



# Horseshoe Pitching September - October 2021

# Newsline

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## President's Message

### Thanks for a great World Tournament!

By Stu Sipma, NHPA President

The 2021 World Horseshoe Tournament was held indoors at the Winnemucca Nevada Events Center July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. Official count this year for entries was seven hundred thirty (730). Cash and prizes awarded were worth over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Due to Covid restrictions, we did not have any other countries represented this year. The NHPA Council and Staff would like to thank the city of Winnemucca for a fine job of hosting this event. We also would like to recognize organizations involved in the success of this event which included the Winnemucca CVA, City of Winnemucca, Winnemucca Inn, Winners Hotel & Casino, and the Quality Inn. For the record, this was the first time Nevada hosted this event. Special thanks to Kim Peterson and his staff for their extreme dedication and long hours over the 2.1/2 weeks of working this event.



Congratulations to all the Division and World Champions. The NHPA Council would like to recognize and congratulate two special pitchers, Joan Elmore (TN) for winning her 10th Women's Division title and Alan Francis (OH) for winning his 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Division title. The Council could not be prouder of Joan and Alan for not only their ability to pitch horseshoes but also being outstanding role models for our sport.

At the 2021 World Tournament, we had a few individuals who volunteered to come out early and assist the host and the NHPA staff in the setup. The Council would like to recognize and thank these folks for all their hard work. Dalton Rakestraw (Director) Fred Lane, Blaine Scott, Clarence Lassiter Jr., Kevin Brekke, Brian & Melanie Poole, Jim Kinney Jr, Barb & Alex Carson, Pep Plummer, and Roger Vogel. We couldn't have done it without all your help!

The 2021 Delegate meeting was held on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. There are some topics I would like to outline in my President's message.

We had voted on two (2) rule proposal changes and one By-Law change. The results are outlined in this issue of Newsline.

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*President's Message...continued*

Two positions were up for election in 2021 - President and 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President. Gary Roberts ran for President unopposed. For the position of 5<sup>th</sup> VP, Dalton Rakestraw and Don Epps both were candidates. Dalton was re-elected to the 5th VP position. Congratulations to Gary and Dalton and we wish both of them the best of luck. Gary will officially take office Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 however I have given him the reins to run the Executive Council for our monthly ZOOM meetings.

At the 2021 Hall of Fame Banquet, Vicki recognized and presented awards to the two 2020 HOF Inductees due to the cancellation of the 2020 W.T. Sheila Shepard (CO) and John Lindmeier (IL). For the 2021 Induction, three individuals were inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame. In the Historic Era Category was Charles Bobbitt (OH) (deceased) and Glenn Anderson (IL) (deceased). In the Promoter/Organizer Category was Stuart Sipma (ND). The NHPA Council would like to congratulate all the award winners on their induction.

The following NHPA Awards were presented at the 2021 Hall of Fame banquet. The NHPA Council would like to congratulate these individuals.

Arch Stokes Award	<b>Mel Yockstick</b> (CO) (2020)	<b>Aleena Lapek</b> (WI) (2021)
Presidential Award	<b>Kurt Whaley</b> (SD) (2020)	<b>Mel Yockstick</b> (CO) (2021)
NHPA Achievement Award	<b>Kay Keskinen</b> (ID) (2020)	<b>Steve Gibson</b> (UT) (2021)
Regional Director Award	<b>Ron Smith</b> (LA) (2020)	<b>Pep Plummer</b> (ID) (2021)
League Director Award	<b>Fred Lane</b> (WI) (2020)	<b>Nick Blank</b> (NE) 2021

Three membership awards were presented to the Charters who had the largest overall increase in membership for the years of 2019, & 2020. Idaho & Arizona won for 2019 and New Jersey won for 2020.

The Council would like to recognize and give a big “thank you” to everyone involved in tearing down the courts and packing the NHPA trailer after competing in the Championship round on Saturday.

The NHPA would also like to thank the NHPA Directors, RD's, NHPA W.T. staff, and all the volunteers for their many long hours of working the World Tournament over the 2 1/2 weeks. Not many people know what goes on behind the scenes, but I want to make sure their work does not go unnoticed.

With the tragic loss of our friend Wayne Callicoate, I made (with input from your new President Elect Gary Roberts) the appointment (with Council Approval) for Barb Carson to be your new 4<sup>th</sup> VP. Barb will be taking over the duties of RD while serving on the Council.

Finally, I need to recognize and thank the NHPA Council, Brian Poole, Laurie Lampkin, Jerry Smith, Barb Carson and Dalton Rakestraw for an outstanding job of running this year's World Tournament. This team displayed great teamwork working together throughout the two and half weeks. THANK YOU!!!

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

Charter leadership—The Council also needs for all of you to look at what you can do to grow this sport in your area. Feel free to call me anytime, however I do need for you folks to make sure you have an “Active” Promotional Director and work with Laurie Lampkin on getting membership packages out to these new members. We can no 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-sanctioned bar leagues, etc. on getting the word out.

Thank you!  
Stu

## Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP Publicity & Promotion Director

### *Winnemucca, Nevada*

The overall comments from the 2021 World Tournament held in Winnemucca NV. this year were better than expected, considering that our entry numbers were drastically down this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic, travel accommodations, etc. All businesses and corporations across the US are trying to recover from the financial-impact that Covid-19 pandemic caused since 2019 and 2020 worldwide.

We would like to “Thank” Kim Petersen and his staff at the Winnemucca Conventions Visitor’s Bureau, The Mayor of Winnemucca, Richard Stone, as well as Brian Stone for his Hotels/Casino’s and staff for the wonderful time and the hospitality they had graciously extended to us during our time there. Winnemucca was a very generous host, along with the great food from the local catering company for the Delegate Meeting, Church Service, and The Hall of Fame Banquet set up. The Winnemucca CVB along with the local merchants had shown us a wonderful time during our 2 1/2 week stay...“Thank You”.

There are too many to mention by name, however, I would also like to “Thank” anyone and everyone that had a hand in or joined in to help in anyway before, during, or after the tournament. Your time and attention and sacrifices were appreciated by all.

### *“LIVE” Facebook Interviews*

We have been receiving lots of positive feedback from the “Live” interviews on Facebook. These interviews serve many purposes for everyone including those who are not able to attend a World Tournament and to see these pitchers compete in person. These interviews also gain the NHPA recognition in addition to getting us noticed by potential Sponsors and Advertisers. These interviews are highly informative as well as they give everyone an opportunity to ask questions of these World Tournament Champions “LIVE”. Information of time and dates will be posted on the “Official” NHPA Facebook page when the next interviews will take place, so keep watching.

### *NHPA Trading Cards are now available for purchase just in time for the Upcoming holiday season*

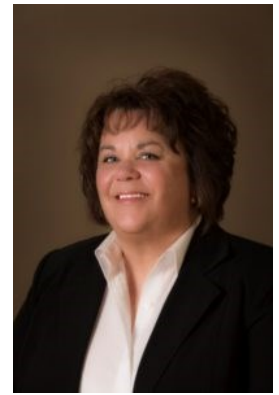
To place your orders, go to the the main NHPA Website at <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/> and scroll toward the bottom of the page. Click the link to place your order for this round of NHPA Trading Cards <https://www.horseshoepitching.com/about-us/nhpa-trading-cards> .

The checkout process we are using is PayPal,. You will just need to follow the prompts. These collections make great gifts, stocking stuffers, conversation starters and trading with each other for those “Special Cards” in these packs, etc.

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, Juniors, Hall of Fame sets. Get your sets ordered today just in time for the Holidays.

### *NHPA 2022 WORLD TOURNAMENT MONROE, LA INFORMATION*

Mark your calendar for the 2022 World Horseshoe Tournament which will be held in Monroe/West Monroe LA. For any charter secretary that may have members wanting to attend in 2022, I highly recommend that you contact Norma Lemoine at [nlemoine@monroe-westmonroe.org](mailto:nlemoine@monroe-westmonroe.org) to get the World Tournament packets shipped to you and hand them out to your members that may want to plan to attend next year.



*2nd VP...continued (Laurie Lampkin)*

In these packets you will find the Hotel and RV information as well as tourism information such as places to visit, eat, shop and tour while in the Monroe area. You can also click on the link on the NHPA main page and browse the area. The Duck Commander (Duck Dynasty) will also be giving tours of the duck call plant and you might meet Uncle Si, Phil Robertson, Jase, Willie or even Ms. Kay.

