



Newsline

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President's Message

Hoping to see you all at the World Tournament!

By *Stu Sipma, NHPA President*



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

I have been in close communications with Winnemucca monthly and changes will be reported immediately through social media and eblast to all of you. In the meantime, the Council is working hard to plan and executive another great tournament for all of you to attend. The Council is hoping this virus will go by the wayside thus allowing the NHPA enough time to safely plan and execute the 2021 World Tournament. The decision on whether the tournament will be a go or not will be decided May 31st, 2021. I encourage all of you to get your entry in and if the tournament does cancel, we will refund your money. The entry form is on the web site. The deadline has been extended to June 8th and the number of events to qualify has been reduced from four to two. The W.T. entry fee will remain the same as last year, adult's entry fee is \$130 and juniors \$25.

This year the Council decided not to hold our annual winter meeting in-person, but we are holding monthly ZOOM meetings. We find this method of meeting greatly beneficial since travel restrictions vary from State to State.

Now that the deadline (of April 1st) has past for candidates to announce their candidacy for the positions of President and 5th VP. I am pleased to announce the following.

For the position of President, I have decided not to run after serving as your President for the past 12 years. I am pleased to announce that Gary Roberts from the Ohio Charter will be running for this position. For the position of 5th VP, Dalton Rakestraw has announced his intentions to run for another term. We also have Don Epps from the Ohio Charter announcing his intentions to run for the position of 5th VP this position. For more information pertaining to these candidates please read the articles included in this issue of Newsline.

In conclusion, it has been an honor for me to serve as your President and I can assure you after the delegate meeting in July, I will make every effort to get the new President up to speed. I have really enjoyed serving you and has been a journey I will never forget. Sandy & I will be looking forward to seeing all of you at the World Tournament.

On behalf of the NHPA Council we hope all of you are safe from the Virus and hope everyone is able to get their sanction leagues started this year.

Stu

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1st VP Message

You have questions...I can get answers

By Brian Poole 1st Vice President

As we start this new year of horseshoe pitching, I'm sure that many of you have questions you would like to have answered regarding my areas of responsibilities. If you have any questions about the Bylaws, Rules, Grievance process, or Medical exemption process, please send me a message at bjpoole3564@gmail.com and I will respond in the next edition of the NHPA Newslines.

Brian

Check out the new eShoe Instructional videos at:
<http://www.nc-horseshoepitching.com/eshoe-videos.html>



eShoe Instructional How-To videos

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*Officer Candidates**NHPA President candidate
Gary B. Roberts*

Mr. Stuart Sipma
2826 Domino Drive
Bismarck, North Dakota 58503-0821

Dear Mr. Sipma,



The purpose of this letter is to announce my candidacy for the office of President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA). I am well aware of the many challenges facing our sport, and I am now in a position to have the time, energy, and passion to fight for its survival.

As you are aware, I was born into a horseshoe pitching family, and the sport has been an important part of my life. I currently serve as President of the Ohio Chapter, a position I have held for over twelve (12) years. I am also a member of the Hall of Fame Committee and the Rules Committee.

Outside of horseshoe pitching, I have been the Director of Operations for eight (8) Federally Qualified Health Centers in Southern Ohio. Strategic planning and overseeing the financial health of the organization are skills that would make me an asset as the NHPA President.

Obviously, the most pressing issues are membership and sponsorship as we move forward. I have no magic formula for immediately correcting these problems. However, I do have the passion to utilize the resources of our members to identify new ideas and approaches that could be instrumental in strengthening the NHPA.

I would be honored to be considered as a candidate for the upcoming election and would certainly consider it a privilege to help to provide leadership for an organization that has had such a positive impact on my life. Please advise if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Roberts
Gary B. Roberts

Officer Candidates

5th Vice President Candidate Dalton Rakestraw

Greetings NHPA, this is Dalton Rakestraw, current Fifth Vice President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. I am seeking re-election for this position. In the last three years, I have expanded on the Regional Directors position and knowledge of duties that come with holding this title. I have rolled out new sanction certificate designs, new tournament sanction certificate designs, new tournament patch designs in the beginning of my term. I have worked diligently with the Regional Directors, in utilizing them more and more during world tournaments. The only world tournament I have attended while in office: 2019, in Wichita Falls, Texas, the RDs were utilized to run shifts along with their duties to help maintain and host pitchers during shoe check. Since taking this position I have added the duties of NHPA Junior Promotions Director to my agenda. In 2020, amid the pandemic, I was able to host online tournaments for the Juniors. The first event, I was able to take-in five new junior members. This may not seem like much, however, one of those juniors was from a charter where there was not one single junior. This was a small step in future for the respective charter. I was also able to successfully secure a one-time sponsor for the championship classes for the Juniors and Cadets to have their prize money raised in all divisions. I was also successful in forging my way to maintain a budget allotted from NHPA for the Juniors. This was never previously included for NHPA.

During this time in office, I have been able to unite the Regional Directors, with Zoom meetings every quarter. These zoom meetings, I present information to the RDs, who then at the end have an open floor session to discuss topics of interest from their charter and gather information from other RD's. A few Regional Directors have noted their knowledge of this position has been expanded in the last three years.

Also, in office, I was successfully able to write and have passed the 'grandfathering' policy for horseshoe courts. Allowing horseshoe courts that are not able to meet specs to be able to be sanctioned for weekend tournaments. This to aide in bridging the gap for players all around the world. This came into more help when the pandemic hit, allowing the online tournaments to be hosted as well as the implementation of the new online Facebook horseshoe club 'SHOP.'



My original goals when I announced my candidacy back in 2018 were:

- Revamp the events and activities that are available to the juniors during the World Tournament.

- Taking over this position in 2020, I am working with Winnemucca to have dunk tanks, mine tours, and other junior fun happenings. Not just typical bowling and skating but other things to keep the junior parties live and festive.

- Help improve the court layout of the World Tournaments, making the spectators have a more accessible way of watching pitchers.

- In 2019, the court layout was visible from each angle of the arenas as well as accessible to all pitchers for ease of entrance and to spectators for viewing.

- Find a more movable mat for pitching platforms at world tournament.

- Still confirming this, in the beginning I was looking at and receiving quotes to potentially have astro turf, however the price for this was very expensive. Looking to potentially have donations from colleges etc. Still in progress.

- Confirm a team of people to come in and help in world tournament set-up.

- Confirmed people from each place to help in world set-up events. From the Regional Directors to the state charters. Only one world tournament so far.

- Establish a voting procedure for Regional Directors to vote in and help make the decision on the Regional Director of the Year Award.

- I was able to confirm with the veteran Regional Directors as well as a few of the previous recipients' thoughts whom they felt were deserving. Most were unsure because they only see them a few times a year, however, these Zoom meetings are bridging this gap.

- Have open communication with NHPA Officers and members. I am always available by phone call or text.

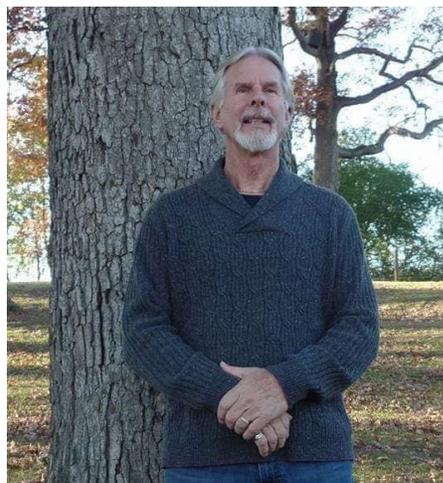
- You all know this to be true. Ha. Just a phone call or text away.

I would appreciate your continued support for the next three years if re-elected. Thank you for the last three years, I feel there is still more to do!

Officer Candidates

5th Vice President Candidate Don Epps

My name is Don Epps from West Liberty, Ohio. I am interested in running for the office of NHPA 5th Vice President. There are a couple of reasons why I have chosen to run for this position. First, is my love for the sport of pitching horseshoes and Secondly, I want to be involved in the processes to make sure that this great game continues with increased memberships and a greater recognition across our great nation as a wonderful individual and family entertainment venue.



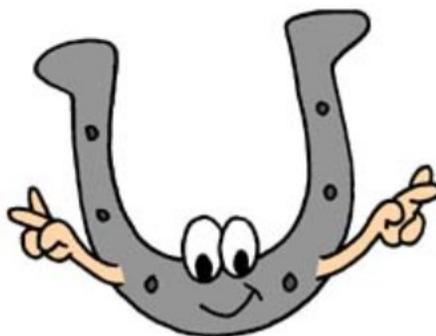
The following background information will help you get to know me. I have been a member of the NHPA for only a few years, however, I have been involved in running our local horseshoe club, leagues and tournaments.

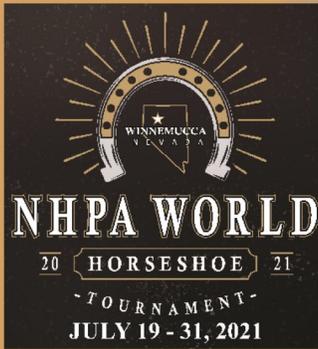
I am a retired school teacher, having taught Jr High and High School Social Studies for over 40 years. I was also the President of the local Teachers Union, Varsity basketball, football, and track coach and school district Athletic Director.

My involvement in local community activities include: Past Master and 32nd Degree Master Mason of the Boggs Masonic Lodge, Mayor of DeGraff, Ohio, I had served on the Board of Directors of the Logan County Senior Citizen Center, and also served on the Board of Trustees of the local YMCA. I am a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Past Post Commander of the local American Legion Post. I feel these leadership and organizational skills have qualified me to contribute and help make decisions to further advance the goals of the NHPA. T

Thank you for your consideration for this prestigious position. My work ethic will not disappoint you.

