



Newsline

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2022 President's Message

World Tournament Preparation, Contracts, Ideas

By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President



As I prepare this message, I have completed two months as President of the NHPA. These months have been extremely busy. Not surprisingly, World Tournament preparation has been an important topic. Fortunately, I have very competent Council members who will assure that all details are addressed. This week we approved a contract with a professional photography company (Empire Media) for the World Tournament. We feel this company will provide high quality pictures at a reasonable cost. We have also completed arrangements to have Ron and Polly Murphy at the World Tournament to assure the availability of game related sales. As mentioned in the previous Newsline, Laurie Lampkin and Barb Carson made a site visit to Monroe to assure there will be no surprises. They were pleased to see that there have been improvements in IT capabilities at the facility.

Simultaneously, efforts to interest other cities in hosting the 2024 World Tournament are underway. Laurie Lampkin has done a great job in this regard. Laurie and I will be attending the Connect Sports Spring Marketplace 2022 in Puerto Rico where many cities will have representatives present to explore potential event opportunities. Keep in mind that Connect Sports will be paying our travel expenses. No NHPA funds will be utilized. Laurie and I will also be visiting a potential bidder for the 2024 World Tournament in Ocala, Florida next week.

Obviously, preparation for the World Tournament and dealing with "day to day" operations are of great importance and require hours of work. However, increasing our membership, developing marketing, and obtaining sponsorship must be our priorities. I plan to develop a strategic plan that encompasses Action Plans with measurable steps that will address these issues. I will need input from our Council and from our membership to develop this plan. We may want to revise our vision as we implement this process. Laurie Lampkin and many others in past years have spent many hours pursuing sponsorship with limited success. Obviously, our approach has not worked. It is difficult for a small organization with limited resources to have expertise in securing sponsorship. As President, I do not want to just maintain the status quo. I believe that most of our membership recognizes that substantial changes must occur quickly to assure long term survival of our sport.

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President's Message...continued

As President, I do not want to just maintain the status quo. I believe that most of our membership recognizes that substantial changes must occur quickly to assure long term survival of our sport. There have been several very interesting ideas on social media in recent days that need to be seriously considered. Jerry Smith has promulgated having less stringent rules for sanctioned tournaments other than State and World Tournament events. Jerry has prepared a separate rule book to accomplish this. Let's give this and other ideas serious consideration.

There have also been several suggestions concerning the format of the World Tournament. Some believe that shortening the tournament to two weeks would be beneficial. To accommodate this, some have recommended eliminating the preliminary rounds. Others have recommended elimination of the Men's and Women's Senior Divisions. Since the World Tournament is such a great event, any changes in format need to be very carefully considered to assure that it will add to the pitcher experience. I, and many others, would also like to see a more exciting finish to all of the Championship Divisions.

I, and the Council, agreed to eliminate the NHPA Winter Meeting. This will eliminate travel expenses normally incurred for these meetings. With available technology, these meetings can be done virtually. Also, we have committed to getting the Newslines published in a timely manner.

It is a great honor to serve as President of the NHPA, and I will make every effort to make a positive impact, however, we must all work together and be willing to embrace change to make a difference.

TRIVIA

Horseshoe Trivia

Have You Tried the Reverse One and Three Quarters?

By Gary Roberts, NHPA President

Many pitchers have been successful with unorthodox deliveries and turns. There is no turn more unorthodox than the reverse one and three quarters. Many pitchers have mastered the reverse three quarter and the reverse one and one quarter turns. Only two pitchers have become high average pitchers with the one and three quarters reverse. These pitchers were Gary Farnsworth of Illinois and Dave Hughes of Minnesota. Gary played in the 1966 World Tournament in Utah and won his preliminary group averaging 78.1%. He finished 11th in the Championship finals with an average of 79.1%. Gary averaged over 80% in many tournaments including the Greenville Ringer Classic. Interestingly, Gary was inducted into the Vermillion County Basketball Hall of Fame.

A very young Dave Hughes qualified for the Championship Division at the 1979 World Horseshoe Tournament in Statesville, North Carolina. He impressed everyone with his beautiful reverse one and three quarters turn. He finished 9th with an average of 78.0%. In one game, he defeated Jeff Williams 52-49 in 126 shoes. Dave had 85.7% and Jeff had 84.9% in this impressive game. Dave returned to the World Tournament in 1980 and finished 10th with a 74.1% average. Dave averaged 80.1% in the 1979 Minnesota State Tournament.

ENTRY FORM (READ CAREFULLY)
National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
 July 11th – July 23rd **Monroe, Louisiana**
2022 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



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| Name: (Please Print) _____ | | 2022 NHPA Card # (or Canadian #) _____ |
| First | Last | |
| Address: _____ | | |
| City: _____ | State/Prov: _____ | Zip/Postal Code: _____ |
| Telephone: _____ | Cell: _____ | Birth Date: _____ |
| Email: _____ | | |
| <u>Check One</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> I will print my schedule. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail my schedule to me. (One per household please.) |
| Circle the <u>Division</u> you are entering: - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN MEN 40ft | <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR MEN 40ft (see note #2) | <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN WOMEN 30ft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR WOMEN 30ft (see note #2) | <input type="checkbox"/> ELDER MEN / ME 30ft (see note #1) | <input type="checkbox"/> JR. BOY 30ft (see note #3) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> JR. GIRL 30ft (see note #3) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> CADET BOY 20ft (see note #3) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> CADET GIRL 20ft (see note #3) |

All applicable information above is required.

Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete.

Entry Deadline May 17th 2022

No refunds will be made after May 20th, 2022

Note: A processing fee of \$15.00 will apply to all refunds.

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

----- mail top half only -----
ENTRY FEES: U.S. ADULTS -- \$130.00 • ALL JUNIORS/CADETS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY
ALL OTHER ADULTS - \$133.00
 CANADIAN ENTRIES MUST USE MONEY ORDERS IF SENDING PAYMENT ENTRY FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING
MAIL THE TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM ONLY along with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
 PO Box 205
 Drexel, MO 64742

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:
 Phone (816) 738-0868
 Email sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a **postmark no later than May 17th, 2022**. You may enter at anytime prior to May 17th, 2022. Entries received with a postmark after May 17th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. All adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 17th, 2022 in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All averages used will be the average on record in eShoe/ CANSTATS as of May 17th, 2021. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. Please see note regarding refunds. **READ CAREFULLY:** Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2022. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2022, is older than 70, or has an approved medical exemption may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. Entrants in the **JUNIOR BOY and JUNIOR GIRL DIVISION** must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2022 calendar year. **CADET BOY AND CADET GIRL DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2022 calendar year.
Note # 1. 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must be in eshoe as exempt to pitch in this division.
Note # 2. For class play, a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Preliminaries.
Note # 3 Junior Boys & Junior Girls divisions will be mixed for preliminary play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls divisions will be mixed for Preliminary play. For Championship play a min of 8 must enter this division or it will be canceled. The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 20th, 2022** and published on the NHPA website. If you indicated above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the second week in June.

