



Newsline

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President's Message

President's message...

Sympathies expressed—Hope for the future!

By Stu Sipma, NHPA President

It is with great sadness we lost one of our past NHPA Council Officers Bill Marvin. Bill held the position of 5th VP and was assigned the duties of Regional Director. Bill was a great person, everyone liked him. Bill loved horseshoes and while serving on the Council you could see this by the way he made decisions. Bill will not only be missed by his Charter members but also be missed by all who knew him. He was a man who was very committed to his family. He will be missed by all.



Here is a portion of his contribution to horseshoes that was included in his Bill's obituary:

"He is a member of the National and IL State Horseshoe Pitchers Associations. He has served in various positions for both organizations for over 30 years. He was inducted into the ILSHPA Hall of Fame in 2002. He also received the NHPA President's award in 2009. He was instrumental in bringing the World Horseshoe Tournament to Springfield, Illinois in 2009 for NHPA's 100th anniversary."

On behalf of the NHPA Council, we wish Deann and all their family our deepest sympathy.

The Council wants you all to know that we are all thinking about each and every one of you are in our prayers when it comes to the health and safety due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and pitching horseshoes. These are trying times for everyone and we are all not sure what the "norm" is going to be moving forward. Please remember, "We're all in this Together". We will get through this and be stronger than ever.

Our Council has been getting numerous calls regarding number of events to qualify for the 2021 World Tournament. To answer this question, we are not making any changes at this time. We would hope all of you are working to get your four events in to qualify, however, the Council will review the number of events to qualify for the World Tournament as we get closer to the deadline. Many Charters are pitching and getting their tournaments in however we also know many Charters are not able to pitch.

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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.

Just a reminder to all the Charters especially the Tournament Directors. Jim Kinney Jr. just provided the Council with a list of people pitching in sanction league tournaments who have not paid their 2020 sanction dues. Remember Tournament Directors, it is "your" responsibility to make sure you verify all the participants who compete in your sanction tournament. Jim will be contacting all of you regarding the pitchers who are delinquent.

This was mentioned in my last Newsline article, however the Council wants to remind all of you to take advantage of the Horseshoe Pitching On-Line (HPO) tournaments to get your events in for next year.

In conclusion, with our declining membership and Charters struggling to maintaining 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 spread the word about the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association..

Thank You.

Stu



*1st VP Message***Don't forget to prepare your pits***By Brian Poole 1st Vice President*

Well, I hope everyone is finding a way to pitch horseshoes this fall. Idaho was able to hold both State Doubles and State Singles in Pocatello again this year. I also went to St. George for the Western Open in St George, Utah. What a fun tournament!

As we all know we are going to transition from NatStats to NHPA eShoe on January 1, 2021. I have attended one of the RD trainings that Dalton put on and what a great change for the NHPA. If you have a chance they have videos made that explain all that the new program does. Look for the link in Jerry Smith's article.

With this change I have gone through the RGS book and the Bylaws and have suggested changes from NatStats to NHPA eShoe. There were two sections that I added the word "internet" so that we have that option open to the Council to conduct business where we have had to conduct meetings using the internet. You will see these in the Spring issue.

There was one issue brought to my attention about not preparing our pits between matches. When we pitch, the rules state that each opponent is to prepare one end of the pits of the courts you will be playing on. When playing in clay courts you need to add a small amount of water and turn no more than the top 2 inches and make sure the clay is level with the outside court material. When I play on outdoor courts I have to apply water to the clay and turn the top 2 inches which pulls the moist clay to the surface. If I don't the clay will be dry before the end of the game and my shoes will bounce. If you are indoors, you don't have to add as much water, just a sprinkle, but still do it and then turn the top 2 inches. If you are having trouble turning the pits you may be digging down and trying to turn too much clay. The rule also states that you can designate someone else to turn your pit. So if you are not physically able, you may designate someone else, even your opponent, if willing, to turn your pit. Then on clay, once you flip a shoe and start your game both players must agree to any change to the clay other than replacing clay removed for measurement. On sand courts, either opponent can move the sand and level the courts during the contest between innings.

Also, after turning your pit apply one thin coat of white spray paint to the top of the stake. You don't need three or four sprays to coat the stake. When too much paint is applied it gets on your shoes and no one likes a sticky shoe!

I want to emphasize that horseshoe pitching has been and always will be a game of honor and prestige where each opponent knows and upholds the rules on their own accord. We should not need to have someone watching you or forcing you to follow the rules.

I love to see the growth of online horseshoe pitching. I hope that it keeps growing to help draw attention to the NHPA and ultimately bring more pitchers to our great association.

Brian Poole
NHPA 1st Vice President



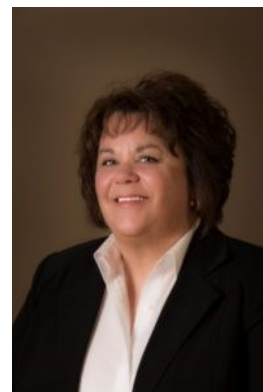
2nd VP Message

Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP Publicity & Promotion Director

HORSESHOE COMMENT SECTION

In case you didn't know, when navigating through the NHPA website, look at the very bottom of the main page. At the bottom right of the NHPA website page (www.horseshoepitching.com), you will see a task bar that show's several tabs.



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You will notice on the far right at the bottom, a "Login" tab. Click on the tab and follow the prompts to get registered. Here you can find a comment section where you can leave feedback and questions about horseshoes pitching. Also new information about horseshoes pitching will be posted here.

This as an easy way for horseshoe pitchers to ask questions about horseshoe events, stats, e-shoe, etc., and other related horseshoe topics. You can start a new topic or reply to a topic someone else has started.

You can make comments, but you will need to put in your **name and e-mail address** if you choose to make any comments. You also have the option of subscribing to a topic or to be notified when a new reply is posted. Let the chatting begin. Please remember that all comments and conversations adhere to the NHPA Social Media Policy and will be removed immediately for any improper use of language, or any hateful, cruel, or lude behavior.

By Mel Yockstick
The Statman

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The NHPA Website, Including the World Championship winners (Purple Tag) has been updated.

Previously the World Tournament Championship only highlighted the Men's division with the WT location. Blaine Scott and I have added the location of each World Tournament with the year. Take a look!



Pitching Chevys

Written by Blaine Scott—Newsline Editor

The shoes were thrown one at a time
 And they didn't seem too heavy
 But after pitching all year long
 I think I pitched a Chevy

The shoes were two and a half pounds each
 And two shoes makes up a round
 So after twenty rounds in a game
 One hundred pounds had hit the ground

A tournament was usually five games
 The total was 200 shoes
 And it was about 500 pounds
 Whether I win or I lose

We pitch in about 20 tournaments each year
 With or without an epidemic
 This totals about five ton of shoes
 That were pitched during the pandemic

So what type of things weigh 5 tons
 What things are really that heavy?
 I pitched a Tahoe and Silverado 1500
 And those are pretty big Chevys!

So next time you decide to pitch shoes
 And you try not to hurt your spine
 Be sure not to throw them all at once
 Just throw them one at a time.



Tired of Loose Stakes?

