr. Horseshoe.

1985 – Barry Chapelle and Carolyn Ferguson remained in their positions. Vern Miller was elected as Vice President. Henry Knauft was named Mr. Horseshoe.

1986 – Same officers were re-elected. Henry Knauft was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Barry Chapelle was named Mr. Horseshoe.

1987 – Officers were retained. Carolyn Ferguson was named Mrs. Horseshoe.

1988 – Same officers were re-elected. Art Sperber and George McLeod were named co-winners of the Mr. Horseshoe Award. Free tournament entry and banquet tickets will now be available to officer's spouses.

1989 – Same officers. Bill and Alice Van Egdon were named Mr. and Mrs. Horseshoe.

1990 – Chapelle and Carolyn Ferguson retained their positions. Ken Carvo was elected Vice President. Ken Elvig was Mr. Horseshoe.

1991 – Same officers as previous year. Bill Graham was Mr. Horseshoe.

1992 – Officers remained the same. Margaret Byfield named Mrs. Horseshoe.

1993 – Same officers. Henry Knauft was awarded lifetime free entry into the tournament for pitching in the tournament for 40 consecutive years. Barry Chapelle was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Motion was made and passed that the tournament shall be called Pacific Northwest Championships. Jim and Phyllis Quist were given the Mr. and Mrs. Horseshoe Award.

1994 – Same officers were re-elected again. Elmer Otnes told the Association that Carolyn had been using her own computer and printer since 1985 and that the Association should buy her a new printer. The Vancouver Club offered to pay for half of the cost. Motion was made and passed. Carolyn was then told she could not resign now that she was going to receive a new printer. Gerry Staley was given the Mr. Horseshoe Award.

1995 – To this date the following events have occurred: Elmer Otnes and Rick Rebman have been given special awards by the NHPA; Barry Chapelle has served twenty consecutive years as President; Carolyn Ferguson has served 12 years as Secretary-Treasurer; Ken Carvo has served in the capacity of Vice President 2 different times for a total of 15 years.

(All of the above data was taken from minutes and records kept by the previous secretaries and compiled by Carolyn Ferguson as a tribute on the 50th anniversary of the Association.)

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Another tournament history profile was published in the April 1976 issue of the Horseshoe Pitcher's News Digest:

A HISTORIC RESUME OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN

The Pacific Northwest Open held annually at Yakima, Washington, the second weekend after Labor Day in September has been held every year for 32 years. It was formerly called the "Northwest Open" but because many place throughout the central state began to use the name "Northwest" it was changed to "Pacific Northwest Open." It was held at the fairgrounds in Yakima the first years and then moved to Elks Memorial Park in the latter years, but always in Yakima.

The first tournament was held in 1946. Lewis Getchell of Tacoma won the title the first 3 years. He received cash for the 1946 and 1947 victories. In 1948 he received a nice trophy as he won the championship after a close game with John Monasmith. Cletus Chapelle of Portland, Oregon has established a tremendous record, having competed in the top class every one of the 32 years the tournament has been held. He never won a championship, but has come very close. He was in a playoff with Henry Knauff for the title in 1969 but lost.

The first Pacific Northwest Ladies tournament was held in 1967 with six women competing. Alice Rehard of Spokane won the first championship. Mildred Kuhne of Tacoma is the only lady to win more than one championship. She won the title four consecutive years (1968-1971).

The first Pacific Northwest Junior Boys championship was held in 1967 with Jim D. Malvern of Seattle winning the first title. Mike Weber, Hoquiam, competed in 1969 and wound up with 82.40% but it was unofficial, as he did not play enough games. Had he pitched the required number of games, he might have established some lasting Pacific Northwest records as he did in his Washington State Tournaments. Sam Woodman and Ray Durfee had 2 consecutive championships for most junior titles.

This tournament has gone the gamete as far as tournament format. It started in the 1940s with just one (Men's) class, which involved qualifying and 50 points games; then after 19 years moved into expended number of classes (1965), and then 3 years later established a women's division and junior classes, but still in the 50 point game era. The tournament evolved into no qualifying, large tournaments, becoming NHPA sanctioned, 40-point games, Elders Division and eventually mixed classes. Few tournaments in our history have survived for 70 year being a prestigious event or have had three name changes for that matter. And we know this only because there have been extremely dedicated members who have maintained and protected the event's history to share that with us today.

