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2022 President's Message

Prioritizing Changes for the Future

By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President



The 2022 World Horseshoe Tournament in West Monroe, Louisiana will be happening very soon. The NHPA Council has worked very hard to assure that those attending the tournament will have a great experience. The escalating gasoline and airline prices along with overall inflation undoubtedly discouraged some from attending. However, we still received 649 entries and we will have some very competitive championships. I would like to thank all of our Council members for their hard work in preparation for the World Tournament. We also have many volunteers who help in many important ways. We could not be successful without them.

After the World Tournament is complete and we return home, the really difficult work begins. I do not have to remind you of the many problems we face in rejuvenating our sport. Many questions must be answered.

How do we get sponsorship? Obviously, the methods we have used in the past have not been successful. We must develop a new approach. Sponsorship can provide higher payouts and potential media coverage. We cannot rely on membership fees.

How do we increase membership? Sponsorship and increased payouts along with marketing would certainly help. Having strong leagues and nice indoor facilities are proven ways to get new members. I will be encouraging members to submit rules proposal by the September 30th deadline.

How do we make our World Tournament Championships more exciting? For spectators and for potential media coverage, we need to redesign the format to create excitement. One of the most exciting games for me occurred when Gary Bearpaw and Alan Francis played a 40 shoe playoff game for the Class A-1 Championship. It went down to the last shoe. Let's look at innovative ideas.

How can we shorten our World Tournament event to two weeks? There are many reasons to shorten the event. Foremost among those reasons is to get more cities to bid on hosting the tournament. Cities do not like to commit their facilities for a three week period. The way things currently work, we complete all of the set-up activities during that first week. We need to create ways to do this without necessitating an additional week. Also, the expense of having the set-up team there for that initial week must be considered. In addition, there are very few people that can spend three consecutive weeks at the World Tournament site.

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How do we loosen the rules for sanctioned events outside of World and State Championships? Jerry Smith has proposed a small, less intense rule book for non-championship sanctioned tournaments. We need to look at this and other ideas.

As you can see, we face many challenges in the next few years. If we do not actively pursue changes, our sport will continue its downward decline. I will need your help and support as we strive to make positive changes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the World Tournament.

Gary

TRIVIA

Horseshoe Trivia

Looking Back at Horseshoe History?

By Gary Roberts, NHPA President

As the 2022 World Horseshoe Tournament will be starting soon, I thought it would be interesting to look back 50 years to the 1972 World Tournament held in Greenville, Ohio. Many things were different then. There were no eShoe averages at that time. Your opportunity to pitch in the Championship Division was determined by throwing 200 shoes. Scorekeepers would sit on each end of your court and mark down the scores. The top 36 scores would advance to the Men's Championship Division. There were no move-ups as we now have. At the 1972 Tournament, Jerry Black qualified for the 36th position with a score of 502 points. That means that the lowest entry pitched over 75% to get in the top class. In addition, only the top 100 pitchers could pitch in the Tournament. If you did not qualify in the top 100, you became a spectator. In 1967 at the World Tournament in Fargo, North Dakota, I qualified at 63 % and was qualifier # 101. I became a spectator but enjoyed watching the Tournament. Once you made the Championship, you pitched 7 fifty-point games each night for five consecutive nights. Elmer Hohl, who would win the 1972 Tournament in a playoff over Curt Day, pitched over 3000 shoes in his 35 games, and then had to pitch over 300 more shoes to defeat the legendary Curt Day. In those days, all playoffs for State or National Championships were the best two of three games. Thirteen of the pitchers threw the one and three-quarter turn. Now you will probably see only one pitcher using this turn. The most popular shoe among the top pitchers was the Ted Allen. There were very few brands available at that time. There were two African Americans in the top class. One was my friend, Ted Harris of Ohio. Ted had vision in only one eye but was able to average almost 70%. Art Tyson was the other African American pitcher who developed into one of the top pitchers for many years. He finished second in the Men's Championship in 1992 in Columbus, Ohio but never won the coveted title. Another big difference was that all pitching was outside at that time. You were exposed to heat, wind, and rain. I remember in Keene, New Hampshire, we had an extreme amount of rain, and the courts were totally submerged. I remember some very strong winds in South Dakota.

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One thing that might surprise you is that there were no thirty-foot men in the Tournament. Today the Elder's Division is large. In 1972, the only other divisions for men were the Senior Men's Division (65 and older) and the Intermediate Men's Division (60 to 64). Both Divisions were from 40 feet. The latter Division was eventually eliminated. My friend, Ray Miller of Ohio, won the Senior Division with an average of 69.00%. Abe Austin of Illinois won the Intermediate Division with an average of 68.60%.

Two New York pitchers finished first and second in the Women's Championship Division. Ruth Hangen went undefeated with an average of 76.60%, and Lorraine Thomas was second with a 70.77% average. There were only eight pitchers in the Championship and the 8th place finisher only threw 34.60%. The Women's Division is much stronger now while the Men's Division is much less competitive than in previous years. The Junior Division is also less competitive than in previous years. Jennifer Reno, my cousin won the Junior Girls Division with an average of 59.80%. Mary Lee of New York was second with an average of 57.40%. Interestingly, she pitched from 40 feet and was barefooted! In the Junior Division, Walter Ray Williams, JR put on a dazzling display of throwing ringers and totally dominated with an average of 89.20% while winning The Championship. Doug Kienia was second with an average of 79.50%.

.Gary



Monroe...City of dreams...for the Horseshoe Pitchers

Welcome to Monroe-West Monroe – home of the Flying Tigers, first bottler of Coke, Duck Dynasty, and more! Two cities connected by the Ouachita River, Monroe-West Monroe has everything you need for an unforgettable trip outside the lines. We are so excited to host the 2022 NHPA World Tournament and can't wait for you to start discovering Monroe-West Monroe. Let's start pitchin' on da bayou!

PLACES TO SEE

There's always something to do in Monroe-West Monroe! Take a step back in time and learn about General Claire Chennault, leader of the Flying Tigers, and see one of the many restored military airplanes at the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum. Hear the tale of the man who first bottled Coca-Cola and grab a glass bottled coke for a nickel at the Biedenharn Museum and Gardens. Discover blocks of unique stores in Downtown West Monroe at Antique Alley. The shops at Antique Alley feature everything from antique furniture and tapestries to modern clothing and décor. Immerse yourself in Monroe-West Monroe's art with a Heron Hunt. Fifty heron sculptures are located throughout Ouachita Parish, each with their own unique design painted by local artists. Can you find them all?

