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President's Message

President's message...Thank you!

By Stu Sipma, NHPA President

The Council would like to welcome Wayne Callicoate to the NHPA Executive Council. The Council would also like to thank Rob Hagman for his service on the Executive Council and the many years he served as our NHPA I.T. Director. Rob decided not to run another term however still plans on helping with our I.T. team.

Wayne has been assigned the duties of I.T. Director, these duties include maintaining/setting up the W.T. computers, video cameras, and running the W.T. stat room along with the W.T. warm up tournament. Wayne will still maintain his duties as our NHPA Natstats Director until the end of the year. It is our intentions that the E-Shoe Program will take over these duties so a Natstats Director will not be needed. Wayne will also be assigned to the E-Shoe Committee working with Kurt Whaley, Dave Sidles, and Jim Kinney Jr. Wayne will be handling the duties of NHPA Webmaster.

It is with great sadness we lost one of our NHPA team members Steve Summerlin August 27th, 2020. Steve was our NHPA Webmaster in charge of maintaining our NHPA website for many years. On behalf of the NHPA Council, we wish Paula and all their family our deepest sympathy.

The Council would also like to mention the loss of our 7-time World Tournament Women's Champion Sue Snyder. Sue died on August 19th. The NHPA Council wishes Rick & Stacey our deepest sympathy. Sue was a true champion and an icon to the sport of horseshoes. For more information, please see the write-up in this issue of Newsline.

The 2021 World Tournament is scheduled for July 19th -31st, 2021 in Winnemucca NV. The NHPA trailer has arrived and Kim Peterson and his team are already working on the details for this tournament. For more information on the city of Winnemucca and the world tournament do not forget to watch the video on the front page of our NHPA website.

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The Council realizes how all this must affect you regarding Covid-19 and not be able to pitch your sanction leagues and tournaments. Please remember, "We're all in this together". We will get through this and be stronger than ever.

The Council encourages all of you to take advantage of the Horseshoe Pitching On-Line (HPO) tournaments to get your events in for next year.

With this being Labor Day weekend, the NHPA Council wishes all the Charters the best of luck in hosting their State Tournament. We all know that some States reported that they will not be able to host their state. However, for the Charters who are hosting, please make sure all precautions have been put in place for Covid-19 and social distancing.

On July 18th, 2020 at our online "Zoom" Delegate Meeting. I announced to the delegates that I have decided not to run for another term as your President. There is no reason other than I feel it is time for a change. It has been one of the best experiences in my life performing these duties. I know there are many members out there who can do this job so please give it some thought and start getting your resume ready to apply for this position.

In conclusion, with our declining membership and Charters struggling to maintain their Charter status, the Council is asking every one of you to do your part and sign up one new member next year. Make a vow to yourself to continue to grow our great sport. I know we can turn this trend around.

Charter leadership-The Council also needs for all of you to look at what you can do to grow this sport in your area. Feel free to call me anytime, however, I do need for you folks to make sure you have an "Active" Promotional Director and work with Laurie Lampkin on getting membership packages out to these new members. We can longer sit back and wait for people to come to us, each Charter needs to have a plan on reaching out to various organizations, schools, parks districts, non-sanction bar leagues, etc. to get the word out.

Thank You.

Stu



1st VP Message

Rule Changes

By Brian Poole 1st Vice President

To start off, I hope everyone is coping with COVID and staying safe and healthy wherever you are. Please take the precautions you need to when going out and doing your job, on vacation, or pitching some shoes.

We did have two Rule Changes that passed in the Delegate meeting held in July. I would like to briefly explain them to you.

The first rule change was adding the separate Classes for Boys and Girls Cadets if the Charters had enough participation for separate classes. If they don't, then the charters can still mix and have just one Cadet Champion and mix Boys and Girls together.

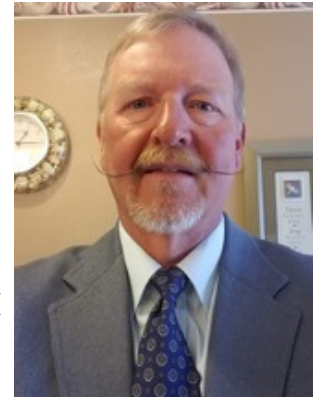
The second rule change was changing the wording to allow mix classes in State Tournaments if you had fewer than 4 in a class you could be mixed with another class. There was an amendment that specifies that you can't mix distances when mixing classes. This will give smaller charters this option when running their State Tournaments.

If you have any questions about those rule changes give me a call.

If you have a new rule change proposal, you need to submit it to me by September 30, 2020. Contact me if you want any help in the submission.

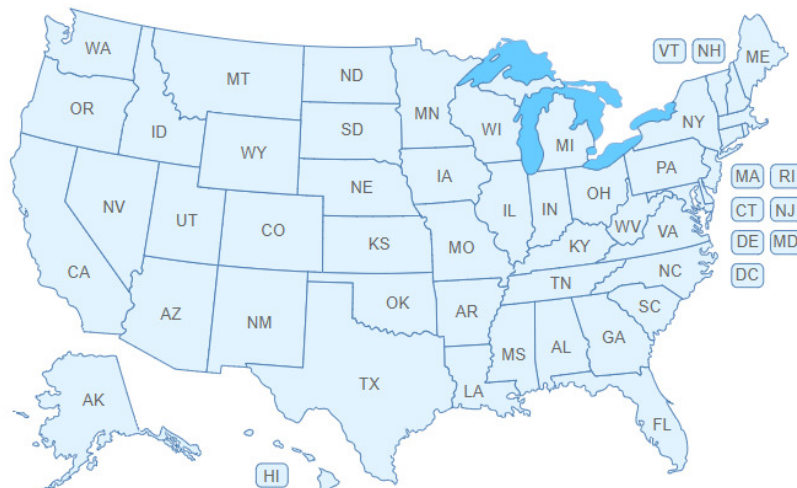
See you on the courts!

Do you have friends looking for a place to pitch horseshoes? Check out the map on the front page of horseshoepitching.com and click on the state to find the state horseshoe pitching association.



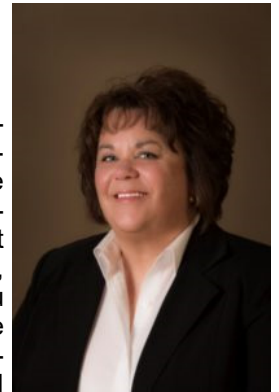
Click on your state to join the

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*2nd VP Message***638 New Members in 2020—Get a Welcome Bag***By Laurie Lampkin 2nd Vice President, Publicity & Promotion Director*

Several charters have worked on increasing their membership for 2020. This year, our circumstances are not as they normally are for pitching and competing. As of August, the NHPA acquired 638 new members. I would like to recognize and “Welcome” these new members to the NHPA through August 2020. If any of these charters would like for their new members to receive a new membership bag and T-shirt, the charter secretaries can e-mail me your current list along with the NHPA card # and First and Last Name, color and size of T-shirt (Navy Blue, White, Grey, Safety Yellow, Golden Yellow, Pink, Purple, Orange). Sizes are S-3X. If you need a larger size than a 3X these will need to be ordered in advance. No youth sizes are available. Remember, they must complete a minimum of two events by the end of the calendar year. These events can be a tournament, league, etc. Congrats to everyone and “Welcome” to the NHPA. Happy Pitching!



Crystal	Knighten	Alabama	Cristian	Tharin	California-North
Ethan	Knighten	Alabama	Daniel	Renteria	California-North
Jonathan	Scott	Alabama	David	Harmon	California-North
Brian	Bosch	Alaska	David	Meharg	California-North
Shannah	Adrian	Alaska	Diane	Luiz	California-North
Adam	Topper	Arizona	Dustin	Dashiell	California-North
Bill	Phillips	Arizona	Erich	Bravo	California-North
Bob	Swain	Arizona	Ernie	Reda	California-North
Cirilo	Encinas Jr.	Arizona	Gerardo	Aguilers	California-North
Dion	Koltes	Arizona	Greg	Norton	California-North
George	Stockton	Arizona	Hector	Rangel	California-North
Jessie	Fincher III	Arizona	Jesse	Bergeron	California-North
Ken	Moroney	Arizona	John	Flores	California-North
Mark	Garrison	Arizona	Julie	Carter	California-North
Martine	Raizola	Arizona	Martin	Aguilera	California-North
Paul	Daniels	Arizona	Matt	Simionato	California-North
Pete	Carreno	Arizona	Mike	Glantz	California-North
Richard	Moore	Arizona	Mike	Jones	California-North
Rick	Martinez Jr	Arizona	Norman	Benson	California-North
Ron	Arnold	Arizona	Peter	Clark	California-North
Rosalie	Knutsen	Arizona	Robert	Regalado	California-North
Steve	Lopez	Arizona	Roy	Miller	California-North
Sue	Franklin	Arizona	Sandi	Abbott	California-North
Aaron	Hult	California-North	Thomas	Larson	California-North
Abbey Rose	George	California-North	Tiffany	Fletcher	California-North
Beverley	Douglas	California-North	Tony	Spada	California-North
Brenda	Armenta	California-North	Virginia	Hadley	California-North
Brooks	Norton	California-North	Wayne	McGhee	California-North
Chad	Alvarez	California-North	Aadlyn	Eggleston	California-South
Charley	Riley	California-North	Conor	Caron	California-South
Chris	McDonald	California-North	Dwight	Whaley	California-South

