



The Ringer Report



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October 2025

2025 Michigan Horseshoe Pitching State Champions



Mens: Andy Adams



Womens: Brandy Morehead



Elders: Clip Connin



Junior Boys: Bryce VanCleave



Cadet Boys: Jackson VanCleave



Cadet Girls: Audrey Hedrick

Win with Humility, Lose with Grace, and Do Both with Dignity.

President's Report

Mark Burns



Well, fall in Michigan has arrived – the leaves are changing, the temperature is confused, the Lions are winning and deer season has begun. Our fall indoor pitching season has also begun, so take a look at the remaining schedule and pitch if you can.

Our State Tournament was a great success. Congratulations to our State Champions – Brandy Morehead, Andy Adams, Clip Connin, Bryce Van Cleave, Jackson Van Cleave and Audrey Hetrick. Thank you again to the Jackson Horseshoe Club for hosting and organizing our meal on Saturday evening.

At our fall meeting, we passed a by-law change regarding the number of tournaments required to participate in our State Tournament. The new bylaw states that two (2) Michigan tournaments are required, so, get them in early to avoid the summer panic!

However, if you plan to play in the World Tournament in Wausau, Wisconsin in July remember that the NHPA requires four (4) tournaments (those can be from any sanctioned tournaments across the US and Canada).

We still have some committees that need a chairperson – St. Jude, Publicity, Youth, and Audit/Finance. If you are interested or would like to have me talk to someone about their interest, please let me know.

I hope that you are all able to enjoy the fall weather and the activities it brings!

See you on the courts!

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Congratulations to our newest Hall of Fame Inductees . . . 2025



Paul Bachelor



Keith Schafer

2025 MHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT FALL INDOOR PITCHING SCHEDULE

Outdoor Tournaments - Check-in by 9:30 a.m.
Indoor Tournaments must pre-register with the
Tournament Director -
Check-in by 9:30 a.m. - Starting time 10:00 a.m.

10/18 - Sat. Brighton
10/25 - Sat. Mecosta
10/26 - Sun. Jackson

11/8 - Sat. Mecosta
11/15 - Sat. Jackson
11/22 - Sat. Jackson

October						
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9-27-25

To: All MHPA Members
From: Robert Wells
Subject: The World of Horseshoes

Secretary Notes...

Happy Fall!

Just a couple of reminders about MHPA business -

1. The scheduling meeting will take place on Sunday, September 28 at 10 a.m. at the Jackson Horseshoe Club. We encourage all tournament directors to attend in order to claim your tournament dates for the 2026 pitching season.
2. We are once again selling the raffle ticket that are tied to the Michigan 3 digit daily Lotto number. This time we are selling the tickets for \$10 each and each ticket has two numbers. So, each person could potentially win twice on one ticket. Tickets are being sold in September and October with the drawings taking place during the month of November. We will process the payouts in early December, just in time for holiday shopping! We still have tickets available to sell, if you are able to help us, please contact Mark (burnsmo@umich.edu/734.323.9116) or me (mabearin@yahoo.com/517.605.8573) and we will arrange to get you the tickets.
3. As we mentioned at the Fall meeting during the State Tournament, we have a number of committees that we need help with. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let one of the officers know.
4. Membership renewals for the 2026 year, can be purchased starting in October. You can renew online using eShoe or mail your renewal to me. Our membership dues are still \$45.00/person with a \$7.00 discount for the second membership in a household. ***Please note if you renew online, you will be charged the full renewal amount, just contact me and I can refund you the \$7.00. ****
5. If you have any questions, please let us know.

See you on the courts and throw lots of ringers!!

—Mark and Michele

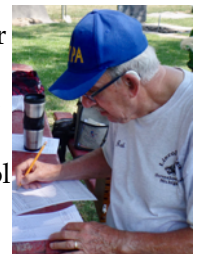
I would like to thank Mark Burns for his support on the St. Jude backpack give away program. The backpack was won by Becky Sullivan of the Lansing Club. I had 15 tickets sold for the drawing. This year we have raised \$2,494 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

I have resigned as the St. Jude Coordinator, but it is a very worthy cause and one that we should all feel proud. Please give Mark Burns a call.

I have been a member of the NHPA for over 53 years and I watched our membership drop substantially. We have to compete against a lot of new sports. We have very little help at the high school level so we have to compete for players after they are much older. I have found that every horseshoe club must be in contact with a sports writer at your local newspaper, and the local TV station.

If you're playing in a city or county park, make sure you let your park director know how many players are in your club and if you have a tournament, let them know how many players came from out of town. It's important they know how much money your program brought into the city. If you have a TV station that broadcast local issues, ask it you can be a guest and talk about your horseshoe club.

I want all of you to have a great horseshoe future with lots of ringers and great fellowship like I have enjoyed.