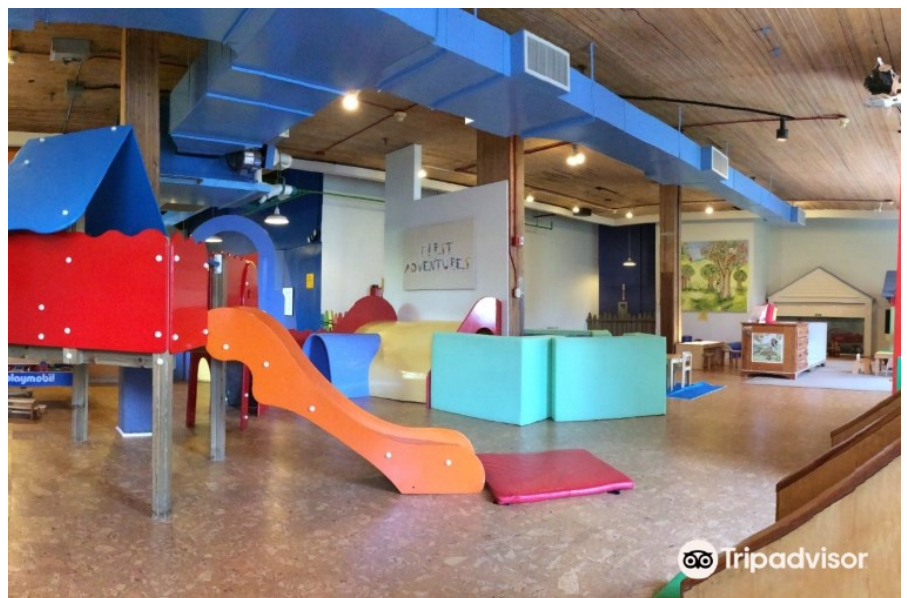


TAKE A BITE

Crispy fried catfish, mouthwatering po-boys, and good old-fashioned barbecue are just a few of the tasty things you can sink your teeth into when you visit one of the many restaurants in Monroe-West Monroe. In fact, there are more than 100 locally owned restaurants in the Twin Cities. What's better than dinner with a view? Dine alongside the Ouachita River at Trapp's and start your meal with their famous seafood nachos. Try flavorful barbecue from Jac's Craft Smokehouse. What started out as a food truck is now West Monroe's first smokehouse restaurant. Enjoy thoughtful seafood dishes or locally sourced ribeyes from award-winning chef Cory Bahr at Parish Restaurant & Bar. Don't forget to finish your meal with their Pop's Lemon Pie!

FAMILY FUN

Let your inner kid come alive in MWM! Learn and play at the Northeast Louisiana Children's Museum. Their exhibits allow the little ones to take their turn at being a dentist, firefighter, or even the president! Head over to Surge Entertainment Center by Drew Brees for bowling, golf simulators, and more. Take a walk on the wild side at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo. This 80 plus acre zoological park features plenty of fun for the family with a petting zoo, train ride, splash pad, Safari Boat ride, and over 100 animal species. Be sure to feed the bungies and tortoises for a hands-on experi-



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An outdoor adventure awaits you in the Twin Cities! Discover Black Bayou National Wildlife Refuge on a rented paddleboard, canoe, or kayak from H2Go. Pro tip: Ask for a guided tour from one of their paddling experts. You might even see a heron or two! Explore trails, outdoor libraries, a dog park and more at Kiroli Park. The park also features several playgrounds including Smiles Park, an all-inclusive playground for kids of all ages and abilities.

**THERE'S MORE**

Check out our full calendar of events on [Monroe-westmonroe.org](https://www.monroe-westmonroe.org) for more events happening! And don't forget to take our personality quiz for a personalized weekend itinerary. Are you an energetic Vibrant-Blaze, a laid-back Tranquil Bayou, a cheerful Friendly Waves, or the creative Visionary Skies?

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



Venue—Monroe Civic Center



PITCH IT

The Huntsman World Senior Games is the largest annual multi-sport event in the world for athletes age 50 and better. Founded in 1987, the Games takes place in St. George, Utah, and welcomes over 11,000 athletes from all around the planet. We offer 34 different sports including horseshoes.

Come pitch with us this **October 10 - 13**, as we celebrate 35 years of fostering worldwide peace, health and friendship at the Huntsman World Senior Games.

**REGISTER TODAY AT
SENIORGAMES.NET**

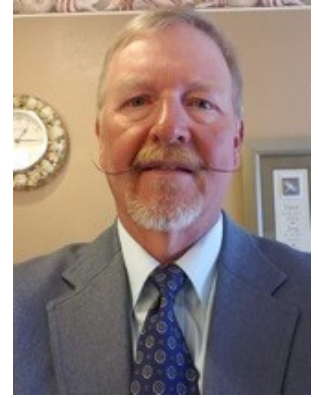


**HUNTSMAN
WORLD
SENIOR
GAMES**

Preparing for World Tournament Competition

Brian Pool, 1st VP

Well I hope everyone that has entered the 2022 World Tournament have been making plans and preparing to make the trip to Monroe, Louisiana. I would like to remind everyone to read through the RGS book on the World Tournament rules. I would like to share some of the rules that you need to be aware of. Print out the World Tournament Schedule and read the 2nd page about info you need to know about before your scheduled pitching time and competition etiquette.



- Just a reminder to show up for a shoe check 1.5 hours before your scheduled pitching time on your first day of pitching. Your class pictures will be taken and your shift director will read announcements and answer any questions you have.
- Bring 2 pairs of sanctioned horseshoes to be weighed and checked.
- Your shirt needs to have sleeves and have your Name and State or Province professionally lettered in one inch (1") or larger letters on the back. NO cut-off pants or open toed shoes are allowed. This will be checked on your 2nd and 3rd day of pitching when you pick up your round Robin sheets.
- Random shoe checks will be conducted each day during competition between games by the judges.
- Each pitcher is responsible to prepare one court before each game. Add water only if needed to the clay and turn the clay to create a flat area for shoes to land on. Paint stake only if needed with one or two sprays.
- Judges will be watching and enforcing the foul line and the shoe will be pulled if you foul.
- Only 4 warmup shoes are allowed for each pitcher before you flip a shoe to start your game.
- Call a Judge if you cannot agree on a score. Judges' decisions are final.
- If there is a scoring error or discrepancy, call a judge and correct before continuing your game.
- Results are posted daily after the last games of each class are completed and you have 15 minutes to review and submit a dispute to the Shift Director.

I hope this gives you a heads up on what you should expect at the World Tournament and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

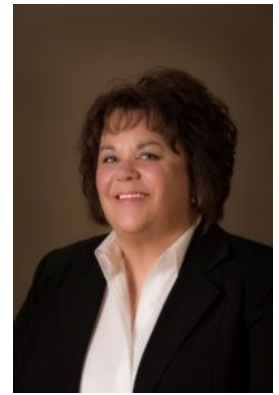
Brian Poole
NHPA 1st VP



"I'M SORRY SIR, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT UP WITH MY POP. HE'S THE ONE THAT TOLD ME TO HIT THE STEAK."

Membership, Sponsorship, Promotion, Publicity

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



2022 World Tournament – Basic Information Reminders

The 2022 World Tournament is just around the corner. For those that are familiar with the World Tournament processes, please remember to follow the guidelines and rules. Here are a few reminders for you. If you have never attended a World Tournament and this is your first time in attendance. These are also on your World Tournament schedule. Not everyone will be mailed a copy of their schedule unless they have requested/chosen that option on the entry form. As a participant, you are expected to know the "Official Rules of Play" and the special requirements of this event. We hope you enjoy pitching in this, the world's largest sanctioned horseshoe tournament.

What to Expect on your first day of the 2022 World Tournament:

Mr. Bill Marvin originally shared an article in 2016 for first time pitchers and what to expect and what you should do at your first World Tournament on your first day. I thought this may be beneficial to all pitchers this year.

If you are a first-time pitcher attending the World Tournament for the first time you will sometimes feel overwhelmed and intimidated on the first day. Lots of emotions are going on internally, from excitement to being scared and nervous. We have a few processes in place that are particularly important to follow.

Opening Ceremonies will have the later classes pushed back from our normal schedule beginning with the second and third flights of the first day. Please be patient. Opening Ceremonies is set to begin promptly at 11:00 am. Look and listen for times for the later flights to begin after the Opening Ceremonies has concluded.

If you are competing, you should plan to arrive a minimum of **1 ½ hours prior to your pitching time**. You will need to be prepared for class photos and shoe check. Lines will be long, so please be patient. Here are a few items that are **"REQUIRED"** during the shoe check process before you are released for class photos and announcements, so please be ready and prepared so the line will move quickly.

