

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

STU SIPMA, PRESIDENT

We had a change in our NHPA Council this past couple of months. Gary Roberts your 1st VP had to step down for personnel reasons. Per the By-Laws, outlined in ARTICLE V Section 10 (Vacancies in office), it says, any vacancies in office, except that of President, shall be filled within thirty (30) days, by the President, and with a majority approval of the Executive Council.

The Council is pleased to announce that Brian Poole from Idaho has been appointed to 1st VP effective immediately! Brian's roles and responsibilities will be the same except Gary Roberts will oversee the international affairs for promoting horseshoes reporting to the President.

The Council welcomes Brian to the NHPA Council. We look forward to working with Brian.

The Council would also like to thank Gary Roberts for all his work while serving on the Council. We know Gary isn't going away but will be deeply missed on the Council. Best of luck to you and your family!

With leagues starting soon for many Charters, the Council expects each one of you 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. Charter Secretaries, please remember to get your list of new members to Laura Lampkin (2nd VP). She is directing the new membership committee in charge of sending out new member packages.

Congratulations to Paul LaCrosse, Truman Standard, Phyllis Quist, and Harry Haynes who will be inducted into the National Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame this year at the 2019 W.T. Hall of Fame Banquet in Wichita Falls, TX. Paul LaCrosse will be inducted into the "Player Category", Truman Standard in the "Historic Era". Phyllis Quist and Harry Haynes in the "Promoter/Organizer" category. The NHPA Council would like to thank Vicki Winston for the great job she is doing directing the HOF Committee.

For those of you who did not attend last's years Delegate meeting, the Council requested for an emergency By-Law change consisting of the voting process for future World Tournament Sites. After much decision and taken to a vote on the floor, the delegates approved that the NHPA Council will oversee handling the voting and approving of each future World Tournament site.

The Council is pleased to announce that Winnemucca, NV will be hosting the 2021 World Tournament. The dates will be July 19th - July 31st, 2021. The event will be held at the Winnemucca Events Complex. We had two cities to choose from with Mobile AL being the other site. We have been told that Mobile will continue to try for 2022. We would like to thank Garrett Wagner and Patty Kieffer for their work in trying to get the World Tournament to their city.

Positions up for election this year consist of the 1st and 3rd VP's. Both Brian Poole and Jerry Smith have met the By-Laws for getting their intentions to run for another term by the deadline. No other candidates submitted their intentions to run for one of these positions by the April 1st deadline therefore by rule of Acclamation (per Roberts Rules) both individuals will retain their positions for another 3-year term. The official announcement will be made at the meeting.

The 2019 World Horseshoe Tournament will be held July 22nd – August 3rd, 2019 at the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall and the Kay Yeager Coliseum (NPEC) in Wichita Falls, TX. Members who are interested in attending should go on-line and fill out the entry form and make your motel reservations. Many of you have asked me if we were planning on having the same format and schedule. It is our intentions not to change anything currently however each year is a challenge when working with different groups in different locations.

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 will be contacted and the presentations will be done at the Hall of Fame Banquet in Wichita Falls, TX.

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 Wichita Falls, TX for the 2019 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships!

Enjoy your Spring/Summer, look forward to seeing you all in Texas.

Thank You.

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FIRST VP'S FINAL REPORT

GARY B. ROBERTS

As many are aware, I recently resigned my position as First Vice President of the NHPA. The resignation had nothing to do with a lack of enthusiasm or dissatisfaction with the position. The primary reason was a lack of time to perform my duties. I am currently the Director of Operations for six Federally Qualified Health Centers in Southern Ohio. My typical workday is 10 to 12 hours. In addition, we have several new projects in the works. At the same time, my wife had some unexpected health problems. Fortunately, she is doing much better. Many hours per week are needed to properly perform the tasks of the office of First Vice President.

I will still be involved in assisting the NHPA as needed and I am willing to serve on the Rules Committee if requested. I will also continue to serve on the Hall of Fame Committee. I will continue

my efforts to promote horseshoe pitching on the international level. Plans for trips to South Africa and Namibia are in progress.

President Sipma has appointed Brian J. Poole to replace me. I am sure that Brian will work hard to complete the important duties of this position.

I, along with all of you, am gravely concerned about the future of our sport. Yet another decline in membership occurred in 2018. We need to work together with tact and diplomacy to address this problem. Referring to NHPA officers as incompetent and uncaring does not constitute constructive criticism. If you are one of the people who have all of the answers, I suggest you consider running for one of the offices.

In closing, I would like to thank those who felt I was worthy to serve as First Vice President. I will continue to support the NHPA in every way possible.

INTRODUCTION: BRIAN POOLE

BRIAN POOLE, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself, so you can learn a little more about me and my hobbies and interests.

I grew up in Rigby, Idaho on a farm/ranch. My dad raised beef cattle, pigs, and chickens. I spent my summers irrigating hay, barley, pasture and doing chores. I graduated from Rigby High school and then I got my Engineering Degree from Idaho State University. I currently live in Pocatello; Idaho and I am a Civil Engineer for the State of Idaho. I have worked for the Idaho Transportation Department for 31 years.

I love doing anything outdoors. Camping, hunting, golfing, horseshoe pitching, snowboarding, snowmobiling, fishing, and spending time with my wife, kids and grandkids. I started pitching horseshoes in 2004 when NHPA World Tournament came to Pocatello. I have been to 8 World Tournaments total including the last 6 in a row.

I have been married to my wife Melanie for 38 years. Horseshoe pitching is a sport we enjoy doing together and has taken us to places that have been fun to explore and pitch at. We have 4 children and 11 grandchildren that call me "Papa".

I am a high school referee for volleyball, football, basketball, baseball & softball. I loved playing them and now I love to officiate them.

I am a member of the Pebble Creek Ski Patrol and love to snowboard and help keep people safe on the slopes. I also work for Pebble Creek snow sports teaching snowboarding and skiing.

I enjoy attending the World Horseshoe Tournaments and in helping with scorekeeping and judging. I enjoy coming back each year and seeing all my horseshoe pitching friends and making new ones.

I look forward in helping as an NHPA officer and promoting this sport. I hope that as we pitch together we will be professional in our local tournaments. If you have conflicts or questions about rules, please feel free to contact me.

I would like to invite all who are interested in judging to attend one of the Judging Clinics to learn the rules and help us with running a professional tournament at Wichita Falls.

I have submitted my request for the 1st VP ballot and would love your support at the Delegate meeting. Please come by and introduce yourself to me at Wichita Falls. Looking forward to seeing you at the courts!

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT 1ST VP: BRIAN POOLE

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN POOLE

I am submitting my request to be a candidate for the 1st VP position for NHPA. I became a member of NHPA in 2004 when the World Tournament came to Pocatello, Idaho. I have loved playing this sport since I was little on camping trips and family reunions and my love for the sport has grown since joining NHPA in 2004.