Sincerely,
Don Epps
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Winnemucca, Nevada

July 19 - 31, 2021

The NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament Pitching The Wild West in Winnemucca



Important Websites

Registration & Pitching Information: horseshoepitching.com

Local Tournament Information: winnemuccahorseshoes.com

Visitor Information: winnemucca.com



WIN!!

Solid Silver Horseshoe

All contestants will be entered in a drawing to win a solid 32-ounce silver horseshoe with Nevada silver donated by Coeur Rochester Mine and casted by Omega Horseshoe Company.



Book Accommodations Early

*Book accommodations EARLY due to the busy summer travel season
Contact information available online at winnemuccahorseshoes.com*

Fun Participant & Guest Activities!



For more information on Winnemucca
winnemuccahorseshoes.com

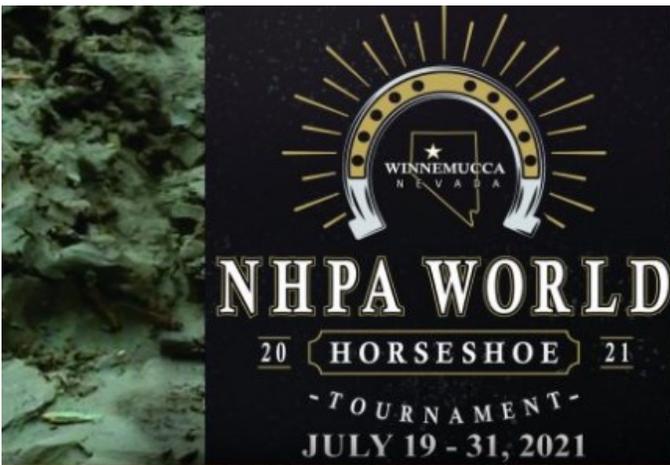
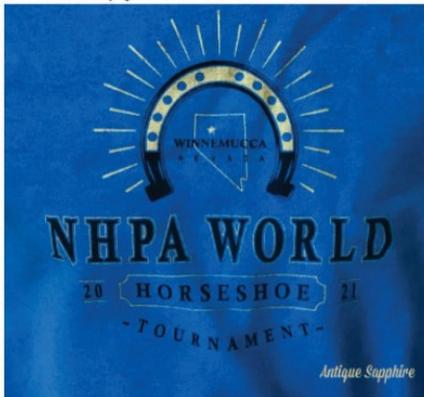


Plan today to attend the 2021 World Tournament in **Winnemucca, Nevada**



2021 NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament Gear AVAILABLE ONLINE

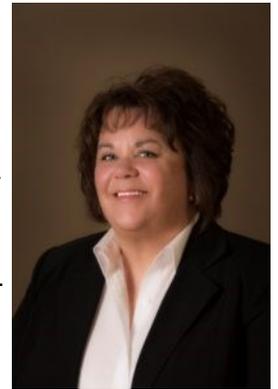
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2nd VP Message

Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP Publicity & Promotion Director



World Tournament Entries for 2021

Jim Kinney has been posting the current information on several social media pages for everyone to see which states have people entering along with the number of entries thus far. Please continue to send in your entries to Jim, and we hope to see as many competitors as we can get to Nevada this summer. You can enter online as well by visiting the NHPA website at <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/>.

World Tournament 2021 – Winnemucca, NV

In 2020, when the deadly coronavirus outbreak had just begun to spread across the country, no one knew what to do or how to do it because of the unknowns and what or how dangerous the virus would be for everyone. The 2020 World Tournament was canceled by the governor's office of Louisiana due to the Covid-19 Pandemic because of the uncertainty of the unknown along with the impact and danger this virus would have on large groups or events. Since 2020, when the pandemic first began, various clubs, and groups across the US and Internationally, have pushed on and found creative solutions in their own areas to continue to compete and pitch horseshoes.

In preparation for the 2021 World Tournament in Winnemucca Nevada, please go to the Nevada State website and get your updated travel information and the states Covid-19 requirements at <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/travel-visitors/>. Regardless of your choice of travel, if you drive or fly, all the information you need to prepare for your trip will be on this website. Please know that all requirements made by the State of Nevada must be followed by the NHPA to comply with Nevada's Covid-19 requirements. Please keep in mind that as we get closer to July, more restrictions may be lifted as the vaccine becomes more available for all age groups and the positivity case rates decrease and stay low.

Travel Tips & Dealing with Covid-19 Requirements for large sporting events.

Whether or not you are a believer that the Covid-19 Virus exists, please know that regardless of people's health conditions and situations, we have lost several members of our horseshoe family due to this virus since this pandemic began. The Covid-19 Pandemic which first became news in early 2020 so far has created many issues and obstacles for every charter, club, and all sporting organizations worldwide. This even includes our International members and the travel restrictions and requirements that everyone must adhere to when arriving on US Soil.

Here are a few links for reading material to educate yourself and to keep current on all guidelines and requirements when traveling whether you are flying or driving. You can also get updated travel information and the CDC requirements at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers>.

TSA COVID-19 requirements when flying.

The Transportation Security Administration continues to adjust its security operations during the COVID-19 global pandemic. They established this webpage to provide resources and information to assist passengers who travel during this time. TSA is ready to meet the current and future security needs of the nation's transportation systems and remains dedicated to keeping travelers and our frontline workforce healthy and secure.

For the latest press releases and statements related to COVID-19, please visit their [media page](https://www.tsa.gov/coronavirus) at <https://www.tsa.gov/coronavirus>.

2nd VP Message...continued

As public parks and facilities are beginning to slowly reopen as more states and cities have low Covid-19 positivity rates, horseshoe courts in public parks are now beginning to see activity again. This allows people to get back to a routine of promoting their clubs and league nights, and hosting tournaments again. The NHPA is continuing the New Membership program for 2021 for new members. Here is how it works:

NEW MEMBERS PROGRAM IS CONTINUING FOR 2021

If you would like to get your membership bags for your new members, the information and process are listed below for you. We hope that you send those names to us soon so that they will be able to get their items. Once you have your shirts, take a group photo, and send it to me. Mix up your group with some front photos and back photos of your shirts.

If your charter has any newly elected people, please update their contact information with the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Jim Kinney. It is very possible that the emails have not been forwarded onto the new Secretaries.

To receive a new membership bag for your new 2021 members, you as the charter secretary are asked to follow the protocol listed below so that we can track these bags and justify the costs. This is a tool to help retain your new members or possibly recruit new ones.

The colors of the shirts are:

Orange, Grey, White, Golden Yellow, Navy Blue, Bright Safety Yellow, Dark Purple, Pink. If you need another size that is not listed, please let me know and we will special order that for you, please know this will be a special order and I will need adequate time to place the order and get that printed in advance. Sizes range from Small, Med., LG, XL, 2X, 3X, and larger – (No Youth sizes are available). Please keep this list for future reference.



Here is the process to follow.

- State Secretaries will notify me (Laurie Lampkin) directly with a spreadsheet or list of new members. I will mail out membership bags back to each state secretary which include a “Thank You” note, T-shirt of their choosing, NHPA Ink Pen to the individual for joining. To help personalize the note for your new member, I will need the full name of your new member.
- I will require the new members NHPA Card number for 2021. The New member must have competed in a minimum of **2 NHPA sanctioned events** by the end of 2021 (of course we encourage members to participate in more tournaments and events) before receiving a new membership bag. We will check E-shoe for the tournaments that have been completed and logged into e-shoe.
- The box or package will ship directly to you the secretary, the secretary is to disburse to your members when you can. The cost to ship to everyone individually is extremely costly.

2nd VP Message...continued

The NHPA would like to welcome new members to the Northern California charter. These new members have received their new Membership bags. If you have any new members for 2021 and you have not sent me a current list, please let me now and I will get these shipped out to the charter secretary.

Steve Goodman
Richard Goodman
Elias Beltran
Jimmy Vega
Robert Rueda
Tony Bodiford
Stephan Sharp
Wayne Gloria
Joe Pallas
Tony Fomasi

NHPA Banner Program Continuing

We are continuing the banner program for 2021 and if any interested clubs and charters would like to place an order, please contact me and I will email you a form to fill out and return. Please check all spelling for any errors before returning the form. Recent weather conditions may have damaged or destroyed your banners.

The information on the banner will be laid out as shown with your club or charter name on top, and your website just above the NHPA website. You can also reference your social media pages if you have any. There is a process in place for ordering these banners, so please email me at laurie_r@bellsouth.net and I will send you a form. There is no limit to how many you can order; the cost is \$16.00 each, payable to the NHPA.



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***Get your free gifts...search the web page...***By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian*

Well, here we are, still covered with Covid-19 concerns and unknown outcomes. To keep ourselves thinking horseshoes, there are things that us hardcore pitchers can do. We can read some horseshoe history and where is a better place to look than the NHPA Web Page. But wait...it has been out of date and not user friendly for some time. Think again...and go look, you will not believe the changes that have been made.

Let me start at the beginning. The unbelievable Kurt Whaley and his team were nearly finished with eShoe and reported to his unofficial committee what his planned timeframe for introduction of the new or expanded software would be. The committee made up of Jim Kinney Jr, Paul Stewart, David Sidles and myself had been helping Kurt and Paul making "Self Help" videos about the changing and evolving HSMaster program. Paul then began making eShoe videos and was soon joined by David and Jim. The complete series was made and re-made and updated with yours truly working as editor and kibitzer. Training was given to the Regional Directors first as they were instrumental to the implementation of eShoe. December 30th was set as the last day for NATSTATS and training to the masses was essential. It was felt that posting them on the web site was a particularly good way to present them. The videos were added to the web site and the committee was amazed at how many details on the web page were out of date and hard to find.

