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Beginning October 1, 2020, Juniors will need to pay their entry fees along with their scorekeeping money when pitching tournaments. By paying an entry fee this will allow them to win money.

Indoor Tournaments for Fall/Winter 2020

Date	Host	Tournament Director
10/03/20	Brighton	Paul Bachelor
10/10/20	Holt	Keith Schafer
10/31/20	Brighton	Paul Bachelor
11/07/20	Jackson	Brandy Morehead
12/05/20	Jackson	Brandy Morehead

Please note that all tournaments both indoors and outdoors are pre-registered. You will need to pre-register by Friday at 6:00 p.m. Check-in is 9:30 with a start time of 10:00. You need to pay for your scorekeepers at the time of check-in and the TD will pay the scorekeepers. Lunch and drinks will be available.

NEW TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Let's all welcome our newest tournament directors: Jackson's, Brandy Morehead and St. Clair Shores, Tina Payne. Welcome aboard ladies!

2021 Tournament Schedule

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Indoor Tournaments

January		March	
9th	Jackson	21st	St. Clair Shores
16th	Brighton		
17th	St. Clair Shores	April	
23rd	Jackson	24th	Thrun/Vincent Memorial
30th	Kalamazoo		
		October	
February		2nd	Brighton
13th	Jackson	9th	Senior's Tournament
21st	St. Clair Shores	23rd	Jackson
27th	Brighton	30th	Mike Ardelean Memorial/St. Jude
March		November	
6th	Kalamazoo	6th	Brighton
13th	Jackson	13th	Jackson

Outdoor Tournaments

May		July	
1st	Spring Mtg - Jackson 10:00	17th	Lake Orion
8th	State Tourn. Fund - Holt	31st	Lake Orion
15th	Jackson		
22nd	Lansing	August	
		7th	State Doubles - St. Clair Shores
June		14th	Brighton
4th & 5th	Kalamazoo	14th - 15th	Hillman
5th	Memorial - St. Clair Shores	21st	Jackson
12th	Lake Orion	28th-29th	State Tournament - Jackson
19th	Brighton		
26th	Windmill Open - Holt	September	
July		11th	Woody Cup - Lansing
3rd - 4th	Hillman	18th	Scheduling Meeting - Jackson 10:00
10th	St. Clair Shores	25th	Jackson

2020 STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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Men's Championship

1st James Dunlap

2nd Tom Williams

Junior Boy Championship

1st Kayden Fowler

Women's Championship

1st Terry Beagle

Junior Girl Championships

1st Keara Hunter

2nd Tru Leah Urie

Elder's Championship

1st JD Drake

2nd Clip Connin

Class Championships

Mixed 30' B

1st Paul Bachelor

2nd Brandy Morehead

Men's 40' C

1st John Cousins

2nd Dan Brenner

Mixed 30' C

1st Tina Payne

2nd Jacqueline Quillen

Men's 40' D

1st Cody Cousins

2nd Frank Quillen

Men's 40' B

1st Warren Westbrook

2nd Quincy Johnson

Men's 40' E

1st Dennis Soldan

2nd Roger Keyes

Fall Meeting Minutes

M.H.P.A. Fall Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2020
Meeting Location: Country Inn & Suites, Kalamazoo, Mi.

Officers in Attendance: John Stephenson, Tina Schafer, Debbie Markley, Pamela Nelson
Regional Director in Attendance: Keith Schafer
Non-Officers in Attendance: See attached sign in sheet

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

Minutes from fall meeting read by Pamela Nelson. Approved

Financial Report by Pamela Nelson: Balance in Checking Account \$4,350.54, Balance in Jr. Scholarship Fund \$2484.65.
Approved

Old Business: Review of proposals submitted to Ringer Report. Paul Bachelor submitted recommendation to amend the By-Laws pertaining to Jr. Pitchers & Cadets tournament practice pertaining to entry fees and tournament monetary awards.

Current Practice: Juniors and Cadets Currently do not pay tournament entry fees and are not eligible for any monetary awards or pay-outs. The only award they are eligible to receive is the "Patch" for finishing first in their Class (but no monetary payout.)

Proposed Change: APPROVED: Treat Juniors and Cadets like all other pitchers. That is, collect the appropriate tournament entry fee, and award them any and all monetary awards and payouts they may have earned for appropriate finish position in their class.

