



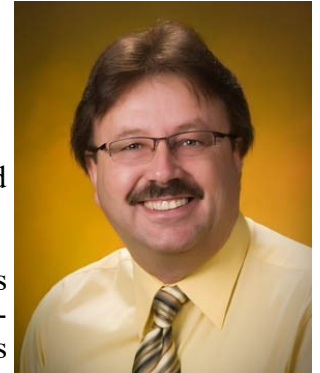
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President's Message

NHPA Council Winter Meeting Report

By Stu Sipma, NHPA President



The NHPA Council hopes this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and well.

It is safe to say that these past weeks have been among some of the most tumultuous and emotional than any of us can remember in our lifetimes. The impact of the coronavirus outbreak has been felt by individuals, families, companies, and communities across the United States and around the world.

Far from causing division and discord, this crisis and the social distancing it has required, has allowed us to witness something profound and moving about ourselves—our fond and deeply felt wish to be connected.

The NHPA remains committed to providing a safe environment for our members while also providing competitive opportunities to pitch horseshoes. Across the nation, Charters have had to cancel sanctioned tournaments, thus affecting members trying to qualify for the 2020 World Tournament in Monroe LA as a result of the COVID-19 virus. The NHPA Council has extended the registration deadline to June 1st and reduced the qualifying tournaments from four to two, which allows pitchers the best opportunity to qualify for the World Tournament.

I have been in close communications with representatives from Monroe bi-weekly, and changes will be reported immediately through social media and e-blast to all of you. The Council is hoping this virus will be eliminated, thus allowing the NHPA enough time to plan an implement the 2020 World Tournament.

The NHPA Council held its annual winter meeting on March 12th – 14th at the Hampton Inn in Wentzville, Missouri. All but one of the officers were present. Brian Poole, our newest member to the Council replacing Gary Roberts, joined as our 1st Vice President in charge of Rules and By-laws.

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This year's winter meeting included three full days of meeting topics. Topics on the agenda included finalizing our 2020 goals, reviewing the 2019 financial report, establishing our 2020 budget, walkthrough of the NHPA Hall of Fame Museum, and a review of the proposed Rule and By-Laws changes, Review of the 2020 World Tournament activities. Each Officer gave a presentation on the duties assigned to them and on their assigned topics. Each Officer gave a presentation on their assigned duties and topics. The meeting was recorded, and Jim will publish the minutes.

The Council outlined the 2020 goals with no changes made from the 2019 goals. These goals are very important to the Executive Council, and we hope they are just as important to you.

- Increase Membership
- Control Spending
- National and Local promotion of the sport
- Support for the Hall of Fame
- Secure a National Sponsor
- Open communications with each Charter
- Continue to integrate technology

Jim Kinney prepared a report to the Council that the adult membership count has declined slightly. Adult members dropped from 8298 in 2018 to 7654.

Jim Kinney Jr. reported to the Council our current financials for 2019. The Council performed a thorough review of the financials and finalized the 2020 budget at the end of the 3rd day.

With the addition of one new Officer on the Council, we spent some time going through the duties of each Vice President. The duties are outlined below. The President and Secretary/Treasurer duties are outlined in the By-laws booklet.

Brian Poole (1st VP)

- Back-up for the President and their duties.
- Assist the President, when requested, and perform any duties their offices may imply.
- Direct specific NHPA functions assigned to them by the President. These functions shall include (but are not limited to): By-Laws, Rules, Regional Directors, Sanctioned Leagues, Publicity, Promotions, and Website Management.
- Director of the Rules and By-Laws. Includes forming committees to handle the review and initial approval of the Rules and By-Laws, then forwarded onto the NHPA Council for review/approval for the delegate meeting.
- In charge of keeping current the Medical Exemption form and any revisions approved by the Council.
- Require traveling and approve W.T. bidding sites.

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- Controls the training/certifying of the NHPA judges. Maintains an active list of all the judges trained.
- Attend the World Tournament for two weeks and serve as a Shift Director.
- Write Newline article bi-monthly and submit to the NHPA Newline Director.
- Lead in reviewing and answering questions on the NHPA forum (Rules and By-laws).
- Member of the HOF Committee.
- Attend the annual NHPA winter meeting.

Laura Lampkin (2nd VP)

- Back-up for the 5th VP and their duties.
- Assist the President, when requested, and perform any duties their offices may imply.
- Direct specific NHPA functions assigned to them by the President. These functions shall include (but are not limited to): By-Laws, Rules, Regional Directors, Sanctioned Leagues, Publicity, Promotions, and Website Management.
- World Tournament Coordinator in charge of attending Sports Marketing conferences and getting cites to bid for the World Tournament. Duties include site visits, communicating the arrangement at the World Tournament site, and handling the bidding process at the delegate meeting.
- In charge of keeping current the World Tournament contract and RFP documents.
- Continue leading of the Sponsorship committee and tracking all the letters issued to potential sponsors and reporting back to the NHPA Council.
- Continue leading the Membership Growth committee and reporting back to the NHPA Council.
- In charge of the publication and distribution of the Shoe News for the World Tournament.
- Attend the World Tournament for two weeks and serve as a Shift Director.
- Lead in reviewing and answering questions on the NHPA Forum (Publicity and Promotions).
- Attend the NHPA Council winter meeting.
- Write Newline articles bi-monthly and submit to the NHPA Newline Director.
- Revise and keep current the rack cards.
- Require traveling and approve World Tournament bidding sites.
- Writing and distributing the World Tournament press release.

Jerry Smith (3rd VP)

- Back-up for the Secretary-Treasurer and their duties.
- Assist the President, when requested, and perform any duties their offices may imply.
- Direct specific NHPA functions assigned to them by the President. These functions shall include (but are not limited to): By-Laws, Rules, Regional Directors, Sanctioned Leagues, Publicity, Promotions, and Website Management.
- Attend the World Tournament for two weeks and serve as a Shift Director.
- Lead in reviewing and answering questions on the NHPA Forum (Sanction Leagues).
- Member of the NHPA HOF Committee.
- Attend the NHPA Council winter meeting.
- Require traveling and approve World Tournament bidding sites.
- NHPA Historian- Writes HOF nominations, maintains the memorabilia at the NHPA HOF Museum.
- Sanction League Director.
 - Membership Reports.
 - Final Stat Reports.
 - Keep a record of all the pitcher's high games.
 - Send patches to the club league directors.
 - Keep records of the Top Ten List.
 - Junior Scholarships tracking and awards for Council approval.
 - Keep records for clubs' continuous years for a sanction club or league.
 - Pick a League Director of the year award.

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- In charge of revising and keeping the Sanction League ("RED") Booklet current.
- Write Newline article bi-monthly and submit to the NHPA Newline Director.
- TD for the HOF Sanction League Tournament.

Rob Hagman (4th VP)

- Back-up/provide assistance for the NHPA Natstats Director.
- Assist the President, when requested, and perform any duties their offices may imply.
- Direct specific NHPA functions assigned to them by the President. These functions shall include (but are not limited to): By-Laws, Rules, Regional Directors, Sanctioned Leagues, Publicity, Promotions, and Website Management.
- Attend the World Tournament for two weeks and serve as a World Tournament Stat Room Director.
- Lead in reviewing and answering questions on the NHPA Forum (IT).
- Attend the NHPA Council winter meeting.
- Require traveling and approve World Tournament bidding sites.
- Website Director the NHPA website.
- Lead in maintaining the NHPA website.
- Lead in the setup and teardown of the World Tournament computers and cameras.
- Lead in handling all the I.T. issues pertaining to the scorekeeping and servers at the World Tournament
- Coordinate the camera webpage for the NHPA website.
- Responsible for the storage and shipping of the World Tournament computers and equipment.
- Assist in the World tournament warm up tournament making sure all the I.T. equipment is working properly.
- Assist Charters in answering questions pertaining to the HS Master software.
- Lead in working with Kurt Whaley making sure revisions are made to the HS Master software.
- Lead in the rewrite of the HS Master Software to include cost, schedule for execution and report back to Council for approval.
- Set up training and train score keepers for the World Tournament
- Write Newline article bi-monthly and submit to the NHPA Newline Director.

Dalton Rakestraw (5th VP)

- Back-up for the 3rd VP and their duties.
- Assist the President, when requested, and perform any duties their offices may imply.
- Direct specific NHPA functions assigned to them by the President. These functions shall include (but are not limited to): By-Laws, Rules, Regional Directors, Sanctioned Leagues, Publicity, Promotions, and Website Management.
- NHPA Junior Director
- Attend the World Tournament for two weeks and serve as a World Tournament Shift Director.
- Lead in reviewing and answering questions on the NHPA Forum (Regional Director).
- Attend the NHPA Council winter meeting.
- Require traveling and approve World Tournament bidding sites.
- Write Newline article bi-monthly and submit to the NHPA Newline Director
- NHPA Regional Charter Director duties include.
 - Maintain a complete list of the Charter Regional Directors.
 - Update the RD guideline brochure.
 - Court Sanctioning.
 - Oversee the patch orders for the Charters.
 - Pick a Regional Director of the year award.

President's Message continued...

Regarding the 2020 World Tournament, the entry form is on the web site for you to print out. The deadline has been extended to June 1st, and the number of events to qualify has been reduced from four to two. The World Tournament entry fee will remain the same as last year, the adult's entry fee is \$130 and juniors \$25.

Positions up for election this year are the Secretary/Treasurer, 2nd VP and the 4th VP. Jim Kinney Jr. and Laurie Lamkin have submitted their intentions to run for their positions. Wayne Callicoatte is the only candidate who has submitted his intent to run for the position of 4th VP. The duties that are currently associated with the position of 4th VP will change based on the candidate that is elected.

Per the By-Laws (ARTICLE V Section 7) Candidates for NHPA Office must announce their candidacy in writing and received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching Newslite Editor no later than April 1st, 2020.

In conclusion, The Council wishes all of you the best during this COVID-19 pandemic. I hope to see each and every one of you at the 2020 World Tournament.

Thank You.
Stu



Date: July 13-25, 2020

*Place: Monroe Civic Center, 401 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway
Monroe, Louisiana*

<https://www.monroe-westmonroe.org/things-to-do-details.cfm?id=6354>

NHPA Executive Council

Open letter to all NHPA members

As NHPA council members, we appreciate the opportunity which you have given us, and the trust you have placed in us, to represent the interests of the NHPA. We know that each of you enjoy this sport we have all loved for many years.

We are experiencing a difficult time in our communities at the moment. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has affected much of what we do, how we interact with others, and how we spend our time. We join with each of you in doing everything we can to keep the NHPA members safe while continuing to make plans for the future.

At the current time, the World Tournament is still scheduled and planned to happen as scheduled. We've seen, however, that there are some things that we can't control. We will continue to keep you informed of any changes to the World Tournament as soon as we have any additional information.

As you may recall from the last Newline edition, we continue to work with friends of the NHPA to provide sponsorship opportunities that help grow our sport. We need your help in these efforts, and here are some ways that you can assist:

- **Social media**—There are many avenues of social media where horseshoes are actively discussed. As supporters of the sport of horseshoes, we encourage each of the NHPA members to take the opportunity to positively represent the sport and the association. If we want to be successful in recruiting new members and retaining the ones we have, we need to work together to make it something that they enjoy. Negative comments shared on social media may take years, if not decades, to repair. If you have questions about the NHPA, each of the officer's contact information is listed on horsehoepitching.com and we encourage you to contact us. While social media may be a preferred place of discussion/debate for some, we encourage all to discuss those items personally with the officers rather than attempt to legislate changes through public visibility. We encourage all chapter and regional officers to reach out to the members in their areas and bring concerns to the attention of the NHPA council.
- **Introduce a friend**—We want to challenge each of you to share a horseshoe tournament experience with one of your friends or neighbors, regardless of their age. As soon as we can get back to the tournaments we all enjoy, we need to fill the courts with people that enjoy the sport and share it openly with everyone else.
- **Reach out to news media**—Each of you are the representatives of the association. News media wants to interview people that enjoy what they do. They want to find positive stories in this time of turmoil. Send letters to the newspapers, television stations, post messages on their social media pages. You are the heartbeat of the NHPA. Beat loud and proud about your participation and enjoyment of the sport.
- **Invite a friend back to the NHPA**—If you have someone that you know who pitched with the NHPA previously, extend a warm welcome back to them. They were the ones that helped build the association as well and we need them back.

We have always been a community of friends. The World Tournament has been like a big family reunion as competitors come together and tell stories of past tournaments, strong competitions, and greatest accomplishments. We hope that each of you will join with us in our efforts to build the NHPA up in a positive way and bring back the horseshoe friends we all have known and loved through the years.

NHPA Executive Council

*1st VP Message***Integrity in Playing and Judging Horseshoes***By Brian Poole, 1st Vice President*

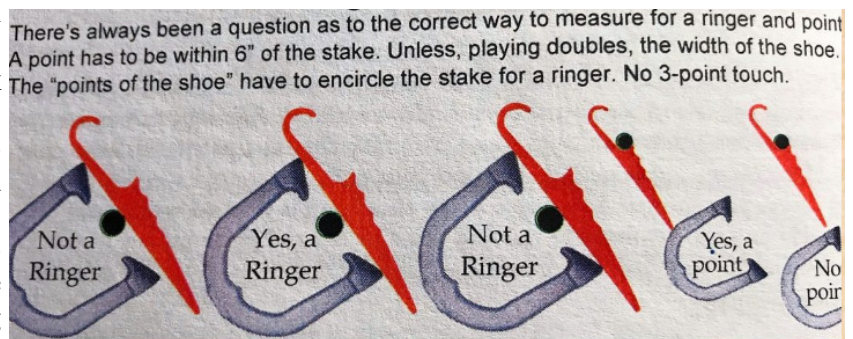
If we go back to when horseshoes started, it was with the Roman Soldiers. These were the highest of society. They played during their breaks and evenings to pass the time and to compete against each other. It was a gentlemen's game, and they governed themselves in obeying the rules and not cheating their friends. They just followed the rules and had fun.

Integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching or when we are by ourselves. When we are playing with our friends, we should play with integrity. We all need to follow the rules without being watched or being told that we have fouled, taken too long to deliver both shoes, or thrown a foul shoe. We play with integrity when we pull our own shoe that was not delivered within the rules. We all should know the rules of horseshoe pitching, hold ourselves to a high standard, and play with integrity. We are following the rules without being forced by those that we are playing with. When we play with our friends or family, we should not bend a rule to gain an advantage.



If we are asked to be a judge in a tournament, we need to follow all the rules equally and not just the ones we want. For example: if someone is stepping on the line, out of the pitching area, or taking too long to pitch both shoes, we need to be the judge and pull a shoe. I started judging to help me know the rules so that I could be a better pitcher. As a judge, I hoped to help pitchers have a better understanding of the rules and why I made the decision with the information I had. When you call for a judge, both pitchers know that only one person will gain from that decision.

