

# 2022 President's Message 2023...Are YOU ready? We are preparing! By Gary B. Roberts, NHPA President

As we approach the Christmas Holiday season, I would like to express my sincere condolences to the families of Russ Phillips, Dave Loucks, and Barry Chapelle. Losing three icons of our sport in such a short time was a shock for all of us. Please pray for their families.



The new year will start with the excitement of determining the location of the 2024 World Tournament. All bids must be submitted by December 31,2022. Let's hope we get some attractive bids to evaluate.

The deadline for submitting rules and bylaws proposals is also December 31, 2022. Brian Poole and the Rules Committee have been busy evaluating the proposals. All proposals will be published in Newsline in a subsequent issue.

Preparation for the 2023 World Tournament is well underway. All indications are that we will have a very successful tournament. The Council will make every effort to make the tournament enjoyable.

We have many challenges as we approach the new year. Membership, promotion, and sponsorship are the obvious areas that must be addressed. Unfortunately, we experienced another small loss of membership in 2022. In the area of promotion, we have been in talks with GoLive Sports to potentially film a game at the 2023 World Tournament. This company has been instrumental in getting other minor sports televised. We must pursue many other promotional opportunities. Oddly enough, as I was preparing this message "60 Minutes" was on TV and they were interviewing the best pool player in the US. Pool, like horseshoes, has not been able to get any major sponsors or television opportunities. Their organization has contracted with a lady from England to promote the sport. Apparently, she was very successful in promoting and getting large sponsorships for snooker and pool in England. I recently met the Director of Marketing for Aetna at the National Senior Games meeting in Pittsburgh. Aetna is the primary sponsor for the National Senior Games. I will be trying to convince them to be our sponsor. Laurie Lampkin and the Sponsorship Committee continue to seek sponsorship opportunities.

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Another goal is to is to continue to get young leaders into our organization. Josh Olson of Minnesota is one example of a future leader. Ben Webb of Kentucky has moved into the Junior Director position. It is important to continue the recruitment of young leaders.

I have been honored to serve as President of the NHPA for the past year. I appreciate the support I have received from many of our members.

Gary

# RENO FAMILY HORSESHOE PITCHERS PERFORM AT THE 2022 BOB EVANS FESTIVAL

The Reno Family was once again part of the entertainment at the Bob Evans Festival in Rio Grande, Ohio on October 13, 14, and 15. This makes the 51st consecutive year that the Reno Family has performed at the Festival. The Family completed ten exhibitions during the three days. Ryan Roberts was the announcer for the performances. Pitchers included Dave Rose. Shoemaker, Donna Blake Roberts, and Gary Roberts. Jennifer Reno was present and helped with the trick shots. Gary demonstrated several different turns and completed several trick shots. The weather was great other than some strong winds on Saturday. According to Bob Evans officials, 36,000 people attended the Festival during the three days .The Reno Family has already been invited to the 2023



Bob Evans Festival. The Family looks forward to maintaining this tradition in memory of Ottie Reno.

# Still time to submit recommended rule changes! Brian Pool, 1st VP

It has been a busy Fall season and I pitched in a couple fun tournaments. I attended the Huntsman Senior games in St George, UT in October and I placed 3rd in singles and 2nd in Doubles. I also pitched in the Western Open in St George, November 11 & 12, but I lost too many games by 3 points or less. But they were fun tournaments.

I have been getting a few Rule & By-law Change Proposals from members and my committee has started to review the ones that I have received. You still have time to submit a change request to me until December 31. If you have a question or want to talk about something, please call me.

As a Board we have been meeting online monthly and working on NHPA issues and preparing for Lansing, Michigan and the proposals that will be coming for the 2024 site. As a council, we will share the bid decision after all bids have been thoroughly evaluated.

It is winter in Idaho now so I have put my shoes away and look forward to snowboarding and riding my snowmobile with my family. Hope you have a Happy Holidays thru Christmas and New Years.

Brian





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

# 2022 Sports Conferences and Bidder Information

The annual Sports Conferences for 2022 were under way beginning in March with SPORTS ETA, CONNECT, and ending with TEAMS in October. Between all three conferences a total of 247 appointments (scheduled and unscheduled) took place with Convention Visitors Bureaus from across the US and Canada, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

The prospects were very good from all three of these conferences, and we feel positive that we will have a nice selection to choose from for the 2024 & beyond for World

Tournament locations. This year, many cities and CVB's (Convention Visitor's Bureau's) across the U.S. received Federal funding from Washington to revamp their tourism and sports industries in their cities because of the financial impact on businesses from the Covid pandemic. We are getting lots of interest at this point for verbal commitments, however we are waiting on the CVB's to officially submit their contracts and bid fees to our NHPA Sec./Treas., Jim Kinney.

The venue layouts for all locations that are interested in hosting for 2024 or 2025 are completed and all are looking great. Site visits have taken place as well...the places that are repeat locations, we know their layouts and venues. These are not in any specific order or list to mislead anyone into who will win the bids. Please know that these are all verbal commitments at this point. The deadline to submit is December 31, 2022. There have been others that either did not have the funding, available dates, or scheduling issues and/ or were reserved for other events.

#### They are:

- Ocala, FL The Equestrian Center •
- Green Bay WI Resch Expo Center (New Facility) •
- El Paso, TX Judson F. Williams Convention Center •
- Cedar Rapids, IA Cedar Rapids Ice Arena •
- St. George Utah Dixie Center (Dropped out due to upcoming renovations on the Dixie Center) •
- Grand Island, NE Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

Please look these locations up on the internet and take the virtual tours. Most of these venues have been visited so we know these places will be a good fit for the 2024 or beyond for a World Tournament. Several locations are still being affected from the fallout from Covid, as well as employment, funding issues, etc.



The NHPA is in the process of working out a schedule with the "GOLIVE" Sports casters to attend a World Tournament and record the "Live" Sports casting. The Company broadcasts various sports that range from Lumberjack Championships to Women's Soccer, Axe Throwing, Baseball, World Games, Swimming, MMA, Cornhole. Go Live Sports in turn sells the video of the event to the major networks that are interested in purchasing the video to be televised, then placing it on a major network. According to the owner of Go Live sports, this is how Cornhole began getting their sponsorships by using Go Live Sports casting and never solicited any sponsorships. The live broadcast got the attention of the major Sponsors. Take a look at their website: https://golivesportscast.com/ (Continued on page 5)



# 2023 WORLD TOURNAMENT LANSING MICHIGAN - July 17-30, 2023

Lansing Michigan will be the host of the 2023 World Tournament. Mike Price, Meghan Ziehmer, Tom



Kinder and staff will be your hosts in 2023. Lansing has lots of activities to offer when you are not competing. To view more information, hotels, RV campsites, tourism information go to the link for Lansing on the main page of the NHPA website. Downtown has lots of activities, entertainment, restaurants all within walking distance to the venue, the Lansing Center. Take a walk along the Lansing River Trail, or nearby Michigan State University Campus, Arts, Theater, Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries and much more. Go to <u>https://www.lansing.org/visit-greater-lansing/request-a-visitorsguide/</u> 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 each location.

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, or the nearest pharmacy. Go the NHPA website and click on the Lansing link and view the videos.



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# LANSING RV PARKS

The Lansing CVB office has heard from several people over the past few weeks asking about campgrounds and truth be told...some are selling out quickly. We would like to encourage people to book their campsites if they have not already done so. Below is a map and the list of RV Campgrounds and the contact information you may need to make your reservations.



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# Lansing Packets Available – Tournament dates are July 17-29, 2023

If any Charter would like to receive any informational packets to hand out to your members with hotel, RV and tourism information each charter secretary should contact Meghan Ziehmer at 517-377-1425 or email her at mziehmer@lansing.org.

Please let Meghan know how many packets you would like her to send you and she will get those shipped out.

#### PLEASE - Update your contact information with your local clubs and charter

Blaine Scott has compared numbers of how many people receive the Newsline and how many people do not receive it due to emails not being current or updated with your charter secretaries. There are typically 6,500 people that receive the newsline. If your members are not receiving the newsline, encourage them to request to send an email to horseshoepitching@gmail.com and request to be added to the distribution list. As a friendly reminder, I would like to encourage everyone to please check with your charter secretaries/treasurers to make sure that your contact information is updated and correct.

It's your responsibility each year/season to keep your contact information updated with your local clubs and charters when things change. Most importantly for safety reasons, we would like to make sure that your mailing addresses, phone numbers and <u>email addresses are correct</u> and current so that everyone can receive the Newsline, and for your local clubs to also be able to contact a family member in case of an emergency.

#### FOLLOW UP WITH U.S. MILTARY:

#### The U.S. Military and The Sport of Horseshoes

Mr. Jim McDonough and friends have been able to gather information for a contact from the Department of Defense to attempt to get our sport onto military bases across the U.S. and abroad with the intent to increase membership. Earlier this year, with the assistance of a few people, we have made the attempt to send a formal letter to Mr. Gilbert Cisneros. Mr. Cisneros who is Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness is the person in control of sporting activities and facilities on all the Military Bases/Posts in the U.S. We will keep you updated as soon as we get a response. Unfortunately, as of this Newsline article, we never received a response or reply from Mr. Cisneros or his office in Washington, D.C.



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# NHPA TRADING CARDS ON SALE FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The holidays are upon us, and if you are looking for last minute gift ideas, or if you are looking for stocking stuffers check out the NHPA trading cards. You can place your order. We also have a few sets that you can also purchase if you missed them on the first few go arounds. Remember, there are "Special" cards in these sets that make these sets more valuable and more tradable and collectible.

