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2021 President's Message

Thank You—Farewell Message!

By Stu Sipma, NHPA President

This will be my last Newsline article while serving as your President. The past twelve years have been a memorable experience and one I will never forget along with the six years as your 5th Vice President.

I want to start by remembering Dick Hansen who inspired me to run for 5th VP and Paul Stewart who inspired me to run for President. I will never forget both of those men as they meant so much to me.

As I move into the next Chapter of my life, I will never ever forget all the memories and friendships I created. The horseshoe family truly is my second family and one I will cherish for the rest of my life.

I want all of you know that during the years of serving you, I did my best to make sure everyone was treated equally and had the best conditions while pitching in the World Tournaments.

People have asked me...so what's next? My answer is that I have six grandchildren who are looking up to me to be that role model and help teach them the sport of horseshoes and how much fun it can be for a family.

I want to recognize all the Executive Council Officers, Directors, and Committee Members who I have served with over the 18 years and thank each one of them for all their hard work. I know there were times where we did not agree on decisions, however, I felt that each and every decision I made was in the best interest of the NHPA.

As I leave the office. I can assure you that Gary Roberts will serve you well. Gary comes from a long history of horseshoe family and pitching. He brings to the table a tremendous amount of history and leadership.

For my existing Executive Council Officers, I wish you the best. I know the decisions you all make will be in the best interest of the NHPA. I know you all have some tough decisions to make in the near future however I have faith you will do the right thing.

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As I leave here today, please remember to do your part and keep promoting this great sport! The sport cannot grow without your help.

It has been an honor and a privilege serving you.
God bless and hope to see all of you soon.

Thank you.
Stu

2022 President's Message

Together we can make a difference!

By Gary Roberts, 2022 NHPA President

As the incoming President of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Stu Sipma and the current NHPA Officers. They have been very helpful during the transition process. My term officially starts on January 1, 2022 but I have already been involved in monthly meetings and discussions.



Assuming this position is an awesome responsibility that I approach with both enthusiasm and trepidation. The problems of the NHPA are easy to identify but answers to these problems are far more difficult to find. The continuous decline in membership and the lack of sponsorship continue to be the overarching problems. The NHPA can provide leadership but success can only be achieved with the support and efforts of the entire membership. I will be looking for innovative ideas that can have a positive impact.

At present, the NHPA Council is focusing on many issues. One of them is preparation for the 2022 World Tournament to be held in Monroe, Louisiana. We want all participants to have an experience that will create a desire to return. Much coordination is required to make this happen. Simultaneously, plans for the Lansing, Michigan World Tournament in 2023 are underway. Laurie Lampkin, our 2nd VP, has been very successful in generating interest from many cities that express interest in hosting the World Tournament.

We will be conducting our Winter Meeting in Hamilton, Ohio at Spooky Nook Champion Mill. This is a fantastic 650,000 square foot facility that will be hosting many sports events. Across the street from the facility is the Champion Mill Conference Center that includes 16 meeting rooms, a 233 room hotel, and retail spaces. In addition, the nearby City of Cincinnati has expressed interest in hosting the World Tournament at the Duke Energy Convention Center. We will be able to view both sites during the Winter Meeting.

I look forward to working with all of you during the next three years. I am very aware of the complexity of the problems we face. However, I am not willing to give up on our sport, and I will put forth my utmost effort to make a difference. I will always be available to discuss issues and ideas. My cell number is 740-835-1925, and my email is gbroberts5542@yahoo.com.

Gary

Announcing additional NHPA changes

By NHPA Council

As the New Year approaches, the NHPA Council wishes to remind everyone of the changes to our makeup and to state the obvious. The changes involve the NHPA and the NHPF.

