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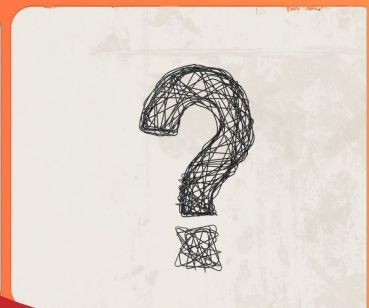
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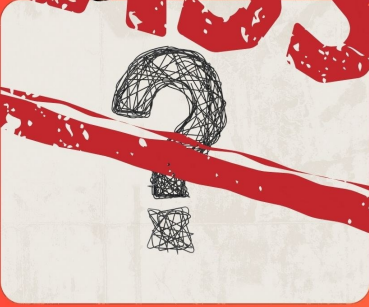


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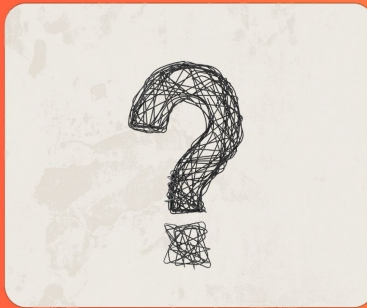
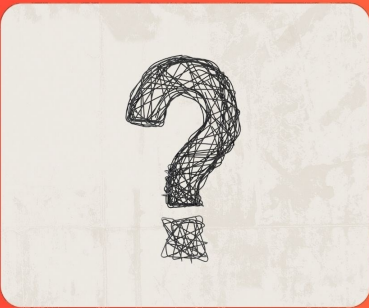
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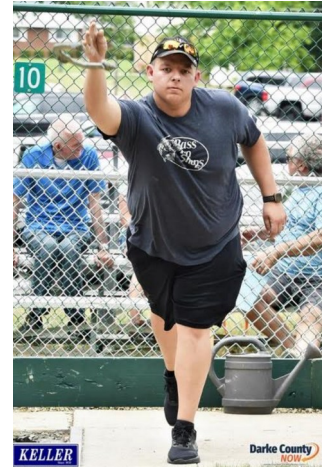
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Rebranding the NHPA

Ben Webb, NHPA President

Website Redesign

We extensively analyzed our current website and determined that the best option would be a total overhaul of the site. I'm very happy to announce we've partnered with Technogoober to oversee the redesign and development of both a new NHPA website and new NHPF website. Our goal is to bring both sites into the modern age of technology, provide a marketable platform to give information to our membership in an exciting way and preserve the accessibility of our history online. Frank and his team at Technogoober are very excited to begin working on the projects and estimate completion somewhere around early September. We'll continue to use the domain for the NHPA website but there may be a lapse in access during the final stages of this redevelopment. Please bear with us as we make these changes to progress the site. If the site is going to be down for any extensive period of time, we'll let everyone know via eBlast and through our Facebook group ahead of time and provide a workaround to access eShoe.



World Doubles Entries Open July 7th!

We're very excited and proud to announce that entries open on Monday, July 7th for the inaugural World Horseshoe Pitching Doubles Championships this fall in Wentzville! We've received a ton of questions on the format and upcoming event and have been busy weighing all of the possible options to ensure everyone has the best experience at this historic event. Here's what I can tell you:

- Standing Doubles, no walking doubles
- All entrants will have two days of play at the event
- No percentage caps or division restrictions on teams
- Entrants must have 2 sanctioned events within the past year
- \$180 entry fee per team including scorekeeping

Look for an official announcement to come out via eBlast and on Facebook this coming Monday for more information on the format and to access the entry fee to get your team entered in the event. Our council and the QRHC in Wentzville are excited to be putting on this inaugural event and hope that you'll join us this fall as we crown the first ever double champions at our Hall of Fame facility!

Rebranding – The next NHPA evolution

A very common theme we hear is that we need to bring in more sponsorship and increase our promotional efforts. We've spent the past 11 months increasing our promotional efforts with new membership incentives, waved youth fees for 2025, increased social media and constant contact presences, along with a slew of other efforts we've been rolling out. We've also been fortunate to raise over \$20,000 in sponsorship funding for the World Tournament this year in Sandy, Utah, we're very grateful for our sponsors this year!

However, I believe we've only begun to see the tip of the iceberg of possibilities for the NHPA. I spent much of the past year foundationally restructuring the way the NHPA operates from a core level. The NHPA council and committees now operate in tandem, transparently working together and building a culture of positive discontent as we strive to improve our association and regrow our membership. We're getting the right people in the right places, and giving them the tools to execute their roles successfully. As we enter another phase of this progress we'll only continue to increase these efforts.

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Ben Webb, NHPA President (continued)

Beginning at the WT in Sandy, we'll be hosting a league directors meeting, a charter officers meeting, a regional directors meeting, along with our annual delegate meeting. Each quarter following this year's world tournament we'll begin to utilize Teams more effectively to communicate and assist our charters with their efforts. We'll host the league directors, charter officers, RD's, and even intend to host a quarterly meeting via teams to ensure we're communicating effectively and giving our charters and local clubs their best opportunities to grow. We'll also be establishing a few new programs in which we can kick back direct support to the charter from the NHPA through promotional materials.

Part of the "crutch" we have in our current state is our branding. A logo is everything to an organization, so is our website, our newsletter, etc. Essentially anything we distribute gives the message of the NHPA. That's why this July at our convention we'll be making several announcements regarding a rebrand for our association. We have new logo models on the table, a rebranding of the newsletter, the website remodel, an overhaul for our tournament and event patches, and much more to roll out! Our branding is the fabric that makes our organization marketable. The more marketable we can be, the easier promotional efforts will come and the better chance we have of obtaining sponsors and attracting new eyes to our sport that may lead to publicity opportunities in the future. Once we roll out these changes we'll likely send out another membership survey to gauge all of our members' thoughts on these fresh changes!

Membership Surveys

One issue I identified early last year was the lack of documentation available to new council members, this made bringing in a new council or committee member extremely difficult to get up to speed. I looked into our Microsoft subscription and was able to find an upgrade to the subscription we had typically used that allowed us to utilize SharePoint for less than we had been paying initially. To give credit where credit is due, during a late night Facebook message discussion with Seth Ohms, we were discussing the possibility of membership voting. This led to the idea of membership surveys, where Seth would suggest Microsoft forms. I would go on to do a little research and as it would turn out, it proved to be a great tool right under our nose and for exactly what we needed!

We gather in a room once a year at the annual convention and the delegates represented their constituents. Outside of Facebook forums, we rarely get opinions from our general membership outside of this convention. It is my desire, and the desire of our council, to get honest feedback from our membership. These surveys give us an excellent opportunity for this! This method allows members to remain private if desired and provide their honest views to the NHPA. From the results of these surveys we'll make certain decisions on how to proceed, the general consensus also tells us if the membership feels we're headed in a good direction or not. Watch your email for an eBlast within the next week with the results of the first survey. We intend to do surveys at least quarterly but may do them more frequently if we continue to receive large amounts of responses as we did on the first one. The very first survey brought in over 600 unique responses, roughly 10% of our overall adult membership, this is a great response rate for the first survey we ran!

Competition Drives us to Greater Accomplishments

Ken Heinritz, NHPA Chaplain

This past week I was in Atlanta, Georgia for the National Welding Competition. I had two of my students with me; the Gold Medalist in College & the Gold Medalist from High School (both students of mine from Wisconsin). They had to go against every State's Gold Medalist in their respective divisions. The young man in High School kept repeating the phrase 'If you are not first, you're last'. This got me thinking about the benefits of competition ... even if you don't take first place.



So, I'd like to share a few thoughts about this topic of COMPETITION through the lens of a Christian. Sometimes I think people have the mentality that we should be Christ-like on Sunday's, but during the rest of the week, it's a 'dog eat dog' world, so we do whatever it takes to get to the top.

