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2022 President's Message

Retirement...brings new opportunities

By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President

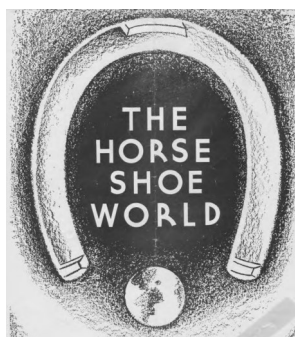
The past week has been a bittersweet one for me. My last day of work as Director of Operations of Family Medical Centers, (a component of the Ironton Lawrence County Area Community Action Organization), in Ironton, Ohio occurred on April 29, 2022. I developed a very close bond with our medical, dental, behavioral health, and WIC staff. Leaving them was a very emotional experience. ILCAO organized a fantastic retirement luncheon that more than 150 people attended. I will never forget the many tributes I received. Retirement will allow more time for my NHPA duties.



Preparation for the World Tournament is of paramount importance as we draw closer to the event. All of our Officers are working hard to assure that participants will have a positive experience. There are a multitude of details to be addressed including: organizing a set-up and tear-down team, organizing an adequate IT staff, organizing the HOF Banquet, arranging for game-related sales, arranging for professional photography, organizing a stat room staff, arranging for a shoe-check team, organizing adequate judges, arranging opening ceremonies, and many other items. I greatly appreciate the Council's efforts as we progress.

I have been maintaining monthly zoom meetings with the Council to discuss ongoing issues. These meetings are lengthy and often exceed two hours. This communication is absolutely essential. At our last meeting, the Council agreed to allow our horseshoe vendors to add their logo to the NHPA website for a minimal fee of \$100.per year. We have now executed the final contract for the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. We are also hoping for final bids for the 2024 World Tournament prior to the deadline of December 31, 2022.

After the 2022 Convention, I will be disappointed if we do not receive rules and bylaws proposals. We must view proposals as to whether the changes proposed will promote our sport. Jerry Smith's idea of two separate rule books has received much interest. As I have mentioned many times, we cannot just sit back and hope that things will improve. Another topic of interest is the length of our World Tournament event.



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Counting set-up time, our event lasts three weeks. Many potential sites are hesitant to bid because of this. We must also look at ways to increase the excitement of all of our Championship Divisions.

I will need your support and advice as we struggle to revive our sport. I have seen many positive developments in the past year. We must build on these successes. I look forward to seeing many of you in Monroe, Louisiana.

Gary

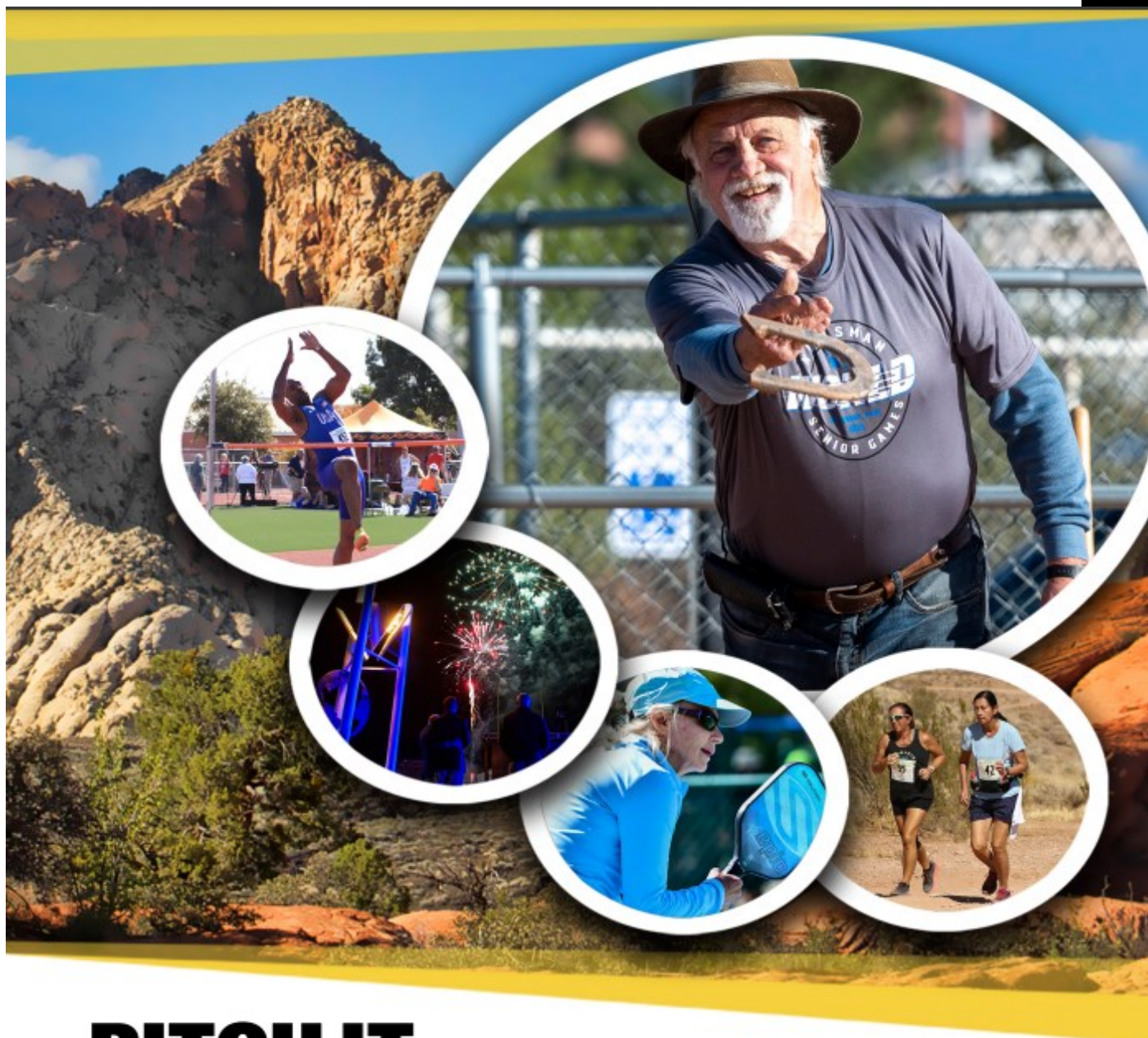
TRIVIA

*Horseshoe Trivia***One and 3/4 turn...Is it a pitch only from the past?**

By Gary Roberts, NHPA President

What ever happened to the one and ¾ turn? In past years this turn was used by many pitchers including World Champions like Elmer Hohl, Fernando Isais, and Paul Focht. Many more of the very best players who previously utilized this turn were Ralph Maddox, Ray Martin, Jimmy Walters, Jim Solomon, Glenn Riffle, Pop Johnson, Larry Griffin, Bob West, Joe Schultz, Ronnie Simmons, Jerry Schneider, Marvin Craig, and Dale Dixon. In current World Tournaments, you are lucky to see more than one or two people using this highly effective turn. Jerry Dean of Maryland is one of the few who use it. There are some people like Walter Ray who have averaged over 80% with more than one turn. I am on the list of those who have averaged over 70% in the World Tournament with both the one and ¼ turn and the one and ¾ turn. It remains a mystery as to why the one and ¾ turn is almost extinct in the Men's Championship Division. There is no logical reason for this.