I encourage all pitchers to take a judging clinic class to get better informed of the rules and how to follow them yourself. I would also like all current judges to recertify every five years. I am starting a database that will track when you last completed a judging clinic. If you attend one outside the World Tournament, please let me know. I will add you to the list with the date you completed the training. This will give each of us additional credibility that we have studied the rules and know how to use the judging tools.



One potential rule for you to think about - I keep hearing that pitchers are fouling by stepping on the line, and judges won't pull shoes. So, my thought is to put a line at 40 ft and one at 30 ft, and if you start behind the line, you get one step from the 40 ft line, no matter where your step lands. If you don't take a step, you can stand at the 37 or 27 ft lines. It would then be easy to verify where you start and what you can do after. (step or no step) Something to think about.

Thanks for all you do to promote horseshoes and to keep this great game going. I encourage everyone to bring one new player to your next tournament and help us grow our membership.

Pitch well and hope to see you on the courts! See the following pages for the proposed rules/bylaws changes that were received.

Brian

2020 Delegate Rules / Bylaw Change Proposals

Rules/Bylaw Change Proposals Received

By Brian Poole

Proposed Rules Changes

PRC 1

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Section C - Dress Code

All contestants competing in a World Tournament shall have, as a minimum, their last name and State or Country abbreviation professionally lettered on the back of their shirts. Said shirts cannot be sleeveless. No cut-offs are permitted and closed-toe shoes must be worn. Further dress code restrictions may be imposed by the Executive Council if all entrants are notified no later than the mailing date of their pitching schedules. This Dress Code may also be adopted into any Charter Bylaws or may be enforced at any State Championship Tournament or at any local tournament, if announced in advance by the Tournament/League Officials. Contestants who do not comply may not be allowed to participate in the event.

Proposed Wording Change

Add the following:

Add new text after : “...must be worn.”:

Any style shorts worn shall be fingertip length at the bottom hem for all pitchers. No see through or revealing clothing shall be worn. All under garments are to be covered by outer clothing at all times when competing. Final approval shall be by the Tournament Director. This will be checked during shoe check for each event.

Reason (s) for Dress Code Update

This Dress Code has not been updated for many years. There have been on several occasions during the last few years at the World Tournament in particular that Females in the Open Women’s and the Junior Girls Division have been wearing shorts that are way too short and/or too tight including spandex type shorts. The image that is portrayed is not a good image to be portrayed in the media. Comments from the general public/ spectators at the World Tournament as well are not to the liking of the short shorts and tight shirts, the comment is “that the clothing is inappropriate” making people uncomfortable. The NHPA is trying very hard to attract major sponsors and advertising groups using a new marketing firm. Sponsors have been known to check out all forms and avenues of social media, TV, and newspapers to see if there are any issues with any particular group and if they want to spend their money with that NHPA.

Rules / Bylaws Change Proposals...continued

PRC 2

Rule 1 - Pitching Divisions

As Written:

Rule 1. Junior Cadets (any pitcher twelve (12) years old or younger the entire calendar year). Junior Cadets may pitch any place on the extended or full-distance platforms and shall observe the twenty foot (20') foul line. **Note:** Junior Cadets may choose to move into the Junior Boys or Junior Girls prior to the age guidelines, but cannot return to the Junior Cadets, once this declaration has been made.

Add wording:

If a charter or tournament has Cadet players to fill a competitive 8 person field they may use the following groups for Championship play.

- a. Junior Cadet Boys
- b. Junior Cadet Girls

Reasoning:

We have World Championship Divisions for Men, Women, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Men, Senior Women and Elders. It is time to have the Cadets broken into Cadet Boys (or Junior Cadet Boys) and Cadet Girls (or Junior Cadet Girls) as the others are. They can pitch in the WT prelims as one group like the Juniors classes do, but should be broken into Cadet Girls and Cadet Boys for the Championships as the Juniors are.

PRC 3

Rule 5- FOUL SHOES

Current wording:

Section A -Removal from Pit

A foul shoe is a shoe that is delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules listed below . It scores as a shoe “out of count” (see RULE 3, Section B .3) and is to be removed from the pit (if it appears to be within the scoring area of the stake) before any more shoes are pitched. **Note:** Live shoes already in the pit area that may be disturbed by a foul shoe (or other live shoes), are not to be removed, unless they are knocked into foul territory and then come to rest in the scoring area . Live shoes shall be scored “as they lie”, after all shoes for the inning have been pitched .

Proposed changes:

A foul shoe is a shoe that is delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules listed below . It scores as a shoe “out of count” (see RULE 3, Section B .3) and is to be removed from the pit (if it appears to be within the scoring area of the stake) before any more shoes are pitched. **Note:** Live shoes already in the pit, in the scoring area, that may be disturbed by a foul shoe (or other live shoes), are still considered live shoes. They are not to be removed, unless they are knocked into foul territory and then come to rest in the scoring area . Live shoes shall be scored “as they lie”, after all shoes for the inning have been pitched.

Rationale:

As a judge for the world tournament, I have seen pitchers opponents be asked to remove their horseshoe because it bounced off the backboard or on the front bumper and hit a shoe making it a ringer. I have also witnessed this in my own charter. **THEY REMOVED THE RINGER!**

This is a clarification to all horseshoe pitchers. A dead shoe CAN touch a live shoe and that live shoe is still considered a live shoe. The dead shoe had NO effect on whether it was a live shoe or not. If horseshoe 1 lands an inch from being on the stake with the calks open leaning towards the stake and horseshoe 2 hits the bumper knocks horseshoe 1 on the stake for a ringer. Horseshoe 1 IS STILL LIVE AND IS NOT REMOVED. We do not need the parentheses note “(or other live shoes)” pitchers do not argue that, they argue the dead shoe(s) striking the live shoe(s).

Rules / Bylaws Change Proposals...continued

PRC 4

Requirement 3 – Charter/State Information

Section A, # 2

Current reading:

2. Mixed Play and Handicapping (See also Rule 11, Section E)

The **Championship Classes** of the Open Men and Open Women Divisions in a State Singles Championship Tournament **cannot be mixed play**. All other Divisions and Classes may be mixed at the discretion of the Tournament Officials. Etc.....

PROPOSED CHANGE:

The **Championship Classes** of the Open Men and Open Women Divisions in a State Singles Championship Tournament **should not** be mixed play. If, however, there are fewer than 4 entries in a championship division, there may be mixed play, determined by the State's Ex. Board and Tournament Director, attempting to separate pitching distances and Divisions as much as possible.

NOTE: This would also change the wording in Rule 11, Section E.

Rule 11, Section E

Current wording:

...Mixed Classes are not allowed, however, in some Championship Classes/Divisions of State Tournaments and, etc.....

Change to:

Mixed Classes are not allowed at the World Tournament, but in Championship Classes of State Tournaments if divisions have fewer than 4 entries they may be mixed.

REASON: In many small charters, it is difficult to put together a full championship class, sometimes having only 1 or 2 entries. This gives these small charters other options, to put classes together that make sense and that work for them, and to prevent a huge spread in ringer % within classes which is not enjoyable for participants AND which often causes dropouts or fewer entries.

Rules / Bylaws Change Proposals...continued

Proposed Bylaws Changes

PBC 1

Bylaws

Article III: Membership

Current wording:

Section 4: Dues for Junior and Junior Cadet members are National dues of five dollars (\$5.00) plus the amount set for State dues for Juniors within their Charter. These dues entitle Junior members to participate in all Sanctioned Tournaments and/or Leagues and to League Program benefits.

Proposed wording:

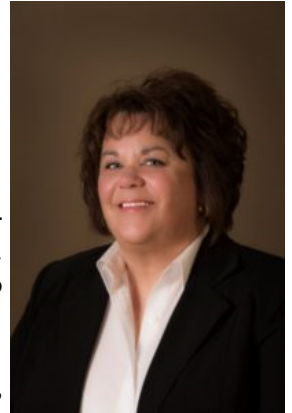
Section 4: Dues for Junior and Junior Cadet members are National dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus the amount set for State dues for Juniors within their Charter. These dues entitle Junior members to participate in all Sanctioned Tournaments and/or Leagues and to League Program benefits.

Rationale:

The adult dues increased in 2017. The juniors/cadets are counted in total year membership reports. They have voting rights in their state charters. They may serve as delegates for their charter. It only sees fit that the dues increase for the juniors as well. This dues increase is just \$5.00; with this increased amount \$3.00 for every junior and cadets goes into the Junior/Cadets fund. This is not necessarily to see that they are paid more for championships (which we all would like to see.), but to be used to purchase the World Champions a "world champion jacket.", or a world championship ring. This fund is used for Juniors/Cadets to have more items available for junior parties. It could be used for an incentive for juniors for pitching perfect games, pitching tournaments over there entering average. Something to make the juniors all work for and plus added bonuses to the Jr. program. The other \$2.00 will be added to the Juniors/Cadets Championship prize fund. However, this may have to take effect two years from now until the kitty is built up. I see this as a necessary change for the juniors/cadets program. The cost is still efficient and at a reduced price for ALL children of all ages. This is not a major change, but a good change that will help the juniors in the long run. Juniors/Cadets dues have not increased as long as I can remember. We need this change. It will be effective for not only the NHPA but the state charters as well. If juniors/cadets are allowed to receive money now, it is time for an increase in dues for them. My 5 reasons why are:

1. The dues have not increased for a long time.
2. They are voting members now.
3. They are used in overall total membership in charters and for NHPA.
4. They need more prize money at world.
5. They would like the added bonuses etc.

A yes vote would mean more for your junior pitcher and more for the NHPA and state charters.

*2nd VP Message***Corona Virus affecting all Sports***By Laurie Lampkin 2nd Vice President, Publicity & Promotion Director*

All sports are taking a huge hit due to current State and Federal mandated requirements. We all need to remember that these requirements are to keep all of us safe. This virus does not discriminate, so please be responsible and do as we are asked to stay well and safe.

The sports industry overall is canceling all sporting events and functions, including, leagues, games, and tournaments. Insurance policies and contracts can only help so much. Losing the ability to hold tournaments means not meeting up weekly to compete in your leagues or visiting and congregating with your fellow horseshoe pitching friends until the mandates are lifted.

The virus has affected everyone in so many ways: people cannot go to work, schools are not in session, and not everyone has the opportunity to work from home. Daycares are closed, unemployment benefits are skyrocketing, and no one has any control of these things because of the Coronavirus. This situation is way beyond any one person's control. Please wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer and wipes, keep your hands away from your face.

Monroe - Update

The NHPA president is in regular contact with Monroe City officials, and we hope that the World Tournament will not be canceled. As an organization, we need to be prepared. Our main priority should and always will be the safety and wellness of our members. We are working to have everything in place when the mandates are lifted by continuing business as usual by phone, email, and teleconferencing. Hotels are still accepting reservations, but if you make flight reservations, car rentals, etc., please make sure that you have travel insurance in place to get a refund in the event the city of Monroe has to cancel the event.

iRacing

NASCAR was one of the last sporting event to be canceled because of the Coronavirus. They will be able to continue with their weekly racing format using a format called iRacing. NASCAR and iRacing announced Tuesday the formation of the eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series, an exhibition eSports series featuring many of the sports' most talented and popular drivers. The simulation-style showcase will include a cross-section of competitors from the NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series, NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series, and a group of NASCAR dignitaries.

Wisconsin's Dustin Duerr has been participating in the iRacing format and has competed against some of the most famous NASCAR drivers of the 20th century, such as Dale Earnhardt Jr. Here are a few details of how racing works. iRacing, previously iRacing.com, is a subscription-based racing simulation online video game developed and published by iRacing.com Motorsport Simulations in 2008. All races and practice sessions are hosted on the service's servers. The game simulates real world cars, tracks, and racing events, and enforcing rules of conduct modeled on real auto racing events. (Wikipedia 2020). Good Luck Dusty. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on how we can do our World Tournament in this format let me know. I will be reaching out to the iRacing owners to see if we have options available to us.



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Hall of Fame Banquet & Ticket Sales

Tickets are on sale now by placing your orders with our NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Jim Kinney. You can contact Jim by email at sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com. Ticket prices are \$30.00 each. Ticket sales will be available until June 30th by mail only. Tickets sales will also be on site at the tournament at the NHPF booth and at the door on the evening of the banquet. Currently, The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the West Monroe Convention Center with doors opening at 5:00 p.m. for cocktail hour and light music. For anyone donating any items to be auctioned off at the "Silent Auction" at the NHPF booth or the "Live Auction" during the Hall of Fame Banquet, please contact Casey Sluys or Phyllis Quist.

The auctioneer this year for the "Live Auction" will be Jim Kinney Jr. Here is the schedule for the evening festivities. We are currently working on the menu. If anyone has food allergies, or any specific requests, please contact me at laurie_r@bellsouth.net so that we can make sure we have something for you as well.

6:00 – 7:00 pm – Buffet Style Dinner
 7:00 - 8:00 pm – Awards Ceremonies
 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Live Auction

Monroe Convention Center
 901 Ridge Ave,
 West Monroe, LA 71291



Congrats 2020 New members

Beginning with January 1, 2020 – March 2020, we have a total of 26 new members that have joined the NHPA. Please have your charter secretary contact me with the following information: shirt color, shirt size, NHPA card #, and the number of 2020 tournaments in which they participated. We will mail them a new membership packet. Please contact your charter leadership to encourage participation. "Our Shoes fit Everybody" and we want everyone to "Come Pitch with Us". Congratulations to all the new members.

They are:

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| 1. Keith Protonentis – FL | 17. Elmer Morrison – PA |
| 2. David Meharg- CA | 18. Robert Tolbert – PA |
| 3. John Flores- CA | 19. Chris Flowers – PA |
| 4. Brenda Armenta – CA | 20. Jim Sanderson – PA |
| 5. Mike Jones – CA | 21. Ryan Jones- VT |
| 6. Tiffany Fletcher- CA | 22. Jennifer Bassette – VT |
| 7. Tony Spada- CA | 23. Nick Cameron - VT |
| 8. Norman Benson – CA | 24. Colby Little - VT |
| 9. Thomas Larson- CA | 25. Juan Pérez - VT |
| 10. Ernie Reda – CA | 26. Leon Ross – VT |
| 11. Peter Clark – CA | |
| 12. Mike Glantz- CA | |
| 13. Erich Bravo – CA | |
| 14. Virginia Hadley – CA | |
| 15. Richard Leibel – PA | |
| 16. Pasquale Natale- PA | |

2nd VP Message...continued

CDC Recommendations for Prevention of the Corona Virus

The CDC has the following recommendations for fighting the Corona Virus.

Know How it Spreads

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.



Take steps to protect yourself

Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



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Take steps to protect others

Stay home if you're sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.



Cover coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Wear a facemask if you are sick

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



2nd VP Message...continued

Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



To disinfect:

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.