Bob acting as TD for the Lincoln Park Club.



State Doubles, SCSHC - Sat. Aug. 2, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Hewlett, Westbrook	54.74	5-1	124	288	43.06
2. Drake, Bailey	52.05	4-2	105	288	36.81
3. Smith, Moore	44.65	2-4	100	288	34.72
4. Payne, Heier	47.00	1-5	80	288	27.78

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Parsons, Markley	40.68	5-1	90	288	31.25
2. Morehead, Spanke	44.63	4-2	103	288	35.76
3. Johnson, El	41.22	3-3	92	288	31.94
4. Bachelor, Higgins	41.98	0-0	0	0	00.00

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Friesmuth, Friesmuth	37.10	5-1	109	288	37.85
2. Soldan, Harrison	38.33	4-2	96	288	33.33
3. Bastian, Belfiori	35.11	3-3	97	288	33.68
4. Kuss, Ardelean	40.51	0-6	85	288	29.51

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Banks, Parker	34.16	5-1	98	240	40.83
2. Kudla, Herbertz	29.53	4-1	88	240	36.67
3. Toth, Toth	28.33	3-2	62	240	25.83
4. Mumford, Saylor	33.73	2-3	73	240	30.42
5. Burns, Burns	31.36	1-4	45	240	18.75
6. Miller, Schafer	28.78	0-5	41	240	17.00

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Gladstone, Devine	25.83	5-1	65	288	22.57
2. Matthews, Hoyer	25.87	4-2	35	288	12.15
3. Lewandowski, Larson	28.33	3-2	60	240	25.00
4. Price, Thomas	25.76	2-3	49	240	20.42
5. Durecka, Spanke	25.81	1-4	39	240	16.25
6. Harris, Matthews	23.83	1-4	38	240	15.83

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Mumford III, Meadows	23.44	5-1	54	288	18.75
2. Wedyck, Wedyck	12.23	5-2	30	336	8.93
3. Trusick, Olewnik	18.34	4-2	39	288	13.54
4. Quillen, Quillen	23.12	1-4	39	240	16.25
5. Jones, Jones	19.68	1-4	32	240	13.33
6. Holt, Green	12.91	1-4	32	240	13.33

Lake Orion - Sat. Aug. 9, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Larry Heier	62.01	5-1	141	226	62.39
2. John Banks	44.08	4-2	134	254	52.76

3. Keith Schafer	51.19	2-4	98	236	41.53
4. Ken Kuss	53.33	1-5	142	296	47.97

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Dennis Soldan	38.50	4-1	84	218	38.53
2. Danny Markley	36.76	4-2	92	256	35.94
3. Wayne Friesmuth	37.76	3-2	83	250	33.20
4. Roger Higgins	41.04	1-3	35	160	21.88
5. George Parsons	43.44	0-4	43	180	23.89

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jacqueline Quillen	23.72	5-0	55	174	31.61
2. Krystle Price	28.57	2-2	39	142	27.46
3. Greg Trusick	25.15	2-2	34	136	25.00
4. Frank Quillen	22.33	1-2	22	130	16.92
5. Tina Payne	30.35	0-4	4	86	4.65

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Matthew Thomas	19.03	4-2	41	236	17.37
2. Kenneth Holt	14.77	3-3	39	238	16.39
3. Chris Nyenhuis	17.73	3-3	27	238	11.34
4. Jacob Kwasneski	16.84	2-4	37	240	15.42

Jackson - Sat. Aug. 16, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Randal Hawkins	70.32	4-0	84	122	68.85
2. Brandy Morehead	67.22	2-2	110	182	60.44
3. Helga Hewlett	61.01	2-2	80	140	57.14
4. Keith Schafer	49.89	2-2	77	156	49.36
5. Clip Connin	55.21	0-4	71	156	45.51

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Mark Burns II	36.90	5-1	88	212	41.51
2. Michael Burns	25.72	3-3	55	228	24.12
3. Crystal Devine	24.79	3-3	51	230	22.17
4. Kevin Swedine (FL)	29.07	1-5	61	270	22.59

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Chris Nyenhuis	16.95	6-0	34	240	14.17
2. Kenneth Holt	15.28	3-3	30	240	12.50
3. Lawrence Hinton	9.09	3-3	17	232	7.33
4. David Morehead	9.00	0-6	17	240	7.08

Regular Doubles, SCSHC - Sun. Aug. 17, 2025

Class A	<u>W-L</u>
1. John Banks/Larry Heier	3-1
2. Cathy Ardelean/Ken Kuss	2-2
3. Wayne Friesmuth/Aprile Friesmuth	1-3

Class B	<u>W-L</u>
1. Crystal Devine/Kevin Gladstone	5-1
2. Gene Meadows/Bobby Mumford, Jr.	4-2