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How do I change the NHPA rules/bylaws?

Brian Pool, 1st VP

I hope everyone has been able to attend some tournaments this spring and participate in this great sport and family. I hosted my first tournament this year on April 30. It was great to get out and pitch.

I thought it would be good to go over the process to submit Rule or Bylaw changes. In the NHPA Standing Rules in the back of the Bylaws it states:

“11. All member-proposed changes to the NHPA Bylaws and RGS Book shall be submitted in writing to the respective Committee Chairperson and shall be postmarked no later than September 30th.”



After the deadline, the proposed changes that were submitted are sent to the Rules Committee to discuss and decide if the change should be submitted to the next delegate meeting for consideration. If they think the wording needs to be modified, we work with the submitter and re-write the proposal. Then after approval by the Rules Committee, the approved proposal is submitted to the NHPA Board and put on the agenda to be voted on at the next delegates meeting.

The Current Rules Committee is:

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If you have a Rule or Bylaw change to submit, please use the following format.

- Use “Proposed Rule Change” or “Proposed Bylaw Change” as the first line.
- Copy the existing Rule or Bylaw that you want to make a change to.
- Write the proposed change with added wording underlined and deleted wording striked through.
- Write a paragraph with the reason and purpose for the proposed change.

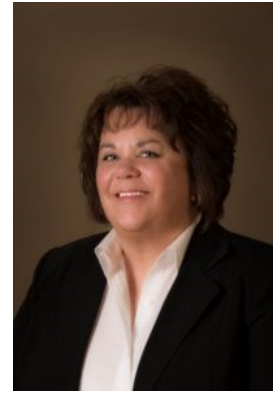
I hope that this helps you understand the current Rule or Bylaw change process. If you want help in writing or submitting a proposal, give me a call or send me an email and I will gladly help you. Thanks for allowing me to be your NHPA 1st VP and I hope for your support in the election at the Delegate meeting!

Hope to see you on the courts!

Brian J. Poole
NHPA 1st VP

Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

Laurie Lampkin, 2nd VP- World Tournament Coordinator/Publicity & Promotion Director



2022 World Tournament – Let's Geaux to MONROE!

JOSH "JMAC" MCDANIEL is the social media & website manager for the Monroe CVB. Josh wanted to share this information with everyone about Monroe and things to do and see while you are visiting the area.

While its natural beauty is more than enough reason to visit, there's much more to Monroe-West Monroe that you must experience.

Visit Monroe, and you'll discover an independent spirit unlike any other in the Bayou State. Home of the first bottler of Coca-Cola and the birthplace of such American institutions as Delta Air Lines and Century Link, the Twin Cities are today a place of innovative artists and top-class chefs.

Browse the largest shopping mall in North Louisiana and treasure hunt in Antique Alley. Dine at more than 100 locally owned restaurants that serve everything from catfish and po'boys to enchiladas and sushi.

Hike breathtaking nature trails, sip a pint of craft beer, and sample the wines of a local vineyard. There is no end to all the adventure you will have here. Plan your 2022 World Tournament to Monroe-West Monroe today!

When you want a true taste of the absolute best that this part of Louisiana has to offer, this is where you want to be!

Discover seven of the best things Monroe-West Monroe has to offer at www.mwm.la/7best. To make your travel plans and Hotel reservations please use the link on the NHPA website.



Landry Vineyards is a family owned and operated winery located in the rolling hills of West Monroe. Landry Vineyards produces 20 different wines including cultural fruit forward semi-sweet wines, clean crisp dry white wines, dry barrel aged wines and port style wines.

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Visitors can sample these wines, while enjoying the picturesque views from the beautiful tasting room. Their Outdoor Concert Series is not to be missed, with music ranging from country to jazz. Patrons bring picnic blankets and chairs and enjoy live music from the hillside along with jambalaya and dancing. Two harvest festivals are hosted each summer that offer visitors the chance to harvest grapes and participate in a grape stomp. Tours are available by appointment.

Please visit the links that are posted on the NHPA Website for more tourist and area information.

Monroe Informational Packets as mentioned in previous Newsline

Just a reminder for your members at this year's World Tournament, ask your Charter Secretary/Treasurers to contact the Monroe CVB, and they will more than happy to mail out packets to you directly for you to hand out to your membership for those interested in attending this year. This is a "FREE" Service, compliments of the CVB. Please contact Ms. Noma for your packets.

NORMA LEMOINE

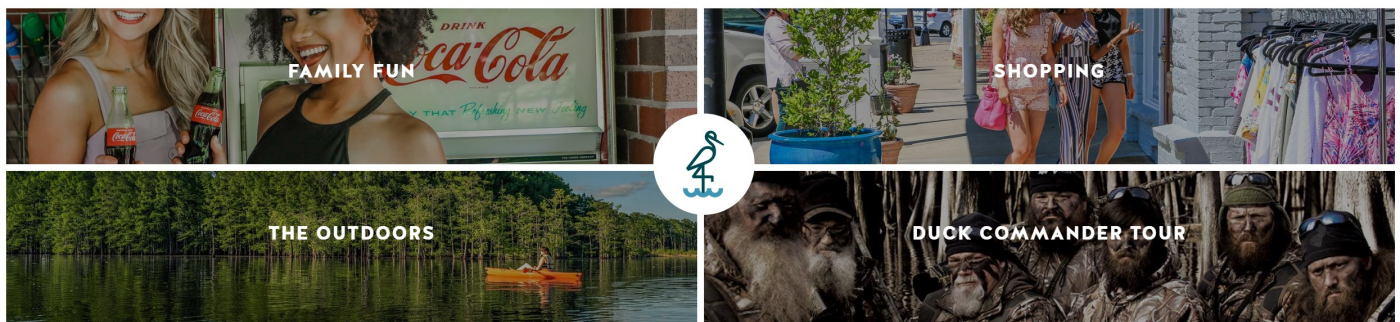
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Provide Ms. Norma with the number packets you feel you will need or how many people you anticipate will be attending the World Tournament from your charter. Inside those packets will be Hotel/RV information as well a listing of restaurants, shopping, 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.



