



NEWSLINE

14 days left to register to join
the fun in St. George at the
2017 World Tournament!



May/June Edition

Don't Miss the Fun!

The entry deadline for the 2017 World Horseshoe Tournament is rapidly approaching! Come join these happy people and share the fun in St. George, Utah.

Online registration makes it easier than ever to reserve your spot. Just follow this link, then follow the simple instructions to complete: <http://bit.ly/2o9PJq4>

If you prefer to print the registration form and mail it in, you can find that form on the NHPA's home page or here: <http://bit.ly/2pNBhkH>

All mailed entries must be postmarked by the May 15 deadline.

Be sure to visit the World Tournament website, worldhorseshoes.com, for a complete list of events and activities in St. George.

From The Stat Man

Mel Yockstick

I was just reading the pamphlet – “St. George, Utah Legends and Landscapes”. This pamphlet does a good job of highlighting the 60 Indoor and 30 outdoor horseshoe courts that are available for our use. It also describes the many interesting sites around St. George. I would say St. George is ready to host the tournament! This got me thinking I should start packing and head west to play in the 100th NHPA World Tournament. Oops! It is April not July. I took a quick survey using the NHPA website - [WT Participation](#) file to see how many pitchers are eligible to receive the “NHPA Pitched in 10 or 20 World Tournaments” patch. There are 78 players who qualify for the 10 year patch/they are now setting with 9 events. There are 15 players with 19 events who could earn the 20 year patch this year. I encourage all players to login into the NHPA [WT Participation](#) file to see where they are in world tournament count. Hope to see you in July!



President's Message

Spring into Action. Drive Membership. Join the Fun.

Spring is in the air and horseshoes are on my mind. We had some bad news here in Bismarck with the loss of one roof structure due to snow load. Over the past four months, Bismarck (Burleigh County) had total snow accumulations of 77.1". The structure was a total loss and construction of rebuilding the new roof will begin soon. We currently have 3 roofs covering 24 courts. The good news is it should not interfere with our horseshoe leagues.

With leagues starting soon for many Charters, please remember to do your part in growing our sport by signing up new members. It's all of our responsibility, so let's turn this declining membership trend around and start seeing positive numbers!

Congratulations to Herschel Walters, Ralph Simon (deceased), Dennis Ohms (deceased) and Dan Sanders who will be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. Herschel Walters will be inducted into the category of "Player", Ralph Simon in the "Historic Era" and Dennis Ohms and Dan Sanders into "Promoter/Organizer". Their induction will be held at the World Tournament in St. George, UT. Congratulations to these four 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 World Tournament site voting. Wichita Falls, TX was the only site that met the requirements of the bidding process for the 2019 W.T. Congratulations to Wichita Falls! This will free up a lot of time for other discussions under new business. I encourage the delegates representing their Charter to be thinking about items of discussion, especially ways to grow our membership.

Another topic on the agenda at the convention is the election of 2nd & 4th Vice President positions along with the Sec/Treas position. For the position of 2nd VP, Tina Hawkins (Incumbent) from Marlow, OK will be running for another term along with Laurie (Laura) Lampkin from Bloomfield, KY. For the position of 4th VP, Rob Hagman from Anoka, MN, and Ron Smith from Lake Charles, LA, will be competing for this position. The NHPA Council wishes each of these candidates the best of luck. A bio of each of these candidates is included in this issue of *Newsline*.

For the position of Secretary/Treasurer, Dave Sidles has decided to run another term. Since no other members put in for this position, by Rule of Acclamation, Dave Sidles will be appointed for another term as your Secretary/Treasurer.

The 2017 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 17 - 29, 2017 at St. George, UT. The host site, the Dixie Center located at the center of the city limits and close to downtown St. George. The deadline for submitting your entry is May 15. For more information, visit our website at <http://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) who will be receiving this award at the Hall of Fame Banquet in Montgomery.

In conclusion, I believe it is going to be another great year for horseshoes. The Council is really hoping for a great turn out at St. George for the 2017 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships!

Hope to see all of you there and safe travels!

By-law Changes on 2017 Meeting Agenda

by Gary Roberts, 1st Vice President



Texas, Here We Come!

by Tina Hawkins
2nd Vice President

The NHPA is proud to announce Wichita Falls, Texas as host of the 2019 World Horseshoe Tournament!

Conveniently located right off Interstate 44 in downtown Wichita Falls, the MPEC (Multi Purpose Event Center) is less than ten minutes away from several full service and limited service hotels.

The venue consists of the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall inside the MPEC as well as the adjacent Kay Yeager Coliseum. The two areas are quite similar to those in Topeka, Kansas, but are not physically attached.

Parking is free with 1,100 spaces at the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall! MPEC also has RV hook-ups and can accommodate and service up to 1,000 rigs on site.

Wichita Falls is very excited to be the host for the 2019 World Tournament! Their goal is for both participants and spectators to enjoy their time in the city and get to have the full Texas experience.

Wichita Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau representatives will be at this year's World Tournament in St. George to provide information. They will also make a presentation

The Council is proposing a number of bylaws changes this year and have compiled them all for your review. Please share your thoughts with your Charter representative so they can bring any feedback to the Charter Meeting in St. George where these will be placed up for a vote individually.

Proposal A:

Current Wording:

ARTICLE III: Membership

SECTION 3. Dues for adult members are the National dues of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) plus the amount set for State dues within their Charter. Three dollar (\$3.00) of every adult membership will be set aside for the World Tournament prize fund, for the next year.

Proposed Changes to Wording: (see underlined)

ARTICLE III: Membership

SECTION 3. Dues for adult members are the National dues of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus the amount set for State dues within their Charter. Three dollar (\$3.00) of every adult membership will be set aside for the World Tournament prize fund, for the next year. Convention delegates may also authorize the NHPA to make an annual donation to the NHPF. This amount will be determined at the NHPA annual winter meeting and will be voted on by delegates at the NHPA Convention, later that year.

Reasons for Changes:

A dues increase is now necessary for several reasons, including an increase in our annual expenses, combined with a loss of revenue due to our steadily decreasing membership. These and other reasons will be explained and discussed in a power-point presentation before the delegate vote on this proposal. The amount of the annual NHPF donation will be based on the current/annual specified needs and comparative bank balances of each organization, but shall not exceed \$1.00 per member.

Proposal B:

Current Wording:

SECTION 7. A membership card must be issued by the Charter in which the member maintains legal residence as determined by the filing of federal and state tax returns, voting, and/or driver license laws. Charters collecting NHPA dues for a non-resident member should give only a receipt, and then forward the dues and address information to the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer who will advise the Charter of record. Residents of a State having no active Charter may become an NHPA member by sending their dues directly to the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer.

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Make This The Year!

by: Jerry Labrosse,
4th Vice President

Are you trying to decide whether or not to enter the World Tournament? Just a few days left to enter. Maybe you're even short an event to qualify?

Let me start by saying that if you have never attended a World Tournament, you truly don't know what you're missing. It is the world's largest and greatest horseshoe tournament! Where else can you go and play 15 other players in your division who are nearly the exact same skill level as you are? The experience is extraordinary to say the very least.

And who knows, you just might make a few new friends along the way. To win your class at world is very difficult and rewarding achievement!

It just so happens that this year's W.T. is in St. George, UT, which has tons of great things to offer visitors. National Parks galore, great golf and great local food and people are all part of a great WT experience awaiting you.

If you need another event to qualify, contact your Regional Director to see if a qualifying tournament could be arranged.

Everything you need to know about this year's WT is available on the NHPA website! Make this the year you enter.

Vice President Election Nominees

Two Council positions are up for election at this year's convention – 2nd and 4th Vice President. Each nominee shares here below more about themselves as you consider your vote.

Tina Hawkins, 2nd Vice President (Incumbent)



Since 2009, I have had the honor of serving the NHPA members as 2nd Vice President. Each year has been full of learning and growing

for me and we've accomplished some exciting things – such as our beautifully wrapped semi trailer, which now acts as a mobile billboard on the highway, an appearance on Good Morning America AND having ESPN's SportsCenter broadcast live from our World Tournament!

For several years, I have also assisted Stu in finding great locations for our premiere event and now have completely taken on the role of World Tournament Coordinator. I have developed some strong professional relationships with many Convention and Visitors Bureaus across the country, with several of those destinations already hoping to bid for the 2020 event.

If re-elected, I will continue to make every effort to create exposure for our great association and for the sport of pitching horseshoes, as well as to seek out the very best destinations for you to visit during

our premiere event each summer.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement throughout these years... your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Laura Lampkin, 2nd Vice President Nominee



I, Laura Lampkin, would like to announce that I am seeking to run for the position of 2nd VP – Publicity/Promotion Director of the

National Horseshoe Pitching Association for the upcoming 2017 election in St. George, Utah.

I have an enthusiastic passion for the sport of horseshoes, engaging people and the public to become more involved with the sport.

Obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management with a Minor in Paralegal Studies from Sullivan University (Louisville, Kentucky) I learned skills in business management, administration, advertising concepts, marketing, microeconomics, public speaking, advanced business law, contract law, mediation and arbitration.