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3. Jane Nevin/Andrea Olewnik 2-4
4. Tina Payne/Greg Trusick 1-5

3. Frank Quillen 22.34 5-3 80 318 25.16
4. Myrick El 25.06 1-7 64 408 15.69
5. Joe Kristoff 23.19 1-7 31 318 9.75

Jackson - Sat. Aug. 24, 2025

State Preliminaries

A Men Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Andrew Adams 76.87 8-0 203 304 66.78
2. Kyle Peterman 53.69 4-4 177 336 52.68
3. Kayden Fowler 52.43 4-4 190 362 52.49
4. Quincy Johnson 56.60 3-5 186 342 54.39
5. Keith Schafer 50.26 1-7 148 328 45.12

A Women Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Brandy Morehead 67.22 9-3 372 564 65.96
2. Denise Daly 70.60 7-5 345 552 62.50
3. Helga Hewlett 60.37 7-5 343 552 62.14
4. Lisa Smith 61.07 1-11 335 564 59.40

B Men Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Greg Burke 44.12 8-2 187 388 48.20
2. Mark Burns II 40.41 6-4 160 370 43.24
3. Jackie Saylor 40.88 5-5 187 424 44.10
4. Dave Harrison 38.15 5-5 162 410 39.51
5. Jonathan Landino 39.48 4-6 166 434 38.25
6. Dale Moore 40.34 2-8 121 394 30.71

B Women Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Jennifer Hess 25.76 11-1 146 466 31.33
2. Aprile Friesmuth 36.65 10-2 155 488 31.76
3. Cathy Ardelean 26.12 8-4 141 572 24.65
4. Crystal Devine 25.21 6-6 98 578 16.96
5. Jacqueline Quillen 25.86 4-8 90 572 15.73
6. Tonya Toth 25.11 2-10 49 600 8.17
7. Tina Payne 30.35 1-11 55 524 10.50

C Men Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. James Toth 34.16 7-2 131 384 34.11
2. Joe Hetrick 32.85 6-3 129 386 33.42
3. Wayne Friesmuth 37.76 5-3 104 310 33.55
4. Jayden Fri 31.49 2-6 81 336 24.11
5. Johnnie Smith 31.48 1-7 103 392 26.28

D Men Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Josh Lewandowski 27.76 9-1 142 490 28.98
2. Greg Trusick 25.11 6-4 106 424 25.00
3. Michael Burns 25.72 6-4 112 458 24.45
4. Kevin Gladstone 26.24 5-5 121 426 28.40
5. Bobby Mumford 25.28 2-8 84 452 18.58
6. Tim Stewart 27.30 2-8 63 462 13.64

E Men Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. James Belfiori 23.48 7-1 81 284 28.52
2. Bobby Mumford III 23.22 6-2 73 324 22.53

F Men Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Jason Fri 20.93 10-0 84 386 21.76
2. Matthew Thomas 19.03 6-4 80 368 21.74
3. Dan Mendham 18.89 5-5 78 398 19.60
4. Chris Nyenhuis 16.95 4-6 64 386 16.58
5. Zachary Spanke 14.32 3-7 69 396 17.42
6. James Robinson 20.13 2-8 51 366 13.93

Elder Men A Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Randal Hawkins 70.94 11-1 346 510 67.84
2. Larry Heier 64.91 5-7 294 524 56.11
3. Clip Connin 55.21 5-7 267 478 55.86
4. Ken Kuss 53.33 3-9 231 448 51.56

Elder Men B Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Dennis Soldan 39.27 7-2 160 402 39.80
2. Roger Higgins 41.04 6-3 135 396 34.09
3. Martin Quillen 37.72 5-3 129 296 43.58
4. Danny Markley 37.38 2-6 89 324 27.47
5. Robert Kudla 35.19 1-7 86 330 26.06

Elder Men C Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. John Banks 49.05 9-1 184 336 54.76
2. Kevin Bastian 47.81 8-2 215 414 51.93
3. Vance Upper 42.02 5-5 153 374 40.91
4. Paul Bachelor 42.92 4-6 139 388 35.82
5. Jaime Goodman 46.04 3-7 173 404 42.82
6. George Parsons 43.44 1-4 82 210 39.05

Mixed 30'-40' Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Larry Majerski 19.85 8-0 60 314 19.11
2. Lawrence Hinton 9.52 4-4 46 294 15.65
3. Kenneth Holt 15.54 4-4 50 320 15.63
4. Vaughn Shipman 12.88 3-5 48 304 15.79
5. David Morehead 9.00 1-7 33 304 10.86

Mixed Junior/Cadet Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Bryce Vancleave 25.50 8-0 92 314 29.30
2. Jackson Vancleave 18.35 4-4 56 316 17.72
3. Audrey Hetrick 4.28 0-8 10 266 3.76

Jackson - Sat. Aug. 24, 2025

State Championships

Elder Men's Entry% WL Rgrs Sh R%
1. Clip Connin 55.86 5-0 123 226 54.42
2. John Banks 54.76 4-1 119 206 57.77
3. Ken Kuss 51.93 3-2 102 218 46.79
4. Paul Bachelor 35.82 2-3 61 184 33.15

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MHPA CLUB NEWS Lake Orion



Darren Green (little D) left, and Jacob Behring. Pictured to the right is Sterling Guerts.