Can we glorify God in competition? Does a relationship with Jesus change the way we compete? Since the World Tournament is upon us, perhaps this may give us a slightly different viewpoint as we play.

Competition has a way of spurring us on to achieving greater accomplishments. Philippians 3:14 says "I press toward the goal for the prize ..." It encourages excellence. It motivates us to reach new personal heights. It motivates us to do better than we once were. It motivates us to put forth greater effort that can result in better outcomes. The apostle Paul exhorts us to run our spiritual race with the aim of winning. I Corinthians 9:24 says "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it."

Competition also pushes each other to test our strengths and give our best. It may result in more focused pitching, greater stamina or new ideas/techniques that will improve our game. We reap the benefits of healthy competition.

Christians can and must compete. We can strive to be the best at what we do. Micah 6:8 says "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". We should demonstrate grace in victory. There is no need to humiliate your opponent by lifting yourself up at that time.

When our hearts are set on Christ as our ultimate prize, even when we do not win, we can experience the same joy and delight as the person who has won.

We need to enjoy our time in competition, no matter who comes out on top.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24



It's not just important to do your best...be your best!

Welcome to the 2025 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships!

By Brian Poole, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

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 event, the World's largest sanctioned horseshoe tournament! www.horseshoepitching.com



PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

Most class play will be fifteen (15) **40 shoe** games. Some classes may play less games due to entries or facility limitations. Tie games in any class will remain as a tie that will be recorded as ½ win and ½ loss. Win-Loss records shall determine the final class standings. A tie for 1st place will be decided by a **40-shoe** playoff game. If a playoff game is tied at the end of 40 shoes, pitchers will pitch down and back until the tie is broken. All other position ties will be decided by the tournament's ringer percentage. Cash prizes will be paid 1st thru 4th, 5th, or 6th positions, depending on the class size. Adult players advancing to their respective Division Championship will be required to pay an additional \$50 for the Championship Finals fee. All championship play shall be **40-point** games for Adults and Juniors. Cadet Championship play will be **30 points**. The tournament committee reserves the right to change any class size and or format as needed. All competitions will be played indoors at the Mountain America Expo Center. You are encouraged to arrive early and familiarize yourself with the facilities, the area, and the tournament layout.

CHECKING IN

There will be signs posted to direct you to check-in. Please plan to arrive at least 1 hour before your scheduled start time on your first day of play for class photos and pre-tournament announcements. This is **mandatory** and you must be present for photos and announcements. You **must** be wearing a shirt with a minimum of your last name and state, or province professionally lettered in one inch (1") or larger letters **on the back**. No sleeveless shirts, No cut-off pants, and No open toed shoes are allowed during competition. Sponsorship on shirts is acceptable as long as it does not interfere with the name or state/province on the back of the shirt.

DURING PLAY

No alcohol, tobacco, or e-cigarettes of any kind shall be permitted within the confines of the courts at any time. Cell phones must be in silent mode and can be used for videoing your game. NHPA takes no responsibility if your phone is damaged during competition. All pitchers are required to turn and, water if needed, one end of the court they are scheduled to pitch on. Paint is provided to paint the stake, use sparingly! At the beginning of each game, when both players are ready, they may pitch four (4) warm-up shoes each. Then flip a shoe and start your game. Foul lines will be monitored by judges, and they have the authority to remove any shoe pitched in which they observed a foul line violation. The 30 second time limit allocated for each pitcher to deliver both shoes will also be enforced. Be courteous to your opponent and those playing on courts next to you. Stand at least two (2) feet behind and on the opposite side of the platform when your opponent is pitching. Also behind pitchers on adjacent courts. Players should have measurement tools that meet NHPA specifications with them to help in determining the score. A judge can be called by either pitcher if they cannot determine the score or disagree. Judges will be on duty at all times to aid players with scoring or rule decisions. Once a judge is called, their call is **final**. Scorekeepers will be keeping 2 courts at a time. It is your responsibility as a player to monitor the score at all times and to notify the scorekeeper immediately if there is an error. As soon as either player pitches a new inning, you have accepted the score as correct to that point in the game. **Do Not** pick up or move any shoes until both players agree on the score. If a game ends (40 shoes) at the wrong end of the court, and the scorekeeper was not notified of an error, that game will end as recorded. If for some reason you must drop out prior to the event, please notify the Tournament Director at (208) 201-3326, or Shift Director or Stat Room. You cannot expect a refund, but it is important in order to make the necessary schedule adjustments and arrange for pacers, if needed.

AFTER COMPETITION

Check the results daily at the end of your games! If you believe there is an error, please notify the Stat Room or Tournament Director immediately. Result errors must be reported within 15 minutes after results are posted by the Stat room on the bulletin board. All claims will be evaluated, and the decision of the Tournament Director will be final.

Make plans to attend the 59th Hall of Fame Banquet on July 27, 2025. Tickets are \$40 each and will be available online or at the Stat room. The banquet will be held at the Ladu Dance Studio, 57 W 10600 S, Sandy UT. This is your chance to meet some of horseshoe pitching's greatest players and promoters of all time.

Brian Poole, Tournament Director
(208) 201-3326
www.horseshoepitching.com



National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Sponsorship Opportunities



\$75 – (circle one)

Website Sponsorship – Clickable Logo on the “partners” page of horseshoepitching.com for 1 year
1/4 Page advertisement in 1 edition of the NHPA Newsline

\$125 – (circle one)

Placement on the “World Tournament Sponsored by” banner
1/2 Page advertisement in 1 edition of the NHPA Newsline
1 – “court sponsored by” sign behind 1 pit at the World Tournament

\$150 – (circle one)

Website Sponsorship – Clickable Logo on the home page of horseshoepitching.com for 1 year

\$175 – (circle one)

World Tournament preliminary class trophy sponsorship – 1 class Full page advertisement in 1 edition of the Newsline
“Yard” style sign outside of the venue entrance displaying company information

\$300 – (circle one)

World Tournament championship class trophy sponsorship – 1 class
3’x5’ banner, hung alongside tarps of pitching area displaying company information (hung inside the pitching area)
Standing banner in the corridor of the event stadium

\$500 – (circle one)

2 - 3’x5’ banner, hung alongside tarps of pitching area displaying company information and/or logo’s

\$750 – (circle one)

2 - 3’x5’ banner, hung alongside fence of pitching area displaying company information

Company Information:

Sponsor Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Information for purchased advertisement:

Company Name: _____ Location: _____

Additional Wording (Banners):

Sponsor Signature: _____ NHPA Representative Signature: _____

If paid advertisement please remit payment to NHPA Representative or mailed to NHPA Secretary/Treasurer within 10 business days of signing of this agreement, checks should be made payable to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Effective Date: _____



National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Sponsorship Packages



\$750, Silver Sponsor

Clickable Logo on the home page of
horseshoepitching.com for 1-year

2 – “court sponsored by” signs behind 2 pits at the
World Tournament

Full page advertisement in 2 editions of the Newsline

1/2 – page advertisement in the World Tournament
program book

\$1,500, Championship Sponsor –

Clickable Logo on the home page of
horseshoepitching.com for 1 year

4 – “court sponsored by” signs hung behind 2 full
courts at the World Tournament

Recognition of sponsorship on 1 full set of
championship class trophies

Full page advertisement in 3 editions of the
Newsline

Full page advertisement in the World Tournament
program book

2 – 3x5 banner, hung alongside the fencing of the
pitching area for the duration of the World
Tournament

\$1,250, Gold Sponsor

Clickable Logo on the home page of
horseshoepitching.com for 1 year

2 – “court sponsored by” signs behind 2 pits at the
World Tournament

1 – 3x5 banner, hung alongside the inside tarps of
the pitching area for the duration of the event

Full page advertisement in 3 editions of the Newsline

Full page advertisement in the World Tournament
program book

Become a Title sponsor of the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament!