We are also planning for the “Swamp Guys” to attend for a visit as well.

The RV and Hotel reservations can be made “NOW” by calling directly to the hotels. The numbers are listed for you to call. Please “DO NOT USE THE NATIONAL RESERVATION HOTEL NUMBERS WHEN YOU CALL”. When you call, be sure and mention that you are part of the World Horseshoe Tournament.

We hope that everyone will plan to be in Monroe in July 2022 for the World Tournament for competition at its best and to have a fun time and a wonderful vacation. Let’s see which charters can get the most attendees in 2022. Also let your local media, T.V., Newspaper, Radio, Social Media outlets know that you are headed to Monroe to compete in the World Horseshoe Tournament in 2022.

***WELCOME - NEW NHPA SPONSOR GILLETT ELECTRIC***

We would like “WELCOME” Gillette Electric as our New Sponsor for trophies. Mr. Robert Gillette will be sponsoring the Men’s, Women’s, Junior Boy’s, Junior Girl’s, Cadets Boy’s, and Cadet’s Girl’s World Championship Trophy’s for the next two years (2022 & 2023). Each Division will award 3 trophies for a total of eighteen (18) trophies per year.

If anyone is interested in Sponsoring/ Advertising your business, please feel free to contact me, Laurie Lampkin. My contact information is listed under the “Officers” tab on the main page of the NHPA website.



***UPDATED WORLD TOURNAMENT BID LOCATIONS***

During the Delegate meeting at this year’s World Tournament in Winnemucca, I gave a break- down of the cities and locations that were interested in potentially hosting a World Tournament.

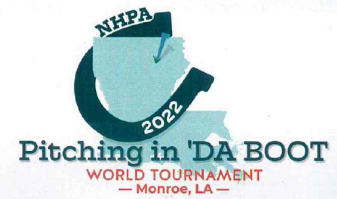
Here is the current list of cities and CVB’S that expressed interest in bidding for 2024. Some of these locations that were previously mentioned in the Delegate meeting will not be able to bid for several reasons. Site visits are planned as we get closer to the actual deadline dates.

As of now, here is the current list of potential bids. We are also looking at the layouts and square footage of these locations and planning actual site visits.

- Cincinnati, OH
- Ocala, FL
- Steven’s Point, WI
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Ogden, UT
- Bryan College Station, TX
- Cabarrus County, NC

- Raleigh, NC
- Wilmington, NC
- Winston/Salem NC
- High Point, NC
- Evansville, IN
- St. Charles, MO—building new facility

# Hotel Rates



Hotel	Room Rates <i>There are only certain number of rooms in the block</i>	Hotel	Room Rates <i>There are only certain number of rooms in the block</i>
<b>Fairfield Inn &amp; Suites by Marriott</b> 606 Mane Street West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-582-1160 <b>Host Hotel</b> Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles	Doubles: \$119.00 Kings: \$119.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast	<b>Quality Inn &amp; Suites</b> 503 Constitution Dr West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-387-2711 <b>Host Hotel</b> Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles Cutoff Date: 3 Weeks prior	Doubles: \$85.00 Kings: \$80.00 Suites: \$105.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast
<b>Best Western Airport Inn</b> 1475 Garrett Road Monroe, LA 71201 Hotel #: 318-345-4000 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 3 miles Cutoff Date: 2 Weeks prior	Doubles: \$90.00 Kings: \$90.00 Suites: \$109.00 Complimentary Breakfast	<b>Comfort Suites- West Monroe</b> 149 Well Rd West Monroe, LA 71291 Hotel Phone: (318) 450-3715 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 6 miles	Doubles: \$125.00 Kings: \$125.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast
<b>Comfort Suites- Monroe</b> 1401 Martin Luther King Jr Dr Monroe, LA 71202 Hotel Phone: 318-410-1005 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 2 miles Cutoff Date: 3 Weeks prior	Doubles: \$99.00 Kings: \$99.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast	<b>Hampton Inn</b> 601 Mane Street West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-938-2800 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles Cutoff Date: June 17, 2022	Doubles: \$121.00 Kings: \$121.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast
<b>Courtyard by Marriott</b> 4915 Pecanland Mall Dr Monroe, LA 71203 Hotel Phone: 318-388-0034 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 3 miles	Doubles: \$125.00 Kings: \$125.00 In house Restaurant	<b>Hilton Garden Inn</b> 400 Mane Street West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-398-0653 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles	Doubles: \$109.00 Kings: \$109.00 In house restaurant
<b>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites</b> 5100 Frontage Road Monroe, LA 71203 Hotel Phone: 318-343-6910 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 3 miles Cutoff Date: June 17, 2022	Doubles: \$119 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast	<b>Holiday Inn Express Hotel &amp; Suites</b> 603 Constitution Drive West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-807-6000 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles	Doubles: \$104.00 Kings: \$99.00 Suite: \$129.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast
<b>OYO Hotel Monroe</b> 1051 Martin Luther King Jr Dr Monroe, LA 71203 Hotel Phone: 318716-7160	Doubles: \$72.00 Kings: \$78.00 Suites: \$90.00 Complimentary Breakfast	<b>Home2 Suites</b> 500 Mane Street West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-322-8000 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles	Kings: \$112.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast
<b>Studio 6 Suites</b> 1501 Martin Luther King, Jr Dr Monroe, LA 71203 Hotel Phone: 318-537-8993 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 2 miles Cutoff Date: 5 Days prior	Doubles: \$66.99 Single Queen: \$59.99 Extended Stay Hotel	<b>LaQuinta Inn &amp; Suites</b> 507 Constitution Dr West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-570-5065 Approx. Distance -Civic Center: 4 miles	Doubles: \$92.00 Kings: \$92.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast
<b>America's Best Value Inn</b> 310 Thomas Road West Monroe, LA 71291 Hotel #: 318-325-5780 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles Cutoff Date: 1 Month prior	Doubles: \$65.99 Single Queens: \$59.99 Complimentary Breakfast	<b>Wingate Hotel &amp; Suites</b> 228 West Blanchard West Monroe, LA 71291 Hotel Phone: 318-387-7395 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles	Doubles: \$109.00 Kings: \$99.00 Suites: \$109.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast
<b>Best Western West Monroe</b> 405 Thomas Road West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-322-9922 Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles	Doubles: \$105.00 Kings: \$99.00 Complimentary Breakfast		

# RV Parks & Camping Areas

Monroe Civic Center  
 401 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway  
 Monroe, LA 71201  
 Contact: Jackie Brown  
 Phone: 318 329 2839  
 Email: [jacqueline.brown@ci.monroe.la.us](mailto:jacqueline.brown@ci.monroe.la.us)  
**CAN START MAKING RESERVATIONS: June 1, 2021**

# of RV Sites	Nightly Rate	AMPS
72	\$25.00	30 AMPS 50 AMPS

Full Hook Ups-Honey Wagon- \$30 per dump.