The first change is at the Presidential level and is a first since 2010. Gary Roberts was unanimously elected President at the Winnemucca delegate meeting running un-opposed. President Stu Sipma chose not to seek re-election after serving for 11 years. Gary is a long time NHPA member, past Vice President, and from a family tree that is filled with World Champions (himself included 5 times), Hall of Famers (himself included), and NHPA workhorses (himself included). He brings an extensive knowledge of our history and our procedural processes. He sits on the Rules and Hall of Fame committees and has for quite a while. Welcome Gary Roberts.

The second change is also Presidential and concerns the NHPF. Long time NHPF President Casey Sluys has resigned effective January 1st. The Council has approved the appointment of David Sidles to replace the virtually irreplaceable Casey. Casey was a long-time Vice President of the NHPA and has served many years as President of the NHPF. Casey's list of accomplishments is extensive, in fact, almost endless. We wish Casey the best and know that he will always still be available to put his two cents in. David is a current NHPF Board Member and past NHPA Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. He is currently the eShoe Director and is and has been a valuable member of the NHPA team. Welcome David. David and Gary's contact information will be on the webpage.

The obvious is the council's desire to thank Stu for his many years of service. Stu was elected to the NHPA Hall of Fame this year and his HOF biography shown below tells a brief story of his many accomplishments.

2021 – Stuart Sipma (North Dakota) Promoter/Organizer:

Stu has been very active in Bismarck's horseshoe organization serving in many leadership roles including President and Board of Directors. He is a strong recruiter of new pitchers and was instrumental in bringing the World Tournament to Bishop in 2000. He was the overall coordinator of the WT which was very successful. In 2003 he became the NHPA 5th VP and worked with the Rules and By-Laws committees helping to update and change both documents. Stu became the NHPA President in 2010 and remained there till 2021. Under his leadership, the NHPA progressed in many ways some of which include, adopting HSMaster as the official Stat program, the implementation of electronic scoring at the WT using HSScorekeeper, introduction of cameras making parts of the WT visible on the NHPA webpage, updating the webpage, and the introduction and implementation of the powerful software eShoe. The eShoe program has brought the NHPA into the modern era of both membership and stat tracking. Stu received the NHPA Stokes Memorial Award in 2008 and was inducted into North Dakota's HOF in 2003.

Stu was appointed to the HOF Committee and has said that he will remain actively involved in the sport he loves and has given so much to.

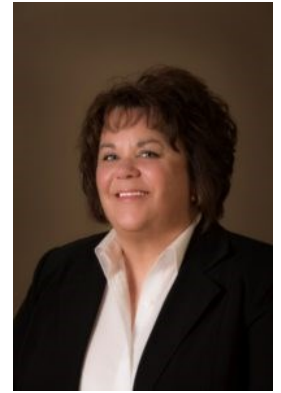
Thank You STU.

Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP Publicity & Promotion Director

Preparing for 2022 World Tournament

Now that we are at the end of 2021, we hope everyone plans to stay well and stay safe in anticipation of traveling and attending the 2022 World Tournament in Monroe. As mentioned in the previous Newsline, the Hotel and RV information was listed for your convenience. Charter Secretary/Treasurers should contact the CVB, and packets will be shipped out directly to you to hand out to your membership for those interested in attending. This is a “FREE” Service compliments of the CVB.



Contact Ms. Noma for your packets.

NORMA LEMOINE-Convention Sales Assistant



Local: 318.387.5691 •
Toll-Free: 800.843.1872
P.O. Box 1436 • West Monroe, LA 71294
MONROE-WESTMONROE.ORG

Provide Ms. Norma with the number packets you feel you will need or how many people you anticipate will be attending the World Tournament from your charter. Inside those packets will be Hotel/RV information as well a listing of restaurants, tourist information and attractions, etc. Also, please go to the NHPA website at www.horseshoepitching.com and click on the link in the center of the page to watch the video.

Please plan accordingly, budget, save your money, and look for local sponsors in your areas, if needed, to help offset some of your expenses.