Although there is a complete listing of tournament champions, the oldest complete final standings report is for 1962:

MONASMITH SWEEPS NORTHWEST AT YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

The annual Northwest Horseshoe Tournament was held in Yakima, Washington, September 28, 29 and 30, in conjunction with the Central Washington Fair. Players included those from Washington, Oregon and Idaho, played a 16-man round robin.

John Monasmith pitched his best in fifteen years of playing horseshoes by setting a blazing pace with a high game of 92.1% and only one game in the seventy percent, that being 78.6% and ending the tournament with the best record in any Northwest Tournament with an average of 84.1%.

Ed Fishel dropped the 14th round to Idaho champion, E.J. Wiley and lost his chance to gain a tie by losing to John Monasmith in the 15th round. The final results of the tournament are as follows:

1962 Northwest Horseshoe Tournament Final Standings

	W	L		W	L
1. John Monasmith	15	0	9. Gene Patrick	6	9
2. Ed Fishel	13	2	10. Paul Snow	6	9
3. Henry Knauft	12	3	11. Herb Piddle	6	9
4. Encil J. Wiley	12	3	12. Cletus Chapelle	5	10
5. Lloyd Monasmith	9	6	13. Prescott Kaufman	5	10
6. Perle Statton	9	6	14. Al Richardson	3	12
7. Howard Peterson	9	6	15. Jim Malvern	1	14
8. Howard Shatto	9	6	16. Ralph Warthen	0	15

Unfortunately, none of the player's averages were reported, except for John Monasmith's. A Lloyd Monasmith was in the group and earlier we read where Dale Monasmith had been elected as an association officer. John Monasmith is a very well known name in the sport of horseshoe pitching; Lloyd and Dale, not so much, but they were all brothers.

John Monasmith was Washington state champion 15 times, his first in 1949 and final title in 1968. Ed Fishel won state championships in 1959 and 1963. Henry Knauft won four straight Washington championships 1969-1972, then six straight in 1975-1980 and titles in 1983, 1988, 1992 and 1993, 14 in total. Knauft was 70 years when he won the 1993 championship.

Cletus Chapelle was Oregon state champion in 1941, 1943, 1947 and 1950. His most well known moment in our sport was being on the losing end of the game where Ted Allen set the world record of 72 straight ringers. Chapelle canceled 55 of Allen's ringers, which says that there were 27 four-deads in that streak.

E.J. Wiley was Idaho state champion, thirteen times, consecutively from 1952-1964.

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The 1967 might have been the most memorable of all Pacific Northwest Open tournaments. The tournament was growing and this was the first event that held a women's division and a junior class.

**MONASMITH, WASHINGTON RINGER MASTER
LEADS RINGER PARADE TO NORTHWEST TOURNAMENT TITLE**

John Monasmith proved once again he was the master of the Northwest Horseshoe Tournament on September 16 and 17 in Yakima, Washington, turning back all but Ed Fishel in a 16-man round robin, winning 14 and losing only one. Fishel was throwing ringers against John like he would never quit.

The Northwest Tournament always held in Yakima, saw the largest number of pitchers parade to the stake of any tournament ever held here; sixty-six in all, including ladies and junior boys.

The annual banquet and meeting also set a record for attendance. The Eagles Lodge Auxiliary prepared the meal and supplied a room for our meeting.

Officers elected were: President – Forest Reed; Vice President – Jean Howard; Secretary-Treasurer – Alice Moerman; all of Yakima.

Herb Criss, of Vancouver, Washington, supplied the entertainment by showing his movie of the World Tournament in Murray, Utah in 1966.