Please note: The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons; any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in eShoes or CanStats, any false or misleading information on this form, if the NHPA cannot verify through its established procedure the validity of any Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the deadline. No pitcher will be moved from class time or division, without notification, after final schedule has been published.

Is it OK to touch a stake while scoring shoes?

Brian Pool, 1st VP

I hope everyone is looking at their schedule and planning on attending the World Tournament in Monroe LA. Get your entry in before the entry deadline. I look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to extend an invite to those that can judge or would like to Judge at the World Tournament to attend a clinic that I will conduct after the Saturday Pre Tournament and other times during the first week. We always like to have new players, young and old, get involved and learn the Rules and judge during a session.

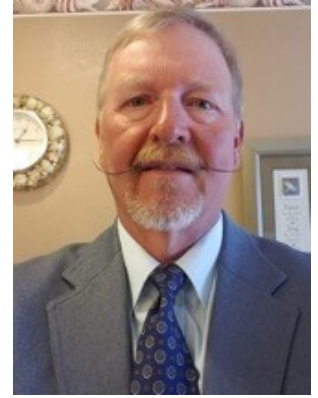
I would like to cover a couple of Rules questions that have come up.

First is the touching of the stake when shoes are being scored after being pitched. The stake should never be grabbed or touched while scoring the shoes that are in play. Please be aware of this stipulation and don't touch or grab the stake when shoes are being scored.

Second is dealing with foul shoes that are in the pit. Rule 5 covers this situation and my interpretation is when a foul shoe is in the scoring area, 15.5 inches, the shoe must be removed. If the shoe is outside the scoring area it can be removed but if both players agree to leave it in place, it can remain in the pit.

I hope that with spring coming soon that you are finding some tournaments to attend and enjoy this great sport.

Look forward to seeing you all soon!



Letter of Intent to Run NHPA 1st VP Candidate—Josh Olson

My name is Josh Olson from Minnesota. I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of the 1st Vice President position on the NHPA Council.

I have been involved in this great sport going on 15 years. I pitched as Junior starting when I was 15. Four of those years I got my butt kicked on the court by some of the best in the State and that started my drive to find excellence, and with that I won my first State Championship as a Junior in 2010. Then, I went on to compete in the Men's Division making the Men's Championship class every year since 2013 and I also won my first Men's State Title in 2015.

I have been involved at a local level going back to 2012 where my dad and I restarted a sanction league and started running tournaments and that has been going on still to this day. At the state level, I have been involved since 2014 and held the Junior Promotions Director position and I was the Minnesota Webmaster. I am the current Regional Director and State Statistician.

At the National Level, this is my first year as the NHPA IT Director. I was a part of the stat room crew during the 2015-2017 World Tournaments and had the opportunity to help be a part of the setup for the electronic scoring system and everything else that we know today to be a part of the World Tournament experience.

The experience and knowledge I have gained from being a part of the Minnesota Charter both as a pitcher, a promoter, and an Executive Officer has helped make my decision to seek the position of the NHPA 1st VP an easy one. If elected, I will carry over to the national level my drive and passion for the sport that I have demonstrated here in Minnesota.

Thank you,
Josh Olson



2022 World Tournament Venue

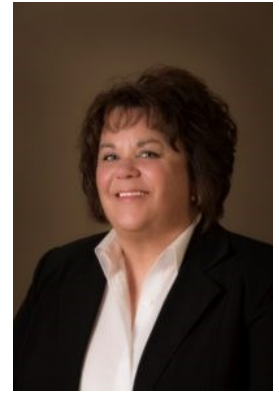


About the venue

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.

Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP Publicity & Promotion Director



TRAVEL PLANS TO MONROE, LA

Depending on the mode of transportation you choose, here are a few helpful tips to consider.

What to Know When Your Flight is Grounded

In the last several months, travelers have faced daily flight delays and cancellations due to wintery weather and airline staff shortages, including those caused by the COVID-19 omicron variant. Often, when many flights are canceled or delayed, it causes a domino effect, making it difficult for stranded passengers to rebook. AAA recommends you do the following to lessen your chance of being grounded:

Book the first flight in the morning. Because of how routes are planned, and crews set up, early morning flights are less susceptible to encountering problems from cancellations or delays. The airlines that fly directly into the Monroe Regional Airport are Delta, American, United.

Check-in online 24-hours in advance and have the airline notifications enabled on your mobile device in case an issue arises that requires a change in plans.

If a flight is canceled, the airline must try and accommodate by booking passengers on an alternative flight.

However, under federal law, you are entitled to a full refund if you request it. It could take time to recover this money since more cancellations mean more people asking for refunds.

If you are Driving, and What to Know Before Hitting the Road

This year, the Federal Government has given many states funding for infrastructure repairs. Lots of highway construction will be going on over the summer and if you are planning on driving to Monroe, LA., you do not want delays and sitting in traffic for long periods of time. However, if you find yourself stuck in a situation, you should:

Contact your local AAA office to get Trip Tiks, and the agent will find an alternate route for you around any potential construction sites. Keep the contact number for AAA in your contacts.

- Keep your car's engine off if the traffic jam could be a long one. It is okay to turn the vehicle on sporadically.
- Stay in your vehicle to avoid falling or being struck by an approaching vehicle or a chain reaction of cars colliding. If you must get out of the car, ensure the surroundings are safe.
- Avoid driving on the shoulders or medians of highways to get around the traffic jam. These need to be kept clear for first responders, tow trucks, and emergency vehicles to get to the cause of the stoppage.

Check the weather before hitting the road and change plans accordingly.

Also, always pack a well-stocked emergency kit which should have a **cell phone car charger, first-aid kit; extra blankets, hats, gloves, and coats; plenty of drinking water and non-perishable snacks for passengers, including pets; flashlight and extra batteries; reflective warning triangles; Create a check list if that help remind you to have these items in your car when traveling regardless of the time of year.**

We look forward to seeing you in the Boot. Safe Travels.

2nd VP (Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity)...continued

Various Modes of Transportation in Monroe

If you are needing transportation, here is some information for rental car companies, taxis, if you are flying directly into the Monroe Regional airport. Uber and Lyft are also available, just download the apps on your cell phones.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

1919 Cypress St
West Monroe, LA 71291
(318) 324-8584

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8AM–6PM
Saturday 9AM–12PM
Sunday Closed

American Auto Rental, LLC

411 Louisville Ave,
Monroe, LA 71201
(318) 323-4142

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8AM–6PM
Saturday 8AM–12PM
Sunday Closed

Hertz Car Rental

1824 Tower Dr,
Monroe, LA 71213
(318) 812-1493

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8AM–5:30PM
Saturday 9AM–12PM
Sunday Closed

AA Auto Rental

Address: 1201 Louisville Ave,
Monroe, LA 71201

Hours:

Monday – Friday 8AM–6PM
Saturday 9AM–1PM
Sunday Closed

Taxi Services **Monroe/West Monroe**

Justin Time Taxi Monroe Yellowcabs
(318) 914-3444

Alpha & Omega Taxi Service
(318) 341-6633

1 Stop Taxi
(318) 237-4164

Bootsie|Taxi
(318) 366-5904

2nd VP (Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity)...continued

CLUB MEMBERSHIP IDEAS and SUGGESTIONS

With a new pitching season upon us it's time to possibly think of recruiting new members. So, what works in your club? We all are struggling to get new members out to play horseshoes. So, what do successful clubs do to attract new members? Others are getting the news out through their local newspapers in the "Community News Sections" or by using Social Media outlets, brochures. Contact your local newspaper and ask what the fee is to publish your weekly league results or a general message to announce your upcoming Horseshoe events.