Wayne Callicoatte was assigned the jobs of webmaster and IT director after being elected 4th Vice President. Wayne was the webmaster of the very nicely done Texas site and figured to jump in and work on the NHPA site. A few years ago, the NHPA update the webpage and particularly the software used to create it by hiring a professional service. That service used the software "WordPress" to create our new site. Blaine Scott the Newsletter Editor and Wayne are both experienced IT persons and neither one had used WordPress before. With all their responsibilities and other life situations they were only able to do certain upgrades while trying to learn the complicated WordPress.

Paul and I decided to help by listing all the outdated items on the webpage that we could identify. We came up with a hundred or more items and while talking to David Sidles about them, he stated that he had created the NHPF's current website using WordPress and may be able to help. The suggestion was made to Stu Sipma to give David temporary access to the webpage to see if he could get the updates done. Stu approved the request and working alongside Wayne and Scott, David began fixing the outdated files. Paul and I retrieved and/or recreated missing files and began to layout suggestions for a more user-friendly webpage. Much of the NHPA's long history was stored somewhere on the webpage but was not easy to find. David, while not a WordPress expert by any means, worked long hours and has done an amazing job. Please re-acquaint yourself with our webpage and find some of the interesting data contained therein. The New tab "World Tournament" allows easy access to the results of every WT and more amazingly, the pitching history of every pitcher to have ever pitched in a WT, right at your fingertips. Want to know who got what awards and when, you can find it. Want to know the Juniors who have won scholarships, no problem. Want to know where to find "League" forms...piece of cake. Want to know who your Regional Director is, easy. Read about the Hall of Famers and their amazing stories with a click of a button. Want to know about current WT results or the WT entry form...we are here to please. Need membership, eShoe, or HSMaster information? It is at your fingertips.



3rd VP Message (continued)

Now to the free gifts part. I am holding a raffle and to get a ticket you must answer five of the seven questions correctly. The answers can all be easily found on the webpage. If you answer all seven questions you will get 3 tickets. There will be some bonus questions and if you choose to answer them, I will add a free ticket to your pile. Email me your answers. I will give the winner with up to 20 responders a pair of old horseshoes. If I get up to 35 responders, I will add an autographed book on horseshoes (now two winners). If I get more than 50 responders, I will add a \$50 gift certificate. (now three winners). Here are the questions.

1. Who was second in the Senior Men's Class E in 2016? Hint (World Tournament)
2. What is the heading on the top of page three in the *League Red Book*? Hint ("Leagues")
3. How many Charters are marked Red meaning they do not have Web Sites? Hint (Map)
4. Who won the Senior Men's World Championship in 2018? Hint (World Tournament)
5. Since the beginning of the HOF, what year was no one elected? Hint (Recognition)
6. Under what main heading can you print an official scoresheet? No hint
7. Who is the Regional Director in Idaho? Hint (Recognition)

Bonus: Was the webpage easy to find things on? Y/N?

Bonus: Do you find the webpage up to date? Y/N

Do you have any comments about or suggestions that you would like to see us do? (optional)

Super double your ticket/s bonus: What year did Jerry Smith (me/CA) pitch in his first World Tournament? Hint (Participation)

Email your answers to horseshoepitcherjds@msn.com. Be sure to include your name and address.

Stay Safe



5th VP Message

Regional Director's making a difference

By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President

As we embark on a new outdoor season vastly approaching, hopefully we can overcome the virus once again. As the outdoor court facilities are starting to see more and new use, please keep in mind your safety as well as others. The Regional Directors have no new reports since the last issue of the Newsline. All RDs are working hard on the tournament portion of eShoe, entering tournaments, collecting sanction numbers, and the HSMaster tokens. All is well with the RD's. We are successfully getting patch orders gathered and ready to send to the tournament directors as well as hosting our quarterly Zoom meetings. There are a few RDs whom have mentioned to me that they are interested in stepping out if someone is willing to step in. Also, one charter has an acting RD, so reach out and take the initiative to become an RD. If you should have an interest in becoming an RD, please do not hesitate to contact one of them or myself. All contact information for the Regional Directors is listed on the NHPA website.



The Horseshoe Tour is beginning to start up a successful season. The first stop will be the 'Summer Fun' in Newberry, South Carolina. The date is set for April 17-18, 2021. The Horseshoe Tour Hall of Fame inductees will be inducted at this time. Congratulations to this year's Horseshoe Tour Hall of Fame inductees:

Scott Sawyer- Newberry, South Carolina
 Ronnie Boyd- Clarksville, Tennessee
 Bobby White- Erie, Pennsylvania

The Horseshoe Tour format of 30 shoes, ringers only, has really revolutionized horseshoe pitching on a 'showcase' level. These events are a fantastic way to showcase horseshoe pitchers all across the USA, on a quick weekend getaway. If you should ever have the chance these events are highly recommended and a treat to be able to attend and pitch. Check out the website www.thehorseshoetour.com for more information

There is not much more to report for this issue, the Regional Directors are out there working diligently to make eShoe work more smoothly. Be sure to thank your charter RD for their continued progress and hard work in this process. Until next issue, I wish everyone continued health and many ringers.

Best,
 Dalton Rakestraw



From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

eShoe...The Future of NHPA Statistics

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

The 2021 World Tournament scheduled for Winnemucca, Nevada is still scheduled, as of now. We have approximately 227 entries as of today. The updates are posted on the NHPA website and on various Facebook sites. The NHPA is working hard to make sure everything is done to make the event fun filled and safe.

The eShoe program is operating great. Everyone seems happy with the way the program is working. There are a few small things that need to be worked out but for the most part it is an amazing addition to the way membership and events are managed.

Each member needs to do as much as they can to promote our organization and sport. I feel the online pitching has helped tremendously with the exposure to more people who are interested in our sport. We have started pitching tournaments and leagues in most parts of our state. It is good to be able to get out and find a little bit of normal again.

If there is anything you need help with, please contact me via email or my phone. I hope everyone is staying safe. See you on the courts.

Jim Kinney Jr
 NHPA Secretary/Treasurer
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sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com



Here are some of the many online horseshoe pitching groups on Facebook that you could join. With a search of "horseshoes" you will find these... and many, many more



National Horseshoes Pitching Association (NHPA)

Horseshoe Pitching Online

Horseshoe Canada Pitching Online

Horseshoe Pitcher's Club (HPC)

**Strickly Backyard Live (SBL) Online
 Horseshoe From Yo House**

World Horseshoe Tournament (NHPA)

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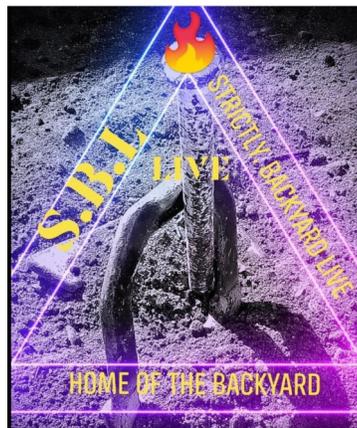
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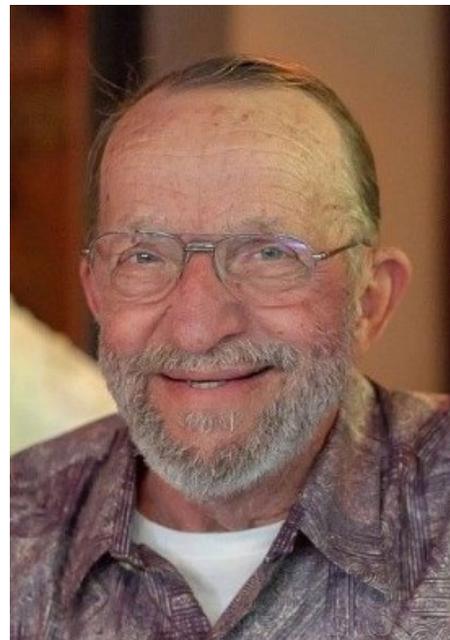
NHPF Director

Online tournaments keep us pitching

By Casey Sluys

Opening up: We are at a critical juncture in the sport of organized horseshoe pitching. After an extremely difficult year in 2020 we are looking forward to a much better year in 2021. So far Texas and a number of other states have rescinded the mandatory mask orders and have opened up and we hope to see more and more areas and states doing the same. Opening of facilities is still sporadic, but with persuasion it is possible to conduct tournaments. Let's keep communicating with those that are in charge and continue to do everything in your power to facilitate a successful 2021 season. *Open up America, let's pitch some shoes!*

Online Pitching: Many of you are aware that there are multiple online Facebook pages that host various pitching tournaments. The primary difference is in the number of shoes pitched to constitute a game. It all began with Horseshoe Pitching Online (HPO). It was the brainchild of Ricky Muter OH and Steven Gibson UT they began this Facebook live tournament structure and we thank them for it. (very deserving of an Achievement Award in my opinion) Had it not been for their dogged determination to keep horseshoe pitching alive during this pandemic the decline might have been much worse. There are at least two other non-sanctioned groups that are running tournaments. HPC is using 16 shoe games and the Backyard group has some tournaments set up also and they might be 21 point games. The one that bears watching though is Sanctioned Horseshoe Online Pitching (SHOP) These are 20 shoe games and must be done via Facebook live or a form of video showing you releasing the shoe and the shoe landing in the pit. Please check them out...the rules are in the FILES section of their respective pages. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1574399849397649> Most all online type events have an entry fee which is collected electronically. The prizes are also cash which is returned electronically also.