THINGS TO DO

<https://www.monroe-westmonroe.org/things-to-do/>

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Service Animals & Family Pets at Venue

Per ADA Rules, Service animals will be allowed at the Monroe Civic Center only if the federal guidelines are followed.

The NHPA will allow family pets in the venue only if they are leashed and not barking or yelping. The personal pets are to be leashed, in carriers, dog strollers etc. and they are to be contained.



Due to respect for the competitors and spectators, we cannot allow any barking or yelping, if this does occur you will be asked to remove the animal from the facility. Please plan accordingly.

Louisiana Laws on Service Dogs and Emotional Support Animals

Louisiana law and federal law allow service dogs and psychiatric service animals in all public places.

Under Louisiana's service animal law and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), people with disabilities may bring service animals to all "public accommodations," which includes stores, businesses, motels, restaurants, theaters, schools, and more. Below, we explain which public accommodations are covered, which animals qualify as service animals, and some rules you may need to follow with your service animal.

Which Animals Count as Service Animals in Louisiana?

In Louisiana, a service animal is a dog who is trained to do work or tasks for someone with a disability, whether physical or mental. A service dog might be a guide dog, a hearing dog, a mobility dog, an autism service dog, a seizure alert dog, a dog that provides assistance during a medical crisis, or a dog that assists people (including veterans) with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injuries.

Under the ADA, a service animal is a dog (or in some cases, a miniature horse). In addition to guide dogs and hearing dogs, here are some examples of service animals that must be allowed into public accommodations under the ADA:

- psychiatric service animals, which help their handlers manage mental and emotional disabilities by, for example, interrupting self-harming behaviors, reminding handlers to take medication, checking spaces for intruders, or providing calming pressure during anxiety or panic attacks
- seizure alert animals, which let their handlers know of impending seizures, and may also guard their handlers during seizure activity, and
- allergen alert animals, which let their handlers know of foods or other substances that could be dangerous (such as peanuts).

Neither the ADA nor Louisiana's service animal law includes therapy dogs or what some people call "emotional support animals": animals that provide a sense of safety, companionship, and comfort to those with psychiatric or emotional disabilities or conditions. Although these animals often have therapeutic benefits, they are not individually trained to perform specific tasks for their handlers. Under the ADA and Louisiana law, owners of public accommodations are not required to allow emotional support animals, only service animals. These laws also don't apply to pets.

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What Are Public Accommodations in Louisiana?

In Louisiana, you may bring your service animal into any public accommodation, which includes:

- , highways, and walkways
- public buildings and facilities
- all public transportation and common carriers, such as boats, buses, cars, taxis, ferries, and trains
- schools, from kindergartens to universities
- hotels, restaurants, and theaters
- all places of public amusement, accommodation, or resort, and any other place to which the general public is invited.

The ADA sets out a long list of facilities that qualify as public accommodations to which you may bring your service animal, including:

- hotels and other lodging establishments
- public transportation and terminals, depots, and stations
- restaurants and other places that serve food and drink
- service establishments
- any place of public gathering, such as an auditorium or convention center
- gyms, bowling alleys, and other places of exercise or recreation
- recreational facilities, such as zoos and parks
- libraries, museums, and other places where items are collected or displayed publicly
- educational institutions, and social service centers, like senior centers, homeless shelters, and food banks.

Rules for Service Animals in Louisiana

The ADA and Louisiana law have similar rules for what accommodations may ask about your service animal, your service animal's behavior, and fees for your service animal.

Under the ADA and Louisiana law, a public accommodation may not ask you questions about your disability or demand to see certification, identification, or other proof of your animal's training or status. If it is not apparent what your service animal does, the establishment may ask you only whether it is a service animal, and what tasks it performs for you.

The ADA and Louisiana law both prohibit public accommodations from charging a special admission fee or requiring you to pay any other extra cost to have your service animal with you. However, you may have to pay for any damage your animal causes.

Federal and state law allow a public accommodation to exclude your service animal if it poses a direct threat to health and safety (or example, if your dog is aggressively barking and snapping at other customers, the facility can kick the dog out). Your animal may also be excluded if it is not housebroken, or if it is out of control and you are unable or unwilling to effectively control it. You are still entitled to enter the public accommodation even if your service animal is not allowed in.

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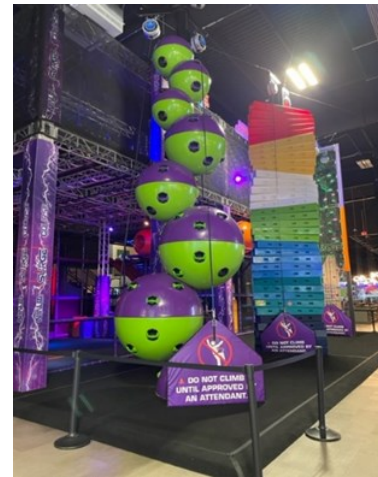
Junior/Cadet Activities Planned at Surge Entertainment Center

We hope that all the Juniors/Cadets enjoy their time this year at the World Tournament in Monroe, LA. While visiting Monroe in February, the Monroe CVB has chosen The Surge Entertainment Center to host the Junior/Cadet party and outings for 2022. The Surge Entertainment Center which is owned by Drew Brees and is a family indoor fun park nestled in West Monroe Louisiana.

They offer several types of entertainment from Laser Tag, Bowling, Sport Simulators, Extreme Sports, and an Arcade, Dodgeball, and much more. They also have a wide selection of foods, and drinks. There is also a VIP Room that can be reserved for lounging and bowling with adult beverages, as well.

Go head-to-head against your friends, family, in the Multi-Sport Simulators in West Monroe. Their multi-sports simulators feature 13 of the most popular sports and interactive games. Each of the upscale sports simulator bays are equipped with sophisticated cameras and tracking devices that provide instant, accurate feedback on your swing, throw, shot or pass.