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Geoff	Merzanis	California-South	Karen	Perna	Connecticut
Jesse	Molina	California-South	Kelsey	Pelletier	Connecticut
Jim	Hammack	California-South	Michael	Defilio	Connecticut
Jim	Stegmann	California-South	Mike	Pelletier	Connecticut
Joe	Villavicenio	California-South	Mike	Aubin	Connecticut
Justin	Wood	California-South	Mike	Zanelli	Connecticut
Kelsy	Saulsbury	California-South	Nute	Zach	Connecticut
Kevin	Kuhlman	California-South	Robert	Czaplicki	Connecticut
Mike	Ramirez	California-South	Scott	Aldridge Jr	Connecticut
Neal	Eggleston	California-South	Scott	Aldridge Sr	Connecticut
Nora	Eggleston	California-South	Shayne	Morey	Connecticut
Patrick	Caban	California-South	Ted	Dubay	Connecticut
Raymond	Covarrubias	California-South	Thomas	Hajbucki	Connecticut
Reece	Eggleston	California-South	Tyler	Rouillard	Connecticut
Relinda	Beesemyer	California-South	William	Whitehead III	Connecticut
Ricardo	Chavez	California-South	William	Fox	Connecticut
Rick	Auerbach	California-South	Brandon	Swain	Delaware
Steve	O'Dell	California-South	Glenn	Barber	Delaware
Steve	Orsua	California-South	Randy	Messick	Delaware
Theresa	Roberts	California-South	Richard	Mayes	Delaware
Thomas	Fortier	California-South	Rick	Cinclair	Delaware
Vincent	Slater	California-South	Artie	Norwood	Florida
William	Blanchard	California-South	Bob	Hawks	Florida
Andrew	Medina	Colorado	Bob	Jameson	Florida
Anthony	Fendick	Colorado	Brad	Haywood	Florida
Ben	Glab	Colorado	Chuck	Taylor	Florida
Brian	Fenimore	Colorado	Dan	Janicki	Florida
Bryant	Aguilera	Colorado	Don	Mainfort	Florida
Dan	Fogo	Colorado	Gary	Jordan	Florida
Derrick	Velasquez	Colorado	Gerald	Law	Florida
Frank	Derrera	Colorado	Gina	Duvall	Florida
Frank	King	Colorado	Jim	Hawes	Florida
Jayme	Wilson	Colorado	Jim	Milkiewicz	Florida
Jesse	Rodriguez	Colorado	John	Devoti	Florida
John W.	Martinez	Colorado	Lynn	Jordan	Florida
Kim	Fenimore	Colorado	Robert	Chaney	Florida
MICHAEL	MOORE	Colorado	Bronson	Gilbert	Georgia
Rafael	Diaz	Colorado	Bruce	Travillian	Georgia
Theresa	Martinez	Colorado	Clyde Grover	Holliday	Georgia
Timothy	Rindt	Colorado	David	Giles	Georgia
Andy	Perna	Connecticut	Jason	Johnson	Georgia
Gary	Petersen	Connecticut	John T	Bullington	Georgia
Georgiana	Defilio	Connecticut	Jonathan	Campbell	Georgia
Jeffrey	Rouillard	Connecticut	Logan	Race	Georgia
Joseph	Heery	Connecticut	Marco	Wingfield	Georgia

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Mark	Tefteller	Georgia	Ralph	Gorsuch	Indiana
Austin	Yoon	Hawaii	Rebecca	Norris	Indiana
David A.	Haleamau	Hawaii	Richard D.	Zarse	Indiana
David A.	Haleamau Jr.	Hawaii	Ryan	Miles	Indiana
Ivan	Graham	Hawaii	Bill	Takes	Iowa
Kalei	Akiona	Hawaii	Dennis	McCandless	Iowa
Kimo	Garcia	Hawaii	Leo	Lafrance	Iowa
Lorraine	Piimauna	Hawaii	Bob	O'Brien	Kansas
Michael	Arakawa	Hawaii	Dennis	Paxton	Kansas
Rachael	Kiata	Hawaii	Frank	Simmons	Kansas
Randy	Fujihara	Hawaii	James	Wages	Kansas
Shane	Akiona	Hawaii	Jeff	Paxon	Kansas
Sherwin	Akiona	Hawaii	Kaimana	Morris	Kansas
Sherwood	Carson	Hawaii	Keith	Doncouse	Kansas
Sonny	Kaiu	Hawaii	Michael	Trinkle	Kansas
Steven	Suzui	Hawaii	Michael	Cochran	Kansas
Steven	Koko	Hawaii	Mike	Eggers	Kansas
Teresa Ann	Micheletti	Hawaii	Morris	Oborny	Kansas
Wesley	Laronal	Hawaii	Patricia	Doncouse	Kansas
Bill	Fares II	Illinois	Randal	Drake	Kansas
Christopher	Bauer	Illinois	Ryder	Morris	Kansas
Chuck	McCain	Illinois	Steve	Freeman	Kansas
Dan	Walthers	Illinois	Tina	Ochs	Kansas
David	Nieospial	Illinois	Addison	Ashton	Kentucky
Dwen	Firpo	Illinois	Andrew	Hegener	Kentucky
Ed	Whiteside	Illinois	Anthony	Clemmons	Kentucky
Harl	Morgan	Illinois	Chris	Edwards	Kentucky
Landon	Morgan	Illinois	David	Johnson Jr.	Kentucky
Lee	Jenkins	Illinois	Destinnie	Howard	Kentucky
Linann	Riggleman	Illinois	Dwight	Gibson	Kentucky
Mike	Anderson	Illinois	Edgar	Sisson	Kentucky
Pamala	Carr	Illinois	George	Nicely	Kentucky
Patricia	Nelson	Illinois	Jacob	Irvin	Kentucky
Patrick	Moos	Illinois	Jacqueline	Gleissner	Kentucky
Robert	Rakestraw	Illinois	John	Shelton	Kentucky
Ron	Masura	Illinois	Levi	Johnson	Kentucky
Russ	Draper	Illinois	Norman	Spencer	Kentucky
William	Bales	Illinois	Terry	Stewart	Kentucky
Andre	Pepper	Indiana	Zayvier	Johnson	Kentucky
Becky	Norris	Indiana	Charlee	Gilmore	Louisiana
Chris	Judson	Indiana	Craig	Rink	Louisiana
John	Brewer	Indiana	Dennis	Thomas	Louisiana
Kenny	Parrish	Indiana	Glen	Hidalgo	Louisiana
Moore	Corbin	Indiana	Jim	Guzdial	Louisiana
Perry	Shepard	Indiana	Joey	Harrison	Louisiana

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Joseph	Thomas III	Louisiana	Tim	Blosser	Michigan
Lamont	Greenwood	Louisiana	Tru Leah	Urie	Michigan
Larry	Nulty	Louisiana	Amanda	Vivant	Minnesota
Laura	Shaw	Louisiana	C J	Schwintek	Minnesota
Mary	Guzdial	Louisiana	Darell	Giles	Minnesota
Ricky	Pitre	Louisiana	James	Toomey	Minnesota
Alex	Trent	Maine	Ken	Witt	Minnesota
Ben	Moore	Maine	Logan	Andersen	Minnesota
Jacob	Lajoie	Maine	Mysi	Miller	Minnesota
Jeremy	Dawson	Maine	Roy	Laine	Minnesota
Josh	Derby	Maine	Sarah J	Nelson	Minnesota
Rebecca	Tesseo	Maine	Adam	Hall	Missouri
Alex	Rivest	Massachusetts	Al	Crowley	Missouri
Alexis	<u>St.Pierre</u>	Massachusetts	Amanda	Dreier	Missouri
CLIFF	MUNROE	Massachusetts	Angie	Davis	Missouri
Deveny	Bradley	Massachusetts	Anthony	Adrian	Missouri
Ethan	<u>St.Pierre</u>	Massachusetts	Bill	Paland	Missouri
Glenn	Slade	Massachusetts	Bill	Wheeler	Missouri
Jim	Thomas	Massachusetts	Blake	Westhues	Missouri
Matthew	Vroom	Massachusetts	Brittany Rose	Hess	Missouri
Nicole	Hansen	Massachusetts	Calab	Kauffman	Missouri
RICHARD	QUINTAL	Massachusetts	Calvin	McGrew	Missouri
Richard A.	Pelley	Massachusetts	Charles	Horton	Missouri
Tim	Higgins	Massachusetts	Chris	Mize	Missouri
TIM	MacDonald	Massachusetts	Dan	Westhues	Missouri
Alan	Barringer	Michigan	Danny	Brewster	Missouri
Brandy	Morehead	Michigan	Dave	McManus	Missouri
Colin	Vanderveen	Michigan	David	Cessarich	Missouri
Eric	Guy	Michigan	David	Grame	Missouri
Erica	Reeves	Michigan	Dean	Dickherber	Missouri
Gary	Fowler	Michigan	Dennis	Brown	Missouri
Heather	Mueller	Michigan	Dick	Schnarr	Missouri
Jacob	Owen	Michigan	Don	Comer Jr	Missouri
James	Toth	Michigan	Eli	Tucker	Missouri
James	Urie Jr.	Michigan	Emily	Freiburger	Missouri
Joe	Hettrick	Michigan	Frank	Doering	Missouri
Keara	Hunter	Michigan	Gary	Dingledine	Missouri
Lauralynn	Williams	Michigan	Glen	Schwaegel	Missouri
Marc	Mowry	Michigan	Greg C	Polsgrove	Missouri
Mark	Guy	Michigan	Jace	Goldizen	Missouri
Michael	Luebke	Michigan	Jayson	Freiburger	Missouri
Neal M.	Glover	Michigan	Jesse	Sanders	Missouri
Pamela	Nelson	Michigan	Joey	McFee	Missouri
Robin	Leas	Michigan	John	Russell	Missouri
Roger	Keyes	Michigan	John	Longnecker	Missouri