Only 4 of this type sold per year

Clickable Logo on the home page of horseshoepitching.com for 1 year

4 – “court sponsored by” signs hung behind 2 full courts at the World Tournament

Recognition of sponsorship on 1 full set of championship class trophies

Full page advertisement in 3 editions of the Newsline

Full page advertisement in the World Tournament program book

4 – 3x5 banners, hung throughout the venue for the duration of the World Tournament

Recognition as a Title Sponsor in press release and opening ceremonies

\$2,500

Attach additional sponsorship form for Sponsorship Package purchases

We are always seeking new NHPA sponsors

Austin Bailey, NHPA 1st Vice President

I hope everyone has had a great summer so far. Here in Illinois, we have had a brutal stretch of heat but we have still been able to get our tournaments in, for the most part.

I hope everyone that is going to the World Tournament has safe travels. I am looking forward to going to Salt Lake City and seeing my friends that I only get to see at the World Tournament.

I am currently working on getting us more sponsorship money with the committee we have put together so far. We have done a nice job, but we always want to have more for our organization. I have a couple of national chains that I am working on trying to get to be a corporate sponsor for us. The other members of the committee have been doing a great job as well. It will be nice to see some of these banners up at the world tournament with the sponsors on them. I hope that this will be the start of a good trend for the NHPA going forward. If you have any interest in the sponsorship committee or even if you would like to throw out some ideas to me at the World Tournament, that would be the time to do so.

I would like to remind everyone to please make sure to attend the delegate meeting for your charter if you have the ability to, and to attend the Hall of Fame banquet. It is always a nice time. Getting to see people get inducted and receive awards is always a great thing.

I want to wish everyone attending the World Tournament good luck in your class and just remember to have fun. If you are attending for the first time, please try and enjoy the experience. I have always said once you attend a World Tournament you get hooked and want to go every year.

See you at the World – Austin Bailey



Thank you!

To our

SPONSORS

Bid has been re-opened for 2028

Dalton Rakestraw 2nd Vice President

Here we are folks! Less than one month away until the World Tournament! The committees, directors, and council have all been working hard to come together to create a memorable experience for you all! We are all dedicated to the cause! I am excited to partner with everyone and see the World Tournament unfold. I, for one, am ready for everything to come together nicely. Take advantage of the judging clinics, scoring clinics, meetings, jukskei, pitching, and fun that are all coming next month. Mountain American Expo Center will be an excellent host and we are looking forward to showcasing this event for you all.



This year all members of committees, directors, and council member will have badges. This will create community among our members to ask questions to those who are on committees and bring them forward. By doing this, I am hoping that some conversations arise and break out about new unused methods of marketing, social media outlets, and other means to help this sport continue to grow. I love the idea of opening conversation to anyone and not just the council members. So look for people with badges and if they are members of the committees or directors you are looking for—strike up a conversation.

The planning phases of the 2025 World Tournament are nearing a close. I had only nine months to pick up the torch and introduce myself to Caryn and Sports Salt Lake and start the planning phase. It has been a fun ride and something that I am definitely enjoying. If you'd like to see other planning ideas or more information regarding topics of World Tournament Coordinating ideas please email me at drakestraw@horseshoepitching.com I am here to make sure that your experience is a success and anything that I am able to assist with, I would be more than happy to help.

The Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards Ceremony will take place at Ladu Dance Studio/Event Center in Sandy on July 27th! This is a time for everyone to come together and enjoy the friendships made in a friendly atmosphere while also supporting those who are being inducted into our prestigious Hall of Fame. Chairman Stan Griggs will be out this year and Co-Chair Amy Francis will be stepping in to make the induction night run with excellence. Tickets can be purchased at the world tournament or online. Includes a meal and entertainment for \$40 Come one out and show your support and enjoy a night of hospitality and fun. The menu will be as follows:

Appetizers

- Southern Style Assorted Dips

Main Meal

- Smoked Bourbon BBQ Brisket, Country Roasted Chicken & Smoked Pulled Pork - Mac & Cheese, Corn on Cob
- House Salad w/Dressing
- Assorted BBQ Sauces
- Rolls w/Butters

Desserts Station

- Chocolate Fountain with Traditional Dipping Items
- Assorted Desserts
- Ice Cream (with assorted toppings)

Soft drinks, water, and lemonade will only be served.

No alcohol, beer, or wine on premises as there is no license for the studio per Utah State Law. Social Hour will be soft drinks only.

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Dalton Rakestraw 2nd Vice President (Continued)

If you are looking for hotel rates cheaper than what you are paying, check out the link supplied by Sports Salt Lake and their event housing company. This is a new trend happening within sports communities across the world. Online reservations only. Please take a moment to check it out and if you feel so encouraged please make the reservations using the link provided here:

<https://app.eventconnect.io/events/36778/hotels?nav=hidden>

Here is their message:

Sports Salt Lake has integrated the industry's leading tournament management system, EventConnect. This technology manages many things, including overnight accommodations for participants. Our pre-negotiated tournament hotels will ensure that all participants receive our best group rates, amenities, cancellation protection, and service. We highly encourage all hotel activities to take place on this secure network, which will provide the best experience possible. For guests booking personal reservations looking for assistance in regards to a reservation, please get in touch with our Customer Success team at 1-888-723-2064 or by email at support@eventconnect.io

I want to announce that the 2028 World Tournament is now being bid out. Sports Salt Lake and the NHPA reached a mutual agreement to dissolve the 2028 World Tournament Contract. Sports Salt Lake has some expansion and the Olympics to look to that we both want to make sure that the experience is great! We agreed that if Sports Salt Lake would like to host again for 2031, if a bid is received they will be first to be chosen.

Here are some words from Chief Sports Officer of Sports Salt Lake, Clay Partain:

Following further discussions, Sports Salt Lake and NHPA have mutually agreed to postpone hosting in Salt Lake again in 2028, and will revisit for 2031. This decision was made after careful consideration of various factors and does not diminish our enthusiasm or commitment to successfully hosting the 2025 event. The Salt Lake team is energized and fully dedicated to delivering an exceptional event this year.

The Regional Tournaments are starting to come to fruition along with our World Championship Tournament I am soliciting bidders and host cities for these events. The response has been great and we even have three bidders thus far! Stay tuned for more information and details regarding these events. These are going to be a great new addition for our members!

Check out the new membership raffle/awards prize that is taking place. Questions can be directed to Lucy Strong, Director. We want to make it a great showing for this year. Also, Michelle Foard, Director, will also have information regarding such events elsewhere in her article. I can announce that both committees are meeting together as one "Marketing Team." I am excited to see the new direction this takes us. We are taking baby steps and looking forward to more success to come.

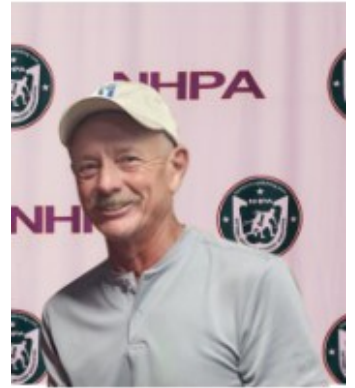
That is about all I have for this issue before the World Tournament! I am looking forward to a successful event with all of you! This sport is a great sport! Why? It's because of you! The members and the friendships that I have made make this everything to me. Looking forward to greeting old friends and meeting new ones! Until July... see you all in Sandy! Wishing everyone the safest travels and we'll see you all! The countdown begins!