I was the Idaho State President from 2007-2018 and enjoyed being involved in the State tournaments and promoting horseshoes in Idaho. I love traveling and playing horseshoes wherever I go in Idaho and surrounding states. I have played in Arizona, Utah, and Idaho and last year played in the Horseshoe Tour Event in Winnemucca, Nevada. What a fun format and group of people to rub elbows with in qualifying and participating in that tournament.

Horseshoes is now a part of my life and will be as long as I am able to participate and would love to be involved and represent you as the 1st VP.

I have been a participant at 8 World Tournaments including the last 6. I have enjoyed helping to judge and score keeping during the last six World Tournaments and this last year helping in the Stat Room setting up computers and other tasks. As the Idaho President I had the opportunity to be a State Delegate and participate in the meetings at World Tournaments. I have a good knowledge of the rules and how they affect horseshoes and look forward in working with the committee to keep improving them for the good of the game.

I would like your vote from your Delegates and I will work hard in keeping integrity and poise in looking at rule changes for NHPA and look forward in being your next 1st VP.

Thanks for your consideration as your next 1st VP for NHPA.

WT UPDATE: HOWDY YA'LL FROM TEXAS!

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS CALLIHAN SR., THPA HOST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

CVB Wichita Falls Update/Reminder: The Junior party will be at the same location as the banquet (the MPEC). We'll have a pizza party, battle ball, a bounce house and water games. In addition, The Fallstown Trolley will be shuttling back and forth between the facility and our downtown for free during the first week of competition. We will have maps of our downtown restaurants and attractions available for free as well.

We have a local vendor secured for WT shirts! He will be setting up online sales through worldhorseshoes.com pretty soon. Stay tuned!

Roger Vogel will be hosting a one-of-a-kind Backyard Horseshoes event July 28, 2019. The event consists of Hi-Lo Blind Draw Doubles, where low 50% pitcher will draw for a high 50% pitcher. Double elimination (21 points/24 shoe max). Entry fee is \$10 on site, open to all pitchers (sanction and non-sanction) with 100% payback 1st through 4th place. Pre-registration is available by email to Roger at rognvogel@gmail.com.

Two sessions available:

- Session one: Registration ends at 8:30 am, Games begin at 9 am
- Session two: Registration ends at 12:30 pm, games begin at 1 pm

Each session is limited to the first 240 pitchers. Separation of 40ft pitchers & 20/30ft pitchers.

Backyard Horseshoes will take place at MPEC 1000 5th Street Wichita Falls, TX, a facility with 60 air-conditioned courts.

The THPA host committee, NHPA and the CVB in Wichita Falls continue to communicate, collaborate and work together to make this World Tournament a first-class event for all who attend. Looking forward to seeing you there! Keep 'em flying.

54TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME BANQUET & AWARDS PRESENTATION

LAURIE LAMPKIN, 2ND VP PUBLICITY & PROMOTION

This special event is open to everyone and will be held Sunday, July 28th in the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall. Signs will be posted. This your chance to meet many of the greats of our sport up close and personal. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by Dinner, Awards Ceremony, and a Live Auction.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased along with your World Tournament entry (in one check) or separately by mail. The NHPA secretary/treasurer will be selling tickets from his home until July 12th, 2019, then you will be able to purchase these tickets at the World Tournament from the NHPF booth at Wichita. Please hang around after the ceremonies for "The Live Auction" to follow the awards. Past history has proven that this auction will be a fun filled evening for all.

Send banquet ticket requests to:

Jim Kinney
NHPA Sec./Treas.
127 E. Walnut St.
P. O. Box 205
Drexel, Mo. 64742

Tickets can also be purchased during the first week of the World Tournament at the NHPF booth in the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, please see Casey Sluys and his staff.

Hall of Fame Menu - Texas Cuisine

The Chef needs to be made aware of any special dietary needs a minimum of **one week** prior to the banquet to ensure alternative meals will be available. There is no such thing as too soon. With the exception of desserts and salad dressing, I can guarantee that all food will be MSG free. If any of the dressings or desserts have MSG, I will have a list available three days prior to the banquet.

- **Tender and Tasty Brisket** - three-day process which ensures delicious meat that will hold together on your fork but will fall apart in your mouth.
- **Bar-Be-Que Chicken Breast** - Marinated overnight to ensure full flavor with every bite.
- **Perfect Potato Salad** - Perfectly cooked potatoes covered in a dressing that enhances the flavor of the potatoes without overpowering them.
- **Home-Style Sweet Corn** - Corn off the cob cooked with butter, salt, and pepper.
- **Ranch Style Green Beans** - Cooked with onions, garlic, and bacon.
- **Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls** - Served warm with butter on the side.

Assorted Desserts

A varying selection of pies, cakes, cobblers, and other desserts.

Drinks

Tea, Sweet and Unsweetened, Coffee – Regular & Decaf, Soft Drinks

Ice water available on the table and as needed.

We also have a piano player during the happy hour.

2020 & 2021 WORLD TOURNAMENT SITE BOOTHS WORTH A VISIT

LAURIE LAMPKIN

July 13-25, 2020 - The 2020 World Tournament will be held in Monroe/West Monroe, LA. The Monroe Convention Visitors Bureau, Scott Bruscato and his staff will be at Wichita Falls. You can stop by their booth and get lots of information on the Facility, Area Maps, Airlines, Rental Car Companies, Uber, Lyft, Hotels, Shopping, RV and Camping Sites and Amenities, Restaurants, Casinos, and many sites to see and visit. We are also working on inviting "Duck Dynasty" to the Tournament as well. We are hoping that Phil Robinson, the matriarch and his family, will come on Sunday to be a part of our church service and give the sermon. "Fingers Crossed". Monroe will be a fun time for sure. "[laissez le bon temps rouler](#)" (Let the good times Roll)

July 13- August 1, 2021 – Winnemucca, NV will be the host of the 2021 World Tournament. Kim Petersen and his staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may regarding the area and the Event Center, Airlines, Rental Car Companies, Ube, Lyft, Casino's, Hotels, Restaurants, Shopping, RV and Camping locations. Tours of a nearby open-pit gold mine, gambling tournaments, wine tasting/wine walk, themed luncheons with historic guest speakers like Mark Twain or Sarah Winnemucca or a Cowboy poet, shopping excursions, museum visit, golf tournament or trap shoot. Kids will enjoy a comprehensive game room set up at the Events Complex, ice cream socials, nature hikes, cosmic bowling night and more.

It's always good to be prepared in advance, so we suggest that you make a check list of questions and/or concerns of anything that you may want to ask each location. This will prepare you in advance of any special accommodations you may require once you arrive. As an example, if you or a family member has any medical situations, you may ask about the nearest medical facilities, or the nearest pharmacy.

The 2022 Bidding has begun, and I will be attending four Sports Conferences this year instead of the normal three. Already, I have meetings set up with Bloomington, MN, St. Charles, MO, Indianapolis, IN, Cincinnati, OH, Colorado, Lincoln Nebraska to mention a few.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Wichita Falls, and wish everyone safe travels.