Not only can you pitch online, but you can also participate in discussions about all things horseshoe pitching at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/731279450666242> This site has a picture contest and a question of the week. Another site is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NHPAQ> this one promotes horseshoes and will answer your questions in a timely manner. We invite all of you to join both sites and participate. There are many Charters and local clubs that also have a presence online. If you are new to the online community then ask your kids or grandkids for a couple of lessons as to how to negotiate your way through the maze called the Internet.

If some of what I write seems redundant it's for a good reason. Over time (34 yrs.) there is about a 20 - 30% turnover rate annually in our organization based on the new members we see each year. These newbies need to know this information in order to become lasting and productive members. Please help us all out by passing along all pertinent information, be sure the new folks receive the above information. All us elder members should not be afraid to turn the reigns of this organization over to the younger generation. If you have a person with "new" ideas and you don't agree with it perhaps you should move out of the way. Some of us are indeed actively searching for replacements.

NHPF Director...Continued

HoF & Museum: It is unfortunate for those that had a side trip planned to the NHPF Hall of Fame & Museum couldn't visit because it was closed during this pandemic. There are signs of life beginning to appear though as the Quail Ridge HSC has received permission to start a couple of their leagues back up. Look for adjusted hours of opening in the near future, but in the meantime if you visit please call one of these individuals first and set up an appointment with them for a tour.

To visit and tour the museum Monday through Friday, contact one the following Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club members. Joe Faron (314) 704-7082, Gary Buehler (636) 328-1201, Norm Pierce (636) 357-3081

Horseshoe Publications: Update on the NHPA historical library: Every known issue of every Official horseshoe pitching publication has been scanned and put online for your reading pleasure. Find the link at <http://www.horseshoepitching.com> Find issues back to 1923 through 2021. We know there are many early ones missing and sitting in some storage locker...all we need to do is find them. Apparently a loose-leaf publication was issued during WW2. Those are missing also and would be dated 1943-1947-8. Please help us locate them and you'll be doing the NHPF a huge favor if we could find them to scan. Take the time on some rainy weekend to look through the extensive library of written material. We collected it and scanned it for your perusal.

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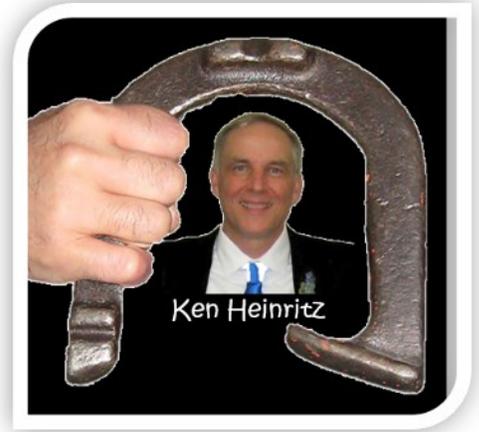
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*NHPA Chaplain Update***Behind the Mask***By Ken Heinritz, NHPA Chaplain*

In the Bible we find that God has a lot to say about life & death, not really earth-shattering news since He is the giver of life. He states in the book of James that “Your life is like the morning fog – it’s here a little while, then it’s gone.” I can remember my high school years as plain as day. And blink... I’m in my 30’s. Another blink ... I’m in my 50’s. The next blink I may be in my 70’s or better yet, heaven. Where does the time go??? I’m a grandpa now, is that possible? Can’t be, I don’t feel like I’m a grandpa. But the gray beard & forming wrinkles tell another story.



How long do each of us have? How long will you be pitching at a high ringer percentage? Remember you are getting older too? The body feels more aches than it used to. The joints hurt. Muscles feel weak. The mind isn’t as sharp. Getting ringers takes extra work.

While I look forward to the warmer weather & pitching shoes again, it’s hard to say what is in store for me. Will I pitch in very many tournaments? Probably not. Will I pitch in the World Tournament ... don’t know. State ... too far off to call. You see, my situation in life has drastically changed 3 months ago when my wife Kelly was diagnosed with cancer, not a pleasant thought. And after 3 surgeries, numerous doctor’s appointments, tests & other lab activities, I can honestly say that we have had our fill of doctors. And we cannot be sure of the outcome. She just received her second chemotherapy treatment, so 2 down & 14 to go. Oh and then there is radiation treatment. What will her quality of life look like throughout the year? And though it’s not me that has cancer, my heart aches right alongside of hers. In marriage, according to our Creator, the two become one. When she hurts I hurt. When she is doing well, I’m doing well.

My advice to you is simple, do not take life for granted. None of us can say what a day may bring forth. You may hear of others going through cancer or some other life changing situation, but how many of us think “It will never happen to me”? Will Kelly survive this ... don’t know. We have no guarantees! The very moment you think you’ve got it licked, it may come back with a vengeance. But even that is okay as long as you know what your final destination is. Is this true of your life? Life is a gift. What are you doing with it?

So my dear horseshoe pitching friends, if God has given you good health, then thank Him for it & get out there on the courts. Truly enjoy competition & the camaraderie with friends. Build those relationships. Hopefully I can join you. And appreciate every moment the Good Lord has given you breath.

“When people live to be very old, let them rejoice in every day of life. But let them also remember there will be many dark days.... Young people, it’s wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do.”
Ecclesiastes 11:8-9 NLT



NHPA Rule Review-Rule 5-FOUL SHOES

RULE 5 - FOUL SHOES

Section A - Removal from Pit

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

Section B - Enforcing Violations

1. Enforced by Judge

The following are rules violations that must be spotted and called by an assigned judge. The penalty is to declare the shoe a foul shoe.

- (a) Any shoe pitched when the contestant, during the delivery, has stepped on or over the foul line before releasing the shoe.
- (b) Any shoe pitched when the contestant has started or stepped completely outside the pitching platform with either foot before releasing the shoe (see exceptions in RULE 3, Section D-1a, 1b).
- (c) Any shoe not delivered within the thirty (30) second time limit (see RULE 3, Section C-2).

2. Monitored by Judge and Contestants

The following occurrences are also considered foul shoes and, where it applies, the shoes must be removed from the pit (if they appear to be in the scoring area of the stake) before any more shoes are delivered, unless all contestants in that game agree to leave a foul shoe where it is.

- (a) Any shoe pitched with the opposite hand/arm; in the same tournament (See also RULE 3, Section C.1).
- (b) The second shoe, if it is pitched from a different platform than the first shoe.
- (c) Any shoe that contacts the backboard, platform, court frame, or any ground outside the pit area before it comes to rest.
- (d) Any shoe that strikes a permanent object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc. Note: A shoe that strikes a foreign, moving object is not foul and may be re-pitched.
- (e) The second shoe if the contestant changes shoes after the first shoe has been pitched. The only exception is if the first shoe has broken and qualifies for a re-pitch.
- (f) A contestant’s shoe (s), if the contestant removes any shoe before the scoring of that shoe has been agreed upon. If the contestants cannot agree, a judge shall be called to determine the scoring or may order the inning re-pitched.



Vicki Winston—Hall of Fame

NHPA Hall of Fame

Well, spring has sprung in my neck of the woods. It is nice to see green grass, some flowers in bloom and leaves opening up on trees and shrubs. I'm sure there are some horseshoes clanging in certain parts of the state.

The Hall of Fame committee has completed our voting just in time to get an article sent to the Newline editor. We did not elect a Player this year, but one was very close and another not far behind. When there are several good candidates, it's very hard for one candidate to get enough votes to reach the amount required for election. In 2022, if no one is elected on the first ballot, we will be going to our second ballot procedure and someone will be elected in the Player category next year.

In the Historic Era Player category, we have elected two persons. Both have been deceased for many years. I do not have a lot of information on either one of them, nor do I have a photo at this time. I will give you a brief bio on each one.

Charles Bobbitt - He was born in 1896 and probably in Ohio. When he appeared in the 1920 Summer World Tournament, held in Akron, Ohio and the 1921 Winter World Tournament, held in St. Petersburg, Florida, Charles was living in Lancaster, Ohio. Starting in 1919, there were winter and summer World Tournaments for the men most years through 1927. The two tournaments that Charles participated in, they were pitching 50 point games against the other pitchers in the class, but the Championship and all other places were awarded based on total points scored during the competition. According to Gary Kline, there were 37 pitchers in the 1920 summer tournament and Charles Bobbitt had 35 wins and 1 loss. He finished just 5 points behind Frank Jackson and was runner up. In the 1921 winter tournament there were 22 pitchers. Charles became the World Champion with a record of 20 wins and 1 loss. He finished 8 points ahead of the runner up. This was the last time this system was used to determine positions and from then on they started using wins and losses, as we do today. Gary Kline didn't even have the number of wins and losses at the time he published his book, but found the information later and gave that to the Hall of Fame committee. In Charles Bobbitt's two appearances in world tournament play, he had 55 wins and 2 losses. He was the 1920 Ohio State Champion and worked at the N. A. Goodman Shoe Company.

Glenn Anderson - Glenn was born on Aug. 12, 1921 and lived in Illinois. He was a rising young star when he first qualified for the World Tournament in 1950. He would go on to qualify for the Championship Class for 9 consecutive years. In the 1950 tournament, he averaged 61.6% which was the only time he finished with lower than 70%. His career World Tournament average is 72.14%. If we omit the first year, his career average is near 74%. Glenn would certainly have gone on to compete in many additional World Tournaments, as he loved the sport, but he was killed in an automobile accident in October 1958 just a short period of time after finishing in a tie for 5th place at the World Tournament and in 2nd place in the 1958 Illinois State Tournament. He finished in the top ten of the World Tournament in four of his nine events. It is said that Glenn's training schedule included pitching at least 200 shoes every day of the week on the Riverside Park Courts in Moline, Illinois. He traveled to tournaments all over the Midwest and played in almost every major tournament in all parts of the country. Glenn was not married and was proprietor of a bowling alley and an insurance salesman.