I am the co-owner of two businesses. I have held various positions for several years with the Kentucky State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (KHPA), beginning with 4th Vice President and moving up to 2nd Vice President.

I have been able to witness the

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KHPA (KY) evolve into an organization that I hold near and dear to my heart, including watching our members make a name for themselves in winning the World Championships. With my previous abilities to work with others in co-positions, I want to build upon the great work of previous officers and attempt to take the organization to the next level.

Working in conjunction with the next group of officers, I want to execute a vision of leadership, visibility and creating partnerships with elected officials. As 2nd Vice President, I plan to maximize the talents and connections and experiences of my fellow officers and horseshoe pitchers to ensure that the NHPA maintains a reputation of excellence and progression. I look forward to running for 2nd Vice President and hope that I am given the chance to expand on the great work that the previous officer has done over the past several years.

Hello NHPA, my name is Dalton Rakestraw from Illinois, and I am personally endorsing Laura Lampkin, KY, for the position of NHPA 2nd Vice President in the upcoming election. Laura's 3 'E' drive and proposal is what is needed for the position. Laura has all the qualities needed carry the position. Elect Laura Lampkin in the upcoming NHPA Officers election. A fresh vision is needed and Laura

bears those qualities.

Thank you.

Ronald Smith, 4th Vice President Nominee



Hello, I am Ronald Smith and I would like to announce that I am running for the NHPA Fourth Vice President position.

I am 68, retired after 34 years of working as a laboratory instrument specialist at Lyondell Chemical Plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana. My job was to manage all maintenance, operations, cost to support analytical instrumentation, utility, safety and building systems supporting the laboratory functions. I also developed and supported processes improving quality, costs and reliability for lab services.

I am currently the Regional Director for the state of Louisiana and Vice President of the Cajun Horseshoe Pitching Association. I have been pitching horseshoes for the past 15 years.

I have assisted with the setup and disassemble of World Tournaments for the past seven years. I handled the setting up of World in Kansas with Roger Vogel's assistance in Jerry's absence and have worked closely with each of the host facilities for past World Tournaments. I train the night crew on the correct way to clean, align and

water the pits for the next day of pitching competition ensuring they understand. I have worked with Bill Marvin on the clay setup and Rob Hagman with the assembly, setup and hookup of the computers on the courts.

I have done new scorekeeper training along with refresher training for the past seven years at each World Tournament.

If elected I will do my best to perform the duties of the 4th Vice President along with creating ways to increase membership. Your help and ideas will be needed to reach the goal of membership growth.

Thank you for your support!

Rob Hagman, 4th Vice President Nominee



Greetings to all NHPA members.

I would like to announce my intention to run for the position of

NHPA 4th Vice President. I am excited for the opportunity to become a full NHPA council member. In the years I have attended the World Tournament, I have worked closely with the council members and feel I understand the job duties entailed in the position.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Utah.

Did You Know?

Within minutes of St. George you find much diversity in landscape with the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin and the Colorado Plateau; allowing for more National Parks within a day trip than almost anywhere else in the United States.



I am happy to report that Kevin Lewis, Seth Ohms, and I returned from the 2017 South African trip on April 10, 2017 after spending two wonderful weeks in that country.

The purpose of our trip was to promote horseshoe pitching, to maintain the relationship between the sport of Jukskei and horseshoe pitching, to present a formal invitation to both South Africa and Namibia to attend the 2017 World Horseshoe Tournament, to play in the Jukskei Championships and International test matches, and lastly, to enjoy the beauty and diversity of South Africa.

We started our trip with three days in the City of Cape Town. During that time we were very busy enjoying this beautiful city. We took a cable car to the top of Table Mountain above Cape Town. You can see the entire city from this vantage point and you can see Robben Island just off the coast.

We also hiked up a very rugged trail to the top of Lion's Head adjacent to Table Mountain. The views from the top were spectacular. Later we spent time at a beautiful beach nearby.

We also took a tour of all surrounding areas to include Hout Bay, the Cape of Good Hope, and many other sites. The scenery in this entire area is breathtaking.

We enjoyed exotic foods in the waterfront area to include crocodile

meat, and on one evening we took a sailboat ride around the bay.

Upon leaving Cape Town, we went to Kruger National Park. Kruger is one of the largest game reserves in Africa covering 7,523 square miles. We spent an entire day on safari and we were rewarded with sightings of the rarest animals in the park to include cheetahs and wild dogs. There are only 60 cheetahs in the entire park and we saw four of them together. During the final moments we saw lions that were trailing a large herd of water buffalo.

We then returned to Johannesburg where Nico Nel, President of Jukskei South Africa, picked us up at the airport and transported us to Kroonstad, the Site of the 2017 Jukskei Championships.

On Friday evening 24 horseshoe pitchers from South Africa and Namibia competed to fill spots for the International test matches that would occur on Saturday. The method of play was 40-shoe cancellation. There were three divisions to included Open Men, Open Women, and a Veterans group.

On Saturday evening the top three finishers in each group were combined with me in the Open Men's, Kevin in the Veterans Group, and Seth competed with the top women. I was victorious in the Open Men's group but the South Africans were victorious in the other two groups. Seth had the toughest competition as he faced a 60% game from our friend, Charisma. Medals were awarded to all participants.

Tour 2017: South Africa

by Gary Roberts, 2nd Vice President

Also on Saturday Kevin Lewis and I competed in the Jukskei Doubles Event playing seven matches in the hot sun. Needless to say, we did win any of those matches. The talent of our opponents was impressive.

On Sunday there was a formal Opening Ceremony that we attended. I was surprised by being selected for a prestigious award equivalent to the NHPA Hall of Fame for my contributions to the sport of Jukskei.

On Monday the Jukskei Tournament began and we played five matches. Each match lasts one hour and fifteen minutes. The temperature was warmer than usual with bright sunshine. We also played five matches on Tuesday and Wednesday. In the evenings we were hosted to a braai (barbecue) by different provinces. The food was outstanding.

On Thursday, we participated in the opening ceremony for the International test matches. Groups from South Africa, Namibia, and the USA marched onto the playing area carrying our respective flags. We then played test matches against Namibia and South Africa. The talent of South Africa's team was phenomenal.

It is important to note that the Jukskei championships are held every year at Jukskei Park in Kroonstad. In fact, Jukskei South Africa and the Namibia Jukskei Federation now own the grounds. There are small cottages around the grounds where many of the jukskei players stay during the tournament. We stayed in one of the cottages.

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Questions about HSMaster and HSScorekeeper?

*by Rob Hagman,
IT Director*

There is a new website for help
with HSMaster and
HSScorekeeper.

www.hsmaster.info

You will be able to download
both programs from there along
with help using the programs.
You can leave comments about
the programs and get from Rob
Hagman with any part of the
program.

Both of these programs are
free. There is a place where you
can donate to further the
development of each program.

Please keep in mind the website
is always being worked on and
added on to. If you have any
ideas, please share with them
with us.

2016 “Top Ten” Lists

by Jerry Smith, 4th Vice President

I would like to cover the “Top Ten”
lists of the 2016 league pitching
season.

These lists were originally written
into the Red Book to honor the
many upper level pitching
performances that were
accomplished in any given year.
League Directors were expected to
submit candidates whom they
thought might qualify for the “Top
Ten” by the first of December each
year. The National League Director
would then rank these applications
and make the awards in the various
lists.

This system of selection put the
emphasis for accuracy in the hands
of the local league directors and I
would think many of these league
leaders didn’t even bother with any
submissions or didn’t even know
they were supposed to. There were
fewer categories back then since
most leagues pitched 50 shoe
games.

Somewhere along the line, the list
was expanded to include 40 shoe
games and with the aid of more
sophisticated computer programs, it
was decided to include all league
pitchers and all league results
eliminating the requirement to have
names submitted.

While this change was absolutely
the right thing to do, it moved the
process completely over to the
National League Director’s plate to
compile and track the data from
300 plus leagues and sort that data
into the 30 “Top Ten” lists.

This sounds fairly easy in this age of
computers and actually should be.
This brings up an old computer

adage, which states, “garbage in,
garbage out”. This old comment is
so appropriate when: league
directors fail to report pitchers who
have changed pitching categories,
misspell names, mistype card
numbers or report leagues that
didn’t even occur. The
inappropriate reusing of NHPA card
numbers before the two year
waiting period is over doesn’t help
either (Note: there is no reason
under our current system to even
reuse number).

All of these things happened this
year. Plus, I experienced a small
computer problem that somehow
changed about 50 first names to
“Cassie”. This glitch promoted a
nonexistent player named “Cassie
Johnson” onto several lists. She
apparently was a very good pitcher.
Actually, she acquired the pitching
record of Steven Johnson who
actually is a very good pitcher.

All of these things had me
scrambling to recalculate lists, redo
plaques and reprint many
certificates – some more than
once. It has been suggested that I
put out the “Top Ten” list multiple
times so that league directors can
find errors. That is a good idea and
a lot of work. The problem is, I put
out a preliminary list in October,
which included several errors, and
not a word was heard.