2018 SEASON "TOP TEN" LISTS

JERRY SMITH, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

It is time to present the "Top Ten" lists of the 2018 league pitching season. I would like to begin by stating some league issues that slow down the "Top Ten" process in particular and the correct reporting to NATSTATS in general. I will repeat some of last year's comments because the problems still exist. Remember the 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 is very problematic and must stop nationwide. Hear this loud and clear, THE NHPA DOES NOT REUSE CARD NUMBERS ANYMORE PERIOD. There is no reason under our current system to ever reuse a number. All of the above-mentioned problems happened again this year and all of these things had me scrambling to re-submit leagues to NATSTATS sometimes more than once. It is my plan output the "Top Ten" list quarterly and I failed to do that this year for various reasons, that was on me partly because there was no great way to publish it for league directors to see and check on. I will publish them this year starting after the WT. It will be on the webpage or e-blasted. As always, I wish to thank Kevin and Pat Snelgrove for their assistance and support. They maintain and upgrade my software and generally keep me on the straight and narrow.

All of that said, most of the league directors do a great job and I wish to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication. Without you people, leagues don't exist, and we lose our main portal to new membership. The NHPA (especially me) appreciates all you do.

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. Never reuse card numbers.
3. Report changes in pitching categories to me and NATSTATS. 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 2018 Sanctioned League "Top Ten" awards lists. Let's get those leagues up and running, I need something to do LOL.

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
Sanctioned Club / League Program

2018 National Top Ten

Updated: 04/22/2019

Final Stats MUST be received BY DECEMBER 31 of the current year.
There is no need to send in any "Top Ten" forms.

Jerry Smith, National League Director

Individual High Ringer Average - Cadet

43.25	Riley Malino	C	CT	New London HSC Summer 18
43.11	Caiden Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
37.11	Warren Highley	C	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 18
36.89	Skyla Rioux	C	CT	CCHC Winter 18
31.07	Sadie Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 18
31.00	Tim Biggs	C	UT	Color HSC Cadets 18
26.84	Jedidiah Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Creek HSC Spring 18
24.44	Isaac Jr Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Fall 18
20.98	Memo Ramirez	C	MO	Liberty Jrs HSL 18
16.16	Chace Humphrey	C	SD	Pierre HSC Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Average - Elder

77.56	Bob Hudnall	E	KY	Edmonson HSA Fall 18
70.89	Gregg Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Winter 18
70.30	Daniel F Dunn	E	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 18
70.19	Danny Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
69.39	Larry Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18

69.38	Ron Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Tues 18
69.09	Garry Jackson	E	KY	Mt Sterling HSC Summer 18
67.60	Roy Dugger	E	OH	Darke County All League 18
66.35	Jack S Stenberg	E	NY	Waterloo HSC Fall 18
66.21	Bobby Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 18

Individual High Ringer Average - Jr. Boy

53.44	Ryan Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
51.00	Derek Reynolds	B	AR	Jims 4 Courts HSC Winter 18
41.89	Leon Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 18
32.84	Ben Grebinoski	B	MN	Rice HSL Summer 18
31.67	Zander Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 18
28.07	Cris Beltran	B	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 18
24.58	Christian Blank	B	NE	GOHL Spring 18
22.67	Tanner Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Late Summer 18
21.00	Raymond Daugherty	B	OH	Ross County Summer 18
20.83	Austin Pierce	B	MN	Hibbing HSC Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Average - Jr. Girl

29.17	Taylor Coile	G	GA	Four Stakes HSC Spring 18
26.93	Ally Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 18
26.33	Sarah Neagle	G	KY	Edmonson HSA Fall 18
26.02	Chelsea Swaller	G	CT	Weik-Towne HSL Summer 18
22.08	Madisen Gwinn	G	MO	Independence HSC Summer 18
12.26	Lizzie Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 18
12.16	Audrey Caravello	G	KS	Liberty Jrs HSL 18
11.03	Ashley Demoranville	G	MA	Loon Pond HSC Doubles18
8.18	Anna Cox	G	CO	Rocky Mtn HSC Summer 18
7.65	Sophie Craven	G	MO	Liberty Jrs HSL 18

Individual High Ringer Average - Men

77.72	Austin Bailey	M	IL	Springfield HSC Spring 18
71.21	Charlie Meredith	M	KY	Edmonson HSA Fall 18
68.48	Brian Simmons	M	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18
66.18	Ben Webb	M	KY	Edmonson HSA Fall 18
66.05	Tyler Howard	M	NY	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18

64.53	Steven Johnson	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 18
64.29	Randy Zeiders	M	PA	Mifflin HSC Fall 18
64.06	Mark Smith	M	MN	Greenfield HSC Thurs 18
63.38	Allen Withrow	M	WV	Mountaineer HSC Summer 18
62.36	Joshua Olson	M	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Average - Women

68.75	Barbara Taylor	W	SC	Clover HSC Fall 18
66.81	Penny Steinke	W	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 18
66.33	Tamara Burke	W	WV	Winchester HSC Spring 18
62.76	Marlene Cooper	W	OH	Fulton County HSL Summer 18
62.00	Doris Hieden	W	TX	SCHC Spring 18
61.25	Wendy Hayes	W	AR	Jims 4 Courts HSC Winter 18
60.78	Debra Brown	W	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18
60.13	Aleena Lepak	W	WI	Marshfield HSC Summer 18
59.58	Denise Daly	W	IL	Springfield HSC Summer 18
59.33	Carol A Peterson	W	ND	Bismarck HSC Coed A 18

Individual High Ringer Game - Cadet

73.33	Skyla Rioux	C	CT	CCHC Winter 18
73.33	Riley Malino	C	CT	CCHC Winter 18
62.00	Caiden Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
58.82	Warren Highley	C	MO	Liberty Jrs HSL 18
50.00	Tim Biggs	C	UT	Color HSC Cadets 18
50.00	Sadie Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 18
40.00	Cameron Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
40.00	Marshal Swenson	C	MN	Alexandria Juniors 18
40.00	Jedidiah Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Creek HSC Spring 18
37.50	Danyelle Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18

Individual High Ringer Game - Elder

95.00	Ron Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Thurs 18
92.00	Daniel F Dunn	E	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 18
90.00	Roger Reeves	E	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 18
90.00	Paul Weston	E	CT	New Haven HSC Summer 18
87.50	Danny Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
86.10	Herschel Walters	E	IN	Plymouth HSC Summer 18

86.00	Larry Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
86.00	Charles Browning	E	KY	Edmonson HPA Summer 18
86.00	Gregg Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Fall 18
85.00	Larry Thomason	E	IL	Effingham HSC Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Game - Jr. Boy

82.50	Ryan Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
62.00	Leon Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 18
58.00	Derek Reynolds	B	AR	Jims 4 Courts HSC Winter 18
55.00	Ben Grebinoski	B	MN	Rice HSL Summer 18
48.00	Cris Beltran	B	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 18
46.00	Gabe Burgin	B	WI	Platteville HSA Summer 18
46.00	Zander Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 18
43.75	Christian Blank	B	NE	GOHL Spring 18
40.00	Raymond Daugherty	B	OH	Ross County Summer 18
40.00	Tanner Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Late Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Game - Jr. Girl

