



The Ringer Report



Informative - Educational - Entertaining

June 2022



Pitching in 'DA BOOT

WORLD TOURNAMENT
— Monroe, LA —
JULY 11-23, 2022

MHPA WORLD TOURNAMENT ENTRANTS 2022

Name	Category
Quincy Johnson _____	Men
Brandy Morehead _____	Women
Paul Bachelor _____	Elder
Robert Peek _____	Elder
James Dunlap _____	Senior Men
Roger Higgins _____	Senior Men

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

*Of all the games conceived by man,
With views toward life enriching;
Best by test, o'er all the rest,
The art of horseshoe pitching!*

R.O. Brotherton

Walking Doubles Championship - Lake Orion

The main event in Lake Orion, the state doubles championship, takes on competition with the best doubles teams in the state.

Don't like to walk after your shoes? Well, how about a little walking if you can pitch your own shoes and not that of your partners? That has been a common complaint with sanctioned pitchers who like to pitch their favorite shoes.

Walking doubles has two opponents stationed at one stake with their partners at the opposite stake. One pair of partners compete as a unit against the other. They alternate pitch for fairness, walk to the opposite end, call the score, and pitch back until each team has thrown 50 count-all shoes.

If you have competed in one sanctioned tournament since the last doubles event, all you have to do is grab a partner or have one assigned to you. It is all in fun, we are all out to win, but the day we chose to pitch horseshoes proves that people do truly pitch for the love of the sport.



**Saturday,
August 6**



2023 World Horseshoe Tournament

YOUR BEST PITCH IS IN LANSING, MICHIGAN

9410 Davis Hwy
Dimondale, MI 48821
The Summit Sports and

July 18-30, 2023

State Championships - Kalamazoo

The excitement is building, in Kalamazoo, the State Tournament is quickly approaching and the final details are being put in place for a GREAT tournament! The most important detail is that this is YOUR tournament – get your registration sent in by the deadline.

Members must have pitched in four tournaments (in Michigan) since last year's state tournament in order to participate. If you have questions about your number of tournaments pitched, please contact MHPA Secretary Pam Nelson.

August 26, 27 and 27 are the dates for this great weekend for the sanctioned tournament activities. The Championship round will be included this year.



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is our charity of choice. Make your ringers count even more.

Pledge forms available on the MHPA website, and previously printed Ringer Reports.

PRESIDENT'S MEMO

John Stephenson



During the State Tournament meeting in Kalamazoo in August, I will not be running for reelection as your MHPA President.

We have many good people in our organization to fill the position as president. Get your nominations in early as horseshoe pitching needs everyone to fill the executive committee.

I want to thank everyone for their support during my terms of office. I will be around to still be part of our great MHPA family.

Editor note: The president and 2nd vice-president are to be elected in even-numbered years. The 1st vice-president and secretary/treasurer are to be elected in odd-numbered years. Their term of office shall be two years. Election of officers may be by secret ballot. Elections are held during the state Championships Tournament. Elected officers are to begin January 1. A member nominated for office shall be present at the meeting to accept the nomination. A letter of acceptance for a nomination may be submitted if the member cannot be present at the meeting.

SEC./TREAS. NOTE
Pam Nelson

Hello All, Welcome back to all our renewal members and a warm welcome to our new members. Our membership is down for the year, so if anyone know of someone who hasn't renewed or someone who might be interested in joining the MHPA, please contact them.

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather and are getting out to the tournaments. Also, please don't forget our State Tournament is in August in Kalamazoo. It would be great to have a large turnout this year.

Thanks to all our members for making the MHPA a wonderful association to support.

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"Best Horseshoe Event of the Year" - Sue Snyder

TEAM WORLD

Write-up and photos courtesy of JD Drake

Team World 2022 was held in Beloit, WI on May 13th thru the 15th. There were eight states in attendance: Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Washington and Ohio resulting in 24 teams.

There were three very good teams representing Michigan.



The first team consisted of **Andy Adams, JD Drake, Eric Soltis, James Dunlap and Tom Williams**. This team went to the playoffs and ended in third place.