Vicki Winston—Hall of Fame (continued)

Stuart Sipma - You will recognize this name as our current NHPA President. Stuart was born in North Dakota in 1960 and still resides there. He has been a member of the NHPA for over 30 years. He was always actively involved with his local horseshoe association in Bismarck and has served in leadership roles in the Bismarck-Mandan Men's Horseshoe League as well as the Bismarck-Mandan Horseshoe Pitchers Association (BMHPA). Because of his commitment to our sport, he became very involved in seeking to bring the World Tournament to Bismarck, ND. They started the hard work of recruitment and promotions in 1996 and under Stuart's leadership were able to secure the 2000 WT for Bismarck. At the 2003 WT in Eau Claire, WI, Stuart was encouraged to run for the position of NHPA 5th VP, which he was successful in doing and began in that position in 2004. The President assigned him the duties of WT Coordinator and Director of the Rules Committee. The Rules committee would eventually present us with what is now known as the RGS book. It was adopted by the convention delegates and continues to this day to be the official NHPA document for operations. Other contributions during his time as 5th VP included bringing electronic scorekeeping as an option for the council to consider for WT play. As the WT Coordinator, he attended sports marketing conferences and worked to ensure viable facilities and bidders to the NHPA that were willing to host future WTs indoor and in air-conditioned facilities.

After serving six years as the 5th VP, Stuart decided to run for NHPA President and won. He began serving in that position in 2010. He immediately faced personnel and WT software problems. With the help of the Council, a replacement program to manage WT statistics and a new team to run the WT stat room was found. HSMaster and its electronic scoring software were chosen and have been used ever since. Stuart welcomed technology into the sport of horseshoe pitching. As NHPA President, Stuart has worked hard in keeping a careful eye on NHPA expenditures. Just some of the things he has accomplished, with the help of the Council, include working to modernize the WT equipment, installing video cameras which allow online viewing of the WT, updating the NHPA website, maintaining the RGS, By-Laws and Sanctioned League booklets and leading the team to make online membership signup a reality. This is what is now known as "E-shoe." To control expenses at the national level, Stuart has modified the budgets of the WT and the Newslines Magazine and eliminated Game Related Sales. Stuart is completing his final year as NHPA President and has announced that he will be stepping down when this current term is over. He told me that he will try to get active in his local Bismarck activities again and perhaps someday they will be able to host another WT.

We are definitely hoping that the 2021 WT in Winnemucca, Nevada will be able to go on as scheduled for we still have the 2020 Hall of Fame electees to officially induct, plus the people who have been elected in 2021. It would be nice to give everyone their opportunity to be in the spotlight before too much more time passes. It has already been a long wait for the Class of 2020. I would also like to be able to be there for a few days at least, just to visit with friends and to hold a meeting of the Hall of Fame Committee. I missed the 2019 WT because of hip replacement surgery and there was no 2020 WT. With the exception of Stan Griggs, the last horseshoe pitching friend I've seen in person was at the 2019 HOF Invitational the first weekend in May. As I write, that is almost two years ago. I am looking forward to seeing some friends again before I forget what you look like. I've had my Covid shots, so feel safer about traveling. I hope you will get the Covid vaccine, if you haven't already done so, and will also continue to wear a mask when in crowds until such time as it is no longer needed. Horseshoe pitchers, and everyone else, are anxious to get on with whatever our new normal will look like. Don't be a person who hinders the progress.



Junior Jabber

Junior Boys Spotlight—Luke Zepponi

The Junior Boys Jabber is none short of amazing. This seventeen year old from San Francisco, California, reigns supreme in the land of much cuisine. Ha! Luke Zepponi, has been pitching horseshoes since he was five years old, when he watched and learned the beginnings from his father. When Zepponi was Cadet, he pitched the Snyder EZ Flips, now as a junior boy he pitches with Imperials or MM Specials, throwing a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn shoe. After high school, Luke would like to attend Cal Poly, UC Santa Barbara, or UC San Diego, earning a degree in the business field or a degree in technology. His favorite foods are burgers, Caesar salads, and chicken tenders. He enjoys playing other sports, hanging out with his friends, and biking. One most recent accomplishment that Zepponi claims is his third place finish in a city wide writing contest about the history in Golden Gate Park. He would, as you would have it, write about horseshoe pitching and the horseshoe facility in GGP. Along with this third place finish, came a nice \$1000 bonus.



Luke is a force in the charter of California, winning the California State Championship Title three years in a row! He has attended four world tournaments with his best finish being 7th in the Junior Boys Championships in 2017, in Saint George. He mentions that everyone in A class and the tops of B class are his biggest opponents/competitors, “there isn’t one specific person. Everyone at this level can be a challenge.” Luke has had the privilege of meeting so many champions in our sport from Alan Francis and Joan Elmore to Derek Reynolds and Seth O’Nan, along with several others. He met Brian Simmons when the horseshoe courts in Golden Gate Park were christened in 2009.

Zepponi enjoys going to the world tournaments because he gets to hang out with his friends that he only gets to see once a year. He enjoys pitching Noah Gabel, ND, “because we have been good friends since we met, and we have nice rivalry in our games.” He enjoys pitching in his backyard, Golden Gate Park, and Stern Grove Park (where his high school club is.) All are in San Francisco. His routine practice includes pitching around 100 shoes then another 100 shoes but counting only ringers to see where his average matches up. He then pitches his father or his friends if they are over.

In closing, the question was asked “what is the best way to get a friend to play?” His response, “Show them the basics of how to play and see how they do with their form and consistency. Then you can tell if they would do alright in a game. Make it fun for them, have a BBQ and bring other people out to play.” Luke definitely is doing his part for our sport and hopes that others will follow suit.



Junior Jabber

Junior Girls Spotlight— Braquel Bunker

Braquel Bunker is a seventeen year old from Cedar City, Utah. She has been pitching since she was roughly nine years old. Ever since she was little, she can remember going to watch her mother and grandfather pitch horseshoes on the weekends! Braquel pitches super ringers horseshoes. She plans on attending Southern Utah University to receive a degree in nursing. Currently, working on getting her CNA licensure. Her favorite foods are the classic surf and turf, steak and shrimp. Her favorite singer is Morgan Wallen and if she could, she would definitely have dinner with him. Her interests besides horseshoe pitching are that she is involved in musicals. She enjoys singing, camping, playing board games, hanging out with her friends and hiking with her family. Braquel, before the lockdown, was able to get several of her friends involved in the UT High School Horseshoe League and she says it was “super awesome!” They were all able to stay socially distanced but still compete and see each other while having fun pitching horseshoes. Braquel was able to capture second place at the state championship of the high school league.

Braquel’s accomplishments are that she pitched a high game a few weeks ago of 23.33 which won her the high game in the Generation Doubles Tournament. Her and her mother were partners and placed second in Class A! She pitched a 31.25% game last year during the high school season. The most talked about is her and her mother went to Tropic, UT, on July 24th last year, and won the whole tournament. All the guys couldn’t believe that the two ladies beat them! To that, Braquel says her biggest competition is her mother. She said that she wants to meet ‘The Tennessee Twins!’ Maxine Griffith and Marlene Ray, and believe me, they would love to meet you! She wants to meet them because she has twin sisters that pitch!

Attending two world tournaments, both in St. George. She liked them. She says “it is so cool that so many people from so many different parts of the world pitch horseshoes!” In 2013, worlds in St. George, she placed 4th! She enjoys pitching against her brother most, because she likes to win against him. Finally, her favorite place to pitch is at the Saint George Horseshoe Courts because it is always warm and usually has good weather.



Sanctioned :League

2020 Junior Scholarship Recipients

By Jerry Smith (3rd Vice President)

I would like to announce the recipients of the 2020 Junior Scholarship Awards. These young pitchers must be a junior pitcher, 12 years old or older, maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, and have pitched in an NHPA sanctioned league during the year. The awards are weighted by GPA rank and the amount of league pitching they do. To receive their funds after leaving the junior ranks, they must be involved with some kind of advanced training or education. The process is outlined in the Sanctioned League Program book and their application must be filed with the National Sanctioned League Director by December 31st of the pitching year.

Receiving 2020 Trust Awards are:

Caiden Hogue OH Try County Horseshoe Club \$200.00
Leon Wolken MO Capitol City Horseshoe League \$150.00
Elizabeth De La Cruz MO Heart of America Horseshoe Club \$150.00
Lillyan Kildahl WI Marshfield Horseshoe Club \$100.00
Sadie Wolken MO Capitol City Horseshoe Club \$100.00

All of these youthful pitchers will receive patches, certificates, and recognition as NHPA Honor/Scholar Society Members. League directors and junior pitchers should plan on meeting the requirements for next year's awards. All of these award recipients easily met the classroom requirements several pitched in multiple leagues.

Congratulations to all of these great young pitchers.
Jerry Smith
Sanctioned League Director

“In order to promote success in the classroom, the NHPA has established the Sanctioned League Scholarship Program. This program is open to any NHPA Junior member that participates in a junior or adult sanctioned league and observes the 27 foot foul line. Awards are given annually and are based equally on both academics and league participation.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a junior must be in the 7th through the 12th grade in a Middle, Junior, or Senior high school. An equivalent home school may qualify. Juniors must also be between the ages of 12 through 18 the year they apply for a scholarship.

The junior must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, 80% or higher on a 100% scale, or the equivalent of a “B” letter grade or higher. Honors class grades are also considered in grade point determination. His grade point must be maintained for an entire year.

All qualified applicants will be recognized as either a member of the NHPA Honor/Scholar Society or as a NHPA Scholar/Trust Fund Pitcher. Scholarship amounts are determined by the NHPA Council. Recognition includes a scholar certificate, a junior scholar patch, and the scholarship, if earned, which is held in trust until such time as the junior pitcher changes to the adult pitching category, applies for the funds before their 21st birthday, and has enrolled in some qualifying form of advanced training or education. All Scholarship/Honor Society winners will also be recognized and listed in the NHPA Newslines.”