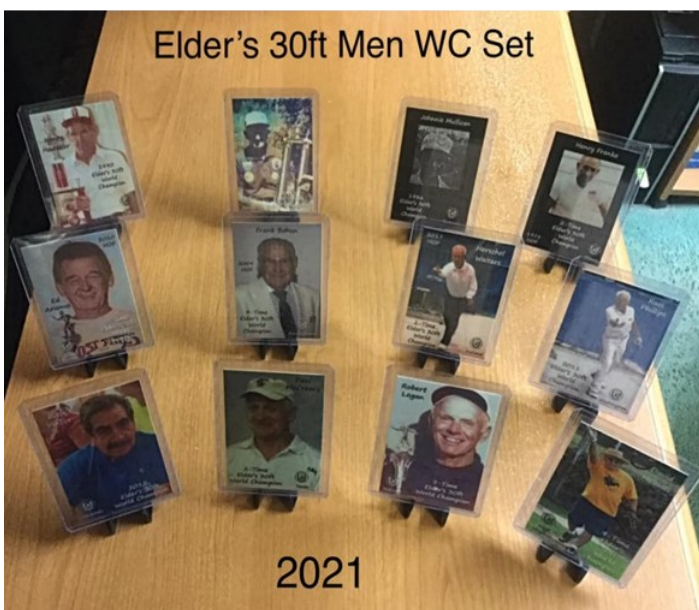
All sports this year saw a major decline in attendance, whether the sporting events were indoor or outside. Cities and public parks enforced restrictions due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the CDC guidelines were enforced. Now, with some restrictions lifted, we will potentially see more people travel in and out of the country. We are hoping that all our friends in other countries can return to the World Tournament in 2022 in Monroe, LA. We just want everyone to be safe and stay well so that we can meet up and see all of our horseshoe family and friends next year.

2nd VP...continued (Laurie Lampkin)

2021 NHPA TRADING CARDS

If you are looking for some horseshoe treasures for friends, check out the NHPA trading Cards for 2021. We also have a few sets from 2020 that you can also purchase if you missed them on the first go around. Remember, there are “Special” cards in these sets that make these sets more valuable and more tradable and collectible.

To order, go to the NHPA website at www.horseshoepitching.com and click on the link and follow the prompts. You can purchase one set or as many as you wish, the choices are numerous. **NOTE:** Stands are not included.



2nd VP...continued (Laurie Lampkin)

SPONSORSHIP

We are continuously reaching out and submitting the NHPA sponsorship invitations to all companies large and small which contain various dollar amounts for sponsorship opportunities. I spoke to marketing firms at the sports conference's again this year, and many of them gave us the same information to assist us when negotiating contracts.

Please know that despite any negative outpouring or people's opinions on social media, efforts are constant in working year-round toward getting sponsors of all kinds and types, large and small.

This is not an easy task, but we will not give up. If anyone has any contacts, relationships with corporate sponsors or marketing departments or information for sponsorship, please share the information with me, my contact information is on the NHPA website under the Officers tab. We are always working diligently to make this sponsorship program a success for the NHPA.

WORLD TOURNAMENT SITE VISITS PLANNED

Currently, there are two sites visits planned just after the holidays. These two specific sites are Spooky Nook Champion Mill, Hamilton, OH and The World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida. There will be other site visits planned and scheduled throughout the first half of 2022 as the CVB's prepare for us to tour.

There are some cities that are currently in the process of building new facilities or renovating the current locations and the construction will be complete sometime in 2022. Once the CVB's are ready for us, we will plan sites visits with them as well.

2021 NEW MEMBERS "WELCOME" TO THE NHPA

Congratulations and Welcome to all that joined the NHPA this year! There were **1,334** new members reported from the NHPA Charters.



2nd VP...continued (Laurie Lampkin)

Farewell to Stuart Sipma – NHPA President

Stu,

Thank you for all the years of giving of your time, sacrificing your time with your family and your day job when you are working, and the challenging work and commitment you have given the NHPA for the last 13 years. It has been amazing having someone as committed and dedicated as you on our team. It has been a privilege to have collaborated with you over the last few years and learning the business and how to oversee the various situations that come up...whether the decision was popular or not. You embody the organizations vision and principles through your excellent work, dedication, and selflessness. You have led the NHPA by example and were groomed by Paul Stewart, another good one.