Cheniere Lake Park  
 104 Cheniere Lake Rd *(when you pull it up in Google it says Rd instead of Dr.)*  
 West Monroe, LA 71292  
 Contact Person: Carolyn Thomas  
 Phone: (318) 387-2383.  
 Email: [cthomas@oppj.org](mailto:cthomas@oppj.org)  
Distance to Civic Center: Approx. 8 miles

	# Sites	Daily Rate
RV	8	\$34.08er night
Tent	2	\$11.36 per day

Washer and dryer available.  
 Water, electricity and a dump station, Handicap accessible  
 No cost to dump

Ike Hamilton Expo Center  
 501 Mane Dr  
 West Monroe, LA 71292  
 318-325-9160  
 Email: [jnoren@westmonroe.la.gov](mailto:jnoren@westmonroe.la.gov)  
Distance to Civic Center: Approx. 5 miles

# of RV Sites	Nightly Rate	AMPS
158	\$30.00	Mostly 30AMPS few 50 AMPS

All RV spaces have water, electric and sewer. There are showers and dressing rooms available. Conveniently located off I-20

Ouachita RV Park  
 7300 Frontage Road  
 Monroe, LA 71202  
 Phone: (318) 343-8672  
 Check in 2:00 p.m. / Check out 12 p.m.  
 Office Hours: 8am-5pm M-F & 8am-12pm Saturday.  
 Email: [infor@ouachitarvpark.com](mailto:infor@ouachitarvpark.com)  
Distance to Civic Center: Approx. 5 miles

# RV Sites	Rental Nightly	Weekly	Monthly
66	\$31.81	\$170.08	\$496.98
Dump	\$10.00		

Pavilion RV Park  
 309 Wells Road  
 West Monroe, LA 71292  
 Phone: 318- 322-4216  
 Email: [kmk@pavrv.com](mailto:kmk@pavrv.com)  
 Website: [www.pavrv.com](http://www.pavrv.com).  
Distance to Civic Center: Approx. 5 miles

# RV Sites	Nightly Rate	Weekly Rate	Monthly Rate
61	\$36.00	30 Amp- \$210.00	50 Amp: \$210.00

**Cabins:** Prices vary by dates and size; please call or e-mail office for information or reservations.  
 Activities/Meeting Room / Laundry  
 /Private/Individual Bath Houses  
 Wi-Fi in the common area/Stocked fishing pond  
 Restaurant on site

<https://www.monroe-westmonroe.org/world-horseshoe-pitching-tournament/>



**About the venue**

The Monroe Civic Center is the largest event facility in Northeast Louisiana and is fully air-conditioned. The horseshoe pits will be housed in the Arena (32 courts; 46,025 sq. ft.) and the Conference Hall (14 courts; 14,000 sq. ft.). These areas are entirely indoors and are connected. Kentucky Blue Clay will be used. On top of the usual concession stand options, this facility offers Louisiana fare—like jambalaya and gumbo. Located directly off Interstate 20, this location is convenient to get to from area hotels, RV parks, restaurants, and attractions.

**Plan Your Stay**

Fairfield Inn & Suites and Quality Inn & Suites are our host hotels. They are both located in West Monroe approximately 5 miles away from the Monroe Civic Center. Located directly off the interstate, it is a 9-minute drive to the venue. Near this hotel are the Hampton Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Home 2 Suites by Hilton, Holiday Inn Express, LaQuinta Inn, and Comfort Inn. Other great hotel options include the Courtyard by Marriott, Towne Place Suites, WoodSpring Suites, and Wingate Hotel & Suites, just to name a few.

The Monroe Civic Center has 72 RV hook-up locations at a nightly rate of \$25. Nearby are the Ouachita RV Park, Pavilion RV Park, Bayou D’Arbonne Camping Park, and the Ike Hamilton Expo Center.



**Things to Do**

With plenty of places to play, Monroe-West Monroe always has something to do. Bring the kids to Surge Entertainment Center by Drew Brees, Excalibur Family Fun Center, Spartan Adventure Park, Altitude Trampoline Park, Skatetown, Bayou Bowl, Tilt Studio Arcade, or the Northeast Louisiana Children’s Museum. For the adults, visit Landry Vineyards, Flying Tiger Brewery, the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, Antique Alley in Downtown West Monroe, or the Biedenharn Museum and Gardens. Feeling outdoorsy? Visit Kiroli Park for nature walks and Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge for kayaking. For great bar options, check out Brass Monkey, Enoch’s Irish Pub, and The Eli at Restaurant Cotton. And don’t forget to stop by the Duck Commander Warehouse for souvenirs from everyone’s favorite duck-call family.

**Places to Eat**

Have a food adventure by trying one of over 100 local restaurants in our area. Monroe’s very own Food Network Star Chef Cory Bahr shares his fresh, locally sourced creations at Parish Restaurant. Demolish a pile of the seafood nachos at Trapp’s, slurp oysters and Moscow mules at Planter’s Gastropub, try the wings at Miro’s, or enjoy delectable shrimp dishes at Warehouse No. 1. All four of these restaurants feature a stunning view of the Ouachita River. We highly recommend the sunsets. Other great local spots are Johnny’s Pizza House, Fieldhouse, Javi P’s, 2Dudes Brew and Que, and Waterfront Grill. For sweet treats, try Butter A Louisiana Bakery or The Creamery. For a cup of coffee, visit Corner Coffeehouse, Dreux Coffee, The Coffee Bean, or Standard Coffee Co. And many more!

## *Do you have Hall of Fame Candidates?*

Vicki Winston, HOF Director

In my article for the World Tournament edition of Newslines, I mentioned that I was able to conduct face to face meetings with HOF Committee members this year at Winnemucca. That hadn't been possible for me since the 2018 World Tournament. There were actually 11 of the 15 committee members in Winnemucca, so it was a nice surprise to be able to see so many of them in person. We got a lot of discussion accomplished and then I came home and a few weeks later sent the entire committee a list of things we had decided that we might want to pursue further. This gave the members who were not able to be in Winnemucca a chance to chime in on some things that had been proposed. The list was not long and when we were finished, we had come up with 2 changes in our procedures which are not earth shaking, but I want to alert as many people as possible.

We have changed the eligibility window for the Historic Era Player category and candidates for it will now be eligible after not having participated in any adult World Championship Finals Division for at least 30 years instead of 35 years. This moves a couple of people from the Player category to the Historic Era Player category on the list of nominees. The updated list is posted on the website along with an updated Nomination Form.

We have also made some slight changes to the point system that we use for voting. Our ballots contained five lines for each category with point values of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1. This added up to 15 points that were possible for a committee member to divide among 5 candidates in that category. A committee member is never required to fill all 5 lines on their ballot in any category if they choose not to do so, but most always do. With 15 members voting in a category, there were 225 points available and to be elected a candidate had to receive at least 20% of points available, which would have been 45 points. On occasions we have committee members or a relative of theirs on the ballot, so they are required to abstain from voting in the category where their name or the name of their relative appears. In that case, that changes the amount of points available, but a candidate will always need at least 20% of the total points available in order to be declared elected.

The new point system we are going to try works the same way, but the five lines will now have point values of 8, 5, 3, 2 and 1 for a total of 19 points. The reasoning for this is that it was felt that the person we place at the top of our list, and who we feel is the most deserving, was only getting one more point than the next person on the list. The person who is placed in second place will also now have a little more support than the persons on the last three lines. This may enable the committee to not have years when we don't elect anyone from some categories. With all members voting in a category there will be 285 total points available and a candidate will need at least 20% or 57 points to be declared elected. We do have in our SOP's a procedure that enables us to use a second ballot if nobody is elected in a given category for 2 years in a row. If we do that, only the five candidates with the most points in that category are put on the second ballot. We feel that this new voting system may help avoid ties on the 2nd ballot, which would be helpful. I will point out that each committee member votes independently and in secret. I collect the ballots and do all of the tabulating. The committee members see how the other members voted only after the election process is completed. I try to cast my ballot and send a copy to a designated person before any other ballots arrive. That way it can be verified that I did not change my votes after seeing how some other members voted. We try to conduct the voting as honestly as possible.

In other HOF committee news, since Gary Roberts will now be the exofficio HOF committee member by virtue of taking over the office of NHPA President, he has appointed Stuart Sipma to remain on the HOF committee to keep 15 members in place on the committee. We will not have any change in personnel to begin the New Year unless someone should resign.



*HOF Update...continued*

Jerry Smith is a member of the Hall of Fame committee, a NHPA Vice President, and has also taken on the responsibility of being the NHPA Historian, along with his duties of being the NHPA Sanctioned League Director. This summer Jerry moved to Ohio, so now lives just a one day drive from the Hall of Fame building in Wentzville, MO. Bob Rogers, who designed the Hall of Fame and has volunteered so much work in the Hall of Fame room for so many years, is no longer available to serve as curator because of health reasons. Joe Faron is no longer available because of his health. Jerry is stepping in and going to the building whenever he has some free time to try and get everything up to date. The building has been closed a lot during the pandemic. Some things have gotten behind due to the passing of Bob Dunn, who was serving as the NHPA Historian until his death. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club has begun holding some activities at the building once again, so hopefully over the coming months things will eventually get back to business as usual. Jerry has let me know that he has located a photo of Charles Bobbitt and also one of Glenn Anderson, who were both inductees in 2021. We still need a photo of Harry G. Haynes of Ohio, who was inducted in 2019. It will be appreciated if someone can help us locate a photo of Mr. Haynes.