To apply...see this link: <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/junior-scholarships/>

Regional Director Spotlight—Myrtlemy Kamoku (Hawaii)

By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President

Myrtlemy Kamoku is the current regional director (RD) for the Hawaiian Islands charter. Living on the Kauai island, in a town called Anahola. In Hawaiian, Anahola means “deadly winds.” Myrtlemy has been the appointed RD for twenty-two (22) years. Appointed by Warren Visher, HSHPA President in 1999. She considers it an honor to be able to represent Hawaii. She states “I enjoy being in a position where I am able to help our members as well as recruiting new members.”



Hawaii is separated by the Pacific Ocean, having three active islands pitching horseshoes. Oahu (housing the majority of the membership), Hawaii Big Island- Kailua Kona, and Kauai. Myrtlemy states such membership in the Kauai island has declined because members are relocating to the mainland. The current pandemic is the main struggle for the Hawaiian charter in their endeavors to increase membership. Having to catch inter-island flights to participate in Oahu and Kona scheduled events makes it difficult. Traveling to the outer islands however is on the list for membership drives. Currently each island is having to abide by the island’s respective restrictions, but looking forward to enjoying pitching soon once again.

One other challenge in Hawaii, according to the RD perspective is the recruiting of juniors. However, they seem to have leads in this area. In 1997, there was coordination of an event at the Kapaa Elementary and High schools to propose a physical education program for horseshoe pitching. Another promotional tool seeming to do well in Hawaii is implementing an open, non-members league to promote horseshoe pitching. Myrtlemy invites the Boys and Girls clubs as well as the Queen Liliokalani Centers on the Kauai island.

Amid all the promoting and challenges she faces Myrtlemy still hold true to her championship legacy in Hawaii. She has pitched her way to four Hawaii Women’s State titles. She was the proud recipient of the Gene and Mary Van Sant (NHPA RD award) in 2004. Myrtlemy looks forward to continued success in Hawaii and more years to come as RD of Hawaii and she always enjoys visits from the mainlanders. Aloha.



Letter from the Editor...the Rabbit Effect

By Blaine Scott

In 1978, Dr. Robert Nerem and his team began a study on rabbits to establish the relationship between a high-fat diet and heart health. Dr. Nerem analyzed the number of fatty deposits in the small blood vessels of a group of New Zealand White rabbits after they were fed a diet high in fat. The team expected that the rabbits would have fatty deposits in their small blood vessels that were commensurate with their high cholesterol levels, but instead the unexpected result was that a significant number of the rabbits did not. After much examination, the team discovered that the group of rabbits with far healthier blood vessels was under the care of an especially kind post-doctoral student who treated the animals with love and patience when handling them. A second similar study focusing on the type of care the rabbits received was done, which confirmed that kind treatment can in fact lead to healthier rabbits. In his book [**The Rabbit Effect: Live Longer, Happier, and Healthier with the Groundbreaking Science of Kindness**](#), Dr. Kelli Harding uses the study described above to introduce the more profound ideas that both rabbits and people thrive in community, that health is bolstered by “love, connection and purpose.” and that kind treatment in general can modify health on a molecular, individual, interpersonal and global level.

<https://www.psychiatrictimes.com/view/rabbit-effect>

As I've observed the communications taking place in public forums, blogs, and other public media locations, I've observed that a little kindness may help the NHPA and its' members as well. We are often quick to criticize, observe the weakness in others and current processes and less willing to provide a little kindness and patience in the efforts of others.

The National Horseshoe Pitching Association provides for many a respite from the negativity, it provides a community of friends, companions, competitors and in general relief from the challenges that exists in many of the communities around us. We all are trying and doing our best to support the NHPA and the goals to increase participation in the sport that we have all come to know and love throughout our lives. That being said, I'm sure that there are some that could do better at any of the positions of the Newsline editor, NHPA officers, and Regional and Chapter officers in each of our chapters. Unfortunately only 3 people submitted their names for the 2 open NHPA officer positions. It is often much easier to be critical than to receive the strong criticism of others. I can personally say that it has been hard to see and experience that from this side of the NHPA.

This year has been a challenge for all of us. Some have had parents, children, other family members, and friends die or be extremely ill during this time. Some have lost their jobs, homes, and security that we may have enjoyed in the past. All of us have been isolated in a way that we would have never felt possible with COVID-19.

The Newsline has been late in being published many times over the past year. Nobody is more aware of that than myself. I could point to lots of reasons, but I will not push the blame on others. As editor it is my responsibility to publish in a timely way. I hope that each of you will join me this year in trying to show more kindness and patience with others. I will also commit to doing my best to publish this NHPA communication in a timely manner, but hope that I will also have your understanding and patience if it is not published to your satisfaction. I'm honestly sure there are many who could do a better job. The NHPA is always open to your participation in being part of the solutions.

Blaine Scott—NHPA Newsline Editor

Release of the 2021 NHPA Trading Cards

Stan Griggs

With the overwhelming response we received with the 2020 NHPA Trading Cards we would like to announce the release of the second series of sets.

The *2021 NHPA Trading Cards* are once again going to consist of four 12-Card Sets.



Elder's 30ft Men's WC Set:

- #1 – Rich Pintor (CO)
- #2 – Paul McCreery (TX)
- #3 – Robert Logan (IN)
- #4 – David Holmes (WV)
- #5 – Ed Arionus (TX)
- #6 – Frank Bohun (PA)
- #7 – Herschel Walters (IN)
- #8 – Russ Phillips (WA)
- #9 – Henry Hostetler (OH)
- #10 – Roy Smith (KS)
- #11 – Johnnie Mullican (AL)
- #12 – Henry Franke (IL)

Senior's WC Set:

- #1 – Ron Deckard (FL)
- #2 – Stan Manker (OH)
- #3 – John Paxton (IA)
- #4 – John Brown (OH)
- #5 – Raymond Hill (MI)
- #6 – Howard Weitzel (SASK)
- #7 – Sheila Shepard (CO)
- #8 – Teddy Guillotte (CA)
- #9 – Rivers Prewette (NC)
- #10 – Gert Wilcziek (WI)
- #11 – Ruth Rife (OH)
- #12 – Marge Spray (FL)

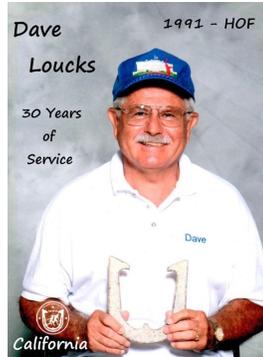
Junior's WC Set:

- #1 – Steve Hohl (ONT)
- #2 – Drew Becker (ONT)
- #3 – Mark Dyson (NC)
- #4 – Gary Roberts (OH)
- #5 – Jim Walters (OH)
- #6 – Branson Miller (VA)
- #7 – Bill Holland (IN)
- #8 – Debby Bestul (WI)
- #9 – Shalee Sebastian Cason (PA)
- #10 – Celeste Polak Lawton (TX)
- #11 – Linda Pateneau (ME)
- #12 – Crystal Curtis (ALB)

The Hall of Fame Set:

- #1 – Arch Stokes (UT)
- #2 – Elmer Beller (CA)
- #3 – Bob Pence (IN)
- #4 – F. Ellis Cobb (IL)
- #5 – Ottie Reno (OH)
- #6 – Bonnie Seibold (IN)
- #7 – Donnie Roberts (OH)
- #8 – Earl Winston (MO)
- #9 – Dave Loucks (CA)
- #10 – Bob Champion (CO)
- #11 – Dick Hansen (WI)
- #12 – Gary Kline (OH)

There will also be another *chase* card randomly inserted into all the sets. The “SP1” numbered card will be randomly inserted at a ratio not yet determined but working on a very few select “*Numbered Autograph Cards*” of World Champions and Contenders. The insert card will be known as “*On Fire*”



2019 Class Preliminary Champions

Mel Yockstick—The Statman

Looking back at some previous World tournament Souvenir magazines, they occasionally posted the Preliminary Class Champion winners from some of the World Tournaments. Preliminary Champions should also be highlighted with the World Champion winners. The 2018 preliminary champions were printed in the 2019 WICHITA FALLS Souvenir book, recognizing those who took home the coveted 1st place Preliminary class trophy.

To review all Preliminary Champions winners from the past go to the NHPA website under the World Tournament –World Tournament Stats. Then go to Past Winners (Champions and Prelim Classes). Three 40 Point ERA files were generated, 1-Prelim class winners 2020-2006, 2-Prelim class winners 2005-1991, 3-Prelim Class winners 1990-1982.

See 2019 Preliminary Class Champions attached.