For more information, please check out the website at: <https://surgefun.com/locations/westmonroe/>



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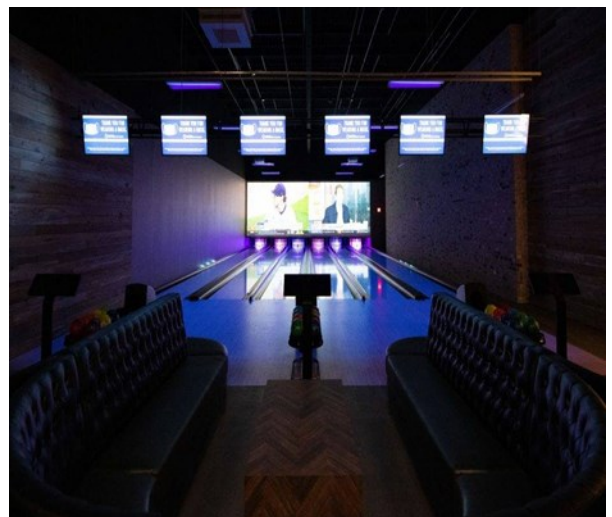
Our dedicated hard working and knowledgeable staff are always happy to provide you with the best possible fun experience while ensuring your safety. Ask us, we are there!

- **TRAINED STAFF**

Court monitors are the lifeguards of our trampoline park. They undergo many days of training including classroom-style education, video presentations, group discussions, and emergency safety drills.

- **SAFE AND CLEAN**

Scheduled maintenance ensures that all our facilities and equipment are safe and clean for your enjoyment. For food allergies accommodations, please ask your host for assistance.



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NHPA Website/Newsline Advertising options now available

There are new advertising rates and options available for the NHPA website. There is an annual contract and fee of \$100 for each ad.

Please provide the artwork/file and to the NHPA webmaster, Blaine Scott at horseshoepitching@gmail.com. The payment must be submitted and paid in full along with the signed contract to Jim Kinney, NHPA Sec./Treas.

You can print a copy of the contract shown below on the NHPA website under the Newsline/Website Sponsorship tab. The advertisement will not post until payment in full is received.



NHPA Website Advertising

This agreement shall be between the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, herein known as NHPA, and advertiser: _____.

The purpose of this agreement is to outline and confirm certain terms and conditions between the two parties, specifically regarding advertising on the NHPA website www.horseshoepitching.com.

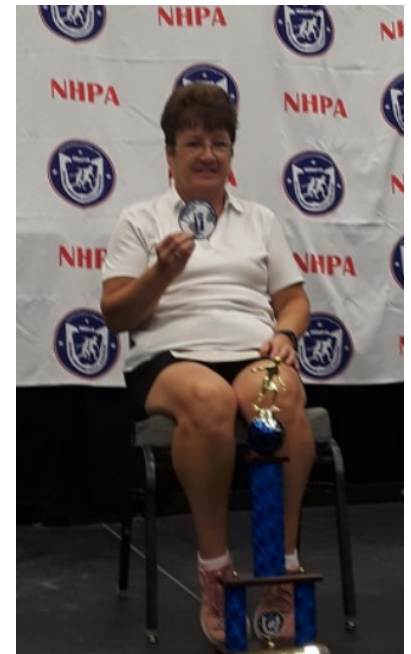
The NHPA grants the advertiser the right to advertise their product on www.horseshoepitching.com. In addition, the NHPA and named advertiser agree to the following conditions.

1. **Advertising Fee** – An advertising fee of \$100 will be paid/received by Jim Kinney, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer prior to posting the ad on the website.
2. **Advertising Image** – The advertiser listed above will provide a jpeg image not exceeding 300 x 150 bpi (.png, .jpg) which will be placed on the website www.horseshoepitching.com in one or more locations.
3. **Link to advertiser webpage** – The advertiser listed above will provide a link to their website where the product can be viewed/purchased.
4. **Website content** – Information/content located on the advertiser webpage must always be appropriate for youth since it may be viewed by cadet/junior horseshoe pitchers any time. The NHPA reserves the right to remove the link if the content does not meet that requirement.
5. **Term of advertising** – Advertising will be provided for a term of 12 months beginning with the date of first posting on the website for a period of 12 months.
6. **Point of contact** - The NHPA Secretary/Treasurer shall be the single point of contact to manage all financial communications between the two parties. The NHPA Webmaster will be the single point of contact to manage all advertising specifics for posting, availability, and adding/removing ads from the website: www.horseshoepitching.com.

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

It was difficult for me to find a way to announce the results of the 2022 Hall of Fame voting, so I thank Blaine Scott for posting the results in a few places on the NHPA website. For those who don't already know, the HOF committee has elected two persons to be inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame this year at the banquet in Monroe, LA. Those two people are Debra Brown in the Player category and the late Ronnie Simmons in the Historic Era Player category. The committee did not elect anyone from the Promoter/Organizer category this year. With several very qualified nominees on the ballot, it is often difficult for a nominee in any category to receive the required number of points in the voting to be elected, but we have requirements in our SOP's that we will elect someone from a category at least every other year and a voting procedure in place to do that. In 2023, someone will be elected from the Promoter/Organizer category. Following are brief bios for the inductees to be honored this year.

DEBRA BROWN - Debra has been a member of the NHPA for over 40 years. Not only has she been active as a pitcher, she has been involved in the activities of the Sodbusters Horseshoe Pitching Club since 1980, which now plays in Bristol, VT. She has held many positions in that club. She is also an officer of the Vermont State Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc. and one of her duties is to promote the Junior Program. However, the NHPA HOF is recognizing Debra for her excellent pitching in the Women's Championship Division of the World Tournament. Debra first attended a World Tournament in 1983 at Statesville, NC, but was early in her pitching career and played in Class F. Then she became busy with raising her family and did not return to the World Tournament again until 2008 at York, PA. From 2008 thru 2015, Debra attended the WT every year and qualified into the Women's Championship Finals all of those years. She also had a ringer average of over 70% in the finals all of those years. She did not place real high in 2008 or 2009, but in 2009 averaged almost 78% in placing 9th out of 20. Competition was tough. Starting in 2010 through 2015 Debra never finished lower than her 4th place finish in 2011, even though she averaged 80.74% to get 4th place. In that stretch she also had two 3rd place finishes, two 2nd place finishes and finally won the World Championship in 2015. Then she suffered an injury to her shoulder and wasn't able to pitch for awhile. She tried coming back to the WT in 2018 and was able to qualify into the Championship finals with 72%, but then had a very tough time for those 15 games. That was the only time she ever pitched below 70% in the Championship finals. Her ringer average for nine Championship finals appearances is 75.96%. If we drop off the 2018 appearance, her ringer average for eight Championship finals is 77.34%. Debra has been a very tough competitor during her World Tournament appearances and I hope you will all join me in congratulating her on her election to the NHPA Hall of Fame.