Your numerous contributions to the NHPA, on the court and off the court, when competing in your local charter over the years have made the NHPA and horseshoes a better organization. We all have learned how to oversee and manage many situations that were not always with popular decisions or outcomes, but as President, this was your job no matter how hard the decisions were to make.

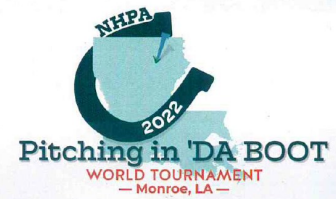
Buddy & I, want to say “Thank You” for leading such a great organization as the NHPA, your professionalism, leadership qualities, and passion for the job and the sport of horseshoes make you an incredible person to work with. Thanks for setting a notable example for the team and showing the new incoming President, Gary Roberts the ropes.

Again, Thank you for your leadership, advice, and dedication to the sport of Horseshoes and to the NHPA. I wish Gary all the best to come and I am looking forward to working with Gary. We will miss you. Good Luck and enjoy retirement with your family.

Please Stay safe, Stay well, and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.



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>
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott 606 Mane Street West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-582-1160 Host Hotel Approx. Distance -Monroe Civic Center: 4 miles	Doubles: \$119.00 Kings: \$119.00 Complimentary Hot/Cold Breakfast	Quality Inn & Suites 503 Constitution Dr West Monroe, LA 71292 Hotel Phone: 318-387-2711 Host Hotel 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
Best Western Airport Inn 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	Comfort Suites- West Monroe 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
Comfort Suites- Monroe 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	Hampton Inn 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
Courtyard by Marriott 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	Hilton Garden Inn 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
Hampton Inn & Suites 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	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 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
OYO Hotel Monroe 1051 Martin Luther King Jr Dr Monroe, LA 71203 Hotel Phone: 318716-7160	Doubles: \$72.00 Kings: \$78.00 Suites: \$90.00 Complimentary Breakfast	Home2 Suites 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
Studio 6 Suites 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	LaQuinta Inn & Suites 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
America's Best Value Inn 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	Wingate Hotel & Suites 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
Best Western West Monroe 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
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
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
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
Distance to Civic Center: Approx. 5 miles

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

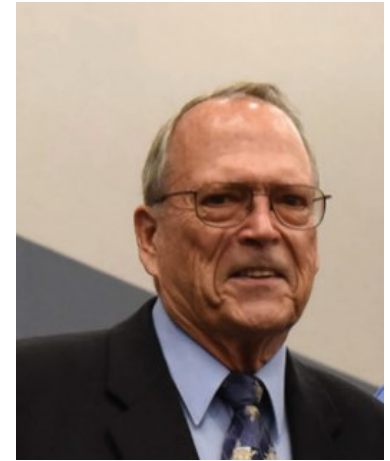
Pavilion RV Park
 309 Wells Road
 West Monroe, LA 71292
 Phone: 318- 322-4216
 Email: kmk@pavrv.com
 Website: www.pavrv.com.
Distance to Civic Center: Approx. 5 miles

# 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

*3rd VP Message***Sanctioned League Longevity***By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian*

I will devote this article to the recognition of leagues that have earned longevity awards or at least hit the milestones for an award. Many clubs have chosen not to accept the plaques because they do not have a place to hang them. They still need to be honored for their accomplishments. I decided to waive the requirement of having to hold a league every year for the year 2020 because of the pandemic. Here are the leagues that fulfilled the requirements for longevity awards during the last two years.