NHPA 2019 World Tournament Winners

Wichita Falls, Texas (Indoor)

Total Entries= 971

2019 Class Preliminary Champions

Men	Name	State	W-L	Rngr. %
A-1	Alan Francis	OH	15-0	88.83
A-2	David M Rioux	CT	13-3	63.28
B-1	Randy Smith	CT	13-2	55.67
B-2	Cole Pearson	NE	13.5-1.5	53.50
C-1	Gregg Reed	AZ	14-3	46.18
C-2	Larado Reetz	WY	14-3	36.62
D-1	Seth Limbach	NE	10-3	38.46
D-2	Bobby Bartell	CA	12-3	37.83
E-1	Inge Byrkjeland	OH	12-3	41.83
E-2	Sam Marquez	NJ	13.5-1.5	37.50
F-1	David Davis	OK	12.5-2.5	28.83
F-2	Allen Baptist	CO	13-2	31.33
G-1	Mike GrandPre	KS	13-2	31.17
G-2	Jim Stromberg	NE	12.5-2.5	30.83
H-1	Joe Martinez	CO	11-2	27.31
H-2	Robin Constance	MN	12.5-2.5	24.17
I-1	Adam Peterson	KS	13-2	26.00
I-2	Gilley Poston	TX	13-2	28.50
J-1	Dennis Simler	IL	12-3	20.83
J-2	Dustin Whipple	NE	13-3	22.66
K-1	Richard Roesch	OH	15-0	14.00
K-2	Rob Hagman	MN	13.5-1.5	22.17
L-1	Josh Hughes	OK	12-3	12.00
L-2	Bret Lawson	KS	15-0	11.00

2019 Class Preliminary Champions...continued

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Women	Name	State	W-L	Rngr. %
A	Marlene Ray	TN	13.5-1.5	76.67
B	Kelly Campbell	VA	13-2	71.83
C	San Juanita Murray	TX	12-1	57.50
D	Lori York	MN	14-1	57.50
E	Krystal Gabel	NE	13-3	45.16
F	Carol Abeyta	CO	13-0	49.62
G	Mary Sproessig	IN	13-1	40.89
H	Amy Wheeler	CO	12-3	35.17
I	Frances Sparrow	ONT	12-1	23.65
J	Judy Saiz	CO	13-0	33.65
K	Judy B. Phillips	NC	13-0	20.58

Elder's	Name	State	W-L	Rngr. %
A-1	Jim Ellison	AL	14-1	72.67
A-2	Roger Vogel	KS	12-3	68.33
B-1	Bruce Reed	AZ	12-3	58.00
B-2	Larry Davis	GA	13-3	57.81
C-1	Bruce McLinn	WI	13-3	52.19
C-2	Gary Whalen	TX	13.5-1.5	49.33
D-1	Guy Modde	IL	12-1	41.54
D-2	Pat Garcia	TX	15-0	57.30
E-1	Jim Newboles	KS	12.5-2.5	43.50
E-2	Bernie Deckard	TX	11-2	44.04
F-1	Larry Best	IL	11-2	33.08
F-2	Dave Shreve	IL	11.5-4.5	27.81
G-1	Don Matzenbacher	IL	14-2	32.50
G-2	Robert Knabe	KS	11.5-1.5	25.58
H-1	Tom Shuman	WY	11-2	28.27
H-2	Richard Robbins	CA	13-0	25.96
I-1	Bill Sproessig	IN	11.5-1.5	17.12
I-2	Welby Simpson	TX	12-1	37.12

Sr. Men	Name	State	W-L	Rngr. %
A	James Dunlap	MI	12-1	70.38
B	Howard Reed	KS	12-3	38.50
C	Glenn Light	MO	11.5-3.5	35.67
D	Tom Stensland	IA	11.5-1.5	35.96
E	Dave Fisher	PA	13-2	22.50

2019 Class Preliminary Champions...continued

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Junior's Name	State	W-L	Rngr. %
A Seth Onan	KY	9-0	83.06
B Alex Francis	OH	7-1	50.31
C Ty Trevino	TX	6.5-1.5	38.44
D Lilly Strong	GA	9-1	22.25
E Eli DeLaCruz	MO	10-0	10.25

Cadet's Name	State	W-L	Rngr. %
A Hastiin Begaye	CA	10-1	70.91
B Zach Secord	WI	8-1	24.72
C Brielle Schneider	MN	9-0	11.67

Complied by Mel Yockstick



Just one of my close horseshoe friends who now continues his pitching with other family and friends in heaven. Keith Adams is an example of the love he had for horseshoes. Nothing would keep him from pitching horseshoes with his friends! Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to each of you who have lost someone close this year. We hope for your health and happiness in your lives. Blaine Scott

2020 State Champions

Mel Yockstick—The Statman

All NHPA State Championship Tournaments results have now been completed for 2020. The 2020 State Championship page has been updated. See NHPA website-Recognition-2020 State Champions. Hope to see you at the World.

3/1/2021

2020 NHPA State Champs					
First	Last	State	Value	Avg.	Wins
Lane	Campbell	Alaska	Men (40ft)	23.94	5
Ursula	Lucas	Alaska	Women's	29.09	6
Dan	Watson	Alabama	Men (40ft)	78.49	15
Kathy	Brazier	Alabama	Women's	61.94	12
Calvin	Collier	Alabama	Men (30ft)	60.66	1
Tyler	Harris	Alabama	Junior Boy's	44.80	2
Ethan	Knighten	Alabama	Cadet Boy's	21.20	1
Crystal	Knighten	Alabama	Cadet Girl's	18.40	1
Brandon	Tenijieth	Arizona	Men (40ft)	65.31	3
Barbara	Carson	Arizona	Women's	45.00	1
Bob	Swain	Arizona	Men (30ft)	62.80	1
Cancelled State Tournament		Arkansas			
Cancelled State Tournament		California			
Joe	Rossi	Colorado	Men (40ft)	50.00	2
Carol	Abeyta	Colorado	Women's	59.35	1
Pete	Pintor	Colorado	Men (30ft)	51.71	1
Randy	Smith Jr.	Connecticut	Men (40ft)	50.00	4
Linda	Aurell	Connecticut	Women's	44.16	6
Marcel	Guilmette	Connecticut	Men (30ft)	53.65	1
Riley	Malino	Connecticut	Junior Boy's	55.68	1
Skyla	Rioux	Connecticut	Junior Girl's	81.03	2
Tom	Chance	Delaware	Men (40ft)	40.83	3
Mary Lou	Bishop	Delaware	Women's	21.56	3
James	Biddison	Delaware	Men (30ft)	32.00	1
Cancelled State Tournament		Florida			
Matthew	Braswell	Georgia	Men (40ft)	45.39	5
Coni	Hix	Georgia	Women's	59.24	6
Zane	Goggin	Georgia	Men (30ft)	65.80	4
Timothy	Williams	Georgia	Junior Boy's	38.71	3
Lily	Strong	Georgia	Junior Girl's	15.32	1
Haleakala	Tai	Hawaii	Men (40ft)	32.83	1
Shirley	Perez	Hawaii	Women's	50.00	1
Ted	Perez	Hawaii	Men (30ft)	25.00	2
Gary	Opper	Idaho	Men (40ft)	56.80	18
Stephanie	Smith	Idaho	Women's	39.77	1
Clyde	Marquez	Idaho	Men's 30ft	53.66	3
Cancelled State Tournament		Illinois			

2020 State Champions...continued

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Dennis	Shepherd	Indiana	Men (40ft)	55.56	4
Sharon	Chiddister	Indiana	Women's	43.65	6
Don	Myers	Indiana	Men (30ft)	68.47	2
Vern	Kollasch	Iowa	Men (40ft)	49.76	3
Kristy	Klejch	Iowa	Women's	46.38	6
Skip	Hills	Iowa	Men (30ft)	43.41	1
Derek	Bloodgood	Iowa	Junior Boy's	37.50	4
Tim	Spexarth	Kansas	Men (40ft)	45.73	5
Terry	Lilak	Kansas	Women's	46.45	2
Rodger	Vogel	Kansas	Men (30ft)	69.66	5
Ryan	Russell	Kansas	Junior Boy's	51.25	4
Danyelle	Russell	Kansas	Junior Girl's	33.33	1

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LEAGUE PITCHING



WE WANT to say a word in favor of league horseshoe playing.

Many cities have individual clubs that are arousing much interest, but others have their clubs organized into leagues, with six or eight teams in a league that are arousing more interest. That's the best way to stir up interest among the pitchers and with the public, too.

Even smaller towns may have many leagues with four or five teams enrolled.

The public likes this competition and the newspapers are glad to print the standings.

Form a league and see how well it works this summer.

2020 State Champions...continued

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Tyler	Howard	Kentucky	Men (40ft)	82.93	2
Laurie	Lampkin	Kentucky	Women's	48.63	3
Jim	Gleissner	Kentucky	Men (30ft)	58.86	1
Seth	O'nan	Kentucky	Junior Boy's	77.50	3
Sarah	Neagle	Kentucky	Junior Girl's	40.00	1
Addison	Ashton	Kentucky	Cadet Girl's	5.00	1
David	Reed	Louisiana	Men (40ft)	46.50	1
Wanda	Lantz	Louisiana	Women's	53.80	1
Tim	Gilmore	Louisiana	Men (30ft)	57.00	8
Marc	Ritchie	Maine	Men (40ft)	55.73	3
Vicki	Hannan	Maine	Women's	51.40	2
Tob	Blood	Maine	Men (30ft)	62.72	1
Jacob	Lajoie	Maine	Junior Boy's	20.57	1
Cancelled State Tournament		Maryland			
Raymond	Bedard	Massachusetts	Men (40ft)	63.77	7
Theresa	Howe	Massachusetts	Women's	77.13	6
David	Bliss	Massachusetts	Men (30ft)	61.64	11
Etan	St. Pierre	Massachusetts	Junior Boy's	6.25	1
James	Dunlap	Michigan	Men (40ft)	66.44	1
Terry	Beagle	Michigan	Women's	60.45	9
JD	Drake	Michigan	Men (30ft)	67.26	8
Kayden	Fowler	Michigan	Junior Boy's	46.00	2
Keara	Hunter	Michigan	Junior Girl's	11.04	1
Cancelled State Tournament		Minnesota			
Cancelled State Tournament		Missouri			
Mel	Long	Montana	Men (40ft)	48.54	2
Austyn	Storm	Montana	Women's	39.96	1
Lee	LeVeque	Montana	Men (30ft)	36.67	1
Gary	Woods	Montana	Junior Boy's	20.01	1
Kayla	Klundt	Montana	Junior Girl's	11.98	3
Marcus	Thomsen	Nebraska	Men (40ft)	54.96	13
Elaine	Drozd	Nebraska	Women's	48.84	2
Russ	Clodfelter	Nebraska	Men (30ft)	49.12	1
Braxton	Richards	Nebraska	Junior Boy's	26.00	2
Lisa	Stromberg	Nebraska	Junior Girl's	7.00	2
Emma	Thomsen	Nebraska	Cadet Girl's	2.78	1
Foster	Kenton	Nevada	Men (40ft)	64.58	12
Alison	Breeden	Nevada	Women's	51.00	3
Dennis	Anderson	Nevada	Men (30ft)	40.00	1
Cancelled State Tournament		New Hampshire			
Rick	Leonhardt	New Jersey	Men (40ft)	50.00	2
Wayne	Parker	New Jersey	Men (30ft)	43.50	5
Rollen	Walthall	New Mexico	Men (40ft)	63.10	1
Helen	Laumbach	New Mexico	Women's	41.00	11
Tommy	Antone	New Mexico	Men (30ft)	55.80	4
La Shari	Mace	New Mexico	Junior Girl's	25.00	1
Tevis	Delgarito	New Mexico	Cadet's (Mixed)	3.00	1
Cancelled State Tournament		New York			
Cancelled State Tournament		North Carolina			
Stu	Sipma	North Dakota	Men (40ft)	43.75	5
Kammie	Anderson	North Dakota	Women's	52.60	2