Reasoning: The longstanding reason Juniors and Cadets were restricted from receiving monetary awards at tournaments was the belief it would negate their "Amateur" status to be eligible for college sport related scholarships.

The NHPA has done long and exhaustive evaluation of the amateur status for horseshoe pitchers and has determined that since no college organization recognizes "Horseshoes" as a varsity sport, no college would negate any "amateur" status to anyone who received monetary awards for pitching in horseshoe tournaments.

Regulation 6, Section D - Responsibility: Changed to Section D Amateur Status Responsibility.

Collegiate: Prizes or cash awards for horseshoe pitching achievements do not impact the amateur status in any NCAA sport's (Horseshoe pithing is not a NCAA sport.)

Scholastic (High School): It is the responsibility of the youth participant and their parents/guardians to check state scholastic sport association regulations/restrictions when determining whether to accept an award with any monetary value. The host charter and/or the NHPA assumes no responsibility for any adverse effect which horseshoe pitching awards may have on the amateur status of any youth participant.

The current practice of not providing monetary payouts to Juniors & Cadets places not only the Juniors and Cadets at a disadvantage, but also puts the other pitchers in the Class with the Junior/Cadet at a disadvantage because the overall payout available for the class is less. Through no fault of their own, the other pitchers receive less payout than other class that has the same number of pitchers but without a Junior or Cadet. The problem is even greater if more than one Junior/Cadet is in a given class.

ALL OF THE ABOVE APPROVED

Further Discussion: Current Rule: If 2 Juniors participate in double's they are not eligible to receive a monetary award.

Proposal: Will treat Junior and Cadet pitcher like all other pitchers. **PASSED**

Keith Schafer:

Current Rule: All MHPA sanctioned tournaments shall be 35- point cancellation. Any game between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 35 points or 50 shoes, whichever occurs first. In case of a tie game the pitchers shall pitch down and back (four shoes) until a winner is decided. If a class is scheduled to pitch 4 games or less, they will be allowed to pitch to 40 points. The 25% rule would remain the same.

Discussion. Keith Schafer headed a discussion regarding 40 shoe games vs. point games. (see By-Law rule above). Proposal was tabled and will continue with tournament players on 8/30/20.

8/30/20 with tournament pitchers and Board members

State Tournament - should we have shoe limits or return to point system. By-laws state that State Tournament should be point games. The By-laws state the tournament should be 35 point games and lower average pitchers under 25%, should make the points shorter, 35 points or 50 shoes, whichever is achieved first.

It was decided that all pitchers to pitch to 35- point games and those with a 25% or lower average play to 30 points or 60 shoes, whichever is reached first.

Also, discussed with tournament players and board, when to hold tournament. The suggestions were: Weekend before Labor Day or Labor Day weekend.

Motion to hold tournament the weekend before Labor Day. PASSED

Webb Master: Report to president. And publicity to fall under president - APPROVED

2021 State Tournament Location: Jon Stephenson will contact Tom Williams regarding location for 2021 Tournament.

Comments:

Debbie Markley - No comment

Hall of Fame: - Doug Bailey - no new Hall of Fame members for 2020. Will probably will have some for 2021.

Financial: Bob Wells, new treasurer doing a great job.

Regional Director: Added Hillman, people from Alpena interested. Moose in Ionia is interested in hosting tournament. They are trying to add more courts for sanctioning.

State Tournament Committee: 2020 Tournament was best it could be due to COVID 19.

Misc. Paul Bachelor will form a committee to work on updating By-Laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of President: John Stephenson nominated and approved

Election of 2nd VP: Debbie Markley nominated and approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Statistician's Report

By Keith Schafer

In the period from the date after the 2019 state tournament through this year's state tournament, there were only 23 tournaments, with 522 pitchers. There were 38,866 ringers pitched out of 119,818 shoes, for an average of 32.44%. Historically, this yearly average has been in the area of 30 to 33 percent each year. Good pitching, and let's hope for more chances in the coming year.

State Champions: Our state champions have added to the history of the MHPA this year. Their exploits are as follows:

James Dunlap won his second Men's State Championship in 2020, becoming the 11th pitcher to win at least 2 State Championships for Men since the charter was established in 1935. Also, only 1 other active pitcher has won multiple titles, Tom Williams with his state record 22.