To order, go to the NHPA website at <u>www.horseshoeptiching.com</u>. You can purchase one set or as many as you wish, you can purchase one set or buy as many sets as you would like, the choices are numerous. Here is a current list of sets that are available for purchase: <u>NOTE</u>: Stands are not included.

Here are bargain prices! Happy Shopping!

#### Purchase four packs, \$50. Buy five or more, \$10.00 each or half price.

These are the number of sets in each category we have let in our inventory. These will go fast for the Holidays, so get your orders in today to avoid any delays in shipping.

<u>2020</u> <u>Men</u> 24	<u>Women</u> 30	<u>Contender</u> 46	<u>Vintage</u> 4
<u>2021</u> <u>Elders</u> 55	<u>Seniors</u> 51	Juniors 49	<u>HOF</u> 63





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## **SPONSORSHIP/ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES**

We are continuously reaching out and submitting the NHPA sponsorship opportunities to all companies large and small which contain various dollar amounts for sponsorship opportunities. Please know that despite any negative outpouring or people's opinions on social media, efforts are constantly in progress yearround toward getting sponsors of all kinds and types, large and small.

There are several options available for your sponsorships and ads: Newsline publications, The NHPA Website, Sponsorship of World Tournament banners on the fencing, various sponsorship of Prelim and Championship Trophies, any Live Streaming Interviews during the World Tournament, Sponsorship of the Cameras on the courts and Live Streaming on the NHPA website, World



Tournament Program book (we are currently working with Lansing for add pricing). If anyone is interested in joining Gillett Electric and becoming a sponsor of any kind, please look at our Sponsorship packet information on the NHPA website. We can create or tweak a sponsorship to suit your needs. There are various sponsorship packages and choices available as well as in the Newsline, and World Tournament Program Books.

The artwork required for banners, and other displays and news articles will need to be in the forms of jpeg, png, vector etc. Please contact Blaine Scott or me if you are interested in becoming a sponsor or patron of the NHPA. Our contact information is on the NHPA website.

## NEW MEMBERS PROGRAM IS CONTINUING FOR 2023

If you would like to get your membership bags for your new members, the information and process are listed below for you. We hope that you send those names to us soon so that they will be able to get their items. Once you have your shirts, take a group photo, and send it to me. Mix up your group with some front photos and back photos of your shirts.

If your charter has any newly elected people, please update their contact information with the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer Jim Kinney. It is very possible that the emails have not been forwarded onto the new Secretaries.

To receive a new membership bag for your new 2023 members, you as the charter secretary are asked to follow the protocol listed below so that we can track these bags and justify the costs. This is a tool to help retain your new members or possibly recruit new ones. Send me your list of new members along with their NHPA Membership card number. They only need to pitch in

two sanctioned events.

#### The colors of the shirts are:

Orange, Grey, White, Golden Yellow, Navy Blue, Bright Safety Yellow, Dark Purple, Pink. If you need another size that is not listed, please let me know and we will special order that for you, please know this will be a special order and I will need adequate time to place the order and get that printed in advance. Sizes range from Small, Med., LG, XL, 2X, 3X, and



larger – (No Youth sizes are available). Please keep this list for future reference. Please email me at laurie\_r@bellsouth.net if you have any questions. (Continued on page 10)

# NHPA Banner Program Continuing in 2023

We are continuing the banner program for 2023 and if any interested clubs and charters would like to place an order, please contact me and I will email you a form to fill out and return.

Please check all spelling for any errors before returning the form. Recent weather conditions may have damaged or destroyed your banners.

The information on the banner will be laid out as shown with your club or charter name on top, and your website just above the NHPA website. You can also reference your social media pages if you have any. There is a process in place for ordering these banners, so please email me at laurie\_r@bellsouth.net and I will send you a form. There is no limit to how many you can order; the cost is \$35.00 each payable to the NHPA. The price increased due to supply chain issues and the cost of vinyl.



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Join the National Horseshoe Pitching Association Today!!!

<u>https://</u> www.horseshoepitching.com/ membership/

#### **SETTING GOALS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 2023/CLUB MEMBERSHIP IDEAS and SUGGESTIONS**

We can never hear this enough...with a new pitching season upon us it's time to possibly think of recruiting new members. So, what works in your club? We all are struggling to get new members out to play horseshoes. So, what do successful clubs do to attract new members? Others are getting the news out through their local newspapers in the "Community News Sections" or by using Social Media outlets, brochures. Contact your local newspaper and ask what the fee is to publish your weekly league results or a general message to announce your upcoming Horseshoe events.

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

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

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



Since this will be the last Newline of 2022, I would like to wish everyone



Please

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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Laurie Lampkin NHPA - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP



## 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 <u>horseshoepitching@gmail.com</u>. 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 knows 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 <u>www.horseshoepitching.com</u>. 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.
- 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 <u>www.horseshoepitching.com</u> 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 data 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: <u>www.horseshoepitching.com</u>.

#### NOVEMBER 2022 3rd VP Message Proposed World Tournament Formats Pur Journ Smith 2nd Vice President NUP 4 Historian

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian

The 2022 annual Delegate meeting featured my World Tournament presentation that suggested a complete WT format change. The format was loosely planned with the major concept changes spoken to. At a monthly meeting after the WT the council made the decision to change the WT format in 2023 and asked that I present my total plan to the tournament director, Jim Kinney Jr. for his evaluation. I had put the loose format in the last Newsline to spread the word that change is coming. I completed my final suggested plan and spoke to the council about the exact plan. It was my opinion that well over 75% of the pitchers that I discussed the format with were in favor. Social media made comments and many were questioning the change. It is common on social media to hear those who wonder about change and many good questions were raised. With any new format, it is likely that the first one will help



us make it better going forward without any major problems. Later, the council changed their minds and decided to delay the change until 2024. It was felt by most of the council that several pitchers with long WT experience had made reservations in time slots based on the old format. I would like to present my complete new format in this article so that the change planned for 2024 will be well known in advance. Keep in mind that the council will change and this format may well be tweaked somewhat or abandoned depending on unknown future situations. Later in this article, I will present a second format to create some choices and invoke conversation. The second one has some drastic changes but they are changes that have been suggested in the past and may well be the wave of the future. The second plan reduces the length of the entire WT to two weeks without eliminating any pitchers at any level. Check it out.

#### Potential 2024 Format

There are several main desired changes and requirements that I will list first. The venue will have to hold 48 competition courts and guarantee that the Wi-Fi system can handle our needed load and band width requirements. There will be a featured court with adequate camera coverage where each and every adult final game will be played, one at a time. All these final games will be for the World Championship Title in each category. How exciting is that? Theses games will also be played on the middle Saturday or the day before the delegate meeting. It is hoped to have decent crowds watching live and on the webpage. The lower pitchers can come a couple of days early and finally get to see the best pitchers in the world. Here's how I see all of this happening.

The first major change involves the seeding of half of the championship classes. That will be eight Men, eight Women, and eight Elders. The Senior Men get six and the Senior Women will have four seeds. The first three days of the tournament will feature 4 shifts. Theses shifts will be the top six groups of the Men, Women, and Elders. The fourth shift will be four Senior Men and two additional Women to help includ enough Senior Women. These preliminaries will produce the move ups in all five adult categories.

The Championship Classes will begin on Thursday. The Men, Women, and Elders will play six games on Thursday and Friday and Three games on Saturday morning. The Senior Classes will finish their Championship Classes on Friday. All games will be 40 points or 50 shoes, which ever comes first. This shoe format is needed to maintain our schedule. This will be very important when we get to the Championship games which are played one at a time. Ties are ties in the Championship classes. If needed, an afternoon shift on Friday could start the lower classes in the first week. The Junior pitching will be very much like it is now, Thursday and Friday's last shifts. Details later.

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#### 3rd VP (Proposed World Tournament Formats)...continued

Onward and upward. All five adult categories will be evaluated to choose the top three pitchers. The criteria will be wins, head-to-head, ringer percentage and over entering average. We may add one playoff game, but we will end up with the best three pitchers ranked one through three. At 11:00 am in all categories there will be a pitch-off between the Number Two and Three ranked pitchers with the winner being awarded the honor of pitching for the World Championship against the number one pitcher.

The Championship games will also be 40 points or fifty shoe games. Since there is a chance for ties in the three person ladders, I am proposing that ties be broken with two shoes pitched at a time starting with a shoe flip and alternating who starts as ties continue. This is sudden death at its finest. It will not be up and back as the World Champion will prove their success with skill under pressure packed conditions. Again all five categories will have center stage in this order: Senior Women, Senior Men, Elders, Women, and Men. This format is my creation and is subject to changes, hopefully, improvements.

#### Format Two (wild and wooly)

This is a two week tournament to help bidders deal with the first setup week which ties up the venue a third week with little economic impact on the community. Several bigger changes, are you ready? There will be no move-ups as all eighteen-person Championship classes will be seeded out of eShoe. Set-up will start on Saturday and be ready for a three game Warmup Tournament on Tuesday night. The Championship Classes will be 18 persons in the Men's, Women's, and Elder's, it works out and gets a few more pitchers seeded. The Seniors will be decided when the entries are complete. The first shift on Wednesday will be 16-man classes of men made up of A, B, C, D, E, and F or the next highest men groups whatever they are called. The second shift will be the next four classes of Elder pitchers and the Senior's Championship Classes. The third shift will be the Champion Class of the Men, Women, and Elders. They will play five games on each of the first three days, finishing their last two games on Saturday morning. The Juniors will again have the last shifts on Thursday and Friday. After Saturday's two games are pitched the format will mirror the first (above) format with the featured courts and the sudden death tie breakers. With the extra time, the Juniors and Cadets could have a Saturday Championship game also.