World Tournament Set-up

Jerry LaBrosse, 3rd Vice President

Well, I hope everyone is getting as excited as I am for the World Tournament in Sandy Utah. We have been working hard to make sure it will be a great experience for everybody. In this article I would like to describe some of the elements of setting up this event.

This year, I am resuming the role I had a few years back of coordinating the court set up of this event. We have an experienced group of volunteers to make sure it all gets done right. Roger Vogel, Pep Plummer, Clarence Lassiter, and Jim Kinney have all been involved with setting up this event in prior years, and I thank them all for donating their time and expertise to provide the best possible pitching conditions for our premier event.



The set up will officially begin the morning of Wed, July 16. There will be some activity in the loading area on Tuesday afternoon, but no bulk help will be needed. Wednesday morning, the trailer will be unloaded and organized, and the assembly process begins. The boxes need to be inspected and repaired if needed and then assembled. Then the boxes get filled with clay. While all of this is happening, inside the arena the court locations are laid out, and rubber mats positioned properly and taped to the floor. Once this is done the boxes are set into position. The fencing frames are then assembled after the boxes are placed. After that the tarps are carefully placed over the fencing and zip tied into place. Josh Olson will be coordinating the set-up of the scoring stations. This process has been used and modified and adapted to many different venues. Most of the time things go as planned, but sometimes hiccups occur that we have to deal with on the spot. Everybody knows that our equipment takes a lot of heavy abuse. Much of it is aging although we try to add new stuff to replace the beat-up stuff. We plan to do a clear assessment of all of our equipment this year in Sandy. After this assessment, a plan will be made to upgrade the rubber walkways and anything else at next year's event in Wausau. I would also remind everybody that the boxes will tend to move a little from time to time. This happens for several reasons, one of the biggest being the weight of the clay. The boxes will be adjusted between shifts when needed. Don't get mad if the boxes aren't perfect because we do the best we can with what we have.

If you are interested in learning more about the details of setting up this event, you need to contact me. If you would just like to show up and be a part of the process and are physically able to carry a piece of fence or drape some tarps, then plan to be around Wednesday morning. We will also need help Thursday. Hopefully the bulk of everything will be done and Friday will be a day fine-tuning the whole set up and getting people out there to work the clay by pitching. Friday would be a good day for you to get in some practice and get comfortable with the facility.

I'd like to say a few words about the clay situation, which is looking great thanks to Steve Ellis and the Bodily family in the Northern Utah charter. All the clay has been stored in barrels in manageable chunks between plastic to keep it moist and basically ready to play on. There are 52 barrels, but we may need a little more. We will not have to mix very much raw clay. I believe this clay storage method will prove to be incorporated into our future plans.

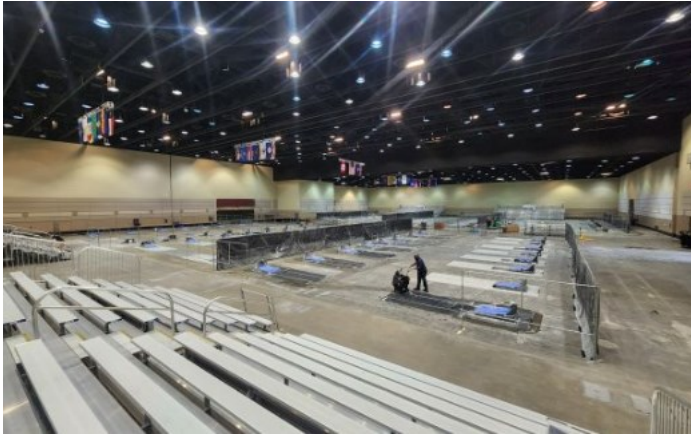
The Salt Lake City area is surrounded by beautiful mountains and there's going to be lots to do there and quite possibly some surprises. I saw on Facebook a post by Roger Vogel about the early settler's celebration they do. It's a really big deal out there and it's happening right in the middle of our event. There's lots of golf courses in the area and we try to get a group of officers and others to go out. Reach out to me or Josh Olson if you're interested in doing some golf. That will likely happen before the tournament begins, but you never know.

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Jerry LaBrosse, 3rd Vice President (Continued)

I encourage you to reach out and introduce yourself to the officers of our association while you're in Sandy. This is the only chance many of you will get to meet the people who are working on your behalf. It's much better to communicate with somebody face-to-face than it is to fire off an email or a phone call, wouldn't you agree. I think I speak for all the officers when I say, I love to meet as many new members as I can and hear their story and sometimes create great friendships.

Anyhow, I wish all of you world pitchers safe travels.



Lansing, Michigan



Montgomery, Alabama



St. George, Utah



Tri-Cities, Washington



Wichita Falls, Texas

Come Pitch With Us

We look forward to seeing you in Sandy, Utah

Barb Carson, 4th Vice President

Hello everyone and happy summer 2025.

I don't know about you, but does it seem like the time is flying by. I can't believe that July is here already. Where is the time going? Here we are in July and it's almost time for the World Tournament in 21 days.

It has been a very busy spring for me. All charters have their tournament patches and some of you have even asked for more because you have added more tournaments. That is a good problem to have and I am glad to hear this. I am also glad to hear that we are gaining new members. I do have plenty of patches left over, so please do not hesitate to request additional patches if you are going to need more.

The League season is also in full swing. So exciting to see new pitchers pitching in Leagues also. All spring league results that I have received have been entered in the Top 10 system for 2025 as well as all results have been reported and entered in eshoe.

The Top 10 award plaques are with the printer and should be completed soon. I do have one request of you. Please do not take a picture of your results sheet and text it to me. A lot of them are very light or blurred and it's hard to read. I would like to ask all of you to please email them to me at Bcarson848@gmail.com. Thank you for all of your help and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Ben and I are planning and working out the details to be able to have a quarterly meeting with League Directors, RD's and charter officers. We are planning on having our first meeting at the World Tournament. As soon as those details are finalized, we will let everyone know. Details to follow soon.

Once again in 2025, I will be asking for volunteers to help me with player check in at the World Tournament. Check-in occurs on the Monday and Thursday of the 1st week, Times for check in are based on the pitching schedule and the number of entries. Please let me know if you would be willing to volunteer. It usually takes about 30 minutes out of your day to get everyone checked in. Please also let me know if you are interested in being a Shift Director,

I hope all of you that are going to Sandy, UT will attend the banquet on Sunday evening. I will be announcing the Regional Director of the Year and the League Director of the Year and presenting their awards to them. Get your tickets on-line or you can buy them at the venue. Come and support your fellow RD and League Director.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and all of your help, Thank you for your support. All of you are doing an outstanding job in your positions. I am so lucky to have such wonderful RD's and League Directors,

I am looking forward to seeing and meeting you at World. Please stop by the NHPA Office and say hello to all of us.

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What was your first tournament?

Josh Olson-5th Vice President

How many World Tournaments have you been to?

Can you remember your first World Tournament? Maybe for some of you reading this, 2025's World Tournament in Salt Lake City will be your first, and maybe it will be your 2nd, or maybe your 15th world tournament you have been to. For me, this is my 15th World Tournament. My first was Cedar Rapids Iowa in 2010. As they say, I was hooked ever since. I wasn't even the only one that was hooked. My entire family was hooked from that point on. I am lucky enough to have a great support system behind my back during Horseshoes. From my brother (Cody) to my mom and dad (Sharyl and Paul), my mom and dad are always at the World Tournament to cheer me on and watch a week or more of the best horseshoes every summer.



The World tournament is more than a Horseshoe tournament; it is a giant Family reunion. You get to see old friends, and you even have the chance to meet some and make some new friends as well. You create a horseshoe family that you cherish for years, and you can't wait for the next year to come fast enough.