I do plan on posting the lists a
couple of times next year and place
it on the website.

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Shoe Check: How to be Prepared



by Bill Marvin, 5th Vice President

The 2017 pitching season is finally here! Even though most of the country had a mild winter (sorry Dakotas and Minnesota), outdoor pitching can finally begin in earnest.

By now World Tournament entries for most of us have been mailed (or done online; thanks Dave Sidles) and plans have been made or are in progress for the NHPA's premiere event in St. George. For many of us, we are anxiously anticipating a return visit to the Dixie Center and the awesome sights of the many natural wonders in Utah.

If you have been on the fence about entering this year, let me be the one to nudge you on the side of joining us. Not only will you have the opportunity to be a World Champion, I can assure you that lifelong friendships will result.

As NHPA 5th VP, one of my duties at the World Tournament is a process we call shoe check. This is where several things are accomplished. You will be asked to show your 2017 membership card, your horseshoes will be checked for weight as well as dimensions, your pick up tool (if you use one), and we'll take a look at your shirt to make sure it meets requirements. Also, you will be asked what brand of shoe you pitch and your pitching style (3/4 turn, 1 1/4 turn, etc.). Why do we need all this information?

Showing your membership card validates that all pitchers are valid NHPA members. Because some charters report their membership information on an annual basis, we may not have the latest list of members. Seeing the cards is the only way to verify everyone is current. Measuring weighing and measuring shoes makes sure everyone is pitching shoes

sanctioned by the NHPA. Every year there are a few shoes that don't fit in the jig, but most of them have been brought into specification with a touch up on the grinder or a tap or two with a hammer.

Will there be lines? Yes, there is a line to get this done. We only ask you be patient and show up an hour and a half before your scheduled pitching time on your first day of competition. After shoe check, players will be given a few last minute instructions and pictures will be taken of each class. After this, you will be given plenty of time to warm up and get ready to pitch.

After the World Tournament is completed, I will consolidate the information gathered and it will be published for everyone to see: things like most popular brand, pitching style, etc. in the NEWSLINE and posted to the web site.

Just a few words to the pitchers who will be attending the Convention. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the issue that will be discussed and voted on this year. Your decisions will help shape the direction of the NHPA in the future. As everyone is aware, there are many recreation activities available today, and we have to find a way to show people that horseshoes is not only a great sport, but is a family event that can be enjoyed by everyone.

For several years now, Jerry Labrosse and I have had trophy challenge between the Illinois and Minnesota charters at the World Tournament. The Charter that has the best percentage of trophy winners wins a steak dinner for one of us. I must say the T-bone I had in Montgomery was MOUTH WATERING!! If memory serves, Illinois has won 3 time and

Minnesota 1, but I am sure Jerry will correct me if I am wrong. I am also certain that St. George has a terrific steak house that he can once again treat me.

I am encouraging everyone to support your local tournaments, clubs and leagues. The folks who are the directors and officers of these groups are the true heroes of our sport. Their efforts keep things running. Show up early and give them a hand – uncover and turn the courts, put out the scoreboards, offer to keep score, whatever it takes to make the event successful. Bring a friend who has never pitched in a sanctioned event.



**Allow an hour and half
before your scheduled
pitching time on your
first day of competition.**

Have a great summer.

Ringers to you.

Easy Does It.



Caring, with a Passion for the Pits

by Aleena Lepak, Junior Promotion Director

Seth Onan from Defoe, Kentucky seems older than his fourteen years of age. His passion for the sport of horseshoes and caring nature for others sets him apart. Seth would like to one day be a doctor to follow his mom in the health field. "It isn't always about the money but caring for people who need it.," he stated. With big dreams, he still plans on keep horseshoes a part of his daily life.

Starting at eight years old from watching his aunt Becky Holmes, Seth tried pitching and decided he "wanted to be a World Champion like her." Becky and Seth would practice together everyday where she taught him how to throw a flip, until one day when he decided to watch an Alan Francis video. He now throws a three-quarter reverse and it has made a world of a difference for him.

Seth has competed in many

tournaments throughout Kentucky, but doesn't keep track of all his winnings as he said there is always something to learn from losing as well as winning. He has won the Kentucky Cadet state title three times, and placed second for Junior Boys. For World tournaments he has placed second in Cadets, won class A for Juniors, and placed second in the Junior Boys Championship. He is excited to return and take a shot at the title again.

Weather permitting; Seth tries to practice everyday to be the best he can be. He prefers to pitch against others with the same or higher average to make the game more challenging. "When you think you have it, horseshoes can take a turn." Seth tries to clear his mind and keep his focus on every game.

This eighth grader also enjoys listening to Country and Bluegrass

music. Every Saturday night, his family goes to a dancehall in town to listen to music and have a good time. Music has impacted his life in that he plays seven instruments: guitar, banjo, mandolin, piano, harmonica, electric guitar, and fiddle. Keep your eye on this man of many talents, as we will be hearing his name for quite some time.



NHPF: Mission Statement Defined

by Casey Sluys, NHPF Director

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation was formed as a charitable public foundation to raise funds necessary to build and maintain the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum. The NHPF continues to solicit tax-deductible contributions to preserve the history, showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching, through grants and educational programs.

If you analyze the above statement you will note that our Hall of Fame is built. You might also remember that we recently had a couple of major expenses at the building. Part of what we do is maintain and preserve the history of horseshoe pitching. That is included in the actual display inside your Hall of Fame. Another part of that same sentence says we showcase the present. Those are the annual large tournaments that are held at the facility. Yet another part of our "Mission" statement says that we accomplish this through grants and educational programs. Grants have been given out for many years and as funds increase we are able to increase the amount of these grants. Some conditions are agreed to upon issuing these grants and generally speaking most live up to those conditions.

The one thing we have not done yet is to come up with some sort of comprehensive educational program. This sort of program could work through school, parks departments, boys and girls clubs, after hour recreational play, summer camps, etc. It could virtually be accomplished anywhere where there is enough space for a couple of stakes. Upon perusing various websites I

have come upon perhaps the ultimate instructional horseshoe pitching website, it is <http://www.horseshoeamerica.com>

If you click on "coaches corner" there are 23 pages of information that one can use for instructions. Every horseshoe pitcher should look at this information. There is virtually nothing more to do but to teach the information. You really do not need to develop any written material it is all there for you. We'd like to thank the Southern Utah folks in particular Seth Ohms for making this information available to the public.

At this year's WT in Utah Seth has offered to procure a room large enough to hold 40 or so people. I intend on holding a brainstorming session with whoever wishes to attend. Ground rules will be set in the first 5 minutes of the meeting. The statement of purpose will be to *increase NHPA membership and entice people to stay*. The general outline will be to have 15 minutes of brainstorming ideas with a scribe writing them all down. The next 45 minutes we would spend on creating a Musts and Wants list. The next hour would be to take all the Musts and assign owners to them. (Owners being the people responsible to implement these ideas nationwide) Monetary concerns can be addressed as they arise, but we will NOT spend money frivolously. The NHPF could possibly assist, as it is our charter to promote and provide for the future of horseshoe pitching.

Everyone is welcome to

attend and all ideas are welcome. In order for this type of meeting to be successful strict guidelines and timelines will be adhered to. This is a scheduled 2-hour meeting we can certainly go longer if it proves to be productive. We may even use a second day? Our purpose is to provide some concrete information to all nationwide charters and Regional Directors. Personally I would love to see the RD's become involved with this task. We cannot continue to plod along as we have been for the past 100 years. Any and every idea is acceptable.

The picture attached with this article depicts two horseshoe pitchers from Missouri Gary Buehler the Treasurer of the NHPF and Ginny Weiss both of the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club in Wentzville. Congratulations to both of them for their induction into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame!

Their sport...

horseshoes of course.





NHPF Board of Director Profile: Phyllis Quist

I am Phyllis Quist from Washington State and I serve as a secretary on the Board of Directors for the NHPF.

I was told the first mistake I made when I went to my first local tournament was that I went up to gals at the desk and said, "What can I do to help?" And they had me – that was the beginning in 1989.

Since then, my husband, Jim, and I have been immersed in horseshoe activities. We found this wasn't just a sport, it was a family.

I attended 25 World Tournaments and so look forward every year to connect again with all the great people in this organization.

It is an honor to be on this Board to help preserve and promote our sport.

Special Thanks to Our Donors

We express our sincere thanks to the following that have donated as reported in the May/June 2017 issue of *Newsline*.

Donating \$10-\$95

Charles Bunner, WV

Republic County Ringers, KS

Nevada State HPA, NV

Raymond L. Hall, NY

James Cook Memorial Donations

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Jim Saunders, CA

Donating \$100-\$200

Tucson HPC, AZ

Virginia State HPA, VA (2016)

Virginia State HPA, VA (2017)

Donating \$250-\$550

Minnesota Gopher State HPA (NHPF Benefit Tournament)

Clearwater Horseshoe Club, FL (NHPF Benefit Tournament)

Donating (\$1000-\$1500)

St. George Horseshoe Pitchers, UT (Grant Repayment)

Bricks Purchased By

Vicki Marteney, FL

Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club, MO (2) bricks

Michael Dossett, AR

Other Income:

NHPA Game Related Sales \$ 250.00 ck Rent

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Hall of Fame: Class of 2017

by Vicki Winston

The first few months of the year are when the Hall of Fame Committee is the busiest and we have completed the voting for the 2017 class of Hall of Fame inductees.