56.67	Ally Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 18
54.00	Taylor Coile	G	GA	Four Stakes HSC Summer 18
50.00	Chelsea Swaller	G	CT	Weik-Towne HSL Summer 18
50.00	Lizzie Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 18
48.00	Madisen Gwinn	G	MO	Independence HSC Summer 18
48.00	Sarah Neagle	G	KY	Edmonson HSA Fall 18
26.67	Ashley Demoranville	G	MA	Loon Pond HSC Doubles18
20.59	Audrey Caravello	G	KS	Liberty Jrs HSL 18
20.00	Anna Cox	G	CO	Rocky Mtn HSC Summer 18
18.00	Emily Saxberg	G	ND	Sheyenne HSC Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Game - Men

92.50	Austin Bailey	M	IL	Springfield HSC Spring 18
92.00	Charlie Meredith	M	KY	Edmonson HSA Fall 18
90.00	Ben Webb	M	KY	Edmonson HSA Fall 18
86.00	Jose Santiago	M	CT	New Haven HSC Summer 18
86.00	Randy Zeiders	M	PA	Mifflin HSC Fall 18
84.00	Brian Simmons	M	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18
83.33	David M Rioux	M	CT	CCHC Winter 18

82.00	Channing Herrell	M	MD	Frederick HSC Summer 18
82.00	Tyler Howard	M	NY	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18
80.00	James Driver	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Game - Women

86.00	Tamara Burke	W	WV	Winchester HSC Spring 18
86.00	Penny Steinke	W	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 18
84.00	Marlene Cooper	W	OH	Fulton County HSL Summer 18
80.00	Helen Hawkinson	W	MN	Isanti HSC Wednesday 18
80.00	Tammy Newkirk	W	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Summer 18
78.00	Jen Speakman	W	CO	Boulder HSC Tues Summer 18
78.00	Gina Baker	W	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Summer 18
77.50	Doris Hieden	W	TX	SCHC Spring 18
77.50	Sara Otto	W	MN	West St Paul Weds 18
77.50	Denise Daly	W	IL	Springfield HSC Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Cadet

36.44	Skyla Rioux	C	CT	CCHC Winter 18
33.11	Riley Malino	C	CT	CCHC Winter 18
26.06	Marshal Swenson	C	MN	Alexandria Juniors 18
25.62	Cameron Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
22.86	Danyelle Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
21.76	Warren Highley	C	MO	Liberty Jrs HSL 18
21.71	Justice Martin	C	MN	Rockford HSC Summer 18
19.00	Tim Biggs	C	UT	Color HSC Cadets 18
18.93	Sadie Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 18
18.89	Caiden Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Elder

38.89	Jim Henderson	E	GA	Crisp HSC Fall 18
38.75	Kelvin Bonnema	E	MN	Brooklyn Park HSC Tues 18
38.10	Jerry Pahl	E	MN	West St Paul Weds 18
37.58	Jerry Schroeder	E	WI	Arkdale HSC Summer 18
36.97	Dick Dvorak	E	MN	West St Paul Summer 18
36.39	Maurice Hartz Jr.	E	IA	Marengo HSL Summer 18
36.09	James H Hayden	E	FL	Clearwater Horseshoe Club

34.61	Bob Hunt	E	CT	CCHC Winter 18
33.37	Eugene James	E	NY	Waterloo HSC Fall 18
33.21	Charles Moppin	E	AR	NWAHPA Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Jr. Boy

29.06	Ryan Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
27.47	Gabe Burgin	B	WI	Platteville HSA Summer 18
22.16	Ben Grebinoski	B	MN	Rice HSL Summer 18
20.11	Leon Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 18
19.93	Cris Beltran	B	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 18
19.17	Christian Blank	B	NE	GOHL Spring 18
19.00	Raymond Daugherty	B	OH	Ross County Summer 18
18.39	Luke Ray	B	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
17.85	Tyler Mazuraitis	B	CT	CCHC Winter 18
17.33	Tanner Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Late Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Jr. Girl

37.74	Lizzie Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 18
29.74	Ally Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 18
26.27	Taylor Coile	G	GA	Four Stakes HSC Summer 18
25.92	Madisen Gwinn	G	MO	Independence HSC Summer 18
23.98	Chelsea Swaller	G	CT	Weik-Towne HSL Summer 18
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15.64	Ashley Demoranville	G	MA	Loon Pond HSC Doubles18
11.82	Anna Cox	G	CO	Rocky Mtn HSC Summer 18
10.61	Felicity Wiese	G	WI	Eau Claire HSC Tues 18
10.44	Emily Saxberg	G	ND	Sheyenne HSC Summer 18

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Men

38.56	Brooks Symank	M	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
36.02	Todd Marin	M	CT	CCHC Winter 18
35.41	Jose Santiago	M	CT	New Haven HSC Summer 18
34.74	Kyle Benoit	M	CT	CCHC Winter 18
34.50	Merle Alswager	M	NE	Pawnee HSL Summer 18
32.82	Scott Baron	M	CT	CCHC Winter 18
32.50	JJ Martorelli	M	CT	CCHC Winter 18

32.42	Randy Smith	M	CT	CCHC Winter 18
32.15	Steve Ronk	M	IA	GOHL Spring 18
31.64	Thomas Prokop	M	MN	West St Paul Weds 18

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Woman

39.55	Rene Mazuraitis	W	CT	CCHC Winter 18
35.87	Tina Schafer	W	MI	Lansing HSC Summer 18
35.46	Cee Carotenuto	W	CT	CCHC Winter 18
34.52	Carolyn Butler	W	CT	CCHC Winter 18
33.75	Tammy Newkirk	W	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Summer 18
33.21	Sylvia Burggraff	W	MN	Morrison HSC Summer 18
32.36	Linda Dodson	W	LA	Bayou HSC Summer 18
31.39	Lillian Piotter	W	GA	Crisp HSC Fall 18
30.95	Linda Taketa	W	HI	Kona HSC Winter 18
30.88	Janet Sanborn	W	CT	New Haven HSC Summer 18

National High Point Average - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

92.50	Danny Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
86.00	George Huntington	E	IL	Effingham HSC Summer 18
85.87	Robert Gordon	E	FL	Villages HSC Winter 18
84.76	Henry Greenwaldt	E	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 18
83.95	Tim Gilmore	E	LA	Bayou HSC Fall 18
83.71	Gary Roberts	M	OH	Ross County Summer 18
83.33	Brenda Wasinger	W	KS	Sunflower HSC Summer 18
83.25	Ron Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Tues 18
82.41	Larry Myers	E	GA	WR HSC Spring 18
82.00	Mark Smith	M	MN	Litchfield HSC Summer 18

National High Point Average - Adult - 50 Shoe Games

132.27	Rich Pintor	E	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer18
116.89	Daniel F Dunn	E	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 18
116.47	Larry Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSC Thurs 18
116.41	Brian Simmons	M	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18
116.06	Gregg Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Fall 18
111.27	Bobby Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 18
111.09	Roy Dugger	E	OH	Darke County Best of Last 18
110.50	Allen Withrow	M	WV	Mountaineer HSC Summer 18