Are you excited about the World Tournament as much as I am? This year we will be in the middle of quite the celebration in the Sandy/Salt Lake area with the Day's of 47 going on right in the middle of our World Tournament. Thursday July 24th is the big day in Salt Lake. It will be packed with so many things to do when you need something fun to do. From a Parade to a Rodeo/Bull Bash, to fireworks. It will be a Huge Celebration almost like we are celebrating the 4th of July again. The Salt Lake/Sandy area will have many different things to do while you are there for the Tournament, from golf to shopping, restaurants galore. I am really looking forward to getting to Salt Lake City in just a few short weeks.

Don't forget about the World Warm Up Tournament.

Saturday July 19th

Sign up from 8am-9am

Pitching starts at 10am

\$30 for ALL Entries

(\$25 goes to prize \$, \$5 goes to scorekeepers for the Warmup)

6-Person Mixed classes, no handicap

Pitch on the same World Tournament courts days before the actual Tournament begins.

Great way to get some practice

I do want to take this opportunity to wish everyone good luck, especially everyone from the Minnesota Charter!

1909 World Tournament—Sucker rods were used as posts and buried so deep that only two inches of the stake was showing. The first tournament was won by Frank Jackson from Kansas, who farmed near Blue Mound Kansas, over a field of 34 contestants. It is said that he was so proficient, he could lay two ringers over the short stake and prevent opponents from keeping their shoes on the rod. Ringers counted five points, leaders three, and close shoes one with no regulation sizes for the shoes or their weight. Jackson won five straight world titles and finished with 15 world titles, fourth all-time, and was inducted into the Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame in 1966. Source: <https://www.cjonline.com/story/opinion/2015/07/13/world-horseshoes-tournament-topeka-begins-tribute-first-world-championship/16624501007/>

Are you interested in becoming the NHPA Webmaster?

The National Horseshoe Pitching Association (NHPA) is seeking a horseshoe pitcher invested in the growth of the NHPA to learn and grow horseshoepitching.com. The NHPA Webmaster requires knowledge in Wordpress for designing, developing, maintaining, and optimizing the website. Our current development platform uses Wordpress. Tasks for the position include: managing all content on the website, managing appropriate plug-ins, receiving updates from NHPA officers and posting them on the website, proactively updating the site during the NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament, and updating all files on the site as requested ensuring website functionality, implementing security measures, and optimizing website performance for search engines (SEO).

Key Responsibilities:

- **Website Design and Development:**
 - Build and customize WordPress themes and pages as requested
 - Implement for optimal viewing across devices.
 - Integrate third-party plugins to enhance website functionality.
- **Content Management:**
 - Publish new content, including articles, images, and videos.
 - Update existing content as needed.
- **Website Maintenance and Optimization:**
 - Perform regular backups and updates to WordPress core, themes, and plugins
 - Monitor website performance and troubleshoot technical issues
 - Implement security measures to protect against cyber threats
- **SEO Implementation:**
 - Optimize website content for relevant keywords
 - Implement on-page SEO best practices including meta descriptions and header tags
 - Monitor website analytics and adjust SEO strategies accordingly
- **Collaboration:**
 - Work with designers to implement visual elements on the website
 - Collaborate with content creators to ensure website content aligns with brand messaging

Required Skills:

- **Proficient in WordPress:** Deep understanding of WordPress core functionality, themes, plugins, and custom development
- **Front-End Development:** Strong knowledge of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript
- **PHP Programming:** Basic understanding of PHP for custom WordPress development
- **SEO Best Practices:** Awareness of current SEO trends and techniques
- **Problem-solving:** Ability to troubleshoot technical issues and find solutions

Communication Skills: Clear and concise communication with NHPA officers and members

Compensation:

Compensation for this position is negotiable with the NHPA executive council.

Horseshoes...Where Friends become Family

By Michelle Foard, Social Media and Publicity Director

Happy Summer to you all! Horseshoe Season is in full swing. Up here in Mn we have had several cancelations due to rain. I definitely need more practice before the World Tournament.

Speaking of the World Tournament I will be ramping up my promotional photos for the World Tournament. The photos are open to anyone who would like one. There is no fee, but I am asking for donations that would go to the Minnesota Horseshoe Scholarship fund. What I need from you is a picture of you pitching. Then give me an idea of a background you would like. Whether it is an animal, nature or a city. Then I will also place an outline of your state with the American flag in it. If you would like something else like a state flag or tribal flag I can do that as well.



For those going to the World Tournament I hope you consider filming your games. You can use a tripod or a mini tripod pod with bendable arms to wrap at the top of the divider. If you go live on your own Facebook page set your live to public. If it is public then I can share it to the National Horseshoe page. If it is set to friends only, many will not be able to see it. If you have questions please feel free to reach out to me with questions.

I will be pitching the 24th-26th. So I won't be able to catch most of the Women's classes during that time. I am sure Brandy Morehead will be filming her games. I might be able to get someone to go live on my phone for some of it.

I will go live at times throughout the tournament. I will post on the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association Official Page. The website www.horseshoepitching.com will have updated scores. If for some reason things aren't getting updated I will post pictures of updates. We will all work hard to keep you guys updated on results during the World Tournament.

Also check out the National Horseshoe Facebook page. Patti Lopez-Cepro posted a bunch of stuff you can do in the area. There are many kid and family friendly stuff to do in the Sandy/Salt Lake area. Patti is also working with the Mayor to have her come out. Clayton Afinowicz is working with restaurants to help promote our World Tournament. He is making an offer to promote their restaurants in exchange for them promoting our World Tournament on their social media!

Finally please come up and say hi to me! I am friends with many of you, but may not recognize you by face so please introduce yourself and say hi! I would love to get pictures with all my friends.

Good Luck and safe travels to all of you going to the World Tournament.

See you there!



Sportsmanship is Everything

By Aleena Lepak, Junior Director

As the summer heats up, so does our excitement for the 2025 NHPA World Tournament in beautiful Utah! Whether you're a first-time attendee or a seasoned participant, the World Tournament is a celebration of everything we love about the sport of horseshoe pitching: competition, camaraderie, and tradition.

This year's tournament promises to be one of the best yet. With participants coming from across the country—and beyond—we'll be gathering not just to compete, but to connect as a community. For me personally, it's an honor and a thrill to support our youth players and watch their dedication shine on the courts. Their energy, sportsmanship, and love for the game continue to inspire us all.

As we prepare to come together in Utah, I'd like to take a moment to highlight some key reminders that help keep our tournaments fair, fun, and respectful for everyone involved:

Sportsmanship Is Everything

Horseshoe pitching has always stood out as a sport where character counts just as much as skill. A handshake, a kind word, or a supportive nod across the pit can mean the world to a fellow pitcher—especially a nervous newcomer. Let's continue to lead by example, showing respect to opponents, judges, and fans, regardless of the score.

Know the Rules, Play with Integrity

Before arriving in Utah, I encourage all pitchers to brush up on the Official NHPA Rules and Bylaws. A solid understanding of the rules promotes fairness and keeps matches running smoothly. It also demonstrates the kind of professionalism and pride that elevates our sport on the national stage.

All juniors and cadets should be pitching from the platforms at the marked distances.

Wait to pick up your shoes until both competitors agree on the score.

Stepping on or over the foul line is a dead shoe and will be pulled from the pit.

Each contestant should prepare one of the pits on their assigned court before each game.

Cancellation scoring will be used. The score is called by the contestant who scored the points.

Use sanctioned horseshoes, wear close-toed shoes, and shirts with your last name and home location.

Court Etiquette Matters

Good court etiquette is a mark of a true horseshoe pitcher. A few important reminders:

- Be ready when it's your turn to pitch—stay focused and attentive.
- Refrain from distracting behavior while others are on the line.
- Celebrate respectfully and keep negative emotions in check.
- Help keep the courts clean and safe—pick up your shoes and respect the property.