The NHPA President always gives me the honor of notifying inductees or a family member of the high honor that is being bestowed upon them. This sometimes brings about some unusual experiences as I try to contact people and there sometimes are a few people who are almost speechless upon hearing the news.

With so much bad news in the world these days, it is kind of nice to be able to be the bearer of some good news. We will have four inductees this year. They are Herschel Walters, Ralph Simon, Dennis Ohms and Dan Sanders. Ralph Simon and Dennis Ohms are deceased, but each have a son I was able to reach.

I had the very unusual experience of reaching Seth Ohms while he was waiting at the airport in Atlanta to board a flight and travel to South Africa with Gary Roberts and Kevin Lewis. I will be anxious to hear a

report of their trip. I was able to reach both Herschel Walters and Dan Sanders by phone and enjoyed talking to them personally.

As always, the induction ceremony will take place during the NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet, which will be held in St. George, Utah during the World Tournament on Sunday evening, July 23, 2017. Reservations must be made in advance by contacting NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Dave Sidles. I am making tentative plans to be in St. George for a few days, so perhaps I will see you there.

I will conclude this article with a brief summary of the accomplishments of our four 2017 inductees. I do not have the time to tell you everything that they've done. If you want to know more, then plan to attend the induction ceremony.

Meanwhile, you might want to be working on nominations to be added to the ballot for the 2018 Hall of Fame voting. They can be submitted anytime and the deadline will be January 31, 2018. A printable nomination form can be found on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. Just follow the directions on the form.

You might also want to send a donation to the NHPF for the upkeep of our wonderful Hall of Fame facility in Wentzville, MO, so that we can continue to have a permanent place where we can recognize the people who have received the highest honor that is given in the sport of horseshoe pitching and also display many other items and pieces of memorabilia pertaining to the history of horseshoe pitching.



Herschel Walters - Indiana

Herschel is being inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in the Player category. Although Herschel has enjoyed the sport of horseshoe pitching for many years, he didn't

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WVHPA Player to Receive Commemorative Public Sign

submitted by Charles Bunner, WVHPA

To begin, I am Charles M. Bunner of the West Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association (WVHPA) for forty consecutive years. In my years in the club I have encouraged the construction of fourteen permanent horseshoe courts, located within the East Marion Recreation Veterans Memorial Park, the most centralized number of courts in the state. The annual Head-of-the-Mon-River/Memorial Weekend NHPA

Sanctioned Tournament is held here. This year will be its 31st year.

I would like to share that I am currently coordinating efforts with two West Virginia State Senators to have signs erected in Morgantown/Monongahalia County for recognizing the late Anna Lindquist, who won the Open Women Division of the 1949 World Tournament as being an inductee in the NHPA Hall of Fame; as well as the late

Ralph Maddox, who set three World Records and competed in several World and WVHPA State Tournaments. I have proposed the signs be erected along major highways within their communities/counties. I am proud to announce by this publishing it was confirmed that Ralph Maddox will receive a sign in his home community. I am awaiting status for Anna Lindquist.

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reach his prime until he advanced into the Elders Division. In that division, although he is small in stature, he eventually became a mighty presence on the courts. He qualified into the Elders Championship finals at the World Tournament at least 7 times and won the World Elders Championship in 2008 averaging 77.37%. He won the World Elders Championship again in 2009 and averaged 81.25%. In 2010 he placed third and averaged 77.86%. He has also won the 30 ft. division championship at the Six-Pac Invitational Tournament that is now known as the Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament. This event is held each year at the Hall of Fame complex in Wentzville, MO. He has been the Indiana Elders State Champion more than once and he has been the 30 ft. division champion in at least two Pro Tour events. We congratulate Herschel on his accomplishments and although Father Time is beginning to catch up with Herschel, we wish him many more enjoyable years of pitching.

**Ralph Simon - Iowa**

Ralph is being inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in the Historic Era Player category. Although Ralph apparently loved the game of horseshoe pitching, he didn't learn about organized horseshoe pitching until he was in his 50's. He played in his first World Tournament at the age of 59 in 1978 when it was held at Des Moines, Iowa. That was still in the day when there were 36 men in

the Championship Class and the games went to 50 points. Ralph finished 10th and averaged 73.7%. That was all he needed to keep him coming back. In the Championship Class of 32 men in 1979 he finished 3rd and averaged 80.7%. In 1980 in a Championship Class of 32 men he finished 4th and averaged 77.7%. In 1981 in a Championship Class of 24 men he finished 4th and averaged 81.2%. He pitched well enough in 1982 to qualify for the Championship Class, but was not feeling well and had to withdraw from the tournament. That was the last time Ralph competed in a World Tournament. Walter Ray Williams Jr. tells of Ralph's pitching during the World Invitational Tournament in 1980 when 12 of the best players in the world competed at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, California. Ralph played 13 games during the 2-day event and averaged 84.38% and his total number of shoes pitched averaged 122 shoes per game against very stiff competition. In a game with Walter Ray Williams Jr. at 74 shoes Walter Ray was ahead 39-9. In the next 100 shoes, Ralph pitched 96 ringers, but Walter Ray pitched 91 ringers during that stretch and managed to win the game 51-33. Ralph was not the tournament winner, but he let them know he was there and that he could hold his own against some of the best. Had Ralph not been stricken with the illness that took his life, who knows what the future might have held for him in the sport of horseshoe pitching? He might have someday won a World Championship.

**Dennis Ohms - Utah**

Dennis is being inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in the

Promoter/Organizer category. He came by his love of the game quite naturally. His father, Ray Ohms, was very involved with horseshoe pitching and is a member of the Hall of Fame because of all that he did to help give the World Tournament a home in Murray, Utah all during the 1950's when no other hosts could be found. Dennis enjoyed playing horseshoes, but it didn't take him long to get deeply involved in actively promoting the sport. What follows is only a partial list of what he was involved in. He was instrumental in getting a NHPA Southern Utah charter formed, because there is such a wide geographic division in Utah that it was hard for the two areas to work together. Dennis was elected its first president and worked with various areas to establish at least 185 courts that were built for sanctioned events. When the NHPA Game Related Sales program was started, Dennis became a distributor and was still active in the program 32 years later at the time of his passing. He worked with the youth to establish junior leagues and he got involved internationally leading a good will trip to Japan in 1989 which included Utah pitchers, other NHPA members and officers and a few Canadians. In 1991 Dennis led another group of horseshoe pitchers to Japan, helping to introduce our sport to thousands of Japanese people. They loved our sport, but alas, this highly populated nation doesn't have space for the construction of very many horseshoe courts. However, they did send a contingent of 8 Japanese horseshoe pitchers who participated in the 1997 World Tournament. When Queen City Forge decided to terminate production of the Gordon Horseshoe, Dennis could not let this legendary horseshoe disappear. He formed the Omega Horseshoe Company, successfully restored the classic Gordon "Spin-on" model and reintroduced it to current pitchers as the "Legend" horseshoe. His company was also responsible for a youth horseshoe called the "Cadet" that was in production at the time of

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his passing. When the World Senior Games began in the late 1980's, Dennis was asked to take charge of the Horseshoe Pitching tournaments that brought competitors from across the USA and several foreign countries. He oversaw all horseshoe operations until the time of his passing and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2006. Last, but not necessarily least, Dennis was deeply involved in bringing the 2013 World Tournament to St. George, Utah and also the upcoming 2017 World Tournament. He passed away just a few weeks after the 2017 World Tournament was awarded to St. George. It is purely a coincidence, but also very special that Dennis will be inducted into our Hall of Fame at a site so close to his home and many of his friends and family will be able to attend.