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John	Lucas	Missouri	Bronsen	Haack	Nebraska-East
John E	Helbing	Missouri	Bruce	Crowe	Nebraska-East
Joshua	Meyer	Missouri	Chris	Grell	Nebraska-East
Kathy	Narup	Missouri	Dalton	Lewis	Nebraska-East
Kayla	Tiller	Missouri	Dana	Graham	Nebraska-East
Linda	Pierce	Missouri	Danny	Lee	Nebraska-East
Lori	Bond	Missouri	Darin	Miller	Nebraska-East
Lori	Nett	Missouri	David	McLaughlin	Nebraska-East
Maggie	Tucker	Missouri	Doug	Johnston	Nebraska-East
Mark	Anderson	Missouri	Douglas	Neumann	Nebraska-East
Marty	Willis	Missouri	Dustin	Hurt	Nebraska-East
Michael	Brooks	Missouri	Ed	McCloskey	Nebraska-East
Monty	McFee	Missouri	Edward	Chacon	Nebraska-East
Pam	Meyer	Missouri	Edward	Chacon Sr	Nebraska-East
Rick	Leach	Missouri	Fred	Mace	Nebraska-East
Ricky	Leach	Missouri	Joe	Kepford	Nebraska-East
Robert	Smith	Missouri	Joe	Sykora	Nebraska-East
Ronald	Schwane	Missouri	John	Yuest	Nebraska-East
Roy	Dowell	Missouri	Joli	Garbers	Nebraska-East
Ryan	Tune	Missouri	Josh	Barrs	Nebraska-East
Scott	Collier	Missouri	Justin	Schindler	Nebraska-East
Scott	Lewis	Missouri	Lance	Kordewski	Nebraska-East
Steve	Gallamore	Missouri	Lou	McNeal	Nebraska-East
Steven	Gamache	Missouri	Marty	Martin III	Nebraska-East
Terry	Schneider	Missouri	Matt	Grell	Nebraska-East
Theresa	Bendzick	Missouri	Matthew	Barrs	Nebraska-East
Tim	Korba	Missouri	Miguel	Lemburg	Nebraska-East
Trevor	Korba	Missouri	Nate	Weberg	Nebraska-East
Wayne	Gilleo	Missouri	Nick	Sanger	Nebraska-East
William	Smith	Missouri	Serenity	Drew	Nebraska-East
William T	Durkin	Missouri	Tedd	Leas	Nebraska-East
Wyatt	Zerr	Missouri	Todd	Baker Sr	Nebraska-East
Amanda	Tracy	Montana	Tony	Dillow	Nebraska-East
Austin	Groux	Montana	Travyn	Bear	Nebraska-East
Brently	Bokma	Montana	Brayden	Fulton	Nebraska-West
Cathy	Elfstrom	Montana	Carlos	Reza	Nebraska-West
DuWayne	Osterman	Montana	Garth	Genoways	Nebraska-West
Jackie	Suden-Miller	Montana	Gary	Danford	Nebraska-West
Jackson	Gaskins	Montana	Joe	RedNest	Nebraska-West
Kayla	Muston	Montana	John	No Leaf	Nebraska-West
Kylar	Bokma	Montana	John Ryan	Vergil	Nebraska-West
Lilli	Gaskins	Montana	Joseph	Rodriguez	Nebraska-West
Shawn	Schular	Montana	Julie	Hughes	Nebraska-West
TJ	Smith	Montana	Lavern	Whipple	Nebraska-West
Brandon	White	Nebraska-East	Manual	Medina	Nebraska-West

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Michael	Minzey Jr.	Nebraska-West	Corey	Wilson	Ohio
Alison	Breeden	Nevada	Dale	Shelinbarger	Ohio
Austin	Sligar	Nevada	Dan	Bathrick	Ohio
Chuck	Smith	Nevada	Darrin	Furr	Ohio
Demarcus	Corley	Nevada	Derek	Wheeler	Ohio
Doreen	Welter	Nevada	Elmer	Herman	Ohio
GEORGE	MALLORY	Nevada	George	Johnson	Ohio
Jeff	Breeden	Nevada	Gregory	Nuesse	Ohio
Jefferson	Counts	Nevada	Haggy	Hageman	Ohio
John	Hyde	Nevada	Jacob	Fuller	Ohio
John	Pickard	Nevada	James	Chappelear	Ohio
Michael	Welter	Nevada	Jeff	Arrowood	Ohio
Russell	Jacobs	Nevada	Jeff	Martin	Ohio
Steven	Dilger	Nevada	Jeff	Robbins	Ohio
Wes	Duryee	Nevada	John C	Gerber	Ohio
Bernie	Brooks	New Hampshire	John G	Gerber	Ohio
Caleb	Howe	New Hampshire	Larry	Haskins	Ohio
Eric	Becker	New Hampshire	Lisa	Conley	Ohio
Greg	Halverson	New Hampshire	Mike	Roback	Ohio
James	Brownell	New Hampshire	Nicollette	Lardin	Ohio
Jeremy	Brownell	New Hampshire	Ron	Kear	Ohio
Kim	Trombly	New Hampshire	Sandy	Hart	Ohio
Paul	Marion	New Hampshire	Susan	Roback	Ohio
Shane	Chiasson	New Hampshire	Tom	Helmstetter	Ohio
Chris	Rivera	New Mexico	Tom	Williams	Ohio
Henry	Charley III	New Mexico	Tom	Wylie	Ohio
LaShai	Mace	New Mexico	Brian	Sanders	Oklahoma
Tevis	Delgarito	New Mexico	Bruce	Petty	Oklahoma
Aaron	Sonnleitner	New York	Dusty	Stasyszen	Oklahoma
Andy	Sanford	New York	Paul	Seay	Oklahoma
Chip	Pascuzzo	New York	Rodney	Whitehead	Oklahoma
Dan	Gillespie	New York	Ben	Fazio	Oregon
Dave A	Christiansen	New York	Bob	Barrett	Oregon
Frank	Wheeler	New York	David	Wenrick	Oregon
Gary P	Spry Sr	New York	Glenn	Gilbert	Oregon
Gordon	Crosby	New York	Harvey	Bontrager	Oregon
Laura	Paskuly	New York	Jenny	Gilbert	Oregon
Michael	Onorati	New York	Leslie	Fazio	Oregon
Ron	Beagle	New York	Lowell	Davis	Oregon
Thomas	Macintyre	New York	Luca	Fazio	Oregon
Mark	LaBella	North Carolina	Michael	Flanary	Oregon
Melvin	Taft	North Carolina	Mike	Barrett	Oregon
Roy	Alston	North Carolina	Rich	Haller	Oregon
Bevin	Cormack	Ohio	Robert	Zeulner	Oregon
BJ	Tom	Ohio	Sean	Pierce	Oregon

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Stephen	Marlow	Oregon	RICKY	KING	Rhode Island
Thomas	Faulkner	Oregon	RJ	Shmaruk	Rhode Island
Will	Marriott	Oregon	Samantha	Rowan	Rhode Island
Andy	Horner	Pennsylvania-East	Tracy	Zegarzewski	Rhode Island
Bruce	Stanrah	Pennsylvania-East	Ben	Sherman	South Dakota
Cody	Kline	Pennsylvania-East	Chester	Cross Dog	South Dakota
Jeffrey	Porter	Pennsylvania-East	Cody	Haiwick	South Dakota
John	Cornelius	Pennsylvania-East	David	Broich	South Dakota
John	Pellew	Pennsylvania-East	Myra	Christensen	South Dakota
Josh	Pellew	Pennsylvania-East	Anita	Evans	Tennessee
Kane	Furlow	Pennsylvania-East	Beverly	Sizemore	Tennessee
Karl	Weidner	Pennsylvania-East	Charles	Kolitz	Tennessee
Kurt	Kohl	Pennsylvania-East	Guy	Taylor	Tennessee
Mark	Lindstrom Jr.	Pennsylvania-East	James	Gibson	Tennessee
Matthew	Bosserman	Pennsylvania-East	Johnny	Jones	Tennessee
Michael	Considine Jr.	Pennsylvania-East	Lawrence	Adamczyk	Tennessee
Mike	Pitz	Pennsylvania-East	Reginald	Holland	Tennessee
Scott	Slaby	Pennsylvania-East	Scott	Sandberg	Tennessee
Zachary	Rider	Pennsylvania-East	Braxton	Neering	Utah-North
Henry	Ford	Pennsylvania-West	Bryce	Stilwell	Utah-North
Jeff	Zaharko	Pennsylvania-West	Cynthia	Dameron	Utah-North
Jim	Dlubak	Pennsylvania-West	Josh	Houser	Utah-North
Leon	Proper	Pennsylvania-West	Josh	Workman	Utah-North
Marc	Caminiti	Pennsylvania-West	Mariah	Dillman	Utah-North
Paul	Butcher	Pennsylvania-West	Matthew	Workman	Utah-North
Ron	Doucet	Pennsylvania-West	Tyrone	Powell	Utah-North
Tyler	Pickford	Pennsylvania-West	Adalyn	Johnson	Utah-South
Amanda	Patterson	Rhode Island	Archer	Miller	Utah-South
Carmella	Perego	Rhode Island	Ava	Croft	Utah-South
Clifton	Cheney	Rhode Island	Aydree	Fuller	Utah-South
ERIC	HALL	Rhode Island	Brayli	Frandsen	Utah-South
Frank	Silva	Rhode Island	Brisa	Croft	Utah-South
James	Martineau	Rhode Island	Britnie	Simcox	Utah-South
Kyle	Cookson	Rhode Island	Brock	Robinson	Utah-South
Lucien	Chartier	Rhode Island	Bryce	Jacobsen	Utah-South
MICHAEL	MONTI	Rhode Island	Cole	Harland	Utah-South
nick	palazzo II	Rhode Island	Dalton	Davis	Utah-South
NICK	ROWAN	Rhode Island	Eric	Trujillo	Utah-South
RICHARD	HOLIDAY	Rhode Island	Howard	Nash	Utah-South