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RONNIE SIMMONS - Ronnie first joined the SCHPA and NHPA in 1957. Being just a little older than myself, I'm positive that he became a Lifetime Member. Ronnie first attended a World Tournament in 1963, when it was held in South Gate, CA and was pretty close to where he lived. It was early in his career and he was not yet up to the skill level he would achieve later on. He did not qualify into the Championship Men's Class. In 1966 he traveled to Murray, UT and tried once again, but did not make it into the Championship Class. Those were the days when the men were pitching 200 qualifying shoes without a break. At first there was just one scorekeeper on the court, but in later years a scorekeeper was placed at each end of the court and they signaled the count to each other. It was an ordeal for many of the men and they practiced very hard before coming to the World Tournament. Some probably practiced qualifying harder than they did pitching games with actual opponents. Ronnie was able to travel to the WT wherever it was being held from 1967 through 1971 and qualified into the Men's Championship Class all of those years. He attended again in 1973 and made the Men's Championship Class again, but when he attended in 1975 he did not do well enough with the qualifying shoes to make the Championship Class. He made another try in 1978 and was successful, so kept returning each year through 1981 and successfully made the Championship Class each year. Onsite qualifying by pitching 200 shoes ended after the 1980 World Tournament. In 1981, a new format was tried, as the tournament was held in the newly constructed Preimesberger Arena, in Genola, MN, which had only 18 courts. There were not enough days available for people to be pitching qualifying shoes by themselves, so the Prelims were started. Ronnie did well in the Prelims and made the Men's Championship finals, where he averaged 79.45% and placed 9th in the 24 man Championship Class. That was his best finish ever in the Championship Division. During phone conversations with Ronnie's son, Gregory, he told me he had accompanied his dad to the 1981 tournament and he remembers it well. All of us who were there remember that one. There was pitching nearly around the clock almost every day. Ronnie gave the World Tournament one more shot in 1984 and made the Championship Class one more time. For his 11 appearances in the Men's Championship finals, Ronnie had an overall ringer average of about 73.3%. Unfortunately, Ronnie was in a serious accident sometime in the 1990's and nearly lost a leg, plus suffered other health problems after that. I think his horseshoe pitching days ended then, if not before. I learned that Ronnie passed away in Feb. 2021, so he will not be present in Monroe, LA to accept his award in person. He was a person who really loved pitching horseshoes for as long as he was able and loved competing against the best talent our sport had to offer during the years he was active on the courts.

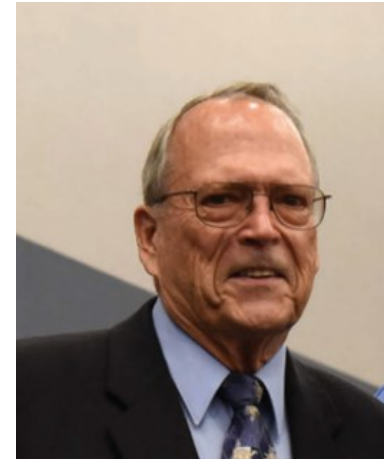


At the present time I have tentative plans to spend a few days in Monroe, LA to take care of Hall of Fame Committee duties, attend the banquet and hopefully spend time visiting with people I know and maybe some I don't know. Hopefully many of you will also be able to make the trip and will also attend the banquet. See you there!

Vicki

*3rd VP Message***Evolution of the HP Pro Tour***By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian*

From a basic concept for a new and different kind of horseshoe pitching tournament envisioned by Shannon Foster and presented to South Carolina promoter Ron Taylor, came the concept of the “Horseshoe Tour.” The year was 2007 and Ron put together a team of interested parties who would create the rules and the platform for the tour events. They dissected and analyzed all aspects of “normal” horseshoe pitching competitions from backyard duals to World Tournaments. They hoped to achieve a unique tournament format that would appeal to both spectators and the “best of the best” competitive horseshoe pitchers. The format that was decided on was for 30 shoe games, count-all, and ringers only. The plan was to appeal to better pitchers (above 60%) and have 40 foot and 30 divisions. There would be no mixing of distances and no handicapping. Site sponsorship packages were developed, and several mostly eastern sites signed up to hold Tour events. Eventually sites in the west got on board and the Tour became very popular with event seekers and players of all levels.



In 2009 they held the very first tournament and the name became known as the “HP Pro Tour.” Right from the beginning it became obvious that there was a lot of interest in expanding the tournament to allow all skill levels. Soon the Tour evolved into a system of divisions based on ability level and all players can enter the events. The format is based on two days of pitching. The first day is used to qualify the pitchers for the creation of four person finals to be pitched on day two. On day one, wins and losses are not important and lower players often get to pitch high average pitchers that they would normally never get to pitch. The qualifying round usually consists of 6 games which is used for placing the pitcher into a four-person finals group. The finals have payouts for nearly everyone and payouts are increased from lowest to highest classes, so qualifying higher means more chance for bigger checks. The 30 foot and 40-foot Championship classes crown the tournament champions and have very nice payouts. The process is unique in that you control your final class placement by how you pitch on the first day, not your eShoe average. This gives any pitcher in a class a chance to win the class depending on who gets hot or who has a bad round. The format has been very well received.

The Tour has implemented other incentives to reward and/or honor participants and staff. The Big Game/Points Challenge offers pitchers an opportunity to earn additional prize money. It involves an annual point system that awards points for pitching over your average. Each pitcher is given a “Big Game” number of ringers that are needed to be pitched in a game to qualify based on their eShoe average. At the end of the year, the top 25 pitchers (by point totals that year) each receive cash rewards. The top spot receives \$500 while the 25th spot gets \$70 with appropriate steps in between. Any perfect game that is pitched receives a \$100 bonus. The tour also features its own Hall of Fame, an honor that is earned by collecting “Career Points” which include: total ringers, total winnings, and tournaments played in. Patches are given out for various steps along the way to the 12,500 points needed to gain HOF status.