The second team was made up of **Bob Peek, Paul Bachelor, Rick Lyle, George Parsons, Quincy Johnson**. The team had their share of wins and did a good job representing Michigan.



The third team showcased **Greg Burke, Brandy Morehead, Dave Buikema, Helga Hewlett and Warren Westbrook**. They came in with the lower average of the Michigan teams but fought the good fight and ended with a more than respectable number of wins

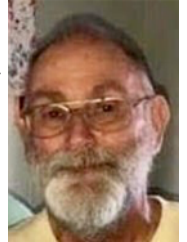
The Michigan teams were a force to be reckoned with during the 23 games each team member pitched over the 3 day tournament. A lot of sore arms, knees and backs but all enjoyed the competition and team spirit.

Condolences

Gary Dennis

Jan. 24, 1945 - Jan. 4, 2022

Gary William Dennis, 76, Brown City, Michigan passed away January 04, 2022. He was born January 24, 1945 in Brown City, Michigan to Robert Dennis and Bernice Madrick Dennis.



He was united in marriage to Judy Sakuta on November 30, 1963.

He loved horseshoes, mowing the lawn, farming, spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also loved watching sports, especially the Cubs and Tigers. He was a collector of Steins and John Deere memorabilia. He also enjoyed getting coney's with his wife and watching the boats.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Bernice Dennis; In-laws, Zig and Marge Sakuta; sister, Gail Dennis, brother in laws, Wayne and Bob (Glennis) Sakuta, and many special nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Judy Dennis; brothers, sister-in-laws, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Gary, in his "trademark" straw hat, keeping score.

MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Indoor - Kalamazoo - Saturday, Mar 5

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. James Dunlap	67.53	3-1	124	192	64.58
2. George Parsons	55.00	3-1	100	164	60.98
3. Paul Bachelor	50.93	2-2	93	186	50.00
4. Robert Peek	64.04	1-3	107	194	55.15
5. Greg Burke	53.14	1-3	71	156	45.51

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Brandy Morehead	44.57	5-1	98	210	46.67
2. Danny Markley	47.88	4-2	97	234	41.45
3. Lisa Smith	42.63	3-3	98	210	46.45
4. Zachary Spanke	46.00	0-6	25	170	14.71

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bob Dale	37.41	3-1	59	178	33.15
2. Chad Fleisher	32.70	3-1	56	182	30.77
3. James Toth	27.78	3-1	56	190	29.47
4. Roger Higgins	29.48	1-3	55	184	29.89
5. Chuck Osborne	29.31	0-4	25	16	15.06

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford	22.00	4-0	42	190	22.11
2. Johnnie Smith	24.92	2-2	44	178	24.72
3. Michael D. Waldon	24.47	2-2	39	182	21.43
4. Martin Quillen	25.30	2-2	39	192	20.31
5. Lawrence Hinton	23.47	0-4	11	178	6.18

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Tonya Toth	19.22	4-0	51	144	35.42
2. Roger Keyes	18.93	2-2	36	178	20.22
3. Dave Durham	20.66	2-2	26	160	16.25
4. Randy Sheffer	20.54	1-3	33	174	18.97
5. Matt Skrzypek	18.78	1-3	24	172	13.95

Class F	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Kary Christiansen	17.50	4-0	34	194	17.53
2. Tiffany Bouvrette	17.48	3-1	39	184	21.20
3. Keara Hunter	18.30	2-2	28	192	14.20
4. Sebastian Eddy	5.76	1-3	7	188	3.72
5. Robert Parham	10.00	0-4	8	198	4.04

Indoor - Kalamazoo - Saturday, Mar 12

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. James Dunlap	67.53	4-0	98	150	65.33
2. Robert Peek	64.04	2-2	79	168	47.02
3. Douglas Bailey	51.04	2-2	64	140	45.71
4. George Parsons	55.00	2-2	68	156	43.59
5. Greg Burke	53.14	0-4	63	158	39.87

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Lisa Smith	42.63	4-2	153	284	53.87
2. Danny Markley	47.88	4-2	129	270	47.78
3. Brandy Morehead	44.57	2-4	112	248	45.16
4. Steve Florek	40.46	2-4	116	258	44.96