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Hunter	Bridges	Utah-South
Ian	Croft	Utah-South
Ian	Miller	Utah-South
Kadee	Harland	Utah-South
Kaitlin	Bulloch	Utah-South
Leo	Harrison	Utah-South
Lindy	Anderson	Utah-South
Logann	Laws	Utah-South
Lyf	Erickson	Utah-South
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Payton	Naegele	Utah-South
Rick	Miller	Utah-South
Tiara	Sorenson	Utah-South
Trevor	Spencer	Utah-South
Wade	Christensen	Utah-South
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Earl	Thompson	Washington
Janessa	Knudsen	Washington
Joseph	Jackson	Washington
Patrick	Moore	Washington
David	Bryant	West Virginia
Doug	Martin	West Virginia
JR	Sims	West Virginia
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Dominic	Potter	Wisconsin
Donald	Lammers	Wisconsin
Emma	Henningfield	Wisconsin
James	Wicklander Sr	Wisconsin
Jim	Conley	Wisconsin
Maraha	Hillyer	Wisconsin
Noah	Wicklander	Wisconsin
Owen	Prasalowicz	Wisconsin
Reese	Geier	Wisconsin
Sarah	Henningfield	Wisconsin
Sierra	Jones	Wisconsin
Tiffany	Potter	Wisconsin

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NHPA Trading Cards
Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP Publicity & Promotion Director

Introducing - NHPA Trading Cards



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#7	Year	Place	W.L.	Ringers	Shoes	Pct.	Location	2020
1987	1987	8th place	7-3	112	852	74.79%	Eau Claire, Wisconsin	
1988	1988	8th place	6-7	881	1112	77.43%	Pleasanton, California	
1989	1989	2nd place	13-2	889	860	80.12%	Bloomington, Mississippi	
1990	1990	WC	12-5	885	1046	84.61%	Columbus, Ohio	
1991	1991	WC	3-0	746	874	76.59%	Spearfish, South Dakota	
1992	1992	2nd place	15-0	164	889	90.11%	Syracuse, New York	
1993	1993	WC	14-1	889	182	84.19%	Perry, Georgia	
1994	1994	9th place	10-9	875	1056	89.38%	Gillette, Wyoming	
1995	1995	2nd place	13-2	1025	990	77.53%	Kitchener, Ontario Canada	
1996	1996	5th place	18-1	733	1322	82.55%	Ansborough, Nebraska	
1997	1997	6th place	11-4	857	888	77.53%	Greenville, Ohio	
1998	1998	6th place	9-6	723	1014	77.53%	Bismarck, North Dakota	
1999	1999	WC	17-6	729	948	77.53%	Eau Claire, Wisconsin	
2000	2000	WC	21-2	1147	1456	79.58%	Pocatello, Idaho	
2001	2001	3rd place	22-1	885	1140	78.74%	Gillette, Wyoming	
2002	2002	2nd place	16-3	870	1056	83.30%	Ardmore, Oklahoma	
2003	2003	WC	18-2	829	1042	79.38%	York, Pennsylvania	
2004	2004	3rd place	19-1	822	1044	78.74%	Springfield, Illinois	
2005	2005	4th place	15-4	1065	1234	87.47%	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	
2006	2006	3rd place	16-3	1129	1356	83.20%	West Monroe, Louisiana	
2007	2007	4th place	13-2	816	1028	79.38%	St. George, Tennessee	
2008	2008	4th place	11-4	667	850	78.47%	Buffalo, New York	
2009	2009	6th place	11-4	510	754	67.64%	Topoka, Kansas	
2010	2010	6th place	9-6	525	762	69.63%		
2011	2011	6th place	11-4	571	820	69.63%		
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Back

Over the years, the NHPA has been asked by its members to create trading cards. At one time, there were trading cards with various NHPA pitchers, but I am not sure what happened to that project or who created those cards. I have never seen them, but I have been told they do exist. If you were ever fortunate enough to have those cards, you may want to hang on to them.

Generally, trading cards feature such information as a person's stats and playing record. In our younger days, if you were a collector or wanting to trade cards and looking to get your hands on a specific player, you would buy several packs of cards to try to find that "special" one in a pack. The excitement and the thrill of finding that hard to get card in a pack was all worth going to the store and spending your allowance to get it.

Card trading and collecting have almost become extinct in a digital world. As a kid growing up in my dad's grocery store back in the 60's, I collected baseball cards as most kids did back in the day. I was lucky enough to open a pack of cards one day and acquired a Topps 1968 Johnny Bench Rookie Card #247, I was so excited, and my father took the card immediately from me and put it away in a safety deposit box in the bank and I never saw it again until I got older. As years went past, I kept collecting and then I passed along my collection to my son. As the years have past, I had forgotten about the fun and the days I had spent opening packs at my father's store and the thrill of the hunt for that one special card to finish out a set.

Currently, The NHPA Council along with Stan Griggs have been working on the details of creating these trading cards. We have been working on this project for a couple of months via "Zoom Meetings", hashing out the information that will be on the cards, and then determining a timeline for production, printing and taking orders.

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Trading Cards continued...

We hope these cards will be something that everyone of all ages can enjoy, collect, trade, and hang on to as a treasure to pass along to other generations and to keep our sport of Horseshoes thriving.

Here are the details of how we are launching the cards.

TIMELINE OF RELEASE: Our anticipated date of “Release” will be around **November 15, 2020**. Here is a breakdown of what the first release sets will consist of in the beginning. These cards will be professionally printed on card stock like baseball cards.

- Cards will be 3.5 x 2.5 standard sports card size. (See the sample above).
- There will be a total of 4 sets. Each set will consist of 12 cards.
- The first run will only have 100 total sets.
- Each set will cost \$20.00 + tax + shipping. You can purchase 1 set or all 4 sets or as many as you wish, there is no limit to what you can purchase. In the future, we may offer special purchase prices.

The first Four sets will be 1st Edition Sets:

- World Champion Men Set – 1st Edition
- World Champion Women Set – 1st Edition
- Contenders Set – 1st Edition
- Vintage Era Set – 1st Edition – (Black & White)

(NOTE: After the first 100 sets have been sold, the cards **will not** have this “1st Edition” wording on them moving forward).

These Sets just got "Turbo-Charged" as you now will have a 1:20 Odds of pulling an actual autographed card of World Champion Alan Francis or 10-Time World Champion Vicki Winston. These autographed cards will be randomly inserted into the 12 card sets. These will be rare and are called "Chase Cards". May the odds be ever in your favor...

As time goes by, we will stir things up a bit and offer various groups of pitchers with “Special” markings, limited editions, rookie cards, or specific information that will make them more collectible, mixed in a pack. Please know that we will eventually have cards for all divisions and groups. This will take time to get all groups created and printed and as we create a new set, we will make the announcement prior to their release so that everyone can be prepared to purchase.

We will begin to take advance orders on **September 14, 2020** on the NHPA website only using PayPal. There will be a specific location on the NHPA website for you to go and view the sets and make your purchase. This will work in the same way that you pay online for your World Tournament entry fees. These trading cards make great birthday gifts, stocking stuffers, and collectibles. We hope that no one will put them in their spokes on their bicycles to hear that special sound as we did when we were kids and not realizing what we had in our possession ☐.

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.

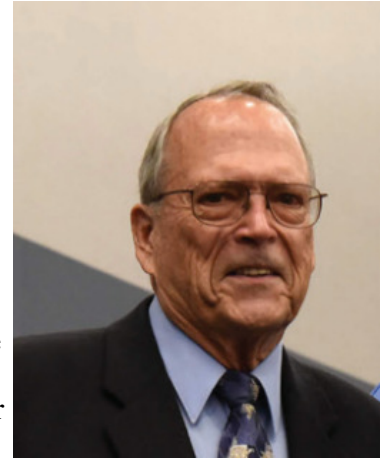
Types of Sponsorships/Advertising available during the World Tournament:

- 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

3rd VP Message

Sanctioned League Report

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian



As the year drags on and the coronavirus continues to disrupt many parts of our horseshoe pitching world, I want to let everyone know where leagues stand. As the National League Director, it is my responsibility to oversee the league program as written in the Redbook. The Redbook is not covered by the NHPA by-laws, so most decisions fall into my lap. I want to promote league play in any way that I can, and it is always my top priority. I always run major changes in the programs by the council and get their input and approval. The events of this year are unprecedented and have affected virtually every one of us. I want to move forward and be fair to league pitchers and fair to the goals of the NHPA.