Options include:

- Diluting your household bleach. To make a bleach solution, mix:
 - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
- OR
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

- Alcohol solutions.
 - Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.
- Other common EPA-registered household disinfectants. Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

Sponsorship Opportunities

By Laurie Lampkin

(If Interested in any of these, please contact Laurie Lampkin or mail payments and artwork to Jim Kinney)

Bronze Level \$2,500 (annually)

Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to:

- One 2' x 3' banner prominently displayed on the event site throughout the competition.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other bronze level sponsors.
- Footer banner ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A quarter-page ad in the event program for the World Tournament.
- Your logo on the NHPA website (www.horseshoepitching.com) through the completion of the event.

Silver Level \$5,000 (annually)

- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to two 3'x5' banners prominently displayed on the event site throughout the competition.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other silver level sponsors.
- Large right column ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A half-page ad in the event program.
- Your logo, linking to your website, on the NHPA website through the completion of the event.

Gold Level \$7,500 (annually)

- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to four 3' x 5' banners prominently displayed at several locations on the event site.
- Your name listed on posters displayed at charter events throughout the country, along with other gold level sponsors.
- Large right column ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- A full-page ad in the event program.
- Your logo, linking to your website, on the NHPA website through the completion of the event.

Platinum Level \$30,000 (3-year agreement)

- Only ONE Platinum sponsorship will be entered into per vendor.
- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company/brand to naming privileges of the event, such as "Your brand presents the NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Championships",
- The event will be called such in all press releases, NHPA and charter websites and news coverage.
- Your brand name or logo will be included on all commemorative merchandise made available for the event, including trophies.
- Your brand/logo will appear on the front cover of the event program.
- Full-page ad in the event program.
- Brand prominently displayed as 4'x 6' fence panels throughout venue.
- Posters will be displayed at events throughout the country prior to the competition each year.
- Headlining ad in two issues of the NHPA's NEWSLINE e-newsletter.
- Listings in the newsletters and on websites of NHPA charters.
- Your advertising banner, linking to your website, on the NHPA website for the duration of your sponsorship.

Types of Sponsorships/Advertising available during the World Tournament:

- Leader Board
- Website
- Web Cams
- Back Drops
- Front of Podium
- HOF Banquet
- Result Sheets
- W.T. Fences (Sponsor name on the top, horseshoepitching.com on bottom)
- Shirts
- Horseshoe Products
- Trophy's
- Newslines
- Trailer & Wrap (Year Round)

*3rd VP Message***National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships***By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian*

It is that time of year to announce awards and begin to prepare the various types of paperwork and hardware to be given out for the 2019 pitching season. Junior scholarships are given to junior pitchers who pitch in sanctioned leagues and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0. They are ranked by a combination of how much they pitch and how well they performed in the classroom. All of these juniors excelled in the classroom and all pitched in at least one league.

2019 Junior Scholarship Recipients

Here are the recipients of the 2019 Junior Scholarship Awards. These young pitchers must be a junior pitcher, 12 years old or older and be in at least the 7th grade. Again, the awards are weighted by GPA rank and the amount of league pitching they do (number of shoes). To receive their funds after leaving the junior ranks, they must be involved with some kind of advanced training or education. The process is outlined in the Sanctioned League Program book and their application must be filed with the National Sanctioned League Director by December 31st of the pitching year.

Receiving 2019 Trust Awards are;

Quinn Ohms UT Color County Horseshoe League \$250.00
 Leon Wolken MO Capitol City Horseshoe League \$225.00
 Audrey Caravello Liberty Junior Horseshoe League \$200.00
 Sophie Craven MO Liberty Junior Horseshoe League \$175.00
 Ellyn Ohms UT Utah High School Horseshoe League \$150.00
 Marshall Morgan MO Liberty Junior Horseshoe League \$125.00
 Zane Morgan MO Liberty Junior Horseshoe League \$100.00

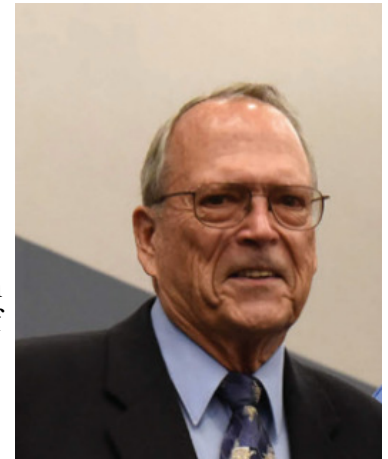
All these youthful pitchers received patches, certificates, and recognition as NHPA Honor/Scholar Society Members. League directors should work with junior pitchers to help them meet the requirements for next year's awards.

Congratulations to all of these great young pitchers.

I would like to announce the 2019 Sanctioned League "Top Ten" rankings and awards. All these pitchers will receive certificates and patches and the first and second place finishers will receive plaques in April. Each year, every league pitcher that meets the minimum requirement for total shoes (200) and league game length (30 shoes) is processed for a possible "top ten" award. There are 30 different categories covering all the popular league formats and categories of pitchers. Congratulations to all these winners! Everyone should plan on pitching in or joining a league in 2020 and start collecting some of these accolades. What a way to get involved and have fun pitching horseshoes. Leagues are easy to start.

Congratulations to all who pitched well and especially those who finished first in each category. It is hoped that all pitchers enjoyed their league play and that more will give league play a try. Leagues are easy to set up and a good way to attract new pitchers.

Jerry



National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued**National Horseshoe Pitchers Association**

Sanctioned Club / League Program

2019 National Top Ten

Updated: 03/01/2020



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

55.00	Isaac Jr	Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Summer 19
42.63	Riley	Malino	C	CT	CCHC Winter 19
35.47	Sadie	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 19
31.37	Memo	Ramirez	C	MO	Liberty HSC Juniors 19
30.28	Cameron	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
29.46	Danyelle	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Summer 19
28.27	Justice	Martin	C	MN	Rockford HSC Tuesday 19
26.25	Jedidiah	Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Point HSC Spring 19
16.49	Jacob	Cacase	C	MA	CCHC Winter 19
15.44	Trent	Morgan	C	MO	Liberty HSC Juniors 19

Individual High Ringer Average - Elder

75.38	Virgil	Rife	E	OH	Fulton Co HSL Summer 19
71.88	Jerry	Hokkala	E	MN	Darwin HSC Winter 19
71.70	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall Thurs 18
71.44	Gregg	Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Winter Tues 19
71.00	Benj	Rains	E	UT	St George HSC Winter 19
70.40	Danny	Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Summer 19
69.00	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Darke C Best of Last 18
67.97	Larry	Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
67.88	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Summer 19
67.67	Ray P	Barb	E	VA	Winchester HSC Fall 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***Individual High Ringer Average - Jr. Boy**

72.17	Seth	Onan	B	KY	Kentucky St Traveling HSL 19
56.75	Derek	Reynolds	B	AR	Jim's Four HSC Spring 19
48.66	Ryan	Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Summer 19
46.78	Leon	Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
41.46	Zander	Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 19
30.50	Tanner	Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Summer 19
30.36	Rylee	Galiato	B	HI	Kona HSC Spring 19
30.00	Caiden	Hogue	B	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
27.94	Warren	Highley	B	MO	Liberty HSC Juniors 19
22.21	Raymond	Daugherty	B	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19

Individual High Ringer Average - Jr. Girl

65.58	Sarah	Chaffee	G	WI	Eau Claire HSC Summer 19
42.78	Skyla	Rioux	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
32.67	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSL Fall19
32.00	Sarah	Neagle	G	KY	Edmonson HSC Summer 19
29.81	Ally	Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
24.83	Lizy	Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
17.17	Sadie	Wolken	G	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 19
16.86	Madisen	Gwinn	G	MO	Independence HSC Summer 1
9.93	Cherie	Harges	G	CO	Pueblo HSC Thursday 19
8.58	Eli	DeLaCruz	G	MO	Liberty HSC Juniors 19

Individual High Ringer Average - Men

72.94	Austin	Bailey	M	IL	Springfield HSC Summer 19
72.05	Mark	Smith	M	MN	Darwin HSC Winter 19
69.74	Channing	Herrell	M	MD	Frederick HSC Summer2 19
68.17	Joseph R	Payne III	M	MD	Frederick HSC Summer2 19
66.67	Joshua	Olson	M	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 19
65.21	Jeff	Finke	M	TX	SCHC Fall 19
65.09	Charlie	Meredith	M	KY	Edmonson HSC Spring 19
63.11	James	Driver	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 19
62.11	Steven	Johnson	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
62.06	Gary	Roberts	M	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***Individual High Ringer Average - Women**

73.33	Doris	Hieden	W	TX	SCHC Summer 19
65.92	Tamara	Burke	W	WV	Winchester HSC Summer 19
63.65	Debra	Brown	W	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 19
63.55	Penny	Steinke	W	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 19
60.25	Ruth	Rife	W	OH	Fulton Co HSL Summer 19
60.09	Shelly	Martinez	W	MA	Hamilton HSC Summer 19
59.75	Wendy	Hayes	W	AR	Jim's Four HSC Spring 19
59.06	Carol	Peterson	W	ND	Bismarck HSC Coed A 19
59.00	Coni	Hix	W	GA	4 Stakes HSL Fall19
56.33	Denise	Haye	W	MO	HOA HSC Fall 19

Individual High Ringer Game - Cadet

83.33	Riley	Malino	C	CT	CCHC Winter 19
70.00	Isaac Jr	Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Fall 19
54.00	Cameron	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
53.30	Zarek	Nawrot	C	WI	Arkdale HSC Summer 19
52.50	Danyelle	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Summer 19
48.00	Memo	Ramirez	C	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 19
46.00	Sadie	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 19
42.50	Justice	Martin	C	MN	Rockford HSC Tuesday 19
40.00	Jacob	Cacase	C	MA	CCHC Winter 19
40.00	Jedidiah	Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Point HSC Spring 19

Individual High Ringer Game - Elder

96.00	Virgil	Rife	E	OH	Fulton Co HSL Summer 19
95.00	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall Thurs 18
90.00	Danny	Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Spring 19
90.00	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Summer 19
88.90	Chuck	Wothke	E	IN	Plymouth HSC Summer 19
88.90	Herschel	Walters	E	IN	Plymouth HSC Summer 19
88.00	Roger	Reeves	E	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
86.00	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Darke C Best of Last 18
85.00	Bob	Gray	E	FL	Villages HSC Winter 19
84.00	Larry	Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSA Thurs 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***Individual High Ringer Game - Jr. Boy**

84.00	Seth	Onan	B	KY	Kentucky St Traveling HSL 19
75.00	Ryan	Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 19
70.00	Derek	Reynolds	B	AR	Jim's Four HSC Spring 19
64.00	Leon	Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
60.00	Zander	Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 19
54.00	Caiden	Hogue	B	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
47.00	Rylee	Galiato	B	HI	Kona HSC Spring 19
42.00	Tanner	Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Spring 19
40.00	Zack	Grzembski	B	MA	CCHC Winter 19
40.00	Warren	Highley	B	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 19

Individual High Ringer Game - Jr. Girl

92.00	Sarah	Chaffee	G	WI	Eau Claire HSC Summer 19
80.00	Skyla	Rioux	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
60.00	Lizy	Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
60.00	Ally	Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
58.00	Sarah	Neagle	G	KY	Edmonson HSC Summer 19
58.00	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSL Fall19
34.00	Sadie	Wolken	G	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 19
24.00	Cherie	Harges	G	CO	Pueblo HSC Thursday 19
24.00	Madisen	Gwinn	G	MO	Independence HSC Summer 1
20.00	Aliza	Greene	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19

Individual High Ringer Game - Men

86.67	David M	Rioux	M	CT	CCHC Winter 19
83.33	Randy	Smith	M	CT	CCHC Winter 19
82.50	Joshua	Olson	M	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 19
82.50	Austin	Bailey	M	IL	Springfield HSC Summer 19
80.00	Joseph R	Payne III	M	MD	Frederick HSC Summer2 19
80.00	Charlie	Meredith	M	KY	Edmonson HSC Spring 19
80.00	Gary	Roberts	M	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19
78.00	Channing	Herrell	M	MD	Frederick HSC Summer2 19
77.50	Mark	Seibold	M	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall Thurs 18
77.50	Jeff	Finke	M	TX	SCHC Fall 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***Individual High Ringer Game - Women**

90.00	Doris	Hieden	W	TX	SCHC Fall 19
86.67	Shelly	Martinez	W	MA	Hamilton HSC Summer 19
84.00	Tamara	Burke	W	WV	Winchester HSC Summer 19
80.00	Cathy	Parcell	W	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
80.00	Tammy	Newkirk	W	WI	Beloit HSC Ringers Only 19
78.00	Debra	Brown	W	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 19
78.00	Penny	Steinke	W	WI	Muskego HSL Summer 19
77.50	Pat	Pertuit	W	LA	Harahan HSA Fall 19
76.67	Pat	Knapp-Harwood	W	NH	Gate City HSC Summer 19
76.00	Ruth	Rife	W	OH	Fulton Co HSL Summer 19

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Cadet

40.70	Riley	Malino	C	CT	CCHC Winter 19
38.13	Zarek	Nawrot	C	WI	Arkdale HSC Summer 19
23.72	Cameron	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
23.51	Jacob	Cacase	C	MA	CCHC Winter 19
23.04	Danyelle	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Summer 19
19.52	Isaac Jr	Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Spring 19
18.87	Memo	Ramirez	C	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 19
17.22	Sadie	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
15.33	Lillyan	Kildahl	C	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 19
14.67	Trevor	Forst	C	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 19

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Elder

36.73	Chuck	Wothke	E	IN	Plymouth HSC Summer 19
36.73	Paul	Sarette	E	NH	Gate City HSC Summer 19
32.83	Paul	Jary	E	CT	CCHC Winter 19
32.20	Carl	Lanteigne	E	NH	Gate City HSC Summer 19
32.16	John	Moraski	E	IA	GOHL Spring Weds 19
31.68	Clint	Camp	E	MO	The Pits Elks Weds 19
31.25	Larry	Davis	E	GA	Perry HSC Spring 19
31.08	Reginald	Gomes	E	HI	Kona HSC Winter 19
31.07	Phil	Anzalone	E	CT	Clearwater HSC Tues Fall 18
30.94	Cliff	Presler	E	MN	Brooklyn HSC Summer 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Jr. Boy**

27.03	Ryan	Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 19
24.00	Caiden	Hogue	B	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
22.30	Zane	Morgan	B	MO	Liberty HSC Juniors 19
21.58	Zack	Grzembki	B	MA	CCHC Winter 19
19.50	Leon	Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 19
18.72	Justin	Robbins	B	CT	CCHC Winter 19
18.54	Zander	Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 19
18.26	Christian	Blank	B	NE	GOHL Spring Thurs 19
16.64	Rylee	Galiato	B	HI	Kona HSC Spring 19
15.17	Bradley	Norrod	B	OH	Troy HSC Summer 19