1967 Northwest Tournament Final Standing
Men's Class A

1. John Monasmith, Yakima	14	1	80.7%
2. Henry Knauft, Spokane,	12	3	75.9%
3. Bob West, Oregon	11	4	74.4%
4. Ed Fishel, Neilton	11	4	73.1%
5. Joe Krug, Yakima	11	4	72.1%
6. Jean Howard, Selah	11	4	69.6%
7. Herb Criss, Bremerton	10	5	67.3%
8. Francis Winetrout, Lummi	6	9	64.1%
9. Lauren Hill, Oregon	6	9	62.9%
10. L. Monasmith, Kenwick	5	10	65.3%
11. C. Cummings, California	4	11	62.4%
12. H. Peterson, Oregon	4	11	61.6%
13. Paul Snow, Seattle	4	11	61.4%
14. Cletus Chapelle, Oregon	3	12	52.0%
15. Herb Pidde, Seattle	2	13	58.9%

Ladies Class A

1. Alice Rehard, Spokane	5	0	35.6%
2. P. Hanson, Lynnwood	4	1	34.5%

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3. B. Miller, Selah	3	2	14.2%
4. Babe Bartlett, Everett	1	4	15.9%
5. J. Howard, Selah	1	4	14.6%
6. Alice Van Egdon, Lyden	1	4	5.0%

Junior Boys

1. J.D. Malvern, Seattle	6	0	61.8%
2. M. McDonald, Oregon	4	2	21.4%
3. Ken Bartlett, Everett	2	4	4.0%
4. P. McDonald, Oregon	0	6	7.2%

The names of a few more state champions appeared in the 1967 finals: Joe Krug was the Washington state champion in 1973; Herb Criss was Washington state champion nine times, his first was in 1981 band last in 1995; Bob West started out in North Dakota where he was state champion in 1939, 1940 and 1954. After moving out West, he was Oregon state champion 15 times from 1957 through 1979.

There is a chapter on Northwest Open tournaments, held in Yakima in the 1930s. Those finals definitely are from a different tournament, different origin, even though the name and location are similar. Do check out that chapter however.

Pacific Northwest Tournament Men's Champions

50 point Games

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1946	Lewis Getchell	Tacoma, WA	14	1	
1947	Lewis Getchell	Tacoma, WA			
1948	Lewis Getchell	Tacoma, WA	16	3	
1949	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	18	1	66.80%
1950	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	18	1	68.50%
1951	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	18	0	79.00%
1952	Roy Getchell	Portland, OR	15	0	
1953	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	15	0	74.00%
1954	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	15	0	78.00%
1955	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	15	0	70.20%
1956	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	13	2	73.70%
1957	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	13	2	76.80%
1958	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	15	0	82.59%
1959	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	15	0	76.40%
1960	Roy Getchell	Portland, OR	15	0	
1961	Ed Fishel	Neilton, WA			
1962	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	15	0	84.07%
1963	Ed Fishel	Neilton, WA			
1964	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA			
1965	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	15	0	83.96%
1966	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	15	0	81.35%
1967	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	14	1	80.78%
1968	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	14	1	74.44%

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1969	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	14	2	70.81%
1970	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	11	0	79.39%
1971	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	11	0	77.40%
1972	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	9	2	72.57%
1973	Herb Criss	Bremerton, WA	10	1	73.16%
1974	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	11	1	72.94%
1975	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	11	2	74.32%
1976	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	10	1	74.42%
1977	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	11	0	81.30%
1978	Lowell Davis	Creswell OR	11	1	69.27%
1979	Henry Knauft	Spokane, WA	11	1	78.86%
1980	John Monasmith	Yakima, WA	10	1	75.60%
1981	Ben Wiedrich	Oregon City, OR	11	0	76.90%
1982	Ben Wiedrich	Oregon City, OR	11	0	76.90%

40 Point Games

1983	Ben Wiedrich	Oregon City, OR	10	0	75.00%
1984	Ben Wiedrich	Oregon City, OR	9	1	79.55%
1985	Ben Wiedrich	Oregon City, OR	9	0	77.50%
1986	Ben Wiedrich	Oregon City, OR	10	1	74.26%
1987	Herb Criss	Bremerton, WA	8	1	71.95%
1988	Ben Wiedrich	Oregon City, OR	11	1	73.42%
1989	Ben Wiedrich	Oregon City, OR	9	2	71.48%
1990	Herb Criss	Bremerton, WA	11	1	72.34%
1991	Art Sperber	Bremerton, WA	11	0	72.84%
1992	Herb Criss	Bremerton, WA	11	0	72.20%