Just a reminder that Hall of Fame Nominations can be submitted by any NHPA member or NHPA sanctioned club by using the Nomination Form that can be found on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website, or by using a facsimile of that form. Just follow all of the instructions on the form when submitting a nomination. The deadline for nominations to be considered for the 2022 voting is Jan. 31, 2022.

The holidays are fast approaching as I write this article, so will close by wishing everyone happy holidays for ones that you celebrate and may you also have good health and good pitching in the year 2022.

*NHPA Member Highlight*

## Welcome Josh Olson! New NHPA IT Director

*By Blaine Scott, Newsline Editor*

My name is Josh Olson. I am excited to be apart of the organization as the new NHPA I.T Director. To give a little background of myself, I'm from Minnesota. I grew up in a little town northwest of the Twin Cites called Bertha. I have pitched horseshoes there for over 17 years. I have helped run many Tournaments over the years and also have ran a league during the summer months as well. I am still involved at the local/State level as the State Statistician and Regional Director. I am an avid bowler in the winter months and I enjoy learning/playing the game of golf thanks to covid last year, lol.

I'm really grateful for this opportunity to work with the NHPA Council. It's not everyday you get to take what you do for a living and merge it with something you have a passion for. I look forward to helping out in anyway I can to make this sport better tomorrow!

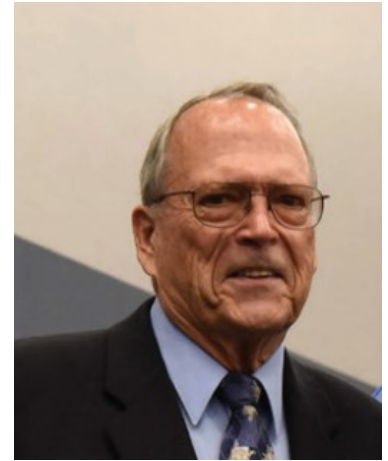
Josh Olson



3rd VP Message

## Stepping into NHPA History

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian



I finally did the drawing for the prize offered for the winner drawn in the Newslite trivia quiz based on answers found in the updated NHPA webpage. I was disappointed in the number of responses, less than 25, but those that replied did very well. The responders earned tickets based on the number of right answers they sent in, including the bonus question. I then drew a winner from the ticket bucket and am proud to announce that a fellow buckeye won the drawing. Cindy Rose earned 4 tickets and her name was drawn. She will receive a pair of old hookless horseshoes. I do hope than many other readers did check out the webpage and were pleasantly surprised at the updates and the improvements. I wish to thank David Siddles for his work doing the updates and know that our new webmaster Blaine Scott, who also helped, will continue to keep it current and interesting.

As the NHPA historian, I have the responsibility to keep the Hall of Fame (HOF) displays up to date and interesting. With the pandemic, the facility in Wentzville Missouri has been closed for close to two years and many perpetual displays are out of date. I had planned to go to the HOF before the NHPA Sanctioned League Tournament (SLT) and figure out what needed to be done and how to best get it done. The old processes for the graphics are not available and a new process has got to be developed. With the cancellation of the SLT, I decided to go to Wentzville and attend the Grand Re-opening of the building and Quail Ridge activities. What a great tournament and I got my needed information.

While looking for some information I ran across a press release written for the media in 2007 about the original grand opening of the NHPA's Hall of Fame and Museum. I thought it might be interesting to read some history about the HOF and the state of horseshoe pitching 15 years ago. I am including the highlights of the release.

*With a ringing success, St Charles County Government helped dedicate the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) Hall of Fame and Museum this morning at Quail Ridge Park.*

*Members of the NHPA, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) Board, and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club were on hand to take part in the official dedication of the 23,000 square foot facility, which brings St. Charles County to the forefront in the sport of horseshoe pitching. It offers county residents and visitors an opportunity to learn more about the sport and to compete in a world class indoor horseshoe pitching facility.*

*With an estimated 15 million horseshoe pitching enthusiasts in the United States and several million more throughout the world, the central location of our county will help this facility to attract substantial visitation. Horseshoe pitching also enjoys tremendous support within the state of Missouri and throughout St. Charles County. The Missouri charter is the second largest in the nation and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club features more than 250 members. We anticipate large benefits to our local restaurateurs, hotel managers, and other attractions through the many visitors attending the local, state, and national tournaments this facility will host.*

### *3rd VP Message...continued*

*The NHPA HOF and Museum will feature many amenities to attract visitors and horseshoe pitchers to the facility. The museum area will include displays, memorabilia, trophies, and other items that detail the history of the sport that is believed to have begun in the second century as quoits. It displays pictures and bios of over 144 individuals who have been elected to the Horseshoe Pitching HOF and the Jack Freeman Memorial Brick Walkway Plaza. A world class pitching facility offers 16 indoor courts that will host leagues and tournaments in climate-controlled comfort throughout the year. The facility will be open several days a week and by appointment. Other features of the facility include food services, displays of hundreds of historical horseshoes, and sales of horseshoe pitching equipment and souvenirs.*

*Today's opening brings conclusion to a process that began in 2004, when NHPA member Joe Faron first initiated discussions with members of the St. Charles County Government and the St. Charles County Council. In November 2005, the Council approved Bill No. 2812 that officially agreed to house the Hall of Fame in Quail Ridge Park, and a groundbreaking ceremony began the construction process in May 2006. The facility was built by NHPF at a cost of nearly \$1 million and the County contributed an additional \$400,00 to build the parking lot and for landscaping near the park's entrance. The NHPF will lease the land encompassing the building for \$100 per year for 30 years (with three 10-year options to renew).*

*We are excited to partner with the NHPA, The NHPF, and the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club to present the Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame inside Quail Ridge Park. The Quail Ridge Park is conveniently located near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Highway 40/61. This offers a perfect setting for the sport of horseshoe pitching which can literally be played by anyone of any age.*

The press release, which included other statements about the local impact, tells some of the history and hints at some of, but not nearly all of the trials and struggles that the NHPA and NHPF went through to get this facility built. It is my hope that reading this will do several things: First, I hope that it perks an interest in minds of pitchers, new and old, to plan on visiting the facility and see our history and the people who made it happen. The HOF honors the great pitchers and equally honors the promoters and workers, all of whom contributed to our great sport. Secondly, I hope that seeing the financial numbers needed to get the HOF facility built emphasizes the value of our facility and helps us to understand what it might take to maintain including day to day operations plus the need to have extra reserves for repairs and normal wear and tear. You can support the NHPF with tax deductible donations and/or by buying a brick for the plaza. In a future issue of the Newsline, I hope to include pictures of the HOF and the brick plaza.



**Practice doesn't make perfect!**

**Perfect practice makes perfect!**

**Never give up! Keep Pitchin'**

*4th VP Message***Very Excited to be a Member of the NHPA Council**

*By Barbara Carson, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President/World Tournament STAT Room, RD Director, Court Sanctioning*

First let me express my sincere appreciation to everyone who sent me congratulatory texts, e-mails, phone calls, etc. on my appointment to 4<sup>th</sup> VP. I am so excited and thrilled to have been appointed and looking forward to working with this wonderful group of dedicated officers, and also working with each and every one of you. It will be my pleasure to continue to support the NHPA and all of you in any way I can. Please feel free to call on me anytime with questions, comments or new ideas you may have.



I hope everyone enjoyed your summer of pitching and even won some tournaments. Hopefully, in these trying times, you were able to meet up with old friends and even meet some new ones. Alex and I traveled many miles seeing old and new friends and enjoyed every minute of it. There is nothing better than being a part of “The Horseshoe Family”.

Thank you to EVERYONE who attended the World Tournament in Winnemucca, NV. It was a very successful tournament because of all of you. Also, thank you for your support and co-operation with those of us in the STAT Room. There is always a lot that happens behind the scenes and it couldn't be done without your support. Thanks to Melanie Poole for all of her help in getting things organized. I couldn't do it without her. And also thank you to Larry Pertuit, Patricia Pertuit, Kevin Brekke and Alex Carson for your help. A special thank you goes out to our IT guys, Fred Lane (WI) and Blaine Scott (UT). These guys made it all happen, which is why it was so successful. I am really looking forward to Monroe, Louisiana, 2022. I hope all of you are too.