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Jr. Girl

37.22	Skyla	Rioux	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
35.17	Lizy	Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
30.19	Ally	Jordan	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
26.42	Sarah	Chaffee	G	WI	Eau Claire HSC Summer 19
26.00	Sarah	Neagle	G	KY	Edmonson HSC Summer 19
25.33	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSL Fall19
16.83	Sadie	Wolken	G	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 19
14.07	Cherie	Harges	G	CO	Pueblo HSC Thursday 19
13.21	Aliza	Greene	G	CT	CCHC Winter 19
8.58	Sophie	Craven	G	MO	Liberty HSC Juniors 19

Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Men

38.25	Neil	Holmgren	M	FL	Villages HSC Winter 19
37.66	Kevin	Shields	M	CT	CCHC Winter 19
37.20	Brian	Hinkle	M	CT	CCHC Winter 19
36.76	Dave	Mazuraitis	M	CT	CCHC Winter 19
34.67	Rick	Smith	M	NJ	Jersey HSC Summer 19
34.06	Kyle	Morrell	M	CT	Danbury HSC Summer 19
32.83	Randy	Smith	M	CT	CCHC Winter 19
32.59	Phil	Groski	M	CT	Danbury HSC Summer 19
32.50	Jeff	Kindermann	M	IL	AVF HSC Summer2 19
32.41	Todd	Lessard	M	CT	CCHC Winter 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***Individual High Ringer Game Over Average - Woman**

34.23	Lokelani	Lastimosa	W	HI	Kona HSC Spring 19
33.21	Ellen V	Kovach	W	FL	Villages HSC Winter 19
32.38	Carolyn	Butler	W	CT	CCHC Winter 19
32.20	Julia	Shaw	W	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
31.84	Joanne	Wothke	W	IN	Plymouth HSC Summer 19
31.34	Tammie	Hartranft	W	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19
31.00	Marlys	Timm	W	MN	Rockford HSC Tuesday 19
30.60	Debbie	Meyer-Myrum	W	MN	Morrison HSL Summer 19
30.40	Cassi	Williams	W	WI	Arkdale HSC Summer 19
30.36	Joyce	Jordan	W	CT	CCHC Winter 19

National High Point Average - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

92.28	Danny	Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Summer 19
89.58	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Fall 19
86.86	Jerry	Hekkala	E	MN	Litchfield HSC Summer 19
86.77	Larry	Myers	E	GA	Crisp HSC Summer 19
86.04	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall Thurs 18
85.58	Tim	Gilmore	E	LA	Bayou HSC Summer 19
85.10	Gary	Roberts	M	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19
84.59	Bob	Gray	E	FL	Villages HSC Winter 19
84.13	David	Orban	E	TX	Kilgore HSC Summer 19
84.00	Joshua	Olson	M	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 19

National High Point Average - Adult - 50 Shoe Games

121.64	Virgil	Rife	E	OH	Fulton Co HSL Summer 19
118.22	Gregg	Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Winter Tues 19
116.17	Benj	Rains	E	UT	St George HSC Winter 19
114.28	Larry	Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
113.81	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Darke C Best of Last 18
109.56	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 19
108.72	Steven	Johnson	M	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
107.17	Roger	Reeves	E	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
107.03	Debra	Brown	W	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 19
106.67	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***National High Point Average - Junior/Cadet - 40 Shoe Games**

74.78	Isaac Jr	Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Summer 19
71.04	Ryan	Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Summer 19
49.11	Danyelle	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Summer 19
48.10	Jedidiah	Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Point HSC Spring 19
44.76	Raymond	Daugherty	B	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19
37.33	Luke	Ray	B	TX	CTHPA Spring 19
29.56	Cheyenne	Moore	B	OK	Enid Area HSC Spring 19
28.13	Caedan	Griffith	B	KS	Rice Park HSC Fall 19
18.82	Thomas	Kremer	B	MN	Alexandria Juniors 19
18.00	Olivia	Betterman	C	MN	Bertha HSC Summer 19

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

117.33	Seth	Onan	B	KY	Kentucky St Traveling HSL 19
99.50	Derek	Reynolds	B	AR	Jim's Four HSC Spring 19
84.44	Leon	Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
79.62	Zander	Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 19
71.71	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSL Fall 19
71.41	Caiden	Hogue	B	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
68.67	Tanner	Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Summer 19
64.60	Sadie	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 19
61.58	Cameron	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
60.06	Memo	Ramirez	C	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 19

National High Point Game - Adult - 40 Shoe Games

114.00	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall Thurs 18
110.00	Danny	Patterson	E	TX	CTHPA Spring 19
110.00	Doris	Hieden	W	TX	SCHC Fall 19
106.00	Bob	Gray	E	FL	Villages HSC Winter 19
106.00	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Fall 19
105.00	Larry	Davis	E	GA	Perry HSC Spring 19
104.00	Tim	Gilmore	E	LA	Bayou HSC Summer 19
101.00	Larry	Myers	E	GA	Crisp HSC Summer 19
101.00	Gary	Roberts	M	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19
101.00	David	Orban	E	TX	Kilgore HSC Summer 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***National High Point Game - Adult - 50 Shoe Games**

145.00	Virgil	Rife	E	OH	Fulton Co HSL Summer 19
133.00	Roy	Dugger	E	OH	Darke C Best of Last 18
132.00	Benj	Rains	E	UT	St George HSC Winter 19
132.00	Roger	Reeves	E	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
130.00	Larry	Shaw Sr	E	OH	Try County HSA Thurs 19
129.00	Ron	Deckard	E	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall 19
129.00	Jim	Bigelow	E	MA	Loon Pond HSC Summer 19
128.00	Robert	Booe	E	KS	Liberty HSC Fall Mon 19
127.00	Gregg	Craven	E	MO	Liberty HSC Winter Tues 19
126.00	Bobby	Fields	E	TN	Crossville HSC Spring 19

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

96.00	Ryan	Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 19
88.00	Isaac Jr	Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Fall 19
75.00	Danyelle	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Summer 19
71.00	Jedidiah	Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Point HSC Spring 19
57.00	Raymond	Daugherty	B	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19
46.00	Luke	Ray	B	TX	CTHPA Spring 19
40.00	Caedan	Griffith	B	KS	Rice Park HSC Fall 19
38.00	Cheyenne	Moore	B	OK	Enid Area HSC Spring 19
28.00	Austen	Hegg	B	MN	Alexandria Juniors 19
28.00	Miles	Btyce	C	MN	Alexandria Juniors 19

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

131.00	Seth	Onan	B	KY	Kentucky St Traveling HSL 19
116.00	Derek	Reynolds	B	AR	Jim's Four HSC Spring 19
108.00	Leon	Wolken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
105.00	Zander	Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 19
96.00	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSL Fall19
96.00	Caiden	Hogue	B	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
92.00	Cameron	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
85.00	Memo	Ramirez	C	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 19
85.00	Sadie	Wolken	C	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 19
84.00	Tanner	Mosser	B	ND	Minot HSL Spring 19

*National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued***National High Point Game Over Average - Adult - 40 Shoe Games**

56.01	Forrest	Thomas	E	GA	Golden Isle HSC Spring 19
52.00	Ron	Billings	E	TX	SCHC Fall 19
52.00	Doris	Hieden	W	TX	SCHC Fall 19
47.00	Jeff	Finke	M	TX	SCHC Fall 19
44.00	Johnny	Wesley	E	TX	SCHC Fall 19
43.00	Ryan	Pierce	M	MN	Morrison HSL Summer 19
42.00	Lori	Finke	W	TX	SCHC Fall 19
39.00	Frank (Bubba)	Frieda	M	TX	SCHC Fall 19
38.00	Steven	Schmidt	M	TX	SCHC Fall 19
37.29	Phil	Anzalone	E	CT	Clearwater HSC Tues Fall 18

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

51.59	Joel	Morris	M	MO	Ozarks HSC Winter 19
51.37	John	Jeidy	E	NC	Raleigh Ringers Horseshoe
39.82	Deb	Schultz	W	FL	Clearwater HSC Fall 19
39.32	Clint	Camp	E	MO	The Pits Elks Weds 19
37.83	Julia	Shaw	W	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
36.45	Ernie	Miller	E	CA	Burbank HSC Summer19
35.28	Michael	Devino	M	VT	Sodbusters HSC Summer 19
35.08	Roger	Reeves	E	MO	Capitol City HSC Summer 19
35.00	Jack	Fehringner	E	CO	Loveland HSC Summer 19
34.59	David	Hardman	M	GA	4 Stakes HSC Spring 19

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

26.31	Ryan	Russell	B	KS	Topeka HSA Fall 19
26.19	Isaac Jr	Nelson	C	TX	CTHPA Spring 19
25.89	Danyelle	Russell	C	KS	Topeka HSA Summer 19
22.90	Jedidiah	Sowatzke	C	WI	Stevens Point HSC Spring 19
12.33	Noah	Gray	C	IA	Marengo HSC Summer 19
12.24	Raymond	Daugherty	B	OH	Ross Co HSC Summer 19
12.12	Austen	Hegg	B	MN	Alexandria Juniors 19
12.10	Carson	Reynolds	C	UT	Color County Youth 19
12.00	Ashlyn	Afinowicz	C	TX	CTHPA Spring 19
11.87	Caedan	Griffith	B	KS	Rice Park HSC Fall 19

National Top 10 Awards and Scholarships...continued

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

30.42	Cameron	Hogue	C	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
25.38	Zander	Potts	B	OH	Kahrigs HSL Winter 19
24.94	Memo	Ramirez	C	MO	Lions Park HSC Fall 19
24.61	Taylor	Coile	G	GA	4 Stakes HSC Spring 19
24.59	Caiden	Hogue	B	OH	Try County HSA Tues 19
24.33	Cherie	Harges	G	CO	Pueblo HSC Thursday 19
23.56	Leon	Volken	B	MO	Capitol City HSC Spring 19
22.00	Torry	Serck	C	SD	Soo Area HSC Summer 19
21.75	Sadie	Volken	G	MO	Capitol City HSC Fall 19
21.67	Lillyan	Kildahl	C	WI	Marshfield HSL Summer 19

League Totals (with 233 leagues reported)

Ringers	Shoes	Category	# Pitchers per Category	AVG.
7,460	45,372	Cadets	53	16.44%
437,396	1,345,207	Elders	1,059	32.52%
9,286	53,740	Junior Boys	61	17.28%
6,722	36,348	Junior Girls	38	18.49%
465,499	2,204,221	Men's 40ft	1,739	21.12%
175,817	686,576	Women	583	25.61%
Total League Ringers		Total League Shoes		AVG.
1,102,180		4,371,464		25.21%

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

5th VP Message

Spring is for horseshoes...not COVID-19

By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President

Spring is coming but horseshoes...not so much. As the USA turns a chapter each day in this pandemic of COVID-19, I ask myself, "When will I be able to pitch?" Another question: "Are we still having the world tournament?" As we draw closer to the end of this fifteen-day quarantine set forth by the government, I am looking up and hoping for the best! Major tournaments canceled include:

Dakota Magic Spring in Hankinson, ND.

Horseshoe Tour in Newberry, SC.Hall of Fame Inv. in Wentzville, MO.

Paul Stewart Invitational in Statesville, NC

Team World in Beloit, WI



Currently, the world tournament set up begins on July 7th at 1000. Ron Smith, LA, will be my assistant director in setup this year. We are always looking for volunteers to come early and help. The tournament would never happen if those volunteers never came and assisted in the setup. It is a lengthy process but rewarding once completed. We have another tough task ahead of us this year as we are going to re-paint some lines on the mats and change the look of the fencing potentially. All hands-on deck needed! The Civic Center in Monroe is a nice facility. Looking back at 2011, we will have the same setup, with 32 competition courts and an additional 16 practice courts in the convention hall. Again, the number of practice courts is subject to change based upon entries. If we have more entries, then we will need to use a bank of those courts.

I am excited to announce that the NHPA will be doing a "finalist" patch for the championship division pitchers. The patch will be designed with the world tournament location and the appropriate name of "Sweet Sixteen, Top Twelve, or Elite Eight". This idea is patterned after the Illinois championship patch. A small patch is given to everyone in the championship class. Look for this design in a future Newsliner.

The NHPA is looking for someone to become the Game Related Sales distributor for the 2021 World Tournament. It is with great sadness that Ron and Polly Murphy have decided not to be at the 2021 World Tournament in Winnemucca, Nevada. However, they WILL be at the World in Monroe 2020! So stock up on shoes while they are still with us at the world tournament! If you are interested, please contact one of the NHPA officers and let us know.

The Regional Directors positions are all currently filled. I am excited about this team for 2020. If you have any questions regarding court sanctioning, shoe checks at the World Tournament, hosting local tournaments, or ordering patches for those events, please get in contact with one of them. Their contact information is listed on the NHPA website www.horseshoepitching.com (Click on the "About Us" tab and then "Regional Director List")

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Spring is for horseshoes...continued

The NHPA photographer Sherla Williams from Wichita Falls, TX, is back with us again for 2020! Sherla did an excellent job with photos last year and has agreed to take on the task this year. She wanted me to let everyone know that she enjoyed meeting everyone last year, learning about our sport and looks forward to seeing everyone again in Monroe. She wants all to know that she is praying for everyone and that this virus will go away and allow us all to attend the World Tournament. Look for her set up this year!

I do not have much more to write for the 5th VP portion of this issue. I hope everyone makes the right decisions and stays in good health. Be safe everyone and we will see you out on the courts, Lord willing.

Dalton



From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

eShoe is in place...Time to recruit

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer



The NHPA is in a place where no one knows what is going to happen right now. Every sport has canceled any event scheduled for the next couple of months. The NHPA council has just finished our annual winter meeting. One of the major subjects we discussed was the NHPA World Tournament. We decided to continue accepting entries but move the entry deadline to June 1st and lower the number of sanction events from 4 to 2. Hopefully this will help anyone who is having a hard time getting your tournaments. This will also give us time to communicate with the host city on their position for continuing with our event. We have shared that if we were to cancel the world tournament, everyone who has sent in their entry would get a full refund. I encourage anyone who knows they are going to be attending the world tournament to send in your entry. I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during this time of uncertainty. The NHPA council is here to help you in any way we can to get past this hard time.

All charters have been working hard to transition to the new eShoe program. I can report that the transition has been very successful. We have added some new features in the eShoe program. One of the features on the web site, www.nhpa-eshoe.com, is to pull up anyone's name. Under Qualified Events click on "Details". This will take you to a stat search for this member. It will list all events attended in the past 12 months. It will also have the top three events in the last 10 events or twelve months, whichever occurs first, marked to calculate the members average. We still have some more upgrades that are going to be added soon. I want to personally thank all the membership directors and charter secretaries who have been working hard to make this work. We are always here to help in any way and to answer any questions with eShoe. It is the new future in membership tracking.

During our winter meeting we discussed many issues from the past year and in the current year. One of the subjects we talked about was the status of our membership. In 2018 we had 8,940 total members. In 2019 we had 8,360 total members. This was a reduction of 580 less in 2019 than in 2018. This means we did not lose as many members between 2018/2019 as we did between 2017/2018. This number is up from 2017. This is a very small number, but it is a positive trend. Right now, we need to stay positive and keep encouraging people to get involved.