What brand of shoe do you pitch and what is your pitching style? Why? Each year, members are interested in what shoes are popular and how they are being pitched. This data is sent to Stan Griggs, NHPA statistical guru. Just interesting information, nothing else. "Inquiring minds want to know" and fun facts. Your shoes will then be weighed and checked to make sure they are within NHPA specifications and compliance. Each year there are a few that are either warped, have been illegally modified or will not fit in the jig for one reason or the other, and a few are over the weight specification.



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If your shoes cannot be straightened or ground to fit the jig, they are held until after the competition is completed. This is an incredibly good reason to bring two pair; if your favorites don't pass or if you break a shoe during competition, you will need a backup pair. If you have a pick-up stick, it will be checked. Pick-up sticks cannot be longer than 36" in length and the hook cannot extend 2" from the center of the main shaft.

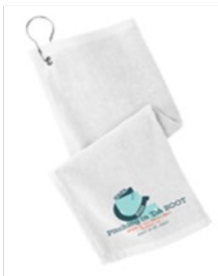
After these things have been completed, your shirt will be checked to make sure you have your name and state on the back. **Make sure the letters are "Professionally" lettered, at least 1" in size, your name and state must be on the back of the shirt for score keepers to view. No sleeveless shirts, no open toed shoes, no cut-offs** are allowed. You will receive your round robin card for the first day. So now you are ready to pitch, right? Well, not quite.

Each class will have their picture taken. These pictures make an excellent souvenir and will be available for sale in the lobby at the NHPA Photographer booth. There will also be a few important announcements so "PAY ATTENTION"! After this, you will be dismissed to begin your competition. **DO NOT TAKE THE COURTS TO BEGIN PRACTICE UNTIL YOU ARE DIRECTED TO DO SO.** There will be plenty of time to warm up so don't panic. Shift Directors will tell you when to start your games, so wait until that announcement is made to go onto the floor to your assigned courts. Please be mindful as to not distract the people on the floor that are still pitching games.

On days two and three, please be at the arena 30 minutes ahead of time to pick up your round robin card for the day. No other check in is needed. **Again, do not walk out onto the courts to begin practice until you are directed to do so.** If for some reason you cannot pitch the second or third day, please notify the NHPA World Tournament Director, Jim Kinney (816) 738-0868 as far in advance as possible so a Pacer can be put in your place.

Stop by the World Tournament Souvenir & Merchandise Booth

There are many options and choices available to purchase your World tournament attire and other items. Visit the Main Page of NHPA website, scroll down to the center of the page, and click on the link, "**Order 2022 World Tournament Merchandise today!!!**". There, you can pre-order and purchase Sport Shirts, T-shirts, Youth Shirts, Jackets, Towels, Caps, Cooling Bandanas, Baby items etc.. There are also many accessories such as drinkware and tumblers, coffee mugs, horseshoe sunglasses, and beads and many more items. All are available in various sizes and colors.



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Information in your “Welcome Bags” for the Monroe/ West Monroe area

Once you arrive in Monroe and travel to the Monroe Civic Center, you will need to check in and register at the welcome desk using the main entrance to the Civic Center. You will receive your welcome bags at that time. The Monroe CVB will have staff available to answer all questions and give you any information that you need to make your World Tournament experience an enjoyable one this year.

In addition to pamphlets, brochures of the local retail stores and shops, coupons, there will be information available on outpatient clinic locations, pharmacy's, hospitals in the area, gas stations, grocery stores, malls etc. for your convenience, including information on the variety of downtown Monroe and antique shops, winery tours, and sites. Please check inside your welcome bags for the information.

Make Plans to stop by and visit Lansing Michigan – Location of the 2023 World Tournament



Lansing Michigan will be the host of the 2023 World Tournament. The Lansing CVB staff of Mike Price, Meghan Ziehmer and Tom Kinder will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding the area and the Event Center.

The booth will be open from **July 11th- July 21st, 2022**. Hours of booth operation will be **9:00 am—6:00 pm daily**. Availability of staff may vary due to staff coverage, but they will quickly return.

Lansing will also have contests and giveaways at their booth, a mini ski-ball game where you can be entered into a raffle where the prizes will be a variety of different Greater Lansing Area Baskets that highlight all the great things our region has to offer. We will also have some smaller giveaways that will be passed out as well.

They will also have area information such as local Pharmacies, Medical facilities, Airlines, Rental Car Companies, Uber, Lyft, Hotels, Restaurants, Shopping, RV and Camping locations. Take a walk along the Lansing River Trail, or visit nearby Michigan State University Campus, Arts, Theater, Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries and much more.

Please visit <https://www.lansing.org/visit-greater-lansing/request-a-visitors-guide/> for more information.

It is always good to be prepared in advance, so we suggest that you make a check list of questions and/or concerns of anything that you may want to ask at the Lansing Booth. This will prepare you in advance of any special accommodations you may require once you arrive. As an example, if you or a family member has any medical situations, you may ask about the nearest medical facilities to your hotel, or the nearest pharmacy.

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Game Related Sales – Ron & Polly Murphy

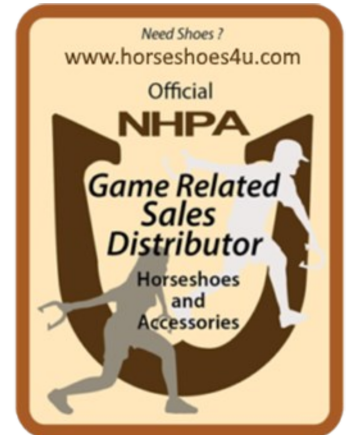
The game related sales will be on hand at the Monroe Civic Center this year. Their booth will be located near the main entrance to the Monroe Civic Center. There will be various styles and types of horseshoes on sale as well any horse-shoe related products such as carrying bags and boxes for horseshoes, pick up sticks, measuring tools, and many more products too numerous to mention. Their contact information is listed below, please contact them for any questions you may have regarding game related items and any sales they may be offering.

www.horseshoes4u.com

Office : (936) 687-5149

Ron : (936) 827-5669

Polly: (936) 520-8826



What Happens to the Blue Clay after the World Tournament?

Well, each World tournament location is different in how the Visitors Bureau uses or distributes the remainder of the clay each year. This year, Monroe will be giving it away “Free” of charge!

Some of the clay may be in powder form if there is any left over, or you can take what was in the pits already mixed. You will need to bring 5 gallon buckets, or 55 gallon barrels, or some sort of container (Monroe will not provide the containers) and you will be responsible for loading and shoveling the clay yourself. If you are driving to Monroe and you think you might want or need clay to fill your courts, please plan accordingly to bring a trailer to haul any large quantities due to the weight of the clay.

Thank you Monroe! That’s an awesome give-back to the pitchers!



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56th Annual HALL of FAME Banquet & Awards Presentation



Make plans to attend the Hall of Fame Banquet. This special event is open to everyone and will be held Sunday, July 17th, 2022. The festivities for the evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the West Monroe Convention Center located at **901 Ridge Avenue, West Monroe, LA**. We suggest that you program this address into your GPS, and it will take you directly to the location.

This is your chance to meet many of the greats of our sport up close and personal. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., appetizers will be served, followed by Dinner,

Entertainment, Awards Ceremony, and a "Live Auction". Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Tournament anytime during the first week. Look for Phyllis Quist at the NHPF Booth or Jim Kinney in the NHPA Office to make your purchases. Please hang around after the ceremonies for "The Live Auction" to follow the awards. History has proven that this auction will be a fun filled evening for all and lots of unique items to be auctioned.