When the NHPF and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club announced that the Wentzville facility would be closed until at least January 1st of 2021, the Sanctioned League Championships had to be canceled or moved. Moving the tournament to another facility was certainly an option, but that is not as easy as it seems. The HOF facility is indoors, centrally located, and the Quail Ridge Club is large and essential to running the tournament. I am sure that it could be done, but how safely and how responsibly? It requires travel from around the country and I personally do not want that and do not feel that I can honestly control the possible spread of the virus. Another large contributing factor to my decision was the limited number of leagues that are being pitched this year and the smaller than usual numbers of pitchers in those leagues that are being pitched. Getting a competitive tournament together would have been a challenge for sure.

The league numbers submitted so far indicate that 2020 will have less than half the normal number of leagues. This fact brings me to two more decisions; first, the lack of a league in 2020 will not affect a club's longevity standings. The NHPA awards Clubs/Leagues with longevity awards in five-year increments providing they have at least one league per year. Leagues unable to hold leagues in 2020 will be waived keeping their longevity intact. Second, I will not award the annual "Top Ten" awards for 2020 with such a small sampling of leagues. There are categories of awards that currently do not even have any or not enough entries to fill out ten places. I do not feel that that the "Top Ten" list would be meaningful and worthy. The cost to produce these awards is substantial and with the NHPA budget in mind, I feel it is best to forgo the awards this year. I will probably just combine the 2020 and 2021 seasons into lists covering the two-year period. That way excellence can still be awarded to those leagues that were pitched in 2020. I feel that would be fair.

I hope that we get back to normal by early next year and the league program can resume its usual pace. The league program is an important aspect of the NHPA and an excellent portal for new pitchers. Let us work together to continue the program and continue to encourage new pitchers to get involved. I also hope that league directors are in touch with pitchers and making plans to get started back with leagues ASAP. Stay safe

Jerry Smith
NHPA 3rd VP

*4th VP Message***Happy to join the NHPA as 4th VP***By Wayne Callicoatte, 4th Vice President,*

Howdy to all,

Want to say that it is a pleasure to be elected to the office of NHPA 4th Vice President and to be able to work with the other dedicated officers of the NHPA. You can call or email me with any question that you might have and if I don't have the answer I will try to get the answer for you. Listed below are the duties that I have been assigned. In addition to continue being the **Natstats Director** until eShoe is up and running completely I will also handle the following.

**NHPA Webmaster**

Assist Dalton Rakestraw with setting up the layout for the W.T.

Serve on the E-Shoe Committee with Kurt Whaley, David Sidles, & Jim Kinney Jr.

Duties of NHPA 4th Vice President/Natstats Director/

- Receive and input tournament results by Charters into Natstats Data Base.
- Work with the NHPA Sec/Treas to confirm membership reports for accuracy.
- Work closely with the HS Programmer to make sure the two soft-wares are communicating.
- Attend the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships
- Write articles to Newslane pertaining to changes updates related to Natstats.
- Work with other Countries of providing consistency of documenting membership and tournament results into their software similar to what we do with Natstats.
- Director of the W.T. Stat room.
- Responsible for working with the Sec/Treas making sure all W.T. entries are correct and accurate.
- Providing results to the Shift Director for awards.
- T.D. for the W.T. warm up tournament making sure the electronics are working properly and reliable.
- May be called upon by the President to assist other Charters in setting up HS Master and HS Scoring.
- Maintain the reliability of the HOF Building including the scoring for the QRHC.
- Prepare each year to the President of list of items for discussion and a budget for IT spending for the winter meeting.
- Responsible for all the electronics for the W.T. consisting of the monitoring, computers, modems, drop cams, wiring, etc.



*5th VP Message***Sanctioned Horseshoe Online Pitching (SHOP)***By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President*

As this issue of Newsline comes out we will not be pondering the new world champions, our world championship wins, games lost, great memories of world tournament ambiance. We all have to look forward to that next year. Also, I purchased a new computer, and this will be my third take at writing this article so here we go...again. Ha! I am anxiously waiting for this pandemic to end and things to return to "normal." Whether that be masks, social distancing for months to come or whatever. I am hoping to get back out and make the friendships on the courts and see everyone soon!

As Q3 comes to an end, the RD's conference call will begin next week. We will be discussing 2021, tournament schedules, patch orders, and continuation of the COVID mail in waiver, which has been extended until December 31, 2020. The RD's have worked hard during this time to please all the TD's with the mail-in tournament's patch orders and trying to keep up-to-date tournament schedules with them all. If you see your charter RD please thank them the next time you see them. It takes a group of dedicated individuals working together to make these duties work and the team assembled now is one of the best.

The Horseshoe Tour admin committee has set the final stop of the 2020 tour in Morgan City, Louisiana. The dates are set for October 10-11, 2020. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn & Suites. Although, there will most likely be some regulations due to coronavirus, we can all pull together and make this event successful and enjoy it. For those interested in these events check out their website at thehorseshoetour.com

There is a new Facebook group that was recently launched for Sanctioned Horseshoe Online Pitching. The 'SHOP' is a Facebook page created to host online tournaments and leagues for sanctioned horseshoe pitching. You must have a camera and pitch towards one end, or you can pitch both ways with a camera at one end but be pitching with someone to verify scores. It is a neat group with the first inaugural tournament underway. Here is the current admin team, we are available for questions and to get you started:

Walter Ray Williams Jr.-FL

Steven Gibson-N.UT

Jeremy Smith-NC

David Lane-N.CA

Tina Hawkins-OK

Cecil Bowes-NC

Deb Scully-CT

Michael Brown-VT

Karen Graham-NY

Sue Laughlin-NY

Rick Howe-MA

Tom Moffat-BC,CAN

Ken Fraser-NY

Dalton Rakestraw-IL

Come on out to the SHOP and let's pitch!



Sanctioned Horseshoe Online Pitching continued...

My busy time of the year, with the upcoming year's patch order, is beginning. Each year in September I start making additions to the patch orders then send out order forms to all the RD's for their respective charter patches. So, my office time will be swamped in the next coming weeks. I try to get things out to my RD's beginning October 1 of each year for the coming year. I am going to try to facelift the patches again for 2021...seems like the new ones for this year were cursed. Haha! I will be discussing that this coming week on the RD conference call.

I end this article wishing everyone great health. Stay safe during this time. Make wise decisions about going places. I know I have taken a job now in San Francisco and I need to think about that advice, but as long as you are smart with traveling, all should be well. I wish everyone good luck in their upcoming charter state tournaments (for those still having them). See you all soon!

Ted Allen Comments On Game . . .

In one of the horseshoe publications in the early infancy of our organization it tells of a newspaper man coining the phrase "Barnyard Golf". In the day of the horse and buggy it was quite an invention, especially since the larger membership came from the rural communities in those times. The man probably did as much and loved the game as much as any of us, for he was a great booster for it, but little did he realize that 20 to 40 years hence the majority of our players would come from sports minded people who think of it as highly competitive sport.

Have you noticed that more and more of the newer members of our organization may not know which is the toe and heel of the shoe we pitch? The newer generation and those to come may not stop to realize how the names of the position on the shoe got started. Sometimes I do not know whether to use the older terms, because the modern sportsmen may not know what I am talking about. It has become customary for some people to speak of the heel as the "opening end," or the "front," and the toe as "circle" or "back end", because we sportsmen want the opening to go forward to the stake. Now-a-days many of us will walk up to the peg and speak of back end as the one facing the pitcher, or the front as the end trying to or encircle the peg, which helps the game to get known as a sport. If you try to explain to a spectator, using the terms heel and toe, they become confused, unless they are equestrians, then the game reverts to the barnyard game again, which we do not wish it to be known as.

Many have never seen the shoes on the horses, with the exception of areas where riding horses is a great outdoor sport. Even in Boulder and other towns most of our pitchers do not even own a horse, being business men or other workers. I participate in both sports, but it hurts me when a newspaper writer insists on calling it "barnyard golf." This happened to me on an A. P. article, by the one who interviewed me. The article was good except for the name he called it. It appeared he hadn't kept up with the game and that he was remembering the old days and no one was going to change it for him. It shows how some writers only write for the story, and never really keep up on the sport as a sport, but only just for a story.

Copied from the July 1962 Newsline edition...see the old editions online at www.horseshoepitching.com

From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

NHPA eShoe to replace Natstats for 2021

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

We are nearing the end of another year for the National Horseshoe Pitching Association. 2020 has been an exceedingly difficult year for many members and their charters due to the Corona Virus mandates. Our membership numbers for 2020 are down from last year. This has been an ongoing trend for quite a few years. I know the virus has been a factor with the numbers. One saving grace for the organization, and the sport, is online pitching. This has grown to be a huge part of our sport. I feel when we get back to a normal way of conducting business this way of pitching will be here for the long stay. Most of the pitchers I have observed have handled the changes we have had to make with a professional and patient attitude. I thank everyone for this. We will all get through this together.