You may be surprised that some newspapers do this as a "Free" service. Remember, most clubs are a non-profit, and sometimes these things can be donated and/or used as a tax right off. Results of local tournaments or leagues are getting printed in the papers about players that won championships. Submit your weekly results to be added with the other local sports, look for local sponsors to offset the expense of placing the ad in the paper on a weekly basis.

Clubs are always looking for ways to grow and recruit new members, there are many things club members can do to attract new members. Here, you'll find a few viable approaches that a local club or organization could use to recruit more members. I'm sure several of these ideas have been used or attempted in the past, but now with everything opening back up post Covid, now would be the time to try again.

1. Simply ask someone, such as family members, co-workers.
2. Update or improve your charter websites and have them linked to other sports groups or City Parks and Rec departments and city websites, state Travel and Tourism offices.
3. Contact your state Travel and Tourism office, give a list of all the clubs in your state and physical addresses and GPS information and have them list it on their website. You never know who may be traveling through your state and want to stop and pitch in a tournament.
4. If you have any local clubs such as a Rotary Clubs, Masonic Lodges, American Legions, your local schools, churches, send out invitations to pitch on one night a week. ["Club vs Club."](#)
5. Create a Junior/Cadet group. Have your Junior Directors, if applicable, get into the schools and host a tournament between the Football Teams and Basketball Teams or other groups in the schools. "Club vs Club" format and bragging rights.
6. Advertise in Newspapers & local T.V. Stations, Radio. Invite these same media people to your tournaments and leagues each week.
7. Create your own Social Media pages and posts for your own clubs, and charters such as Facebook, Tik-Tok, Instagram Twitter, etc. Create a Social Media director position in your clubs.
8. Have a clear club goal & and have a strategic plan in mind to make the ideas succeed.
9. Hold "open to the public tournaments". Anyone and any age can pitch, Singles, Doubles, Blind Draw Doubles, etc.
10. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc., also hold public exhibitions of pitching on portable pits.
11. Place pamphlets/brochures in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, local grocery stores, convenience stores, or as inserts into your local newspaper, etc.
12. Hold a membership drive, give prizes for the member that recruits the most members to join in a calendar year. Set a goal of how many new members you want to attract this year, Make it a goal.
13. Put together informational packets with your own club's information.
14. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club when you are hosting events.
15. NHPA has a one-time sanctioned tournament with a "Free" trial membership, or you can try the provisional membership as an incentive.



*Hall of Fame***2022 Hall of Fame Nominees***By Vicki Winston, Hall of Fame Committee Chair*

As I write this, the calendar says that spring officially starts in about three and a half weeks. However, my area might not see spring like weather quite that soon, since our winter didn't arrive until Groundhog Day. If a silly groundhog did try to leave his winter habitat on that day, he would have had to burrow through at least 10 inches of snow and more if he was located under a snow drift. However, during a brief period of time he would have seen his shadow during the afternoon. Since then there has been another snow that is big for this area and though it is gone, we are currently in a stretch of very frigid weather. The Groundhog Day tradition is kind of silly, because from Feb. 2 to the official first day of spring, it is always at least six weeks anyway. I don't pay much attention to traditions, or to the calendar, because I've had snow start on an Easter Sunday in April, when I had about 30 guests in my house enjoying Easter dinner, and I don't have a large house. Some were from some distance away and had a difficult time getting home, as the snow was piling up quickly and highway crews were caught off guard. Another year there was 6 inches of snow the first weekend in May. In several recent years this area has kind of skipped spring like weather. We seem to go right from winter into summer. For those who don't believe in climate change, I beg to differ with you. So will some others who try to get outdoor horseshoe leagues started in Missouri during the spring months. However, we know that better and warmer weather will eventually arrive so that the outdoor horseshoe leagues can enjoy the rest of their season, during which they will sometimes wish they could experience some of the cooler weather they had earlier in the season.



The HOF Committee is currently in the voting process for the 2022 election. As I write this article, the committee members have received their voting materials, but I have given them until March 19, 2022 to return their ballots. I will not have results available for an article until the May/June edition of NEWSLINE. For nominees to be eligible for the 2022 voting, a nomination had to be received by Jan. 31, 2022. To know who was on the ballot for 2022, there should be a list of the HOF nominees on the HOF link of the NHPA website. I don't know if that list is quite complete. It depends on when it was last updated. Just so you will know, no public announcement of election results is ever made until the voting process has been completed and the inductee, or a member of their family, has been contacted. The one exception is if I can't locate a family member of a deceased inductee. Then I announce the results and ask for help in locating a family member of a deceased person.

FYI, if you don't already know, along with all of his other duties, Jerry Smith has taken over serving as the NHPA Historian. Bob Dunn was serving in that position until his passing and he was taking care of supplying bios and photos for all HOF inductees for the website. When Jerry has time, he has been working on some updates of bios and photos for HOF inductees that hadn't been added to our web page the past few years. The webmaster has been adding that information to the Hall of Fame link as Jerry sends it to him. You can go to the Hall of Fame link, which I think is under Awards and Recognition, and there you will find the official Nomination Form, a list of nominees currently on the ballot and names of the inductees elected since the inception of the NHPA Hall of Fame, along with short bios and photos of most. I hope everyone visits the NHPA website often. It was necessary to find a new webmaster, due to the lingering illness and unexpected passing of the previous one. The entire website was behind and several people have assisted in playing catch up. The new webmaster has been working hard, because he also has many other duties. The NHPA website is an important tool and you would be surprised at how many people look at it that are not horseshoe pitchers. I know, because I get some phone calls and e-mails from strangers who want some information about something they saw on the website and just happened to pick me as the person to contact. There are also people that I know, who are not horseshoe pitchers, but look at the website from time to time searching for information in which they are interested. I would like to thank all persons who have ever been involved with maintaining the NHPA website.

Hall of Fame Update...continued

Hopefully, I will have HOF election results ready for the next edition of NEWSLINE. Also, I have tentative plans to spend a few days at the World Tournament in Monroe, LA, so hopefully I will see many of you there. Until then stay well and stay safe.