White distributors has been a sponsor of the tour from the start and Bobby White is the President of the Horseshoe Tour. Ron Taylor is the Director of Operations and Tony White often acts as the announcer for events he is able to attend. Mike Myers runs the stat room while Shelly Martinez is the tour photographer. While these are the most active people making the tour happen, many other people contribute on a regular basis.

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All Tour events are NHPA sanctioned and non-sanctioned events are sometimes held in the preceding week which often leads new NHPA membership for those that want to return for the main event. The Tour has a large following and has helped promote horseshoe pitching everywhere they have gone. The format is fast and easy to follow and often has many spectators in attendance. The Horseshoe Tour is partnered with the NHPA and is an exciting and fun set of tournaments. I encourage NHPA members to support the Tour and try to attend one sooner than later. You will have fun and find the competition to be outstanding. You may get hooked and become a regular. I have. Please check for details on their web page, thehorseshoetour.com or find them on Facebook under "Horseshoe Tour."



**Horseshoe Tour 2022—Newberry South Carolina
(Sue Snyder Memorial Summer Fun Tournament)**



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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

Happy Spring Everyone. Can you believe we only have 2 more months until the World Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana. I am so looking forward to seeing all of our horseshoe family. It seems like it has been a long cold winter, but hopefully it is behind us. I am so looking forward to warm weather, putting my winter clothes away, putting on my shorts and painting my horseshoes. Greenville, here I come.

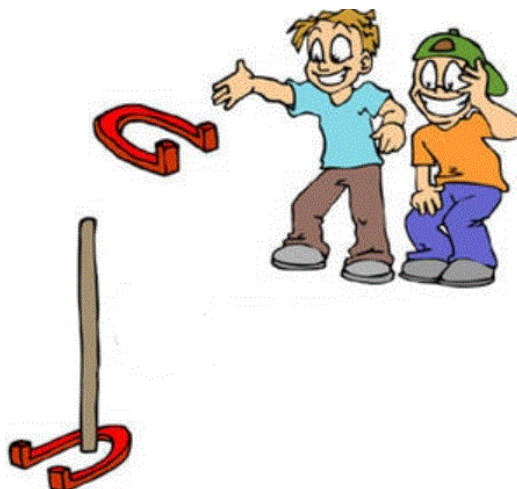
I would like to thank all of the RD's for all of their hours of hard work getting ready for the 2022 season. Also thank you to those RD's who have just finished your season. You all are the best. I would like to meet all of you at World. If you are planning to attend the World Tournament, please let me know if you can help out with shoe-check. I will be making out the schedule shortly after the pitching schedule is available. Any and all volunteers who would like to work in shoe-check, please e-mail me at bcarson848@gmail.com. It is not just limited to RD's. Everyone is welcome and needed. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

We will also be having a Charter/RD meeting during the World Tournament. I will let all of you know when that will be scheduled as soon as I have a date and time.

I would like to thank Pep and Carol Plummer for their years of hard work and dedication to the NHPA. They have decided to take a year off and travel with their families. You will be missed at World this year. Thank you again for everything you both have done to promote, support and volunteer your valuable time for this great sport of horseshoe pitching.

Tim Gilmore from Louisiana says everyday on Facebook "Let's geaux to Monreaux". Thank you Tim for your daily posts about Monroe. Also, you will not want to miss the NHPA Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet. Congratulations to Debra Brown from Vermont for being one of the 2022 HOF Inductees. Debra will be in Monroe to receive her award in the Player category. The 2nd Inductee is the late Ronnie Simmons, of California. Ronnie has been elected in the Historic Era Player category. Congratulations to both individuals. Well deserved.

Well, the sun is shining so I will mosey outside for a bit. Thank you again to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication. Hope to see all of you at World. Don't forget about the Warm-Up tournament that is held the Saturday before the first day. Information will be coming soon. Let's geaux.



Sponsorship Opportunities

By Laurie Lampkin

(If Interested in any of these, please contact Laurie Lampkin or mail payments and artwork to Jim Kinney)

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Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to:

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- 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.

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- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to two 3'x5' banners prominently displayed on the event site throughout the competition.
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- Sponsorship at this level will entitle your company to four 3' x 5' banners prominently displayed at several locations on the event site.
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- Only ONE Platinum sponsorship will be entered into per vendor.
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- Your brand name or logo will be included on all commemorative merchandise made available for the event, including trophies.
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- Full-page ad in the event program.
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- Listings in the newsletters and on websites of NHPA charters.
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NHPF Report

How can Horseshoe Pitchers Make a Difference?

By Dave Sidles, NHPF Director

Why would I want to make a donation to the NHPF? How does this possibly apply to horseshoe pitching? Donating to the causes you care about not only benefits the charities themselves, it can be deeply rewarding for you too. Millions of people give to charity on a regular basis to support causes they believe in, as well as for the positive effect it has on their own lives. Here are 5 benefits of charitable giving:



1. It makes you feel good. Giving to a cause you have a personal involvement with can give you a sense of purpose in life, along with self-worth and inner satisfaction.
2. You become informed. When you are considering making a charitable donation, you will most likely want to learn more about the structure and the mission of the organization you would be supporting.
3. You fuel your passion. When you donate your time and money to a cause that is near and dear to your heart, you are giving yourself the opportunity to fuel your passion and spend time doing things you love.
4. To help others. First and foremost, when you contribute to a cause you are making the world a better place. Whether you are donating your time, money or expertise, there are recipients benefiting from it. Those who enjoy a visit to the museum or pitch on a newly renovated court are prime examples.
5. And there's a bonus – donating is tax deductible!

The bond between the NHPA and the NHPF is strong. Whether you are a weeknight bar league player or an elite championship caliber player, we all share the same history of the sport of horseshoe pitching. Making a donation, big or small, ensures that the future of the Hall of Fame Museum is sound and will be there for many generations of horseshoe pitchers to come.

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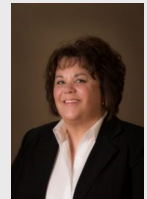
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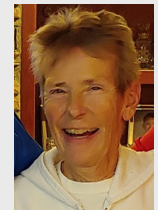
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From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Sign Up Now for the Hall of Fame Banquet

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

I cannot believe it is May already. This year has been a busy year so far. We are at the cutoff date for entries into the NHPA World Tournament and have finalized our numbers at 649. We are working hard to make Monroe, Louisiana a great tournament. Hall of Fame banquet tickets are on sale now. Just contact me if you are wanting to attend. There are no rule changes nor bylaw changes proposed for the 2022 delegate meeting. We are preparing for a good meeting. We hope all charters will have a representative in attendance. Hope to see you in Monroe.