See you on the courts

Jim

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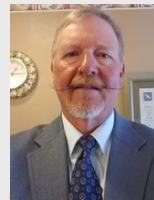


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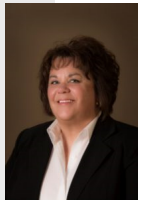


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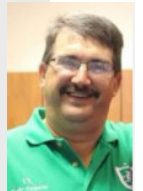


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World Records 3/7/2020

By Mel Yockstick – The Statman

All NHPA State Championship Tournaments have been completed for 2019, and has been updated on my NHPA State Championship file. The file was sent to the NHPA Web Master for uploading to the NHPA State Championship website in January 2020.

I will continue to update the NHPA State Championship file in the future.
Stan Griggs the new NHPA World Statistician will handle all other World Statistics.

On the following pages are the 2019 State Tournament results by states:

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2019 NHPA State Champions

By Mel Yockstick

2019 NHPA State Champions					
Last Name	First Name	State	Category	Avg.	Wins
Campbell	Lane	Alaska	Men (40ft)	24	3
Lucas	Ursula	Alaska	Women's	33	5
Watson	Dan	Alabama	Men (40ft)	79.2	14
Bazier	Kathy	Alabama	Women's	70.3	11
Ellison	Jim	Alabama	Men (30ft)	75.6	6
Harris	Tyler	Alabama	Junior Boy's	43.7	1
Brockman	Roy	Arkansas	Men (40ft)	43.1	6
Hayes	Wendy	Arkansas	Women's	57.5	5
Bailey	Ray	Arkansas	Men (30ft)	64.4	2
Reynolds	Derek	Arkansas	Boy's Championship	69.1	4
Hill	Jaden	Arkansas	Girl's Championship	8.12	1
Jackson	Bailey	Arkansas	Cadet's Championship	8.94	1
Tenijieth	Brandon	Arizona	Men (40ft)	75.5	2
Fimbres	Mary	Arizona	Women's	42.4	2
Stremick	Dan	Arizona	Men (30ft)	51.2	1
Montez	Marty	California	Men (30ft)	54	1
Johnson	Sandrea	California	Women's	53.7	5
Hopkins	Paul	California	Men (30ft)	55.1	1
Kyle	Dillon	California	Junior Boy's	40.7	1
Jones	Paige	California	Junior Girl's	2.81	1
Begaye	Hastiin	California	Cadet's Boy's	67.2	3
Espinola	Evelyn	California	Cadet's Girl's	29.7	1
Heit	Joe	Colorado	Men (40ft)	52.2	2
Speakman	Jen	Colorado	Women's	53.4	5
Cooper	Dave	Colorado	Men (30ft)	53.2	2
Garcia	Isaac	Colorado	Boy's Championship	9.62	1
Harges	Sade	Colorado	Girl's Championship	9.42	1
Rioux	David	Connecticut	Men (40ft)	59.2	2
Aurell	Linda	Connecticut	Women's	52.3	5
Weston	Paul	Connecticut	Men (30ft)	63.3	5
Robbins	Justin	Connecticut	Junior Boy's	8	1
Rioux	Skyla	Connecticut	Junior Girl's	75.7	1
Malino	Riley	Connecticut	Cadet's	70	3
Did not Report		Delaware	Championship results		
Marteny	Dale	Florida	Men (40ft)	46.9	1
Cason	Shalee	Florida	Women's	79.7	8
Potter	Lance	Florida	Men (30ft)	68.6	1
Goforth	Raymond	Florida	Boy's Championship	12	2
Braswell	Matt	Georgia	Men (40ft)	55	4
Hix	Coni	Georgia	Women's	67.3	4
Gogin	Zane	Georgia	Men (30ft)	72.9	1
Williams	Timothy	Georgia	Boy's Championship	31.3	1
Colie	Taylor	Georgia	Girl's Championship	32.5	7
Abraham	Sausia	Hawaii	Men (40ft)	36.4	1

2019 NHPA State Champions...Continued

2019 NHPA State Champions					
Last Name	First Name	State	Category	Avg.	Wins
Lastimosa	Tiffany	Hawaii	Women's	52.5	2
Perez	Ted	Hawaii	Men (30ft)	35.8	1
Opper	Gary	Idaho	Men (40ft)	57	17
Wickham	Karen	Idaho	Women's	37.8	6
Marquez	Clyde	Idaho	Men's 30ft	59.7	2
Broeckling	Daniel	Illinois	Men (40ft)	58.8	1
Neely	Daniel	Illinois	Women's	60.3	2
Schaver	Kenneth	Illinois	Men (30ft)	62.4	2
Fisher	Brody	Illinois	Boy's Championship	28.8	4
Goers	Allison	Illinois	Girl's Championship	17.5	3
Mullen	Sophia	Illinois	Cadet's Championship	1.25	1
Moles	Dale	Indiana	Men (40ft)	55.9	3
Charlton	Julia	Indiana	Women's	51	2
Meyers	Dan	Indiana	Men (30ft)	70.6	1
Smith	Joseph	Iowa	Men (40ft)	65.7	8
Klejch	Kristy	Iowa	Women's	53.5	5
Rains	Garen	Iowa	Men (30ft)	64.6	1
Bloodgood	Derek	Iowa	Boy's Championship	32.4	3
Dalton	Jalen	Iowa	Cadet (Mixed)	11.5	2
Keopine	Khamkeo	Kansas	Men (40ft)	51.4	1
Lilak	Terry	Kansas	Women's	54.3	1
Russell	Ryan	Kansas	Junior Boy's	53.3	3
Russell	Danyelle	Kansas	Cadet (Mixed-Girl)	38.3	2
Howard	Tyler	Kentucky	Men (40ft)	81.6	2
Meredith	Karen	Kentucky	Women's	48.8	1
Truesdell	Tommy	Kentucky	Men (30ft)	72.6	1
Keith	Jarrett	Kentucky	Boy's Championship	76.4	1
Rose	Abby	Kentucky	Girl's Championship	41.3	3
Rose	Kacey	Kentucky	Cadet's Championship	4.65	1
Richard	Ricky	Louisiana	Men (40ft)	40	13
Begnaud	Mary	Louisiana	Women's	45.4	1
Gilmore	Tim	Louisiana	Men (30ft)	51	7
Currier	Gary	Maine	Men (40ft)	50.3	3
Morrison	Debbie	Maine	Women's	36.6	5
Knowles	Ron	Maine	Men (30ft)	58.5	3
Dean	Jerry	Maryland	Open Men	68.1	7
Flowers Rhoderick	Carrie	Maryland	Open Women	60.6	1
Sturtz	Wayne	Maryland	Elder/Handicap	57.4	1
Bedard	Raymond	Massachusetts	Men (40ft)	54.9	6
Howe	Theresa	Massachusetts	Women's	54.5	2
Bliss	David	Massachusetts	Men (30ft)	66	10
Williams	Tom	Michigan	Men (40ft)	65.3	22
Daly	Denise	Michigan	Women's	45.7	1
Drake	JD	Michigan	Men (30ft)	67.6	7

2019 NHPA State Champions...Continued

2019 NHPA State Champions					
Last Name	First Name	State	Category	Avg.	Wins
Fowler	Kayden	Michigan	Boy's Championship	40.4	1
Dehkes	Eric	Minnesota	Men (40ft)	52.4	1
Larson	Janet	Minnesota	Women's	54.2	8
Danielson	Bill	Minnesota	Men (30ft)	64.4	2
Swenson	Marshal	Minnesota	Junior Boy's	26.7	1
Martin	Justice	Minnesota	Cadet's (mixed)	33.8	1
Griggs	Stan	Missouri	Men (40ft)	69.8	13
Zerr	Melanie	Missouri	Women's	71.5	1
LeGrand	Ron	Missouri	Men (30ft)	76.2	1
Wolken	Leon	Missouri	Boy's Championship	44.1	3
Gwinn	Madisen	Missouri	Girl's Championship	25.3	1
Fox	Brady	Missouri	Cadet's Championship	79.6	2
Healey	Mitch	Montana	Men (40ft)	47	7
Huber	Cenia	Montana	Women's	39.3	2
Hansen	Dick	Montana	Men (30ft)	45.9	2
Woods	Rhyda	Montana	Jr.Mixed	23.6	1
Stenzel	Allen	Nebraska	Men (40ft)	55	1
Roberts	Delmar	Nebraska	Men (30ft)	29.9	1
Drozd	Elaine	Nebraska	Women's	44.8	1
Richards	Braxton	Nebraska	Junior Boy's	31.1	1
Stromberg	Lisa	Nebraska	Junior Girl's	8.93	1
Ellenwood	Gage	Nebraska	Cadet (Mixed)	1.79	1
Kenton	Foster	Nevada	Men (40ft)	61	11
Lanfair	Carol	Nevada	Women's	44	2
Holbrook	Harold	Nevada	Men (30ft)	50	5
Young	John	New Hampshire	Men (40ft)	58.5	1
Knapp-Harwood	Pat	New Hampshire	Women's	61.4	3
Sarette	Paul	New Hampshire	Men (30ft)	50.7	7
Pierce	Levi	New Jersey	Men (40ft)	44.6	1
Parker	Wayne	New Jersey	Men (30ft)	43.1	4
Jones	Ken	New Mexico	Men (40ft)	54.4	17
Laumbach	Helen	New Mexico	Women's	57	10
Antone	Tommy	New Mexico	Men (30ft)	48	3
Martin	Adrianna	New Mexico	Junior Girl's	12.5	1
Martin	Ariana	New Mexico	Cadet's (Mixed)	31	2
Fraser	Ken	New York	Men (40ft)	65.4	6
Laughlin	Sue	New York	Women's	70.6	2
Stenberg	Jack S.	New York	Men (30ft)	64.7	3
Brazie	Jeremy	New York	Junior Boy's	6	2
Brazie	McKenna	New York	Junior Girl's	11.5	2
Owens	Jakab	New York	Cadet's (Mixed)	8.5	1
Godwin	David	North Carolina	Men (40ft)	52.4	1
Woodcock	Dawn	North Carolina	Women	22.5	1
Zimmerman	Jim	North Carolina	Men (30ft)	60.6	2

2019 NHPA State Champions...Continued

2019 NHPA State Champions					
Last Name	First Name	State	Category	Avg.	Wins
Hanes	Aaron	North Carolina	Junior Boy	55.4	2
Baker	James	North Carolina	Cadet	3.33	1
Sipma	Stu	North Dakota	Men (40ft)	42.6	4
Anderson	Kammie	North Dakota	Women's	57.8	1
Taylor	Ted	North Dakota	Men (30ft)	30.7	2
Gabel	Uria	North Dakota	Cadet's	34.7	1
Mosser	Taner	North Dakota	Junior Boy's	38.2	1
Francis	Alan	Ohio	Men (40ft)	90.9	23
Francis	Amy	Ohio	Women's	75	16
Shaw Sr	Larry	Ohio	Men (30ft)	71.9	1
Francis	Alex	Ohio	Junior Boy's	49.6	4
Bowles	Mackenzie	Ohio	Junior Girl's	9.6	1
Hogue	Cameron	Ohio	Cadet's Mixed	41.2	3
Bearpaw	Gary	Oklahoma	Men (40ft)	72.2	6
Hicks	Sara	Oklahoma	Women's	59	1
Ross	AL	Oklahoma	Men (30ft)	58	2
Forrester	Walter	Oklahoma	Junior Boy's	66	1
Ross	Logan	Oklahoma	Junior Girl's	21.5	5
Liles	Todd	Oregon	Men (40ft)	60.5	5
Gilbert	Tami	Oregon	Women's	61.6	9
Chapelle	Barry	Oregon	Men (30ft)	53.6	7
Clark	Gus	Oregon	Boy's Championship	25.3	4
Zeiders	Randy	Pennsylvania	Men (40ft)	69.3	6
Hoffman	Cindy	Pennsylvania	Women's	66.9	10
Young	David	Pennsylvania	Men (30ft)	65.5	2
Nelson	Shane	Pennsylvania	Boy's Championship	40.4	1
Molineaux	Dan	Rhode Island	Men (40ft)	39.5	3
Karpinski	Dawn	Rhode Island	Women's	28.5	1
Smith	Don	Rhode Island	Men (30ft)	29.3	2
Green	Paul	South Carolina	Men (40ft)	43.3	6
Carson	Barbara	South Carolina	Womsn's	44.4	1
Lemire	Roger	South Carolina	Elder's	54.6	1
Miller	R.J	South Carolina	Boy's Championship	50	1
Willford	Joey	South Carolina	Cadet Championship	12.5	4
Whaley	Kurt	South Dakota	Men (40ft)	35.6	5
Stumpf	Patricia	South Dakota	Women's	57.9	3
Kleinschmidt	Roland	South Dakota	Men (30ft)	50	17
Hawk	Ocean	South Dakota	Boy's Championship	22.6	1
McMillian	James	Tennessee	Men (40ft)	40.4	1
Elmore	Joan	Tennessee	Women's	78.9	20
Cooper	James	Tennessee	Men (30ft)	62.1	2
Finke	Jeff	Texas	Men (40ft)	58.2	2
Odum	Debra	Texas	Women's	64.3	10
Patterson	Danny	Texas	Men (30ft)	66.9	2

2019 NHPA State Champions...Continued

2019 NHPA State Champions					
Last Name	First Name	State	Category	Avg.	Wins
Trevino	Ty	Texas	Boy's Championship	25	2
White	Kaitlyn	Texas	Girl's Championship	22.9	2
Nelson	Isaac Jr	Texas	Cadet's Championship	61	2
Sorensen	Cal	Utah	Men's (40ft)	50.9	1
Bunker	Jenifer	Utah	Women's	51.1	14
Rains	Benj	Utah	Men (30ft)	63.2	2
Ohms	Coulson	Utah	Junior Boy's	32	1
Julander	Raeanne	Utah	Junior Girl's	16.7	2
Scott	Logan	Utah	Cadet Boy's	15.9	1
Scott	Brooklyn	Utah	Cadet Girl's	7.25	1
Preston	Nick	Vermont	Men's (40ft)	61.3	1
Brown	Deb	Vermont	Women's	54	20
Kennedy	Neil	Vermont	Men (30ft)	51.7	3
Santor	Dakota	Vermont	Junior Boy's	10.5	2
Coppage	John	Virginia	Men's (40ft)	57.1	1
Campbell	Kelly	Virginia	Women's	61.5	2
Barb	Ray	Virginia	Men (30ft)	60.4	1
Dean	Parker	Virginia	Cadet	13.3	2
Fuller	Matt	Washington	Men (40ft)	77.8	9
Clausen	Cindy	Washington	Women's	56.2	3
Phillips	Russ	Washington	Men (30ft)	75	10
Withrow	Allen	West Virginia	Men (40ft)	58.1	5
Burke	Tammy	West Virginia	Women's	72.6	15
Holmes	David	West Virginia	Men (30ft)	79.5	16
Larson	Jim	Wisconsin	Men (40ft)	64.6	2
Steinke	Penny	Wisconsin	Women's	80.1	2
Bilderback	Jim	Wisconsin	Men (30ft)	70.6	2
Burgin	Gabe	Wisconsin	Junior Boy's	38.5	1
Chaffee	Sarah	Wisconsin	Junior Girl's	71.4	1
Jedidiah	Sowatzke	Wisconsin	Cadet Boy's	33.3	2
Kildahl	Lillyan	Wisconsin	Cadet Girl's	24	1
Chris	Nannemann	Wyoming	Men's 40ft	33.8	2
Connie	Filley	Wyoming	Women's	41.7	6
Phil	Plotke	Wyoming	Men's 30ft	57.4	9
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2020 A New Decade of Champions and Records Continues...Two Decades ago

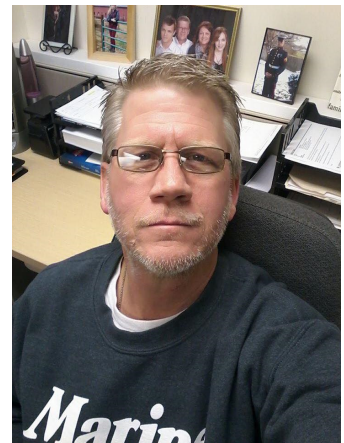
By Stan Griggs

The New Millennium kicked off in North Dakota with the 2000 World Tournament in Bismarck, ND where 1,215 pitchers arrived, attempting to win a World Title. This would be the 16th Largest World Tournament and the second time being held in the state of North Dakota, the other time was in 1967 at Fargo.