Dan Sanders - Ohio

Dan is being inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in the Promoter/Organizer category. It would be terribly lengthy to list all of

the things in which Dan has been involved, so will list only some. Dan has been a longtime member of the Whetstone Horseshoe Club in Columbus, Ohio, which hosted the 1992 World Horseshoe Tournament held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. He has also been very active in the Ohio charter, holding many positions that perhaps gave him some experience and preparation for the jobs he would be assigned when he was elected the NHPA 1st Vice President to begin serving in 2006. He served as the NHPA Regional Director for Ohio from 1995 through 2007. He was on the NHPA Rules Rewrite Committee and lead writer for the RGS Book, 2003-2005. He began serving as the Chairman for the NHPA Medical Exemptions in 2006 and during his tenure redesigned the application forms. He became the Chairman of both the NHPA Rules Committee and the NHPA By-laws Committee in 2009 and has been involved in more changes and rewrites to both documents. Just prior to becoming a NHPA Officer, Dan was appalled to learn that Sanctioned Leagues and Tournaments could take place on courts that were not sanctioned. He led the movement that brought about the guidelines and forms for court sanctioning and assisted all Charter RD's and ARD's with the very first court sanctioning process. While he was Chairman of the Charter Regional Directors, he was in charge of the shoe check at the World

Tournaments through 2008. Although he is no longer in charge, he still continues to help with shoe check at every World Tournament. At the 2013 NHPA Convention, Dan presented a Power Point presentation of suggested hand signals that could be used in communicating the score to scorekeepers when conditions are not ideal for verbally calling the score. Dan's daughter created the artwork for these signals, Stacy Sanders Robinson, and these signals now appear in the latest edition of the NHPA RGS book. Dan has also been deeply involved with the training of scorekeepers, the materials that are being used to conduct scorekeeping clinics and has distributed the text, questions and answers for the written test that is given after completing the clinic. It is very desirable to have NHPA Certified Scorekeepers in place at major events and especially at the World Tournament. Dan's tenure as the NHPA 1st Vice President ended at the close of 2016, as he had chosen not to seek re-election. We know that this does not end Dan's contributions to our sport and that he will continue to be involved and serving to the best of his ability for as long as he is able, even if it isn't in an official capacity.



The bottom line is this. It would be very helpful if league directors and/or charters would follow these simple suggestions:

1. Include accurate pitching categories and card numbers on the final stats.
2. Don't reuse numbers.
3. Report changes in pitching categories to NATSTATS and me. In your reports to me, highlight the change and/or tell me in a comment.
4. Double check your figures and, if written, print neatly.
5. Do not include handicaps in any of your data. Point categories mean points only.

Thanks for your consideration and it is my pleasure to present the 2016 Sanctioned League "Top Ten" awards lists. Most of these awards have been sent out, all though, I am waiting to receive one more batch of plaque changes. Let's get those leagues up and running, I need something to do (LOL).

Also, if you received a longevity letter, be sure and get that back to me ASAP.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Sanctioned Club/League

2016 National Top Ten

Updated April 11, 2017

Final stats MUST be received BY DECEMBER 31 of the current year.

There is no need to send in any "Top Ten" forms.

Individual High Ringer Average - Cadet

50.97	Ryan	Schepers	C	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
49.58	Sarah	Chaffee	C	WI	Eau Claire Summer 16
47.66	Ryan	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSC Summer 16
32.93	Leon	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 16
30.89	Quinn	Ohms	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
30.76	Zander	Potts	C	OH	Red Barn HSC Winter 16
27.20	Dell	Carter	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
25.88	Warren James	Highley	C	MO	Liberty HSC JR 16
23.34	Erik	Datkuliak	C	OH	Try County HSC Thursday 16
21.74	Caiden	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16

Individual High Ringer Average - Elder

76.42	Bob	Hudnall	E	KY	Edmonson HSC Fall 16
75.94	Virgil	Rife	E	OH	Fulton County HSC Summer
75.69	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Summer 16
74.13	Gregg	Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Tuesday 16
72.64	Ralph	Adrian	E	OH	Green County HSC Scratch 16
71.47	Daniel F	Dunn	E	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 16
71.37	Paul	McGee	E	MD	Frederick HSC Fall 16
71.26	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Green County HSC Scratch 16
70.00	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall 16
68.54	Ron	Womack	E	IN	New Castle HSC Summer 16

Individual High Ringer Average - Jr. Boy

66.45	Travis	Sluys	B	CA	Sonoma C HSC Summer 16
62.00	Seth	Onan	B	KY	Nelson HSC Spring 16
55.83	Gunnar	David	B	WI	Mosinee HSC Summer 16
54.33	Hayden	Lee	B	CA	Sonoma C HSC Summer 16
51.12	Dayton	Campbell	B	NC	Raleigh HSC Poison III
47.55	Devin	Wetzel	B	MO	Liberty HSC JR 16
41.20	Nathan	Evers	B	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
40.75	Andrew	Sherwood	B	CT	CCHC Winter 16
35.00	Blake	Lazaris	B	WI	Marshfield HSC Summer 16
31.67	Jonathon	Sherwood	B	CT	CCHC Winter 16

Individual High Ringer Average - Jr. Girl

44.89	Savanna	Johnson	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Winter 16
32.37	Chelsea	Swaller	G	CT	Weik Towne HSL Summer 16
27.30	Felicia	Hull	G	OH	Try County HSC Thursday 16
26.91	Destinnie	Wilke	G	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 16
23.30	Kiana	Salazar	G	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 16
21.86	Megan	McLeod	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Winter 16
19.00	Jessica	Wilson	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tuesday Fall 16
17.24	Cassi	Williams	G	WI	Arkdale HSC Summer 16
17.18	Cailyn	Trangsrud	G	WI	Eau Claire Summer 16
16.07	Sarah	Neagle	G	KY	Edmonson HSC Fall 16

Individual High Ringer Average - Men

79.66	Charlie	Meredith	M	KY	Edmonson HSC Spring 16
78.33	Dan	Watson	M	AL	N Alabama HSC Winter
75.96	Austin	Bailey	M	IL	Springfield HSC Fall 16
71.40	Ronald	Walker	M	VA	Goochland HSC Spring 16
66.62	Steven	Johnson	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 16
64.75	Charles	Walker	M	VA	Goochland HSC Spring 16
64.40	Gary	Stokvies	M	MN	SP Ramsey HSC Summer 16
64.34	Mark	Smith	M	MN	Greenfield HSC Fall Fri 16
63.33	Branson	Miller	M	VA	Winchester HSC Summer 16
62.22	Channing	Herrell	M	MD	Frederick HSC Summer 16

Individual High Ringer Average - Women

70.25	Kathy	Brazier	W	AL	N Alabama HSC Winter
68.00	Doris	Hieden	W	TX	South Central HSC Spring 16
66.70	Sara	Otto	W	MN	Greenfield HSC Fall Fri 16
65.76	Debra	Brown	W	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 16
65.00	Penny	Steinke	W	WI	Muskego HSC Summer 16
64.00	Becky	Holmes	W	KY	Nelson HSC Spring 16
63.45	Kelly	Campbell	W	NC	Raleigh HSC Poison III

63.07	Sheila	Shepard	W	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer 16
62.22	Ruth	Rife	W	OH	Fulton County HSC Summer
60.67	Denise	Daly	W	IL	Springfield HSC Fall 16

Individual High Ringer Game - Cadet

85.00	Ryan	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSC Summer 16
80.00	Ryan	Schepers	C	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
66.00	Sarah	Chaffee	C	WI	Eau Claire Summer 16
60.00	Leon	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 16
55.00	Quinn	Ohms	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
52.00	Zander	Potts	C	OH	Red Barn HSC Winter 16
50.00	Caiden	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
46.67	Skyla	Rioux	C	CT	CCHC Winter 16
45.00	Dell	Carter	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
44.12	Warren James	Highley	C	MO	Liberty HSC JR 16

Individual High Ringer Game - Elder

97.50	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Fall Thurs 16
94.00	Bob	Hudnall	E	KY	Edmonson HSC Fall 16
90.00	Paul	Weston	E	CT	New Haven HSC Summer 16
90.00	Virgil	Rife	E	OH	Fulton County HSC Summer
88.00	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Weds 16
88.00	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Green County HSC Scratch 16
88.00	Gregg	Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Tues. Summer 16
87.00	Ron	Button	E	WI	Wolf River HSC Summer 16
86.00	Daniel F	Dunn	E	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 16
85.00	Kenneth	Reid	E	IL	Springfield HSC Fall 16

Individual High Ringer Game - Jr. Boy

86.00	Travis	Sluys	B	CA	Sonoma C HSC Summer 16
83.33	Andrew	Sherwood	B	CT	CCHC Winter 16
76.67	Gunnar	David	B	WI	Mosinee HSC Summer 16
74.00	Dayton	Campbell	B	NC	Raleigh HSC Poison III
72.00	Hayden	Lee	B	CA	Sonoma C HSC Summer 16
68.00	Seth	Onan	B	KY	Nelson HSC Spring 16
66.00	Nathan	Evers	B	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
62.00	Devin	Wetzel	B	MO	Liberty HSC Mon. Summer 16
60.00	Jonathon	Sherwood	B	CT	Danbury HSC Weds 16
55.00	Jeremiah	Johnson	B	OK	Moore HSC Spring 16

Individual High Ringer Game - Jr. Girl

58.00	Savanna	Johnson	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Winter 16
53.33	Chelsea	Swaller	G	CT	Weik Towne HSL Summer 16
44.00	Felicia	Hull	G	OH	Try County HSC Thursday 16
42.00	Destinnie	Wilke	G	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 16
40.00	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSC Summer 16

36.00	Kiana	Salazar	G	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 16
36.00	Jessica	Wilson	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tuesday Fall 16
33.00	Cassi	Williams	G	WI	Arkdale HSC Summer 16
32.00	Megan	McLeod	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tues. Summer 16
30.00	Chasity	Johnson	G	LA	Shreveport HSL Summer 16