The program that tracks membership and tournaments is doing well. This program is called eShoe for those who are not familiar with it. We are ahead of last year with membership numbers. Most charters have adapted to the program and are happy with the change. There are a couple of small issues we are working on but for the most part it is running well.

The NHPA council meets monthly on Zoom meetings. This helps us to address issues and discuss new items without being in person. It also lets us take care of some business that we would normally have to do by email. This is one area that the Covid helped establish. If you have any issues, or ideas, the NHPA council can put it on the monthly calendar for discussion. Just email me and I will respond. I enjoyed attending the Team World Tournament this year. It is run very well and there are quite a few teams that pitch. If you ever get a chance to pitch in it, you will not be disappointed.

I have a new office. I have moved the NHPA office about three blocks from where I was located. I am available 24/7 most of the time. I have a mobile office and carry the NHPA phone with me. If you need to contact any of the Charters or NHPA Officers and are having troubles with this, please contact me and I will pass on the message.

We are continually updating the NHPA website. There are a few items I am responsible for on the website that still need to be addressed but hopefully it will be updated soon.

Hope everyone is having a great 2022 year. Good luck in the upcoming pitching season. See ya on the courts.

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The Runner-up Series...Part III

By Stan Griggs, NHPA World tournament Statistician

“If you don’t give up, you still have a chance. Giving up is the greatest failure” ... - Jack Ma

Continuing with the **“Runner-Up Series”** let’s look at the Elder’s 30ft Division.

This division is a little trickier as the years are usually limited for these pitchers as many of these gentlemen pitched the majority of their years in the Men’s and Senior’s Divisions, but the process and evaluation of performances were completed.

With that being said... from the great horseshoe state of Ohio lets look at Virgil Rife.



After finishing as the **“Runner-Up”** in the Senior’s Championship Class in 2008 in York, Pennsylvania with a record of 9-2 and a ringer percent of 62.7%, Virgil would not return back to the Big Show for another four years.

With his return he was now in the hunt for a different division World Title, Now pitching in the Elder’s 30ft Division he came out of the blocks on fire.

2012 in Knoxville, Tennessee – The top game in the group was 95.35% by pitching 82 ringers out of 86 shoes by none other than Virgil Rife, he pitched this gem of a game the last game of the first day against Rich Altis from Missouri who himself had an amazing game by hitting 70 out of 86 for a 81.4% game. At the end of Day1 we had Rich Pintor, Virgil Rife and Bobby Fields all undefeated and looking strong.

On Day 2 in the second game Virgil lost a marathon game against Ed Arionus of Texas after 106 shoes and a ringer percent of 80.19%. He subsequently lost the first game on day two as well dropping him one game back from Pintor.

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

Now set for day three to roll out some epic battles for the title, Match #13 would set up the match everyone was anticipating on the final day, Pintor vs Rife, both had two losses and both players were on their games, but it was Pintor with an 81.7% game edging out Rife, who threw 79.27%.

1. Rich Pintor	13-2	78.9%
2. Virgil Rife	12-3	80.7%
3. Rich Altis	10-5	78.9%

After missing the tournament in 2013, Virgil was back to give it another shot in 2014 in Buffalo, New York.

The 16 man class was set and the games began.

At the end of Day 1 it was evident that Virgil was going to be one of the front runners once again as he and David Holmes from West Virginia were the only two left standing with perfect records.

The second day of competition begins with Virgil having a 94.4% game followed by a 90.4% game. Everyone was now put on notice...

-Game 6 : Gregg Craven 40/3 34 ringers out of 36 shoes 94.40%
-Game 7 : Sig Armitage 42/7 38 ringers out of 42 shoes 90.40%

Virgil ran into a snap in Game 9 losing to Tom Hall 27-40, but pitching a nice 75.7% game. So at the end of the second day he found himself again one game back from the leader as Holmes was 10-0 and Virgil was now 9-1.

The final day of competition we would see some of the best and longest games yet. In round 14, Virgil would let the game slip from his fingers to Rich Pintor in 92 shoes with a score of 35-45.

So in the final match David Holmes is already the champion as he had not lost a game to this point, but Virgil wanted to put on a good show and that is exactly what happened. Like two true champions the game lasted 104 shoes, Holmes defeated Virgil 40-34 with a 85.5% game and Virgil having an 82.6%.

1. David Holmes	15-0	83.6%
2. Virgil Rife	12-3	81.4%
3. Rich Pintor	11-4	74.4%

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

2015 – World Tournament – Topeka, Kansas

1. David Holmes	12-3	78.5%
2. Gregg Craven	11-4	69.8%
3. Rich Altis	10-5	74.6%
4. Ted Sprinkle	10-5	71.3%
5. Virgil Rife	9-6	72.7%

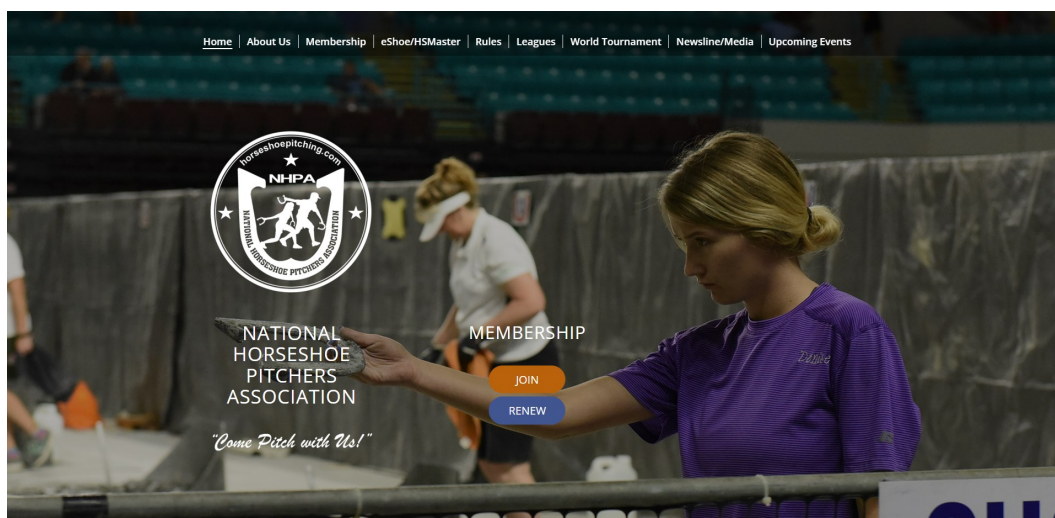
2016 – World Tournament – Montgomery, Alabama