The second week gets wild and wooly probably in some eyes, but the concept for lower pitchers is what they are used to namely, mixed pitching. The first week preserves a more normal process for crowning World Champions. The second week will use 16 person classes made up of all 40-foot pitchers in men's classes which is a large group and 30 foot pitchers mixed together in the 30-foot classes. Why, you say. Here is my thinking. Most pitchers who are not yet ready for the big time came to World to win their class and take home the cash and the trophy. I see no problem mixing 30 footers and it helps the TD set up full classes which helps with the shortened tournament. To accommodate everyone, we will run four or five shifts M-W and hopefully three shifts on T-S to help with the teardown process. A fourth shift could be added if needed. Well, there you have it. Let it sink in and think how to make it better. This one is a lot to grasp, it can solve some problems and still has all the World Championship games on a featured court and all played to the cameras and the crowd, one game at a time.



# NOVEMBER 2022 3rd VP Message The National Sanction League Tournament

By Jerry Smith, 3rd Vice President, NHPA Historian

The National Sanctioned League Tournament was held in Wentzville, Missouri at the NHPA's Hall of Fame facility on the first and second of October. Sixteen (three person) teams competed for the top prize of \$2100.00 over the two days of pitching. The teams were cross seeded into the "Scarlet" and "Gray" divisions and played a full seven game round robin. The tournament was handicapped at about 92% and "count-all" scoring was utilized. Bonus points were awarded when a team won two or three game from an opponent during any given round. The winners of the two divisions then played for the championship. Monetary prizes were given for second through forth places in each division. The tournament was sponsored by the NHPA and the NHPF. I directed the tournament with the assistance of Barbara Carson, Josh Olson, and NHPA Secretary/ Treasurer, Jim Kinney Jr who sang the Star-Spangled Banner. The Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club provided valuable assistance for all my needs as well as manning the snack bar and helping with the scorekeeping. Much thanks go to all of those that helped. The Gray division was hotly contested right up till the last game when the St Paul Outlaws team of Jeremy Maher, Mark Fields, and Bob Hembrook won the division by scoring all four points on the last round. This team was playing in its first SLT and won over the team Bee Gees by four points. The Bee Gees scored three points in the last round keeping the pressure on the St Paul team. The Scarlet division was also decided in the last round as the Colorado Three team comprised of Sheila Shepard, Amy Wheeler, and Jan Knaub, took a one-and-a-half-point lead into the final game. They scored three points in the last game sewing up first place and a shot at the SLT Championship. Second place went to the team Arkansas Powerhouse which also won three points. This team was the defending Champion from 2019.

The Championship round pitted the three players from each winning team against their counterparts on the other team. The Champion would be the team that won either two or three of the games. Sheila Shepard won her game with Jeremy Maher, 117-112. Amy Wheeler won her game over Mark Fields, 85-62. Jan Knaub won her game with Bob Hembrook, 99-68 as the Colorado Three team swept the finals with only one close game.

The winning team received \$2100.00 and the runner ups, \$1050.00. A "one hundred" dollar bill was given to the player from each division who pitched the highest percentage game over their average. Hiram Chaffin won in the Scarlet division with a 23.50% over his average and Mel Yockstick won in the Gray division with an 32.11% over his average. Mel is obviously Colorado's biggest sandbagger but did pitch amazingly well for an old guy. LOL

I was disappointed at only having 16 teams and with the work involved and the money commitment, if I am still involved with the 2023 Sanctioned League Tournament, I will end the tournament without a full complement of teams. It has had a good run but cannot continue without more participation. The top four teams all which received prize money were as follows:

Scarlet Division		Gray Division	
1. Colorado Three	20 points	1. St Paul Outlaws	21 points
2. Ark Powerhouse	18.5 points	2. Bee Gees	17 points
3. Pitchers be Crazy	18 points	3. Bonner Springs	14.5 points
4. Jim's 4 Ringer	14.51 points	4. Heart of America	13 points

Thanks to all of teams that entered and to all those people that helped with running of the tournament. Like always, horseshoe pitchers came through.

Jerry Smith NHPA 3rd VP Sanctioned League Director 4th VP Message **STAT Room, Shoe Check, RD's...so much to do** By Barbara Carson, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President/World Tournament STAT Room, RD Director, Court Sanctioning

It's hard to believe that here we are with the Holiday Season upon us. The time goes so fast. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I also want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year.

I have been very busy with sending out the 2023 Patch orders. Thank you to all of the RD's that have already submitted their orders. You all make my job easier and I appreciate everything you do to make it run smooth. I hope all of you like the new patches with our current Logo on them.

I also would like to thank everyone for the support, cards and gifts sent to me regarding the death of my husband Alex. I don't know what I would have done without my horseshoe family and all of your kindness. This holiday season is really going to be hard to get through, so Thank You All for being there for me. I am going to be in Phoenix, AZ for the next 4 months, starting December 1st. I am planning on going to a lot of tournaments and being with my horseshoe family. I am sure I will see a lot of you at those tournaments. I am really looking forward to getting back on the courts and being active again. I will also have all of the patches with me, so I will fill those new orders from there.

The council has decided to eliminate the formal Shoe Check as we know it today and implement a modified version beginning with the 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan. Your shoes will be measured and shirts and close toed shoes will be checked on day 2 or day 3 when you pick up your Round Robin Card. On day 1 you will still need to arrive 1 hour before your scheduled pitching time to the designated room for class photos and announcements from the Shift Director. We hope to see all of you in Lansing, Michigan for the 2023 World Tournament.

Attention RD's. Just a heads up, the year 2023 is a Court Sanction year and I have the current Court Sanction Certificates ready. Thank you to those states who picked them up at the World Tournament and to those of you who have ordered them along with your patches.

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

There are quite a few Charters that have tournaments beginning in January and I have to have your 2023 order and numbers in order to get your patches to you in time for January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please email those orders to me as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so to <u>bcarson848@gmail.com</u>.

I would like to welcome Robert Graham, a new RD's to our team representing S. Utah. Welcome, Robert. Thank you for all you do. You are doing great.

Thank you again to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication. Good Luck and keep pitchin those ringers. Hope to see all of you at World in Lansing, Michigan. Don't forget about the Warm-Up tournament that is held the Saturday before the first day. Have a great winter. Please stay warm and be careful.



## 5th VP Message **Fun things Planned for the World Tournament** By Josh Olsen, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President

I hope everyone is staying warm and you are surrounded by your friends and family this holiday season. With the winter season well underway it is usually a time where some of us put the shoes away and wait until it gets warmer out to start back up and continue to pitch. For others that live in the southern states and/or can pitch indoors it is a privilege to say the least (in my opinion anyways). As I am sitting here trying to figure out what else to talk about, I want to take a moment to say thanks to ALL of you Tournament Directors, League Directors, and Promoters of Horseshoes. It is a thankless job that someone needs to do otherwise we don't have leagues and tournaments, and without you we don't have them, so THANK YOU.

Things that are on the Horizon for the 2023 Season in I.T for the World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan: We are going to have a "Featured Court"

along with some updated cameras for live streaming during the Tournament. I also plan to work with Kurt Whaley on a way to see the results immediately after the games have been submitted through eShoe. We tried to get it up and working in Monroe, but we had some technical difficulties with the hardware that made it tough to do on a short notice.

To give you all a little peak behind the curtain when it comes to the "featured court" idea, if you have ever seen or watched Cornhole on ESPN or YouTube, they have these featured courts during their big Tournaments. It usually consists of about 4 or 5 cameras that focus on the one court. We will have a very similar set-

up on display for the World tournament, it won't look exactly like this, but we will try to capture the action with what we have as best as possible, and I hope it creates some great content!

The picture I have provided is an "example" of what I would like to show with the use of this featured court. We will use it to spotlight the crowning of our World Champions throughout the Tournament. I am very fortunate to have a winter facility that I will be able to test out some different ideas that I have, so stay tuned...I will plan to go live occasionally throughout the winter in Minnesota. If anyone has any questions

about anything electronic related, please reach out to me!

Happy Holidays!









Josh

## *Junior Director* **Committees, Holidays, Interviews, and More!** *By Ben Webb, Junior Director*

With the holidays quickly coming and going and the 2023 season fast approaching, now is the time to begin planning for a successful season. Over the last few months, I've taken a few steps to try to assist charters with their junior promotion and recruitment. Jim Kinney along with myself have been compiling a list of all existing junior directors in each charter, if your charter has a junior director that we don't yet have contact information for please forward that information to me. If your charter doesn't have a junior director, I strongly recommend that your council appoint someone to the role. If you don't have anyone that you think is an excellent fit, I'd like your charter to submit contact information for one of your officers that could be an "interim" JD until you find a suitable candidate. The reason for this is that in the coming months, our newly formed junior committee will be working with each state and passing down some guidelines and programs to help you in your promotion and recruitment of juniors in your area. Also, in each quarter the committee member



assigned to your region will be reaching out to your charter contact to obtain news and an update on how your charter is doing as far as gaining new juniors. I want to stress that if you're having trouble getting new juniors in your charter, please reach out to me, I can't help you if I don't know you need something.