The Lake Orion Horseshoe

Club ended their 15-week 2025

league play on August 12th

with the awards banquet

on August 26. This year our

champion was Bridget

Green, who won more than

first place with a win per-

centage of 61.5, but also

most improved lady (11%).

Doug Bailey took second

place, and Jake Kwasneski

took fourth place.

Congratulations to all the

Lake Orion players especial-

ly our three young Cadets, Darren Green (Little

"D"), Sterling Guerts, and Jacob Behring. If you were

wondering about third place, that honor went to Ja-

cob along with Rookie of the Year. Jacob's perfor-

mance exceeded everyone's expectation with a win

percentage of 59.6, high game actual of 34, and 135

ringers with 7 double ringers. His mother Krystle

could not be any more proud of his accomplish-

ments this season, his desire to play and his drive to

improve.

Many, if not all of you know Ken Kuss, well, what a

year! He was able to get outstanding performance due

to the following accomplishments: He played 44

games, average score of 53, high game actual of 69,

high game with handicap of 108, and pitched 614

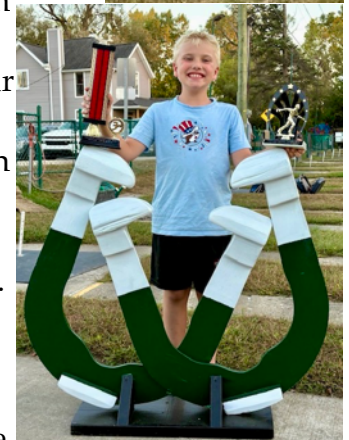
ringers with 146 double ringers. Great job

Ken! This was a great year but like the weather,

changes are coming.

Everyone stay healthy and well.

—Ron Price



Jacob Behring

5. Martin Quillen	43.58	1-4	75	196	38.27
6. Dennis Soldan	40.70	0-5	53	190	27.89

Men's	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Andrew Adams	66.78	5-0	146	192	76.04
2. Kyle Peterman	52.68	3-2	157	286	54.90
3. Greg Burke	48.20	3-2	104	230	45.22
4. Quincy Johnson	54.39	2-3	131	266	49.25
5. Keith Schafer	45.12	1-4	129	258	50.00
6. Kayden Fowler	52.49	1-4	88	232	37.93

Women's	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Brandy Morehead	65.96	6-0	212	306	69.28
2. Helga Hewlett	62.14	4-2	183	282	64.89
3. Lisa Smith	59.40	1-5	195	328	59.45
4. Jaime Goodman	42.82	1-5	140	280	50.00

Lansing - Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Sam Moore	56.45	3-1	91	180	50.56
2. Ken Kuss	52.19	2-2	86	176	48.86
3. Keith Schafer	50.34	1-3	93	204	45.59

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Danny Markley	37.38	3-1	67	176	38.07
2. Bob Peek	42.14	2-2	71	188	37.77
3. Vance Upper	40.48	2-2	68	184	36.96
4. Paul Bachelor	42.92	2-2	58	186	31.18
5. Dave Harrison	38.86	1-3	61	174	35.06

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Cathy Ardelean	26.52	3-1	58	192	30.21
2. Becky Sullivan (FL)	29.96	2-2	45	160	28.13
3. Kevin Swedine (FL)	29.07	1-3	43	204	21.08

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Larry Majerski	19.90	5-1	45	188	23.94
2. Clayt Robinson	18.99	4-2	37	212	17.45
3. Evah Cole	10.39	3-3	34	222	15.32
4. Lawrence Hinton	12.20	0-6	10	186	5.38

Jackson - Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Dave Harrison	38.86	4-0	66	164	40.24
2. Joe Hetrick	30.92	0-4	48	164	29.27

Jackson - Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Brandy Morehead	70.33	3-1	117	178	65.73
2. Clip Connin	56.61	2-2	107	196	54.59
3. Keith Schafer	50.33	1-2	135	230	58.70

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. James Toth	34.25	4-1	80	304	26.32
2. Dave Harrison	39.29	3-2	65	248	26.21
3. Tonya Toth	25.11	0-4	30	232	12.93

The Woody Cup Challenge

The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club hosted the 21st Woody Cup tournament with only 2020 being skipped due to Covid. The event started at 11 a.m., Sept 20, 2025, with team captains signing up team members, paying their entry fee, and donating to the MHPA designated charity, St Jude.