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. James Toth	27.78	4-0	57	172	33.14
2. Tonya Toth	16.71	3-1	61	158	38.61
3. Johnnie Smith	24.92	1-3	39	166	23.49
4. Sam Moore	29.44	1-3	39	208	18.75
5. Randy Sheffer	20.54	1-3	26	160	16.25

Indoor - Kalamazoo - Sunday, Mar 20

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. James Dunlap	67.92	4-0	87	132	65.91
2. Lisa Smith	47.92	3-1	107	196	54.59
3. Robert Peek	61.17	1-3	77	156	47.44
4. George Parsons	57.04	1-3	75	160	46.88
5. Quincy Johnson	49.01	1-3	78	172	45.35

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Danny Markley	47.02	4-0	70	142	49.30
2. Helga Hewlett	42.36	3-1	78	162	48.15
3. Dave Buikema	44.60	2-2	75	180	41.67
4. Gerald Harris	31.51	1-3	56	168	33.33
5. Sam Moore	28.81	0-4	43	152	28.29

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Bobby Mumford	22.11	3-1	29	194	14.95
2. Randy Sheffer	20.87	3-1	26	194	13.40
3. Keara Hunter	17.92	2-2	17	202	8.42
4. Robert Parham	4.04	2-2	9	200	4.50
5. Sebastian Eddy	5.76	0-4	9	202	4.46

Indoor - Jackson - Saturday, Apr 9

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Douglas Bailey	51.04	3-1	90	166	54.22
2. Robert Peek	61.17	3-1	73	144	50.69
3. George Parsons	56.29	2-2	89	174	51.15
4. Paul Bachelor	51.10	2-2	72	166	43.37
5. Lisa Smith	51.88	0-4	67	178	37.34

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Danny Markley	48.76	4-0	64	146	43.84
2. Quincy Johnson	45.57	3-1	72	144	50.00
3. Tonya Toth	32.14	2-2	62	184	33.70
4. Roger Higgins	31.03	1-3	41	162	25.31
5. James Toth	31.27	0-4	53	188	28.19

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Sam Moore	28.74	6-0	72	244	29.51
2. Randy Sheffer	20.87	4-2	57	288	19.79
3. Johnnie Smith	26.69	2-4	62	294	21.09
4. Harry Grant	18.07	0-6	18	250	7.20

Tournament Results continued on next page

Remember this . . .

In the MHPA, the classes with higher ringer averages pitch first on even calendar days. The classes with lower ringer averages pitch first on odd calendar days.

Remember this:

4 letters: HIGH = EVEN days

3 letters: LOW = ODD days

The top scorers in each class win a division patch and money, with the Class A winner earning the NHPA Class Champion Patch plus money.

Each court has a scorekeeper, who by tradition is paid a dollar a game for their services.

Winning patches and prize money may be a goal, but it is not the ultimate reward for NHPA/MHPA members. It's the sound of iron hitting iron, the conviviality and the love of the game.

MHPA HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Indoor - Jackson Thru-Vincent T - Sunday, April 24

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. James Dunlap	68.15	6-0	160	248	64.52
2. J.D. Drake	69.63	3-3	169	304	55.59
3. Robert Peek	56.86	2-4	148	290	51.03
4. Tom Williams	63.76	1-5	119	238	50.00

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Lisa Smith	51.88	4-2	142	268	52.99
2. George Parsons	56.29	3-3	164	308	53.25
3. Danny Markley	48.76	3-3	114	276	41.30
4. Quincy Johnson	46.42	2-4	134	304	44.08

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Brandy Morehead	46.33	6-0	122	294	41.50
2. Dave Buikema	44.60	4-2	112	272	41.18
3. Warren Westbrook	43.75	2-4	111	274	40.51
4. Keith Schafer	45.74	0-5	57	228	25.00

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Steve Florek	43.53	5-1	93	204	45.59
2. Tonya Toth	35.80	4-2	86	246	34.96
3. Chad Fleisher	29.30	3-3	73	262	27.86
4. James Toth	31.27	0-6	42	228	18.42