110.39	Sheila Shepard	W	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer18
110.24	Randy Zeiders	M	PA	Mifflin HSC Fall 18

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

75.00	Ryan Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
48.16	Jedidiah Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Creek HSC Spring 18
47.00	Tim Biggs	C	UT	Color HSC Cadets 18
46.56	Isaac Jr Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Fall 18
43.13	Raymond Daugherty	B	OH	Ross County Summer 18
38.29	Luke Ray	B	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
32.93	Danyelle Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
32.45	Marshal Swenson	C	MN	Alexandria Juniors 18
31.90	Seth Johnson	B	OK	Moore HSC Summer 18
28.36	Tyler Bourdier	B	LA	Bayou HSC Fall 18

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

94.00	Derek Reynolds	B	AR	Jims 4 Courts HSC Winter 18
83.30	Caiden Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
81.06	Leon Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 18
70.28	Warren Highley	C	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 18
64.08	Taylor Coile	G	GA	Four Stakes HSC Spring 18
63.27	Sadie Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 18
61.56	Zander Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 18
58.04	Cris Beltran	B	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 18
57.44	Tanner Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Late Summer 18
51.08	Madisen Gwinn	G	MO	Independence HSC Summer 18

National High Point Game - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

114.00	Ron Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Thurs 18
109.00	Danny Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
107.00	Larry Thomason	E	IL	Effingham HSC Summer 18
106.00	Tim Gilmore	E	LA	Bayou HSC Fall 18
104.00	Larry Myers	E	GA	Perry HSC Fall 18
103.00	Ron Stanerson	E	IA	Marengo HSL Summer 18
102.00	Jim Strain	E	FL	Villages HSC Winter 18
102.00	Robert Gordon	E	FL	Villages HSC Winter 18

99.00	Leonard Razim	E	IL	Beloit HSC Mon Winter 18
99.00	Mark Smith	M	MN	Litchfield HSC Summer 18

National High Point Game - Adult - 50 Shoe Games

141.00	Daniel F Dunn	E	IN	Tipton HSL Summer 18
138.00	Roger Reeves	E	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 18
138.00	Brian Simmons	M	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18
136.00	Penny Steinke	W	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 18
136.00	Randy Zeiders	M	PA	Mifflin HSC Fall 18
135.00	Larry Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
135.00	Rich Pintor	E	CO	Edgewater HSC Summer18
133.00	Tyler Howard	M	NY	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18
133.00	Marlene Cooper	W	OH	Fulton County HSL Summer 18
131.00	Gregg Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Tues Fall 18

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

106.00	Ryan Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
66.00	Tim Biggs	C	UT	Color HSC Cadets 18
63.00	Raymond Daugherty	B	OH	Ross County Summer 18
60.00	Isaac Jr Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Fall 18
59.00	Jedidiah Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Creek HSC Spring 18
58.00	Danyelle Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
57.00	Luke Ray	B	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
56.00	Seth Johnson	B	OK	Moore HSC Summer 18
48.00	Marshal Swenson	C	MN	Alexandria Juniors 18
47.00	Tyler Bourdier	B	LA	Bayou HSC Summer 18

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

106.00	Leon Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 18
104.00	Caiden Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
102.00	Derek Reynolds	B	AR	Jims 4 Courts HSC Winter 18
95.00	Taylor Coile	G	GA	Four Stakes HSC Summer 18
89.00	Cris Beltran	B	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 18
86.00	Warren Highley	C	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 18
85.00	Gabe Burgin	B	WI	Platteville HSA Summer 18
84.00	Tanner Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Late Summer 18

83.00	Zander Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 18
83.00	Madisen Gwinn	G	MO	Independence HSC Summer 18

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

74.64	Leonard Razim	E	IL	Beloit HSC Ringers 18
72.32	Dick Perkins	E	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Winter 18
69.90	Dan Bloom	E	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Winter 18
65.78	Bruce McLinn	E	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Winter 18
59.80	Tammy Newkirk	W	WI	Beloit HSC Ringers 18
59.05	Daniel Lessman	E	IL	Beloit HSC Thurs Winter 18
58.45	Galen Kozel	E	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Winter 18
55.31	David Carter	E	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Winter 18
53.00	Tom Bird	E	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Winter 18
50.48	Ed Bonebright	E	WI	Beloit HSC Thurs Winter 18

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

73.64	Jack Moxley	E	MD	Frederick HSC Summer 18
54.14	James H Hayden	E	FL	Clearwater Horseshoe Club
53.18	Don Swift	E	MN	Kilkenny HSC Summer 18
40.56	Kurt Whaley	M	SD	Soo Area HSC Summer 18
39.75	Jerry Hartwick	M	IA	Clearwater Horseshoe Club
39.56	Charles Johnston	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Weds 18
38.47	David Saiz	E	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 18
37.44	Charles Moppin	E	AR	NWAHPA Summer 18
37.00	Brady Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Mon Summer 18
36.20	Nate Pelletier	M	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 18

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

31.00	Ryan Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
25.07	Danyelle Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 18
24.10	Seth Johnson	B	OK	Moore HSC Summer 18
19.87	Raymond Daugherty	B	OH	Ross County Summer 18
19.20	Coulson Ohms	C	UT	Color HSC Cadets 18
19.00	Tim Biggs	C	UT	Color HSC Cadets 18
18.82	Tyler Bourdier	B	LA	Bayou HSC Summer 18
18.71	Luke Ray	B	TX	CTHPA Summer 18
18.71	Caleb Haack	C	IA	Marengo HSL Summer 18
17.27	Adilaide Ohms	C	UT	Color HSC Cadets 18

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

37.21	Kaden Stenzel	B	NE	Pawnee HSL Summer 18
37.00	Gabe Burgin	B	WI	Platteville HSA Summer 18
34.38	Kyle Kuecker	C	IA	Waterloo HSL Summer 18
32.72	Cameron Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSC Tues 18
32.55	Taylor Coile	G	GA	Four Stakes HSC Summer 18
31.92	Madisen Gwinn	G	MO	Independence HSC Summer 18
30.96	Cris Beltran	B	CO	Pueblo HSC Summer 18
29.07	Jeremiah Velasquez	B	CO	Pueblo HSC Weds 18
26.56	Tanner Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Late Summer 18
24.94	Leon Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 18

League Totals

270 leagues reported

Ringers	Shoes	# Pitchers per Category	Category	AVG.
10,083	72,156		Cadets 82	13.97%
537,054	1,672,296		Elders 1,281	32.11%
9,498	72,784		Junior Boys 80	13.05%
4,185	32,424		Junior Girls 30	12.91%
591,283	2,829,848		Men's 40ft 2,194	20.89%
213,690	888,732		Women 756	24.04%
Total League Ringers		Total League Shoes		AVG.
1,365,793		5,568,240		24.53%

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

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR WORLD TOURNAMENT

DALTON RAKESTRAW, 5TH VICE PRESIDENT

The World Tournament is vastly approaching, and Wichita Falls is getting ready for the "invasion of the pitchers!" As the 5th Vice President, it is my job to oversee that the courts are set. We will begin that process on July 16, with all hands-on deck. The courts will be completed in time for the World Warm Up tournament on Saturday, July 20. Those wanting some additional practice or even some extra cash should come early and attend.