**Want to pitch horseshoes but
 Can't or Won't Dig a Hole
 to fill with concrete or
 a wooden block for the stake?**

**Just want to drive the stakes
 in and play?**

**Stay Erect
 with**

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

NHPA TRADING CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The announcement and launch date of the NHPA Trading Cards was made in the previous Newslines. During the process of getting everything uploaded and properly working, we ran into a programming issue that has been resolved and you are now able to go to the Main NHPA Website at <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/> Go to the center of the main page and Click the link to order your NHPA Trading Cards <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/about-us/nhpa-trading-cards> and make your purchases. The checkout process we are using is PayPal, just follow the prompts. These collections make great gifts, stocking stuffers, conversation starters, etc. The number of 1st Edition packs are limited to 100 sets of each division, and these will be the very first and only 1st editions which will make these very collectable. There will also be “special” cards in some of the packs, not all packs will have that “Special Card”. We will also be creating all the other divisions as well, Elder’s, Seniors, Cadet’s, and Juniors. These will also have 1st editions, and these are also going to have a “Special Card” inside of some of these packs.



Here are the “**FIRST**” four sets and the pitchers that will make up each set:

Men's WC Set:

- #1 - Alan Francis
- #2 - Curt Day
- #3 - Brian Simmons
- #4 - Jim Knisley
- #5 - Dale Lipovsky
- #6 - Elmer Hohl
- #7 - Frank Jackson
- #8 - Fernando Isais
- #9 - Dan Kuchcinski
- #10 - Ted Allen
- #11 - Harold Reno
- #12 - Mark Siebold

Women's WC Set:

- #1 - Sue Gillespie
- #2 - Debby Michaud
- #3 - Tari Powell
- #4 - Sylvianne Moisan
- #5 - Ruth Hangen
- #6 - Lorraine Thomas
- #7 - Sue Snyder
- #8 - Phyllis Negaard
- #9 - Joan Elmore
- #10 - Vicki Winston
- #11 - Opal Reno
- #12 - Bev Nathe

The Contender's Set:

- #1 - Glen "Red" Hentor
- #2 - Jesse Gonzales
- #3 - Art Tyson
- #4 - Al Zadroga
- #5 - Ralph Maddox
- #6 - Merlin Potts
- #7 - Kevin Cone
- #8 - Sandy McLachlin
- #9 - Diane Cantin
- #10 - Maxine Griffith
- #11 - Marlene Ray
- #12 - Amy Francis

The Vintage Set:

- #1 - C.C. Davis
- #2 - Mildred Brouillette
- #3 - Guy Zimmerman
- #4 - Carl Steinfeldt
- #5 - Mayme Francisco
- #6 - Laura Lanham
- #7 - Don Titcomb
- #8 - Paul Focht
- #9 - Wilbur Kabel
- #10 - Casey Jones
- #11 - Dale Dixon
- #12 - Ray Martin

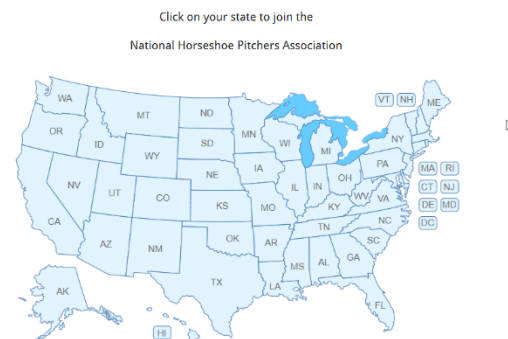
This project would have not been possible without the assistance of Stan Griggs for all of his dedication and sacrificing of his personal time in making the phone calls and putting the information together, creating the card layouts, etc., the NHPA council for brainstorming making the back end of this to come together, and for every one of the pitchers past and present that gave the NHPA permission to be on the cards. We hope all of you make your purchases and enjoy trading and collecting these one of a kind NHPA trading Cards.

NHPA Website—US Map
Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP Publicity & Promotion Director

[NHPA WEBSITE – US MAP](#)

We (NHPA) are constantly getting calls or emails asking about several of the charters and local clubs across the U.S. Currently, these states (listed below) **DO NOT** have an active or updated website for their charters. We know there are several more than what is listed. However, these are the states that really need attention. When attending Sports conference's throughout the year to possibly get bidders, we have issues with some of these websites and cannot pull up the information to get a point of contact for that charter, or to show a CVB (Convention Visitors Bureau) what they want to see or to possibly submit a bid and prepare to host a future World Tournament.

For the charters that need assistance or guidance with their current websites, here are a few suggestions. We understand that not every charter or club has the finances, computers, technical background, or knowledge to create or maintain a charter website. With the recent passing of Steve Summerlin, it has been a challenge to locate a replacement to fill Steve's shoes. Here are a few ideas or suggestions that may help. It will require a little effort, and time for someone in your charter or organization to take the lead, but I am sure it is not that hard. Options are possible, but you never know until you try.



This is a map of Indoor horseshoe pitching locations. If you have any places to add please email Wayne nhpa.4thvp@gmail.com with name and address.

Try to contact a local High school, Community College or University computer website design class, or a computer programming class to see if the teachers, professors would be willing to assist or donate the time to you and the organization in creating a website for your charter, and/or possibly updating what you currently have in place. The schools may do this as a class project and may not charge anything to do this. They can also assist with maintaining the website, or at least teach someone how and what to do. In return, your charter can give a “reference” as working for a few weeks for a non-profit as a community project in exchange for their time.

Also, when traveling, tourists or visitors may want to look up a local club and stop by to possibly enter a tournament or to practice and they need the GPS location information and points of contact of the courts. Remember, this information is essential to get spectators and possible new members, media attention, etc., for your charters and local club tournaments and events.

After conducting an inventory of the US Map on the NHPA website, here are the charters that need updating or need to create a new website altogether.

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| 1. Michigan | 7. Western Nebraska |
| 2. North Dakota | 8. Oklahoma |
| 3. Montana | 9. Arkansas |
| 4. Alaska | 10. Mississippi |
| 5. New Mexico | 11. West Virginia |
| 6. Hawaii | 12. Washington, DC—Has no website at all |

There are many companies that offer website assistance and “Free” Hosting, see the list below. Depending on what you want on your website and how you design it will determine if there are any charges or not. Some websites just need updating with GPS information, Photo's, Tournament Schedules, and any upcoming events. Kurt Whaley has suggested a few sites to try: Weebly, GoDaddy, Wordpress, Wix.

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.

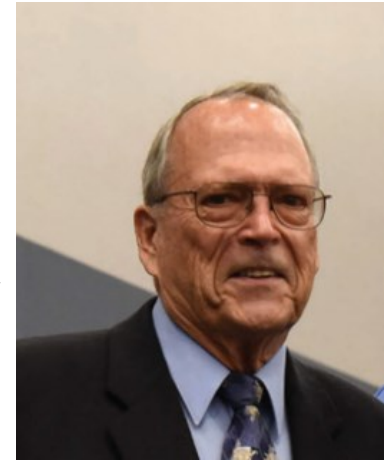
Types of Sponsorships/Advertising available during the World Tournament:

- 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***Mail-In Tournaments...Like ‘em or Love ‘em***By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian*

Happy Holidays to everyone and hope you are coping with whatever is going on in your area. It has been a very strange year to say the least. None of us have ever lived through anything like this. The depression years were awfully bad for many folks, but few horseshoe pitchers will remember much of that.