The NHPA Junior committee is now formed and is hard at work trying to come up and implement new ideas and promotional strategies, we are also working to obtain sponsorships to fund some of the projects we'd like to implement. I would personally love to see our World Championship prize fund increase for the junior divisions through these sponsorships as well. We are very open and appreciative to any donations that we receive for the juniors as well, if you'd like to donate to this drive in any way please let me know. When I formed the committee I wanted a diverse group of people from different regions of the United States, I currently have 6 committee members, I do need one more person to serve on this committee either in the western or south western U.S. If you're interested in this role please reach out to me. Until we find a 7th member, any vote that the committee takes that results in a 3-3 tie will be broken by NHPA officer, and former junior pitcher, Josh Olson. Our junior committee members along with myself are: Austin Bailey (IL), Aleena Lepak (WI), Barry Webster (NE), Denise Daly (MI), and Heath Shawn (VA).

As you'll find in this newline, I've brought back the spotlight junior pitcher articles from old editions of the Newsline. This edition we'll be spotlighting a family of pitchers from Alabama, all 3 juniors and cadets qualified and competed in the Junior/Cadet World Championship classes in Monroe, Louisiana this year, with one even taking home the World Championship. The other player I've chosen for this Newsline is one who is no longer a junior but could be, 15 year old, Women's World Champion, Sarah Chaffee.

I said it was coming a few months back but we are finally almost ready to release the all new Junior Newsline. This Newsline will be exclusively filled with information about juniors past and present from all around the country. In this Newsline we'll also have a spotlight junior both past and present, news and membership numbers from all the charters, updates from all our junior committee members, and more! This Newsline will be distributed on the same email chain that the NHPA Newsline is distributed on, so watch your inbox for it. This will be a quarterly newsletter with potential special editions. We will be taking sponsorships for this newsletter as well, so if you're interested in that please let me know. Our first edition is expected to be released before the New Year.

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#### Junior Director...continued

The junior committee has agreed to update and refresh our social media presence starting with Facebook. The "Just for Juniors" Facebook page name will be changed to "NHPA Youth". This will be the official NHPA Junior page that the committee will utilize for updates and other content. This page is public however, and while I encourage everyone to post news from Juniors and Cadets, I would like to remind everyone that this is a youth orientated page so please utilize some discretion with what you post to that page especially.

It was announced on Facebook that I'll begin doing interviews with NHPA officers on Facebook to update the membership on events happening within the NHPA. I'll be starting these interviews with NHPA president Gary Roberts. Thanks to everyone who submitted questions, I have a short but very interesting and tough list of questions for Gary. These interviews are designed to ask the tough sometimes uncomfortable questions so our NHPA members feel they're getting complete information about what's going on within the NHPA. This interview will be shared on the NHPA page along with several other horseshoe related pages. Let me know which officer you'd like to see me interview next and continue to submit your questions so we can always provide a substantial interview.

I hope that everyone has had a healthy and enjoyable holiday season so far. This time of year when the shoes are hung up for most of us and we gather with our families we all have a little more time to reflect on the past year and be thankful for the year we've had. It gives us a chance to remember the reason for the Christmas season and it also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the people who've left us in the past year. Several very notable NHPA members have left us this year, several very recently, and I'd like to remind everyone to keep those families in our thoughts as the holiday season wraps up. The 2023 World Tournament in Lansing, Michigan is fast approaching and I hope to see everyone there, myself along with the NHPA council are anticipating and hopeful for a very large turnout. I'd like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year!

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To report news from your state charter for the Junior Newsletter, please reach out to the committee member listed for your region. See map below: (Please contact me with questions...Ben)



# Glimpse from the past...

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Leather Belt	.50

#### Junior Director Junior Spotlight—Championship Family By Ben Webb, Junior Director

Heading into the World Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana this year, I wanted to try something different. I introduced the Junior World Warm-up walking doubles tournament. This was a high-low draw doubles where the top players were paired with the lower average player, and was double elimination. As the tournament went on, I began to really notice the intensity and competitive spirit of some of the juniors and cadets that I had met over the last few days. Three of these players being Ethan and Crystal Knighten, along with Tyler Harris. The championship game of the doubles was between the team of Eli Sullivan and Ethan Knighten against the team of Hastiin Begave and Crystal Knighten. As the brother and sister faced off the sibling rivalry was on full display with Ethan telling Crystal "I can call my own score" towards the end of the game. Ethan and Eli would go on to win these doubles just 30-29 to take the tournament.

This tournament was my formal introduction to Ethan, Crystal, and Tyler. The 3 young pitchers are from Slapout, Alabama and are all students within the Holtville school system. Tyler is 16, Crystal is 12, and Ethan is just 9 years old. All 3 pitchers participate in the Eclectic/TNT horseshoe club, and have been mentored by Diane Dorler along with their Grandfather. They have all had great success at the state and local level with their horseshoe game, but were ready to take on a bigger challenge. So, the 3 young



pitchers and their family took the over 6 hour trip to compete in their first world tournament in 2022, with all three pitchers making their respective championship classes.

Over the first two days of prelims, Tyler Harris would go 4-5 in the win/loss column and would average 57.22% with a high game of 70%. This performance would earn him a spot in the Junior Boy's Championship class. Harris would get off to a rough start in the wins column taking on the eventual champion, runnerup and 3rd place player in the first three games. However, Tyler was able to maintain his consistency with his ringer percentage, keeping a tight 9% range between his highs and lows with the exception of one game. This would eventually pull Tyler into the 4th place position at the end of the tournament after winning the next 4 games. Harris finished with an overall average of 60.22%, and a high game of just over 64%. Tyler would say he was happy with his results although he said he thought he could've done a little better. Harris also said his favorite memory from the World Tournament was meeting 10 time women's World Champion, Joan Elmore and meeting the man he (along with many others) considers the best ever, Alan Francis.



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#### Junior Director (Championship Family)...continued

Crystal Knighten's two days of preliminary play went similar to her brother Tyler's in the win/loss column. Crystal would net 3.5 wins to 6.5 losses in the prelims, but would maintain one of the most consistent entry % - finishing % of anyone in this years' World Tournament. Crystal finished her preliminary round just .17% under her entry average of 25.67% and had a high prelim game of 37.50%. It was on day 3 however where Crystal would shine the brightest. Day 3 for the Juniors/Cadets is Championship play, where Crystal would enter as the number one overall seed in the Cadet Girls Division. Crystal would average 30% in the championship round for all 6 games and would go undefeated for a record of 6-0, making her the 2022 Cadet Girls World Champion! Crystal would only allow one other contender to make it to double digits in the scoring column as well. Crystal would say that she was very proud of her achievement in the tournament and was more than satisfied



with her results.

At just 9 years old and hardly 4 and a half feet tall, some of Ethan Knighten's oppo-



nents may have looked at him and assumed this was going to be an easy win for them, those opponents would have been very wrong. The majority of the time at the world tournament when I would retreat to the practice courts, Ethan, along with his other siblings were either already there or showed up before I left. A determined Ethan would come out of the first 2 days of preliminary play with an even record of 5-5 and would average 28%, this would earn him the runner-up spot from the Cadet A class and put him in the Cadet Boys World Championship Class at the number 3 seed. Now I mentioned this was a cadet class and Ethan was just 9 years old right, so one would assume that he would be hugging that 20 foot line and barely getting it there right? Well those assumptions are wrong again, most of the time when I would be watching the Cadet Boy's pitch, Ethan would be as far back as 35 feet away and still, incredibly throwing a shoe that was right in line but just over the top of the peg! I introduced Ethan as "fearless' during the introductions and although he wouldn't get the results he desired in the champion-

ship round he still hung in tough every single game. Ethan would finish the Cadet Boys championship round with a record of 2-5 and an average of 27.01%. Ethan would say he felt he could've pitched better that last day but nonetheless had an incredible amount of fun pitching with people around his age on the big stage. Ethan, along with his siblings noticeably have an incredible amount of heart and passion for the sport of horseshoe pitching and I believe that these 3 young pitchers will continue to be a force in both Alabama and on the World Tournament stage.

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# 71-64, Wisconsin Wins

By Ben Webb, Junior Director

15 year old, Sarah Chaffee from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin has already had an abnormally successful horseshoe pitching career. Other than horseshoe pitching Sarah likes to play golf and basketball and represents her school on the varsity basketball team and all conference golf team. That competitive spirit has led her to already having tremendous success in the horseshoe world. Pitching a single flip with the Elmore horseshoe, Sarah Chaffee began pitching in the NHPA back in 2012, getting into the sport watching her dad Dean Chaffee who she also credits as her mentor in all the physical and mental aspects of the game.

By the time the 2022 World Tournament rolled around Sarah had already made a name for herself by taking home 2 Junior Girl World Championships, pitching perfect games and several tournaments in the 80% and above range. She would walk through the competition in both the 2019 Junior Girls World Championship in Witchita Falls, TX with an undefeated 7-0 record and an 80.53% average. Then retain her championship in Winnemucca, NV at the 2021 World with another undefeated finish, at 5-0, and 88.71% shattering the all time record she held with her 2019 performance. The previous record standing 27 years from Celeste Polak of Texas, at 79.08%. After back to back Junior Girls Championships



and examining her averages in those tournaments, Sarah was ready for another challenge. 15 year old Sarah Chaffee decided it was time to make the jump from the Junior Girls division into the Women's Division at the 2022 World Horseshoe Tournament in Monroe, Louisiana.

Now lets talk about that headline, anyone familiar with Kentucky Men's basketball knows where this is headed, and as it turns out upon a little research this was a huge moment for Wisconsin sports as well. See in March of 2015 Kentucky was on a legendary run, they had gone 38-0 and was 2 games away from a 9th NCAA championship. They had held a high ranking all season, had several 5 star recruits, and had beaten several tough teams in route to this spot. So, what happened next? Wisconsin happened next. Also a number one seed in the tournament Wisconsin had to go through several top tier teams to get to this spot, the best at the time, Kentucky basketball. But, when they got to that game Wisconsin simply outplayed the Kentucky team advancing in the tournament, ending Kentucky's perfect year, and shattering the hopes of UK fans all over the nation (I'm still a little tore up about it personally).