**West Monroe Convention Center
901 Ridge Avenue, West Monroe, LA**



The menu for the evening will consist of:

Social Hour Appetizers: Catfish Bites, Shrimp/Sausage Creole/Rice

Hall of Fame Menu: The Chef needs to be made aware of any special dietary needs a minimum of one week prior to the banquet to ensure alternative meals will be available. There is no such thing as too soon. All food will be MSG free.

Chicken strips wrapped in bacon, Pork Tenderloin Strips

Salad/Mandarin Oranges & Strawberries/Vinaigrette Dressing

Cajun sweet mustard sauce in 2 oz cups

Cheese Potatoes - Perfectly cooked potatoes covered in cheese that enhances the flavor of the potatoes without overpowering them.

Green Beans - Cooked with onions, garlic, and bacon.

Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls - Served warm with butter on the side.

Assorted Desserts: A varying selection, Bread Pudding or Elvis Presley Cake

Drinks: Tea, Sweet and Unsweetened, Coffee - Regular & Decaf, Various Soft Drinks, Ice water on tables.

NOTE: We will also have "Light" background music during happy hour.

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Introducing, the 2022 World Tournament Photographer



AMANDA MCMULLEN LYON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(318) 791-1267 AMANDA@EMPIREMEDIAANDMGMT.COM

Amanda Lyon owns and operates Empire Media Management located in Monroe, LA. Amanda and her staff will be taking the Individual and class photo's this year as well as other promotional videos. Make sure to stop by the Empire Management booth and purchase your 2022 World Tournament Photo's. These photo's will be in a framed format, as in past years.



Empire Media and Management is honored to be the photography/videography group for the NHPA World Tournament! While pitchers are keeping their eye on the prize, we will be around the arena getting action shots of all the pitchers, and those photos will be available for purchase during the tournament. We'll also be recording, editing, and uploading highlight videos on the NHPA website!

Empire Media and Management has redesigned the look of the photo frames, which include your single action shot photo and class photo. We will also have several photos to choose from of you pitching. We will also offer additional single photos for purchase if you would like more than one action shot, or if you'd like to grab a photo with friends.

We're excited to be working with the NHPA this year, and look forward to seeing you in July!



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REDESIGNED NHPA BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE

We have re-created and revised the NHPA 2-sided, full color, tri-fold brochure. Contact Jim Kinney to place your order or requests for the number of brochures you may need. We will also have these available at the World Tournament in Monroe, LA, so please stop by the NHPA Office and see Jim Kinney. These brochures can be utilized in many ways. It's easy to place brochures in promotional giveaways you send through the mail or on tables in your tournaments, local restaurants, charter/clubs, local city parks and recreational departments, RV parks, etc.

When these brochures are widely distributed, they can expand the horseshoes charters and clubs' visibility. Brochures are great marketing tools when reaching out to new horseshoe enthusiasts. Brochures can provide positive press about your clubs and charters and the NHPA overall.

Who might a brochure target?

- Potential new members.
- Potential Charter/Club Sponsors/Advertisers.
- Potential community partners and supporters.
- The Press/Media.
- The public to attract new pitchers.
- Insert into Welcome/Membership bags

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Concessions & Food options at Monroe Civic Center

There will be plenty of food on hand at the Monroe Civic Center. Also, in addition to custom Concessions there will be a variety of Food Truck Vendors on site daily. Breakfast and Lunch items will be readily available every day along with soft drinks, water, Sweet Tea, Unsweetened Tea, Coffee (Regular & Decaf). Prices may vary.

It's our plan to provide an eclectic range of local Northeast Louisiana Area (NELA) cuisine along with classic event type concessions.

Some items expected to be there Include:

- Fried Chicken
- Jambalaya
- BBQ
- Pizza
- Hotdogs
- Nachos

Beers to be offered at the concessions will Include:

- Miller ULTRA Light
- Bud light
- Budweiser
- Coors
- Assorted Wines / Reds & Whites



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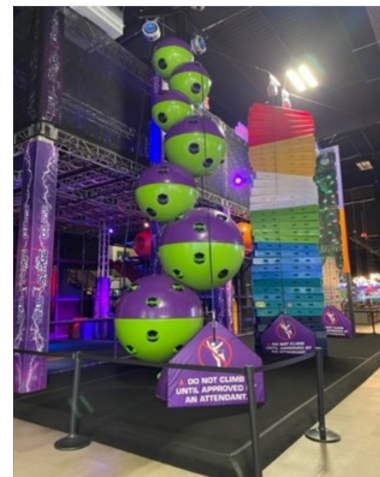
Junior/Cadet Activities Planned at Surge Entertainment Center

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 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 along with a VIP Room that can be reserved for lounging and bowling with adult beverages, as well.

Go head-to-head against your friends and 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/>



Surge offers:

- **TOP CUSTOMER SERVICE**

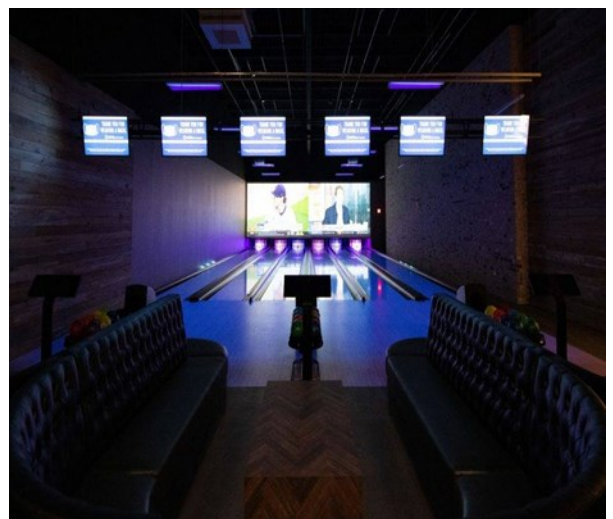
Our dedicated hard working and knowledgeable staff are always happy to provide you with the best possible fun experience while ensuring your safety. Ask us, we are there!

- **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.

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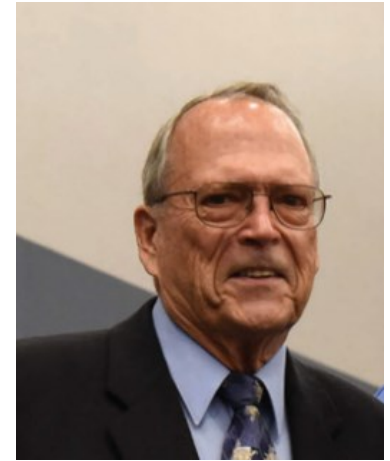
3rd VP Message

Sanctioned League Tournament (SLT)

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian

It has been a while so I thought I would promote and explain the Sanctioned League Tournament (SLT) or Championship.

The Sanctioned League Tournament is held in Wentzville Missouri at the NHPA Hall of Fame facility. The SLT is a two-day affair with 20, three person teams competing for the championship and the prize money given to six teams (the flyer and entry form is attached and explains the prize details). The entry fee is \$150.00 per team and the teams can be made of any three league pitchers (active in the last three years) from any league, any charter, or any combination of these. The SLT is sponsored by the NHPA and NHPF. The host club and gracious helpers for the SLT is the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club.



Here are the details of the competition.

The tournament is divided up into two divisions, the Scarlet, and the Gray. There are ten teams in each division and each team plays a ten-person round robin or nine games, 6 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. The teams are seeded by total team ringer percent and then divided by odd and even rank numbers before being divided into the two divisions. No subs are allowed. Each division plays their round robin schedules and the winners of each division play one game to determine the Tournament Team Champion. Division ties are broken with total points until there are only two teams left, the two teams then pitch a playoff to see who goes to the championship round. Each round robin game is worth one point for a win and a half point for a tie. In addition to the three player points possible in each game, an additional team point will be awarded to the team that wins at least 2 of the three games. Any games tied at the end of 50 shoes will remain as ties and earn that half point. Placements within a division are determined first by the team's game point total and second by total points. As stated, if there is a tie for first in a division, there will be a one game playoff. Standings will be posted after every round.