I want to write about a couple of historical happening that came to us this past year. The first item is Eshoe. Eshoe was introduced in 2019 for membership and made tracking our membership easy and accurate. One can sign up for membership and get an NHPA card online. The NHPA no longer prints cards as members print their own cards or have the charter's membership official do it. The process was a bit confusing to some folks but after a few bugs were worked out, it went well. Step two of the Eshoe was introduced this year and the upgrade goes hand in hand with the re-write of HSMaster. This step integrates Eshoe and HSMaster and will eliminate what is now NATSTATS. NATSTATS will end on the last day of 2020 and all data that was contained in NATSTATS will be in Eshoe. The general plan is for Regional Directors or the charter's designee to enter the charters schedule into Eshoe. Anyone can access any charter's schedule at any time. The charter Statistician or designee will enter tournament results into Eshoe and Eshoe will immediately update each pitcher's stats and averages. The league process will continue as it does now. I have been working with the Eshoe team and the team has produced a series of videos to explain how the new system works. Paul Stewart, David Sidles, and Jim Kinney Jr. made the videos, and they explain the various positions that a charter may choose to use. The charters will decide how they want to implement the system and I am listing here a link to those videos. The link also lists a very comprehensive set of videos on how to run and use HSMaster. Paul Stewart started making these videos and with the help of David Sidles, have HSMaster covered from stem to stern. Please remember that the videos are a work in progress and may be upgraded as needed. This is a noticeably short explanation of a complex system and the videos will clear up how it works and who might be responsible to implement it. Again, each charter will decide how they want to handle things. Here is the link.



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAM0z5Wfq4ZwCMjbTcqV3qw?view_as=subscriber

My next topic is one that was approved by the council when they removed the requirement that tournaments must be pitched on sanctioned courts. That wavier currently ends at the end of the year. The so-called "Mail In" tournaments allow pitchers to pitch in sanctioned tournaments by themselves and in their backyards or anywhere there is a pit. The Tournament Director (TD) formulates a format and accepts entries. The pitchers simply record their scores and ringers by pitching alone or with someone and turning them in by the deadline. The TD sets up the tournament with their stated guidelines using HSMaster (mostly count all games) and enters the scores as they come in. Pitchers know who is in their class, but do not really know who they are pitching game by game. After the deadline, the TD posts the results and sends them to NATSTATS. Most of the tournaments were advertised on FACEBOOK so many pitchers may not have known about this opportunity. The scoring is done on an honor system and does not require videotaping the games. This left many pitchers wondering about the accuracy of the scoring system and many criticized these tournaments.

Pitching by yourself with either two or four shoes often leads to higher scoring. It is like practice and it is generally easy to get into a nice rhythm and do well. The questions of "do overs", "false starts", or "shoddy judging" aside, anything other than accurate scoring would only hurt the pitcher down the road. The tournaments generally had no entry fees (some had fund raising involved) and no prize awards. These tournaments got us through 2020 with a way to get out there and pitch. Like them or not,

Mail in Tournaments...continued

they were real tournaments, and the results were often outstanding. I held many of these tournaments for hundreds of pitchers. Several tournaments had well over 100 pitchers enter and pitch.

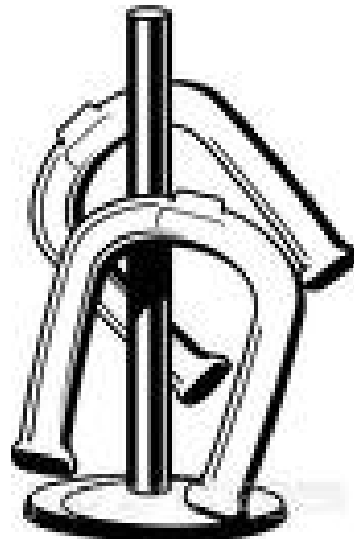
I want to mention two tournaments which were totally unbelievable. The A Class of my "Summer 20" tournament featured six pitchers playing 30 shoe games. Three pitchers entered the fray with 90% +averages (can you guess who they were? all three ladies were from Tennessee) and Alan Francis was seeded fourth with a lousy 89.36% average. Marcus Rice came in at 89.04% and Russ Phillips was at only 86.42% and clearly should have been in B Class. LOL The six pitchers turned in 30 scores. Of the 30 scores, 24 were at or above 90%. Alan had back to back perfect games and averaged 96.0% for the tournament. To be exact, that was 144 ringers out of 150 shoes. Here are some interesting facts. Alan lost a game when he only pitched 93.33%, Maxine Griffith shot 96.67% against him. Marlene Ray and Joan Elmore each pitched four games of 90% or above, Marlene finished third (92%) and Joan finished last (90%). Russ and Marcus each had three 90% games. Joan lost in three of her 90% or better games. The group averaged 91.55% for the tournament. This group has combined for 39 World Championships, if my count is correct. Has there ever been a group of pitchers this good in the same class? Has any group ever averaged what this group did? Needless to say, "No" to both questions. Speaking of the twins (Max & Mar), they both entered my "I Care 20" tournament and were seeded first and second. They played each other in the last game and the results of that game were unreal. For the tournament, Max averaged 96% and Mar averaged 94%. This was quite a feat considering these were 40 shoe games. But I digress...on to the last game. Marlene shot a near perfect 39 out of 40 and she told me that one shoe spun off. That is sad, but wait, she lost the game 120 to 118. WHAT? That cannot be. What about sisterly love? They made 79 ringers out of 80 shoes. You tell me, were the "mail in" tournaments fun or what?

Speaking of the "I Care 20" tournament, the entry fee was optional and consisted of sending a card or letter to a dear friend of my granddaughters who lives in a rest home and was not dealing with the COVID-19 restrictions very well. I want to thank everyone who sent her mail. She loves the cards and letters so much and shares them with other lonely people up and down the hallways of her facility. She is happy and cannot wait to get her mail each day. You know who you are, and we thank you. You are special to one elderly lady and her neighbors. Feel free to send her something @:

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Happy Holidays and stay safe.

Jerry Smith
NHPA 3rd VP



5th VP Message

New Patches coming in 2021...Plan to Win!!!

By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President



The last Newsline article of 2020, and what a year this has been. I am not sure I would be here, none of us really, however by the grace of God we have made it thru thus far. The Regional Directors are gearing up for an exciting 2021, season. With the launch of the RD portion of eShoe, starting January 01, 2021, players and guests from all over will be able to log on eShoe and see tournament listings, start times, places to pitch, you name it! The RDs Q4 meeting took place the first week of November and we are in the process of changing things over. Tournament directors—please get with your RDs to make sure the new changes are made as so that tournament postings for stats credits are not delayed.

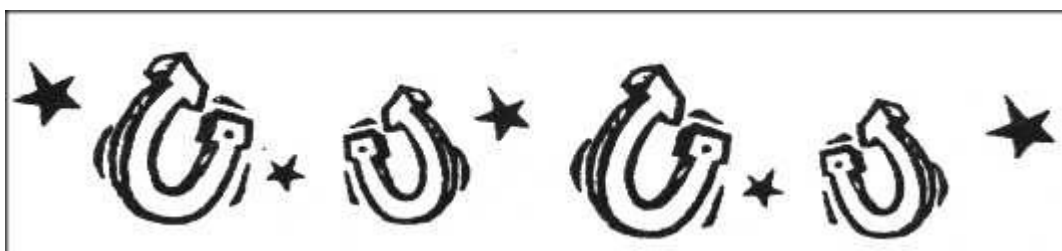
A new change has been made for the 2021 patches...a new color change to our tournament patches. Congrats to those who won the new patches in 2020, and good luck in pitching for the new 2021 patch. A change was made to the color, making the contrast a little easier to read from afar. Be sure to look for those patches at your local tournaments and pitch your hardest for the new patch...again!

By the time you have this issue of Newsline, the Western Regionals in Saint George, Utah, will be concluded. I am anxious to attend once again. Looking to do better than the 0-11 record from back in 2017. Good luck to all those players attending the event. Looking forward to seeing everyone in this year's "mini world tournament."