Many competitors, plus guests, gathered for "The Woody Cup Challenge" tournament with pitchers of all abilities gracefully throwing horseshoes. There was plenty of good-natured trash-talking. This annual charity horseshoe tournament featured three clubs: Lake Orion, St. Clair Shores and newcomer Shadyside of Mount Clemens.

It was close scoring until the end of the event, SCS with 28 points and runner-up LO with 25, with Shadyside tallying 19 pts.

This year, \$1474 was raised, which brought the total to \$14,098. The winners have their names placed on the traveling cup.

Pitchers, SCSHC:

John Banks, Kevin Bastian, Jim Belfiori, April and Wayne Friesmuth, Larry Heier, Joe Kristoff, Jane and Tom Nevin, Tina Payne and Melodie Wideman.

Pitchers, Lake Orion: Cathy Ardelean, Doug Bailey, Jacob Behring, Debbie Church, JD Drake, Darren Green, Ken Kuss, Ron Nelson, Jim Pollock, Dawn, Krystle and Ron Price, Matt Thomas and Mellissa Woodbeck.

Pitchers, Shadyside: Hank Daniels, Myrick EL, Will Lee, Darryl Mathews, Nate Miller and Narone Parker.

Funds raised since the inception of "The Woody Cup Challenge"

2004	- \$180	- Friends of Horseshoes
2005	- \$132	- American Red Cross
2006	- \$176	- MHPA Junior Fund
2007	- \$383	- MHPA Junior Fund
2008	- \$315	- MHPA Junior Fund
2009	- \$245	- MHPA Junior Fund
2010	- \$260	- MHPA Junior Fund
2011	- \$215	- MHPA Junior Fund
2012	- \$500	- St. Jude
2013	- \$520	- St. Jude
2014	- \$557	- St. Jude
2015	- \$600	- St. Jude
2016	- \$700	- St. Jude
2017	- \$1,000	- St. Jude
2018	- \$850	- St. Jude
2019	- \$1,100	- St. Jude
2020	- No Tournament	- Covid
2021	- \$1,000	- St. Jude
2022	- \$902	- St. Jude
2023	- \$1,611	- St. Jude
2024	- \$1,378	- St. Jude
2025	- \$1,474	- St. Jude
Total		- \$14,098.00



Winners, SCSHC, Front: Melodie Wideman, April Friesmuth, Joe Kristoff, Jim Belfiori, John Banks. **Back:** Wayne Friesmuth, Jane Nevin, Larry Heier, Tom Nevin. **Missing:** Kevin Bastian, Tina Payne.



Myrick El of Shadyside guides his shoe toward the stake as his opponent Lake Orion Cadet Jacob Behring awaits his turn.



The Woody Cup appearing in the foreground as scorekeepers tally scores in the battle for the Cup.

Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association

August 23, 2025

Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Mark Burns, Association President at 7:13 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mark Burns, said by all.

April 27, 2025 - Spring Membership Meeting Minutes read Michele Burns, Sec/Treasurer and Motion by Joe Hetrick, second by Tina Payne - approved by all.

Financial and Membership reports – were presented by Michele Burns, Sec/Treasurer and were approved by all.

Financial Report – Account Balance after the State Tournament Expenses -

\$ 2400.31	
Scholarship fund	-\$ 2465.00
Hall of Fame	<u>-\$ 242.00</u>
Total Monies on hand	\$5107.31
State Tournament Cost	- \$ 6988.00
Final Balance	\$ 855.38

Total cost of the State Tournament - \$5639.54 (payouts, trophies, court fees and judges)

*Payouts for the prelim classes were reduced to allow for a carry over of funds as seed money for next year's tournament.

2025 Membership total 164 members. Down 4 memberships from last year. We anticipate another increase in membership due to the proximity of the World Tournament in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Two of our members participated in the world tournament that was held in Sandy, Utah. Brandy Morehead and Joe Kristoff. Congratulations to them and thank you for representing the MHPA!

The following members reached a membership milestone with the NHPA/MHPA this year. These members were recognized with a round of applause and their membership patch.

10 years – Ken Kuss, Clip Connin, Bob Peek, Joe Kristoff, Chad Fliescher, Krystle Price, Wayne Friesmuth, Warren Westbrook

20 years – Cathy Ardelean, Tina Schafter, Zachary Spanke

30 years – Paul Bachelor, Frank Quillen

40 years – Judy Curtis, David Loop

Reports of Officers -

Mark Burns, President

This year completes my first year of my term as President.

Thank you to the tournament directors for their work supporting and organizing our tournaments this year. Without them, we would not be able to do what we do.