Make sure no one is about to throw before you walk behind a court.

These small acts go a long way in creating an atmosphere that's welcoming for players of all ages, especially our growing number of youth competitors.



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*Aleena Lepak, Junior Director (Continued)***Let's Inspire the Next Generation**

The World Tournament is more than just a competition—it's an opportunity to share our sport with the next generation. Whether you're a player, a parent, a coach, or a fan, I invite you to take a moment during the tournament to encourage a youth pitcher or welcome someone new to the game. That small gesture could spark a lifelong love of horseshoe pitching.

As the Youth Director, I am incredibly proud of how far we've come, and will continue to go, in building opportunities for young players and fostering a stronger sense of community across all age groups. I can't wait to see so many familiar and new faces in Utah this summer—and I'm cheering each of you on as we pitch with purpose, pride, and positivity.

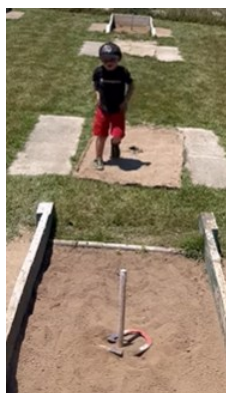
See you on the courts!

We invite the youth that are on Facebook to join the NHPA Youth page...A safe place to share events, updates, scholarship apps, spotlights, and much more. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117818391692519>

Here are some random pics from the page.



**NHPA
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EXPLORE *Pitching Horseshoes*

FIND THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU!

Horseshoe Leagues

There are leagues all over the State. Leagues run most week nights and some have morning leagues. Learn your skill by practicing at league.

Tournaments

During the summer you can find a tournament almost every weekend. Plus you can find tournaments all over the country. So when you go on vacation check your destination for pits near by.

State Tournament

Once a year the State Tournament is held. You need 3 events to qualify for State. So a league and 2 Tournaments work. You will be placed in divisions by your average. The State Tournament is open for all abilities.

World Tournament

The World Tournament is a once a year event that is open to everyone who has 4 events. The World Tournament changes locations every year. This is a great way to get out and see the Country. This event is usually a 2 week event depending on entries. It is a great place to compete with people all over the World.



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NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION

Support the NHPF...Stop by our booth

By David Sidles, NHPF President

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS FOUNDATION

Summer is here and the NHPF is looking forward to being at the World Tournament in Sandy, UT. We will have an informational booth with silent auction items and other goodies. Local law prevents us from have a daily 50/50 raffle but we may be able to do something similar. If you have anything you would like to contribute to either the silent auction or the “live” auction at the Hall of Fame banquet, please bring it by our booth.



Stop by and visit with us about how you can help the NHPA and the Hall of Fame Museum with a financial gift, purchasing a brick on the plaza, or even serving on the NHPF Board of Directors.



Safe travels and best of luck to all the participants.

Champions Rise: A Tale of Triumph and Determination

By Stan Griggs, NHPA World Tournament Statistician



“World Tournament Here We Come!”

**Stan Griggs,
NHPA World Tournament Statistician
NHPA Hall of Fame Chairman**

“It’s not whether you win or lose, it’s how you play the game” ... Grantland Rice

In just a short few weeks the horseshoe world will be placing their flags in Sandy, Utah for the 2025 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make the trip out west this year and I will miss seeing all my horseshoe friends and family. Rest assured I will be following daily on all the excitement of pictures, videos and results. Just waiting for all those stats to get to me for crunching.

The stage is set for another outstanding World Tournament with the Defending World Champions back to take that top honor home with them once again.

Alan Francis from Ohio is vying for the unheard of 29th World Title.
Penny Steinke from Wisconsin is going for the repeat which is difficult in the Women’s Division.
Tom Moffat from Canada will be attempting to take the crown back north with him once again.
Ken Fraser from New York will try to repeat his epic performance from 2024.
Sheila Shepard from Colorado will be going for Lucky Yo “11” in Crowns.
Hastiin Begaye from California is going for Back-to-Back Wins.
Gavin Begaye Jr. from California will be doing the same as Big Brother.
We will be crowning the new Junior Girl’s and Cadet Girl’s Champions this year.
A New World Champion will be honored in our Elder’s Women’s Division in 2025.

This alone should make for a very exciting World Tournament, so either be in person or follow online “History” is about to be made.

Remember to support the NHPA and the Hall of Fame by attending the HOF Banquet on Sunday evening, July 27th. We will be inducting three very deserving individuals – Roger Vogel, David Sidles and Monte Latino.

Speaking of the NHPA Hall of Fame, a friendly reminder we will be accepting new nominations for 2026 up to January 31, 2025. The nomination form is on our web page and can be mailed or emailed. If ever there are any questions regarding the World Tournament Stats or the NHPA Hall of Fame, please feel free to contact me at any time. Moshoe63@gmail.com

2025 World Tournament Predictions

Submitted By Ben Webb on behalf of the World Tournament Prediction Panalists

3 years ago in 2023, I established a group of experienced, unbiased panelists to attempt to predict the world champions for that year and the finishing order of each class. We've been very successful with our predictions and made several very far off guesses along the way. Last year we notably left out of the championship class 2024 Women's World Champion, Penny Steinke in what was the biggest miss to date for our group! We've assembled the panel yet again of 6 analysts to bring you the 2025 World Championship predictions, this year though, we've taken some long shots (with good reasoning), and will be watching the championship rounds closely to see how our predictions match up to the final results again.

It seems like each year we manage to have a good percentage of success in regards to determining the world champion for each division. This year, the committee voting ended up going with what many would consider the wildcard choices in several of the categories. The committee chose options many would consider "safe" with choosing Hastiin Begaye and Ken Fraser to retain their respective world titles. The next three division championships predicted winners fell in the category that would be more of a "toss-up" with several of the front runners close in percentage. Our team predicted that Adalaide Ohms would capture the Junior Girls World Title, Kateri Navvaro would capture the Cadet Girls title, and strong 2024 Cadet Boys contender, Eben Begaye would walk out of Sandy with the Cadet Boy's championship this year.



Hastiin Begaye



Ken Fraser



Adalaide Ohms

Cindy Clausen enters the Sr Women's division this year and the committee predicts she'll overcome some of the staples of the division including defending champion Sheila Shepard. Last year in Kennewick, Cindy finished in 14th place in the open women's division but held close to her average at around 60%, close to 5% higher than anyone in the Senior Women's field last year, we've predicted Cindy to capture the Senior Women's World Championship this year but it won't be easy as most of the frontrunners from 2024 return to the field in 2025.



Cindy Clausen

Not pictured: Kateri Navvaro, Eben Begaye

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2025 World Tournament Predictions (Continued)

If there's a division, we're bad at picking, it's the women's division. In the first prediction year, we infamously omitted long time contender Amy Francis from qualifying in the class. The next year we corrected our mistake but managed to omit the eventual Women's World Champion, Penny Steinke, from making the championship round in 2024. Truth be told, this is by far the hardest division to predict but we're giving it another shot this year. A star studded field of contenders contains former world champions, Sarah Chaffee and Joan Elmore in the mix, long time contenders like Marlene Ray and Amy join the mix, and current Women's World champion Penny Steinke looks to defend her title as well. Another place we see an equally contested championship field is from the Hall of Fame tournament. In a hotly contested tournament this year it came down to Maxine Griffith and Jennifer Gegg in a playoff to determine the championship with Maxine barely outlasting Jennifer. However, our committee determined in a close decision that Jennifer is our projected winner for the 2025 Women's World Championship in Sandy. Our consensus is that Jennifer's game has seen improvement year after year and if she keeps her mental game in check to stay as focused as she did at this years Hall of Fame tournament, we may see Jennifer walk out with the women's world title.