I am anxiously waiting to go to Winnemucca for the 2021, world championships. Kim Peterson and the Winnemucca CVA are looking forward to hosting our event. I am anxious to get back in the court setup realm and looking forward to another successful setup and tear down for the world tournament. This requires a lot of help and it is never too early to think about volunteering some time to come out and help us out. We would appreciate all the help possible. It takes so much to set up this event for "you!" Thank you to all those who have helped in the past and I look forward to working with you all in the future.

I want to send out my prayers to all those in the southern states whom cannot seem to catch a break with all the hurricanes. The Horseshoe Tour in Morgan City, Louisiana, was a go—up until a few days before we all were to head down but Hurricane Delta had other plans. Although it was a smart decision to cancel the Horseshoe Tour, we all are glad everyone was safe and able to stay home and not get caught in the storm. Myself and several others, are looking forward to a new 2021, Horseshoe Tour season. You can catch the action on the Horseshoe Tour website.

As I close down this shortened version of my article, I wish everyone the best of health during these times. Just recently it has hit home and changed my world. I cannot stress the importance of mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing. Not to make things political, which they shouldn't be, if it helps or makes a difference please do it. I wish everyone many ringers, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!



From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

NHPA eShoe to replace Natstats for 2021

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

We have officially ended the membership renewal for 2020 and have started renewing 2021 memberships. The NHPA membership dropped from 2019 to 2020. We know this was partially due to the Corona Virus. Some states are still unsure where they are going to be with this pandemic in 2021. There have been quite a few states that have opened pitching back up using social distancing rules. Also, online pitching is going strong. We all must be patient and stay safe. Hopefully in 2021 we will have an increase in the NHPA membership and then keep trending up. If anyone needs anything or knows someone who might be interested in our sport, please direct questions to myself or your local charter membership director.



We have done a great job with the eShoe program in 2020. At the end of the year we will have added another phase to the program adding leagues and tournaments. Hopefully by January we will not have to rely on the NATSTATS program. All stats will be integrated into eShoe. There are a few How to videos being made as I write this. When completed, they will be attached to the NHPA web page. There is already some How to videos for HS Master available. Paul Stewart and Dave Sidles have been the voices behind the videos. Please check them out.

The NHPA council has been gearing up to start the 2021 season. We have already had zoom meetings and have others scheduled. We are excited to get to the business at hand concerning the 2021 schedule and the Winnemucca, Nevada NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament.

One of the projects the NHPA has started is Horseshoe Pitching Trading Cards. We have quite a few orders already. We are featuring four sets of cards. Men's World Champions Set, Women's World Champions Set, The Contender's Set, and The Vintage Set. Each set consist of 12 cards with a variety of pitchers. The first 100 sets will be limited addition sets. These make a great gift for the horseshoe enthusiast. You can order one set or all four sets by going to the NHPA website.

The NHPA conducted the 2020 Delegate Convention in a Zoom meeting. Minutes from the meeting:

2020 NHPA Annual Business Meeting - July 18th, 2020 (Via Zoom)

- Meeting was called to order by Jim Kinney Jr, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, at 12:00 pm
- Jim Kinney Jr performed a Role call to confirm the charter's present. 68 delegates were present.
- Stu Sipma, NHPA President, began with explaining because of the current Covid 19 situation the 2020 World Tournament was canceled.
- Stu Sipma reviewed the meeting rules and introduced the Minutes Approval Committee. They include Phyllis Quist (WA), Brian Fisher (OH), and Ron Highley (MO).
- NHPA Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Kinney Jr, presented the fiscal year financial report as of June 22, 2020. Jim detailed the assets and expenditures in the report. No questions were asked, a motion was made and approved to accept the report.
- Stu Sipma introduced Jerry Labrosse to preside over the Rules and ByLaw presented for change. Voting Results were as follows:

1. PRC 1 Rule 12 - APPROPRIATE NHPA MEMBER CONDUCT

Section C – Dress Code. 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. **Failed** (3 yes & 65 No)

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2. PRC 2 Rule 1 Pitching Divisions - 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

Passed (63 Yes & 5 No)

3. PRC 3 RULE 5- FOUL SHOES - 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.

Failed (37 Yes & 31 No)

4. PRC 4 Requirement 3 – Charter/State Information

Section A, # 2 - 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.

Passed (55 Yes & 13 No)

5. PBC 1 Bylaws Article III: Membership - 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.

Failed (21 Yes & 47 No)

- Stu Sipma introduced Casey Sluys for the National Horseshoe Pitching Foundation report. Casey stated the Hall of Fame building has been closed and all leagues have been canceled. If a person wants to visit they can call ahead. The NHPF had to replace a service pump for the heating and air conditioning system. This came with a service package. Casey stated the NHPF has \$645.00 worth of Amazon smile donations for the Hall of Fame, currently. This is one half of one percent of purchases made thru Amazon if you ear mark National Horseshoe Pitching Foundation as your favorite charity. Casey stated there is a list of the top fifteen states for contributions on the NHPA website at horseshoepitching.com. Casey also stated there are bricks for sale at the Hall of Fame building. A large brick is \$200.00, a small brick is \$100.00, and three small bricks are \$250.00. Casey stated anything that can be read in church can be placed on a brick. If you go to the NHPA website and then to the NHPF tab you can order a brick under Donations at the Brick Plaza. Casey requested that if charters could host a horseshoe pitching tournament for a donation to the NHPF it would be appreciated.
- Stu Sipma read the officers who were up for election in 2020. Stu stated Laurie Lampkin is currently the NHPA 2nd Vice President and Rob Hagman is the NHPA 4th Vice President. Stu stated Rob Hagman has chose not to run for NHPA 4th Vice President. Wayne Callicoatte (TX) and Debra Odum (TX) has submitted their resume for the NHPA 4th Vice President position. Debra Odum cancelled her nomination for the position due to unforeseen circumstances. Stu stated according to Article 5, Section 7 of the NHPA ByLaws by rule and acclamation: Laurie Lampkin (KY) will be NHPA 2nd Vice President, Wayne Callicoatte (TX) will be NHPA 4th Vice President, and Jim Kinney Jr (MO) will be NHPA Secretary/Treasurer for the next term.
- Stu Sipma introduced Stan Griggs for some promotional items. Stan stated Laurie Lampkin had reached out to him to create a new line of NHPA Trading Cards. Stan stated he had set up to create 4 -12 cards sets of cards consisting of a Men's World Champion Set, Women's World Champion Set, The Contender's Set, and The Vintage Set. Stan stated he has been working with a local printing company to create each set. Stan stated the first twenty sets will have printed on the card First Addition. Stan stated they want to put together sets that will sell. Stan stated he will work with charters if they were

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interested in creating a set for their state champions in the future. Stu asked for input from the delegates on if the NHPA should move forward with this project. With a majority the NHPA Trading cards were approved by the delegates to start production and sales.