1993	Herb Criss	11-1	72.88%	1994	Herb Criss	9-2	73.80%
1995	Herb Criss	11-0	65.6%	1996	Peter Clark	10-1	77.2%
1997	Herb Criss	10-0	62.6%	1998	Herb Criss	10-1	65.1%
1999	Herb Criss	10-2	59.9%	2000	Russ Phillips	10-1	65.5%
2001	Art Sperber	9-1	65.5%	2002	Gary Opper	10-1	64.3%
2003	Russ Phillips	11-1	57.5%	2004	Jerry Gorton	11-0	66.2%
2005	Jerry Gorton	12-2	59.2%	2006	Russ Phillips	12-2	59.2%
2007	Gary Kollman	9-1	59.1%	2008	Bill Graham Jr.	10-2	62.4%
2009	Gary Kollman	8-3	55.0%	2010	Matt Fuller	14-1	63.1%
2011	Matt Fuller	12-0	65.8%	2012	Don Davis	10-2	60.4%

2013	Matt Fuller	8-6	63.0%	Played with Elders
2014	Gerald Stangland	12-3	42.0%	
2015	Don Davis	11-1	62.8%	

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Pacific Northwest Tournament Women's Champions
50 Point Games

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1967	Alice Rehard	Spokane, WA	5	0	35.63%
1968	Mildred Kuhne	Tacoma, WA	5	0	48.72%
1969	Mildred Kuhne	Tacoma, WA	5	0	48.00%
1970	Mildred Kuhne	Tacoma, WA	7	0	44.62%
1971	Mildred Kuhne	Tacoma, WA	5	0	62.29%
1972	Lorraine Woodman	Colbert WA	8	1	52.12%
1973	Ruth Welsch	Spokane, WA	5	1	49.47%
1974	Karen Ovnicsek	Spokane, WA	6	1	61.57%
1975	Dorthy McSwane	Quincy, WA	6	1	61.89%
1976	Sandy Bartel	Oregon City, OR	6	1	60.22%
1977	Hannah Foley	Spokane, WA	7	0	61.96%
1978	Kelley O'Brien	Spokane, WA	7	0	67.81%
1979	Sandy Bartel	Oregon City, OR	6	0	63.33%
1980	Kelly O'Brien	Spokane, WA	7	0	73.25%
1981	Kelly O'Brien Keister	Vancouver, WA	5	0	66.67%
1982	Hannah Foley	Newport, WA	5	0	60.71%
1983	Shirley O'Brien	Spokane, WA	4	1	46.31%

40 Point Games

1984	Fran Cooper	Hermiston, OR	5	1	62.50%
1985	Elaine Weisdepp	Lacey, WA	9	2	61.81%
1986	Elaine Weisdepp	Lacey, WA	14	1	62.14%
1987	Elaine Weisdepp	Lacey, WA	9	2	57.24%
1988	Marge McLeod	Yamhill, OR	7	0	61.97%
1989	Marge McLeod	Yamhill, OR	7	0	66.13%
1990	Michelle Ives	Kennewick, WA	6	0	61.02%
1991	Connie Dearborn	Gilchrist, OR	5	0	48.67%
1992	Michelle Ives	Kennewick, WA	7	0	71.15%
1993	Patty Sapp	Eugene, OR	9	1	66.08%
1994	Patty Sapp	Eugene, OR	11	1	66.08%
1995	Margaret Byfield	9-1	56.5%		
1996	Vicki Winston	7-0	65.9%		
2013	Debbie Duncan	7-1	46.6%		