Two rookies were to appear in the class of 16 Men: 2-Time Junior World Champion from Virginia; Branson Miller and North Dakota's very own Colin Finnie. Alan Francis was looking for his sixth title in a row, attempting to tie Fernando Isais for the most consecutive World Championships.

After Day 1, only two were left undefeated at 5-0, Brian Simmons and Walter Ray Williams Jr., (both rookies) started with three wins. Alan's only loss on the first day was at the hands of John Kapnis from Massachusetts with a 104 shoe game in the last game of the day. By the end of Day 2, Simmons was unblemished and had a two game lead over Francis, who lost for the second time to start day two, making that back to back losses, a very rare incident. Walter Ray lost three times and dropped into a tie for third place with Kapnis.

Going into the final day, Brian Simmons put himself in fine shape to win his first World Title, but only time would tell. Alan did what he had to do by winning his first four games in the final day. Brian was now two games ahead with two games to go. He wrapped up his first Crown with a 40-12 victory over the rookie Miller shooting 89.6%. The anticipated Francis/Simmons match was just for fun, but no one told them that. They went 98 shoes, and both threw just over 80% in a game that Alan won on the last pitch 42-39. The Francis/Simmons match-ups have just begun with more of these to come in the future.



		<u>W-L</u>	<u>Ringers</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Brian Simmons	CT	14-1	750	928	80.82%
Alan Francis	OH	13-2	827	1018	81.24%
Dale Lipovsky	MN	11-4	720	948	75.95%

Moisan Snares Women's Crown...

Sylvianne Moisan knows Sue Snyder all too well. The horseshoe pitchers have met in various World Championship Tournaments, and every time they have gone up against each other for the Women's title Snyder has made Moisan settle for second place. This year Sylvianne turned the tables. Going into last year's final match against Snyder, the Canadian native knew Sue had clinched the Championship. This year's tournament presented a similar situation, but the roles were reversed.

This would be the final Championship Class appearance for Phyllis Negaard, who was one of the best women pitchers of all time. At this point, only two other woman pitchers had won more titles that she had, and her career win total of 164 still ranks as fifth-best on the All-Time Victory List. She was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in 1989. Unfortunately and quite suddenly, Phyllis passed away on September 22, 2003, succumbing to a rare type of bone cancer.

		<u>W-L</u>	<u>Ringers</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Sylvianne Moisan	QB	14-1	870	1040	83.65%
Amy Francis	OH	12-3	809	1020	79.31%
Judy Curtiss	MI	12-3	740	956	77.41%

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Hoosier Pitcher Tops in Elder Men's Championship...

		<u>W-L</u>	<u>Ringers</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Robert Logan	IN	10-1	589	768	76.69%
Curley Seibold	IN	8-3	454	646	70.28%
Melvin Bray	KS	8-3	455	662	68.73%

		<u>W-L</u>	<u>Ringers</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
John Knapp Sr.	OH	10-1	336	558	60.22%
John Bogardus	NY	8-3	316	552	57.25%
Gerald Strangland	MN	7-4	380	624	60.90%

Senior Ladies Championship...

		<u>W-L</u>	<u>Ringers</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Jan Turnquist	MN	7-0	249	356	69.95%
Edi Holland	MN	6-1	269	404	66.59%
LaVerne Ewing	OR	5-2	206	330	62.43%

Junior Boys Championship...

		<u>W-L</u>	<u>Ringers</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Chase Battle	AR	7-0	382	512	74.61%
David Bradley	IN	5-2	346	484	71.49%
Adam Ellis	ON	4-3	358	472	75.85%

Junior Girls Championship...

		<u>W-L</u>	<u>Ringers</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Shalee Sebastian	PA	5-0	138	202	68.32%
Elizabeth King	OK	3-2	108	224	48.22%
Tenesia Mayer	NY	3-2	117	252	46.43%



Small sampling of displays at the NHPA Hall of Fame & Museum. When you can travel again...plan a visit to Wentzville Missouri!

2020 A New Decade of Champions and Records...Continued

Men's A-1	Alan Francis	OH	82.67%	Women's A	Sylvianne Moisan	PQ	80.33%
Men's A-2	Branson Miller	VA	75.33%	Women's B	Jan Turnquist	MN	70.33%
Men's B-1	Marvin Ellison	SK	59.50%	Women's C	Jan Kreienkamp	MO	62.35%
Men's B-2	Dick Moen	MN	60.17%	Women's D	Wynne Mihura	KS	57.17%
Men's C-1	Charles Laramie	MI	44.17%	Women's E	Marlys Timm	MN	51.67%
Men's C-2	Doug McConnell	KS	56.50%	Women's F	Marilyn Person	CO	50.96%
Men's D-1	Donald Sweigel	KS	51.00%	Women's G	Tracy Wilcox	CO	46.83%
Men's D-2	Rick Poppe	WI	49.00%	Women's H	Terri Hanson	NE	42.83%
Men's E-1	Roger Schwebke	IL	44.33%	Women's I	Thelma Trent	MO	35.77%
Men's E-2	Herschel Walters	IN	47.67%	Women's J	Vonda Sebastian	PA	31.15%
Men's F-1	Steve Norstedt	ND	50.33%	Women's K	Sandi Carlson	MN	33.39%
Men's F-2	Casey Shuys	CA	37.33%	Women's L	Kathy Flageolle	CO	19.62%
Men's G-1	Lee Watkins	IL	37.17%	Elder's A	Curly Seibold	IN	72.66%
Men's G-2	John Barney Sr.	NV	39.83%	Elder's B	Ronald Craven	MO	59.50%
Men's H-1	Dave Rose	OH	46.67%	Elder's C	David Zilverberg	SD	56.83%
Men's H-2	Larry Gallegos	NM	39.67%	Elder's D	Larry Riley	CO	46.33%
Men's I-1	Brian Fisher	OH	42.66%	Elder's E	Gordon Fuhr	NE	52.50%
Men's I-2	Steve Barry	NE	39.83%	Elder's F	Hank Tencate	MN	41.88%
Men's J-1	Robert Kingsolver	MO	30.88%	Elder's G	Jerry Griggs	MO	46.50%
Men's J-2	Kingston Lindsey	CA	33.17%	Elder's H	Joe Poliski	MI	44.42%
Men's K-1	Barrie Campbell	ND	34.50%	Elder's I	Arlow Nelson	ND	27.94%
Men's K-2	Mike Jahner	MT	35.00%	Elder's J	Earl Smith	CA	28.00%
Men's L-1	Clyde Rains	IA	34.50%	Elder's K	Earl Setterlund	ND	27.88%
Men's L-2	Terry Hiatt	NE	44.67%	Juniors A	Urias Martin	NM	71.50%
Men's M-1	Steve Frost	ME	30.67%	Juniors B	Anthony Patterson	WA	53.75%
Men's M-2	Dan Sanders	OH	41.67%	Juniors C	Patrick Hoyda	MN	46.83%
Men's N-1	Alan Jones	IL	33.00%	Juniors D	Colette Cave	MN	38.50%
Men's N-2	Adrian Richard	MT	26.15%	Juniors E	Lewis Talfelmeyer	ND	31.25%
Men's O-1	Gregory Franchuk	KS	32.00%	Juniors F	Travis Ninneman	MN	15.00%
Men's O-2	Jim Eldred	PA	28.17%				
Men's P-1	Bill Cole	GA	24.17%				
Men's P-2	Homer Cain	OK	29.00%				
Men's Q-1	Alfred Kaisershot	IL	17.00%				
Men's Q-2	Glen Berglund	MN	25.50%				
Men's R-1	Gary Wilson	NV	23.13%				
Men's R-2	Rodney Johns	NE	23.09%				
Men's S-1	Bill Belt	MO	23.00%				
Men's S-2	Raymond Rains	IA	17.83%				
Senior Men A	John Bogardus	NY	64.83%				
Senior Men B	Jerry Gorton	OR	55.00%				
Senior Men C	Casey Vander Linden	AB	54.06%				
Senior Men D	Al Ross	SK	54.23%				
Senior Men E	Walter Hill	MN	37.83%				
Senior Men F	Norman Ed Herald	FL	37.33%				
Senior Men G	Byron Edwards	MN	34.67%				
Senior Men H	Carl Massey	NC	26.88%				
Senior Men I	Les Holland	MN	26.35%				
Senior Men J	Gregg Craven	MO	19.64%				



NUHPA Historian

Spread sportsmanship...not germs

By Jerry Smith

I am sharing an article from the Digest's "Horseshoe Pitcher's Manual" dated around 1963 on sportsmanship. I also want to mention some advice for good practices in general, and especially during the coronavirus outbreak.

Be Safe

Stopping the spread of germs is a high priority and starts with good common sense about washing hands and listening to the expert's advice. Here are some thoughts.

To help create a healthy environment, everyone should follow good hygiene practices, including these suggestions from the Centers for Disease Control:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. This is the most effective way to protect yourself from any illness, including the coronavirus. Use soap and scrub for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands.
- Maintain social distance – particularly with those who appear to be sick – by avoiding shaking hands, hugging or kissing when greeting friends (an "elbow bump" is a great alternative).
- Cover your cough with the inside of your elbow or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention as early as possible.

If you are flying, an N-95 mask and gloves are probably a good idea. The NHPA council will be monitoring the situation and will make critical decisions going forward as it may or may not affect horseshoe pitching. Be safe and follow good hygiene practices.

Horseshoe Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship and courteous conduct on the courts is an important factor already included in the NHPA rules.

A player must not make any distracting noise or movement while his/her opponent is in the act of pitching. This includes filing or "clinking" their horseshoes together, talking, or standing in front of the stake.

The rules state that a player must stand on the opposite side of the pitcher's box and to the rear of the stake. The player who pitches first in a frame can not walk to the other end while their opponent is pitching. This is a common failure of beginning players and is not only an infraction of the rules but is discourteous.

Players may pitch from whichever side of the pitcher's box they choose, and there is nothing to prevent both players from using the same side, as only one can pitch at a time.

The player who scores in the frame should call the score to the scorekeeper, but before they do so they must make sure there is no disagreement. Never call the results of a frame to the scorekeeper when your opponent has scored. Instead, indicate to your opponent that they have scored so they can call the score. Never pick up or move the shoes until agreement has been reached and the score has been called to the scorekeeper or written down.

*NHPA Hall of Fame***Inductees to NHPA Hall of Fame selected***Vicki Winston, NHPA Hall of Fame Committee Chair*

The NHPA Hall of Fame Committee was able to complete their voting in time for me to get an article submitted to this edition of Newsline. There will be two inductees going into the HOF this year and both are in Player categories. Sheila Shepard will be inducted into the Player category and John Lindmeier will be inducted into the Historic Era Player category. I have talked with Sheila and she was already intending to compete in the World Tournament this year, so is planning on being in Monroe, Louisiana and will be at the banquet. John Lindmeier has been deceased for several years, but I have spoken with one of his sons. As I write this article, I do not yet know if family members of John will be attending the banquet. I am including short bios of each inductee in this article and hopefully will be able to get a photo of each inductee to the editor before he wraps up this edition.



SHEILA SHEPARD - Sheila has been a member of the NHPA for at least 30 years. She and her husband Fred have a combined family of 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

(There could be more since that information was provided) Sheila was born in England, but was brought to the United States when she was about 3 years old. She was raised in Pennsylvania, but moved to Colorado in 1963, where she still resides. Sheila has participated in 16 World Tournaments and has played in 15 Championship Finals in those events. She was in the Women's Championship Finals 4 times and has been in the Senior Women's Championship Finals 11 times. In her 11 appearances in the Senior Women's Championship Finals, she has won the World Championship 7 times, placed second 3 times and third 1 time. Her

combined ringer percentage for those 11 events is 71.13%. Sheila has been the Colorado Women's State Champion 11 times. She has been a member of a team that participated in the NHPA National League Playoff Tournament held at the HOF complex in Wentzville, MO for 10 events. Her team has one 1st place finish and six 2nd place finishes in that event. She has participated six times in the Team World Tournament in Beloit, WI and her team won the event 4 times, placed second 1 time and fourth the other time, so she participated in the ladder finals every year she was there. Sheila not only plays horseshoes, she also works for our sport. She has been the CHPA Tournament Director for 84 tournaments from 1997-2019 and the CHPA State Secretary from 2002-2019. Sheila was inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame in 2006 for her pitching excellence.

JOHN LINDMEIER - John was married to Mary Lou Lindmeier and together they had four children, 2 boys and 2 girls. John passed away on January 1, 1993 at the age of 75. Mary Lou lived until January 1, 2015. Their girls are deceased, but their two sons, John Jr. and Richard are still living. John Jr. is in FL and Richard is in CA. John was an avid participant in our sport for many years, but was only able to qualify into 8 World Tournament Men's Championship classes during a period from 1946 thru 1960. That was in the day of onsite qualifying and a man raising his family could not always make that trip just for the opportunity to try and pitch 200 shoes that would score high enough to place him in the top 36, or whatever size the Championship Class would be that year. Most of the time it was a 36 man round robin and they pitched 50



NHPA Hall of Fame Inductees...continued

point cancellation games. In his 8 appearances in the Championship Class he did place in the top ten 5 of those years. His two highest finishes were a 4th place in 1953 and a 5th place in 1951. His combined ringer percentage for those 8 appearances is 73.63%. John was elected the NHPA 2nd Vice President in 1951. Being from Illinois, John was able to appear on the Chicago TV series "Pitching Championship Horseshoes" five times. According to his son Richard, he won the gold horseshoe 4 of those times.