**2020****5 YEARS**

Warner Robins Horseshoe Club	Georgia
Marengo Horseshoe League	Iowa
Rice Park Ringers	Kansas
Montgomery Horseshoe Club	Minnesota
Mifflin County Horseshoe Club	Pennsylvania

10 YEARS

COBB Area Horseshoe Club	Georgia
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5 YEARS

Crisp Horseshoe Club	Georgia
Lake of the Ozarks Horseshoe Club	Missouri

20 YEARS

Ringers of Rice Horseshoe League	Minnesota
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25 YEARS

HOPE Horseshoe Pitching Club	Pennsylvania
Stuarts Draft Horseshoe Club	Virginia
Woodward County Horseshoe Pitchers Assn	Oklahoma
Rocky Mountain Ringers Horseshoe Club	Colorado
Mosinee Horseshoe Club	Wisconsin

35 YEARS

West St. Paul Horseshoe Club	Minnesota
Brooklyn Park Horseshoe Club	Minnesota
AVF Downers Grove Horseshoe Club	Illinois

40 YEARS

Cheyenne County Horseshoe Club	Nebraska
Dan Patch/Savage Horseshoe Club	Minnesota

*3rd VP Message (continued)***2021****5 YEARS**

Sunflower Horseshoe Club
 Mt Sterling Horseshoe Club
 New Baltimore Horseshoe Club
 Stevens Point Horseshoe Club

Kansas
 Kentucky
 Virginia
 Wisconsin

10 YEARS

Springfield Area Horseshoe Club
 Bertha Horseshoe League
 Raleigh Ringers Horseshoe Club
 Pierre Horseshoe Club
 Dixie Horseshoe Club

Illinois
 Minnesota
 North Carolina
 South Dakota
 Utah

15 YEARS

Forebay Park Horseshoe Club
 New Haven Horseshoe Club
 Kendall County Slingers
 Edmonson County Horseshoe Pitchers Assn
 Isanti Horseshoe Club
 Pony Express Horseshoe Club
 Gate City Clangers Horseshoe Club

California
 Connecticut
 Illinois
 Kentucky
 Minnesota
 Missouri
 New Hampshire

20 YEARS

Pueblo Horseshoe Club
 Greenfield Horseshoe Club
 Liberty Junior Horseshoe League
 Waterloo Ringers Horseshoe Club

Colorado
 Minnesota
 Missouri
 New York

25 YEARS

Sheyenne Valley Horseshoe League
 Yukon Horseshoe Club

North Dakota
 Oklahoma

30 YEARS

Greater Danbury Horseshoe Club
 Lions Park Horseshoe Club
 Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club
 Black Swamp Horseshoe League
 Soo Area Horseshoe Club

Connecticut
 Missouri
 Missouri
 Ohio
 South Dakota

40 YEARS

Boulder Horseshoe Club
 Peoria Horseshoe Club
 Red River Valley Horseshoe League

Colorado
 Illinois
 North Dakota

3rd VP Message...continued

I wish to congratulate all the above listed Clubs and/or Leagues for their continued efforts to maintain places for horseshoe pitchers young, old, veterans, and rookies to pitch and compete. Leagues provide opportunities for people to begin careers or at least try out the sport of horseshoe pitching at a competitive level in a comfortable environment. Many of today's pitchers started pitching as card carrying members of the NHPA right in league play. Leagues are small or large, simple, or complex, and sometimes without borders. But one thing is common to all leagues, some person or persons are working long and hard to direct and maintain the paperwork so that the league is planned (schedule), fair (generally each player has a chance with an accurate handicap) and tracked (standings). They help format the league and see that the National Awards are received. They also see that pitcher's stats are sent to the National League Director (me) so that I can get them into eShoe. Many pitchers rely on leagues to help them qualify for entry into the World Horseshoe Tournament.

Leagues are competitive and fun. Join or start one and enjoy what so many others presently participate in. Thank you to all the League Directors, the helpers, and to all of those of you who pitch in leagues. You are awesome.