So how is this random basketball story have anything to do with the 2022 World Tournament? Going in to this tournament Sarah was the number 1 overall seed, but this strange thing usually happens when someone makes the transition from the girls to the women's divisions. So many times I've seen their averages fall by as much as 20 percent or more with no change in distance, is it the competition? Let's look at the Women's championship field from this year then, just to mention a few in this field we had: Maxine Griffith (TN), Marlene Ray (TN), Sylvianne Moisan (QC), Doris Heiden (TX) Theresa Howe (MA), Aleena Lepak (WI), Shalee Cason (FL), Amy Francis (OH, and several others including Sarah's favorite opponent but junior rival Skyla Rioux. To top things off if the field didn't provide enough pressure, defending world champion Joan Elmore had to withdraw from the tournament for personal reasons, meaning that we were guaranteed a new Women's World Champion for 2022.

#### Junior Director (Sarah Chaffee)...continued

For the preliminary round, Sarah would hold her own but the shoe limit games proved to be detrimental to her goal of a class win. Losing a close game to eventual class winner Theresa Howe, another close game to Shalee Cason and tying a game with Maxine Griffith. Sarah would finish the prelims with a 12.5 - 2.5 record

Shalee Cason, and tying a game with Maxine Griffith, Sarah would finish the prelims with a 12.5 - 2.5 record putting her in the runner- up position. Chaffee would however average 85.33 in the prelims making her again the number #1 seed moving into the championship class. Sarah told me that she was originally unsure if she'd be able to hang in there with the tough, experienced competition but after preliminaries she was ready.

The first day of the championships Sarah came out hot with 29 shoes in 30 shoes for her first game of 96.67%. She would continue to cruise the rest of that day not allowing an opponent to get over halfway to the 40 point limit and her longest game being 58 shoes. The second day would prove to be more challenging with a 70 shoe battle with Aleena Lepak that would result in Sarah pitching 87.14% to Aleena's 78.57% to win the game 42-25. Sarah's next game would go 66 shoes against Penny Steinke, but now it was time for a test. Doris Heiden only had 1 loss at this point and was looking to tie up the frontrunner slot by giving a loss to Sarah, and the war was on. After 100 shoes with both pitchers averaging above 80%, the up and comer would hold off Heiden in a critical 41-29 win. The rest of the day finished in similar fashion with Chaffee holding the lead with a 10-0 record. There was no time to rest for Sarah though who stood just 5 wins away from being the Women's World Champion at just 15 years old. Shalee Cason came out swinging holding Chaffee for 82 shoes before dropping that game 14-45, Marlene Ray was next and would hold off Sarah for another 82 shoes before falling 8—43, Theresa Howe was next. Howe had defeated Chafee in prelims but this wasn't the same day, Sarah was on another level on this day dispatching of Howe 40 - 6 in 32 shoes. At this point, only 2018 Women's World Champion of Tennessee, Maxine Griffith had a chance to take the title from Sarah, Maxine would battle for 86 shoes with Chaffee. With the score 34-25 at 66 shoes, Griffith would unleash a flurry of 19 out of 20 which Sarah matched with 19 of her own. Chaffee would gain first pitch after this exchange and with a double laying Maxine would miss that fatal 86th shoe, securing the World Title for Chaffee.

There was just one thing left to do for Sarah Chaffee. Long time rival and friend of Chaffee's, Skyla Rioux was holding her own 10 - 4 in the tournament and now the two would face off. They exchanged blows early in the game but at 44 shoes and a score of 21-15 Chaffee would decide to take this game out, unreeling 28 straight ringers, and 35 out of the last 38 shoes, Sarah would take the game 40 - 21 in 80 shoes with both pitchers throwing over the 80% mark.

Sarah Chaffee would become the 2022 Women's World Champion, with an average of 86.48% for the 932 shoes. A 15 - 0 record for the 15 year old, this time fending off some of the best players in the world, several former world champions, and several long time contenders. This was an extremely impressive feat by a young up and coming player. The deck was stacked against Sarah at this world tournament but she walked through the competition just like she did the last couple years in the junior girls division. Sarah says she hopes to retain her championship at 2023's tournament in Lansing.

I asked Sarah a couple more interesting questions, one of which being: Were you to play a best of 7 series, 40 point games, with Alan Francis how many wins do you think you could pick up? Sarah in unwavering confidence told me "3 or 4" I also asked her if she could play any three pitchers from history who would she play. She chose: Joan Elmore, Sue Snyder and to play Dave Schorbahn, who passed away a few years ago and she really enjoyed playing.

Sarah Chaffee has silenced most of the critics from this year, and I have a feeling that she will be a force in the women's division for many years to come. But, there's just one more question that we didn't get answered this year. What will happen when 2022 Women's World Champion Sarah Chaffee steps on the court with a person hungry to break an all time championships record, what will happen when Sarah meets Joan Elmore?

# **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.
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  - 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.
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- Full-page ad in the event program.
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- Posters will be displayed at events throughout the country prior to the competition each year.
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- · Website
- · Web Cams
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- · Shirts

# NHPF Report **NHPF - eShoe Data Provides Useful Statistics** *By Dave Sidles, NHPF Director*

If you haven't visited it a while, the NHPF website has a new look. And of course, we encourage you to check out the operation of the 'Donations' buttons. And as always, we want to thank all those that have made contributions and those that help out with the daily maintenance and upkeep of the Hall of Fame Museum and building.

In keeping with our mission, the NHPF board is pleased to report that it has ap-

proved two grants this fall. The Dean's Round Robin Horseshoe Club in Machias, New York received a grant in the amount of \$3000 to complete the fencing around newly constructed courts. The Bertha Horseshoe Club in Bertha, Minnesota was also the recipient of a \$3000 grant to facilitate improvements to allow them to play a sanctioned league and host tournaments indoors this winter. Grant applications are available on the NHPF website.

And now for something completely different. In addition to working with the NHPF, I also serve as eShoe administrator. I thought you might find some of the data we've accumulated so far to be interesting. It's no secret that Covid did a number on membership in 2020. There was a recovery of sorts in 2021 but not back to pre-Covid levels. And then in 2022 another slight decline. This makes looking backwards for comparisons difficult but going forward we will be able to hopefully get a good look at what's going on with our membership trends and be able to focus in the right direction.

But this much we do know. In both 2021 and 2022, around 17% of the total membership each of those years were new first time members. Of those 2021 first year members, almost one half of them renewed for 2022. I guess you can debate whether that's a good number or a bad one. That group was led by Elders with 66% of them renewing. By far the largest group of new members are adult men but only about 45% of them renewed. Their average age is 49. Interestingly, the average age of first year women who also renewed was 49. Juniors followed suite with a little over half renewing for a second year.

You might be interested to know that I out of 3 memberships for 2022 were done online. And, about 1 out of 10 of 2022 members didn't play in a sanctioned event at all. How do your pitching skills stack up? Of all the shoes and ringers pitched in recorded events the last 12 months, the average Men's division pitcher shoots 26.63 percent. Women's division 30.76 percent, Elder's 35.45 percent. This is kind of information that we can get from eShoe. Going forward, the NHPA should find this a very useful tool.

As always, we express our sincere thanks to the following who have made recent donations.

Respectfully, David Sidles NHPF President







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# From the desk of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer **A Glimpse of the NHPA through the Years** By Jim Kinney Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

As the year 2022 comes to an end, I have been thinking about all of the issues the National Horseshoe Pitching Association and its charters have been working through as an organization. I have been in office for four years now and I feel the executive council for the NHPA has always tried to make changes and implement ideas for the good of the association and its pitchers. In the first month of 2022, a new NHPA president and some new NHPA officers took office. During the first month of the new administration there were a lot of suggestions for change. We are not perfect and we are going to make mistakes along the way, but as everyone knows when a new president is elected in any form of assembly, there are going to be some changes.



The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association is an elite group whom I feel proud to represent. I cannot begin to fill the shoes of some of the past Secretary/Treasurers, but I can say this. If every charter and their pitchers will start working together and try to come up with ideas to help sustain our sport, I would like to hear from them. I believe horseshoe pitchers are good and honest people, no matter if you are a member of the NHPA or not. It would be a perfect world if all horseshoe pitchers could share the same goal, but history shows that is not the mindset of the majority for now. Using the words of Bob Pence (NHPA Secretary/Treasurer 1958- 1970), I will say this. "The N.H.P.A. welcomes any and all groups within its ranks." This was true in 1921 at the start of the organization and it is still true today in 2022. May everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope 2023 brings many good changes and growth within the NHPA and its charters. With everyone's help, and positive input, this can be achieved.

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# The Stats are in the books!

By Stan Griggs, NHPA World tournament Statistician

"Data is a precious thing and will last longer than the systems themselves" ... -Tim Berners-Lee

Have you pitched in a *World Tournament?* Maybe your Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, Husband or Wife, or maybe your child?

Whomever it may be we have it all right here at your fingertips. This is our histo-

ry... this is our Legacy. Every person that has ever pitched a horseshoe in the Annual World Horseshoe Tournament dating back to 1909 is recorded and preserved. Many hours and many volunteers have worked to make this possible. To access this file due to the size it does have to be downloaded, which takes all of just a few seconds. It can be located on the NHPA web page under the link of **WORLD TOURNAMENT** and then by clicking the link called *WT-All Players Results thru – 2022.* 

This is a snapshot of the information that is available. All Players are alphabetically listed with each tab designating a letter of the alphabet.