Vicki

2022 List of Hall of Fame Nominees

| <u>Player</u> | <u>* Historic Era Player</u> | <u>Promoter/Organizer</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Debra Brown | Dave Baker - 1981 | Allen Baptist |
| Cathy Carter - 1993 | Frances Carnahan - 1990 | Charles Bunner |
| Judy Curtiss | Pat DeLeary - 1953 | Alex Cummings |
| Mike DiMartino - 1997 | Alvin Gandy - 1956 | Alvin Dahlene |
| Gale Green | Clayton "Boo" Henson - 1976 | Tina Hawkins |
| Maxine Griffith | Monte Latino - 1982 | Henry Preimesberger |
| Teddy Guillotte | Arner Lindquist - 1965 | Jim Shilling |
| David Holmes | Helen Roberts - 1979 | David Sidles |
| Willard "Spud" Napier - 1997 | Ron Simmons - 1984 | Gail Sluys |
| Rich Pintor Sr. | Milton Tate - 1960 | Jerry D. Smith |
| Rivers Prewette | Karl Van Sant - 1992 | Robert "Ron" Taylor |
| Marlene Ray | | William Weis |
| Roger Vogel | | Kurt Whaley |
| Dan Watson | | Mel Yockstick |

* Nominees in this category have not participated in an adult World Tournament Championship Finals Division for at least the past 30 years.

3rd VP Message

Sanctioned Leagues...What Are They?

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian

I deal with Sanctioned Leagues seeming everyday and think nothing of it. Sanctioned Leagues are great for our sport and certainly do provide an entry point for new pitchers. So, I decided that perhaps I should explain the process for starting and/or running NHPA Sanctioned Leagues.

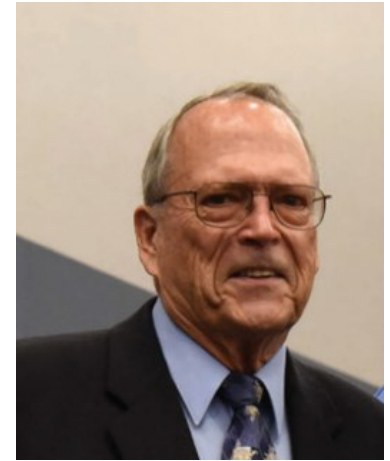
The league manual is the *Redbook* and is available online or by request. I will be glad to send a copy to any interested party, just contact me via email or phone. I have a revised and updated edition ready for publication and will place on the webpage soon. The process to start a new or re-start an old league is to fill out the form, "Sanctioned League Request Form" which can be found on the website under the "Leagues", "Forms" heading. When I receive a request form, I prepare a packet which includes, League forms, the *Redbook*, and a certificate which states the name of the league and the assigned sanctioned league number. The sanctioned league number looks like this, "2022-C-01" where the year represents the year of start-up which forever tells me about the starting point for calculating the Sanctioned League's longevity awards. These awards are given out in five-year increments. That is why a league loses its number when they fail to hold a league in any given year. Unusual circumstances can and have waived that situation, for example, the pandemic. The sanctioned league number is good for as many leagues as the organization wants to run in a year. The middle letter represents the type of league, there were four set up in the *Redbook*, "C" for Club, "A" for Association, "L" for League, and "JR" for Juniors only. I don't know why they decided to use four types of leagues, but who am I to question the wisdom of that decision. The last number simply differentiates each yearly request. Before the turn of the century, the year was simply the last two digits i.e., 78-C-01. Interestingly enough, there are still six leagues running today with "78" as their year designation. 1978 was the first year of the Sanctioned League program. Here are the six charter member leagues that are still in operation. Congratulations to these fine clubs. (I currently have 178 leagues that I track)

Clearwater Horseshoe Club FL 78-C-05
 Goldendale Horseshoe Club WI 78-C-24
 Denver Metro Horseshoe League CO 78-C-44
 St Moritz Horseshoe Club MA 78-C-59
 Winchester Horseshoe Club VA 78-C-58
 Whetstone Horseshoe Club OH 78-C-72

The Sanction League program was the brainchild of Russell Gadoury who started publicizing his ideas in the Digest in 1976 or before. He pushed for its formation suggesting that horseshoes were for families and not just champion level pitchers. He felt that the "good old boys" attitude was limiting the growth of our sport. He was right and with the help of NHPA Secretary/ Treasurer Donnie Roberts, they created the *Redbook* and Sanctioned Leagues was born.

After receiving the sanction number and informational packet, the league director or committee has complete control over how they proceed. A league is controlled and ran by the league officials. They decide how to setup the league including but not limited to, singles, doubles, teams, number of shoes, count-all, or cancellation, handicapped or not, and fees.

The NHPA does not micromanage leagues in any way except the expectation that the RGS is followed. I do not worry about the courts, the method used to handicap, the length of games or how long the league runs for. Leagues are encouraged to let nonmembers pitch as substitutes or pacers. The eShoe data base handles all membership situations, so leagues should introduce horseshoe pitching to whom ever walks up. I like the use of handicaps and count-all scoring in leagues because it is beneficial to help new players get started and enjoy the game.



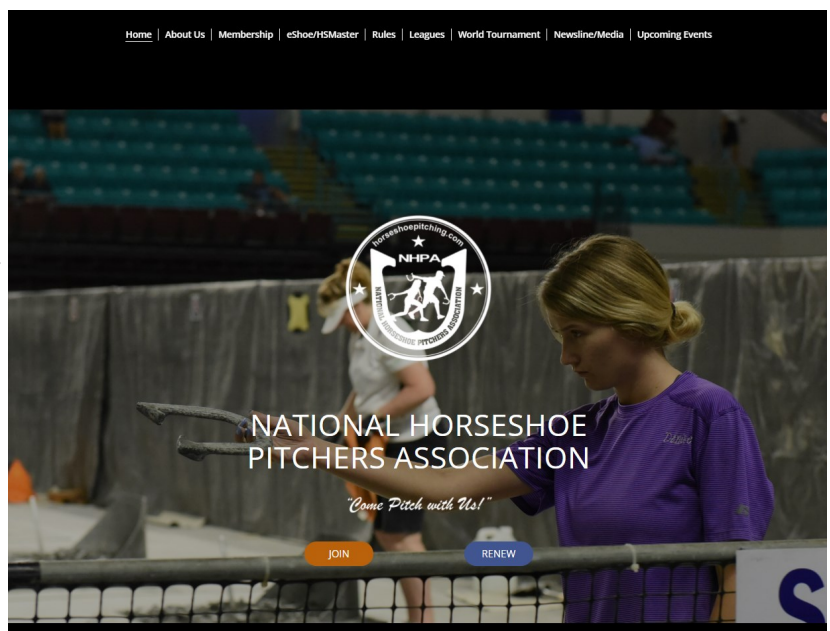
3rd VP (Sanctioned Leagues...What Are They)...continued

Leagues are a great way to introduce our sport to new members and the above format gives new pitchers a sense of accomplishment regardless of their skill level. Leagues are easy to start and fun to play in. As stated, there are currently 178 leagues nationwide and yours could be next. Over 5000 pitchers normally pitch in leagues each year. The program also provides patches for league and player accomplishments and each year, I calculate a “Top Ten” list of pitchers in 30 different categories. The top two pitchers in each category receive plaques and all receive certificates and patches. The program also gives out Junior scholarships each year to Junior pitchers who pitch in leagues and excel in the classroom. The program has proven to be a big success and there is always room for one more league. Contact me and get started today.