Individual High Ringer Game - Men

92.00	Austin	Bailey	M	IL	Springfield HSC Fall 16
92.00	Charlie	Meredith	M	KY	Edmonson HSC Spring 16
90.00	Dan	Watson	M	AL	N Alabama HSC Winter
83.33	David M	Rioux	M	CT	CCHC Winter 16
83.00	Jose	Santiago	M	CT	New Haven HSC Summer 16
80.00	James	Driver	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 16
80.00	Steven	Johnson	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 16
80.00	Bill	Navratil	M	CT	CCHC Winter 16
80.00	Jeff	Finke	M	TX	South Central HSC Fall 16
80.00	Rick	Sherwood	M	CT	CCHC Winter 16

Individual High Ringer Game - Women

85.00	Sara	Otto	W	MN	Greenfield HSC Thur 16
85.00	Linda	Taketa	W	HI	Kona HSC Winter 16
84.00	Kathy	Brazier	W	AL	N Alabama HSC Winter
84.00	Doris	Hieden	W	TX	South Central HSC Spring 16
83.33	Linda	Aurell	W	CT	CCHC Winter 16
82.00	Debra	Brown	W	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 16
82.00	Sheila	Shepard	W	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer 16
80.00	Marlene	Cooper	W	OH	Fulton County HSC Summer
80.00	Penny	Steinke	W	WI	Muskego HSC Summer 16
80.00	Pat	Pertuit	W	LA	Harahan HSC Summer 16

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Cadet

37.34	Ryan	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSC Summer 16
29.03	Ryan	Schepers	C	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
28.26	Caiden	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
27.98	Skyla	Rioux	C	CT	CCHC Winter 16
27.07	Leon	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 16
24.11	Quinn	Ohms	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
23.20	Tim	Biggs	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
22.50	Jackson	Johnson	C	ND	RRV Mens HSL Summer 16
21.24	Zander	Potts	C	OH	Red Barn HSC Winter 16
21.14	Andrew	Biggs	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Elder

35.89	Sam	Conley	E	OH	Ross County HSC Summer 16
34.93	Chuck	Wothke	E	IN	Plymouth HSC Summer 16

34.88	Bob	Soderburg	E	CT	CCHC Winter 16
34.77	Bill	Bunting	E	MN	SP Ramsey HSC Summer2 16
34.68	Maurice	Hartz Jr.	E	IA	Marengo HSC Winter
33.66	Bob	Durand	E	NH	Gate City HSC Summer 16
33.18	Tom	Hayes	E	MN	West St Paul HSC Singles 16
33.12	Skip	Smith	E	NH	Gate City HSC Summer 16
32.85	Henry	Trumpold	E	IA	Marengo HSC Summer 16
32.74	John	O'Shea	E	IA	Cedar Rapids HSC Summer

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Jr. Boy

42.58	Andrew	Sherwood	B	CT	CCHC Winter 16
34.61	Tate	Waychoff	B	IA	Marengo HSC Summer 16
33.83	Kaden	Stenzel	B	NE	Pawnee HSC Summer 16
30.00	J.D.	Graves	B	OK	Moore HSC Spring 16
28.46	Jonathon	Sherwood	B	CT	Danbury HSC Weds 16
27.53	Hayden	Mitchell	B	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
25.36	Jacob	Fuller	B	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
24.80	Nathan	Evers	B	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
24.05	Jeremiah	Johnson	B	OK	Moore HSC Spring 16
22.88	Dayton	Campbell	B	NC	Raleigh HSC Poison III

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Jr. Girl

24.33	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSC Summer 16
22.75	Megan	McLeod	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tuesday Fall 16
20.96	Chelsea	Swaller	G	CT	Weik Towne HSL Summer 16
18.81	Felicia	Hull	G	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
17.86	Ellyn	Ohms	G	UT	Color Country Youth 16
17.50	Erin	Barclay	G	UT	Color Country Youth 16
17.00	Jessica	Wilson	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tuesday Fall 16
16.80	Stephanie	Barry	G	NE	GOHL Winter Thursday 16
16.41	Tyllah	Monteiro	G	MA	Loon Pond HSC Summer 16
15.76	Cassi	Williams	G	WI	Arkdale HSC Summer 16

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Men

48.79	Seth	Limbach	M	NE	Pawnee HSC Summer 16
42.95	Doug	Bochese	M	CT	New London HSC Summer 16
40.57	Anthony	Klubben	M	ND	Sheyenne HSC Summer 16
40.30	Jose	Santiago	M	CT	New Haven HSC Summer 16
40.03	Brain	Platt	M	MA	Loon Pond HSC Summer 16
38.22	Rick	Sherwood	M	CT	CCHC Winter 16
38.17	David M	Rioux	M	CT	CCHC Winter 16
36.20	Steve	Steck	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 16
36.03	John	Bartlett	M	CT	CCHC Winter 16
35.51	Chris	Kelley	M	CT	CCHC Winter 16

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Woman

35.33	Debbie	Scully	W	CT	CCHC Winter 16
34.94	Patty	Farrey	W	CT	CCHC Winter 16
34.54	Brenda	Richmond	W	LA	Shreveport HSL Summer 16
34.44	Linda	Taketa	W	HI	Kona HSC Winter 16
34.00	Maxine	Abeln	W	MN	Bloomington HSC Summer 16
33.71	Karen	Glavan	W	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer 16
33.53	Denise	Daly	W	IL	Springfield HSC Summer 16
33.02	Linda	Aurell	W	CT	CCHC Winter 16
32.03	Tonja	Pettit	W	OH	Hardin HSC Summer 16
30.79	Dawn	Coleman	W	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 16

National High Point Average - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

93.21	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Fall Thurs 16
90.63	Steven	Johnson	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 16
89.44	Ron	Womack	E	IN	New Castle HSC Summer 16
89.31	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Best of Last 16
86.74	Danny	Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Fall 16
86.21	Glenn	Warden	E	IA	Central Iowa HSL Summer 16
85.88	James	Driver	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 16
85.68	George	Huntington	E	IL	Effingham HSC Summer 16
84.26	Larry	Myers	E	GA	Warner Robbins HSC Spring 16
83.97	Gary	Roberts	M	OH	Ross County HSC Summer 16

National High Point Average - Adult - 50 Shoe Games

122.00	Virgil	Rife	E	OH	Fulton County HSC Summer
119.00	Ralph	Adrian	E	OH	Green County HSC Scratch 16
118.47	Daniel F	Dunn	E	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 16
118.06	Gregg	Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Tuesday 16
117.71	Sheila	Shepard	W	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer 16
116.80	Ronald	Walker	M	VA	Goochland HSC Spring 16
116.65	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 16
116.11	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Green County HSC Scratch 16
113.23	Steven	Johnson	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 16
111.81	Roy	Hunt	E	OH	Black Swamp HSC Summer

National High Point Average - Junior/Cadet - 40 Shoe Games

71.10	Ryan	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSC Spring 16
55.17	Leon	Volken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 16
46.79	Quinn	Ohms	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
46.41	Jeremiah	Johnson	B	OK	Moore HSC Spring 16
42.16	Dell	Carter	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
38.08	Brandon	Hartman	B	IA	Central Iowa HSL Summer 16
38.00	Raymond	Daugherty	B	OH	Ross County HSC Summer 16
36.40	Brisin	Jake	B	UT	Color Country Youth 16
34.61	Cheyenne	Moore	C	OK	Enid HSC Fall 16
31.31	Briahna	Barnett	C	KS	Topeka HSC Summer 16

National High Point Average - Junior/Cadet - 50 Shoe Games

90.46	Ryan	Schepers	C	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
90.00	Dayton	Campbell	B	NC	Raleigh HSC Poison III
83.39	Savanna	Johnson	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Winter 16
81.75	Devin	Wetzel	B	MO	Liberty HSC Mon. Summer 16
79.33	Nathan	Evers	B	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
76.33	Blake	Lazaris	B	WI	Marshfield HSC Summer 16
64.11	Jacob	Fuller	B	OH	Try County HSC Thursday 16
62.91	Felicia	Hull	G	OH	Try County HSC Thursday 16
62.86	Zander	Potts	C	OH	Red Barn HSC Winter 16
62.50	Brady	Johnson	B	ND	Red River HSC Summer 16

National High Point Game - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

117.00	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Fall Thurs 16
105.00	Jack	Caudle	E	LA	Moose Lodge HSC Summer
104.00	Danny	Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Summer 16
104.00	Ron	Womack	E	IN	New Castle HSC Summer 16
104.00	Steven	Johnson	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 16
102.00	George	Huntington	E	IL	Effingham HSC Summer 16
102.00	Henry	Greenwaldt	E	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 16
102.00	James	Driver	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 16
102.00	Harvey	Deweese	E	KS	Topeka HSC Summer 16
102.00	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Best of Last 16