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16		2	1994			Syracuse, New York (*)	MENS	M-2		5	9.5	5.5	184	600	30.67%		
17		3	1995			Perry, Georgia (*)	MENS	K-3		11	6	9	174	600	29.00%	5	_
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37		3	2017			St. George, Utah (*)	WOMENS	E		3	8.5	4.5	213	520	40.96%		-
38		4	2019			Wichita Falls, Texas (*)	WOMENS	F		1	13	0	258	520	49.62%	CLASS CHAMPION	
39		5	2013			Winnemucca, Nevada (*)	WOMENS	B		11	7	8	313	600	52.17%	CLASS CHAMFION	
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Please note, due to the size and years of stats if you notice an error, let me know so I can update our records as we want all records to be accurate.

You will also find every person inducted into the *NHPA Hall of Fame, World Champions* and *Class Champions*.

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1475			1989		2	Spearfish, South Dakota	MENS	CHAMPIONSHIP	1	28	4	1426		77.25%		
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1494		19	1999	_		Greenville, Ohio (+)	MENS	A-1	1	15	2	580			CLASS CHAN	
1495		20	1999	20		Greenville, Ohio (+)	MENS	CHAMPIONSHIP	1	19	0	952		83.36%	WORLD CHA	
440		20	2000	20	20	Bismarck, North Dakota (*)	MENS	A-1	1	13.5	1.5	496	600	02.01%	<b>CLASS CHAN</b>	MPION

There are many other records and stats on our web page for your viewing pertaining to the annual World Horseshoe Tournament listed under the link of *World Tournament Stats*. All you need to do is click whatever link you are interested in viewing. There is enough information to keep you busy thru the long

winter months.





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- Elder's Division
- Intermidiate Men's Division
- · Elder's 40 Foot Division

- Junior Boy's Division
- Junior Girl's Division
- Cadet Mixed Division
- Cadet Boys Division
- Cadet Girls Division

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- Women's Division

- Intermediate Men's Division Senior Men's Division
- · Junior Boy's Division
- Junior Girl's Division

On this page are the statistics and records of The World Horseshoe Tournament.

This information is collected and updated by Mel Yockstick. If you have questions about it please email Mel at nhpamel@comcast.net

# Remembering those who made a difference... By Vicki Winston

As I write, we have now observed the Thanksgiving holiday and are on our way to Christmas and the New Year. This will be a shorter article than normal, but I hope you will read it. I want to remind everyone that time is getting away if you are interested in submitting a nomination for someone to be considered for the 2023 Hall of Fame voting. The deadline for it to be in my hands is January 31, 2023. The Official Nomination Form can be found on the Hall of Fame link of the NHPA website. Please follow the instructions on that form for submission. No emailed nominations will be accepted. You must submit a hard copy of that form, (or a facsimile) along with any additional documents you might attach, to my postal mailing



address. If you have any questions, I believe my contact information should be somewhere on the HOF link, or in some other location on the NHPA website. If you are unsure who is on the HOF Ballot at the present time, an up to date list of current nominees can also be found on the Hall of Fame link, as well as the list of people who have already been inducted into the Hall of Fame since its inception. It will be much appreciated if any new nominations reach me well before the deadline, as there are some unfortunate circumstances taking place as I write.

We have just learned that Dave Loucks, a past NHPA President and a member of my committee, passed away on October 21, 2022. Dave and his late wife, Cathie, did much for the NHPA while Dave served a lengthy time as our president. He is very much one of the persons most responsible for us having the lovely Hall of Fame and Court Complex that we now have in Wentzville, Missouri. If you haven't been there yet, you should try to visit someday. People who are seeing it for the first time continue to be amazed at what a wonderful facility it is. They had no idea a place as nice as that was even in existence.

Sadly, I regret to inform you that as I write, my brother, Barry Chapelle, is under hospice care at his earthly home and is expected to move on to his heavenly home in a matter of hours, or maybe a day or two. He has become another victim of pancreatic cancer. He was a long time member of the NHPA Executive Council, a former chairman of both the NHPA Hall of Fame and NHPA Rules Committee and was still serving as a member of the Hall of Fame Committee. The severity of his illness has just happened recently. I am going to miss him immensely both as a brother and as a member of my committee. (Note: after Vicki submitted her article, we received word that her brother Barry Chapelle passed away...our thoughts and prayers also go out to their family).

Due to these recent developments, NHPA President, Gary Roberts, is seeking to fill two vacancies on the Hall of Fame Committee. It might take a bit longer to get the 2023 voting accomplished than it normally

does, because I am going to have to get materials to the newcomers on the committee once the vacancies are filled. They are going to need a bit of time to familiarize themselves with the bios of all of the nominees on our ballot, as well as our Standard Operating Procedures and how we go about doing our jobs. Please be patient with us if it seems like we are taking a bit longer than normal.

As you celebrate Christmas this year, remember the real reason why we celebrate and the greatest gift the world has ever known. That gift was given so that we can also celebrate Easter. Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and many ringers in the New Year.



Vicki

# State Tournament Results are in

By Mel Yockstick, Statman

The 2022 State Championship Tournaments have been finalized. The NHPA website has been updated. See: The link - About US (State Champions 2022 & State Champions by Titles) pages. The State Champions 2022-page list Men with 10 wins or more, Women with 5 wins or more, Elder's, Boy's, Girl's with 3 wins or more and Cadet's with 2 wins or more.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1-Men's-Alan Francis winning his 26<sup>th</sup>. OH, State Championship Title.

2-Women's-Cathy Carter from Iowa for her 26<sup>th</sup> State Championship.

3-Elder's-David Holmes from West Virginia winning his 18<sup>th</sup>. State Championship.

4-Junior Boy's-Derek Reynolds from Arkansas winning his 6<sup>th</sup> State Championship.

5-Junior Girl's-None make the top 3 list this year.

6-Cadet Boy's-Ethan Knighten from Alabama his 3<sup>rd</sup> State Championship.

7-Cadet Girl's-Addison Ashton from Kentucky winning her 3<sup>rd</sup>. State Championship.

A mighty achievement for all winning State Titles.

This year a new page has been added to include the top players with 20+ State Championship titles in all division. The report shows players that have pitched and won in the following State events: Adult (Men & Women), Elder's, Junior (Boy's & Girl's) and Cadet (Boy's & Girl's if any).

State Tournament directors please label the State Championship Classes in the HS Master program as follows:

State Men Championship (CM), State Women Championship (CW), State Elder's Championship (CE), State Junior Boy's Championship (CJB), State Junior Girl's Championship (CJG), State Cadet Boy's Championship (CCB) and State Cadet Girl's Championship (CCG). This would eliminate sending me the state results sheet after the State event. The NHPA eshoes will then show me the State winners list by divisions for which I need to update the State Champion files on the NHPA website.

The State Tournaments are held throughout various months during the year. Thus, the NHPA State Championship final report on the NHPA website will be updated in November of the same year.

Please report back to me on any error that occurred (nhpamel@comcast.net).

Mel





2022 NHPA	State Horsesh	oe Pitching Char	mpions		State
First	Last	State	Value	Avg. %	Wins
Lane	Campbell	Alaska	Men (40ft)	32.31%	7
Krysti	Ferriss	Alaska	Women's	22.86%	4
Dan	Watson	Alabama	Men (40ft)	72.03%	17
Katlin	Light	Alabama	Women's	37.98%	1
Jim	Ellison	Alabama	Men (30ft.)	60.71%	8
Tyler	Harris	Alabama	Junior Boy's	74.29%	4
Ethan	Knighten	Alabama	Cadet Boy's	28.28%	3
Ava	Byram	Alabama	Cadet Girl's	13.28%	1
Brandon	Tenijieth	Arizona	Men (40ft)	73.00%	5
Toddidean	Roberts	Arizona	Women's	44.96%	1
Mike	Massari	Arizona	Men (30ft.)	64.40%	3
Roy	Brockman	Arkansas	Men (40ft.)	46.61%	8
Wendy	Hayes	Arkansas	Women's	54.35%	7
Paul	Davis	Arkansas	Men's (30ft.)	51.25%	2
Derek	Reynolds	Arkansas	Junior Boy's	61.80%	6
Allen	Jackson	California	Men (40ft.)	57.03%	1
Diane	Luiz	California	Women's	47.55%	2
John	Garcia	California	Men's (30ft.)	47.78%	2
Hastiin	Begaye	California	Junior Boy's	71.63%	2
Lily	Strong	California	Junior Girl's	31.96%	1
Adakai	Begaye	California	Cadet Boy's	26.65%	1
Evelyn	Espinola	California	Cadet Girl's	27.92%	1
Joe	Rossi	Colorado	Men (40ft)	40.41%	4
Sheila	Shepard	Colorado	Women's	60.71%	13
Jose	Duran	Colorado	Men (30ft)	63.23%	2
Wyatt	Brickell	Colorado	Junior Boy's	22,78%	1
Codey	Brickell	Colorado	Cadet Boys	25.56%	2
Randy	Smith Jr.	Connecticut	Men (40ft)	49.49%	6
Skyla	Rioux	Connecticut	Women's	72.56%	1
Dennis	Hill	Connecticut	Men (30ft)	55.04%	1
Riley	Malino	Connecticut	Junior Boy's	46.22%	3
Lizy	Jordan	Connecticut	Junior Girl's	5.36%	2
Colton	Phipps	Connecticut	Cadet Boys	6.67%	1
Joseph	Smith	Delaware	Men (40ft)	45.33%	3
Mickey	Lynn	Delaware	Men (30ft)	46.00%	2
Walter Ray	Williams Jr.	Florida	Men (40ft)	66.00%	3