The Horseshoe Tour is now underway for the 2019, season. The first stop was back on April 13-14, in Newberry, SC. I was fortunate enough to win the 40' A group. Gary Opper, ID, and I had a great finals match that ended up in several down and backs. Congrats to Jim Ellison, AL, for winning the 30' A group. Weather was a factor, but we got the tournament completed and had a blast. The next stop is June 8-9 in Lowell, NC. Come on out and give the 30 shoe-ringers only a try!

The 2nd Annual Paul Stewart Invitational was last week April 27. The courts were in great shape and great competition. Carolyn Loyd and Paul Stewart were great hosts. Such a pleasure to pitch on courts that have history. Congrats to Cindy Hoffman, PA, for taking 30' Championship gold and once again I was fortunate enough to win the 40' championships. Congrats to all winners in both tournaments.

Patches are quickly going from my house. With tournaments now started and more patches requested, they are going, going, gone. The patch has been a staple for the NHPA for at least 30 years with little or no changes made to the design. Maybe we can debut a new patch design for 2020? If you have a design idea or layout, please email it to me. Would like to see some change and new ideas come about with the patch.

The Hall of Fame Invitational is this weekend May 4-5. Stay tuned to find out who the winners are and as always, I am looking forward to seeing everyone. RD's helping with shoe check and shift directing, the schedules are being made and will be sent. The new state officer patches are in and will be distributed at world. Safe travels to those in the world tournaments. I leave you with this thought, "is it better to be a big fish in a small pond, or a small fish in a big pond?"

HALL OF FAME

VICKI WINSTON

The Hall of Fame Committee recently completed the voting for 2019 and I am pleased to announce that we have elected four individuals to be inducted into the NHPA Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame at the banquet on the evening of July 28, 2019 in Wichita Falls, Texas. We have elected one Player, one Historic Era Player and two persons from the Promoter/Organizer category. I will give you a brief bit of information for each inductee and if you will be in Wichita Falls for the World Tournament, I hope you will attend the banquet to help honor the NHPA Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

Paul LaCrosse - Colorado

Paul has pitched horseshoes for many years and should now be a lifetime member of the NHPA. He made the World Tournament Men's Championship Finals ten times. In those ten appearances, he finished 4th two times, 5th four times and 6th one time. His ringer average for those ten appearances is 72.06%. He also appeared in the World Tournament Senior Men's Championship Finals three times and has a Championship and a second place finish in that event. He has won 23 Colorado Men's State Championships, has been a member of the winning team at the Team World Tournament in Beloit, WI 6 times and won the Six Pac Invitational Tournament in New Melle, MO one time. The Six Pac Invitational is what has transitioned into the Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament, which is now held at the NHPA & NHPF Hall of Fame complex in Wentzville, MO on the first weekend in May each year. Congratulations to Paul on his horseshoe pitching accomplishments and being elected to the HOF Class of 2019 in the Player category. Paul is planning to be in Wichita Falls for his induction ceremony.

Truman Standard - Illinois

Truman appeared in the Men's Championship Class of the World Tournament eight times. He was in it from 1953 thru 1958 and then his last two appearances were 1960 and 1962. During those eight appearances he placed 5th twice and 7th once. Those were the days of onsite qualifying and 50-point games. There aren't too many people around in this day and age who are still connected to our sport who actually saw Truman Standard pitch horseshoes. However, being pretty young at the time, I am one who saw him pitch in all but one of his World Tournament appearances. During a rain delay at a tournament in Greenville, OH, Gary Roberts remembers Truman getting his ukulele and entertaining the crowd until play could resume. Most years in that day and age the Men's Championship Class at a WT was a 36-man round robin competition, so the pitchers had to be in good shape to make it through all of the days of pitching 35 games that went to 50 points. Truman's ringer average for those 8 WT appearances was 73.50%. Truman was a three-time Illinois State Champion and was inducted into the Illinois Hall of Fame in 1981. In 1956 there was a Chicago television series called "Championship Horseshoes." He won three gold plated horseshoes on that show. He also appeared on the "Tonight Show" when it was hosted by Jack Parr. Truman passed away in 1982, but a member of our HOF Committee was able to locate his youngest daughter using Facebook. It has been an enjoyable experience talking with her on the phone and communicating by e-mail. She has a brother who is still living, and the family is excited about Truman being elected to the HOF in the Historic Era category. However, as of this writing I do not yet know if either of his children will be able to attend the banquet to accept the award and to tell us a little more about their dad.

Phyllis Quist - Washington

Phyllis is fondly known to her friends as Phyl. She and her husband, Jim, did not learn about the sport of horseshoe pitching in their earlier years, but when they were finally introduced to it, they were hooked for life. Not only did they enjoy pitching, they loved the people they were getting to know, and they began getting involved in promotion and organization as well as pitching. Phyl got involved

with junior promotions and fund raisers to send juniors to the World Tournament and also to provide scholarships for higher education. She and Jim transported and chaperoned juniors to the WT four times. Phyl has held several positions as a charter officer and a club officer. She has been helping to keep the Pacific Northwest Association going and the Washington charter running smoothly. She has taken on the task of maintaining the Washington State Hall of Fame and Museum trailer. Phyl has been of service to the NHPA in many ways. She served on the rules rewrite committee that created the RGS book. For several years she chaired the annual State Officers meeting that is held during the WT. A few years ago, she accepted an appointment to serve as one of the directors of the NHPF and she attends the meeting they have every spring in Wentzville, MO while the HOF Invitational Tournament is being held. During a World Tournament you will find her working many shifts in the NHPF booth and always greeting people with a friendly smile. Ever since Phyl and Jim started attending the WT, you would see Phyl pitching in and doing any job that was needed at the WT site. All a council member had to do was ask and she was willing to go to work, if she didn't already have another assigned task or wasn't scheduled to be pitching. I know she has assisted shift directors and may have served as one herself when there weren't enough council members available. She does occasionally take a little time off to grab a bite to eat, but much of her time at a WT is spent helping wherever needed, be it day or night, and that includes in a scorekeeper's chair. Congratulations to Phyl on being elected to the HOF Class of 2019 in the Promoter/Organizer category. She and Jim are looking forward to being in Wichita Falls for the WT and the banquet.