Class E	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Johnnie Smith	26.69	5-1	64	340	18.82
2. Sam Moore	28.70	4-2	66	304	21.71
3. Randy Sheffer	20.90	3-3	48	298	16.11
4. Keara Hunter	17.09	0-6	27	266	10.15

Hillman - Saturday, May 21

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. J.D. Drake	69.63	6-0	115	174	66.09
2. Keith Schafer	45.74	4-2	92	224	41.07
3. Donald Mueller	36.47	2-4	85	234	36.32
4. Jr Wyatt	15.00	0-6	37	188	19.68

Lansing - Saturday, May 28

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. JD Drake	70.21	5-2	200	308	64.94
2. James Dunlap	66.94	4-3	184	312	58.97
3. Robert Peek	55.17	3-3	163	264	61.74
4. George Parsons	55.91	1-5	121	244	49.59

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Danny Markley	68.15	6-0	119	258	46.12
2. Ken Kuss	69.63	4-2	110	228	48.25
3. Paul Howard	56.86	2-4	56	194	28.87
4. Zachary Spanke	63.76	0-6	61	220	27.73

Class C	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Michael McDaniel	32.47	6-0	94	258	36.43
2. Becky Sullivan	33.54	4-2	86	252	34.13
3. Sam Moore	28.70	2-4	77	278	27.70
4. Chad Fleisher	27.62	0-6	49	244	20.00

Class D	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Cathy Ardelean	27.55	5-0	68	224	30.36
2. Jake Mendham	20.04	4-1	58	178	32.58
3. Roger Keyes	21.54	3-2	48	244	19.67
4. Rod Bashore	20.00	2-3	36	222	16.22
5. Larry Hinton	21.38	1-4	24	226	10.62
6. Rosemarie Nowacki	14.43	0-5	12	166	7.23

Lansing - Sunday, May 29

Class A	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Danny Markley	47.46	7-0	126	322	39.13
2. Helga Hewlett	49.92	6-1	164	328	50.00
3. Robert Peek	57.85	4-3	144	302	47.68
4. Douglas Bailey	53.04	4-3	136	302	45.03
5. Warren Westbrook	43.30	3-4	130	326	39.88
6. Ken Kuss	49.55	2-5	125	320	39.06
7. Quincy Johnson	48.68	1-6	149	358	41.62
8. Keith Schafer	45.74	1-6	96	286	33.57

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Becky Sullivan	34.13	3-1	62	194	31.96
2. Tina Schafer	31.64	3-1	65	212	30.66
3. Michael McDaniel	34.25	2-2	67	238	28.15
4. Randall Kamm	21.98	2-2	50	198	25.25
5. Cathy Ardelean	29.38	0-4	39	206	18.93

Class B	Entry%	WL	Rgrs	Sh	R%
1. Joe Hettrick	21.37	6-0	63	276	22.83
2. Roger Keyes	21.96	4-2	52	284	18.31
3. Bryce VanCleave	9.58	1-5	36	284	12.68
4. Lawrence Hinton	18.99	1-5	24	276	8.70

KNOW THE RULES!

State and National Dress Codes

MHPA Singles and Doubles Tournament:

While pitching, all participants of the State and Doubles Tournament shall wear a shirt or blouse with their last name professionally lettered on the back.

NHPA Member Dress Code:

All contestants competing in a World Tournament shall have, as a minimum, their last name and State or Country abbreviation professionally lettered on the back of their



A good example of a tournament shirt.

shirts. Said shirts cannot be sleeveless. No cut-offs are permitted and closed-toe shoes must be worn.

Further dress code restrictions may be imposed by the Executive Council if all entrants are notified no later than the mailing date of their pitching schedules. This Dress Code may also be adopted into any Charter Bylaws or may be enforced at any State Championship Tournament or at any local tournament, if announced in advance by the Tournament/League Officials. Contestants who do not comply may not be allowed to participate in the event.

2022 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.