2022 NHPA	State Horsesho	e Pitching Cha	ampions		State
First	Last	State	Value	Avg. %	Wins
Shaleee	Cason	Florida	Women's	71.47%	10
Bob	Gray	Florida	Men (30ft)	75.33%	2
Ray	Mitchell	Georgia	Men (40ft)	45.00%	1
Coni	Hix	Georgia	Women's	55.04%	7
Zane	Goggin	Georgia	Men (30ft)	68.70%	5
Wyatt	Mathews	Georgia	Junior Boy's	16.67%	1
Alexzander	Schmidt	Georgia	Cadet Boys	9.17%	1
	Did Not Report	Hawaii			
Gary	Opper	Idaho	Men (40ft)	56.68%	20
Laurie	Dale	Idaho	Women's	57.08%	2
Austin	Bailey	Illinois	Men (40ft)	67.02%	5
Amanda	Neely	Illinois	Women's	62.15%	3
Paul	Littlefield	Illinois	Men (30ft)	67.31%	1
Kaelen	Furness	Illinois	Junior Boy's	9.38%	1
Elia	Goers	Illinois	Junior Girl's	14.38%	1
Landon	Morgan	Illinois	Cadet's Boy's	29.17%	1
Dennis	Shepherd	Indiana	Men (40ft)	49.17%	1
Julia K.	Charlton	Indiana	Women's	34.23%	3
Herschel	Walkers	Indiana	Men (30ft)	67.17%	6
Tom	Tabat	lowa	Men (40ft)	51.65%	2
Cathy	Carter	lowa	Women's	42.44%	26
Bert	Logsdon	lowa	Men (30ft)	73.08%	6
Cooper	Wiese	lowa	Junior Boy's	8.15%	1
Eila	Scott	lowa	Cadet Girl's	10.87%	1
Tim	Spexarth	Kansas	Men (40ft)	48.19%	7
Susan	Fulton	Kansas	Women's	50.00%	3
Dave	Johnson Sr.	Kansas	Men (30ft)	56.95%	1
Tyler	Ven	Kansas	Junior Boy's	10.83%	1
Danyelle	Russell	Kansas	Junior Girl's	35.00%	2
Bentley	Arbogast	Kansas	Cadet Boy's	15.00%	2
Za'Kiyah	Arbogast	Kansas	Cadet Girl's	3.33%	2
Tyler	Howard	Kentucky	Men (40ft)	72.76%	5
Laurie	Lampkin	Kentucky	Women's	54.00%	6
Tommy	Truesdell	Kentucky	Men (30ft)	64.92%	2
James	Webb	Kentucky	Junior Boy's	6.88%	1
Kacey	Rose	Kentucky	Junior Girl's	6.16%	1

		e Pitching Cham			State
First	Last	State	Value	Avg. %	Wins
Addison	Ashton	Kentucky	Cadet Girl's	9.32%	1
Ricky	Richards	Louisiana	Men (40ft)	44.00%	14
Wanda	Lantz	Louisiana	Women's	46.25%	2
Tim	Gilmore	Louisiana	Men (30ft)	61.00%	9
Brian	Luce	Maine	Men (40ft)	59.25%	1
Vicki	Hannan	Maine	Women's	55.04%	3
Rob	Blood	Maine	Men (30ft)	67.29%	3
Jerry	Dean	Maryland	Men (40ft.)	62.71%	8
Carrie F.	Rhoderick	Maryland	Women's	57.25%	3
Donald	Trageser	Maryland	Men (30ft.)	<b>64.63%</b>	1
David	Bliss	Massachusetts	Men (40ft)	65.69%	2
Theresa	Howe	Massachusetts	Women's	71.88%	8
Ron	Medeiros	Massachusetts	Men (30ft)	36.67%	1
James	Dunlap	Michigan	Men (40ft)	59.55%	4
Helga	Hewlett	Michigan	Women's	55.36%	1
J.D.	Drake	Michigan	Men (30ft)	56.80%	10
Josh	Olson	Minnesota	Men (40ft)	58.93%	2
Janet	Larson	Minnesota	Women's	53.87%	10
Myron	Vanderweyst	Minnesota	Men (30ft)	51.40%	1
Marshal	Swenson	Minnesota	Junior Boy's	32.50%	3
Michael	Bowman	Missouri	Men (40ft)	66.92%	3
Lachelle	Cook	Missouri	Women's	68.39%	7
Ronald	Legrand	Missouri	Men (30ft)	72.22%	3
Leon	Wolken	Missouri	Junior Boy's	62.50%	4
Sadie	Wolken	Missouri	Junior Girl's	37.80%	1
Waylon	Basler	Missouri	Cadet Boy's	26.67%	1
Mel	Long Jr.	Montana	Men (40ft)	39.82%	3
Jolene	Sestrich	Montana	Women's	45.00%	7
Richard	Hansen	Montana	Men (30ft)	41.35%	3
Marcus	Thomsen	Nebraska	Men (40ft)	56.95%	14
Julia	Webster	Nebraska	Women's	39.01%	1
Dennis	Muth	Nebraska	Men (30ft)	27.96%	2
Braxton	Richards	Nebraska	Junior Boy's	23.74%	4
Marley	Thomsen	Nebraska	Junior Girl's	2.14%	1
William	Webster Jr.	Nebraska	Cadet Boy's	2.14%	1
Adaleigh	Richards	Nebraska	Cadet Girl's	7.67%	2

2022 NHPA	State Horsesho	oe Pitching Cham	pions		State
First	Last	State	Value	Avg. %	Wins
Foster	Kenton	Nevada	Men (40ft)	58.33%	14
Carol	Lanfair	Nevada	Women's	45.83%	3
Harold	Holbrook	Nevada	Men (30ft)	47.50%	7
Paxton	Rather	Nevada	Junior Boy's	14.58%	1
Tim	Comeau	New Hampshire	Men (40ft)	57.09%	5
Diane	Mason	New Hampshire	Women's	55.88%	4
Paul	Sarette	New Hampshire	Men (30ft)	50.28%	8
Sam	Marquez	New Jersey	Men (40ft)	43.00%	1
AI	Fenimore	New Jersey	Men (30ft)	52.70%	2
Ken	Jones	New Mexico	Men (40ft)	47.24%	19
Vera	Toledo	New Mexico	Women's	43.00%	1
Rick	Archuleta	New Mexico	Men (30ft)	55.36%	1
Ken	Fraser	New York	Men (40ft)	61.46%	9
Ellen	Perry	New York	Women's	59.93%	6
Jack S.	Stenberg	New York	Men (30ft)	60.42%	5
Terry	Hudson	North Carolina	Men (40ft)	54.05%	1
Rebecca	Eatman	North Carolina	Women's	46.83%	2
Jim	Zimmerman	North Carolina	Men (30ft)	59.34%	4
Grayson	Hicks	North Carolina	Junior Boy's	2.50%	1
Jacquelynn	Howell	North Carolina	Junior Girl's	1.67%	1
Tommy	Baker	North Carolina	Cadet Boy's	3.33%	1
Angel	Baker	North Carolina	Cadet Girl's	4.17%	1
Justin	Sipma	North Dakota	Men (40ft)	50.92%	4
Kammie	Anderson	North Dakota	Women's	49.35%	4
Don	Pederson	North Dakota	Men (30ft)	51.67%	2
Jackson	Johnson Sr.	North Dakota	Junior Boy's	41.03%	2
Alan	Francis	Ohio	Men (40ft)	84.44%	26
Ruth	Rife	Ohio	Women's	61.97%	6
Dave	Plowman	Ohio	Men (30ft)	66.12%	1
Caiden	Hogue	Ohio	Junior Boy's	50.00%	2
Gary	Bearpaw	Oklahoma	Men (40ft)	70.93%	9
Sarah	Hicks	Oklahoma	Women's	43.88%	4
AI	Ross	Oklahoma	Men (30ft)	66.14%	5
Colton	Murray	Oklahoma	Cadet Boy's	7.50%	1
Todd	Liles	Oregon	Men (40ft)	61.92%	8
Tami	Gilbert	Oregon	Women's	52.50%	12