Terry Beagle won her 9th Women's State Championship, and she only trails Judy Curtiss (17) on the all-time list, and extends her lead on Sandy Smith (Dauber) with 7 in third place on the all-time list. She and Sheryll Card are the only active pitcher's with state titles for women.

J. D. Drake extended his record of Elders Championship with his 8th. Jim Wiltse with 6 and Jack Gensman with 5 have been passed by J. D. in recent years. Larry Hinton's 3 is fourth on the all-time list, and the only other active pitcher who has been an Elder Champion.

Kayden Fowler won his second Boys State Championship. Jim Urie and Dave Simmet won the Boys title 5 times each, back in the day. Maybe Kayden will get a chance to match their records.

Keara Hunter won her first Girl's State Championship, and will have a chance to join the 5 girls who have won multiple titles next year. Billie May Bonham's 9 titles may just be a little out of her reach.

As you can see, history keeps getting made every year, and who knows what will happen next year. The only way to make sure you don't miss something is to be at the courts, we will be waiting!

As a reminder, the World Horseshoe tournament will be in Lansing in July 2022. The window to get your 4 tournaments pitched to be eligible to enter should be May 15, 2021 to May 15, 2022. Don't let weather get in your way, get your tournaments in early, and bring a friend!

Have a safe fall and winter, and we will see you soon on the courts! I can always be reached by phone for any Regional Director or Statistician questions.

Please note that we have an updated Membership Renewal Form. On this form, you will see a spot to check whether you are renewing or a new member. Also, there is a spot for your current card number. Please help Pam out by filling in this information.

If you have an e-mail, kindly fill this information in too.

Paul Bachelor is heading up the committee to work on our Constitution and By-Laws. He is looking for people to be on this committee. If interested, please give him a call.



FULL MEMBER – Dues for full adult members are the National dues of twenty- five dollars (\$25.00) plus the amount set for State dues within their Charter. Three dollars (\$3.00) of every adult membership will be set aside for the World Tournament prize fund, for the next year. Only full members may enter State and World tournament.

_____ FULL MEMBER (\$45.00): Voting member will full privileges to entry all sanctioned tournaments upon paying fees.

PROVISIONAL MEMBER – Dues for provisional adult members are the National Provisional dues of ten dollars (\$10.00). Provisional members are allowed to entry to regular tournaments/leagues (upon paying their full entry fee) for the period beginning at their first entry to the end of the current calendar year. At which time they must become full members in order to continue participating in NHPA tournaments/leagues. During their provisional time, a member can upgrade to full member at any time by paying the remainder of their National dues of fifteen pdollars (\$15.00) and their state charter dues. Provisional member tournament/league statistics are reported to the NHPA. Provisional members cannot vote and do not count toward the awarding of charter delegates, but are reported on charter membership reports to the NHPA.

_____ PROVISIONAL MEMBER (\$10.00): Must pay entry fees and can play in as many tournaments as you like for the year.

TRIAL MEMBER – All dues for trial members are waived and the member is allowed entry to one regular tournament/league (upon paying their full entry fee). Trail member tournament/league statistics are not reported to the NHPA. Trail members cannot vote and do not count toward the awarding of charter delegates, but are reported on charter membership reports to the NHPA.

_____ TRIAL MEMBER (\$0.00): Must pay tournament entry fee and allowed only one tournament.

NHPA/MHPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ NHPA Card #: _____ **Renewal: _____ New: _____**

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Is this a new address: _____ Yes

Phone Number () _____ Email: _____

How do you wish to get the Ringer Report? _____ Website _____ Standard Mail

(Circle One) Category: 40' Man 30' Man Woman Junior Girl Junior Boy Cadet

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____ Mandatory for Juniors and 30' Men

_____ FULL MEMBER (\$45.00): Voting member with full privileges to entry all sanctioned tournaments upon paying fees.
_____ PROVISIONAL MEMBER (\$10.00): Must pay entry fees and can play in as many tournaments as you like for the year.
_____ TRIAL MEMBER (\$0.00): Must pay tournament entry fee and allowed only one tournament.

Make Check Payable to: MHPA
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Junior/Cadet Card Cost \$0.00 Junior wanting to receive the newsletter \$7.00
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NOTE: For State Doubles and State Singles Tournament, a shirt with your last name professionally printed on the back is required. If pitching in the World Tournament, you need to include your state.

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