2020 State Champions...continued

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Jerald	Hagen	North Dakota	Men (30ft)	41.50	1
Noah	Gabel	North Dakota	Junior Mixed	33.02	4
Uria	Gabel	North Dakota	Cadet Mixed	37.22	2
Alan	Francis	Ohio	Men (40ft)	80.73	24
Sherrill	Hambel	Ohio	Women's	65.96	1
Delbert	Fourman	Ohio	Men (30ft)	72.19	1
Alex	Francis	Ohio	Junior Boy's	55.86	5
Forrest	Fourman	Ohio	Cadet's Mixed	16.67	1
Gary	Beapaw	Oklahoma	Men (40ft)	71.19	7
Sara	Hicks	Oklahoma	Women's	44.71	2
Al	Rossi	Oklahoma	Men (30ft)	55.71	3
Rusty	Walker	Oklahoma	Junior Boy's	35.00	1
Todd	Liles	Oregon	Men (40ft)	61.27	6
Tami	Gilbert	Oregon	Women's	57.50	10
Coy	Halsted	Oregon	Men (30ft)	57.50	1
Randy	Zeiders	Pennsylvania	Men (40ft)	68.48	7
Cindy	Hoffman	Pennsylvania	Women's	68.63	13
David	Young	Pennsylvania	Men (30ft)	69.85	3
Owen	Barbour	Pennsylvania	Junior Boy's	11.34	1
Joseph	Benevides III	Rhode Island	Men (40ft)	39.23	1
Jill	Malineaux	Rhode Island	Women's	50.00	5
Joe	Palumbo	Rhode Island	Men (30ft)	52.36	1
Cancelled State Tournament		South Carolina			
Lee	Thomas	South Dakota	Men (40ft)	70.50	4
Carlene	Barber	South Dakota	Women's	47.08	4
Carl	Chambers	South Dakota	Men (30ft)	49.58	1
Chace	Humphrey	South Dakota	Junior Boy's	20.00	1
David	Kell	Tennessee	Men (40ft)	38.18	2
Marlene	Ray	Tennessee	Women's	75.83	9
James	Cooper	Tennessee	Men (30ft)	66.06	4
Jackie	Smith	Tennessee	Sr. Wommen's	37.21	1
Jeff	Finke	Texas	Men (40ft)	58.49	3
Doris	Hieden	Texas	Women's	71.30	6
Danny	Patterson	Texas	Men (30ft)	77.83	3
Stone	Trevino	Texas	Junior Boy's	32.35	1
Ashlyn	Luster	Texas	Junior Girl's	18.14	1
Isaac Jr	Nelson	Texas	Cadet Boy's	60.50	3
Roy	Buhler	Utah	Men's (40ft)	43.55	9
Jenifer	Bunker	Utah	Women's	47.67	15
Benj	Rains	Utah	Men (30ft)	67.01	3
Ethan	Glass	Utah	Junior Boy's	21.51	1
Eilyn	Ohms	Utah	Junior Girl's	36.14	2
Carson	Reynolds	Utah	Cadet Boy's	4.55	1
Maurie	Bunker	Utah	Cadet Girl's	30.57	1
Brian	Simmons	Vermont	Men's (40ft)	79.30	8
Deb	Brown	Vermont	Women's	69.47	21
Neil	Kennedy	Vermont	Men (30ft)	45.36	4
Tannor	Shedrick	Vermont	Junior Boy's	15.03	1
Karen	Yerry	Vermont	Cadet Boy's	2.00	1
Ella	Roscoe	Vermont	Cadet Girl's	5.00	1
John	Coppage	Virginia	Men's (40ft)	61.25	2

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Kelly	Campbell	Virginia	Women's	71.33	3
Joe	Barn	Virginia	Men (30ft)	57.95	2
Eli	Sullivan	Virginia	Cadet	25.00	1
Cancelled State Tournament		Washington			
Cancelled State Tournament		West Virginia			
Jeff	Pagel	Wisconsin	Men (40ft)	57.77	1
Penny	Steinke	Wisconsin	Women's	77.66	3
Jim	Bilderback	Wisconsin	Men (30ft)	63.08	3
Steven	Lazaris	Wisconsin	Junior Boy's	35.87	1
Sarah	Chaffee	Wisconsin	Junior Girl's	78.97	3
Blake	Benzing	Wisconsin	Cadet Boy's	32.67	1
Sequoia	Wiese	Wisconsin	Cadet Girl's	3.57	1
Tim	James	Wyoming	Men's 40ft	56.39	3
Connie	Filley	Wyoming	Women's	57.65	7
Phil	Plotke	Wyoming	Men's 30ft	53.07	10
Jenna	Bounds	Wyoming	Junior Boy's	6.83	1

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Womens Top 100 Stats *1 April 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	330030	Maxine	Griffith	TN	Women	94.00	30
2	330031	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	93.83	31
3	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	90.16	15
4	220237	Debra	Odum	TX	Women	83.38	6
5	320182	Becky	Holmes	KY	Women	81.40	2
6	470146	Diane	Mason	NH	Women	81.02	17
7	300336	Terry	Beagle	MI	Women	80.17	14
8	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	79.84	5
9	220130	Doris	Hieden	TX	Women	79.74	9
10	460050	Debra	Brown	VT	Women	78.83	15

Mens Top 100 Stats *1 April 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360940	Alan	Francis	OH	Men	90.04	6
2	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	83.48	22
3	10058	Matt	Fuller	WA	Men	82.97	8
4	100290	Brandon	Tenijieth	AZ	Men	81.83	9
5	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	79.88	5
6	460128	Brian	Simmons	VT	Men	79.70	11
7	420271	Jerry	Dean	MD	Men	78.00	1
8	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	74.63	8
9	30370	Rick	Bermingham	CA	Men	73.27	14
10	440124	Ken	Fraser	NY	Men	73.00	16

Elders Top 100 Stats *1 April 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	370139	Marcus	Rice	WV	Elders	90.23	26
2	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	87.35	22
3	360839	Virgil	Rife	OH	Elders	86.33	23
4	200026	Al	Ross	OK	Elders	82.24	20
5	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	80.18	16
6	330059	Bobby	Fields	TN	Elders	78.73	9
7	420097	Paul	McGee	MD	Elders	78.18	7
8	420337	Tom	Mills	MD	Elders	76.04	7
9	180408	Roger	Vogel	KS	Elders	75.57	25
10	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elders	75.12	11

Girls Top 25 Stats *1 April 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	280216	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	Girls	85.00	11
2	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Girls	75.56	22
3	490491	Lizy	Jordan	CT	Girls	51.68	7
4	95051	Ellyn	Ohms	UT	Girls	51.43	10
5	320265	Sarah	Neagle	KY	Girls	39.33	3
6	320004	Abby	Rose	KY	Girls	39.14	3
7	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Girls	36.07	8
8	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	34.66	12
9	801060	Kalie	Trujillo	NM	Girls	29.11	1
10	280523	Brooke	Lazaris	WI	Girls	27.27	1

Boys Top 50 Stats *1 April 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	320075	Seth	Onan	KY	Boys	88.49	9
2	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	78.47	7
3	200245	Walker	Forrester	OK	Boys	69.44	2
4	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	65.34	21
5	190778	Leon	Wolken	MO	Boys	60.93	8
6	360330	Alex	Francis	OH	Boys	56.45	2
7	180269	Ryan	Russell	KS	Boys	55.83	8
8	260172	Tyler	Harris	AL	Boys	55.77	11
9	300469	Kayden	Fowler	MI	Boys	52.20	7
10	340294	Timothy	Williams	GA	Boys	50.83	6

Cadets Top 25 Stats *1 April 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	74.67	2
2	220641	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	TX	Cadet Boys	56.82	15
3	280127	Blake	Benzing	WI	Cadet Boys	37.08	6
4	150396	Uria	Gabel	ND	Cadet Girls	35.44	4
5	220815	Preston	Beusch	TX	Cadet Boys	34.08	7
6	800982	Zeke	Renteria Jr	CA	Cadet Boys	31.36	2
7	360449	Kedan	Mathews	OH	Cadet Boys	31.00	1
8	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	26.39	11
9	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Cadet Boys	24.79	3
10	800594	Zachary	Rider	PA	Cadet Boys	24.33	2



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