- Stu Sipma asked the delegates to vote on if the charters would like to stay with trophies or change to plaques for the preliminary rounds of the NHPA World Tournament. By majority, the delegates have voted to stay with trophies.
- Stu Sipma asked the delegates to vote for raising the entry fee to the NHPA World Tournament to include pictures of those who pitched. By majority, the delegates have voted to not raise the entry fee.
- Stu Sipma asked for open discussion. Blaine Scott (UT-N) stated he was the NHPA Newsline editor. Blaine stated he was reaching out to each delegate, and charter, to submit anything pertaining to their state for individual personal accomplishments, senior age pitchers, Juniors, or pitcher with a good news story to potentially be printed in a future Newsline. Blaine stated they can send their articles to horseshoepitching@gmail.com. Stu stated Blaine had taken over as NHPA Newsline editor from Rebecca Sidles.
- Stu Sipma asked if there were any other items for open discussion? Ron Highley (MO) asked if there was any way the NHPA could lock in the Delegate numbers for the 2021 Delegate Convention to match the 2020 Delegate Convention due to the Corona Virus. Stu stated he was concerned about the revenue for operating cost. Stu stated the revenue is slated to be around \$50,000 less in 2020 then 2019 due to low membership numbers for 2020 card holders. Stu stated there would have to be a Bylaw change to lock in the numbers for delegates and at this time we are going to stay with the Bylaw the way it reads, for now. Stu stated many state championship horseshoe tournaments have been canceled due to the Corona Virus and that is the states decision.
- Stu Sipma stated he has been NHPA president for 13yrs. At the 2021 delegate convention the office of NHPA President for 2022 will be open for election. Stu has decided to not run for office for 2022. Stu Stated he wanted anyone who is interested in running for the NHPA President position to submit their name.
- Stu Sipma stated a video from Kim Petersen, 2021 Winnemucca World Tournament, will be sent out to all delegates and charters.
- Stu Sipma asked for a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Buddy Lampkin. Stu asked if all agree say I. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Kinney Jr.
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

I am looking forward to working with the NHPA officers, charter officers, and all the NHPA members for the next 3 years. Hope everyone is staying safe. Keep pitching those shoes.

Jim Kinney Jr.
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History of the NHPA

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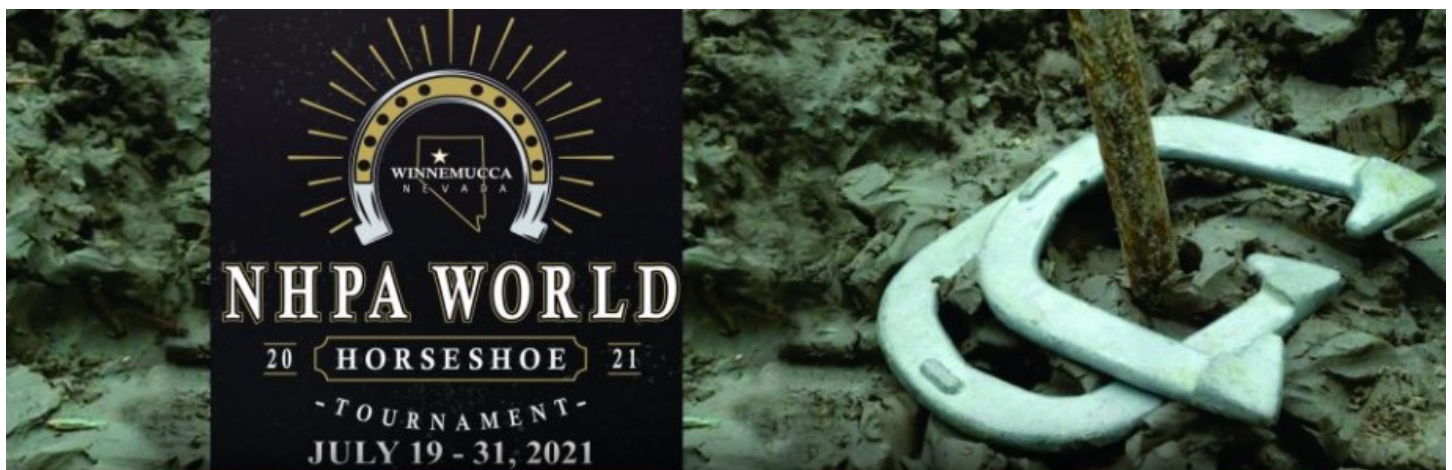
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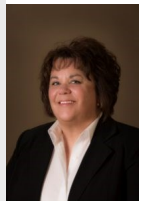
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NHPF Director

How can I help the NHPF?

By Casey Sluys

In these trying times it is imperative that we continue our support of the NHPF and the NHPA Hall of Fame. There are numerous ways you can accomplish this. The easiest one is when you do your online shopping. When using AmazonSmile 1/2 of 1% of what you spend can be earmarked toward the NHPF. This is the foundation that houses the NHPA Hall of Fame a building we all should be proud of. When you enter AmazonSmile simply designate the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation as your favorite charity. For the past few years that we have been associated with this the NHPA has received \$756.56. Over the years it's beginning to add up to a nice figure, please help us out with this? https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_rspo_laas_aas

Another sure fire method of support is the brick purchase program <https://nhpf.info/nhpf/donations/brick-plaza/>

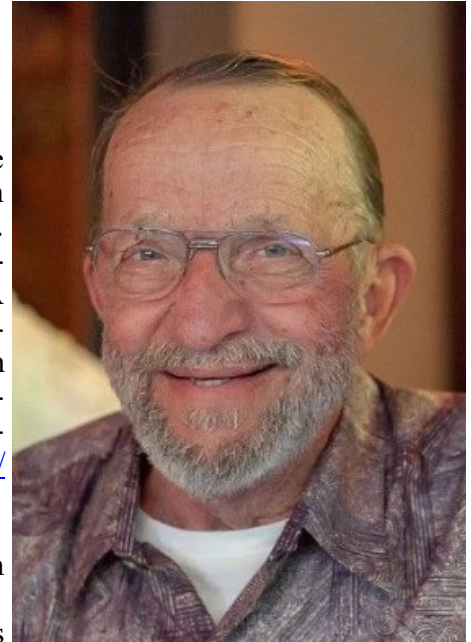
This is the URL for the application...simply scroll to the bottom of this page to open an application for the brick purchase. There are as many variations you can imagine as long as they can be read in church, they are acceptable.

Of course cash donations are always welcome and encouraged. A simple method is using the buttons on this page of our website. <https://nhpf.info/nhpf/donations/> Here you will find a series of four buttons, they are: make a donation credit card, check, AmazonSmile, or purchase a brick. We encourage you to learn about these wonderful opportunities to become involved in our association. **We also encourage all horseshoe pitching clubs to run a benefit event to support the NHPF.** Simply mail your check to NHPF Hall of Fame, 100 Bluestem Way, Wentzville, MO 63385

Keep in mind that we have a grant program available to your club...read about it here: <https://nhpf.info/nhpf/financials/Grants/> Again if you scroll to the bottom of this page you will see the link to a grant application. Please take the time and familiarize yourself with it this winter. We can assist you financially. Many of you are aware that there are a few of us searching for the magazine "The Horseshoe World" it was published from 1922 through 1943. On this link you can visit the issues that have been scanned for your enjoyment: <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/hs-world/> Simple click of page 1, 2 or 3 for the list of magazines, then click on the issue you'd like to read. In our search for these issues I'd sincerely like to thank Robert Taylor of KY and your Newline editor Blaine Scott for their assistance with this project. Without them we would never have gotten this far. We still need your help if you have any issues that we are missing. Email me for a comprehensive list of missing issues.

During these times the HoF and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club who maintain the building and use the courts for league and club play have remained closed. Of course this has brought along some hardship issues regarding the financial situation of the club. For the first time in their existence they have a quarterly loss. This pandemic hurts us all and until the situation eases up in St. Charles County, the building will remain under the criteria that the rest of St. Charles County, MO falls under. If you are planning a visit please call one of the three phone numbers available on our website.

The NHPF and its Board of Directors wish you the best of holidays during these trying times.