NHPA Website...Where we started



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4th VP Message

See Lots of Shoe Options...Volunteer for Shoe Check

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

I can't believe it is March already and the horseshoe pitching season is gearing up to start soon. I don't know about you, but I am so ready for Spring and warmer weather to be here. It appears that many of you are back to your full schedules which we are all glad it is and back to some sort of normalcy. I am so ready to get out on the courts and start practicing and pitching again.

I want to thank all of you again for your support and cooperation during my move. You have no idea how much I appreciated that.

I also want to thank all of the RD's for their cooperation and dedication to entering your tournaments into eShoe. I know it can be time consuming and there was a couple of hiccups with the Cloning of Events from last year, but we got that worked out. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this wonderful sport. You all have done an amazing job of entering your tournaments. I know that eShoe has really helped me when searching for a tournament to pitch in when I am away from home. Please take the time to thank your RD for all of their hard work in getting the patches ordered and entering all of your tournaments in eShoe. They are truly to be appreciated for the time they have spent performing their tasks and getting your tournaments up and running.

Only 3 more months and we will be in Monroe/West Monroe for the 2022 World Tournament. This is going to be a great tournament at a great venue. I hope everyone is planning to attend. I am looking for volunteers to help out with shoe check. If you are going to be there and would like to help out and you are not scheduled to pitch at shoe check time, any and all volunteers are appreciated and welcomed. Just send me an e-mail at bcarson848@gmail.com and I will be glad to put you on the list. I will not schedule you for shoe check when it is your scheduled time to pitch. Also, RD's, we will be having an RD Meeting. It is usually scheduled for the Saturday between weeks 1 and 2, but for now the meeting time and date is to be determined. As soon as I know, I will let all of you know.

Next month, April 23 & 24 begins the Horseshoe Tour in Newberry, SC. This is the Sue Snyder Memorial Summer Fun tournament. Check out the 2022 Schedule at www.thehorseshoetour.com and get your entry form in. This is a great tournament and the format is awesome. If you have always wanted to pitch in a tour event, this is the one. The Horseshoetour Hall of Fame banquet will be held on Friday evening, the 22nd and they will be inducting the great Marlene Ray into the Hall of Fame this year. Well deserved Marlene. Hurry and get those entries in for some great competition and fun.

I know everyone is anxious to start pitching in some warm weather and to see their horseshoe families. I know I am, but until then, everyone please be safe and stay warm. I also want to thank you for everything that ALL of you do for this great sport. It takes a great deal of time to figure out schedules, order patches, create and run tournaments (TD's), and all other tasks associated with tournaments. We have the greatest TEAM players and workers in the World and you are truly appreciated. Can't wait to see all of you at the tournaments and especially the World Tournament.

Thank you again for all of your hard work.

Barb



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
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- Shirts

From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Plan for 2022 is NHPA Growth

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

I hope everyone is ready for spring pitching. It is starting to feel like it here in Missouri. There is still some indoor pitching scheduled but outdoor pitching is right around the corner. There will always be those die-hard pitchers who pitch outdoors year around and I tip my hat to them. There is nothing like pitching shoes on a nice warm sunny day though. I have been watching backyard and online sanctioned pitching quite a bit lately. It amazes me how many pitchers there are who are really dedicated to our sport.

The NHPA has gained a lot of pitchers thru the past year, but we have also lost some. I see the organization growing this year. Even with the pandemic still lingering we are learning to adapt and move on. With a new President comes new ideas and some change. How much change is still uncertain, but the NHPA council has been working hard to meet the challenges we are facing in our organization. There is a lot of great things happening. The everyday business is being discussed and researched with a lot of input from quite a few people. It is great to see discussions and debates on topics that have just been the normal for quite a few years. We all need to be involved, in some form, to help our sport grow and be here when our kids grow up. I am proud to tell everyone I talk to that I am a member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Do not be afraid to voice your opinion if you see something that can help our sport. It may never pass the majority, but new ideas are what is going to help us grow and keep pitchers interested.

We have hit the 100 mark for entries to the 2022 World Tournament in Monroe West Monroe, Louisiana. I hear from a lot of pitchers who are excited to attend. A lot of pitchers have not been able to get out and enjoy being in a group of people who love doing what they are passionate about. Hopefully we have a great turnout, and we see a lot of pitchers who are competitive but have a great time. The World Tournament is a time we can spend with our family and friends who we cannot see daily. It is also a time where we can watch the best of the best in the Cadets, the juniors, or any of the adult divisions. The Monroe Staff and the NHPA council is working hard to make this World Tournament as good or better then any you have attended. If this is your first World Tournament, then we welcome you and we hope it is a life memory to cherish. If you have not pitched in a World Tournament in a few years you need to just make the trip and join the festivities. Go to www.horseshoepitching.com, Check out the World Tournament experience and entry form. I have been told by pitchers that they are not good enough to pitch in the World Tournament. That is not true. Everyone has a class they are placed in that is comparable to their entry average. Just because you may not have an average higher than the person pitching next to you does not mean you are not important to the NHPA and the sport. It takes all people from all around the world to make a sport fun and enjoyable. No matter where you are from or how you were raised, horseshoes will always be a sport anyone can participate in. See ya at Monroe.

There has been a lot of discussion on the program eShoe. We are entering our third year of using this program to track members and tournaments within the NHPA. Most pitchers and charter officers I have talked to really have settled into the everyday use of the program. There is a majority who really like what it has done for our organization. There are a few who do not like change. There is a lot of things, in the past 50yrs, that some people would just as well be glad to keep doing it the way they always have.



Secretary/Treasurer...continued

Progress is something my grandfather used to sum up by saying lead, follow, or get out of the way because you cannot stop it. Everyone needs to be proactive and keep an open mind. We have a lot of pitchers with enormous amounts of experience and knowledge to help our organization grow in all kinds of different capacities. Just listen to what is going on around you and give your opinion. We have a team who are always available to help in anyway we can with your eShoe experience, good or bad. Just contact me at sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com or call me at (816) 738-0868 if you need any help and I will direct you to someone who can be of service if I cannot facilitate your need.

If anyone has someone they want to nominate for the 2022 Arch Stokes award or an Achievement Award you need to get your nominations by April 1st, 2022. We have included a form in this Newsline or you can go the www.horseshoepitching.com and hover over About us. This will drop down a list where you can go to Resources and Forms. If you need any help please contact me.

Thank you for everything you do, and I will see you on the courts.

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Secretary/Treasurer...continued

NHPA ARCH STOKES NOMINATION FORM

(Please type or print)

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name _____ Birthdate _____

(If deceased fill in date of death _____. You may omit phone and address and fill in only the state where the nominee resided while living.)

Mailing Address _____ Phone # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION:

FAMILY DATA (A brief personal history including names of parents, spouse, children and grandchildren, etc. Can include city, state or country where born and locations where the nominee has lived)

LIST THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NOMINEE WHICH YOU FEEL SUPPORT THE MERIT OF THE NOMINATION. (You may also attach additional documents that verify your information, or write on the back of this sheet if you need more space)

NHPA OFFICER MAKING THIS NOMINATION:

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Send Nomination Form To: Gary Roberts, 638 Salem Cave Rd, Beaver, OH 45613
Form must be received by April 1st for the nominee to be included in the voting for that year.