Jerry

Newsline Editor Message

Potential Goals for 2022

By Blaine Scott Newsline Editor, Webmaster

- *Plan to attend the 2022 World Tournament*
- *Invite 1 person to pitch in every tournament you attend*
- *Pay for the entry fee for 1 new pitcher next year*
- *Set a goal for # of minutes of practice each day/week*
- *Watch pitchers pitch online on Facebook on one of the many online sites (They were listed in a previous Newsline)*
- *Compete in at least 1 online tournament in 2022*
- *Invite a cadet/junior to a tournament and give them some tips on how to pitch*
- *Arrive early to a tournament and offer to help the officers with the setup of the tournament*
- *Dig the pit for someone who is older than you and tell them you appreciate their example pitching*
- *Read an old Newsline from the past (they are posted on the NHPA website)*
- *Attend the NHPA awards banquet held at the World Tournament*
- *Compete in the World Tournament Warm-up Tournament in 2022*
- *Post a positive comment about horseshoe pitching each week on social media*
- *Post a picture after each tournament you compete in so your friends will see how much fun it is*
- *Share your suggestions for continued improvement of the NHPA with the new NHPA president and offer to help carry out the actions needed*
- *Sign up to be a scorekeeper at a tournament including the World Horseshoe Tournament*
- *Introduce a relative to the game of horseshoes*
- *Carry horseshoes with you in your vehicle to every family outdoor activity with a pair of stakes*
- *Write a letter to the parks with horseshoe pits and thank them for their support of the sport and our youth*
- *Keep a smile on your face when talking about your latest game...whether you won or you lost*
- *Stay healthy*



*4th VP Message***Another Horseshoe Pitcher moves to Ohio**

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



Well here it is with Christmas just completed. Where has the year gone. I can't believe how fast time is flying by and how much has happened and changed in my world the last couple of months.

First, I would like to thank all of the RD's for their quick responses and support on the 2022 Patch Orders. The post office now knows me by name and smiles at me when I walk in with all of the boxes to be sent. As of last week, I only had 10 states that have not submitted their patch orders. Yesterday I received 2 more, but those won't go out until the 2nd or 3rd week of January which brings me to the biggest change in my world.

Alex and I have purchased a new home in Wellington, OH and will be moving there permanently next week. We are originally from the Cleveland area, but have been gone for 30 years. For personal reasons we have decided it is time to go home to be around our family. We are sure going to miss the Arizona winters and especially all of our Arizona horseshoe family. We will see each other at tournaments and look forward to keeping in touch. Thank you for a wonderful 15 years. We will miss all of the ASHPA tournaments and our dear friends. We are looking forward to being involved with the Ohio Association and have many friends there already. Look out Ohio, here we come.

On behalf of Alex and myself, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. July will be here before we can blink an eye, so we'll see everyone in Monroe, LA for the World Tournament. Again, thank you RD's for your help and cooperation. I will let all of you know when I am settled and ready to start sending out Patch orders again.

Thank you to the NHPA for the opportunity to work with such wonderful friends. I will be in touch with all of you in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, think about the World Tournament and don't forget I need you for shoe check. I will not be available for e-mails or phone calls from Dec. 26th thru Jan. 2nd. I will be on a cruise in the Caribbean. Merry Christmas ya'll.

Barb



5th VP Message

Have you tried Online Pitching on SHOP

By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President

Greetings and a joyous holiday season to all! I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope all you families are healthy and surviving the CV-19 pandemic and stay safe as we venture into another year.

I don't have much to report for this issue of Newline. However, here is what I can report: The Facebook Online group of Sanctioned Horse-shoes Online Pitching (SHOP) has been added to the eShoe events. These tournaments are recorded Facebook LIVE and members of the SHOP Admin, watch each shoe pitched for verification. These are different from the "Mail-In" tournaments. For those tournaments, you pitch your games and submit your scores. The online style we do is setting up a camera at one end, go LIVE, walk to the other end, pitch shoes one way, walk back to the other end, etc. etc. It is totally different. If you are interested in online pitching at your home court, please go to our Facebook page listed above and check out the official details. I hope everyone had a great year of pitching despite any sickness. Looking forward to next year. Until the next issue, I send everyone good vibes and happy times.