It was very sad to hear of the sudden passing of our dear friend and RD for many years from the State of Wyoming, Phil Plotke. Phil, you will be missed throughout the NHPA family and especially here in Arizona where you spent your winters and was one of us. I also want to welcome **Rick Parmer** as the new Wyoming RD. Rick has 40 years experience as a Tournament Director and NHPA member. Thank you Rick for stepping up to this position. I know you will do a great job as RD for the State of Wyoming. You came highly recommended to me and after talking with you, I am very pleased to have you on our team.

Well, it's hard to believe, but 2021 is quickly coming to a close. Where did the year go? The last 3 months have been very busy for me. Trying to learn my new duties and getting organized for the 2022 year. Thank you Dalton Rakestraw and Jim Kinney, Jr. for all of your help and support in getting me set up for this position. As some of you were adding more summer tournaments and gearing up for your State Tournaments, I was busy sending out more patches and RGS books. I still have some 2021 patches left over if anyone needs any. Congratulations to all of the State Tournament pitchers and winners. Even though you didn't win a patch or a plaque, you are still a winner by pitching in these great events and participating in this great sport.

It is the last week of October and the 2022 patches are on their way to me. They should arrive this week. There are no changes to the patches with the exception of the year 2022 being on them. The Sanction Certificates are currently being printed. I have made a slight change to them which includes the Token Number which will be located under the Sanction Number. The Token Number is needed to report the results to E-Shoe. Thank you to those of you that have chosen to print your own Sanction Certificates, but I have ordered enough for all tournaments if you want them.

Barb

### 4th VP Message...continued

Some of you have already submitted your patch order to me for 2022 and I thank you. As soon as I receive them and the Sanction Certificates, your order will be sent to you. Please let me know if any of your mailing addresses have changed by sending me an e-mail to [bcarson848@aol.com](mailto:bcarson848@aol.com). Thank you for your prompt response.

RD's, please remember to mark your Cancelled Tournaments as Cancelled in E-Shoe. This is a very important part of the E-Shoe reporting process. If they are not marked Cancelled, it appears as if there are missing tournaments that have not been reported. If any of you need help with adding Tournaments or cancelling Tournaments in E-Shoe, please do not hesitate to call on me. I am always here to help you.

We will be having an RD ZOOM meeting in November. As soon as I have that set up, you will be notified of the date, time and log-in information. I am hoping you all can attend and I am looking forward to working and talking with all of you.

As I close this article, I hope everyone has a safe and healthy winter. Please be careful out there. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope to see you all in Monroe, Louisiana for the 2022 World Tournament in July. Keep on pitching those Ringers.

Barb



## Posted on Facebook by Jerry Hagel

### Valuable Horseshoe Definitions

**Ringer**...A method of scoring, mostly utilized by your opponent

**Shoe**...The device used by pitchers to score ringers and points, always designed with a large opening that fits around the stake on your opponent's shoe, usually with no opening at all on your own.

**Cancellation**...An option used by your opponent should your shoe accidentally encircle the stake now and then.

**Double**...the term for two rings in succession when thrown by your opponent; referred to as a "miracle" when you do it.

**50 points**...the total points scored by your opponent before you are allowed to shake hands with them and show what a good sport you are..

**Pits**...What you feel like when you get to shake your opponents hand and show what a good sport you are.

*5th VP Message***World Tournament Check-in Procedures***By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President*

Phew, the world tournament is now over and we can breathe a little bit more. Congratulations to all Prelim World Champions and our World Title Champions. Also, congratulations to all Hall of Fame inductees and NHPA award winners. I want to express SO much gratitude to those who helped for court setup and teardown this year. I don't want to mention names because I am sure I will forget people. You know who you are and it was much appreciated.

With the new appointment of the 4th VP, the duties have been rearranged and I am no longer the Chairman of the Regional Directors. Those duties were relinquished at the world tournament. I can report in this issue that all things have been turned over to Barb and she will have everything in control now. I want to thank everyone for the best wishes, I will miss the RDs and all the texts, but they are in good hands. I have my commitment now to World Tournament court setup and the Youth Promotions Director.



As WT court set up director, I am always looking for new ways to make this process smoother and easier and suggestions and comments are always welcome. In the last two years (excluding 2020) the equipment has taken a beating etc. We have had several backboards and front mats rip and tear. The walkway mats are beginning to tear and break down. I believe we have had this same equipment and been repairing it since 2008. We do have a few new equipment pieces on the trailer if needed and each year we are getting closer to needing them. We are hoping to have new pits constructed and donated for WT use. The clay this year was Illinois Chenoa Blue Clay. It was easily mixed and as we added water to it each day, it got better. It seemed to some that it was leaving a powder residue on your shoes and hands the more it was used, however it was definitely better clay than we were accustomed to. My best friend during the world, Mr. Kim Peterson, put on a fantastic show. Whatever I or any officer/staff needed, he did it and made it happen. He was a pleasure to work with, I wish I could work with more Kim's in the world tournament process. He was eager to help and jumped right in and made this whole tournament run smoothly. With great directors comes his great staff, I express my appreciation to those people as well. This world was smoothly run and I'm now looking forward to next year in Monroe! The Horseshoe Tour is completed for the year! What a fantastic year we had! The Tour saw several new players and visited some new pitching locations. Here were the winners from 2021:

Summer Fun: Newberry, South Carolina  
 30': Marlene Ray, Tennessee: 80.56%  
 40': Channing Herrell, Maryland: 58.48%

Ringer Round Up: Bryan, Texas  
 30': Marlene Ray, Tennessee: 76.0%  
 40': Jeff Finke, Texas: 56.67%

Gaston Co. Clash: Lowell, North Carolina  
 30': Maxine Griffith, Tennessee: 79.33%  
 40': Herb Rush, West Virginia: 53.94%

Rail Yard Ringer: North Platte, Nebraska  
 30': Maxine Griffith, Tennessee: 82.42%  
 40': Cole Pearson, Nebraska: 62.33%



*5th VP Message...continued*

For the 2022 schedule check out the website at [www.thehorseshoetour.com](http://www.thehorseshoetour.com) , You can also find updates for the Big Games and any updates that are posted. Also, like them on Facebook! This about sums up my article for the post-world tournament. Look for Youth updates in my Youth article. I appreciate everyone's willingness to help out at Shoe Check this year as well. I want to wish everyone a mild winter and a blessed time as we onset this upcoming Holiday season!

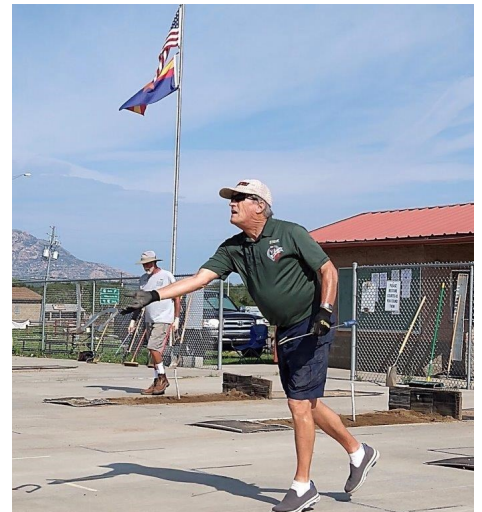
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*NHPA Member Highlight*

**Is there a Tournament I can Pitch in?**

*By Blaine Scott, Newsline Editor*

Steve Harman pitches in the Arizona area and has pitched in 52 sanctioned tournaments in 2021. During the heat of the summer, the only tournaments are in Prescott Arizona (5,000 ft) in the mountains because of the heat in the Phoenix area, so many of the players drive 1.5-2 hours every week to play. Steve has also played in morning tournaments in Prescott and then drove south to Tucson 212 miles (3 hours 18 minutes) and played the same day in the evening. He pitches every weekend. Thanks for showing us that pitching during this pandemic is still possible and apparently still a lot of fun for you. We appreciate your example! Thanks Steve



(Thanks to Robert Chubinsky for the tip on this NHPA member.)