Secretary/Treasurer...continued

NHPA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION: (include all offices held at the local and Charter level, events organized, and all other contributions to the NHPA, your Charter and/or local club.)

NOMINATED BY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Send to: NHPA President, Gary Roberts, 638 Salem Cave Rd, Beaver, OH 45613

Nominations must be received by April 1st to be considered

NHPF Report

Hall of Fame and Museum Update in Progress

By Dave Sidles, NHPF Director

Your continued support of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's Hall of Fame and Museum is greatly appreciated. Did you know that your contributions, of any size, can be included on your tax return along with other charitable contributions?

The Hall of Fame and Museum is undergoing a makeover. The goal is to be able to easily update the many current champion displays each year as well as the displays of annual award recipients. This is being done by replacing existing wall displays with ones that sandwich an easily replaceable vinyl sheet between two clear panels mounted with a three dimensional look. This will allow the museum to always be current and at a very reasonable cost.

There will also be a few new displays. One in particular will be the "Goat" display. Criteria developed by NHPA Historian Jerry Smith was used to highlight the "Greatest of all Time" individuals in numerous categories.

Contributions to support the museum can be made several ways. Go to <https://nhpf.info/donations/> and you'll be able to find a method that suites you best. Cash, check, or purchase a brick on the outdoor plaza and honor someone you know that enjoyed this great game in their lifetime. Individuals or groups that contribute a total of \$500 or more are recognized on a plaque inside the museum.

The NHPA Hall of Fame and Museum is a place every horseshoe pitcher should try to visit at least once in their lifetime.



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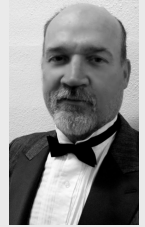
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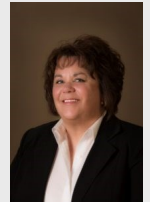
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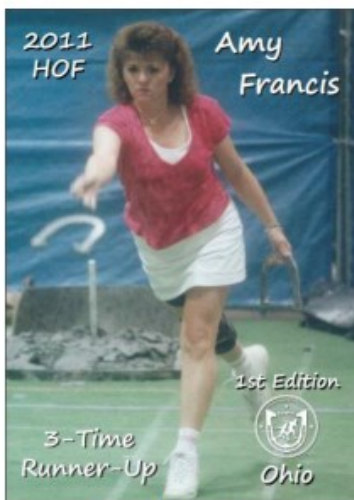
The Runner-up Series...Part II

By Stan Griggs, NHPA World tournament Statistician

“A Champion is someone who gets up when he can’t” ... - Jack Dempsey

Our second installment in the *“Runner-Up Series”* we tackle the always competitive Women’s Division. They never fail to impress us and always put on an exhibition greater than the last.

After my initial evaluation and number crunching I got it narrowed down to the “Top 3”, all three of these amazing horseshoe pitchers finished as *“Runner-Up”* in three different world tournaments.



Amy Francis
3-Time Runner-Up
2000 – 2001 – 2003



Diane Cantin
3-Time Runner-Up
1985 – 1987 – 1990



Marlene Ray
3-Time Runner-Up
2011 – 2016 - 2019

With her ten appearances in the Women’s Championship Class and finishing in the *“Top 5”* every year except for one, it was evident that Diane Cantin from Alberta, Canada should be the Runner-Up of all Runner-Up’s.

Let’s go back in time and revisit these ten events and her amazing performances...

1985 the site was Lafayette, Indiana and Diane was making her very first appearance at the World Tournament, by the conclusion of the event all the pitchers knew she was a serious contender for a World Title.

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| 1. Debby Michaud | 10-1 | 82.8% |
| 2. Diane Cantin | 9-2 | 83.3% |
| 3. Debbie Pickering | 7-4 | 79.9% |
| 4. Fran Carnahan | 7-4 | 79.0% |
| 5. Vicki Winston | 6-5 | 80.5% |

Runner-up Series Part II (Stan Griggs)...continued

After taking the next year off, Diane returned to the World Tournament in 1987 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and it was a record setting year. After 14 games Diane was tied with the 16 year old superstar from Ontario, Canada Sandy McLachlin after beating her in the final game of the round robin in an exciting 96 shoe game.

The playoff game was to be even more suspenseful and will remain as one of the all-time classics in our sport's history. I can personally vouch for this as I was fortunate to witness these games in person. Sandy jumped out to an early lead and after 54 shoes had a 24-15 lead, she then went on a scoring streak and had built up a 39-15 advantage at the 70 shoe mark. With McLachlin needing just one more point to win the game and the Women's World Title, Cantin began her own scoring streak and was on the brink of pulling off the impossible by hitting 39 straight ringers to creep back into the game at 39-31. With Diane's miss in the 54th inning, finally Sandy scored the needed point on her 108th shoe to win 40-31.

In a previous game Diane had a streak of 54 straight ringers which is still a World Record today.

I can always remember my friend Vicki Winston saying after this world tournament, guess I am the US Champ.

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| 1. Sandy McLachlin | 15-1 | 88.2% |
| 2. Diane Cantin | 14-2 | 88.1% |
| 3. Vicki Winston | 12-3 | 82.0% |
| 4. Debby Michaud | 12-3 | 79.7% |
| 5. Tari Powell | 10-5 | 79.7% |

1988 in Pleasanton, California and once again the Women put on some exceptional pitching, once again multiple pitchers averaging over 80%.

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| 1. Diane Lopez | 14-1 | 83.4% |
| 2. Sandy McLachlin | 13-2 | 85.0% |
| 3. Sharon Paddock | 11-4 | 81.7% |
| 4. Diane Cantin | 11-4 | 80.2% |
| 5. Vicki Winston | 10-5 | 77.7% |

1989 the year of the ESPN ladder pitch-off in Spearfish, South Dakota. Diane just missed the #4 spot for the playoffs, who knows what could have been had she made the ladder.

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| 1. Phyllis Negaard | 14-3 | 80.9% |
| 2. Sandy McLachlin | 13-3 | 76.3% |
| 3. Lois Webster | 13-4 | 76.3% |
| 4. Diane Lopez | 12-4 | 74.7% |
| 5. Diane Cantin | 10-5 | 78.0% |

Stone Mountain, Georgia the site for the 1990 World Tournament, and for the third time in her last five attempts, Diane was so close but was just not able to close it out. As in the past it all came down to just that one game, this time around it was against Tari Powell of Illinois, the duo started the game with nine straight four deads and at the end of 52 shoes Diane was leading 24-12 and Tari's chances were dimming. But then came some of the greatest pitching ever by a women as Tari hit the next 35 out of 36 and won the match 42-27 in a 92 shoe contest, Diane finished with an 84.7% game – a very tough loss. This would be the last time she would get this close to winning a World Title.