2022 NHP	A State Horsesh	oe Pitching Cham	pions		State
First	Last	State	Value	Avg. %	Wins
Jim	Wear	Oregon	Men (30ft)	45.21%	1
Randy	Zeiders	Pennsylvania	Men (40ft)	68.39%	9
Cindy	Hoffman	Pennsylvania	Women's	64.63%	15
Dave	Young	Pennsylvania	Men (30ft)	70.99%	5
Owen	Barbour	Pennsylvania	Junior Boy's	8.67%	2
Joseph	Benevides	Rhode Island	Men (40ft)	49.48%	3
Jill	Molineaux	Rhode Island	Women's	66.90%	7
Peter	Ladd	Rhode Island	Men (30ft)	45.10%	3
Jordan	Nixon	Rhode Island	Junior Boy's	14.10%	1
Mike	Hardie	South Carolina	Men (40ft)	33.72%	1
Jane	Jordan	South Carolina	Women's	28.00%	8
Roger	Lemire	South Carolina	Men (30ft)	57.03%	3
Jim	Wike	South Dakota	Men (40ft)	39.20%	1
Масеу	Chambers	South Dakota	Women's	34.44%	2
Vine	Marks	South Dakota	Men (30ft)	40.71%	2
Chace	Humphrey	South Dakota	Junior Boy's	32.00%	3
David	Kell	Tennessee	Men (40ft)	45.16%	3
Maxine	Griffith	Tennessee	Women's	78.57%	10
James	Cooper	Tennessee	Men (30ft)	67.59%	6
Garrett	Kinsey	Tennessee	Cadet Boy's	31.48%	1
Ed	Posey	Texas	Men (40ft)	58.20%	3
Doris	Hieden	Texas	Women's	80.09%	8
Tom	Routh	Texas	Men (30ft)	66.56%	1
Isaace	Nelson	Texas	Junior Boy's	58.13%	2
Preston	Beusch	Texas	Cadet Boy's	36.25%	2
Steven	Gibson	Utah	Men's (40ft)	69.57%	2
Anita	Sorensen	Utah	Women's	53.57%	1
Benj	Rains	Utah	Men (30ft)	77.50%	4
Jaren	Reynolds	Utah	Junior Boy's	6.00%	1
Kayla	Julander	Utah	Junior Girl's	30.00%	2
Bryant	Seegmiller	Utah	Cadet Boy's	11.67%	1
Jaelynn	Reynolds	Utah	Cadet Girl's	4.17%	1
Gale	Greene	Vermont	Men's (40ft)	61.76%	10
Brianna	McCormick	Vermont	Women's	52.84%	1
Neil	Kennedy	Vermont	Men (30ft)	31.25%	7
Dakota	Santor	Vermont	Junior Boy's	20.51%	4

2022 NHP	A State Horsesho	oe Pitching Chan	npions		State
First	Last	State	Value	Avg. %	Wins
Karsen	Yerry	Vermont	Cadet Boy's	16.11%	2
Ella	Roscoe	Vermont	Cadet Girl's	6.11%	2
Jimmy	Campbell	Virginia	Men's (40ft)	60.89%	1
Kelly	Barb	Virginia	Women's	51.50%	1
Elia	Sullivan	Virginia	Men (30ft)	72.50%	1
Matt	Fuller	Washington	Men's (40ft)	71.10%	11
Cindy	Clausen	Washington	Women's	56.41%	5
Russ	Philips	Washington	Men (30ft)	74.43%	11
Melikai	Orozco	Washington	Junior Boy's	4.25%	1
Allen	Withrow	West Virginia	Men's (40ft)	41.06%	7
Tamara	Burke	West Virginia	Women's	61.43%	17
David	Holmes	West Virginia	Men (30ft)	84.03%	18
John	Nawrot	Wisconsin	Men (40ft)	66.46%	2
Penny	Steinke	Wisconsin	Women's	77.14%	4
Jim	Bilderback	Wisconsin	Men (30ft)	70.69%	5
Bradley	Benzing	Wisconsin	Junior Boy's	32.67%	2
Lillyan	Kildahl	Wisconsin	Junior Girl's	33.65%	1
Conner	Kildahl	Wisconsin	Cadet Boy's	17.11%	2
Jazmyn	Kildahl	Wisconsin	Cadet Girl's	5.56%	1
Chris	Nannemann	Wyoming	Men's 40ft	50.45%	4
Tracie	Binkerd	Wyoming	Women's	49.40%	2
Craig	Smith Jr.	Wyoming	Men's 30ft	46.28%	2

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### Womens Top 100 Stats 5 Dec 2022

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	280216	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	Women	86.80	10
2	330030	Maxine	Griffith	TN	Women	84.84	22
3	330031	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	83.14	22
4	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	80.43	10
5	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	79.35	13
6	480180	Theresa	Howe	MA	Women	78.62	15
7	330173	Joan	Elmore	TN	Women	78.59	14
8	220130	Doris	Hieden	ТΧ	Women	78.57	14
9	664710	Sylvianne	Moisan	QC	Women	75.63	3
10	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	74.41	24
11	800439	Pam	Meyer	MO	Women	73.05	14
12	190217	Lachelle	Cook	MO	Women	71.38	4
13	280268	Aleena	Lepak	WI	Women	70.66	7
14	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	70.40	11
15	440520	Karen	Graham	NY	Women	69.17	29

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	<b>Ringer Percent</b>	<b>Events Played</b>
1	360940	Alan	Francis	ОН	Men	88.04	10
2	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	76.68	12
3	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	75.60	9
4	657381	Drew	Becker	ON	Men	75.44	3
5	390143	Randy	Zeiders	PA	Men	75.00	11
6	320063	Ben	Webb	KY	Men	73.00	15
7	10058	Matt	Fuller	WA	Men	72.99	10
8	100290	Brandon	Tenijieth	AZ	Men	71.77	5
9	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	71.47	9
10	190693	Michael	Bowman	MO	Men	71.18	12
11	350369	Walter Ray	Williams Jr	FL	Men	70.48	31
12	200023	Gary	Bearpaw	OK	Men	69.91	3
13	480132	Rick	Howe	MA	Men	69.49	27
14	460059	Gale	Greene	VT	Men	68.92	15
15	480259	Raymond	Bedard	MA	Men	68.83	21

# Mens Top 100 Stats 5 Dec 2022

# Elders Top 100 Stats<sub>5 Dec 2022</sub>

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	<b>Ringer Percent</b>	<b>Events Played</b>
1	370121	David	Holmes	WV	Elders	82.61	15
2	10135	Russ	Phillips	WA	Elders	79.83	21
3	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elders	75.85	17
4	220577	Danny	Patterson	ТΧ	Elders	75.42	19
5	240222	Bert	Logsdon	IA	Elders	73.23	16
6	340080	Zane	Goggin	GA	Elders	73.08	7
7	290240	Steve	Denault	IL	Elders	72.78	21
8	360106	Rich	Knerem Sr.	ОН	Elders	72.55	21
9	220870	Tom	Routh	ТΧ	Elders	72.43	21
10	280236	Jim	Bilderback	WI	Elders	71.76	24
11	190103	Ronald	Legrand	МО	Elders	71.52	15
12	191082	Edward	Griffith	МО	Elders	70.83	11
13	95094	Benj	Rains	UT	Elders	70.38	20
14	480354	David	Bliss	MA	Exempt	69.89	7
15	390280	David	Young	PA	Elders	69.86	7

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	<b>Ringer Percent</b>	<b>Events Played</b>		
1	490491	Lizy	Jordan	СТ	Girls	54.90	13		
2	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Girls	37.37	16		
3	340280	Lily	Strong	CA	Girls	36.13	10		
4	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Girls	35.93	8		
5	280115	Lillyan	Kildahl	WI	Girls	32.10	4		
6	95085	Kayla	Julander	UT	Girls	29.50	18		
7	31233	Kaidence	Begaye	CA	Girls	29.34	2		
8	130865	Cherie	Harges	IN	Girls	28.69	6		
9	220456	Ashlyn	Luster	ТΧ	Girls	27.79	5		
10	150396	Uria	Gabel	ND	Girls	27.34	5		
11	190110	Eli	Delacruz	MO	Girls	23.69	7		
12	802438	Addyson	Gregg	PA	Girls	23.09	3		
13	803569	Aislinn Raye	Klapik	СТ	Girls	15.45	1		
14	95096	Adilaide	Ohms	UT	Girls	14.84	11		
15	802674	Madeline	Workman	NV	Girls	14.16	4		

# Girls Top 25 Stats 5 Dec 2022

# Boys Top 50 Stats 6 Dec 2022

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	<b>Ringer Percent</b>	<b>Events Played</b>
1	210074	Derek	Reynolds	AR	Boys	78.71	8
2	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Boys	71.83	5
3	200245	Walker	Forrester	OK	Boys	70.00	3
4	260172	Tyler	Harris	AL	Boys	65.24	12
5	360274	Zander	Potts	ОН	Boys	62.78	4
6	220641	Isaac	Nelson Jr.	ТΧ	Boys	59.18	17
7	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Boys	58.46	14
8	191622	Brady	Fox	MO	Boys	57.04	7
9	360365	Caiden	Hogue	ОН	Boys	50.45	6
10	190045	Memo	Ramirez	MO	Boys	48.41	22
11	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Boys	42.66	11
12	150403	Jackson	Johnson	ND	Boys	41.11	7
13	802055	Todd	Stabler lii	NE	Boys	41.03	13
14	800579	Cole	Harland	UT	Boys	40.37	2
15	220912	Stone	Trevino	ТΧ	Boys	39.29	3

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	<b>Events Played</b>	
1	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Cadet Boys	72.54	21	
2	802657	Tom	Grose	NV	Cadet Boys	56.83	15	
3	801315	Evan	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	46.86	11	
4	803261	Jayden	Fri	MI	Cadet Boys	40.08	1	
5	220815	Preston	Beusch	ТΧ	Cadet Boys	35.15	7	
6	802041	Garrett	Kinsey	ΤN	Cadet Boys	33.46	9	
7	31223	Adakai	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	31.94	5	
8	231968	Tristan	Dehkes	MN	Cadet Boys	31.41	5	
9	800879	Landon	Morgan	IL	Cadet Boys	29.72	15	
10	800315	Ethan	Knighten	AL	Cadet Boys	29.14	12	
11	802970	Alexzander	Schmidt	GA	Cadet Boys	28.98	8	
12	31141	Evelyn	Espinola	CA	Cadet Girls	28.64	2	
13	800314	Crystal	Knighten	AL	Cadet Girls	27.83	12	
14	801361	Cody	Brickell	CO	Cadet Boys	26.42	4	
15	370009	Max	Martin	WV	Cadet Boys	22.73	2	

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