**Blast from the Past—The Horseshoe World November 1930 (page 9)**

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# 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](http://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](http://horseshoepitching.com) on bottom)
- Shirts



*From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer*

## **We are Growing! Keep sharing NHPA with others!**

*By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer*

Here we are at the end of another year of pitching. You can now renew your membership as of October 1st, 2021 for 2022. There was an increase in membership this year compared to last year. This is encouraging but we need to keep working on recruiting new members, retaining members, and promoting our sport. There are many backyard pitchers who still do not know everything the NHPA can offer. I believe social media has helped our sport with the online tournaments and exposure. We always welcome any ideas to help with promotion.



The eShoe program has helped everyone with tournaments, renewing and tracking their membership. We will continue to improve the program as it grows. Each tournament director needs to keep working hard to make sure all pitchers who participate in their tournament are current. We continually are having tournaments results posted with members who have not renewed their membership. I believe it is better with the eShoe program but there are still those who are missed. If you have any problems with the eShoe program, please contact me and I will make sure your problems are resolved.

We are working hard on the 2022 World Tournament which will be held in Monroe, Louisiana from July 11th thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. You can go to [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com) and click on Pitching in Da Boot. This will play a promo video on the site. We hope to see you there. I hope everyone is staying healthy and following local guidelines for the covid. We need to keep going forward with as many tournaments as we can. This past year was better than 2020 but we are still not at the point we were before the epidemic.

If there are any issues you are having or need advice on any issues please contact me. If I cannot help, I will get you to the right person who can.

Thank you for being a part of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and keep those ringers coming. See you on the courts.

Jim

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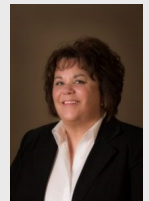
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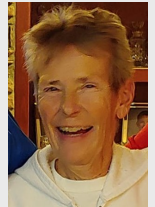
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# NHPA

## National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

*"Come Pitch with Us!"*

## Junior Jabber

*By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President*

As the Youth Promotions Director, I have been in contact with the TV station in Eau Claire, aiding in Sarah Chaffee, Girls World Champion, being interviewed. They wrote a very nice article. I have also been in touch with NBC CT in Hartford for Riley Malino, Boys World Champion. I'm working my way around the states in an effort to get our world champions TV opportunities.



I completed a trip to San Antonio for the National Alliance for Youth Sports conference. My hope is to gain the knowledge I need to bring in youth members, sponsors, and receive instruction on current youth sport happenings.

Congratulations to all our Youth World Champions!! Cadet Girls: Evelyn Espinola, California Cadet Boys: Hastiin Begaye, California Junior Girls: Sarah Chaffee, Wisconsin Junior Boys: Riley Malino, Connecticut.

I would like to get some input on hosting a Youth Nationals Tournament possibly over Spring Break similar to the Hall of Fame Invitationals. The location is still to be determined. Most likely we can work something out at the Hall of Fame in Wentzville, MO. My friend Chris might be able to pull some strings for sponsorship etc. similar to what was proposed to happen in St. George in 2020. There is still lots to discuss and think about. Please let me know if this is something of interest to the NHPA Youth and their families. I would like to hear from you all! My contact information is in the Newsline and on the NHPA website. My best contact method is by text but Emails work also.



I hope each of the Youth that participated in the World Junior parties had a blast! The Pie in the Face was a fun event for all. The Dunk Tank was such a big hit. I am not sure who got the first dunk on me, but it is coming back! Ha! I was approached to have a Junior committee to plan events at the world tournament to keep the Youth "busy" while at worlds. A request was also received to consider having a special youth scorekeeping and judging session to train youth that may be interested. Please let me know if this is of interest to you and we may consider it for the future.



I have noticed new Youth Directors in various charters...please have them contact me. I would like to start communicating with directors and bring ideas together and make things happen. So far, I have had only one director contact me.



There was some thoughts that a Youth Committee would flourish at the World Tournament. I would like to start moving on that idea. If any past or current Youth members are interested in participating in a Youth Committee please contact me. Not much more to report here for this issue. I wish everyone many ringers. Also don't forget to like our Facebook page "Just4Juniors". There are updates, pictures, and videos posted frequently of Youth horse-shoe pitchers! Be sure you share pictures of your State Championships with us! We want to see you all with your trophies! If you have any pictures from Worlds or States with trophies, send them to me so I can post them for you! Good luck in school this coming year!

Best, Dalton

## Ringers Heard Round the World...Part IV

Stan Griggs, NHPA World Tournament Statistician

The series for **2021** will highlight some of the most competitive World Tournaments we have ever seen in all divisions.

*The Elder Men's Division* began in 1982, this year's version was for men 75 years and older. In 1983 the 70 year old guideline was put into place. The other interesting change that was made in 1982 was the beginning of the 40 Point Era. The 50 Point Game was no more.

At the 1983 World Tournament there were two Elder Men's Championship Classes:

- Elder Men's (70-74) years old
- Elder Men's (75 and over) years old

From 1984 and on it has just been the Elder Men's (70+)

There have been many very competitive classes over the years, 1995, 1996 and 2010 were strong, but in my mind none hold a candle to the 2012 World Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee. No one averaged under 70% in the Championship Class. This class saw every player pitch at least one game of 79.5% or better, ten games over 85% and two hitting that 90% plateau. The highest game pitched came from Virgil Rife (OH) who threw 82 ringers out of 86 shoes for a 95.35% defeating Rich Altis (MO) who pitched 81.4%.

By the end of Day 1, Rich Pintor (CO), Virgil Rife (OH) and Bobby Fields (TN) were undefeated and looking strong. Not far behind was defending champion, Russ Phillips (WA) at 4-1. The longest game of the day came between former champion, Ed Arionus (TX) and Barry Chapelle (OR) at 110 shoes with Chapelle pulling out the win with a score of 40-28.

Day two kicked off with Fields dropping his first game, Rife loss his first two games and in the 8<sup>th</sup> round Pintor and Phillips took loses in their games. At the end of the second day Pintor was on top with a record of 9-1, Rife and Fields stood at 8-2 and close behind were Phillips and Altis with records of 7-3. A couple of long games were played the second day, Arionus battled in a 106 shoe game with Rife and won his second 100+ shoe match in this tournament. In the longest game of the class, Lawrence Hinton (MI) bested Herschel Walters (IN) in a 114 shoe marathon where both players averaged over 80%.

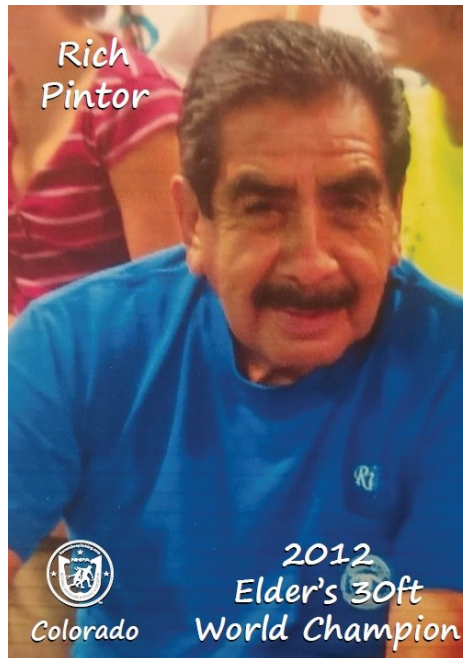
The stage was now set for day three for some epic battles for the *CHAMPIONSHIP*. The first game of the day added to the drama as Pintor was taken down by Tom Hall (FL) and Fields was beat by Walters. We now had Rife and Pintor together at 9-2 while Fields, Phillips and Altis were at 8-3. In round 13 the match that everyone was anticipating on this final day, Pintor v.s. Rife. Both players were on their game, but it was Pintor with an 81.71% game edging out Rife who pitched 79.27% with a score of 40-30. Now, it was Pintor's to finish, which he did by knocking off Walters and then pitched a blistering 89.06% game against Phillips to finally secure the title of **"World Champion"**.