Jennifer Gegg



Penny Steinke



2024 Preliminary results:
1st: Max Griffith,
2nd: Shalee Cason,
3rd: Sarah Chaffee,
4th: Penny Steinke,
5th: Karen Graham:
6th, Mar Ray

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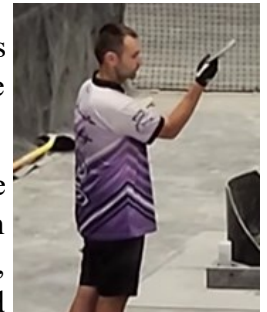
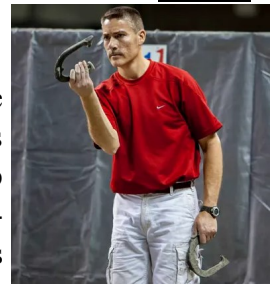
2025 World Tournament Predictions (Continued)

Undeniably, the greatest horseshoe pitcher in the history of our sport returns to the Men's division once again to defend his world championship as Alan Francis makes another trip to Utah for the world championships. Beginning with his first championship in 1989, Alan has been a staple of the Men's division and very quickly became the dominant force that reigned over the Men's division for decades to come. Brian Simmons is the only man in the 2000's to capture a Men's world tournament over Francis, with Francis being the safest bet in Vegas year after year, after year for decades now. There's only one factor in horseshoe pitching that is more dominant than Alan has been since the 1980's, that factor is time.

Arguably, Alan has maintained his averages and continues to into this season, we've even seen Alan pitch better averages as the years went on, seemingly getting better when you wouldn't imagine he could become anymore unstoppable in the sport. Matt Fuller, Dalton Rakestraw, Gale Greene all have the capability to hit Alan with a good game and throw the tournament in limbo, almost all of the field has this capability. With Alan pitching some lower games in the most recent tournaments, a high 70 or low 80 at the right time could catch Alan on a game where someone has a chance at defeating him, in a single game. The question is, who can put together a complete tournament to defeat the GOAT on the grandest stage. The natural prediction would be 2024 Men's A class preliminary champion, Dan Watson. Dan is arguably one of the best flip pitchers in our sports history and has been to the final game with Alan several times with the tournament on the line. Alan seems to always stay a step ahead of Dan in the championship round though with Alan finding a groove during the game where he'll string a ton of ringers in a row to finish off the Alabama legend. So, did we predict Alan to retain, or come up with another choice to win the division?

In perhaps the most wildcard prediction we've ever made in the 3 years since we started these predictions, we've predicted that Alan will not retain the world title in 2025. In the preliminary round of the 2024 World Tournament, Austin Bailey redirected the course of the tournament as he was able to outlast Alan Francis in the 40-shoe game to defeat him in the round. Austin had lost too many games to contend for the championship at this point but this victory cleared a path to motivate Dan Watson to beat Alan in the next round and go on to claim the preliminary championship. Alan would go on to defend his world championship over the next three days but there was a heightened suspense around the championships for the first time in many years. At the hall of fame tournament this year, Alan would go on to go through the field undefeated but only after a long game with Austin Bailey that could have gone either way. Austin would get within scoring distance of picking up a 40 point game win over Alan at the tournament and never blew his composure during the long game. Austin's mental game has continued to improve year over year and with his last few performances on the biggest stages our committee has predicted that this may very well be the year that Austin can overcome the decades of dominance and walk out of the Mountain American Expo Center in Sandy, Utah as the 2025 Men's World Champion!

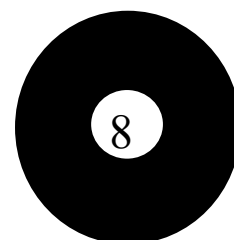
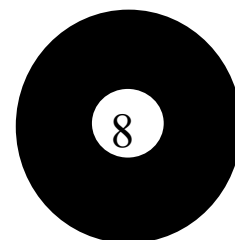
Pictured: Alan Francis, Austin Bailey, Dan Watson, Gale Greene, Dalton Rakestraw, Matt Fuller & Ben Webb



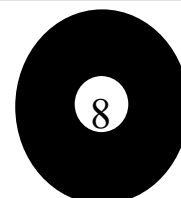
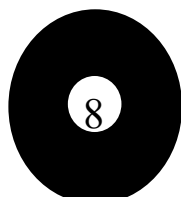
2025 World Tournament Predictions (Continued)

2025 PREDICTION

	Women's	Men's	Elders	Elder Women's
1	Jennifer Gegg	Austin Bailey	Zane Goggin	Sharon Chiddister
2	Maxine Griffith	Alan Francis	Tom MOFFAT	Mary Fimbres
3	Penny Steinke	Dan Watson	Benj Rains	Barbara Carson
4	Skyla Rioux	Dalton Rakestraw	John Bruhn	Lillian Stromberg
5	Amy Francis	Ben Webb	Dale Marteney	Dee King
6	Sarah Chaffee	Gale Greene	Jeff Gustafson	Ellie Miller
7	Marlene Ray	Matt Fuller	Mike Massari	
8	Brandy Morehead	Joseph Smith	Joseph Cisneros	
9	Doris Hieden	Nathan Williams	Tom Routh	
10	Elizabeth Jordan	Josh Olson	Ricky Grim	
11	Joan Elmore	Don Davis	Alan Larson	
12	Aleena Lepak	Rick Birmingham	Kevin Shields	
13	Helen Hawkinson	Foster Kenton Jr.	Bob McCAULEY	
14	Blanca Hettinga	Jeff Finke	Bernie Vanlerberg	
15	Karen Graham	Randy Smith Jr	Jim Bilderback	
16	Trisha Lincoln	Bobby Bartell	Bert Logsdon	



	Sr Men's	Sr Women's	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	Cadet Boys	Cadet Girls
1	Ken Fraser	Cindy Clausen	Hastiin Begaye	Adilaide Ohms	Eben Begaye	Kateri Navarro
2	Jacob Fimbres	Sheila Shepard	Zack Grzembski	Lillyan Cook	Zachary Smith	Jazmyn Kildahl
3	Raymond Bedard	Diane Luiz	Ryder Smith	Sadie Wolken	Gavin Begaye Jr.	Sydney Scott
4	Ken Heinritz	San Juanita Murray	Kai-ba Jeff	Addison Ashton	Jeremiah DeMello	Anna Barney
5	Mark Seibold	Susan Fulton	Vand'N Henkel	Natalie Dilger	Bennett Rice	Ashlynn Tenney
6	Jimmy Moreno	Laura Johnson	Mike Williams	Lindy Anderson	Jacob Barney	
7	Ken Jones	Janet Larson	Adakai Begaye	Addisyn Goddard	Jackson Voth	
8	Steven Gibson	Shelly Martinez	Santonio Callado	Jaelynn Reynolds	Logan O'Hop	
9	Bob Cadwallader	Kammie Anderson				
10	Mark Seibold	Jean Olsen				
11	Johnny Buhrman	Barb Adams				
12	Bill Navratil	Patricia Pertuit				



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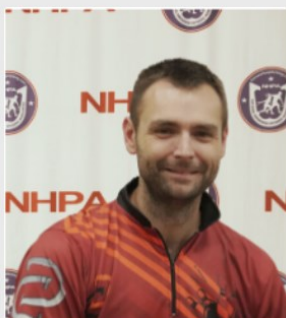
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Womens Top 100 Stats *30 June 2025*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	190875	Jennifer	Gegg	MO	Women	82.13	14
2	330030	Maxine	Griffith	TN	Women	81.43	18
3	330031	Marlene	Ray	TN	Women	79.44	18
4	280216	Sarah	Chaffee	WI	Women	79.22	6
5	350626	Shalee	Cason	FL	Women	79.07	10
6	800439	Pam	Meyer	MO	Women	78.47	11
7	490476	Skyla	Rioux	CT	Women	78.09	6
8	664710	Sylvianne	Moisan	QC	Women	77.94	15
9	623905	Lindsay	HODGINS	AB	Women	76.74	5
10	280078	Penny	Steinke	WI	Women	75.78	23
11	360294	Amy	Francis	OH	Women	74.43	10
12	220130	Doris	Hieden	TX	Women	74.20	11
13	380221	Kelly	Glidewell	VA	Women	72.97	25
14	380338	April	Campbell	VA	Women	71.62	6
15	800379	Brandy	Morehead	MI	Women	70.66	19