Harry G. Haynes - Ohio

Harry is from way back in the early days of organized horseshoe pitching. Through the efforts of Harry G. Haynes of Akron, Ohio and Dr. E. C. Beach of St. Petersburg, FL. the National League of Horseshoe and Quoits Pitchers was formed on Feb. 26, 1919 and they held a national tournament in St. Petersburg with pitchers from 29 states in attendance. Horseshoe pitching was a popular sport in those days and thousands of people would gather to watch an event that featured some top pitchers from around the nation. Harry was elected the president of this new association. It was this organization that would bridge the gap between the Grand League American Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the present National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Harry was one of the big wheels in Akron, as he was president of the Kenmore Banking Co. and vice president of the Akron Realty Co. Through his efforts the 1920 national tournament was awarded to Akron, Ohio and Harry sponsored this event. It was the only time a national tournament was held there. Harry was also one of the prominent men who met on October 29, 1919 in the office of the Akron Realty Company and organized the Buckeye Horseshoe Pitching Association of Ohio. This was the first state association of its kind in the United States and Harry was appointed to serve as a member of its Board of Directors. Some of the key people from that era have already been elected to the NHPA Hall of Fame and it is good we can now add Harry G. Haynes to the list in the Promoter/Organizer category. Not only did he give some personal financial support to our sport, he had a lot to do with getting our sport operating in a more organized manner and the eventual formation of the NHPA. He also assisted in the formation of our first State Charter. **Note: We have not yet been able to locate any descendants of Harry G. Haynes of Akron, OH. We don't even know if there are any. If you have any information that can assist us in this search, please contact me. Thank you.**

Nominations to be considered for the Hall of Fame are always welcome. Information and a printable Nomination Form are available on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. Only a NHPA member or NHPA club can submit nominations. I know there are some deserving individuals who have not yet been nominated but have contributed much to the NHPA in the way of service and promotion. There are probably also some pitchers who might have been overlooked who have had outstanding achievements on the horseshoe courts at the national level. Please put on your thinking caps and see if you know some people who deserve to be added to the list of nominees. The deadline for nominations to be included in the 2020 voting is January 31, 2020.

NHPF UPDATE

CASEY SLUYS, NHPF PRESIDENT

We hope everyone had a great spring holiday and now is ready for some horseshoe pitching? The longer than usual wet and snowy spell has caused the delay in many of our charters. We would like to remind everyone that the NHPF has grants available to those who need to build, rebuild, or improve your court facilities. Over \$87,000 in grants have been issued by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. In 2003, the NHPF began issuing grants to construct or upgrade horseshoe pitching courts on public property. While currently capped at \$3000, the Foundation is committed to supporting up to four (4) grant applicants per year. There is no legal obligation to repay the grant. However, the NHPF Directors may look more favorably upon those applicants who pledge to hold annual fund-raising events to donate something back, so the Foundation can continue to support other clubs and grow the grant amounts in the future. The directors review Grant requests in the months of March and September each year. See website: <https://nhpfinfo.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/nhpfgrantapplication.pdf> If you need to speak with someone before filing out a grant form please call me at (707) 4767-8893 I will be happy to go over the criteria involved in applying for a grant.

Have you had a chance to visit your Hall of Fame in Wentzville MO yet. I encourage you to do so you will be pleasantly surprised. Take a leisurely stroll around the grounds, read the inscriptions on the bricks in the Jack Freeman Memorial Plaza. It may give you an idea for a brick of your own? All the bricks and their location can be located on the map directly to the left of the main entrance. There will be a few phone numbers listed on the signage on the door or call this number and make an appointment for a guided tour.

Have you seen the great pitching videos that the HPO Facebook page does? It's quick and gives you a great overview of many horseshoe courts throughout the US and Canada. Even though this is all non-sanctioned an attempt is being made by a few people in the Northern CA Charter to sanction a 200-shoe pitching event. Check out details on NCHPA fb page under the files section. Unfortunately, the

first such event will be history by the publishing deadline, BUT just in case it isn't May 12th when you receive this look for the details and rules on the aforementioned fb page.

This winter I did some state by state donation calculations and it figured out to be a fairly low ratio of members donating. Just looking at the top 15 states, the number of donations per membership was only 23%. That means there are 77% of the current NHPA membership that have not participated or made any sort of monetary commitment to your Hall of Fame and the preservation of our wonderful building. There are many ways one can donate you can purchase a brick, you can donate cash directly from our website at: <https://nhpf.info/> by using the donate button, you can send in a check to 100 Bluestem Way Wentzville, MO 63385 OR you can stop by our table at the World Tournament to take a chance on many fine items that we will have there for a silent auction. We will have BANQUET tickets available there also along with a daily 50/50. Look for us under this logo in Texas. Stop by and visit we will answer your questions.

We thank Gary Buehler for his faithful effort for providing us with the following information every two months.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DONORS

We express our sincere thanks to the following who have donated as reported in the May/June 2019 issue of Newline

Donating \$10-\$99

Terry & Lorraine Sternberg, WI

Carol Casados, AZ (earmarked for Bush Brick)

QRHC Wednesday golfers, MO

Oklahoma HPA, OK

Charles Brunner, WV

Rick Wright, MN

Lamb Weston

Marvin & Marlys Timm, MN

Anthony Ridder, KS

Donating \$100-\$300

Paul & Korrinne Wiese, WI

Minnesota HPA, MN

Richmond/Ottawa HC (grant repayment)

Ukiah Valley Horseshoe Club, CA

Ron & Gloria Deckard, FL

Central Connecticut HC, CT

Donating \$500 - \$1000

Highlands County HC, FL

Clearwater HC, FL

Other Income

Museum Donation Box \$180

NHPA \$450 rent

NHPA \$450 rent

Quail Ridge HC \$2500 rent

Quail Ridge HC \$2500 rent

STATS: ALL TRAILS LEAD TO TEXAS

MEL YOCKSTIC, WORLD STATISTICIAN

When I was growing up I enjoyed listening to western music. One of my favorite songs was "Waltzing Across Texas" by Ernest Tubb. Yes, it was slow, and I could understand the words. Many horseshoe players will be doing just that, "Waltzing across Texas" to reach Wichita Falls to participate in the 102nd. World Tournament. By the time you read this I hope the WT in Texas has sets a new world record for highest attendants. As they say in Texas "You 'al come".

Rod Hagman (NHPA 4th. VP & NHPA Webmaster - IT Dir.) Has made some changes to the NHPA website World Tournament Stats.

Go to *Recognition Then- World Tournament Stats*.

- 1: World Tournament Stats (Yellow button) World Stats.
- 2: World Tournament Champions (Purple button) See World Champion by Division.
3. 40 Point Era (Yellow button) World Stats by division

Take a look at two charts:

1. First chart will show Top WT winners holding 7 (Prelim or Championship) title wins or more. On the NHPA website you will find world players holding three (3) plus wins. You can find this file under – WT Stats (WT 3 plus wins).
2. Second chart will show WT location with 20 + 90% championship games. What I find interesting is that

We haven't reach 20 or more 90% games over 9 years hence. You can find this file on the NHPA website - *WT Stats – 90 PCT World Club*.

All Trails lead to Texas!!