NHPF Director

Looking for a Volunteer Video Producer

By Casey Sluys

Special Thanks to Our Donors

We express our sincere thanks to the following who have donated as reported in the November/December 2020 issue of Newsline.

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NHPA Rule Review-Rule 3-Play of the Game and Value of the Shoe

Section A - Innings The game is divided into innings. Each inning consists of four (4) pitched shoes; two (2) by each contestant.

Section B - Value of the Shoe

1. Pitched shoes - After all shoes for the inning have been pitched, they are either considered to be “live shoes” or “dead shoes” and may then be scored accordingly.
 - (1) Live Shoe - Refers to any shoe that has been pitched in compliance with the rules of the game and that comes to rest within the pit area.
 - (2) Dead Shoe - Another term for a foul shoe that was delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules of the game. This term may also refer to a ringer that has been “cancelled” by an opponent’s ringer.
2. Shoe in Count
 - (a) Ringers - A ringer is a live shoe that comes to rest while encircling the stake. A straightedge touching either the points or any part of the heel calks (see diagram on page 48) of the shoe must clear (not touch) the stake in order for it to be declared a ringer. A ringer has a value of three (3) points. (See exception for “Ringers Only” format – Rule 6, Section A.2)
 - (b) Points - A live shoe that is not a ringer, but comes to rest six inches (6”) or closer to the stake, has a value of one (1) point. This includes a “leaner”.
3. Shoe out of Count - A shoe that comes to rest more than six inches (6”) from the stake is a shoe “out of count” and has no scoring value. A foul shoe (see Rule 5 for additional information) is also considered to be a shoe that is out of count, no matter where it comes to rest.

Section C - Delivery of Shoes

1. Delivery - The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (underhanded, and one at a time) and then the other contestant shall deliver both shoes (underhanded, and one at a time). A contestant may deliver the shoes from either the left or right pitching platform, but in any one inning, both shoes must be delivered from the same platform. A contestant shall pitch the entire tournament with the same hand/arm, except in the case of a medical emergency (to be determined by the Tournament/League Officials).
2. The Pitcher - During the entire address and prior to the release of the shoe, the contestant must not start or step completely outside the pitching platform with either foot.

Exceptions:

 - (a) A contestant observing the thirty-seven-foot (37’) foul line may start directly behind the pitching platform provided they step within it when they release the shoe. 12
 - (b) A physically challenged contestant requiring assistance of special equipment, such as a wheelchair, must have at least some contact with the pitching platform and be completely behind the twenty-seven-foot (27’) foul line when the shoe is released.
3. Time Limit - A contestant shall deliver both shoes within thirty (30) seconds. This time limitation shall be determined by a judge and will start when the contestant steps onto the pitching platform with the intention of pitching and is in a “set” position for the first pitch.

Exceptions:

 - (a) Extra time will be allowed to repair a damaged shoe (filing a burr for example).
 - (b) If a contestant becomes distracted due to unusual playing conditions or by another contestant or spectator, they will not be penalized for this additional time.
4. Accidental Release - Any shoe that leaves a contestant’s hand once the final step (if taken) and final forward swing of the delivery process has started, shall count as a pitched shoe. A shoe that is accidentally dropped by a contestant before the final step (if taken) and final forward swing has started, shall not be considered a foul shoe and may be picked up and pitched.

Section D - Position of Contestants During Delivery When not pitching, any contestant shall stand quietly and stationary, at least two (2) feet behind their opponent, on their court’s opposite pitching platform, or behind any pitcher on an adjacent platform.

Section E - Crossing Over If both contestants use the same pitching platform to deliver their shoes, the contestant pitching first should cross over (in front of the pit) to the other pitching platform and then move back to the position described in Section D, above. As the first contestant is crossing over in front, the second contestant should be crossing over and onto the same pitching platform, from the rear. If the contestants use opposite pitching platforms, the contestant who pitches first should step directly back, to the position described in Section D, above.

Vicki Winston—Hall of Fame

Seeking Nominees

Since I'm not a person who is actively participating in our sport as a competitor, I've missed seeing some horseshoe friends this year. All of the major horseshoe pitching events in my neck of the woods, where I sometimes go for at least a day just to visit, were canceled because of the virus. That has cut down on a few expenses, but the past several months have been kind of boring. Thank goodness there is e-mail available to keep in touch with some friends in my state and around the nation. I haven't even been able to drive the 2020 HOF photo plaques over to the Hall of Fame building in Wentzville, because major tournaments there were canceled and the building is closed at the present time. Hopefully St. Charles County will allow them to reopen sometime in the near future.

Since I last wrote an article, I have been saddened to learn that the horseshoe world has lost at least two more members of the NHPA Hall of Fame with the passing of Sue Snyder and Steve Summerlin. We all know what a great competitor Sue Snyder was when on a horseshoe court, but I was also privileged to share a friendship with her through the years when we were able to keep in touch. I'm sure she is missed by all who knew her. When I walked into the building, I believe it was at the 2019 Hall of Fame Invitational Tournament, the first person to come and greet me was Steve Summerlin. I couldn't believe my eyes at first, because I didn't think he was able to travel. I'm so glad I got to see him and Paula while I was there. They both have done so much for the NHPA and the sport of horseshoe pitching. Steve's service as NHPA Webmaster was so very helpful to so many people and the website became a valuable tool for people all over the world to access information about the NHPA.

Even though activity in the horseshoe pitching world was somewhat limited in various locations this year, as you know the 2020 Hall of Fame Voting did take place earlier in the year and we are still waiting to formally induct Sheila Shepard and John Lindmeier into the Hall of Fame, hopefully at the banquet at the 2021 World Tournament in Winnemucca, NV. Even if the pandemic is still going in early 2021, the Hall of Fame Committee will proceed with business as usual and will be going through our annual voting process sometime after the nominations cease on January 31, 2021. To be eligible for the 2021 voting, I will have to receive nominations before that deadline. FYI the following is the list of nominees as of Sept. 26, 2020 that will appear on the 2021 ballot:

Player

Debra Brown
 Frances Carnahan
 Cathy Carter
 Judy Curtiss
 Mike DiMartino
 Maxine Griffith
 David Holmes
 Williard "Spud" Napier
 Rich Pintor Sr.
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 Marlene Ray
 Karl Van Sant
 Roger Vogel
 Dan Watson

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 Alvin Gandy
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 Monte Latino
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 Alex Cummings
 Alvin Dahlene
 Tina Hawkins
 Jim Shilling
 David Sidles
 Gail Sluys
 Robert "Ron" Taylor
 William Weiss
 Mel Yockstick

Seeking Nominees...continued

With all of the spare time that some people have had the past several months, nobody has used their spare time to send in any new nominations since the 2020 voting took place. I do know that there might be some nominations in the process of being prepared, so I encourage you to send them well in advance of the deadline if you can. Our screening committee has to review all nominations before a candidate is placed on the ballot. Use the HOF Nomination Form that can be found on the HOF link of the NHPA website, or a facsimile thereof. The Nomination Form gives a brief description of the criteria that the screening committee looks at in regards to each category. **DO NOT SEND NOMINATIONS VIA E-MAIL.** Please send a hard copy of all nominations to my postal address as found on the bottom of the nomination form. Keep in mind that all nominees need to have been an adult member of the NHPA for at least 10 years. Exceptions may be approved by the HOF committee if unavoidable circumstances prevented a candidate from reaching 10 years of adult membership. Also, nominations can only be submitted by a NHPA Sanctioned Club or a current member of the NHPA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Until next time, stay well and stay safe.