There are four family members who are currently in possession of a gold horseshoe. John was the Illinois Men's State Champion four times: 1948, 1949, 1950 (78.9%) and 1955 (74.2%). In 1940 and 1941 John was the National A.A.U. Horseshoe Pitching Champion and those two years he teamed up with Doran Woodhouse to also win the national doubles title. John Lindmeier was elected to the Illinois Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame in 1980.

As I write this, the World Tournament is still on. However events are being cancelled daily due to the Coronavirus pandemic that is spreading throughout the world. Many events much larger than our tournament have already been cancelled this year or postponed. It is thought that social distancing is the most effective way to stop the spread of this disease at this time. Let us pray that this will work and before long some of the restrictions can be lifted and we will still be able to meet one another in Monroe, LA in July for the 2020 World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament as originally planned. In the meantime I hope you will all follow the guidelines for staying away from this disease and that you will stay well.



The Monroe Civic Center is the largest event facility in Northeast Louisiana and is fully air-conditioned. The horseshoe pits will be housed in the Arena (32 courts; 46,025 sq. ft.) and the Conference Hall (14 courts; 14,000 sq. ft.). These areas are entirely indoors and are connected. Kentucky Blue Clay will be used.

NHPF Director

Where did you come from?

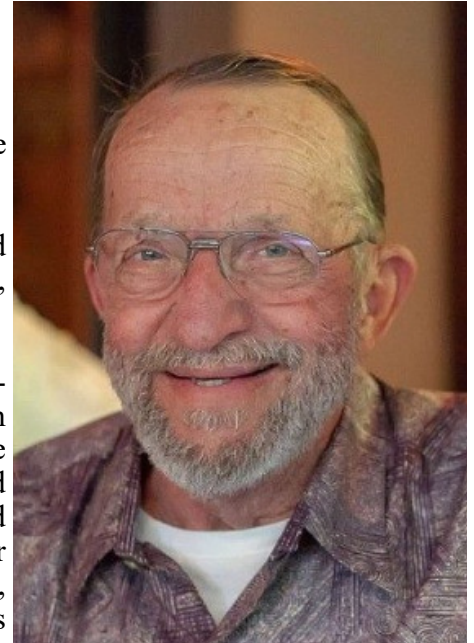
By Casey Sluys

(Reprint from a 2001 issue of Newsline, thank you Bob Dunn.)

We haven't heard from the "Old Professor" in a while so it seemed time to look him up again?

I was ready to begin the conversation, he abruptly stopped me and said this time he was asking the question, and he did. The question was, "Where do you come from?"

Not understanding the question I stared back with one of those blank expressions. Finally I offered that I was born in Holland raised right here in California. He laughed, clarified his question and then it made all the sense in the world. The question is, "How did you come to be involved in horseshoe pitching? "Where were you?" "How were you introduced to the sport?" Why should we answer these questions? As the Professor pointed out, there may be a whole lot of people back at the same spot, the same situation, waiting to be invited to join in. If this question is asked of 50 members we are probably going to get 50 different answers. There may be many avenues of recruiting that are being overlooked.



We should think back to when we first pitched in an organized league, or tournament and how did we become aware that the NHPA existed. Believe it or not the greater majority of our membership pitched shoes recreationally, long before they became NHPA members. So it was in my own case. I pitched at company picnics, with friends on camping trips and so on, never having an inkling of the NHPA.

There are of course many members that were "born" into a family that pitched shoes. A few of us pitched in organized horseshoes as a youth. The majority of the current pitchers that did pitch as a Junior member, were part of a family of horseshoe pitchers.

When I did become aware of the NHPA it was more by accident than intentional searching. Going to recycle some aluminum cans, at our local fairgrounds, I hear the distinct clanging of horseshoes against the stake. I sauntered toward the noise and saw 8 horseshoe courts all nice and fenced in. I rested of the fence for a bit and the 8 guys pitching there barely acknowledged me. Just a casual glance is all I received during the ten minutes I observed the action. Where upon I walked back to where my vehicle and went of my way. It was a full 4 years later that I noticed an ad in the local sports section about the grand opening of 12 new horseshoe courts at a local park. They were going to hold an amateur event so I entered it. Once I became a member and realized that the general public is not aware of the NHPA, I developed some business cards to hand out to others that strolled by or leaned on our fence. Vowing never to let a person walk away without some information, I carried a supply of brochures even when I was pitching. I'd stop and hand the person one no matter how tight the game was. Perhaps one of the reasons my percentage never went above 45%?

Each and every member should think back to where you came from. There may be other potential members there just waiting to learn about the NHPA and wanting to join. Give the lookie loos something in their hands to read, whether it's a Charter brochure or a simple business card with contact information on it. As Billie Sue Pennington used to say, "JUST DO SOMETHING!." If each Charter could develop a social secretary to call every member of the Charter once per quarter just to chat and ask them how

Where did you come from...continued

their game is coming along it would go a long way toward developing a great line of communication. I know of people who slowly drift away from pitching and they never receive a call, text or note asking if everything is alright? Call those you've not seen in 2 or 3 weeks, let's open up the communication lines again and begin talking.

The NHPF is looking into financing some professional video. The recommendations are that we develop 10-15 one minute segments so they can be used on any and all social media platforms rather than one 10 or 15 minute long video. Both options are appealing as the longer video would be able to be included in the World Tournament bidding package. Please share with me your ideas. Videos by individuals are popping up and they are sincerely appreciated. Please keep broadcasting them wherever you can. Be sure to share them when you see the videos. A great one was made by Melanie Zerr in conjunction with the St. Charles County Parks Department, search it out. We will post the link on our website soon.

A small project I've been involved with over the winter was to scan 26 years worth of the NHPA Newline magazine. It equated to 7,084 pages of material, estimated time was about 120 hours to complete, but it's almost finished. I've taken a joke or an article and posted them on the Promoting Horseshoes Facebook page. It is interesting reading for some of the newer members. Look for them in the next couple of months in the archives on the <http://www.horseshoepitching.com> website. They are there for your reading enjoyment.

Does your Charter need more NHPF brochures? We have them available simply email us at kclus@sbcglobal.net.

Are you a member of the \$500 club yet? Here is the donation form: https://nhpinfo.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/contribution_form-1.pdf Do you know exactly what you've donated to the NHPF? If you want to know your exact amount we will be happy to provide you with that information. Those that have yet to consider us as one of your favorite tax write offs should consider joining the many pitchers that feel the NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum is something they had a hand in with their contributions. Thank you for your continued support.

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NHPA Chaplain

Handling Stress at WT

By Ken Henritz

The sport we enjoy is not an easy one. To throw a horseshoe a particular distance with consistency is challenging. The difficulty increases when considering that we must align the shoe with the stake. At the same time, the shoe must turn or flip while arriving at the stake in an open position. It may sound a little daunting, but I believe that the difficulty is what ramps up the passion to figure it out.

Tournament play takes it a step further. We feel the adrenaline flowing, and our heart begins to race. We tighten up, our breathing pattern changes, and now the shoe doesn't sail as nicely as it did in the backyard. Our brain shifts into high gear to try to figure it out. What am I forgetting? The harder we try to get ringers, the less we see of them. We press even more because we don't want to take the loss or have a bad game. One bad game often ruins our tournament percentage. When improvement doesn't happen we console ourselves into thinking we'll do better the next game. If we string a few bad games in a row, the character of our life is tested, which can be very difficult. Can you relate to this? How do we prepare for a stressful situation like pitching in the biggest tournament of the year, the World Tournament?

Perhaps I'm not the best one to answer such a question as I certainly have faltered more times than I would like to admit. In my experience, it's common for pitchers, even higher average pitchers, to struggle at the big tournament. So how can we prepare for the World Tournament? Using horseshoes you are comfortable with, go to your backyard courts (or park) and begin to loosen up. Get some serious practice sessions going! I do keep track of my ringers and percentages. Working out the details of a consistent pitch takes time. In the past, I have written down little things that I need to remember or recorded my thoughts on the voice recorder on my cell phone. Sometimes that has helped. Imagine your opponent standing next to you while you practice. Write their names on a score sheet with their usual amount of ringers. For example, if an opponent has a 62.5 ringer %, mark 25 ringers in the 40 boxes of the scorecard. Play against them and relax and play your game. I have found it to be much easier at home to play championship class pitchers than in real-time. I typically pitch 10-15% higher at home than I do at tournaments. I try to picture the atmosphere, people walking, my opponents face and take a deep breath and relax. I will admit that I struggle at the World Tournament just about every year, so I'm still trying to figure it out. Sometimes talking about something else works. This gets your mind off the game and puts you at ease. Occasionally, professional massage services are at the World Tournament. This is a great idea to keep your muscles from tightening up. Stretching may help. Swing your arms by your side before you pitch. As a Chaplain, I ask my Heavenly Father to help me relax and be at my best...this is not cheating. But on a very practical level, the best antidote to battling stress is throwing ringers. This builds confidence and getting ringers has a way of relaxing us that allows us to keep pitching at our best.



I love the challenge of figuring it out. Sometimes Day 1 at the WT is not good, but Day 2 & Day 3 is a different story. Don't give up! I hope you are up for the challenge.

Ken

Junior Director

Bring out your Youth...

By Dalton Rakestraw

The Youth Promotions for the NHPA has began to develop. I am still excited to be the leader of this program and develop new ideas for the youth of our sport. To begin, I would again like to thank the NHPF for their generous one-time donation of \$2,500 to assist in youth promotions in the NHPA. Some of these funds will be used to raise the championship payouts for the youth world champions. This will be great for our youth. I also appreciated the charter donation that was received as well.

Here are some fun updates for the world tournament. I have been working with Dianna DeMoss of the Monroe CVB. They are considering providing a water slide, dunk tanks, and outdoor water games at the Civic Center for the Wednesday night Meet N' Greet for the youth! This is going to be a lot of fun. I have some of the NHPA Officers on board to be dunked. Will you be able to dunk them? I am hoping to have the dunk tank throughout the week to dunk other NHPA/NHPF members and positions of note. Hey, maybe my Regional Directors will get in on it? For the Sunday night junior party, we are looking at some activities at Altitude or Spartan, of course parental waivers might have to be signed. The fun will NOT stop!

I am thankful to the NHPA after our winter meeting, I now have a budget for Youth Promotions to work with. I have some great ideas to try. I am hoping that we can sponsor an event or two for youth promotions. I am working on incentive programs for the Youth for 2020, like pitching perfect games, winning 100 games in 2020, pitching a tournament 10% over your average, etc.. I am looking into entrants' gifts for those entering the world tournaments (shirt (special designed youth shirt), pick up stick, other game related items). I am looking at putting all the youth that enter the world in a drawing for a game related sales package. It includes new horseshoes, horseshoe box or bag, pickup stick, etc.

If you have additional ideas, please send them to me and we will see what we can work out! I am looking at promotions specifically, if anyone has any youth promotion ideas that need a little help please let me know and I will do my best to help make it work so we can grow this youth sport!

In closing, I am excited to be able to attend the National Youth Sports Association in Baltimore in November. I will be attending to receive my CYSA, Certified Youth Sports Administrator license. I ask that all youth directors of your charter get in touch with me so I can finish my master list. I ask that those charters that do not have a youth director do the best to get one. I wish everyone good health and hopefully we will see you in the Spring!

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Regional Director Spotlight

By Dalton Rakestraw

My name is Raymond Callahan and I am the Regional Director for North Carolina. My love for horseshoe pitching began in my teenage years with my Dad. Dad was the foreman for a USDA Agricultural Research Station. There was a horseshoe court located where the work crew gathered in the mornings to get their work assignments. The guys were known to arrive early for work and stay after work to pitch for bragging rights. I pitched a lot of doubles with the guys and have fond memories of those days.

I pitched sporadically following graduation from college. While reading the newspaper in 1998, I saw a listing of what was happening at the N. C. State Fair and noticed that horseshoe pitching was on that list. When I arrived at the pitching area, a member of the NCHPA was running a tournament for the Fair and handing out brochures about the NCHPA and the NHPA. Before that moment I had no idea that these two organizations existed. I joined the associations the very next year and began to go to tournaments. The competition was lots of fun but the camaraderie was just as important. I have won my class twenty-one times and finished as runner-up more times than I want to count in NCHPA tournaments! I was very pleased with my second-place finish in my class at the 2013 World Tournament in St. George!

During the 2014 season, I was approached about becoming Regional Director as of January 1, 2015. I have found the position to be both rewarding and frustrating. The most challenging part of the position has been working with the organizations to repair and/or update the court complexes. I believe that the Regional Director is a vital communication link between the Charter officers and the National Association. The RD also plays an important role in helping to maintain the integrity of the sport in regards to court conditions. To help promote horseshoes, I assist my Charter Secretary/Treasurer in updating the Charter's trifold brochure that is provided to persons that express an interest in horseshoes.



Candidates for 2nd Vice President Position

Letters of Intent received

2nd Vice President Candidate letter of intent—Laurie Lampkin

My name is Laurie Lampkin, and I am seeking re-election for 2nd Vice President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association for the upcoming 2020, election in Monroe Louisiana. Currently my duties are publicity and promotions of NHPA. I attend sports conferences to “pitch” to suppliers our world tournament. I have made many connections. I would like to continue making and building on those connections. As proof, we have four W.T. bidders for 2022, as opposed to looking for a previous site. Three of those bidders have never hosted our event before including one state that has never hosted the event.

The W.T. in Monroe will be my first contract signed event. Although, I have the position, the 2018 and 2019, events were not signed under me. They were the previous officer holders signed world tournament bids. I would like to expand upon what previous leadership has bridged for the NHPA.

Working in conjunction with the current officers, I want to continue to execute a vision of leadership, visibility, and creating partnerships for our sport of horseshoe pitching. A few notes of accomplishment that have been completed while in office are:

The Banner Program

The new membership bags as an incentive to new members

A 700% increase in visits and hits on the “Official” NHPA Facebook page

I’m grateful for the time that I have been given to serve the horseshoe community, and I hope for the opportunity to continue to serve the NHPA and all of its members.

Respectfully,

Laurie Lampkin

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer Position

Letters of Intent received

Secretary-Treasurer Election Candidate

My name is Jim Kinney Jr. I am announcing my intention to run for the office of NHPA Secretary-Treasurer in 2020.

I live in Drexel, Missouri and have been a member of the Missouri Horseshoe Pitching Association for 20 years. I have held two state positions. Publicity Director and Zone Director for the Missouri Horseshoe Pitching Association.

Since January 2019 I have been serving as NHPA Secretary-Treasurer in an appointed position. I have maintained records of all monies received and disbursed, recorded meeting minutes, maintain records of all past and present NHPA business, print various projects pertaining to the NHPA, helped implement new programs, worked with each NHPA Officer on various projects, was NHPA World Tournament Director, ordered equipment and supplies, maintained payroll for officers and directors, and worked with charter secretaries tracking membership. Operating programs such as Auto-Cad, Access, Excel, Word, Adobe Acrobat Pro, SQL Server Management Studio, and maintaining web page forms.