The first year of the membership tracking program, eShoe, has been a huge success. I have been working with each charter on updates, invoicing, and other tools thru out the year. Kurt Whaley, and his team, have been working diligently to continue to work on eShoe and the integration with HSMaster. This fall we will ask states to start getting familiar with the Tournament features of eShoe. Our goal is that all tournaments for 2021 will get setup in eShoe in advance of the tournament being held, typically when the state has determined their schedule for the year. We expect that this would be done by some combination of the state Regional Director and/or state Statistician. What ever works best for each Charter. A schedule for all tournaments in the US will be available for viewing in eShoe with various search options. Any tournaments run with HSMaster, will be able to send results directly to eShoe. The results and resulting averages will be updated immediately! For tournaments that are not run with HSMaster we will provide manual ways for those results to be entered into eShoe. In all cases the goal is to replace NATSTATs with eShoe as an immediate record keeping tool. This gives us our official NHPA membership and official event participation in the same system. To make this all work together will require a new version of HSMaster be installed on your personal computer. This will also be available this fall. This is the next phase of eShoe being implemented. Until we transition from NATSTATs to eShoe with the results we need everyone to help monitor the way the names of the members appear in both eShoe and NATSTATs. If anyone notices the spelling or display of a member's name in any way different in eShoe then it is displayed in NATSTATs please contact me with the correction. The Tournament directors are the first ones who can help with this by making sure all members names are listed as they are in NATSTATs until the transition is made. I know this makes for extra work, but it is just temporary. I would like everyone to know that Kurt Whaley, Dave Sidles, and myself have been working together to make this transition to the eShoe program as smooth and easy as possible. Everyone will be able to update their membership for 2021 on October 1st, 2020. If you have any questions about the program or need any assistance, please contact me.

The NHPA has given the option to either refund the 2020 World Tournament entries or apply the entry to the 2021 World Tournament located in Winnemucca, Nevada. I need anyone who sent an entry fee, who has not contacted me with their decision, to contact me as soon as possible. Please pass this information along to everyone. Most entries have already sent me or called me with their decision, and I thank you. I hope to see all of you at Winnemucca, Nevada in 2021. Until then keep throwing those shoes wherever and whenever you can. Thank you!

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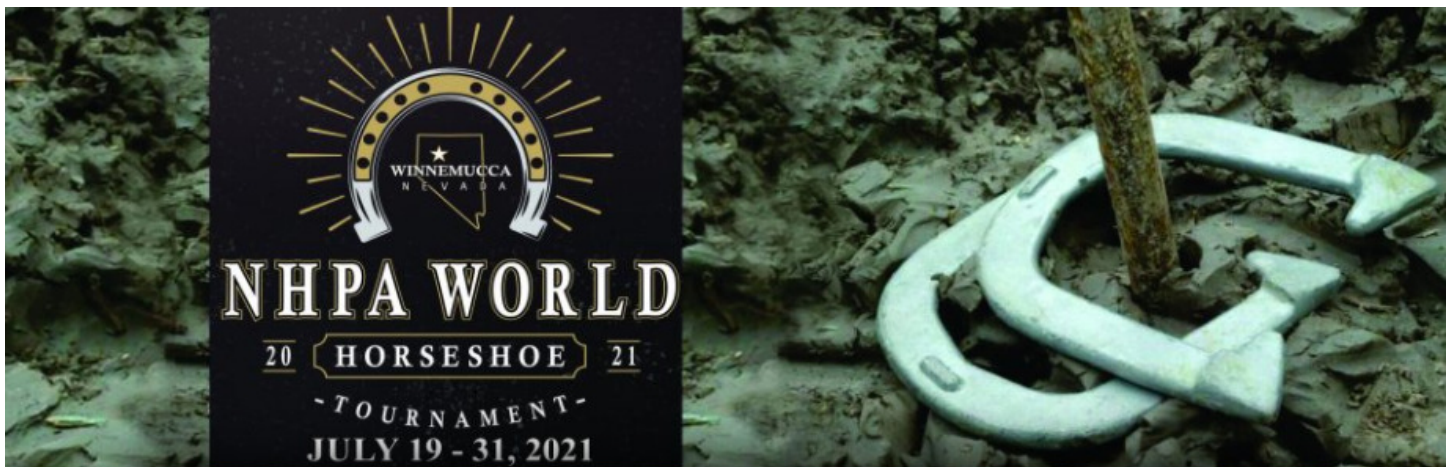


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This year's Duck Race is: September 19, 2020

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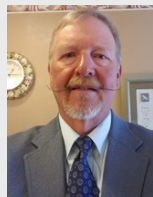


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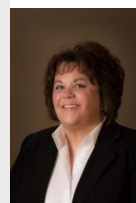


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NHPA World Tournament Statistician

Remembering Stone Mountain, Georgia WT

By Stan Griggs

The first WT of the new decade headed down south to Stone Mountain, Georgia in 1990. The tournament was again under cover, but not inside, so weather was not supposed to be a problem. The weather was however very interesting as electrical storms and rain passed through putting on quite a show, so much so that some of the participants dropped out of competition for fear of being electrocuted. The second week was crazy with storms that lit up the sky and pushed rain under the covered area some 100 feet.



The format dropped the Men's finals to 28 pitchers and the field included seven rookies. They were: Glenn Burris, Phil Fleshman, Elbert Shifflett, Tony Hankins, Kevin McLachlin, Lenwood Conner Sr and Don Peters. The group pitched 149 games at or above 80% led by Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 25 out of 27 games. Merlin Potts of Kansas would pitch in his last Men's Championship Class and finished in 17th on the All-Time Victory List. This would also be a very special World Tournament for Merlin as he was also inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame with Lucky D. Long, Mayme Francisco and Deborah Michaud.

After Day One the following were all still undefeated; Alan Francis, Jim Knisley, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Kevin Cone and Art Tyson. Cone opened up the tournament with an outstanding 88.1% game and coasted through the other six games. Tyson pitched games of 82.4%, 86.4% and 85.5%. Knisley's first game was a tense 43-35 game but he followed up with six more games above 80% including 86.4%, 86.5% and 87.2%. Walter Ray's low game was 82.4% with a pair of games just over 91%. Francis won a pair of closer games while pitching in the 70's but had three games above 91.4% including a 45-1 triumph over Joe Schultz shooting a "one missed ringer" game. Alan made 39 out of 40 for an outstanding 97.5%.

Knisley, Walter Ray and Cone kept zeros in the loss column for the second day in a row. Closely behind with just one loss was Francis, Ron Powell and John Kapnis. Walter Ray had the best day with games of 88.2%, 85.2%, 92.2%, 88.0%, 88.5% and 83.3% before finishing with a 75.7% to end the day. Twenty points was the most anyone could score against him this day as he was in a zone.

When the dust settled after day three, Knisley was alone at the top, still undefeated. Both Walter Ray and Cone lost for the first time and Tyson stayed close winning all of his games and trailed by only two games.

With six games on Day Four, seven pitchers were mathematically within reach of the Championship; however, only four had a realistic chance of winning. Tyson was two games out and lost his first three games to remove himself from the chase. Cone won his first three games and then promptly lost his last three settling in a third place finish. When Knisley lost his first game to Elden Sarbaugh 31-42, Jim and Walter Ray were deadlocked. Walter Ray won his first five games as Knisley got back on track by winning his next four. The last game between Walter Ray and Knisley was another "winner takes all" affair. Francis won four more games to move around Tyson into fourth place.

Jim Knisley won his third Championship with a convincing 43-24 victory over Walter Ray Williams Jr. by shooting an 88.2% game. Walter Ray shot 80.3% in a losing effort but had an excellent tournament, out pitching Knisley by over three percentage points, but Jim won the game that mattered most.

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Remembering Stone Mountain WT...Continued

			W-L	R	S	PCT
1.	Jim Knisley	OH	26-1	1459	1766	82.62%
2.	WR Williams Jr	CA	25-2	1404	1636	85.82%
3.	Kevin Cone	IA	23-4	1424	1788	79.64%
4.	Alan Francis	MO	22-5	1346	1654	81.38%
5.	Art Tyson	NY	21-6	1304	1682	77.53%

Powell Finished Strong...

Tari Powell staked her claim to the Women's title against Diane Cantin when she broke a 24-24 tie midway through the heated contest. The duo started the game with nine straight four deads and totaled 23 four deads in the 92 shoe contest. Powell pitched a hot 88.05% (81/92) in that final game to Cantin's 82.6%. Diane has finished in the top ten the last six years and her unique rocking and almost flawless style always rates her as one of the top contenders each year in the sport.

		W-L	R	S	PCT	
1.	Tari Powell	IL	15-0	763	918	83.12%
2.	Diane Cantin	QB	14-1	677	832	81.37%
3.	Lois Webster	KY	12-3	751	970	77.43%

Lipovsky: Intermediate Men's Champion...

		W-L	R	S	PCT	
1.	Len Lipovsky	MN	11-0	356	512	69.54%
2.	Karl VanSant	IN	10-1	359	506	70.95%
3.	Harold Darnold	IA	7-4	297	498	59.64%

Steinfeldt Two for Two in Senior Men's Championship...

		W-L	R	S	PCT	
1.	Carl Steinfeldt	FL	10-1	344	524	65.65%
2.	Lawrence Miller	OH	8-3	342	574	59.59%
3.	Curley Seibold	IN	7-4	281	498	56.43%

Napier Repeats as Elder Men 40-Foot Champion...

		W-L	R	S	PC	
1.	Willard Naper	CA	5-0	161	246	65.45%
2.	Ralph Maylahn	WI	3-2	141	238	59.25%
3.	Francis White	PA	3-2	148	264	56.06%

Hostetler Wins 30-Foot Title in First Try...

		W-L	R	S	PCT	
1.	Henry Hostetler	OH	5-0	198	262	75.58%
2.	Roy Smith	KS	4-1	166	236	70.34%
3.	Paul Scheub	FL	3-2	200	308	64.94%

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Remembering Stone Mountain WT...Continued

Spray: Senior Ladies Champion...

		W-L	R	S	PCT
1. Marge Spray	FL	5-0	159	228	69.74%
2. Iris Sandham	GA	3-2	182	292	62.33%
3. Evelyn Moore	AL	3-2	142	280	50.72%

Walters Repeats as Junior Boys Champion...