Mens Top 100 Stats *30 June 2025*

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	360940	Alan	Francis	OH	Men	84.91	10
2	320063	Ben	Webb	KY	Men	78.19	17
3	300151	Andrew	Adams	MI	Men	76.87	11
4	290652	Austin	Bailey	IL	Men	74.78	11
5	260084	Dan	Watson	AL	Men	74.70	17
6	390143	Randy	Zeiders	PA	Men	74.27	12
7	440124	Ken	Fraser	NY	Men	73.71	8
8	290100	Dalton	Rakestraw	CA	Men	70.55	32
9	320292	Tyler	Howard	KY	Men	70.36	26
10	657381	Drew	BECKER	ON	Men	69.49	4
11	190693	Michael	Bowman	MO	Men	69.33	14
12	10058	Matt	Fuller	WA	Men	69.17	10
13	350369	Walter Ray	Williams Jr	FL	Men	69.15	28
14	460059	Gale	Greene	VT	Men	68.98	15
15	100290	Brandon	Tenijieth	AZ	Men	67.75	3

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Elder Womens Top 50 Stats 30 June 2025

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	100222	Mary	Williams	AZ	Elder Women	66.32	33
2	310397	Sharon	Chiddister	IN	Elder Women	64.15	13
3	220172	Dee	King	TX	Elder Women	60.71	8
4	360840	Ruth	Rife	OH	Elder Women	60.33	5
5	100013	Mary	Fimbres	AZ	Elder Women	58.63	12
6	230024	Marlys	Timm	MN	Elder Women	53.81	12
7	190750	Johnna	Bales	MO	Elder Women	46.32	12
8	100147	Barbara	Carson	OH	Elder Women	45.12	5
9	360307	Ginger	Hundt	OH	Elder Women	44.88	3
10	220945	Donna	Kiefat	TX	Elder Women	44.38	5
11	220245	Carolyn	Hulen	TX	Elder Women	43.55	6
12	95093	Ellie	Miller	UT	Elder Women	43.27	13
13	280527	Susie	Erickson	WI	Elder Women	42.63	5
14	220551	Holly	Martin	TX	Elder Women	41.67	2
15	801096	Nora	Lindbo	WA	Elder Women	41.67	8

Elder Mens Top 100 Stats 30 June 2025

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	370298	Junior	Peters	WV	Elder Men	76.86	7
2	310517	Dale	Moles	IN	Elder Men	76.57	9
3	614016	Tom	MOFFAT	BC	Elder Men	76.53	26
4	350350	Bob	Gray	FL	Elder Men	75.63	14
5	662691	Simon	COTE	QC	Elder Men	75.36	10
6	191256	Virgle	McCown	MO	Elder Men	75.31	15
7	290240	Steve	Denault	IL	Elder Men	75.16	8
8	660765	Jacques	HOULE	QC	Elder Men	73.99	5
9	420337	Tom	Mills	MD	Elder Men	73.10	11
10	220577	Danny	Patterson	TX	Elder Men	73.10	16
11	390293	Ricky	Grim	PA	Elder Men	71.99	16
12	350363	Ron	Deckard	FL	Elder Men	71.82	13
13	280374	Cliff	Shave	WI	Elder Men	71.72	22
14	805750	Randal	Hawkins	MI	Elder Men	70.32	4
15	100192	Mike	Massari	AZ	Elder Men	69.78	26

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Girls Top 25 Stats 30 June 2025

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	191533	Sadie	Wolken	MO	Junior Girls	41.31	6
2	280115	Lillyan	Cook	WI	Junior Girls	40.99	8
3	95096	Adilaide	Ohms	UT	Junior Girls	40.00	11
4	802674	Madeline	Workman	NV	Junior Girls	38.00	1
5	800889	Lindy	Anderson	UT	Junior Girls	34.10	8
6	800812	Lilli	Light	MT	Junior Girls	29.56	3
7	803569	Aislinn Raye	Klapik	CT	Junior Girls	29.07	11
8	802875	Natalie	Dilger	NV	Junior Girls	28.33	18
9	150396	Uria	Gabel	ND	Junior Girls	27.41	7
10	190880	Rhilynde	Myler	MO	Junior Girls	27.36	9
11	95127	Natalie	Biggs	UT	Junior Girls	27.10	5
12	800480	Addison	Ashton	KY	Junior Girls	26.40	11
13	804138	Laila	Broken Rope	SD	Junior Girls	24.50	1
14	616571	Ericka	MCNAB	BC	Junior Girls	23.25	3
15	180473	Danyelle	Russell	KS	Junior Girls	22.60	1

Boys Top 50 Stats 30 June 2025

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	380630	Eli	Sullivan	VA	Junior Boys	83.29	5
2	31151	Hastiin	Begaye	CA	Junior Boys	80.59	4
3	480516	Zack	Grzembski	MA	Junior Boys	62.16	15
4	802657	Tom	Grose	NV	Junior Boys	57.92	9
5	803169	Ryder	Smith	MT	Junior Boys	57.34	10
6	803797	Kai-ba	Jeff	CA	Junior Boys	54.35	4
7	490452	Riley	Malino	CT	Junior Boys	49.71	10
8	280127	Blake	Benzing	WI	Junior Boys	47.55	4
9	231968	Tristan	Dehkes	MN	Junior Boys	45.24	3
10	280226	Bradley	Benzing	WI	Junior Boys	44.09	4
11	803828	Matt	Hulse	UT	Junior Boys	42.99	2
12	804592	Gregory	Cormier	CT	Junior Boys	41.43	11
13	95078	Coulson	Ohms	UT	Junior Boys	40.74	7
14	805506	Seth	Geoghan	CT	Junior Boys	40.73	5
15	31223	Adakai	Begaye	CA	Junior Boys	39.56	3

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Cadets Top 25 Stats 30 June 2025

Rank	Card #	First Name	Last Name	State	Division	Ringer Percent	Events Played
1	801315	Evan	Bedard	MA	Cadet Boys	53.60	17
2	804918	Kendell	Beck	GA	Cadet Boys	44.75	6
3	804087	Gavin	Begaye Jr.	CA	Cadet Boys	44.40	3
4	804088	Eben	Begaye	CA	Cadet Boys	43.02	3
5	803456	Jeremiah	DeMello	WA	Cadet Boys	41.71	12
6	802539	Zachary	Smith	IA	Cadet Boys	36.15	22
7	804890	Jensen	Martin	VA	Cadet Boys	32.59	4
8	803185	Hunter	Kinjerski	WI	Cadet Boys	30.99	4
9	802970	Alexzander	Schmidt	GA	Cadet Boys	30.43	5
10	804586	Olyvia	Cormier	CT	Cadet Girls	28.47	11
11	803471	Olivia	Bilodeau	CT	Cadet Girls	26.44	13
12	802184	Waylon	Basler	MO	Cadet Boys	23.00	1
13	803792	Jacob	Barney	UT	Cadet Boys	22.92	8
14	805289	Andrew	James	WI	Cadet Boys	22.20	6
15	804848	Kateri	Navarro	CA	Cadet Girls	20.89	5



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