*Ringers Heard Round the World...Part IV...continued*

**2012 World Tournament  
Knoxville, Tennessee – July 30 – August 11, 2012  
Elder Men’s Championship Class**

		W	L	R	S	Pct.
1. Rich Pintor	Colorado	13	2	735	932	78.86%
2. Virgil Rife	Ohio	12	3	883	1094	80.71%
3. Rich Altis	Missouri	10	5	851	1078	78.94%
4. Tom Hall	Florida	9	6	801	1044	76.72%
5. Lawrence Hinton	Michigan	9	6	792	1042	76.01%
6. Russ Phillips	Washington	9	6	750	996	75.30%
7. Bobby Fields	Tennessee	8	7	852	1118	76.21%
8. Roy Dugger	Ohio	8	7	646	870	74.25%
9. Ralph Adrian	Ohio	7	8	765	1010	75.74%
10. Ed Arionus	Texas	7	8	796	1070	74.39%
11. Herschel Walters	Indiana	6	9	846	1120	75.54%
12. Paul McGee	Maryland	6	9	699	956	73.12%
13. Jesse Hough	Indiana	5	10	765	1066	71.76%
14. Barry Chapelle	Oregon	5	10	669	948	70.57%
15. Charles Gray	Tennessee	3	12	667	926	72.03%
16. Charles Dougherty	Ohio	3	12	687	970	70.82%



# NHPF WORLD REPORT

By Phyl Quist

As I closed down the NHPF booth at the World Tournament in Winnemucca, NV, I felt a sense of sadness of having to pack up and go home. Being together with our horseshoe family was so refreshing after being isolated for over a year. Greeting old friends and meeting many new pitchers kept the days busy and the time flew by.

Many thanks to the folks who so generously donated items for our auction and raffles. Special thanks to David Nelson whose stainless steel pick-up stick and World Tournament clock were big hits. The winning ticket drawn for the clock went to D J Shuman of Wyoming and the pick-up stick was won by John Sanudo. The daily 50/50 raffles were also a big draw. We so appreciate the generous support you all give to the Foundation.



After 32 years, Casey was not able to attend this tournament and he was so missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him. Casey and Gail have been fixtures in our booth for many years.

The Hall of Fame building in Wentzville will be starting leagues in October and if you are passing through this summer, just give a call and arrangements can be made to tour the facility.

Please remember to use the Amazon Smile when ordering on line and a great gift or in memory of someone special buy a commemorative brick.

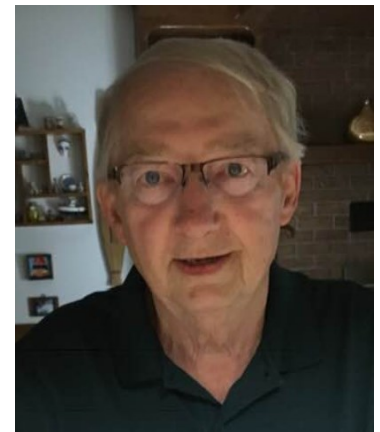
Again, thanks to our great horseshoe family for your continued support.



## Perfect Pitching!

Mel Yockstick—The Statman

Congratulations to Sarah Chaffee for a perfect game pitched in the 2021 World tournament this year. As you can see, this doesn't happen very often...in fact it has only happened 11 times since 1948 at a World Tournament with six of them pitched by Men's World Champion Alan Francis and one pitched by Women's World Champion Joan Elmore. Also listed are the 90%+ games that were pitched at the World Tournament. Awesome accomplishment for each of those pitchers. (you can ignore the yellow highlight since it was on the image)



NHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT PERFECT GAMES (100%)					Shoes & Winning			
By Date	Name	State	Class	World Loc.	Ringers	Score	Opponent	Div.
1948	Guy Zimmerman	California	Men's Champ	Milwaukee, WI	44	50 - 0	Henry Pergal, IN	M
1968	Elmer Hohl	ONT-CAN	Men's Champ	Keene, NH	30	51 - 0	Wes Kuchcinski, PA	M
1993	Jim Walters	Ohio	Boy's Champ	Spearfish, SD	24	42 - 0	Lucas Ives, WA	B
2005	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	Bakersfield, CA	30	42 - 0	Buddy Dyrda, BC-CAN	M
2007	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	Ardmore, OK.	18	42 - 0	Darrell Sherrard, IN	M
2008	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	York PA	20	42 - 0	Gary Roberts, OH	M
2008	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	York PA	24	42 - 0	Stan Leis, ON-CAN	M
2013	Joan Elmore	Tennessee	Women's Champ	St. George, UT	26	42 - 0	Sara Otto, MN	W
2013	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	St. George, UT	28	42 - 0	Ken Heinritz, WI	M
2013	Alan Francis	Ohio	Men's Champ	St. George, UT	32	42-0	Ken Jones, NM	M
2021	Sarah Chaffee	Wisconsin	Girl's Champ	Winnemucca, NV	20	42-0	Lily Strong, GA	G

11 Total Perfect Games

Stanton Griggs

Updated 8/25/21

2021 World Championship Divisions Only										
Winnemucca, NA 2021										
Highest 90% Games all Pitchers										
Name	State	DIV.	Score	Ringers	Shoes	90% +	Opponents	Rgrs.	Shoes	%
Alan Francis	OH	M	42-1	32	34	94.12%	Tom Williams, MI	18	34	52.94%
Alan Francis	OH	M	42-4	42	44	95.45%	Jerry Dean, MD	29	44	65.91%
Alan Francis	OH	M	42-6	26	28	92.86%	Austin Bailey, IL	14	28	50.00%
Alan Francis	OH	M	42-4	37	40	92.50%	Walter Ray Williams Jr. CA	24	40	60.00%
Alan Francis	OH	M	40-4	45	48	93.75%	Gale Green, VT	33	48	68.75%
Dan Watson	AL	M	42-10	45	50	90.00%	Gale Green, VT	34	50	68.00%
Dan Watson	AL	M	42-1	32	34	94.12%	Rick Bermingham, CA	18	34	52.94%
Dan Watson	AL	M	42-6	29	32	90.63%	Matt Fuller, WA	17	32	53.13%
Shalee Cason	FL	W	40-3	34	36	94.44%	Aleena Lepak, WI	22	36	61.11%
Theresa Howe	MA	W	44-6	42	46	91.30%	Kelly Glidewell, VA	30	46	65.22%
Zane Goggin	GA	ELD	43-4	38	42	90.48%	Bob Swain, AZ	25	42	59.52%
Mike Massari	AZ	ELD	43-6	31	34	91.18%	Paul Littlefield, IL	19	34	55.88%
Hastiin Begaye	CA	Cadet-Boy	45-0	15	16	93.75%	Ian Allen, CA	0	16	0.00%
Sarah Chaffee	WI	Jr-Girl	40-0	13	14	92.86%	Lillyan Kildahl, WI	0	14	0.00%
Total= 14										

MR=1 Missed Ringer

## Making a difference...sharing your love of the sport

Casey Sluys

Now that we are coming out of the isolation of the Covid-19 dilemma we have suffered under the past 18 months we sincerely hope that all of you traveling will stop by your Hall of Fame. The open hours are 12-5 pm on Saturday and Sunday and during the week there is a league held in the building on Monday and Wednesday from 2-9 PM. All other hours can be accommodated by appointment by calling Norm Pierce at: 636-328-1201.

During this past 18 months the NHPA membership decreased dramatically. Let's hope we can turn that around to some positive numbers. You can assist by calling members from 2 years ago and inviting them back into your leagues and clubs. Explain to them that you're up and pitching and hope that they return.

This pause in regular tournaments and social gatherings have been the mother of innovative promotional ideas. The following are just some of the examples of those:



- Horseshoe Pitching Online (HPO) Steven Gibson UT & Rickey Muter OH (12 shoe videoed games) Facebook
- Horseshoe Pitchers Club (HPC) Tyler Howard KY (16 shoe videoed games) Facebook
- Sanctioned Horseshoe Online Pitching (SHOP) Walter Ray Williams FL & Karen Aley Graham NY (20 shoe videoed games) Facebook
- Dustin Duer WI with his Elite Racing Network and his NHPA sponsored car on YouTube.
- Gerald Harris WI and his 'pitch in 50 states in one year' venture. He completed that here in CA the last weekend of October 2021. (look for upcoming articles on this accomplishment)
- Stan Griggs MO and his NHPA trading card project.
- Michelle Foard MN and her TikTok videos about horseshoe pitching.
- David Qukslvr WI with his YouTube channel and his how to videos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLVijKvgJ2g>
- Dave Nelson CA president of the Inland Empire group of horseshoe pitching clubs. (The Backyard bunch) Dave has contributed many hand crafted items to be auctioned off for the NHPF, he helps anyone that he's able to and promoted horseshoe pitching like no other.
- Tom Moffat and Buddy Dydra of Canada along with the Greater Victoria Horseshoe Pitching Association are coordinating combined tournaments with Cornhole in an attempt to learn best practices from the American Cornhole Association (ACL) and their meteoric rise to television broadcasts.
- Seth Ray UT with his Horseshoe America website <https://www.horseshoeamerica.com/> This website has been available for many years, but I can't say enough about the detail and wonderful ideas presented here. Horseshoe America is a Youth athletic/recreation program designed specifically to introduce today's youth to the sport of Horseshoe Pitching in an incredibly fun and personally fulfilling way. The intended audience of this website are city parks and rec departments, community youth sports committees, existing horseshoe pitching clubs, or anyone who is looking for an alternative sport for their youth to participate in.