National High Point Game - Adult - 50 Shoe Games

139.00	Virgil	Rife	E	OH	Fulton County HSC Summer
137.00	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Green County HSC Scratch 16
136.00	Daniel F	Dunn	E	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 16
135.00	Gregg	Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Mon. Summer 16
133.00	Roy	Hunt	E	OH	Black Swamp HSC Summer
133.00	Leonard	Conner	E	IN	Darke HSC Best of Last
132.00	Ralph	Adrian	E	OH	Green County HSC Scratch 16
132.00	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Weds 16
132.00	Paul	McGee	E	MD	Frederick HSC Summer 16
131.00	Larry	Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16

National High Point Game - Junior/Cadet - 40 Shoe Games

108.00	Ryan	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSC Summer 16
81.00	Leon	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 16
80.00	Quinn	Ohms	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
68.00	Dell	Carter	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
64.00	Jeremiah	Johnson	B	OK	Moore HSC Spring 16
60.00	Brisin	Jake	B	UT	Color Country Youth 16
59.00	J.D.	Graves	B	OK	Moore HSC Spring 16
59.00	Raymond	Daugherty	B	OH	Ross County HSC Summer 16
52.00	Brandon	Hartman	B	IA	Central Iowa HSL Summer 16

52.00	Tim	Biggs	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
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National High Point Game - Junior/Cadet - 50 Shoe Games

128.00	Ryan	Schepers	C	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
121.00	Dayton	Campbell	B	NC	Raleigh HSC Poison III
113.00	Nathan	Evers	B	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
104.00	Devin	Wetzel	B	MO	Liberty HSC Mon. Summer 16
102.00	Savanna	Johnson	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Winter 16
96.00	Blake	Lazaris	B	WI	Marshfield HSC Summer 16
94.00	Zander	Potts	C	OH	Red Barn HSC Winter 16
93.00	Caiden	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
89.00	Jacob	Fuller	B	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
88.00	Erik	Datkuliak	C	OH	Try County HSC Thursday 16

National High Point Game Over Average - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

35.94	Sam	Conley	E	OH	Ross County HSC Summer 16
34.02	Duane	Raeburn	E	FL	Brevard HSC Fall 16
33.87	Steve	Steck	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 16
33.77	John	Sweeney	M	WI	Beloit HSC Fall Tuesday 16
33.43	Harold	Newsome	M	FL	Brevard HSC Spring 16
33.17	Randy	Blackmon	M	LA	Moose Lodge HSC Summer
31.15	Larry	Collette	M	KS	Topeka HSC Spring 16
31.00	Tim	Embry	M	GA	Stone Mtn HSC Summer 16
30.59	Dale	Pearce	M	LA	Bayou HSC Spring 16
29.73	Bruce	McLinn	E	WI	Beloit HSC Monday AM 16

National High Point Game Over Average - Adult - 50 Shoe Games

56.00	Anthony	Klubben	M	ND	Sheyenne HSC Summer 16
47.91	Alan Reed	Kasch	M	FL	Clearwater HSC Winter
43.38	Jeff	Finke	M	TX	South Central HSC Fall 16
43.00	Dave	Abeyta	E	CO	Colo Springs HSC Summer 16
41.89	Karen	Glavan	W	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer 16
39.85	Ernie	Miller	E	CA	Burbank HSC Summer 16
39.25	Tyler	Hixon	M	MD	Frederick HSC Summer 16
38.92	Mike	St Pierre Sr	M	MA	Clearwater HSC Weds 16
38.29	Meredith	Kahrig	E	OH	Red Barn HSC Winter 16
38.20	Heather	Doles	W	NE	Pawnee HSC Summer 16

National High Point Game Over Avg - Junior/Cadet - 40 Shoe Games

37.75	Ryan	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSC Summer 16
33.21	Quinn	Ohms	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
31.72	J.D.	Graves	B	OK	Moore HSC Spring 16
25.84	Dell	Carter	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
25.83	Leon	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 16
25.43	Ellyn	Ohms	G	UT	Color Country Youth 16
23.84	Tim	Biggs	C	UT	Color Country Youth 16
23.60	Brisin	Jake	B	UT	Color Country Youth 16

22.60	Christain	Biggs	B	UT	Color Country Youth 16
22.17	Colter	Gasser	B	UT	Color Country Youth 16

National High Point Game Over Avg - Junior/Cadet - 50 Shoe Games

41.41	Hayden	Mitchell	B	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
41.19	Megan	McLeod	G	MO	Liberty HSC Tuesday Fall 16
37.54	Ryan	Schepers	C	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
35.20	Jackson	Johnson	C	ND	Red River HSC Summer 16
33.75	Caiden	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16
33.67	Nathan	Evers	B	MO	Ozarks HSC West Signs
32.83	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSC Summer 16
31.14	Zander	Potts	C	OH	Red Barn HSC Winter 16
31.00	Dayton	Campbell	B	NC	Raleigh HSC Poison III
30.74	Jacob	Fuller	B	OH	Try County HSC Tuesday 16

League Totals (with 295 leagues reported)

Ringers	Shoes	Category	# Pitchers per Category	AVG.
11,182	84,744	Cadets	100	13.20%
647,913	1,934,294	Elders	1,370	33.50%
17,028	97,200	Junior Boys	94	17.52%
7,790	56,616	Junior Girls	54	13.76%
735,215	3,544,478	Men's 40ft	2,691	20.74%
229,280	983,409	Women	825	23.31%
Total League Ringers	Total League Shoes		AVG.	
1,648,408	6,700,741		24.60%	

** All results are based on data submitted by League Directors.

...South Africa continued

The event is like a family reunion to include social interaction and great food.

After the tournament concluded, Nico Nel transported us back to Johannesburg and assisted us in visiting several interesting areas near Johannesburg to include another game reserve, the "Cradle of Humankind" and other interesting places.

One Sunday Nico transported us to Tambo Airport in Johannesburg for our return to the U.S. Twenty-two

hours after leaving Johannesburg I arrived at my house.

Both Kevin and Seth can attest to the hospitality and friendship that we experienced on this trip.

In conclusion, I maintain that continuing the relationships with South Africa and Namibia is very important for many reasons.

Also I am announcing that I will be organizing a trip to Namibia in the spring of 2019 (March-April) to enjoy that wonderful country and to compete in both Jukskei and horseshoe pitching. Anyone who is

interested in participating should contact me for more information.

Lastly, I want to express my thanks to all of our friends from South Africa and Namibia for making this trip an experience we will never forget.

Proposed Additions: (Of the two presented here, those that may pass the Council and Delegate vote would be added to the end of Section 7, above)

1. Exception for 'Snow Bird' members

Pitchers who reside in the Northern United States, but who spend their winter months living in the Southern or other states, may purchase their membership cards from that state, providing they meet the following criteria, based on NatStats results from the previous 12 months:

- a. Seventy percent (70%) of their sanctioned events must have been pitched in that state during the previous twelve (12) months, with a minimum of three (3) events pitched in that state.
- b. The qualifying pitcher must also have approval of the non-resident State Officers before their Secretary can issue this membership card. This State Secretary will also be responsible for verifying the requirements indicated in section a. (above).
- c. This State Secretary must also promptly notify the Secretary of the pitcher's resident state that they have issued a membership card to this individual. If there is any question or concern (within one month of the issue date) from members of either of the states involved, the NHPA Officers will make any final decisions, upon request.
- d. This member may pitch in only one of these State Tournaments (by rule), but must meet all of the requirements for participating in that State Tournament.

Reasons for this Addition:

Many of our pitchers who live in the Northern US spend some or all of their winter months in the Southern tier states of Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, etc., and enter the sanctioned leagues and tournaments of those states during these winter months. The Officers and TD's of these states spend a great deal of time promoting their leagues/tournaments, and getting new pitchers interested in joining their Association. Currently, all of these pitchers are required to purchase their NHPA cards from the states where they reside. Many of them, who may not return to their residences in the North until early May, would like to pitch in the State Tournaments there in late April, but are not eligible based on our current Rule, which requires members to pitch in the State Tournament of their legal residence. Upon returning to their home states, some of these pitchers may have no intention of pitching there due to various factors, including required long driving distances to the scheduled tournaments there, or to their State Tournament. Not only would this 'exception' allow these pitchers to pitch in the State Tournament while there, it would also help to increase the membership of those State Associations who have worked to encourage and provide pitching facilities for these members. This exception, if passed, would not result in the loss of any of our NHPA members, and might even help to increase our membership!

2. Exception for 'State Border' members

Pitchers who reside very near to the state borders of an adjacent state may purchase their membership cards from that adjacent state, providing they meet the following criteria, based on Nat Stats results from the previous twelve months:

- a. Seventy percent (70%) of their sanctioned events must have been pitched in that state during the previous twelve (12) months, with a minimum of three (3) events pitched in that state.
- b. This exception applies only to the larger US states of the Midwest, Southern, and Western states, where distances from border-to-border are at least 200 miles.
- c. Generally, this pitcher must reside within 20 miles or so of the adjacent state, and the pitching facilities and league/tournament opportunities are much closer than league/tournament opportunities within their state.
- d. The qualifying pitcher must also have approval of the non-resident State Officers before their Secretary can issue this membership card. This State Secretary will also be responsible for verifying the requirements indicated in section a. (above).
- e. This State Secretary must also promptly notify the Secretary of the pitcher's resident state that they have issued a membership card to this individual. If there is any question or concern (within one month of the issue date) from members of either of the states involved, the NHPA Officers will make any final decisions, upon request.
- f. This member may pitch in only one of these State Tournaments (by rule), but must meet all of the requirements for participating in that State Tournament.