Bob Wells has also let us know that we will not be able to continue on Budget/Finance Committee, as our auditor and the St. Jude Coordinator. Thank you him for his many years of service!

We have many positions open that we need to get filled in order to keep the MHPA functioning fully.

Publicity Chair

Junior/Cadet Chair

St. Jude Coordinator

Regional Director

Budget/Finance Chair

If you are interested, please let me know.

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We held a successful raffle that was tied to the Michigan 3 digit lottery and were able to make about \$2300 to fund the Championship round of this weekend's state tournament.

We are going to do it again very soon! We have tickets available for you to sell to friends and family. We will be selling them for the months of September and October and payout in the month of November. So, if you would like to help us raise additional monies to fund future state tournament, please see me or Michele.

I look forward to the completion of this state tournament and crowning our next State Champions!

1st VP, Tina Payne – nothing to report.

2nd VP, Helga Hewlett - nothing to report.

Reports from Standing Committees Hall of Fame – three two inductees into the Hall of Fame Sunday Afternoon – names were not announced during the meeting.

Charitable Donations – St. Jude – Bob Wells announced that \$1045.00 was raised this year for St. Jude.

New Business –

Proposed Bylaw change requests that shall be voted on this year

Article VI: Tournaments

Currently Reads: Section 3 - District tournaments under jurisdiction of the MHPA shall start at 9:30 a.m. All participating members must be signed in by that time.

Proposed Change: All District tournaments (indoor and outdoor) shall now be pre-registration. Each participant must contact the host tournament director by the Wednesday before the scheduled tournament. Morning shift participants must be signed in with the tournament director by 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon shift by 1:00 p.m. Tournament will be begin at 9:30 a.m. for morning and 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon.

Reasoning for Change: This change will allow the tournament director to assign players to their classes and post the seedings on the MHPA social media outlets by Friday evening before the tournament (participants can also call the tournament director for seedings). This will also eliminate the need for all pitchers to report early, just to wait to play in the afternoon shift of the tournament. Our pitchers will be able to better plan for their pitching day by knowing their pitching schedule in advance of the tournament. The current odd and event date schedule will remain the same (odd – lower % and even -higher %).

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

Proposal FAILED

Article VI: Tournaments

Currently Reads: Section 4 - Entry fees for Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments shall be \$15.00 (minimum) The MHPA Executive

Council will be responsible for defining and publishing minimum payouts for both Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments.

	1ST:	2ND:	3RD:	4TH:
Three person	20.00	13.00		
Four person	24.00	20.00		
Five person	25.00	20.00	10.00	
Six person	30.00	21.00	15.00	
Seven person	30.00	22.00	15.00	10.00
Eight person	35.00	18.00	10.00	

Proposed Change: Entry fees for Indoor and Outdoor district tournaments shall be \$20.00 (minimum) The MHPA Executive

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Indoor Tournaments

	1 st	2 nd
Three person	42.00	
Four person	40.00	16.00
Five person	45.00	25.00
Six person	55.00	29.00
Seven person	60.00	38.00

Outdoor Tournaments

	1 st	2 nd
Three person	48.00	
Four person	45.00	19.00
Five person	50.00	30.00
Six person	60.00	36.00
Seven person	70.00	42.00

Reasoning for Change: This adjustment in the tournament entry fee will allow for an increased payout for our participants and by reducing the number of places paid out, that will also increase the payouts. There had not been an increase in the tournament entry fee in many years. **There was also a change in the fees that were being paid to the Jackson Horseshoe Club for utilities/use of the facility. The fee was previously \$8/player and is being reduced to \$6/player. This will allow some additional money to be paid out.**

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

Proposal PASSED – Effective January 1, 2026

Article VI: Tournaments

Currently Reads: Section 5 - The scorekeeping fee for all tournaments shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per player per game, including juniors.

Proposed Change: The scorekeeping fee for all tournaments shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per player per game, including juniors. Scheduling of the scorekeepers will be handled by the tournament director.

Reasoning for Change: If the bylaw change proposal passes to make all tournaments pre-registration and split report times, tournament directors will need to “assign” scorekeepers to be sure that the tournament can run as planned.

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

Proposal WITHDRAWN

Article VI: Tournaments

Currently Reads: Section 11 - All MHPA sanctioned tournaments shall be 35 point cancellation. **Exception:** Any game at a state singles tournament between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 30 points or 40 shoes, whichever occurs first. Any game at a district tournament between two pitchers with a 25% or lower ringer percentage shall play to 30 points or 40 shoes, whichever occurs first. In case of a tie game the pitchers shall pitch down and back (four shoes) until a winner is decided.