Games are 50 shoe count-all format with +/- 90% handicap as figured by the HSMaster program using a special conversion process to figure Count-All scoring. Handicaps and team seeding were based on players eShoe averages as of around September 10th. Court assignments are on each player's round robin card. In all games, player 1 should be playing player 1 from the opposing team, player 2 against player 2, etc. Also found on the round robin card is a handicap number. The player with the higher number starts the game with the difference between the two numbers. Players should make sure the scorekeepers have this on the scoresheet at the beginning of the game. Alternate pitch will be used. The first pitch of each game is by the pitcher who is seeded higher (lowest actual seed number) and that player's score should be placed on the left side of the scoresheet. Each player is responsible for preparing one end of the court they are to play on next. Scorekeepers earn a \$1.00 from each player and those fees are part of the entry fees. There is a prize for the highest game over the entering average in each division.

Get your teams together and get them to me ASAP or see me at the World Tournament.

Jerry

Tournament Spotlight

Utah High School Horseshoe League (UHSHL)

By Seth Ohms

The Utah High School Horseshoe League (UHSHL) wrapped up its 5th season on May 12 with its State Championships held in Cedar City. Five teams were seeded into the championship bracket with defending champion Canyon View High School Falcons coming in with the #1 seed.

The Falcons had a season record of 5 wins and 1 loss and 54 season “match points.” Match Point ranking is the method used to seed teams in the Championship bracket. When teams play in regular season matches, there are 10.5 match points available to the teams. The points won accumulate over the season to seed the teams at State.

Hurricane High School Tigers entered as the #2 seed after an impressive 2nd season under new head coach Keith Landis (2022 Coach of the Year). The Tigers started the season on March 3rd with a convincing home win over the Falcons forcing the Canyon View team to play catch up to them all season, culminating in a rematch between the two teams in the final round of the state championship. But getting to that round was not easy as both teams faced serious challenges in the semi-finals. Canyon View had to overcome an impressive Panguitch High School Bobcats team led by junior Cole Harland, while Hurricane had their hands full with newcomer Kyler Bundy and a scrappy Red Rock Combined team from the St George area high schools.

In the finals Coulson Ohms of Canyon View and Cole Landis of Hurricane led their respective teams with the Falcons ultimately coming out on top to secure their 5th consecutive State championship winning 4 of 5 rounds in the Final. Hurricane is building a strong team that moved from 5th to 3rd, and now 2nd place, over the last three seasons, with the top spot clearly in their sights.

The match play format employed by the UHSHL consists of 5 rounds per match. Each round is a best-of-3 head-to-head set of games to 21 points, or 30 shoes, for each competitor. Five players are matched from one team, according to skill level, with 5 players of the opposing team. To win the Match, a team must win 3 of the 5 rounds.

The set up allows all players to contribute to their team's chances of victory. As was seen in the state finals, the top player on the winning team could lose their round, but enough lower ranked players win their rounds to seal the victory for a team.

The UHSHL provides organizational oversight by recruiting teams, developing schedules, maintaining statistics, and provides schools with scoring devices that allow the players themselves to easily score the games and for friends and families to track scores and team standings.

The 2022 season saw the return of a home school-based team to the UHSHL. "Freedom Ringers" had an impressive year, filling both a Varsity and JV squad under first year coaches Cliff Adair and Jeff Barney (UHSHL New Coach of the Year 2022), both of whom got involved because their kids expressed interest in participating. Freedom's team was led by newcomers Vand'n Henkel and Ethan Seright.

It doesn't take much to get a team started. Teams can organize as a school club-based group or even as a community group of interested students. Coaches can be parents, school staff, or anyone willing to help out. Horseshoes falls in the same category as other non-traditional club-sports such as high school Mountain Biking or Water Polo. These sports provide additional opportunities allowing more students to get involved in extracurricular activities.

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When students treat their horseshoe team like they would any other traditional sport, with regular practices, team building and school spirit, the players tend to really excel. This season saw players post a game of 80%, a couple at 70%, and many more in the 50% to 60% range. The ringer-scoring quality of the whole organization stepped up this season. In addition, several teams filled JV squads that are becoming integral to developing new and younger players for teams. The UHSHL also held a championship for the JV squads with Canyon View's JV team coming out on top led by Adi Ohms, an 8th grader. Being a club-based sport, teams are not tied to only grades 9-12. The program allows for kids as young as 13 (Juniors) to get involved.

The UHSHL recognizes All-state teams, Academic all-state awards, and various other individual achievement awards for players and coaches. All-state team awardees have entry to the NHPA World tournament covered by the UHSHL if they choose to attend. As more states join the program, plans are formulating for All-state teams to compete for a national championship annually.



Image (Members of Canyon View High School's Varsity and JV teams celebrate their UHSHL State Championships May 12 in Cedar City, Utah.)

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Seth Ohms
UHSHL Director

*4th VP Message***STAT Room, Shoe Check, RD's...so much to do**

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

Well as I sit here in my office looking out at the warm sunshine, I can't believe it is almost July. Where has the time gone. July means World Tournament Time and I am so looking forward to seeing all of you who are participating this year in Monroe, Louisiana.

This has been a very busy month for me. Getting things organized and ready for the STAT Room and Shoe Check. I want to thank all of you who have volunteered to work and help us out at Shoe Check. I still need a couple of more volunteers for the 1st week. Please let me know if you can help us out.

All of the sign-up sheets for Scorekeeping, Judges, and Pacers will be located on the table outside of the STAT Room. Scorekeeper training will also be available for those of you who want to learn to keep score. Daily results will be posted on the wall outside of the STAT Room after the entire class is finished and all scores have been verified. Copies of daily results will be available to you for \$1.00. You will receive all 3 days results for free at the end of your 3rd day shift and as soon as every game is verified. If there is a playoff in your class, please be patient as we cannot post FINAL results until all games are finished. We in the STAT Room appreciate your patience and understanding.

I am planning on having a RD Meeting on Saturday, the 16th. The time and place will be posted around the Arena as soon as I have that information.

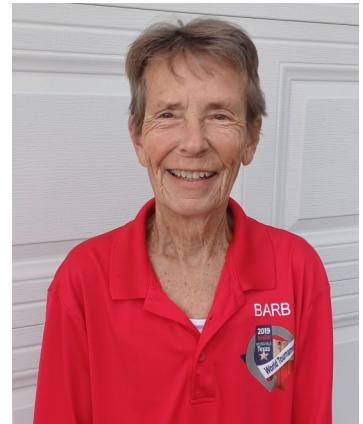
Next year, 2023 is the Court Sanction year. I will have current Court Sanction Certificates to distribute to those of you who will be attending the meeting. For those that are not there, they will be mailed to you sometime in September. Please let me know how many each of you will need. Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to our wonderful sport of Horseshoe Pitching.

I will be taking some time off after World to visit family and friends, but I will be available by phone or e-mail. I have a new e-mail address. It is bcarson848@gmail.com. Please use this e-mail address to get in touch with me.

Thanks again to all of the RD's and pitchers who have volunteered for shoe check. I am really looking forward to meeting all of you and seeing old friends again.

See you in Monroe. Let's geaux.