Vicki Winston
Hall of Fame Committee Chair

Expressing the sentiments of the past, we include a copy of the Christmas greeting from the HSWorld December 1933.

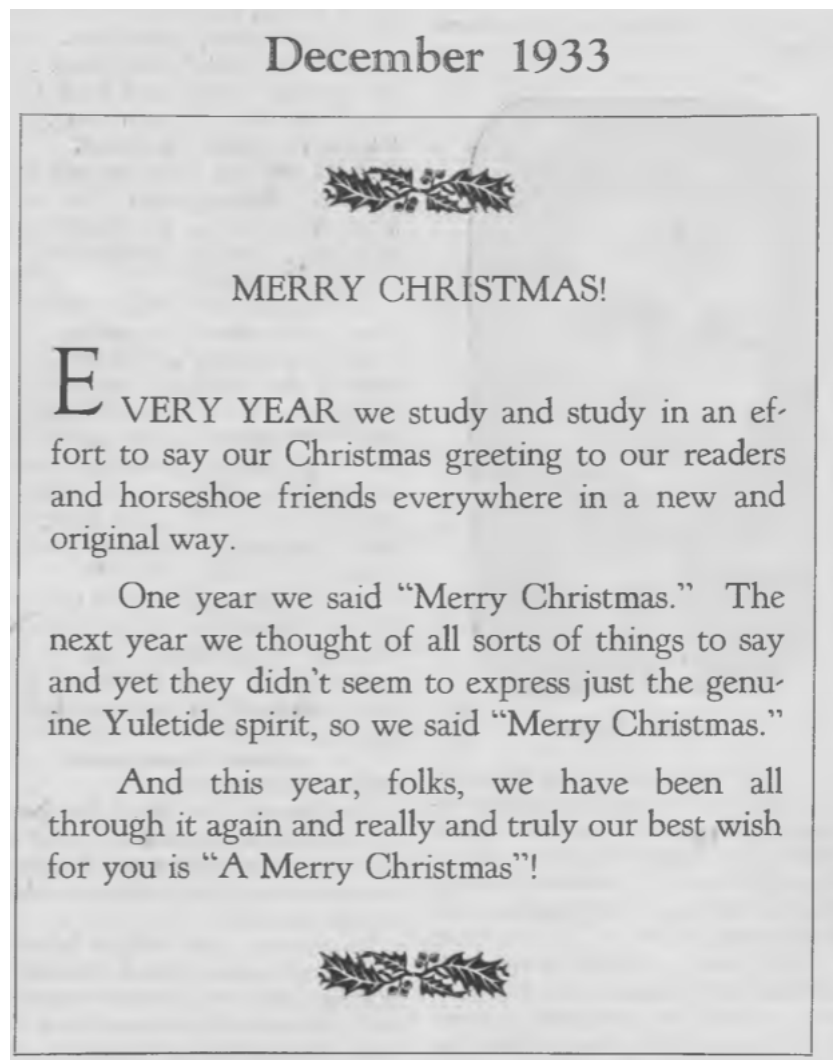
Though we have come many years since that time, the sincerity of our Christmas wishes to you have not changed.

We know that there are many challenges and worries that are in each of your lives and your families. Please know that you are in our thoughts constantly.

May this wonderful holiday season bring you some of the joys and happiness to you and yours that you have been wishing for all year and that we may have an end to the sickness, sadness, and trials that have been plaguing our communities this year.

We hope to see each of you on social media and in person during the coming year.

Blaine Scott
NHPA Newsline editor



Junior Spotlight

Knox City Claims 2020 Texas State High School Tournament

By Coyce Allen

They came ready to win it all this year. Denied in 2019, nothing could stop them in 2020. Led by 4 pitchers, Knox City Team #1, was loaded for bear or should I say ringers. Two members landed in the finals of the Championship game; Nicholas Trevino and Tyler DeLos Rios. Nicholas held off Tyler 41 points to 36. Nicholas hit 3 ringers late in the match to win it all, trophy, belt buckle and Championship. And he is only a 9th grader.

Knox City members Cason Lewis and Anthony Hernandez along with Nicholas and Tyler won the School Championship for 2020. They accumulated 210 points to Howe HS with 110 points.

Adrian Jordan, Howe HS, edged out teammate Blane Nungio for 3rd place. These 2 young men won the 2nd place school trophy by 10 points, 110-100.

Girls were not to be denied. ERA HS brought a team of 4 young ladies, all 9th graders. Ashlyn Luster was the overall #1 seed in the finals but lost out in the first round.

Twenty four students came to Weatherford to pitch in the 2nd Annual Texas High School State Horseshoe Tournament. Other schools were Salado, ERA, Bryson, Gunter and Weatherford. This year a school could bring as many students as they wanted. Bryson and Knox City brought 2 teams. The virus stopped many schools from attending.

The Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the Weatherford Noon Lions Club would like to thank all who came, pitchers, scorekeepers and fans. 14 THPA members kept score during the tournament. Board member Clayton Afinowicz spoke to the students about the THPA and how they could continue pitching after graduation and even during high school. THPA'S Rusty Badillo customized the championship belt buckle. A big hit. And Ron and Polly's Horseshoe Pitching Supplies donated a sack of goodies which were given away. Much appreciated.

A successful tournament is only as good as its sponsors. Weatherford businesses have stepped up in a big way. Plains Capital Bank has been on board for the past 2 two years and with the help from Angie Martin their help has been greatly appreciated. Wal-Mart is new this year and they chose to feed the students, sponsors and judges hot dogs, chips and all the fixens. It did not stop there as First National Bank's approval by Jarrod Dickey bought water for everybody. On a hot day, it was greatly appreciated. But we cannot forget the Weatherford Noon Lions Club. Noon Lions Club members came and worked the computer table tabulating all scores. The club has endorsed and assisted with sponsoring high school horseshoes starting with the Parker County High School Tournament yeas ago. Now they are involved with sponsoring the State Tournament. Love our Lions Club

The Weatherford Horseshoe Club also enjoyed helping this new sport get a start in Texas High Schools. Join us next year and make it even bigger.



Knox City High School Tournament...continued

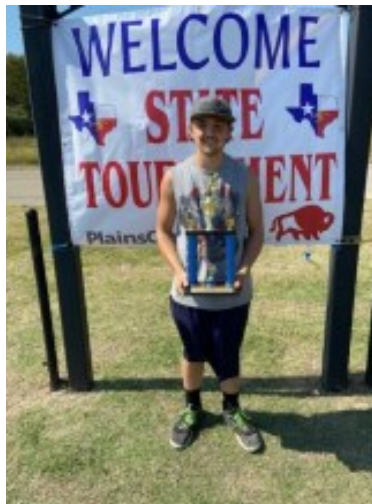
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Regional Director Spotlight—Coyce Allen, Texas

By Dalton Rakestraw

Coyce Allen - My enthusiasm for horseshoe pitching began while boating around the lake on a Saturday afternoon and noticed a group of friends pitching horseshoes. We stopped and decided to enter their tournament and were eliminated in the first two games. After a couple weeks of practice I decided to enter the Aqua-Fest Tournament in Austin Texas that Roger Vogel was directing. I didn't know Roger at the time and he knowing that I was a beginner explained that I may want to reconsider making the five hour trip to Austin, since there was going to be several very good pitchers entered. He recommended that I enter a NHPA sanctioned tournament in order to be grouped with pitchers of comparable skill level. The very next weekend I joined the NHPA and entered my first sanctioned tournament in Arlington Texas.