Proposed Change: All MHPA sanctioned tournaments will be 40 shoes. Games that are tied at the 40 shoe limit will remain a tie (each player will receive .5 credit for the game)

Reasoning for Change: If the bylaw change proposal for the split shift of our tournaments passes, we will need to move to the 40 shoe games to ensure that our tournaments stay on the time schedule that is proposed.

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

Proposal – WITHDRAWN

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NHPA RULES/REGULATIONS GUIDELINES

Currently Reads: RULE 12 - APPROPRIATE NHPA MEMBER CONDUCT – Section D - Alcohol, Tobacco Products, and Illegal Controlled Substances

During the World and State Championship Tournaments, the use of alcohol, any form of tobacco, or illegal controlled substances while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, officials, and scorekeepers. This rule may also be adopted into any Charter Bylaws or may be enforced at any local tournament, if announced in advance by the Tournament/League Officials. Violations may result in the forfeiture of games.

Proposed Change: MHPA tournament participants will be allowed to place their beverages (non-alcoholic/alcoholic) behind the backboard on the courts. Beverages must be in a covered container and not be glass.

Reasoning for Change: This will reduce the amount of time that participants are spending away from the courts to get their beverages, if the proposed bylaw change about new split reporting times passing, staying on schedule will be crucial.

Proposal submitted by: President's Review Committee

Proposal – PASSED – Effective January 1, 2026

In Article VII: State Tournament Section 1 states “To qualify for the State Singles Tournament a MHPA member must have completed four sanctioned events within Michigan, from the previous State Singles Tournament.”

Proposed Change: Article VII: State Tournament Section 1 states “To qualify for the State Singles Tournament a MHPA member must have completed TWO sanctioned events within Michigan, from the previous State Singles Tournament.”

Reasoning for Change: Try to increase our state tournament entries and help those fellow pitchers who work out of town and miss most of our tournaments.

Proposed by Zach Spanke RD

Proposal PASSED

Elections of Officers

Nominations from the floor were opened

1st Vice - President –

Tina Payne – Accepted nomination

Motion to close nominations – James Robinson, second Zach Spanke - unanimous support

By proclamation – Tina Payne was elected as the President from 2026-2028

Secretary/Treasurer/Statistician –

Michele Burns – Accepted nomination

Motion to close nominations – Keith Schafer, second Zach Spanke –
unanimous support

By proclamation – Michele Burns was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer/Statistician from 2026-2028.

Motion to adjourn – Zach Spanke, second JD Drake – unanimous support

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Burns

Secretary/Treasurer

2026 MHPA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT PITCHING SCHEDULE

Outdoor Tournaments - Check-in by 9:30 a.m

Indoor Tournaments must pre-register with the Tournament Director -

Check-in by 9:30 a.m. - Starting time 10:00 a.m.

		DATE	HOST CLUB
January	PRE - REGISTER		
		1/3/2026 - Sat	
	TO GUARANTEE	1/4/2026 - Sun	
		1/10/2026 - Sat	Mecosta
	YOUR SPOT FOR	1/11/2026 - Sun	
		1/17/2026 - Sat	Jackson
	WINTER TOURNAMENTS	1/18/2026 - Sun	
		1/24/2026 - Sat	Kalamazoo
		1/25/2026 - Sun	
		1/31/2026 - Sat	Tom Burns Memorial (Mark Burns) \$600 added prize \$\$\$
February	PRE - REGISTER		
		2/1/2026 - Sun	
		2/7/2026 - Sat	Jackson
		2/8/2026 - Sun	
	TO GUARANTEE	2/14/2026 - Sat	
		2/15/2026 - Sun	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	2/21/2026 - Sat	
		2/22/2026 - Sun	
	WINTER TOURNAMENTS	2/28/2026 - Sat	Mecosta
March	PRE - REGISTER		
		3/1/2026 - Sun	
	TO GUARANTEE	3/7/2026 - Sat	Kalamazoo
		3/8/2026 - Sun	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	3/14/2026 - Sat	Jackson
		3/15/2026 - Sun	
	WINTER TOURNAMENTS	3/21/2026 - Sat	
		3/22/2026 - Sun	
		3/28/2026 - Sat	Mecosta
		3/29/2026 - Sun	
April	PRE - REGISTER		
		4/4/2026 - Sat	
	EASTER	4/5/2026 - Sun	
	TO GUARANTEE	4/11/2026 - Sat	
		4/12/2026 - Sun	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	4/18/2026 - Sat	
		4/19/2026 - Sun	
	WINTER TOURNAMENTS	4/25/2026 - Sat	Jackson - Thrun Vincent
	SPRING MEETING	4/26/2026 - Sun	
	OUTDOOR SEASON BEGINS		
May			
		5/2/2026 - Sat	
		5/3/2026 - Sun	
		5/9/2026 - Sat	
	MOTHER'S DAY	5/10/2026 - Sun	
	TEAM WORLD	5/15/2026 - Fri	
	TEAM WORLD	5/16/2026 - Sat	
	TEAM WORLD	5/17/2026 - Sun	
		5/23/2026 - Sat	
		5/24/2026 - Sun	
	MEMORIAL DAY	5/25/2026 - Mon	
		5/30/2026 - Sat	Lansing - St. Jude
		5/31/2026 - Sun	
June			
		6/6/2026 - Sat	St. Clair Shores Memorial Tournament
		6/7/2026 - Sun	
		6/12/2026 - Fri	Kalamazoo
		6/13/2026 - Sat	Lake Orion
		6/14/2026 - Sun	
		6/20/2026 - Sat	Mecosta