I have served in the United States Air Force and United States Air Force Reserves in various positions. The position I retained the last two years of my service was an Air Force First Sergeant in the 442nd Fighter Wing managing over 300 members at any given time while maintaining detailed records, implementing new programs, and managing projects for inspection. I retired in 2004 with 24 years service.

I worked as a member of the Local #2 Sheetmetal Union. For 20 years I worked as a Project Manager, Field Forman, and Detailer. My job included managing employees, detailing projects, keeping detailed records, and running various computer programs. I retired in 2018 with 27 years service.

I have worked at the Internal Revenue Service as a Disk correspondence officer/computer operator running programs and copying data to the Main Frame.

I have worked as head of accounts receivable at a Coors plant managing and helping maintain accounts over many employees.

I have been a part-time auctioneer for the past 18 years doing 2 to 3 benefit auctions each year.

I have been a member of an Opera group performing 2 to 3 times a year for the past 14 yrs.

Please consider voting for me at the 2020 World Tournament Convention. I would be honored to serve as your NHPA Secretary/Treasure for another 3 years.

Thank You

Jim Kinney Jr

Candidates for 4th Vice President Position

Letters of Intent received

4th Vice President candidate letter received

Stu Sipma, President of NHPA;

I wish to submit my intentions to run for the office of 4th VP of the NHPA.

Qualifications:

- 40+ years in IT
- Natstats Director beginning 2017
- Greater Houston Horseshoe Pitchers Association (GHHPA) President 6+ years
- GHHPA Tournament & League Director 20+ years
- Held several offices in Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association (THPA)
- Served on the THPA Rule Committee for 5+ years
- Currently serve as one of THPA's Assistant Regional Directors
- Currently THPA Webmaster for 6+ years
- Co-rewrote THPA website with Rob Hagman
- Assisted in World Tournament set-up and teardown last several years
- Assisted Rob Hagman with World Tournament Warm-up Tournament last several years
- Assisted Rob Hagman with World Tournament camera set-up & monitoring last several years
- Active Shift Director at World Tournament last 4 years
- Served as a Texas delegate at World Tournament for 10+ years

If elected:

- Assist in finding a way to retain members and recruit new members
- Assist in getting the Charters to use Eshoe and HSMaster
- Help find ways for the World Tournament to run smoother and easier
- Review qualifying for the World Tournament as now it seems that the Charters and Clubs are holding 1,2 & 3 person last minute tournaments in order to qualify a pitcher
- Review the Rules to see if there are any changes that can be made to make the NHPA more appealing to non-members
- Assist in any way to make the NHPA a better organization

Thank you!
Wayne Callicoatte

Candidates for 4th Vice President Position

Letters of Intent received

4th Vice President candidate letter received

Hello. My name is Debra Odum and I am running for 4th Vice President. I am asking for your support in this position. I love the game of horseshoes, well, most of the time. But, more than the game itself, I love the people. Horseshoe pitchers are a family. Sometimes we can be a somewhat dysfunctional family, but family all the same. Kind of like Peyton Place (you have to be a senior citizen to know Peyton Place).

This is the part where I have to talk about myself and my horseshoe career and that's extremely difficult for me. I have been a member of the NHPA/THPA pitching horseshoes for over 25 years. In that time, I have won 10 State Championships, tying the record that was set in 1986. I have pitched in numerous World Tournaments (some without breaking any bones) and have made it to the championship class every year. My best finish was a 3rd place finish in Kansas. I am currently the South Central Horseshoe Pitchers tournament director, where I assisted in getting the Horseshoe Tour to Bryan, Texas (hopefully, fingers crossed we get to pitch) in May 2020. Before moving to Iola, Texas (yes it is a real place), I have run many festival tournaments throughout Brazoria County, including, but not limited to, The Texas Mosquito Festival (yes, that's a real thing) and The Fishing Fiesta Tournament as well as the Brazoria County Fair tournament. I have also competed in and won numerous times The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Tournament held in conjunction with the world's largest rodeo (some may have a differing opinion about this, but I am from Texas, so...). I have also competed in a number of the Horseshoe Tour (formerly Pro Tour) tournaments. I also play Cornhole on a competitive level and finished 2nd in State last year.

Now it is time to give back to a sport I love. I truly believe that God has blessed me with this gift of pitching. So, it's time to give back. I prayed about this decision, asked people I knew that would give me their unbiased opinion, and decided to throw my cap into the ring. I truly believe I can be an asset to this sport that many of us have a love/hate relationship with. I try to encourage and help other pitchers become their very best.

I work for a law firm in Texas as a paralegal. I weigh decisions very carefully — pros and cons, so this was not a decision made on a whim. But, I truly believe that I can help grow our sport. I feel that as a new member, I can bring fresh ideas and inspiration to our sport. My knowledge of horseshoes and running tournaments, whether sanctioned or not, will be a great asset to the NHPA. I listen, I hear, and I am willing to take those suggestions to heart and present them in a way that can help our sport grow. People want change and voice we need change, but they don't take action, so this is my way of taking action to help bring good, sound, constructive change and new membership to our sport. Yes, folks this is our sport and we all need to work to grow our sport. Thank you for your support. I look forward to representing you.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Odum

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PROFESSIONAL OPINION
THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

Dear Doctor _____,

As you may know, horseshoe pitching is a nationally organized sporting event with an official set of rules. _____, a patient of yours, has requested a medical exemption based on the information in Rule 3, Section A, number 2 of the NHPA Rules (see top of request form) and has given permission (see Part IV of request form) for you to complete this form and send your responses to the State HPA Executive Council. This exemption, if granted, would allow him to pitch from a shorter distance of 30 feet **before** reaching the age of 70; when men are officially given the option of pitching from this shorter distance. Your patient has completed Parts I and IV of the original request form, enclosed here. Please look over this information and then respond to the questions below. We need this additional information and your professional opinion before we can act upon his request. Please return this completed form in the enclosed, addressed/stamped envelope. Thanks in advance for your help!

- What is the name of this medical condition? _____
- What area(s) of the body are affected? _____
- For how long has this condition existed? _____
- For how long have you treated the patient for this condition? _____
- Do you consider this condition to be permanent? _____
- Have other treatments been recommended by you? _____
- Has this patient discussed with you the possibility of a medical exemption, which would allow him to pitch horseshoes from a shorter distance? _____

Here is some additional information that may be helpful to your better understanding of how the physical requirements of horseshoe pitching could be affected by this exemption:

- The **amount of walking** may remain about the same, but **could be greater** since 30-foot pitchers may be required to return to the area of the stake while their opponent pitches.
- The **amount of bending, stooping, etc.** required for the retrieval and measurement of shoes, **should remain the same.**
- The amount of **physical force required** to pitch the horseshoe a shorter distance **will be less.**
- **Note:** A horseshoe weighs about 2 ½ pounds and is pitched underhanded, as in softball.

In your professional opinion, will pitching a 2 ½ pound horseshoe from a distance of 40 feet more seriously aggravate this pitcher's medical condition than pitching it from a distance of 30 feet? _____

In your professional opinion, does this medical condition significantly limit this pitcher's ability to pitch from a distance of 40 feet? _____

If this medical exemption is *not* granted, will you recommend that this patient give up horseshoe pitching as an activity? _____

Other comments: _____

Signature of Physician _____ Date _____

MEDICAL EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM THE NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS' ASSOCIATION

The *Official Rules of Horseshoe Pitching* states that "All Open Men and Senior contestants shall observe the 37-foot foul lines. Physically impaired males in these categories may be given permission by the governing NHPA officials to move onto the extended platforms and observe the 27 foot foul lines." (See Rule 3, Section A, number 2) The NHPA has further delegated the responsibility of this decision-making to the various State Associations for acceptance or denial. This form has been adopted by the NHPA and the steps of this process are outlined below. Please complete Parts I and IV of this form and send it to your Charter Secretary or the Charter officer in charge of Medical Exemptions.

PART I - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I, _____, am applying for a medical exemption which would allow me to pitch horseshoes in NHPA sanctioned events from a distance of 30 feet, instead of 40 feet, due to the following medical condition and other information described below which I proclaim to be true and accurate.

- What is the name of this medical condition? _____
- For how long have you had this condition? _____
- Do you consider this condition to be permanent? _____
- For how long have you pitched horseshoes? _____
- What is your date of birth _____ and current age? _____
- Explain what area(s) of your body are affected and why this condition prevents you from being able to pitch from 40 feet. (add an additional page if necessary) _____

- Have you seen a specialist about this medical condition? _____
- If so, for how long have you been under his/her care? _____
- Have you undergone surgery or other medical procedures for this condition? _____
- Has surgery or any other medical procedure been recommended? _____
- Do you have a current, handicap license plate or rear-view mirror placard granted by your State BMV? _____
- If this medical exemption is denied, will you continue pitching from 40 feet? _____
- **The medical doctor most familiar with my medical condition is:**

Name _____
 Address _____
 _____ zip code _____
 Telephone _____

PART II - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REVIEW

Copies of the above information will be circulated among the Executive Council members for review and voting. If two-thirds or more of the Council member agree, the exemption may be granted at this point. Council members may also defer their vote until after the *Medical Information and Professional Opinion Form* has been received from the attending physician. **Please Note:** As it may relate to the Medical Right to Privacy Act, all Charter council members have been directed to keep this medical information in strict confidence.

PART III - MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PROFESSIONAL OPINION

A separate medical questionnaire form may be sent to the attending physician for confirmation of the medical condition and for a professional opinion as it applies to the requested exemption.

PART IV - CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

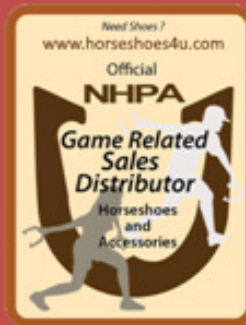
I hereby give permission for my medical doctor to release to the State HPA Executive Council, any medical information about my health condition as it may relate to this exemption request.

Signature of applicant _____
 Address _____
 _____ zip code _____
 Phone number _____
 NHPA card number _____

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Old NHPA Newsline Editions
Blaine Scott—NHPA Newsline Editor

We all enjoy pitching horseshoes, but I never knew that it would keep away my appendicitis! (they should have told me that before I had them removed)

On behalf of the NHPA members, we would like to express appreciation to Casey Sluys. Casey took on a very large project to scan many of the missing Newsline editions to make them available for all of us to enjoy. Since I am one that has personally scanned many records and pictures in my own family, I know the amount of time and dedication that this took for Casey. I hope that each of you will drop him a note of thanks for his love of horseshoes and for completing this special project for us.

The article *Appendicitis Kept Away By Ancient Sport* is from the February 1923 edition of the Newsline.

We are still seeking out missing editions of the very early editions of the various horseshoe newspapers and journals. If you happen to have any of them that you would allow us to scan, please let Casey or myself know. We will put them online as soon as they are available.

Thanks to each of you for your help in putting together the history of our sport! We all do it for the love of the game., and for the friendships which have been built over years or decades.

Blaine Scott
 NHPA Newsline Editor

**APPENDICITIS
 KEPT AWAY BY
 ANCIENT SPORT**

(By John Lodwick)
 ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Keep appendicitis away by pitching a game of horseshoes every day, is the advice offered by John "Hog" Miller, 82 years old, of Rock Valley, Ia., one of the expert "barn-yard golfers" now in training here for the fifth annual slipper slammer tournament for the United States championship to be held in the "Sunshine City" late in February.

Miller has been pitching horseshoes for 32 years and he attributes his good health to the old-fashioned game. He said he suffered severe intestinal disorders shortly after he celebrated his 50th birthday—and then he took up "barnyard golf."

Since he has been twirling the equestrian footwear, Miller says he has not been bothered with any ailment since.

"I like the game so well," he said, "that I hope to die with my shoes in my hands."

"I am going to live to be 100 or more," prophesied the Iowa hog raiser, "and horseshoes is going to help me get there."

According to Miller the game of horseshoe pitching keeps every muscle of the body in a man of 60 and over, well exercised. He figures that ten miles are covered by himself daily in walking from one end of the pitching lanes to the other, stooping to pick up his shoes at the end of each 40 foot hike.

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By Blaine Scott, NHPA Newsline Editor (Email: newsline@horseshoepitching.com)

Placement	Rate	Size
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Prepayment is required at time of order
 Ads must be scheduled in advance with Blaine Scott, NHPA Newsline Editor
 Artwork must be received by the 15th of the month prior to placement
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 Artwork should be sent in digital form to newsline@horseshoepitching.com
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ENTRY FORM (READ CAREFULLY)
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
 July 13th – July 25th West Monroe, Louisiana
2020 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



Name: _____		2020 NHPA Card # _____	
(Please Print) First Last		(or Canadian #)	
Address: _____			
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Telephone: _____	Cell: _____	Birth Date: _____	
Email: _____			
<u>Check One</u>		I will print my schedule. _____	
		Mail my schedule to me. _____	
		(One per household please.)	
Circle the <u>Division</u> you are entering: - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)			
OPEN MEN 40ft	SENIOR MEN 40ft (see note #2)	OPEN WOMEN 30ft	SENIOR WOMEN 30ft (see note #2)
			ELDER MEN / ME 30ft (see note #1)
			JR.BOY 30ft (see note #3)
			JR.GIRL 20ft
			CADET 20ft

All applicable information above is required. Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete.

Entry Deadline May 13th, 2020

No refunds will be made after May 17th, 2020

Note: A processing fee of \$15.00 will apply to all refunds.

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

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MAIL THE TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM ONLY along with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

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 Drexel, MO 64742

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:
 Phone (816) 738-0868
 Email sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a **postmark no later than May 13, 2020**. Entries received with a postmark after May 13th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. All adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 13, 2020, in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS / CANSTATS as of May 13th, 2020.

Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. NHPA and CANADIAN entrants must provide identification by sanction card, or other form of ID, when checking in. You may enter at anytime prior to May 13th. Please see note regarding refunds. **READ CAREFULLY:** Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2020. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2020, is older than 70, or has an approved medical exemption may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. Entrants in the **JUNIOR BOY and JUNIOR GIRL DIVISION** must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2020 calendar year. **JUNIOR CADET DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2020 calendar year.

Note # 1. 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must include a copy of their NHPA Charter Acceptance letter to verify eligibility to participate in this division.

Note # 2. For class play, a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Preliminaries.

Note # 3 Junior Boys and Junior Girls divisions will be mixed for preliminary play.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 31st** and published on the NHPA website. If you indicated above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the first week in June.

Please note: The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons; any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in NatStats or CanStats, any false or misleading information on this form, if the NHPA cannot verify through its established procedure the validity of any Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the deadline. No pitcher will be moved from class time or division, without notification, after final schedule has been published.