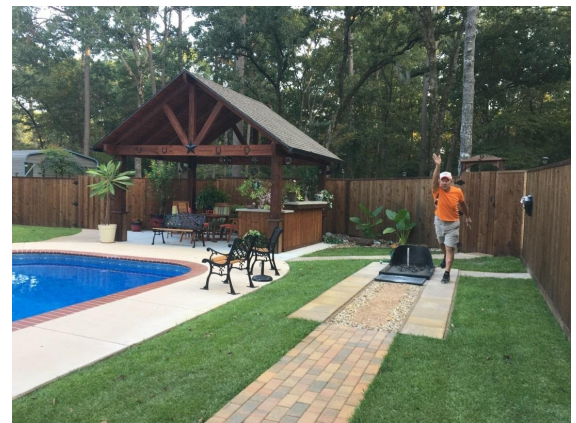
After joining the NHPA in 1984 I entered my first World Tournament in 1990, since then I've attended eleven other WT's (91, 93, 96, 98, 2011, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 & 19). I have served as President of the Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association and currently the 1st VP and Chairman of Rules Committee. As a TD for each of the past 25 years I've enjoyed hosting more than 70 sanctioned tournaments.

I served as Assistant RD four years for Jim Anderson and was appointed Regional Director in 2010. The most rewarding aspect for me as RD is assisting with the establishment of new clubs; I've been instrumental with the design and construction of five different facilities within the Texas Charter. My greatest challenge as a RD is working with the older clubs to update/maintain the integrity of their courts.

I've also had the honor to serve as the 5th VP for the NHPA and a member of the Rules Committee with Dan Sanders.

Additional accomplishments include:

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MENS TOP 100 for 12/02/20				St	%	#Tourn	#Lea
1	Alan	Francis		OH	90.03	6	0
2	Tyler	Howard		KY	83.89	19	0
3	Matt	Fuller		WA	82.96	8	0
4	Dan	Watson		AL	79.88	5	0
5	Brian	Simmons		VT	79.69	10	1
6	Jerry	Dean		MD	78.00	1	1
7	Drew	Becker		ON	76.66	2	0
8	Austin	Bailey		IL	74.62	8	0
9	Rick	Birmingham		CA	74.11	10	0
10	Stan	Griggs		MO	73.61	6	0
11	Ken	Fraser		NY	72.82	11	0
12	James	Dunlap		MI	72.47	12	0
13	Tom	Williams		MI	72.45	7	0
14	Ben	Webb		KY	72.33	36	1
15	Brandon	Tenijieth		AZ	72.14	5	0

WOMENS TOP 100 for 12/02/20				St	%	#Tourn	#Lea	
1	Maxine	Griffith		TN	W	96.33	27	0
2	Marlene	Ray		TN	W	93.66	28	0
3	Joan	Elmore		TN	W	90.15	14	0
4	Debra	Odum		TX	W	83.37	8	1
5	Becky	Holmes		KY	W	81.39	2	0
6	Diane	Mason		NH	W	81.02	17	0
7	Sue	Laughlin		NY	W	80.33	24	0
8	Terry	Beagle		MI	W	80.16	20	0
9	Doris	Hieden		TX	W	79.73	9	1
10	Debra	Brown		VT	W	78.83	14	1
11	Shalee	Cason		FL	W	78.59	5	0
12	Melanie	Zerr		MO	W	77.04	12	1
13	Theresa	Howe		MA	W	76.45	14	0
14	Karen	Graham		NY	W	76.33	18	0
15	Ruth	Rife		OH	W	76.00	22	0

30' ELDER MENS TOP 100 for 12/02/20					St	%	#Tourn	#Lea
1	Marcus	Rice	WV	3	90.23	32	0	
2	Russ	Phillips	WA	3	87.54	19	0	
3	Virgil	Rife	OH	3	85.16	24	0	
4	Al	Ross	OK	3	82.24	18	0	
5	Michel	Forget	ON	3	81.11	5	0	
6	Zane	Goggin	GA	3	80.17	17	0	
7	David	Holmes	WV	3	78.79	4	0	
8	Bobby	Fields	TN	3	78.72	10	4	
9	Paul	McGee	MD	3	78.18	8	0	
10	Tom	Mills	MD	3	76.04	7	0	
11	Bob	Gray	FL	3	75.93	9	1	
12	Jim	Culver	KY	3	75.51	12	0	
13	JD	Drake	MI	3	75.14	15	0	
14	Danny	Patterson	TX	3	75.11	11	3	
15	Ron	Deckard	FL	3	73.80	19	6	

JUNIOR CADETS TOP 25 for 12/02/20					St	%	#Tourn	#Lea
1	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	9	74.66	2	0	
2	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	TX	9	58.41	12	3	
3	Cameron	Hogue	OH	9	47.08	4	2	
4	Bradley	Benzing	WI	9	39.81	6	0	
5	Blake	Benzing	WI	9	37.08	6	0	
6	Danyelle	Russell	KS	9	36.07	8	2	
7	Kedan	Mathews	OH	9	35.64	2	0	
8	Uria	Gabel	ND	9	35.43	4	0	
9	Preston	Beusch	TX	9	30.97	5	0	
10	Zeke	Renteria Jr	CA	9	29.64	1	0	
11	Mason	Chambers	WI	9	29.15	4	0	
12	Ethan	Knighten	AL	9	25.00	9	0	
13	Zachary	Rider	PA	9	24.33	2	0	
14	Logan	Scott	UT	9	21.49	8	0	
15	Aiden	Owens	AL	9	21.14	4	0	

JUNIOR BOYS TOP 50 for 12/02/20					St	%	#Tourn	#Lea
1	Seth	O'Nan	KY	B	88.49	9	0	
2	Derek	Reynolds	AR	B	78.47	7	0	
3	Walker	Forrester	OK	B	66.87	1	0	
4	Riley	Malino	CT	B	64.48	23	0	
5	Leon	Wolken	MO	B	60.93	10	2	
6	Alex	Francis	OH	B	56.45	2	0	
7	Ryan	Russell	KS	B	55.83	7	2	
8	Tyler	Harris	AL	B	55.07	9	0	
9	Caiden	Hogue	OH	B	54.95	2	0	
10	Brady	Fox	MO	B	54.02	4	0	
11	Zander	Potts	OH	B	53.32	3	1	
12	Kayden	Fowler	MI	B	52.20	11	0	
13	Timothy	Williams	GA	B	50.83	6	0	
14	Dylan	Neal	KY	B	50.30	6	0	
15	Jarrett	Keith	KY	B	45.62	1	0	

JUNIOR GIRLS TOP 25 for 12/02/20					St	%	#Tourn	#Lea
1	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	G	85.00	12	2	
2	Skyla	Rioux	CT	G	72.72	24	0	
3	Lizy	Jordan	CT	G	52.00	8	0	
4	Ellyn	Ohms	UT	G	51.42	9	1	
5	Sarah	Neagle	KY	G	39.33	3	1	
6	Abby	Rose	KY	G	39.13	3	0	
7	Rhya	Woods	MT	G	27.75	2	0	
8	Brooke	Lazaris	WI	G	27.27	1	0	
9	Sadie	Wolken	MO	G	26.43	13	2	
10	Lillyan	Kildahl	WI	G	25.18	6	1	
11	Madisen	Gwinn	MO	G	24.21	6	1	
12	Lashai	Mace	NM	G	23.50	4	0	
13	Lily	Strong	GA	G	19.45	3	0	
14	Ashlyn	Luster	TX	G	18.13	1	0	
15	Keara	Hunter	MI	G	16.20	10	0	