1. David Holmes	13-2	80.2%
2. Ron Deckard	12-3	76.0%
3. Rich Altis	11-4	76.5%
4. David Jagers	11-4	76.5%
5. Daniel Dunn	11-4	74.9%
6. Gregg Craven	10-5	72.2%
7. Zane Goggin	9-6	71.9%
8. Virgil Rife	8-7	72.1%

2018 – World Tournament – Florence, South Carolina

1. David Holmes	15-0	85.9%
2. Daniel Dunn	11-4	75.6%
3. Rich Knerem Sr.	11-4	70.7%
4. Virgil Rife	9-6	73.4%

So in his five appearances in the Elder's 30ft Championship Division he only finished out of the "Top 5" once and his best showings were his first two chances, in 2012 and then again in 2014. So close to grabbing that title but just missed it, both years pitching over 80% ringers. This should be an inspiration to all of us to never give up, we still have a chance...



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Womens Top 100 Stats 12 May 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	85.46	21
3	330030	Maxine	Griffith	TN	Women	83.50	21
4	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	80.43	15
5	220130	Doris	Hieden	TX	Women	78.39	15
6	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	76.90	15
7	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	76.52	14
8	480180	Theresa	Howe	MA	Women	76.13	20
9	190875	Jennifer	Gegg	MO	Women	73.64	14
10	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	73.55	9
11	280268	Aleena	Lepak	WI	Women	72.53	5
12	190819	Melanie	Zerr	MO	Women	70.78	10
13	260082	Kathy	Brazier	AL	Women	69.86	9
14	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	69.67	17
15	395491	Cindy	Hoffman	PA	Women	69.08	13

Mens Top 100 Stats 12 May 2022

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360940	Alan	Francis	OH	Men	87.10	9
2	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	78.25	6
3	320063	Ben	Webb	KY	Men	76.00	21
4	200023	Gary	Bearpaw	OK	Men	74.57	5
5	100290	Brandon	Tenijieth	AZ	Men	74.30	17
6	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	74.03	9
7	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	73.55	10
8	657381	Drew	Becker	ON	Men	71.56	2
9	480259	Raymond	Bedard	MA	Men	71.53	20
10	460128	Brian	Simmons	VT	Men	71.50	10
11	440124	Ken	Fraser	NY	Men	71.27	13
12	460059	Gale	Greene	VT	Men	68.91	16
13	30370	Rick	Birmingham	CA	Men	68.81	15
14	10058	Matt	Fuller	WA	Men	68.41	7
15	190693	Michael	Bowman	MO	Men	68.11	8

Elders Top 100 Stats 12 May 2022

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	370121	David	Holmes	WV	Elders	80.37	8
2	180408	Roger	Vogel	KS	Elders	75.61	11
3	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elders	75.13	15
4	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	74.29	17
5	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elders	74.13	20
6	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	73.45	8
7	330199	James	Cooper	TN	Elders	73.39	18
8	100192	Mike	Massari	AZ	Elders	73.38	27
9	191082	Edward	Griffith	MO	Elders	73.20	9
10	420337	Tom	Mills	MD	Elders	72.22	5
11	95094	Benj	Rains	UT	Elders	72.09	22
12	360106	Rich	Knerem Sr.	OH	Elders	71.90	23
13	190103	Ronald	LeGrand	MO	Elders	71.51	13
14	280236	Jim	Bilderback	WI	Elders	71.07	17
15	260069	Jim	Ellison	AL	Elders	71.00	9

Girls Top 25 Stats *12 May 2022*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	801060	Kalie	Trujillo	NM	Girls	52.41	10
2	490491	Lizy	Jordan	CT	Girls	46.49	7
3	490419	Chelsea	Swaller	CT	Girls	40.26	2
4	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	37.58	12
5	95085	Kayla	Julander	UT	Girls	30.34	13
6	340280	Lily	Strong	CA	Girls	28.06	9
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	11
10	130865	Cherie	Harges	IN	Girls	26.34	7
11	802438	Addyson	Gregg	PA	Girls	23.09	3
12	220456	Ashlyn	Luster	TX	Girls	22.89	2
13	280115	Lillyan	Kildahl	WI	Girls	22.72	3
14	31233	Kaidence	Begaye	CA	Girls	18.03	3
15	95096	Adilaide	Ohms	UT	Girls	16.92	13

Boys Top 50 Stats *12 May 2022*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	200245	Walker	Forrester	OK	Boys	72.81	9
2	191622	Brady	Fox	MO	Boys	65.99	9
3	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Boys	64.00	2
4	260172	Tyler	Harris	AL	Boys	63.33	12
5	360274	Zander	Potts	OH	Boys	62.78	3
6	190778	Leon	Wolken	MO	Boys	57.57	13
7	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	55.87	23
8	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	55.70	6
9	220641	Isaac	Nelson JR.	TX	Boys	54.40	14
10	320014	Jarrett	Keith	KY	Boys	51.62	2
11	300469	Kayden	Fowler	MI	Boys	49.49	1
12	31131	Teodoro	Espinola	CA	Boys	46.31	9
13	801484	Ivan	Bill	NM	Boys	44.00	4
14	150403	Jackson	Johnson	ND	Boys	42.75	5
15	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Boys	41.92	17

Cadets Top 25 Stats *12 May 2022*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Cadet Boys	53.31	16
2	31223	Adakai	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	40.38	4
3	801315	Evan	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	38.79	10
4	31141	Evelyn	Espinola	CA	Cadet Girls	34.35	8
5	280305	Conner	Kildahl	WI	Cadet Boys	27.82	3
6	802041	Garrett	Kinsey	TN	Cadet Boys	27.81	8
7	231968	Tristan	Dehkes	MN	Cadet Boys	27.50	1
8	220815	Preston	Beusch	TX	Cadet Boys	25.97	4
9	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	25.74	11
10	800314	Crystal	Knighten	AL	Cadet Girls	25.67	12
11	800419	Logan	Race	GA	Cadet Boys	23.55	3
12	70195	Paxton	Rather	NV	Cadet Boys	19.94	2
13	800556	Aiden	Weller	WI	Cadet Boys	19.04	7
14	802657	Tom	Grose	NV	Cadet Boys	18.46	2
15	180365	Bentley	Arbogast	KS	Cadet Boys	17.86	8



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