Dalton



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

From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

World Tournament Sign-up Coming Soon!

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

We are at the end of the 2021 fiscal year. If you have not renewed your NHPA membership and are expecting to pitch in a league, or in a tournament, after the 1st of Jan 2022 you will need to renew. You can go to www.nhpa-eshoe.com and renew online or go to www.horseshoepitching.com and click on renew. If you know a new pitcher they can also go to www.horseshoepitching.com and join online. Either way you need to not put it off and just renew.



Stuart Sipma has retired as the NHPA president. It has been an honor working with Stu during the years I have been in office. I want to personally thank Stu for all the help and support he has given me while working with him. I wish Stu good luck in the future as he ventures into new and exciting quests. I want to wish Stu and his family many years of happiness and good health. I am looking forward to working with Gary Roberts, the new NHPA president, into the future.

We are working on the 2022 NHPA World Tournament as I am writing this article. The entry form for the Tournament will be available on January 1st, 2022. You will be able to go to the NHPA website and download the entry form or sign up online. I hope to see you at the tournament.

The program eShoe has progressed very well since it's induction. We have updated and added new features throughout the past couple of years. I feel eShoe is at the point now where everyone is getting familiar with the program and the charters are utilizing the tools within. Kurt and his team are still monitoring the program. There has been a few bugs but nothing the team cannot work out. Thank you to everyone for accepting the program and working with it to make it a great tool for the NHPA.

If you have any questions for me or need help in any way, please contact me. If I do not know the answer, I will direct it to someone who does. Good luck in 2022 and I hope you have many ringers to come.

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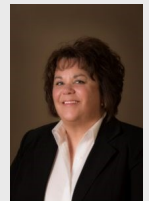
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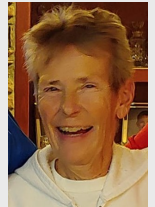
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Junior Spotlight—Eli Sullivan

By Dalton Rakestraw, 5th Vice President

Eli Sullivan is becoming a known factor in the Virginia State Horseshoe Pitching Association. This 10 year old from Cozet, Virginia, has been pitching horseshoes for a few years now and he is dominating wherever he goes. Eli was crowned the VA Cadet State Champion in 2021 for the second year in a row! Eli pitches horseshoes whenever he gets a chance too. He loves the game and stays very humble. Horseshoe pitching is mostly a mind game and Eli seems to overcome it quite seemingly. According the Crozet Gazette ““He rarely gets rattled,” Evan said. Eli himself recognizes that control of his nerves is a huge part of his success. “It’s a mind game,” he said. He avoids tournament-day anxiety by listening to music, mostly soft rock or Christian music. Afterwards he’s entitled to a little gloating and might play Queen’s “We are the Champions.””

Eli has high hopes attending the 2022 World Championships in Monroe next year.

You can find out more in the article below. Look for Eli to come to Monroe with a determined mission to take on the title.

<https://www.crozetgazette.com/2021/10/08/crozet-student-rises-in-world-horseshoe-competition/>

Best,
Dalton



Happy New Year!

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By Blaine Scott, NHPA Newslines Editor (Email: newslines@horseshoepitching.com)

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Womens Top 100 Stats 29 Dec 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	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	79.38	15
6	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	78.08	12
7	480180	Theresa	Howe	MA	Women	76.25	21
8	395491	Cindy	Hoffman	PA	Women	76.23	11
9	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	73.55	9
10	190875	Jennifer	Gegg	MO	Women	72.68	17
11	280268	Aleena	Lepak	WI	Women	72.53	5
12	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	72.10	20
13	440316	Sue	Laughlin	NY	Women	70.33	34
14	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	70.20	14
15	190819	Melanie	Zerr	MO	Women	69.97	10