NHPA World Tournament Preliminary Class and Championship Winners with 7+ WT Titles									
From 1909-2018			Any Division...Go to WT Participation file for further player detailed info.						
50-40 Point Era				WT	Prelim	WT	Total	Last	
Top 7 Wins		Last	World	Champs	Class	Champs	All	World	World
F-Name	L-Name	State	Events	Juniors	Winners	Adult	Wins	Win-Yr.	Location
Alan	Francis	OH	38	4	13	23	40	2018	Florence, SC
Sue	Snyder	IN	28		9	7	16	2011	West Monroe, LA
Joan	Elmore	TN	22		4	9	13	2017	St. George, UT
Brian	Simmons	VT	24		9	3	12	2016	Montgomery, AL
Ron	Deckard	FL	17		5	6	11	2015	Topeka, KS
Alan	Jones	IL	21		11		11	2011	West Monroe, LA
Vicki	Winston	MO	40		1	10	11	1981	Genola, MN
Sylvianne	Moisan	QC	21		6	4	10	2018	Florence, SC
Herschel	Walters	IN	24		8	2	10	2011	West Monroe, LA
Ted	Allen	CO	34			10	10	1959	Murray, UT
Ed	Arionus	TX	22		1	8	9	2013	St. George, UT
Walter Ray	Williams Jr.	FL	44	3		6	9	1994	Syracuse, NY
Fernando	Isais	CA	19			8	8	1958	Murray, UT
Bob	Knudtson	MN	26		7		7	2018	Florence, SC
Gary	Roberts	OH	36	4	2	1	7	2018	Florence, SC
Brady	Craven	MO	25		7		7	2017	St. George, UT
Sheila	Shepard	CO	15		1	6	7	2017	St. George, UT
Drew	Becker	ON	14	2	5		7	2015	Topeka, KS
Frank	Jackson	IA	19			7	7	1926	ST Petersburg, FL

WT Locations with 20+ 90% Championship Games Pitched (1982-2018)											
40 Point Era											
	WT	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	
Year	Entries	Men's	Women's	ELD.	SR-M	SR-W	Boy's	Girl's	Inter	Totals	World Location
2009	1330	20	18	1	0	2	1	0	0	42	Springfield, IL (*)
2008	1321	6	20	0	1	0	1	0	0	28	York, PA (*)
1994	1304	18	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	Syracuse, NY (*)
1992	1700	13	5	0	0	0	6	1	1	26	Columbus, OH
1987	1287	10	13	0	0	0	3	0	0	26	Eau Claire, WI (*)
1986	780	21	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	Ainsworth, NE
1990	1064	13	4	0	0	0	7	0	0	24	Stone Mtn., GA(*)
2005	824	10	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	Bakersfield, CA (*)
1997	1740	9	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	Kitchener, ON(*)
1991	1023	14	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	21	Biloxi, MS (*)
1985	961	11	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	21	Lafayette, IN (+)

(*)= Indoors

2021 WORLD TOURNAMENT SITE:
WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The NHPA council is pleased to announce that Winnemucca, NV will be the site of the 2021 World Tournament.

Winnemucca is located at the intersection of two major highway systems serving patrons from across the United States, which should prove to be extremely successful in attracting an increased number of west coast participants.

As hosts of the The Horseshoe Pro Tour tournament for the past two years, they have exhibited the ability and desire to go above and beyond to assure a successful horseshoe pitching tournament with outstanding customer service. The Winnemucca Events Complex is located at the high desert crossroads which offers 24-hour gaming, a multitude of recreational opportunities, and a wealth of dining and accommodation options, all woven together with hometown hospitality.

Located at the crossroads of Interstate 80 and U.S. Highway 95, Winnemucca is not only on your way to everywhere, it is easy and convenient to navigate. The physical address of the complex is 1000 Fairgrounds Road Winnemucca, NV. The Winnemucca Events Complex (WEC) is located mere minutes from downtown Winnemucca. Formerly the Humboldt County Fairgrounds, the WEC is northern Nevada's most well-equipped special events complex, boasting 72 acres configured to accommodate all your activities, from small, informal gatherings to large events and expositions. At the heart of the Winnemucca Events Complex is the 93,000 square foot Event Center featuring 75,000 square feet of indoor multi-purpose space.

The facility is surrounded by numerous support facilities, including a new pavilion, an 11,862 square-foot exhibit hall, two large outdoor arenas (one of which includes a 2,300-seat grandstand), a half-mile horse racetrack, 871 horse stalls, livestock holding pens, three show offices, two concession stands, a multitude of parking, and over 33 acres of open space which may be used for parking or temporary horse stalls.

The complex also boasts 321 improved campsites and virtually unlimited dry/tent camping. The Event Center is managed by qualified and enthusiastic event professionals who will ensure that every detail of your event is handled in a prompt and professional manner. Our team has more than 40 years combined experience in special event and convention planning and is ready to host your next event. Take a look at what we have to offer and see why the Winnemucca Events Complex is the right choice for your next event.

Jerry Smith and Rob Hagman attended a tournament there last year and give this location a "Thumbs Up". The Winnemucca CVB and event planners will be at Wichita Falls, TX this year, so please stop by and see Kim Petersen and his staff. They will have plenty of information to hand out including RV and camping information. Congratulations Winnemucca, NV.

CAN HORSESHOES BECOME AN OLYMPIC SPORT?

LAURIE LAMPKIN

This subject has been the chatter for many years amongst our members. All of us at some point and time have wondered how and why we do not attempt to become part of the US or International Olympics Committee. Not long ago, we had an inquiry asking about Horseshoes becoming a part of the Olympics on the NHPA Facebook page and Messenger. So, we contacted the International Olympic Committee to see what the process and requirements are for a sport to become be a part of the Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee sent a me a few documents that are several pages long. We are currently reading over the qualifications and requirements to become an Olympic Sport and if we can qualify or not considering the strict requirements.

Here is just a sample of the information in their documents:

To be recognized by the IOC, a sport must first of all be governed by an International Federation (IF). This is required in order to conform to the Rules of the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code as well as the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions.

- The Olympic Program Commission has the responsibility of analyzing the program of sports for both the Games of the Olympiad and Olympic Winter Games and forming proposals for consideration by the IOC Executive Board.
- Olympic Agenda 2020 noted that "the Olympic program is the fundamental core of the Olympic Games as decisions regarding the program have an impact on virtually all other areas of the Olympic Games and Olympic Movement."

The responsibilities of the Olympic Program Commission are to:

- Develop a program that maximizes the popularity of the Olympic Games while containing costs and complexity;
- Ensure the Olympic program remains relevant to young people by ensuring innovation and adapting to modern taste and new trends, while respecting the history and tradition of the sports;
- Thoroughly evaluate the sports and events in close cooperation with the respective International Federations;

- Respect the framework and principles outlined in Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations 9, 10, and 11.
- The Olympic Program Commission is supported by the Sports Department.

So, this is just the tip of the Iceberg of what and how in depth the process and requirements are of becoming an Olympic Sport.

The next Olympic locations are:

In Tokyo, Japan, from 24 July to 9 August 2020.

In Beijing, People's Republic of China, from 4 to 20 February 2022.

In Paris (France) in 2024, and Los Angeles (USA) in 2028.