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|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Tari Powell | 15-0 | 83.1% |
| 2. Diane Cantin | 14-1 | 81.4% |
| 3. Lois Webster | 12-3 | 77.4% |
| 4. Bonnie Seibold | 11-4 | 72.6% |
| 5. Phyllis Negaard | 10-5 | 77.3% |

Runner-up Series Part II (Stan Griggs)...continued

1991 – Biloxi, Mississippi and Diane stays in the “*Top 5*”

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|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Tari Powell | 14-1 | 83.2% |
| 2. Sue Snyder | 13-2 | 80.1% |
| 3. Renee Cowan | 11-4 | 74.6% |
| 4. Phyllis Negaard | 10-5 | 77.7% |
| 5. Diane Cantin | 10-5 | 74.6% |

Columbus, Ohio was the host for the 1992 World Tournament, and this would be the one and only time that Diane would not finish within the TOP10, still with a very impressive average of 74.7% she finished with a record of 5-10 and in 12th place.

1994 – Syracuse, New York – Diane finished in 5th place with a 79.5%

Perry, George in 1995 and the records were falling, with another solid performance and staying in the “*Top 5*” once again.

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| 1. Sue Snyder | 15-0 | 84.2% |
| 2. Sylvianne Moisan | 14-1 | 85.5% |
| 3. Amy Brown | 12-3 | 81.8% |
| 4. Diane Cantin | 9-6 | 78.3% |
| 5. Susan Twyman | 9-6 | 76.1% |

After missing the cut in 1996, the only time this ever happened Diane came back with a vengeance for one last run for the title in 1997 in her home country of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. This would be the last time Diane would ever pitch in a World Tournament, still at the top of her game...

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| 1. Bev Nathe | 17-2 | 80.4% |
| 2. Sylvianne Moisan | 16-3 | 85.1% |
| 3. Becky Kemper | 16-3 | 83.1% |
| 4. Diane Cantin | 15-4 | 79.0% |
| 5. Susan Twyman | 14-5 | 75.3% |
| 6. Amy Monday | 13-6 | 81.1% |
| 7. Mary Ann Peninger | 12-7 | 81.6% |
| 8. Annie Cote | 11-8 | 76.3% |
| 9. Sue Snyder | 10-9 | 77.5% |
| 10. Connie Filley | 10-9 | 76.7% |



*Tournament Spotlight***Valley of the Sun Tournament Exceeds Expectations!***By Robert Chubinsky, Arizona State Horseshoe Pitchers Association*

They came to the desert of Arizona for the 64th time to play horseshoes. With 131 players from twenty different states and Canada, Arizona's mini-world tournament, the **Valley of the Sun** hosted by East Valley Horseshoe Club in Mesa, had its largest tournament in 20 years. Most past tournaments have been between 75-99 players. With only twelve courts to play on, the tournament starts on Tuesday and ends on Sunday. Since we only have 12 courts, the most players that can enter for the six days is 144 so we are almost at our maximum. Everybody plays two days; half of all players receive a money payout. All A and B classes play 40-point games with no handicaps. All other classes play 40 or 50 shoe games. The only class with a handicap was Class I Mixed which went from 5% to 22%. All courts had score keepers.

Every morning there was either breakfast burritos, pancakes, donuts, fruit, snack bars, coffee, and juice. Every afternoon there was lunch made by our players, sloppy joes, pulled pork sandwiches, spaghetti, pizza, cold cut sandwiches and chips. All day there was cold water and soda available. There were shirts, tournament patches and tournament hat pins for sale. All winners received a Valley of the Sun patch, and everybody got a tournament brochure and hat pin when signing in. Every day there was a 50/50 drawing. All had a payout of \$70 or more except for one.

Except for a cool day on Wednesday the weather was in the mid 70's with clear Arizona sky. All classes had a class and winner picture taken along with some random pictures of the tournament. These can be viewed on our **ashpa.club** website.

In the Elder's A class, all players either won their state championships last year or have won one in the past, Bert Logsdon (IA), Mike Massari (AZ), Jim Bilderback (WI), Ronald LeGrand (MO) J.D. Drake (MI) and Donald Lindbo (WA). In Men's A class we had a men's state champion Ken Jones (NM) and the men's Senior World Champion Jacob Fimbres (AZ). In Women's A Class was state champion Diane Luiz (CA) and number one junior girl Kalie Trujillo (NM).

If you look at the results on the Arizona website, you will see that the classes were highly competitive. As always, some players had a good two days and some did not, but all had a wonderful time. Many of the players entered were NHPA, State or Club Tournament Directors or officers. The people who are the backbone of our horseshoe community.

If you want to know more about the tournament, ask your friend who went and played. Our players are our best ambassadors. East Valley Horseshoe Club wants to thank everyone who helped with setups, food, scorekeeping, judging and pictures. If we mention names, I know I would leave someone out because so many helped, so we thank all of you and hope to see you again next year.



Robert Chubinsky

Tournament Spotlight-Valley of the Sun...continued



Valley of the Sun 2022



"I participated in the VOS tournament it has turned out to be one of the best events of the year. The friendliness and respect given to participants is one reason why I try and return. Also, the prize money amount is nice too. Peace, Gary Nakamoto, NCHPA



Entries by State

Report Date Tuesday, Mar 8th, 2022

Total States: 37 Total Countries: 2

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| FL - 10 | NO - 0 | |
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Womens Top 100 Stats 3 March 2022

| 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 | 350626 | Shalee | Cason | FL | Women | 80.46 | 14 |
| 5 | 220130 | Doris | Hieden | TX | Women | 79.97 | 11 |
| 6 | 330173 | Joan | Elmore | TN | Women | 78.08 | 12 |
| 7 | 480180 | Theresa | Howe | MA | Women | 76.25 | 20 |
| 8 | 395491 | Cindy | Hoffman | PA | Women | 76.23 | 13 |
| 9 | 360294 | Amy | Francis | OH | Women | 73.55 | 9 |
| 10 | 190875 | Jennifer | Gegg | MO | Women | 72.68 | 16 |
| 11 | 280268 | Aleena | Lepak | WI | Women | 72.53 | 5 |
| 12 | 490476 | Skyla | Rioux | CT | Women | 72.10 | 16 |
| 13 | 190819 | Melanie | Zerr | MO | Women | 69.97 | 10 |
| 14 | 260082 | Kathy | Brazier | AL | Women | 69.86 | 10 |
| 15 | 370015 | Tamara | Burke | WV | Women | 69.01 | 2 |

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| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|------------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | 360940 | Alan | Francis | OH | Men | 87.10 | 9 |
| 2 | 100290 | Brandon | Tenijieth | AZ | Men | 78.17 | 19 |
| 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 | 12 |
| 7 | 290652 | Austin | Bailey | IL | Men | 73.55 | 10 |
| 8 | 480259 | Raymond | Bedard | MA | Men | 71.53 | 21 |
| 9 | 460128 | Brian | Simmons | VT | Men | 71.50 | 8 |
| 10 | 440124 | Ken | Fraser | NY | Men | 71.27 | 15 |
| 11 | 300164 | Tom | Williams | MI | Men | 70.31 | 10 |
| 12 | 460059 | Gale | Greene | VT | Men | 70.12 | 14 |
| 13 | 190007 | Stan | Griggs | MO | Men | 69.08 | 8 |
| 14 | 30370 | Rick | Birmingham | CA | Men | 68.81 | 15 |
| 15 | 420271 | Jerry | Dean | MD | Men | 67.66 | 7 |