Pacific Northwest Tournament Mixed 30' Champions

1997	Vicki Winston	9-1	72.8%	1998	Earl DeWald	8-2	67.7%
1999	Marvin Tatchio	9-1	69.1%	2000	Jack Moore	9-1	60.9%
2001	Laverne Ewing	11-1	65.3%	2002	Carol Sperber	11-1	59.5%
2003	Art Sperber	8-2	64.0%	2004	Herb Criss	9-1	68.8%
2005	Carol Sperber	11-4	60.8%	2006	Carol Sperber	8-2	61.8%
2007	Carol Sperber	9-3	59.4%	2008	Les Myers	11-4	57.5%
2009	Blanca Hettinga	10-0	71.7%	2010	Russ Phillips	14-0	82.3%
2011	Russ Phillips	9-1	79.3%	2012	Russ Phillips	11-1	78.4%

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2013	Russ Philips	13-1	72.9%	2014	Russ Phillips	14-0	80.3%
2015	Russ Phillips	11-1	73.4%				

Pacific Northwest Tournament Junior Boys Champions

50 Point Games

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1967	Jim D. Malvern	Seattle, WA	6	0	61.82%
1968	Gary Martindale	Quincy, WA	2	0	06.52%
1969	Mike Weber	Hoquiam, WA	3	0	82.40%
1970	Lonny Griggs	Hoquiam, WA	4	0	42.39%
1971	Sam Woodman	Colbert, WA	4	0	44.04%
1972	Sam Woodman	Colbert, WA	7	0	50.91%
1973	Ray Durfee	Quincy, WA	7	0	60.76%
1974	Ray Durfee	Quincy, WA	7	0	71.26%
1975	Jeff Gardlin	Seattle, WA	4	1	56.29%
1976	Bob Bartlett	Everett, WA	6	1	56.09%
1977	Peter Clark	Port Orchard, WA	7	0	73.18%
1978	Peter Clark	Port Orchard, WA	6	1	75.53%
1979	Peter Clark	Port Orchard, WA	6	0	83.89%
1980	Peter Clark	Port Orchard, WA	6	0	62.06%
1981	Peter Clark	Port Orchard, WA	8	0	74.60%
1982	Tom Call	Grandview, WA	4	0	58.33%
1983	No Junior Boys Class Held				

40 Point Games

1984	Jason McKnight	Mountain Home, ID	5	0	24.16%
1985	No Junior Boys Class Held				
1986	Jason Knauft	Spokane, WA	3	1	29.46%
1987	Jason Knauft	Spokane, WA	5	0	43.09%
1988	Jason Knauft	Spokane, WA	3	4	31.80%
	(Pitched in with Women's Class)				
1989	Jason Knauft	Spokane, WA	8	0	45.10%
1990	Peter Ives	Kennewick, WA	6	0	41.04%
1991	Levi Woods	Keyport, WA	8	0	33.75%
1992	Lucas Ives	Kennewick, WA	2	5	38.80%
	(Pitched in with Women's Class)				

1995	Brandon Lund	6-4	50.4%	1996	K.C. Bayne	2-0	64.3%
1997	Brandon Lund	(*)	68.8%	1998	Brandon Lund (*)	5-5	68.0%
1999	Cletis Hull	5-1	39.4%	2000	Cletis Hull	5-3	41.9%
2001	Tyler Eisen	8-2	43.6%	2002	Tyler Eisen	5-2	45.2%
2003	Matt Fuller (*)	6-4	57.4%	2004	Matt Fuller (*)	4-6	52.5%
2005	Matt Fuller (*)	10-5	59.1%	2006	Matt Fuller (*)		62.1%
2007	Matt Fuller (*)	10-2	64.5%	2008	Matt Fuller (*)	12-3	64.35%
2010	Deanna Boyle	5-1	13.3%	2011	Truman Hopper	6-0	21.7%
2012	Karla Lewis			2013	Kyler Magnus	7-1	43.1%

2014 Karla Lewis 5.5%
* Games were played with Adult Class

***Tracking and Awarding Players
who have Pitched Consecutive World Tournaments***
by [Mel Yockstick](#), NHPA World Statistician

There is an old saying, "Records are made to be broken." The Major League Baseball playing streak of 2,632 games is still held by Baltimore Orioles Cal Ripken, Jr. (Wow, What a record!) Another record, the NHPA World tournaments In-A-Row streak of 52, belongs to Mark Siebold of Indiana (1964-2015). (High five Mark!) Next in line is Earl Winston, now deceased, who pitched in 50 Worlds In-A-Row (1951-2007).