Mens Top 100 Stats 29 December 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	80.67	22
3	320063	Ben	Webb	KY	Men	77.94	22
4	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	77.09	5
5	200023	Gary	Bearpaw	OK	Men	74.57	5
6	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	74.03	13
7	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	73.55	10
8	300164	Tom	Williams	MI	Men	71.57	11
9	480259	Raymond	Bedard	MA	Men	71.53	24
10	460128	Brian	Simmons	VT	Men	71.50	8
11	460059	Gale	Greene	VT	Men	71.43	15
12	440124	Ken	Fraser	NY	Men	71.27	16
13	190007	Stan	Griggs	MO	Men	69.08	8
14	30370	Rick	Birmingham	CA	Men	68.81	17
15	420271	Jerry	Dean	MD	Men	67.66	7

Elders Top 100 Stats 29 December 2021

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	370121	David	Holmes	WV	Elders	78.35	4
2	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	77.33	24
3	180408	Roger	Vogel	KS	Elders	75.61	29
4	330199	James	Cooper	TN	Elders	75.57	22
5	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elders	75.41	17
6	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	74.25	10
7	420337	Tom	Mills	MD	Elders	73.76	5
8	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elders	73.44	21
9	190103	Ronald	LeGrand	MO	Elders	72.81	18
10	100192	Mike	Massari	AZ	Elders	72.53	30
11	360106	Rich	Knerem Sr.	OH	Elders	72.14	17
12	290047	John	Trigg	IL	Elders	71.33	17
13	191082	Edward	Griffith	MO	Elders	71.23	7
14	260069	Jim	Ellison	AL	Elders	71.11	11
15	330133	Charles	Gray	TN	Elders	70.57	10

Girls Top 25 Stats *29 December 2021*


Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	801060	Kalie	Trujillo	NM	Girls	48.97	10
2	490491	Lizy	Jordan	CT	Girls	47.07	5
3	490419	Chelsea	Swaller	CT	Girls	40.26	2
4	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	35.86	14
5	95085	Kayla	Julander	UT	Girls	30.34	13
6	190110	Eli	DeLaCruz	MO	Girls	27.99	9
7	150396	Uria	Gabel	ND	Girls	27.25	6
8	340280	Lily	Strong	GA	Girls	26.96	8
9	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Girls	26.38	12
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	19.50	9
14	31233	Kaidence	Begaye	CA	Girls	18.03	3
15	115186	Kayla	Kluntt	MT	Girls	16.46	6

Boys Top 50 Stats *29 December 2021*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	191622	Brady	Fox	MO	Boys	65.99	8
2	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	64.20	23
3	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Boys	64.00	2
4	200245	Walker	Forrester	OK	Boys	58.49	6
5	190778	Leon	Wolken	MO	Boys	57.19	12
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	15
10	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	48.35	4
11	300469	Kayden	Fowler	MI	Boys	47.06	2
12	31131	Teodoro	Espinola	CA	Boys	46.31	10
13	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Boys	46.08	18
14	801484	Ivan	Bill	NM	Boys	44.00	5
15	150403	Jackson	Johnson	ND	Boys	42.75	5

Cadets Top 25 Stats *29 December 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	36.67	10
5	31141	Evelyn	Espinola	CA	Cadet Girls	34.35	9
6	220815	Preston	Beusch	TX	Cadet Boys	30.00	5
7	280305	Conner	Kildahl	WI	Cadet Boys	27.82	3
8	231968	Tristan	Dehkes	MN	Cadet Boys	27.50	1
9	802041	Garrett	Kinsey	TN	Cadet Boys	26.56	6
10	800314	Crystal	Knighten	AL	Cadet Girls	25.67	14
11	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	24.06	13
12	800419	Logan	Race	GA	Cadet Boys	24.05	2
13	180365	Bentley	Arbogast	KS	Cadet Boys	17.86	8
14	800556	Aiden	Weller	WI	Cadet Boys	17.50	6
15	70195	Paxton	Rather	NV	Cadet Boys	16.95	4



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