Reasons for this Addition:

This exception has been a frequent member request of the NHPA for several years now. This is especially problematic for states where second Charters have not/cannot be created, such as the upper peninsula of Michigan, in Texas, and many other of our larger states, where it makes more sense for some pitchers to join and pitch with clubs and in tournaments of their nearby State, that are much closer to where they live. And most often, they do not pitch in their State Tournament because of the much greater required travel distances. Not only would this 'exception' allow these pitchers to pitch in a State Tournament closer to where they live, it would also help to increase the membership of those State Associations who have worked to encourage and provide pitching facilities for these neighboring members. This exception, if passed, would not result in the loss of any of our NHPA members, and might even help to increase our membership!

Proposal C:**Current Wording:**

Article V: Officers

Section 2(c)(1) The Secretary-Treasurer shall: (1) Be custodian of all funds, property, records, and other NHPA-owned assets, except for those of the game-related sales program, which are under the direction of the Game-Related Sales Buyer.

Proposed Changes:

Article V: Officers

Section 2(c)(1) The Secretary-Treasurer shall: (1) be custodian of all funds, property, records, and other NHPA-owned assets.

Reason for Change:

The NHPA is no longer involved in game-related sales upon completion of the 2017 World Tournament

Proposal D:**Current Wording:**

ARTICLE V: Officers

SECTION 6. Eligibility of Officers

- a. All officers shall be NHPA members in good standing (dues paid and not under suspension).
- b. At least one officer shall be a woman, and, similarly, at least one officer shall be a man. No Junior may be an officer.

Proposed Changes: (change to a. is underlined, and section b is eliminated)

- a. All officers shall be NHPA adult members in good standing (dues paid and not under suspension).

Reasons for Change:

Although it is desirable to have both men and women members represented on this Council, it should not be a requirement. It is more important to elect a person who is best qualified for this position, regardless of their gender. The current rule could potentially prevent some very qualified members from running for this position. This person should also have a great deal of experience with various aspects of our sport and therefore be an adult member, at least 18 years of age.

Proposal E:**Current Wording:**

ARTICLE VII: Charters

SECTION 1. Charters shall be organized under the NHPA and shall be known as (name of state, territory or country) Division of the NHPA. It is the responsibility of Charters to follow NHPA Bylaws and if necessary, to enact separate but non-conflicting

Charter Bylaws that are in compliance with their applicable State Governmental codes. Each Charter shall have a functional Executive Council, duly elected by the Charter membership, for minimum two-year terms, and with the President being recognized as the ranking officer.

Proposed Addition: (see underlined)

ARTICLE VII: Charters

SECTION 1. Charters shall be organized under the NHPA and shall be known as (name of state, territory or country) Division of the NHPA. It is the responsibility of Charters to follow NHPA Bylaws and if necessary, to enact separate but non-conflicting Charter Bylaws that are in compliance with their applicable State Governmental codes. Each Charter shall have a functional Executive Council, duly elected by the Charter membership, for minimum two-year terms, and with the President being recognized as the ranking officer. Any person holding a Charter Executive Council position, or any associated Council position, must be an NHPA member in good standing (dues paid and not under suspension).

Reasons For Addition:

It just seems logical that anyone acting in this capacity should belong to the organization that they are representing or working for.

Proposal F:

Current Wording:

SECTION 6. A Charter will be entitled to NHPA convention delegates, based upon the previous year's adult membership as follows:

Proposed Change: (see underlined)

SECTION 6. A Charter will be entitled to NHPA convention delegates, based upon the previous year's total membership as follows:

Reasons For Change:

Several Charters now have significant numbers of Juniors. With more and more emphasis being placed on Juniors, it seems that they should also be represented in the governance of the NHPA. By including them as a part of the total Charter membership numbers, this will perhaps qualify another Charter delegate to vote on their behalf.

NHPA Standing Rules – Proposed Changes

Current Wording: (introduction)

Standing Rules are for the guidance of the Executive Council. They may be adopted, changed, or suspended by a majority vote at any meeting, without notice. Between meetings, the Executive Council may adopt, change, or suspend a Standing Rule, but to continue, it must be ratified at the next Council meeting. Standing Rules take effect immediately and are as follows:

Proposed Change to Wording: (underlined)

Standing Rules are solely for the guidance of the Executive Council. They may be adopted, changed, or suspended by a majority vote at any official Council meeting, without notice. Between meetings, the Executive Council may adopt, change, or suspend a Standing Rule via e-mail/phone discussion and voting. These actions shall continue to be official unless overturned by delegates assembled at the next Convention by a two-thirds majority vote. Council-approved changes to Standing Rules take effect immediately and are as follows:

Reasons for Change:

Although this policy has been followed in the past, the change of wording makes this information more clear and consistent with Article IV, Section 2 b.

Current Wording:

10. Regional Directors are appointed, removed, replaced, and will serve in accordance with the published RD Guidelines, developed by the NHPA Vice President who oversees the RD program. All Regional Directors must be subscribers to the *Horseshoe Pitching Newslines* magazine.

Proposed Change to Wording: (underlined)

10. Regional Directors are appointed, removed, replaced, and will serve in accordance with the published RD Guidelines, developed by the NHPA Vice President who oversees the RD program. (The last sentence has been deleted.)

Reasons for Change:

A subscription is no longer required for receiving the Horseshoe Pitching Newslines magazine.

Current Wording:

11. All member-proposed changes to the NHPA Bylaws and RGS Book shall be submitted in writing to the respective Committee Chairperson and shall be postmarked no later than December 31st of the year preceding the appropriate Convention.

Proposed Change to Wording: (underlined)

11. All member-proposed changes to the NHPA Bylaws and RGS Book shall be submitted in writing to the respective Committee Chairperson and shall be postmarked no later than November 30th of the year preceding the appropriate Convention.

Reasons for Change:

This will allow additional time for the processing of these proposed changes.

Current Wording:

14. The NHPA shall donate to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per adult member, per year.

Proposed Change to Wording: (underlined)

14. The NHPA may donate to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) an amount not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per adult member, per year as decided by the delegates at the annual Convention.

Reasons for Change: (to be made if Bylaws Proposal A is not approved).

This Standing Rule will be eliminated if Bylaws Proposal A is approved. If the Proposal does not pass, the word shall will be changed to may if approved by the delegates at the annual Convention.

Current Wording:

Standing Rules last amended December 15, 2014

Change of Wording: (see underlined)

Standing Rules last amended/ratified on July 23, 2017

Reason for Change:

To provide for the current change of date.



World Record for Longest Horseshoe Pitching Marathon Achieved

submitted by Mitch Miles

This all started in the summer of 2014 when the American Legion Hall in Bethlehem, CT, where Matt and I play horseshoes on Wednesday nights, as trying to raise funds to renovate their hall. I came with the idea to see if a record was on the books for the longest game of horseshoes. There wasn't a record, so I contacted Guinness and they informed that in order to set a record there would have to be two people, Matt and I, to play for 24 consecutive hours.

We would have to walk back and forth, back and forth, for 24 hours pitching two 2+ lbs of metal 40 feet. The rules were, among others, that we could take a break of 5 minutes after every 1 hour of continuous play.

So, we started at 3 PM on Friday, May 22, 2015 and ended on May 23 at 3 PM and 30 seconds. We played for the first 4 hours and then took a 20 minutes break. After that we played for 2 hours at a time with 10-minute breaks between.

Other rules were that we had to have 2 witnesses for every 4 hours at a time. The first 2 witnesses could come back after 4 hours. The entire event had to be recorded on video, in which I setup a webcam on my laptop and had it later downloaded to a thumbdrive. A continuously running clock had to be in the video at all times in order to confirm the witness statements as to when we took breaks, came back from breaks and any other pertinent information.

We played the games with the 10-inning format in order to keep track of stats, which are not that impressive. For example, we played 110 games with some ties, in which I won 60 and Matt 50. I threw 110 ringers to Matt's 101, which should have been more if I didn't have so much trouble finding the pit the last 6 hours. Matt outscored me 876 points to 747. I figured Matt and I each threw 2+ tons of metal approximately 3 miles.

After almost a year and half of sending evidence in and getting the right paperwork in order, the Guinness Book of Records has confirmed Matt and I as record holders as of December 2016.

We're still waiting for our certificates, but they take their time in everything. I'm afraid they may have sent them to Bethlehem, PA for I went online to see if we were in there and they had the listing wrong for PA instead of CT. I sent an email stating the error, so we will see how this all works out.

If you have a story to submit to *Newsline*, send to newsline@horseshoepitching.com
by no later than the 15th of the month prior to the edition you'd like it to publish.