Barb



*5th VP Message***Welcome to the Team Josh!***By Josh Olsen, 5th Vice President*

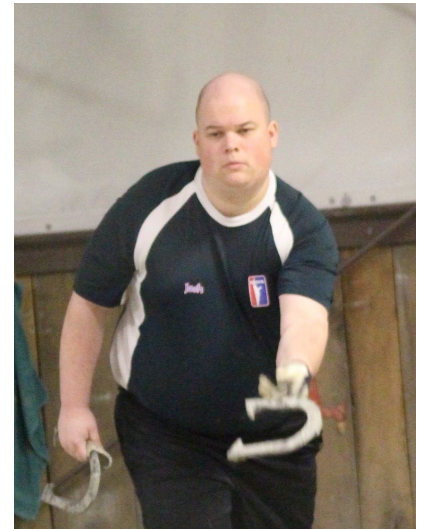
Hello everyone!

I would like to thank everyone for the kind words, text messages, emails, and mentions on social media for recently accepting the 5th VP spot. I am looking forward to working with the council as we approach the World Tournament in Monroe, LA. I would also like to take this time to thank Dalton for his contributions on and off the courts. I hope to one day be on the council with him down the road!

Part of my main role as I.T Director while at the World Tournament is helping with the Stat room and getting all the electronics setup for the World Tournament. I helped in previous World Tournaments, Topeka, Montgomery, and St. George. I am very thankful to get both Fred Lane and Blaine Scott back helping me with the I.T side of things. Together they ran a great operation last year after a break from COVID in 2020 and I hope to continue with putting on a great world tournament on the I.T side of things.

That is all for now I look forward to seeing everyone at the World Tournament in Monroe, LA. Remember... we will be looking for scorekeepers throughout the entire tournament. When you are pitching, others are having to keep score for you, so return the favor and you'll even make a few bucks doing it!

-Josh



Click on the above image to view a video about the 2022 World Horseshoe Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana

2022 World Tournament
Coverage

Now located on the horseshoepitching.com main page is a link to the [2022 World Tournament Coverage](#). This link will provide coverage where you can watch the tournament live, read the daily newsletters, or see misc. pictures that are taken throughout the week. Specific camera information will be available on the "Watch World Tournament Live!!!" once court assignments are completed this week. We hope you enjoy the coverage.

Blaine Scott—Newsline Editor/Webmaster

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Junior Director

Veteran Pitcher Set to Provide Youth Leadership

By Ben Webb, Junior Director

Many of you already know me from previous tournaments around the country, but for those who don't I thought it'd be best to do a bit of an introduction. My name is Ben Webb, I've been pitching horseshoes since I was nine years old and am now entering my 17th season. Prior to entering my 6th season in the Men's division, I pitched my first 11 seasons in the Junior Boy's division.

I'm from a small town in Southern Kentucky called Brownsville about 10 minutes outside of Mammoth Cave National Park. I'm employed by Nasco of Bowling Green, a division of NHK international. I lead a team of several people to manufacture suspension components for several major auto manufactures'.

Personally, I have attended 6 World Tournaments in my pitching career, 4 of which I qualified for the Junior Boy's Championship Class. My highest finish being runner-up to fellow Kentuckian Tyler Howard in a 106 shoe playoff in Topeka, Kansas at the 2015 World Tournament. I was able to net 2 Kentucky State Titles during my tenure as a Junior player, as well as breaking Kentucky's high State Tournament average in the division at 79.1%. These accomplishments were a long way from my first tournament in 2006, at that tournament I would average just 2.2% across 8 games.

Some of my fondest horseshoe pitching memories resonate from my time in the Junior Division, from the first time I stepped on the newly built courts in my home county, to the World Championships playoffs, and the countless hours spent in cars between tournaments with my father A.B. I, as well as anyone can honestly say that the memories and relationships built as juniors and from the participation in that division will last a player forever.

About a month ago, I was offered the Junior Director position with the NHPA and after some consideration I accepted. There is a lot of work to be done with this position, stretching beyond the World Tournament. I, along with the NHPA council feel that the Junior divisions is one of, if not the most critical area of concern as far as membership goes. Our Junior players are truly our future of this sport we all love so much.

I greatly appreciate all the support I have received so far, as well as all the suggestions. There are several things that I want to get going after this years world tournament, and any recommendations are more than welcome. I believe that we can and will do more for our Junior players outside of the annual World Tournament. I would love for anyone who has any thoughts, recommendations, or concerns on this topic to reach out to me personally, I will have my contact information posted below for anyone that needs it. I'm looking forward to an eventful and successful 2022 World Tournament in Monroe this year, and can't wait to see everyone there!!

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Junior Director

Juniors...Are you ready to P A R T Y???

By Ben Webb, Junior Director

Hopefully all of our Junior Players are just as excited for the 2022 World Tournament as I am, We have several events lined up for you outside of your normal pitching times. There will be a “meet and greet” on Wednesday, July 13th at the Civic Center in the Bayou room, starting at 2 P.M. The CVB will be there to give out ice cream and other treats, I’m also planning to run a blind draw doubles tournament for the Juniors on this day around 5 P.M. This will be non-sanctioned and hi-low blind draw, I’ll separate the high and low averages and draw from those stacks to create teams, to keep a level playing field. Anyone wishing to pitch in this can either contact me directly or sign-up on a sheet outside the stats office on Wednesday. We will be awarding plaques to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, as well as an autographed Alan Francis Topps Playing card to each player on the 1st place team.

The Junior party will be on Sunday, July 17th at Surge Entertainment, during the annual NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet. The Surge Entertainment Center is an indoor family fun park nestled in West Monroe, Louisiana, owned by former NFL Superbowl Quarterback, Drew Brees. The facility offers several fun options including Laser Tag, Bowling, Sports Simulators, Extreme Sports, an Arcade, Dodgeball, and much more. Here you’ll be able to go head to head with your family and friends in several of these exciting activities for more information about what Surge has to offer please visit their website at <https://surgefun.com/locations/westmonroe/> The CVB will graciously be paying for each juniors wristband and meal, this will include all of the



activities except the arcade, sports simulators and laser tag, however extra money can be brought for these activities if you wish to.

Drop-off for this outing will be at 5:30 P.M. with Pick-up being at 9 P.M. While you’re welcome to pick up at this time, The NHPA will be providing transportation from Surge back to the banquet location for anyone who needs it. **For anyone under 18, There is also a waiver that will need to be filled out prior to being allowed use of the facility, by each juniors parent/guardian.** This waiver can be filled out anytime prior to the event at this link: <https://surgefun.com/locations/westmonroe/online-waiver/> . The CVB will have an iPad at the World Tournament check-in booth that they can walk you through the waiver on as well. As always, anyone wishing to help chaperone the Junior party is more than welcome. I wish everyone safe travels to Monroe this month and wish everyone the best of luck in the 2022 World Tournament!

Ben Webb
NHPA Junior Director

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
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- Web Cams
- Back Drops
- Front of Podium
- HOF Banquet
- Result Sheets
- W.T. Fences (Sponsor name on the top, horseshoepitching.com on bottom)
- Shirts

*NHPF Report***NHPF - Contributing to the Sport of Horseshoes***By Dave Sidles, NHPF Director*

As you read this, preparations are underway for the 2022 World Tournament. The NHPF will once again have a table there where you can visit with members of our staff, buy a 50/50 raffle ticket or two and perhaps bid on some rare and unique auction items.

Under the direction of Jerry Smith, NHPA 3rd VP and Historian, improvements continue to be made at the Hall of Fame Museum. Three of the large glass display cases have been retro fitted with sliding glass doors that will allow easy access to periodically change displays and for cleaning. The cost of the project was shared equally between the NHPA and the NHPF.