		W-L	R	S	PCT
1. Jim Walters	OH	11-0	613	722	84.91%
2. Doug Moon	OH	10-1	611	716	85.34%
3. Vorn Ven	KS	8-3	632	804	78.61%

Celeste Polak: Junior Girls Champion...

		W-L	R	S	PCT
1. Celeste Polak	TX	14-0	365	550	66.37%
2. Renee Sternberg	WI	10-4	316	648	48.77%
3. Julie Walters	OH	9-5	329	652	50.46%



1990 World Champion Jim Knisley (right) with runner-up Walter Ray Williams Jr. (left)

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Remembering Stone Mountain WT...Continued

Congratulations to our 1990 World Class Champions...

Mens A	Richard Pintor	CO	71.4%	Womens A	Sue Snyder	IN	80.7%
Mens B	Jack Freeman	TN	68.9%	Womens B	Edi Holland	MN	72.9%
Mens C	Bryan Reprinski	WI	64.3%	Womens C	Rebecca Brown	NC	57.7%
Mens D	Tom Price	TN	58.0%	Womens D	Amy Brown	OH	58.6%
Mens E	Tommy Lawson	GA	54.3%	Womens E	Debra Bower	OH	48.9%
Mens F	John Nichols	AL	59.2%	Womens F	Doris Lewis	KY	42.8%
Mens G	Bill Masterson	MO	53.5%	Womens G	Julie Romero	CO	42.8%
Mens H	Lou Colpitts	KY	53.9%	Womens H	Teresa Donar	WI	34.5%
Mens I	Ray Ward	TN	50.0%	Womens I	Cathy Mottl	IL	36.0%
Mens J	Edward Evans	IL	42.0%	Womens J	Pat Strain	LA	27.3%
Mens K	Jim Gregory	MO	40.3%	Sr Women A	Betty Branson	IN	45.7%
Mens L	Rod Tanner	MI	44.7%	Sr Women B	Marge Wilkinson	NY	28.9%
Mens M	Howard Cox	KY	41.7%	Jr Girls A	Christy Partridge	ONT	33.3%
Mens N	Carl Rittner	MO	33.3%	Jr Girls B	Heather Steinberg	WI	17.2%
Mens O	Lewis Kent	MO	33.3%	Jr Boys A	Danny Jamison	NE	65.0%
Mens P	Raymond Hudgins	GA	32.5%	Jr Boys B	Johnny Sisson	GA	59.0%
Mens Q	Chris Fisher	IA	27.8%	Jr Boys C	Luke Johnson	MI	40.3%
Mens R	Ronald Hopman	IL	26.7%	Jr Boys D	Michael Newton	SD	38.0%
				Jr Boys E	Jeremy Bauer	CO	24.5%
Int Mens A	William Warren	FL	46.6%	70+ 40' A	Woody Wilson	IA	50.8%
Int Mens B	L. Owen Ewell	KS	43.9%	70+ 40' B	Bob White	MI	46.4%
Int Mens C	Donald Wilcox	NY	36.9%	70+ 40' C	Ken Nixon	NY	31.1%
Int Mens D	William Lawson	MA	32.8%				
Int Mens E	Robert Pluckebaum	IL	35.8%	70+ 30' A	Russ Lobuzzetta	FL	62.9%
				70+ 30' B	Omar Blacketer	KY	48.1%
Sr Men A	Dick Carnahan	PA	53.9%	70+ 30' C	Arnold Carlberg	MN	35.6%
Sr Men B	Pete Harris	FL	47.5%				
Sr Men C	Henry Thomas	GA	36.6%				
Sr Men D	Bud Schardine	MT	33.8%				

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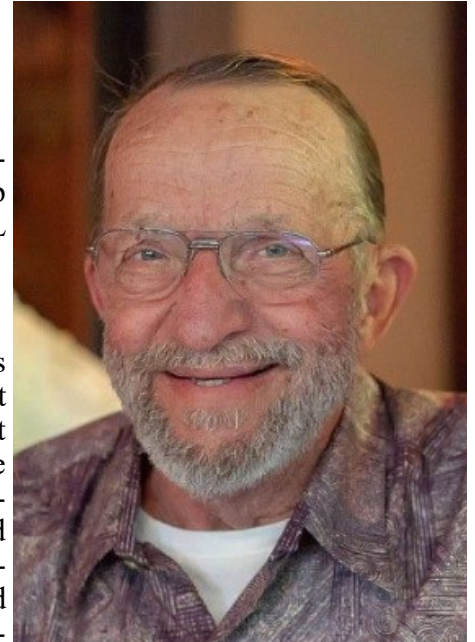
Most of you are familiar with the statistics program that the NHPA uses...correct? Well Paul Stewart has developed a set of YouTube self-help videos that explain in detail how to use this program. Here is the URL for them:

<http://www.nc-horseshoepitching.com/hsmaster-how-to-videos.html>

As you watch them, one segment at a time, you will begin to learn this valuable program. My reason for calling your attention to this is that why couldn't the NHPA (or one of us) develop instructional videos about horseshoe pitching using a similar format? You would begin with the horseshoe and how it developed into a sport, a bit of history, safety aspects, types of pitches, various distances, etc., etc. Each segment should be no longer than 4 minutes. (attention span of most people online nowadays). If longer, the younger generation will skip over it and leave. There are dozens and dozens of videos including instructional videos available especially on YouTube. Most are bits and pieces of how to build a court, hold a shoe, throw a turn, where to stand and so on. If we could develop an instructional DVD that had all the how to videos on it, in the same format, we could send this to school physical education teachers and coaches. This should be a free item given to anyone that would like one. Development and production costs could be paid for by the NHPF. It is part of our purpose to develop educational material like this: To develop and disseminate information to the public concerning the game of horseshoes as an amateur and recreational sport. To provide instruction and training of individuals for the purpose of improving and developing skills of amateur horseshoe players. I'm asking you now...is there a person among you who will head this project up? Does anyone know of anyone that would be willing to work with us on developing these videos? Please contact me and let's develop a plan of action.

These online fund raising tournament have been very successful for the NHPF. We sincerely thank the tournament directors who have conducted these events, Dalton, Jerry, Tina plus all those of you who participated. You will be able to see how your contributions can be applied if the above stated program comes to fruition. Remember as we get closer to the gift buying season to use AmazonSmile for your online purchases. Don't forget there are still bricks available in the plaza at the Hall of Fame. <https://nhpf.info/nhpf/donations/brick-plaza/> See our website for other ways you can contribute to our history. <https://nhpf.info/>

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NHPA Rule Review—Rule 2 - GAME PREPARATION

Section A - Court Assignment Each contestant shall find his or her court assignment and warm up on that court for their first game. The court shall be prepared for play in a timely manner so that all games can begin at about the same time.

Section B - Pit Preparation and Maintenance Contestants (or designee) are responsible for preparing one of the pits of their assigned courts before each game. This preparation includes watering and turning of the clay (if needed), to keep it in a soft, putty-like condition. Upon completion, the pit material shall be level with the pitching platforms, with no evidence of a “dome” or “pocket” within the scoring area. For raised pits, the pit material should be prepared in the same way as above, except that the pit material shall be level with the side rails, and at a depth of four inches (4”), within the scoring area. Once a game has started, clay pit material within the scoring area may not be moved or altered without consent of the opponent. Sand or dirt pit material, however, may be re-leveled during the game, without consent of the opponent. Any pit material moved for the measurement of a shoe or for the removal of a “buried” shoe may be replaced.

Section C - Painting of Stakes To make the stakes more visible for the contestants, they may be painted between games (white paint is often used) so that there is a good contrast between the color of the stake and the color of the backboard. The painting of stakes shall not be allowed while a game is in progress, unless both contestants are in agreement.

Section D - Start of Each Tournament/Class The tournament officials will make an announcement when it is time for the tournament/class to begin. The first game should not begin before this announcement. The flip of a shoe(s) or coin(s) shall signify the beginning of each game. The winner of the flip will have choice of first or second pitch.

Section E - Court Rotation At the World Tournament, following the end of each game, contestants can practice on their current court until all games of that round are completed. At that time contestants shall move to their next assigned court and may practice until their next opponent arrives. Then both pits shall be prepared for play (see Section B above). When the scorekeeper is ready, the contestants have the option of pitching no more than four (4) additional warm-up shoes each, and then the next game must begin immediately. Note: If allowed in state or local tournaments, contestants who may choose to start the game of their next round, before all games of the current round have been completed, must realize that their game may be interrupted by distractions such as pit preparation and/or other nearby movements.

Debby Michaud—Rules Committee

Rules Committee Member Spotlight

We appreciate the work of the Rules Committee members and their efforts to keep the rules updated over time. This is a spotlight of one of the rules committee members...Debby Michaud. Thank you Debby for your work on the committee!