Elders Top 100 Stats *3 March 2022*

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|------------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | 370121 | David | Holmes | WV | Elders | 78.35 | 5 |
| 2 | 350350 | Bob | Gray | FL | Elders | 76.03 | 18 |
| 3 | 10135 | Russ | Phillips | WA | Elders | 75.83 | 23 |
| 4 | 180408 | Roger | Vogel | KS | Elders | 75.61 | 20 |
| 5 | 330199 | James | Cooper | TN | Elders | 75.57 | 20 |
| 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 | 100192 | Mike | Massari | AZ | Elders | 73.00 | 27 |
| 10 | 350990 | Ron | Womack | FL | Elders | 72.33 | 20 |
| 11 | 360106 | Rich | Knerem Sr. | OH | Elders | 72.06 | 22 |
| 12 | 190103 | Ronald | LeGrand | MO | Elders | 71.92 | 16 |
| 13 | 191082 | Edward | Griffith | MO | Elders | 71.23 | 6 |
| 14 | 330133 | Charles | Gray | TN | Elders | 70.57 | 10 |
| 15 | 290047 | John | Trigg | IL | Elders | 70.50 | 17 |

Girls Top 25 Stats *3 March 2022*

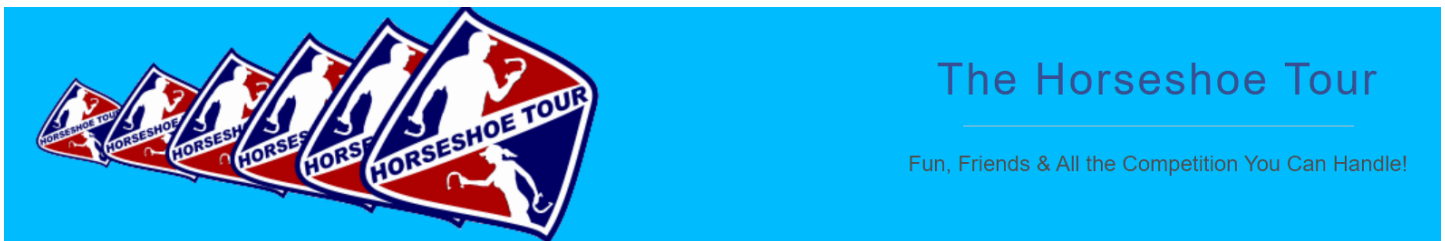
| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | 801060 | Kalie | Trujillo | NM | Girls | 48.31 | 11 |
| 2 | 490491 | Lizy | Jordan | CT | Girls | 45.01 | 5 |
| 3 | 490419 | Chelsea | Swaller | CT | Girls | 40.26 | 2 |
| 4 | 191533 | Sadie | Wolken | MO | Girls | 37.58 | 15 |
| 5 | 95085 | Kayla | Julander | UT | Girls | 30.34 | 14 |
| 6 | 340280 | Lily | Strong | CA | Girls | 28.61 | 10 |
| 7 | 190110 | Eli | DeLaCruz | MO | Girls | 27.99 | 10 |
| 8 | 150396 | Uria | Gabel | ND | Girls | 27.25 | 6 |
| 9 | 180473 | Danyelle | Russell | KS | Girls | 26.38 | 12 |
| 10 | 802438 | Addyson | Gregg | PA | Girls | 25.42 | 2 |
| 11 | 220456 | Ashlyn | Luster | TX | Girls | 23.20 | 4 |
| 12 | 280115 | Lillyan | Kildahl | WI | Girls | 22.72 | 3 |
| 13 | 130865 | Cherie | Harges | CO | Girls | 19.67 | 4 |
| 14 | 31233 | Kaidence | Begaye | CA | Girls | 18.03 | 3 |
| 15 | 115186 | Kayla | Klundt | MT | Girls | 16.46 | 6 |

Boys Top 50 Stats *3 March 2022*

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|------------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | 191622 | Brady | Fox | MO | Boys | 65.99 | 8 |
| 2 | 31151 | Hastiin | Begaye | CA | Boys | 64.00 | 2 |
| 3 | 490452 | Riley | Malino | CT | Boys | 60.64 | 23 |
| 4 | 360274 | Zander | Potts | OH | Boys | 60.49 | 1 |
| 5 | 200245 | Walker | Forrester | OK | Boys | 58.49 | 6 |
| 6 | 260172 | Tyler | Harris | AL | Boys | 57.67 | 14 |
| 7 | 190778 | Leon | Wolken | MO | Boys | 57.57 | 13 |
| 8 | 320014 | Jarrett | Keith | KY | Boys | 51.62 | 2 |
| 9 | 300469 | Kayden | Fowler | MI | Boys | 49.49 | 1 |
| 10 | 180269 | Ryan | Russell | KS | Boys | 49.10 | 12 |
| 11 | 220641 | Isaac | Nelson Jr. | TX | Boys | 48.45 | 14 |
| 12 | 210074 | Derek | Reynolds | AR | Boys | 48.35 | 4 |
| 13 | 31131 | Teodoro | Espinola | CA | Boys | 46.31 | 10 |
| 14 | 95078 | Coulson | Ohms | UT | Boys | 46.08 | 17 |
| 15 | 801484 | Ivan | Bill | NM | Boys | 44.00 | 5 |

Cadets Top 25 Stats *3 March 2022*

| Rank | Card # | First Name | Last Name | State | Division | Ringer Percent | Events Played |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | 31223 | Adakai | Begaye | CA | Cadet Boys | 40.38 | 4 |
| 2 | 380630 | Eli | Sullivan | VA | Cadet Boys | 39.67 | 14 |
| 3 | 801315 | Evan | Bedard | MA | Cadet Boys | 36.67 | 10 |
| 4 | 31141 | Evelyn | Espinola | CA | Cadet Girls | 34.35 | 9 |
| 5 | 220815 | Preston | Beusch | TX | Cadet Boys | 30.00 | 4 |
| 6 | 280305 | Conner | Kildahl | WI | Cadet Boys | 27.82 | 3 |
| 7 | 231968 | Tristan | Dehkes | MN | Cadet Boys | 27.50 | 1 |
| 8 | 802041 | Garrett | Kinsey | TN | Cadet Boys | 26.56 | 6 |
| 9 | 800314 | Crystal | Knighen | AL | Cadet Girls | 25.67 | 14 |
| 10 | 800315 | Ethan | Knighen | AL | Cadet Boys | 25.16 | 13 |
| 11 | 800419 | Logan | Race | GA | Cadet Boys | 24.05 | 2 |
| 12 | 180365 | Bentley | Arbogast | KS | Cadet Boys | 17.86 | 8 |
| 13 | 800556 | Aiden | Weller | WI | Cadet Boys | 17.50 | 6 |
| 14 | 70195 | Paxton | Rather | NV | Cadet Boys | 16.95 | 4 |
| 15 | 220888 | Dylan | Rutledge | TX | Cadet Boys | 16.25 | 1 |



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