The above are by no means intended to be a comprehensive compilation of NHPA members doing great things to increase the awareness that horseshoe pitching exists, it is intended as a formative article to make you aware that even though it may not seem like much is happening in the horseshoe world. There are indeed things going on and these are just a few examples that we are aware of. I'm certain there are many more of you doing great promotional work out there. Please let me know and perhaps you'd like to share your success stories with us? Look for new and better ideas coming to a tournament near you soon!



*Making a difference...continued*

Be sure to use AmazonSmile and the NHPF as your favorite charity while shopping. Please take a look at the NHPF website as there are multiple ways you can contribute to the NHPF <https://nhpf.info/> Wishing you all a warm and pleasant Holiday Season and a cozy winter.

Casey Sluys—NHPF President

**Visit the National Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame and Museum**  
(see <https://nhpf.info/> for more info).



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### Womens Top 100 Stats 7 Nov 2021

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	280216	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	Women	88.30	10
2	330031	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	85.69	18
3	330030	Maxine	Griffith	TN	Women	85.54	18
4	220130	Doris	Hieden	TX	Women	79.97	11
5	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	78.08	12
6	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	77.21	14
7	395491	Cindy	Hoffman	PA	Women	76.23	10
8	480180	Theresa	Howe	MA	Women	75.84	19
9	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	73.55	9
10	280268	Aleena	Lepak	WI	Women	72.53	5
11	190875	Jennifer	Gegg	MO	Women	70.73	16
12	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	70.54	21
13	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	70.20	14
14	260082	Kathy	Brazier	AL	Women	69.86	10
15	460050	Debra	Brown	VT	Women	69.52	6

Mens Top 100 Stats *7 November 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360940	Alan	Francis	OH	Men	87.10	9
2	100290	Brandon	Tenjieth	AZ	Men	81.33	22
3	320063	Ben	Webb	KY	Men	77.94	23
4	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	77.09	5
5	200023	Gary	Bearpaw	OK	Men	74.57	5
6	460128	Brian	Simmons	VT	Men	74.10	9
7	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	74.03	15
8	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	73.55	10
9	300164	Tom	Williams	MI	Men	71.57	12
10	460059	Gale	Greene	VT	Men	71.43	15
11	440124	Ken	Fraser	NY	Men	71.27	20
12	190007	Stan	Griggs	MO	Men	69.08	8
13	30370	Rick	Bermingham	CA	Men	68.81	17
14	350369	Walter Ray	Williams Jr	FL	Men	68.17	32
15	480259	Raymond	Bedard	MA	Men	67.79	23

Elders Top 100 Stats *7 November 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360839	Virgil	Rife	OH	Elders	79.27	7
2	370121	David	Holmes	WV	Elders	78.35	4
3	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	77.33	24
4	180408	Roger	Vogel	KS	Elders	75.61	34
5	330199	James	Cooper	TN	Elders	75.57	24
6	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elders	74.36	13
7	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	74.25	10
8	420337	Tom	Mills	MD	Elders	73.76	5
9	100192	Mike	Massari	AZ	Elders	73.54	35
10	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elders	73.44	20
11	190103	Ronald	LeGrand	MO	Elders	72.81	19
12	310072	Herschel	Walters	IN	Elders	72.19	18
13	360106	Rich	Knerem Sr.	OH	Elders	72.14	17
14	290047	John	Trigg	IL	Elders	71.50	16
15	260069	Jim	Ellison	AL	Elders	71.11	10

Girls Top 25 Stats *7 November 2021*

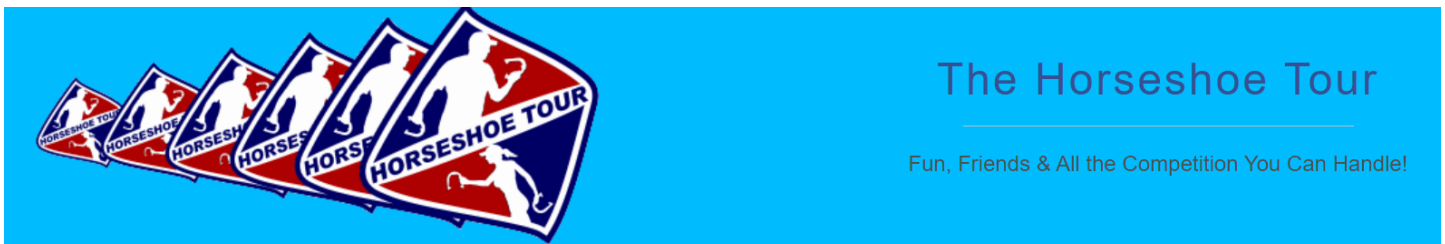
Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	801060	Kalie	Trujillo	NM	Girls	48.97	9
2	490491	Lizy	Jordan	CT	Girls	47.07	7
3	490419	Chelsea	Swaller	CT	Girls	40.26	2
4	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	35.49	13
5	190110	Eli	DeLaCruz	MO	Girls	27.99	9
6	150396	Uria	Gabel	ND	Girls	27.25	6
7	340280	Lily	Strong	GA	Girls	26.96	8
8	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Girls	26.38	12
9	95085	Kayla	Julander	UT	Girls	25.96	11
10	220456	Ashlyn	Luster	TX	Girls	23.20	4
11	280115	Lillyan	Kildahl	WI	Girls	22.72	3
12	190203	Madisen	Gwinn	MO	Girls	21.23	4
13	800378	Keara	Hunter	MI	Girls	20.26	10
14	31233	Kaidence	Begaye	CA	Girls	18.03	3
15	115186	Kayla	Klundt	MT	Girls	16.46	6

Boys Top 50 Stats *7 November 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	200245	Walker	Forrester	OK	Boys	68.85	8
2	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	66.27	23
3	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Boys	64.00	2
4	191622	Brady	Fox	MO	Boys	63.37	6
5	190778	Leon	Wolken	MO	Boys	57.19	11
6	260172	Tyler	Harris	AL	Boys	56.61	14
7	320014	Jarrett	Keith	KY	Boys	51.62	2
8	180269	Ryan	Russell	KS	Boys	49.10	12
9	220641	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	TX	Boys	48.45	14
10	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	48.35	4
11	300469	Kayden	Fowler	MI	Boys	48.16	3
12	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Boys	47.17	15
13	31131	Teodoro	Espinola	CA	Boys	46.31	10
14	801484	Ivan	Bill	NM	Boys	44.00	5
15	150403	Jackson	Johnson	ND	Boys	42.75	5

Cadets Top 25 Stats *7 November 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360444	Cameron	Hogue	OH	Cadet Boys	49.93	2
2	31223	Adakai	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	40.38	4
3	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Cadet Boys	39.67	14
4	801315	Evan	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	35.96	8
5	800982	Zeke	Renteria Jr	CA	Cadet Boys	34.38	1
6	31141	Evelyn	Espinola	CA	Cadet Girls	34.35	9
7	220815	Preston	Beusch	TX	Cadet Boys	30.00	5
8	280305	Conner	Kildahl	WI	Cadet Boys	27.82	3
9	231968	Tristan	Dehkes	MN	Cadet Boys	27.50	1
10	800314	Crystal	Knighten	AL	Cadet Girls	25.67	14
11	800419	Logan	Race	GA	Cadet Boys	24.05	2
12	802041	Garrett	Kinsey	TN	Cadet Boys	24.03	4
13	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	22.16	13
14	180365	Bentley	Arbogast	KS	Cadet Boys	17.86	8
15	70195	Paxton	Rather	NV	Cadet Boys	16.95	4



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