At the 2016 winter meeting, this January in Montgomery, the NHPA council approved a new NHPA Patch to be awarded to those that have pitched in 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, or 60+ consecutive World Tournaments. To see a list of all players, go to the NHPA website WT Participation file. Many horseshoe players currently have 9 Worlds In-A-Row, which makes them eligible for the patch if they enter the 2016 world tournament in Montgomery, Alabama.



Patches (*pictured here*)
will be available through
your local charter
secretary soon.

NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS TO HAVE HOSTED 2 OR MORE EVENTS

Number of Events Hosted	State	Last Year Hosted
14	Utah	2013
11	Florida	1929
8	Ohio	1999
6	Iowa	2010
6	California	2005
5	Kansas	2015
5	Minnesota	2001
4	Alabama	2016
4	Indiana	1985
3	Illinois	2009

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3	New Hampshire	1974
2	New York	2014
2	Wyoming	2006
2	Canada	2002
2	North Dakota	2000
2	Nebraska	1998
2	Georgia	1995
2	South Dakota	1993
2	North Carolina	1983
2	Pennsylvania	1976

Your Hall of Fame

by [Casey Sluys](#), President, National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

It is possible that NHPA members have not heard that the association has a great Hall of Fame, located in the center of the country. We have attempted in the past few years to disseminate information about this beautiful facility in Wentzville, Missouri. Did you know that there are key members in your charter that have an informational brochure about the Hall of Fame and the organization that was established to ensure its survival? Or you can request one from us. That organization is the NHPF the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. Have you spoken to your fellow pitchers about the Hall of Fame? Have you stopped by on your way to any of the World Tournaments in the last few years?

During our annual meeting this year, we hope to draw up some long term plans things like a 5, 10 and perhaps a 20-year plan. Some of those plans have to do with a facility aspect of keeping the building looking great. It is incumbent on us to ensure that this facility remains in great shape as it has for the past 10 years. Yes folks, it's been 10 years since the dedication and grand opening of the NHPA Hall of Fame. In October is the actual anniversary of that date. During this meeting we will also discuss how we will be able to assist with a possible set of educational criteria to assist clubs and charters in their quest for new members.

If you have not visited the Hall of Fame in a few years then you are missing out on some wonderful displays. You read in the last issue of Newsline about how Bob Rogers keeps the displays current and fresh. Bob is certainly a key figure in keeping this facility looking very professional.

If you are one of the NHPA members who have not sent a donation in for a few years, won't you please consider contributing again? Your donations will ensure that our great facility will endure for the future of all horseshoe pitchers.

Please don't forget our AmazonSmile program, every little bit helps.
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-1671910>

Visit our website www.nhpf.info for complete information or look us up of Facebook simply search for National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. Send us a message as to what you would like to see from the NHPF: kcslus@sbcglobal.net

Thank You to Our Hall of Fame Supporters

by [Casey Sluys](#), *President, National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation*

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Newsline Editor Position Filled

by [Stu Sipma](#), NHPA President



I am pleased to announce that Rebecca Sidles has accepted the position of the NHPA Newsline Editor replacing Sara Otto who decided to step down. Rebecca's start date was March 1st, 2016. Sara has agreed to work with Rebecca in making sure we have a smooth transition. I would like to be the 1st in welcoming Rebecca to our NHPA family.

A little history on Rebecca includes the following:

- Grew up in Ames, IA
- Bachelors in Advertising from University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she enjoyed being a member of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and working for the HuskerVision athletic broadcasting team
- Recently completed a Masters in Integrated Marketing Communications completed through an online program offered by West Virginia University
- Currently employed with Big Green Umbrella Media working as an Account Executive and offering client solutions in community advertising
- In her spare time, she holds the position of Marketing Chair for the Greater Des Moines Young Professionals Connection

In her limited off time, Rebecca loves to stay active through community intramural sports and spend time with her puppy, Maia and laugh at the antics of her two cats, Athena and Hercules.

Please welcome Rebecca to our group.