Many places I've visited or volunteered at are funded by donations. These donations come in all sizes and from all kinds of sources and while none are insignificant, some are noteworthy. When walking through these places, whether it be a botanical garden, a hospital or a museum, often times you will see a prominent wall displaying names of these "Legacy Donors". The NHPF is planning to adopt this practice as well. NHPA Charters Individuals, clubs, or others with lifetime cumulative gifts of \$5000.00 or more will be recognized on the NHPF website and hopefully in the near future, on a plaque in the Hall of Fame. The inaugural group of "Legacy Donors" will include 4 NHPA charters (Minnesota, North Carolina, Eastern Nebraska, Missouri), 10 individual donors (Jack Freeman, Casey & Gail Sluys, Hal Griswold, Dave & Cathie Loucks, Tim Woodden, William Backer, Charles Bunner, James E Haley, Neil Hartwig, Edward Ellwood), the Emerald (Oregon) Horseshoe Pitchers Assoc. and the "Dogwood Tournament" (NC).

And we will continue to recognize those with lifetime cumulative gifts of \$500.00 or more as well on plaques in the museum and listed on the website.

The NHPF continues to help advance the game of horseshoe with money to make improvements to existing public facilities. So far this year we have issued two grants.

The club in Green Level N.C. was issued a grant in the amount of \$3000.00 for lighting improvements to existing courts.

The Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club in Mosinee, WI was issued a grant in the amount of \$3000.00 to be used in conjunction with funding from various city departments and other area organizations to do major improvements to their pitching facility. This included moving an existing pavilion to the site and setting it on a new concrete pad along with the associated water and electrical work. It should be pointed out that the Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club has 501c3 status and worked to get as many donations of materials as possible.

Grants applications are available on the NHPF website.

As always, we express our sincere thanks to the following who have donated.

Donating \$10-\$99

Marlys Timm, MN

Dean Schmitz, MI

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Donating \$100-\$199

Susan Moore, NY (In memory of Patrick Moore)

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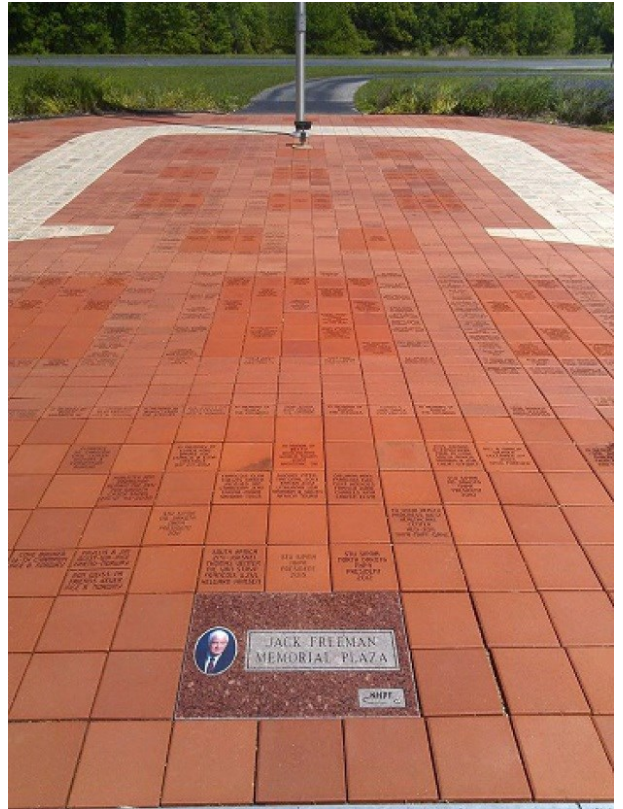
Donating \$3000-\$5000

Hal Griswold, CA

Other Income:

Merchandise Sales \$20.00

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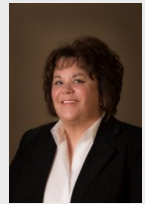
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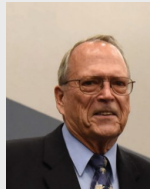
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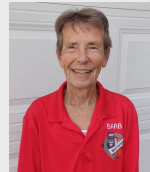
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From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Passion for Pitching is Showing up on the Courts

By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer



We just hit the halfway point of the year 2022. I see a lot more pitching in 2022 than in 2021. It seems to me that there is a passion for pitching like I have not seen in the past couple of years. This is exciting to watch. Online pitching and the new eShoe program have given us the ability to see more pitching throughout the country. Every sport has taken a hit from the Covid epidemic, but it is encouraging to see more pitchers start to get involved in our sport. Horseshoe Pitching has been a sport for many generations, and I do not think it is going to die anytime soon. I feel the NHPA, and all the sanctioned pitchers are here to help keep our sport alive while fulfilling the passion we all have on the court. The NHPA council extends our gratitude to those who join our organization or who help in any way to promote our sport. I hope 2022 has been a better year for you and continues to provide everyone with a little relief from everything we have been going through for the past couple of years.

The World Tournament schedule is set and the NHPA council is working hard to finalize a lot of the behind-the-scenes projects and order any supplies needed to help facilitate the success of a great tournament. The NHPA IT director is working on streaming the tournament so those who cannot make it can watch. There is not as many entries as past tournaments, but this is looking like some great competition in quite a few divisions. Everyone who attends should leave with some good memories they can cherish. Good luck to all the pitchers. The World Tournament info is on our website at www.horseshoepitching.com. The NHPA and NHPF are selling banquet tickets currently. If you think you can make the banquet, I can provide you with tickets for just \$30 each. Just contact me by using my email or phone number provided at the end of this article.

The eShoe program is still proving to be a great tool. We are in the third year of using the program. There is little, if any, problems that have been reported this year. We continue to monitor the program and be available to anyone who has any problems so we can make sure all charter membership directors, secretaries, or regional directors do not have any issues. Thank you for all your support.

Recently we have had a change in the NHPA council. Dalton Rakestraw stepped down as 5th Vice President and Josh Olson has been appointed to take Dalton's place. I want to personally thank Dalton for everything he did to make the NHPA a better organization, for adding his touch on designs needing to be updated for quite some time, and for sharing his passion in everything he participated in. I wish Dalton all the success in whatever he pursues in life and have no doubt he will flourish in anything he sets his mind to. I also want to extend my welcome to Josh and wish him success as a new NHPA council member. Looking forward to working with him on the many issues the NHPA council is working on for the future of the organization.

If anyone has any suggestions or comments that may help the organization, please contact any of the NHPA council members or myself. We are here for you. Anything brought to our attention will be discussed and thoroughly analyzed with a response from our council as soon as possible. Hope everyone has a safe and healthy summer. If you happen to see me at an event you are participating in, please stop me and just say hi. See ya on the courts!

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The Runner-up Series...Part IV

By Stan Griggs, NHPA World tournament Statistician

“Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievements” ... - Matt Biondi

Our fourth and final installment in the *“Runner-Up Series”* will be with the Senior Men’s Division.

With a quick review of all the competition over all the years the gentleman chosen for this division was also a major player in two other divisions through out his 30 Year career in World Tournament play starting back in 1962 and ending in 1992.

Representing the great state of Iowa, the Legendary *Glen “Red” Henton*.



He began his career in the Men’s Championship Division in 1962 which was held in Greenville, Ohio and finishing in the “Top 10” with an 8th place finish and averaged 77.48% with his first ever world tournament.