FATHER'S DAY		6/21/2026 - Sun	
		6/27/2026 - Sat	Lansing - 40/30 Throwback Tournament (50 Point games)
		6/28/2026 - Sun	
July			
	4th of JULY	7/4/2026 - Sat	
		7/5/2026 - Sun	
		7/11/2026 - Sat	Lake Orion
		7/12/2026 - Sun	
	WORLD TOURNAMENT @ WAUSAU, WI	7/13 - 7/26/2026	
		7/18/2026 - Sat	
		7/19/2026 - Sun	
		7/25/2026 - Sat	
		7/26/2026 - Sun	
August			
	STATE DOUBLES @ LAKE ORION	8/1/2026 - Sat	Mark Burns MHPA President
		8/2/2026 - Sun	
		8/7/2026 - Fri	Kalamazoo
		8/7/2026 - Fri	St. Clair Shores
		8/8/2026 - Sat	St. Clair Shores
		8/9/2026 - Sun	St. Clair Shores
		8/15/2026 - Sat	Jackson - Mark Burns (TD)
		8/16/2026 - Sun	
	STATE SINGLES @ KALAMAZOO	8/21/2026 - Fri	
	STATE SINGLES @ KALAMAZOO	8/22/2026 - Sat	
	STATE SINGLES @ KALAMAZOO	8/23/2026 - Sun	
		8/29/2026 - Sat	
		8/30/2026 - Sun	
September			
		9/5/2026 - Sat	
		9/6/2026 - Sun	
	LABOR DAY	9/7/2026 - Mon	
		9/12/2026 - Sat	Mecosta
		9/13/2026 - Sun	
		9/19/2026 - Sat	Woody Cup
		9/20/2026 - Sun	
		9/26/2026 - Sat	
		9/27/2026 - Sun	
October	FALL INDOOR BEGINS PRE - REGISTER		
		10/3/2026 - Sat	
		10/4/2026 - Sun	
	TO GUARANTEE	10/10/2026 - Sat	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	10/11/2026 - Sun	
		10/17/2026 - Sat	
	FALL TOURNAMENTS	10/18/2026 - Sun	
		10/24/2026 - Sat	Mecosta
		10/25/2026 - Sun	
		10/31/2026 - Sat	
November	PRE - REGISTER		
		11/1/2026 - Sun	
		11/7/2026 - Sat	
	TO GUARANTEE	11/8/2026 - Sun	
	YOUR SPOT FOR	11/14/2026 - Sat	
		11/15/2026 - Sun	
	FALL TOURNAMENTS	11/21/2026 - Sat	
		11/22/2026 - Sun	
	Contact information for Tournament Directors for indoor tournaments		
	Jackson	Brandy Morehead - 517.599.5933	
		Mark Burns - 734.323.9116	
	Mecosta	Helga Hewlett - 989.621.7630	
	Kalamazoo	Josh Lull - 269.838.7698	

Participants: **Help the TD's by bringing the correct fee money.** It will speed up check-in.
 Bring dollars for scorekeepers.
 It is good etiquette to wear a tournament shirt at all events.

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NHPA/MHPA Membership Application

Name: _____ Last NHPA Card #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Is this a new address? [] Yes

Phone: () _____, Email: _____

How do you wish to get the Ringer Report? ☐ *website* ☐ *standard mail*

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

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Mandatory for Juniors and Men Pitching at 30'.**

(We would appreciate all pitchers providing birth date for statistical purposes.)

____ **Full Member \$45:** Voting member with full privileges, able to enter all sanctioned tournaments upon paying fees.

____ **Provisional Member \$10:** Must pay entry fees and can play in as many tournaments as you like for the year.

____ **Trial Member \$0:** Must pay tournament entry fee and allowed only one tournament.

(Provisional and Trial memberships are for first time NHPA members. If you were a previous NHPA member, Provisional/Trial memberships cannot be used.)

Make Check Payable to: MHPA

Mail to: **Michele Burns, Secretary/Treasurer - 6565 Blackman Rd. - Jackson, MI. 49201** - **mabearin@yahoo.com**

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