Spotlight on Debby Michaud (Rules Committee member)

- Started pitching in 1970, first tournament, lost every game, averaged 6% ringers BUT saw the Ladies in Class A and wanted to be there! Bought a pair of horseshoes and started practicing- next tournament 3 weeks later, 25% ringers.
- Named to MA HPA Ex. Board in early 70's as Women's Rep, then club Rep, progressing to State secretary, including State newsletter editor and then State president.
- In 2019, finished serving as State secretary for second time and continue as newsletter editor. Also served as New England HPA secretary.
- Had some battles trying to have women recognized as horseshoe pitchers and for women to receive the respect they now enjoy - wasn't easy when I started! Women were definitely second class citizens in horseshoes, on many levels. Tough - many women quit and it was sad for me to see that. We DID break through some barriers.
- First woman to be named to the MA HPA Hall of Fame – 1978
- Multiple State Singles titles
- First woman to be named to the New England HPA Hall of Fame – 1987
- 14 times New England Women's Champion
- Early 1980's – Co-founder of the Women's Professional Horseshoe Association, incorporated for the purpose of advancing women's rights in the sport of horseshoes. Ran some "women-only", cash tournaments, had speakers at the NHPA convention, fought on many fronts for changes and equality for women in the sport of horseshoes. Inactive now after measurable progress!
- 1984 – After many years of trying, began the Raynham Horseshoe League, sanctioned in 1985, still active today in a new area with 16 courts, now named the Loon Pond Horseshoe Club. Have served, and continue to serve, in many capacities for this league.
- 1985 - Had just switched from the flip to the turn in September of 1984 and won my second World Tournament. Had won in 1977 with a flip - may be the only person to win with two different styles of pitching.
- Assistant to the New England Regional Director, first George St. Pierre, and then Leo Michaud, from late 1990's – 2012
- New England Regional Director 2012 –present – (six states – but now have Assistant in Maine)
- NHPA 5th VP from 2010-2013 – duties included overseeing Regional Directors
- Enjoy MOST the interaction with clubs and formerly with RD's from all over the country. Appreciate their work and ongoing dedication to the sport of horseshoe pitching.
- Still involved at local and regional level-I think I am the "Mom"! Also enjoy coaching or sharing tips for pitching, esp. for those who are switching to a turn shoe from a flip. This is my 51st year of pitching.



In Loving Memory of Sue Snyder

October 31, 1946 ~ August 19, 2020 (age 73)



On August 19th, 2020, the sport of horseshoe pitching lost one of its greatest champions, Sue Snyder. Sue was a friend to many over the years and touched everyone's life. She was a teacher and promoter of the game, but out of all of her accomplishments she was known for her sweet and genuine character.

There is no question that Sue Snyder was one of the Greatest to ever pick up a shoe! Her unmistakable follow through and "eagle eye" ability, was the key to her success! Yet through all of these great moments Sue remained one of the most humble players in the game. Sue has captured 7 Women's World Titles, 3 Ky. State Titles and is an 8-time Indiana State Champion. Sue holds the Kentucky record for highest State Tournament average at 89.5% and also holds the record for the highest state game pitched at 94.1%. Over the years, Sue became used to breaking records. At times even breaking her own! In the World Tournament Women's Division she holds the highest ringer percentage of 15 games at 88.3 % , and a one day percentage of 91. Throughout her career, she never left one stone unturned. In fact, Sue had it all. Leading her to be inducted into not one but four hall of fames. These include, the NHPA Hall of Fame, the INHPA Hall of Fame, the KHPA Hall of Fame, and the Pro-Tour Hall of Fame

Pitching 8 perfect games in her career, she became an idol to many. But when she became the best, she also became the one to beat! You'd never know it though. With no change in demeanor, Sue's smile still lit up the room no matter what just had happened on the court! Most of the time even teaching others how to perfect their game. Living a simple life, alongside her husband/coach Rick Synder, horseshoes would never be the same!

Rick's compassion throughout Sue's journey became his top priority. Traveling around the world, he never once left her side! Game after Game, shoe after shoe, the couples passion will always live through. Next time, you hear thunder. Just know that's a ringer from Sue! We know, she is teaching everyone in heaven to play! Perfecting their form, pitch after pitch, ringer after ringer. And I'm sure, calling out, "2 ringer 6 points".

Rick, and the rest of the family! You're in our thoughts and prayers forever! It will be little things that we remember—

smiles, laughter—and although it is hard right now, the memories of these things will become tools to push away the pain.



Steven D. Summerlin—Obituary

Steven D. Summerlin of Webberville, Michigan was born in Indiana on July 21, 1946 and passed away peacefully in his home on August 27, 2020. He left behind his wife of 25 years, Paula; many treasured family members and cherished friends. He was a carpenter by trade until his retirement and then a self-taught website designer. He had designed and maintained the website for the National Horseshoe Pitching Association (NHPA) for many years as well as many other websites for different clubs and state charters. He was an avid horseshoe pitcher and enthusiastic promoter of the game. Steve will be missed by all who knew him. A memorial will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Horseshoe Pitching Foundation, the American Heart Association or the Renucci House in Grand Rapids.



NHPA Hall of Fame Recipient
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Promoter/Organizer: Steve was appointed NHPA Regional Director in 1994 and still served in that capacity. He received the Gene & Mary VanSant Regional Director of the Year Award in 2007. As the NHPA moved into the computer age, Steve became involved on a national basis (and in Canada) by assisting charters in establishing their websites. He has served as the NHPA Webmaster since 1999. In 2000 Steve was honored with the Stokes Memorial Award.



It is impossible to list all the various projects and improvements Steve has completed to improve the service provided by the NHPA Website. A couple noteworthy are the many hours spent scanning the entire 32 years worth of News Digest magazines which are now available for viewing on the NHPA Website and providing the daily updates on the website of each year's World Tournament.

Junior Director

Planning ahead for Junior Activities 2021

By Dalton Rakestraw

Greetings to all the Youth athletes! I hope each of you are doing well and taking the time to try and pitch a few horseshoes while you have the chance. I am excited to get things in gear for the 2021 World Tournament. Kim Peterson with Winnemucca CVA is gathering information to make the junior and cadet parties a blast! I am anxious to get out and meet everyone soon! There is not much to report on the youth side of this article. I hosted the Youth Double-thon mail-in tournament. Congrats to all winners in that event. Thank you to The Ohms Family and Kevin Lewis for the effort and time in trying to do the Youth Nationals in Saint George, UT. Hoping they will be able to get something underway in future years.

I have a few questions for parents and youth athletes for this issue of the Newsline to help me get an idea of more youth events. If you could please email me your responses. My email is: nhpa.5thvp@gmail.com

1. Would you be able to participate in a Youth Hall of Fame Invitational or other Youth Nationals event? (Adult tournament with event)
2. What types of games or things to do during the Junior/Cadet parties at the world tournaments?
3. Would you like to see more Youth parties during the world tournament or is it becoming too cliché?

Those three questions may seem insignificant; however, it would help me in planning events in 2021 and future years. As this article comes to an end, I would like to request that any Youth athlete that would like to be featured in our Newsline magazine please contact me via text, email, or phone call. My information is listed in this issue of Newsline. I would like to do more Youth features in our Newsline. If anyone has any ideas of youth tournaments or things, they would like to report from the Youth perspective in their charter please contact me and we can try to get it in.

I know that the Western Regionals are coming up in November in Saint George, UT, I have attended this event once before and plan to attend this year. If any youth would like to come and pitch...come on! I am sure that the Western Committee can accommodate all. This event will be a blast and I, for one, am looking forward to it again. Everyone please stay safe and I look forward to meeting you all in Winnemucca or sooner!



2017 World Tournament Cadet/Junior Picture—Make your plans to join us in 2021 in Winnemucca! This is the future of our sport!!!

Regional Director Spotlight—Ronnie Miller, Georgia

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I was appointed RD for Georgia in 2010. I enjoy helping new clubs get up and running. I love trying to educate Tournament Directors on the benefits of using HS Master for running tournaments and how much it will help them. It's a great program and makes running tournaments so much easier than doing it on paper. The biggest challenge is getting people more involved than just showing up at tournaments and pitching and leaving. Trying to get ideas from the pitchers of things they think will grow our association is hard sometimes. People just want to pitch mostly, not get into the details of what it takes to have things run smoothly.

I implemented a Tournament of Champions (TOC) tournament each year for pitchers that win a class championship that is NHPA sanctioned from anywhere in the country. I got this idea from Hal Griswold RD from Southern California and it has been really successful at getting people to come to tournaments to try and get qualified for the TOC. Being able to talk with other RD's especially at the WT is a great tool for sharing ideas that work to get more people involved. I worked with Howard Hawes from Florida to start a new Ga/Fla Team tournament "kind of a grudge match each year to see who gets to keep the traveling trophy for the next year". This has proved very popular with everyone.

Some of my personal valued accomplishments are:

- I was named Regional Director of the year in 2011 and was honored with that award
- I was voted into the Georgia Hall of Fame in 2016 as a Pitcher/ Promoter. I think the Promoter part was the best honor as it recognized my work as RD
- I won Men's Class H2 at the WT in 2006 and Class D2 in 2012
- I've won 4 GHPA Class Championships 2004, 2013, 2015, and 2019
- Won GHPA State Doubles with Buddy Ayer in 2018

I enjoy being an RD and anyone who is interested in becoming an RD or Asst. RD should contact your charter RD and get information.

Hope to meet everyone in Winnemucca.
Ronnie Miller, Georgia RD



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Thanks to each of you for your patience and understanding as we all work through this pandemic and the impact it has been on each of us. The Newsline is a little behind schedule, but we continue to search for articles to publish in each edition. If any of you have items of interest that bring a spotlight on the NHPA members or the horseshoe pitching in your areas of the country, please send me a message with your article for consideration. We have awesome members all throughout the world and enjoy reading about each of them.

We have lost a number of horseshoe pitchers both as a part of the pandemic and due to unrelated health issues. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of their families and friends for the losses they have experienced. During this time of trials and challenges for each of us, we encourage a positive attitude in our relationships with others, particularly with family and horseshoe friends. Life is way too short to waste it in negativity toward one another. We all look forward to our next opportunities to be together.

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