1964 it was back in Greenville, Ohio and Red worked his way up the ladder all the way with a 3rd place finish averaging a blistering 83.93%

I believe Red must have had a strong liking for the courts in Greenville, Ohio for this time it was in 1977 and he worked his way thru the competition with a record of 23-3 and averaging another amazing 83.32% which pitted him into a playoff series with the 5th World Champion from Ontario Canada Elmer Hohl. Elmer showed the might of a World Champion besting Red both games in the playoffs even thou Red pitched 174 ringers out of 218 shoes for a 79.82%.

Red continued to pitch in the Men’s Division until 1985 in Lafayette, Indiana and he entered into the Men’s Intermediate Division where he won his first of two World Titles. This division has since been discontinued in World Tournament Play.

- 1985 Lafayette, Indiana	World Champion	10-1	71.48%
- 1986 Ainsworth, Nebraska	World Champion	10-1	71.06%

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

The year 1987 Red moved his game to the Senior Men's Division The World tournament was being held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and with his first attempt of another title he came up just short, once again finishing as Runner-Up.

1. Ray Hill	11-0	76.6%
2. Glen "Red" Henton	8-3	69.3%
3. Ray Phillips	8-3	65.9%

After skipping a year and back at it in 1989 in Spearfish, South Dakota, Glen was attempting to earn that Senior's Championship. At the conclusion of the round robin he found himself in another playoff, this would be a one game winner take all game against none other than Ray Hill from Michigan. It was a tremendous match in which Red held a 35-16 lead at 52 shoes. He still had the lead at 38-26 after 66 shoes but did not score another point as Ray pitched 27 ringers out of his final 30 shoes to win 44-38. In the 82 shoe match Ray averaged 78.04% to Red's 75.6%.

1. Ray Hill	11-1	67.5%
2. Glen "Red" Henton	10-2	67.5%
3. Louis Bensinger	7-4	55.1%

In Red's final world tournament in 1992 played in Columbus, Ohio it only seemed fitting that his thirty year career would begin and end in the same state. The horseshoe mecca of the world, OHIO. With another very strong showing and finishing on the podium once again, Glen "Red" Henton had become one of the NHPA Greats and Legends of our sport.

1. Karl Van Sant	10-1	67.7%
2. Lawrence Miller	8-3	63.8%
3. Glen "Red" Henton	7-4	67.7%

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Womens Top 100 Stats *3 Jul 2022*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	280216	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	Women	88.33	11
2	330031	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	87.26	20
3	330030	Maxine	Griffith	TN	Women	86.61	20
4	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	80.46	13
5	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	77.87	14
6	480180	Theresa	Howe	MA	Women	77.17	19
7	220130	Doris	Hieden	TX	Women	76.91	14
8	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	76.84	14
9	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	74.31	18
10	190875	Jennifer	Gegg	MO	Women	73.64	15
11	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	73.55	10
12	280268	Aleena	Lepak	WI	Women	72.53	6
13	190819	Melanie	Zerr	MO	Women	70.78	10
14	380221	Kelly	Glidewell	VA	Women	69.43	18
15	800439	Pam	Meyer	MO	Women	69.37	13

Mens Top 100 Stats *3 Jul 2022*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360940	Alan	Francis	OH	Men	86.71	10
2	320063	Ben	Webb	KY	Men	79.83	18
3	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	77.49	8
4	100290	Brandon	Tenjieth	AZ	Men	74.30	14
5	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	74.03	11
6	200023	Gary	Bearpaw	OK	Men	74.01	4
7	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	73.55	10
8	10058	Matt	Fuller	WA	Men	73.33	12
9	657381	Drew	Becker	ON	Men	71.54	3
10	440124	Ken	Fraser	NY	Men	71.27	10
11	480259	Raymond	Bedard	MA	Men	69.00	20
12	460059	Gale	Greene	VT	Men	68.16	15
13	190693	Michael	Bowman	MO	Men	68.11	8
14	350369	Walter Ray	Williams Jr	FL	Men	67.58	32
15	300151	Andrew	Adams	MI	Men	66.33	4

Elders Top 100 Stats

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	370121	David	Holmes	WV	Elders	79.90	11
2	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	79.42	19
3	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elders	75.68	20
4	180408	Roger	Vogel	KS	Elders	75.61	10
5	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elders	75.13	15
6	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	74.74	8
7	191082	Edward	Griffith	MO	Elders	73.61	13
8	100192	Mike	Massari	AZ	Elders	73.38	27
9	95094	Benj	Rains	UT	Elders	72.67	24
10	280236	Jim	Bilderback	WI	Elders	71.23	20
11	360106	Rich	Knerem Sr.	OH	Elders	70.64	25
12	240222	Bert	Logsdon	IA	Elders	70.61	16
13	370139	Marcus	Rice	WV	Elders	70.51	14
14	290047	John	Trigg	IL	Elders	70.50	17
15	190103	Ronald	Legrand	MO	Elders	70.49	12

Girls Top 25 Stats

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	801060	Kalie	Trujillo	NM	Girls	52.41	9
2	490491	Lizy	Jordan	CT	Girls	46.49	7
3	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	37.58	13
4	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Girls	34.86	10
5	95085	Kayla	Julander	UT	Girls	30.00	17
6	340280	Lily	Strong	CA	Girls	28.06	8
7	150396	Uria	Gabel	ND	Girls	28.00	7
8	190110	Eli	Delacruz	MO	Girls	27.99	9
9	130865	Cherie	Harges	IN	Girls	26.34	6
10	280115	Lillyan	Kildahl	WI	Girls	25.75	4
11	802438	Addyson	Gregg	PA	Girls	23.09	3
12	220456	Ashlyn	Luster	TX	Girls	22.21	3
13	31233	Kaidence	Begaye	CA	Girls	18.03	3
14	191538	Rebecca	Bruemmer	MO	Girls	15.30	2
15	800574	Madison	Hadley	UT	Girls	15.08	3

Boys Top 50 Stats *3 Jul 2022*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	200245	Walker	Forrester	OK	Boys	70.00	6
2	191622	Brady	Fox	MO	Boys	65.99	9
3	260172	Tyler	Harris	AL	Boys	63.33	10
4	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Boys	62.96	3
5	360274	Zander	Potts	OH	Boys	62.78	4
6	190778	Leon	Wolken	MO	Boys	60.42	14
7	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	58.46	22
8	220641	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	TX	Boys	57.93	14
9	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	55.70	6
10	300469	Kayden	Fowler	MI	Boys	49.49	1
11	801484	Ivan	Bill	NM	Boys	46.75	2
12	31131	Teodoro	Espinola	CA	Boys	46.31	8
13	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Boys	43.18	16
14	802055	Todd	Stabler Iii	NE	Boys	41.03	10
15	800579	Cole	Harland	UT	Boys	40.37	2

Cadets Top 25 Stats

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Playec
1	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Cadet Boys	68.71	16
2	801315	Evan	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	44.75	11
3	31223	Adakai	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	40.38	5
4	802657	Tom	Grose	NV	Cadet Boys	36.72	7
5	31141	Evelyn	Espinola	CA	Cadet Girls	34.35	7
6	802041	Garrett	Kinsey	TN	Cadet Boys	30.92	10
7	220815	Preston	Beusch	TX	Cadet Boys	30.15	5
8	280305	Conner	Kildahl	WI	Cadet Boys	27.82	4
9	231968	Tristan	Dehkes	MN	Cadet Boys	27.50	1
10	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	25.74	9
11	800314	Crystal	Knighten	AL	Cadet Girls	25.67	10
12	800419	Logan	Race	GA	Cadet Boys	23.55	3
13	800879	Landon	Morgan	IL	Cadet Boys	21.11	8
14	70195	Paxton	Rather	NV	Cadet Boys	19.94	2
15	221014	A. J.	Arroyo	TX	Cadet Boys	18.89	4



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