JUNE

		<u>06/04/22</u>	<u>St. Clair Shores - Memorial</u>
<u>7 p.m.</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>06/10/22</u>	<u>Kalamazoo</u>
		<u>06/11/22</u>	<u>Kalamazoo</u>
		<u>06/11/22</u>	<u>Lake Orion</u>
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>06/12/22</u>	<u>Jackson - St. Jude</u>
		<u>06/18/22</u>	<u>Brighton</u>
		<u>06/25/22</u>	<u>Hillman</u>

JULY

		<u>07/02/22</u>	<u>Holt - Windmill Open</u>
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>07/03/22</u>	<u>Lansing</u>
		<u>07/09/22</u>	<u>St. Clair Shores</u>
		<u>07/16/22</u>	<u>Lake Orion</u>
		<u>07/11/22-07/23//22</u>	<u>World Tournament in Monroe LA</u>
<u>7 p.m.</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>07/22/22</u>	<u>St. Clair Shores</u>
		<u>07/23/22</u>	<u>St. Clair Shores</u>
		<u>07/30/22</u>	<u>Holt - Website Fund</u>
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>07/31/22</u>	<u>Jackson</u>

AUGUST

		<u>08/06/22</u>	<u>Lake Orion - State Doubles</u>
		<u>08/13/22</u>	<u>Hillman</u>
		<u>08/13/22</u>	<u>Brighton</u>
		<u>08/20/22</u>	<u>Lansing - St Jude</u>
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>08/21/22</u>	<u>Lansing Website Fund</u>
	<u>Friday</u>	<u>08/26/22</u>	<u>State Tournament - Kalamazoo</u>
	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>08/27/22</u>	<u>State Tournament - Kalamazoo</u>
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>08/28/22</u>	<u>State Tournament - Kalamazoo</u>

SEPTEMBER

		<u>09/10/22</u>	<u>Lansing Senior Tournament</u>
<u>Non Sanct.</u>		<u>09/17/22</u>	<u>Woody Cup - Lansing</u>
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>09/25/22</u>	<u>Jackson</u>

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Welcome



to the Village of Lake Orion

2022 State Doubles Championship Saturday, August 6

Hosted by the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club

- 9:30 a.m. Sign-In Deadline \$40.00 per Team
Note if the tournament is cancelled - The rain date will be Sunday, August 11
- Combined average cannot be greater than 120%
- Pick your partner or we'll find one for you
- Walking doubles
- Pitch your own shoes
- 50 shoe count-all scoring
- All money returned in prizes and trophies
- Roasted Chicken/Potluck Dinner



2022 MHPA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 26, 27, 28

Hosted by:

Kalamazoo Area Horseshoe Club

Entry Mailing Deadline: August 15, 2022

Entries will be accepted at the last two regularly scheduled tournaments in Brighton and Lansing

Entry Fee: \$40.00



Entry form in the Ringer Report and MHPA website

2022 MICHIGAN HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN
FRIDAY PM AUGUST 26, SATURDAY 27, SUNDAY 28.
(Friday P.M. start time TDB)
Saturday and Sunday start time 8:00 AM.

Championship Round commences after end of play Sunday August 28.

All pitchers must have pitched in 4 tournaments, have a current NHPA/MHPA membership. NHPA/MHPA Rules and Dress Code will be enforced. Names are required, first name on the front of the shirt and last name on back of shirts.

Fall Board Meeting is Saturday P.M. after dinner. The election of President and 2nd Vice President is one of the agenda items. If anyone would like to be included on the ballot for either position please let the Secretary/Treasurer know.

Lunch will be available both days. The dinner is August 27th before the fall Board Meeting. Self contained camping is available.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL PAYMENT TO:
MHPA PAM NELSON 660 S. COATS RD., OXFORD MICHIGAN 48371
\$40.00 PER PERSON
PAYMENT REQUIRED BY AUGUST 7, 2022

Name _____ MHPA Card # _____

Address: _____

City: _____, MI Zip code: _____

I would like to pitch
30' _____

40' _____

Please note that Juniors, and Cadets, are required to pay the entry fee and will be awarded cash rewards if they place 1st or 2nd in their class.

As a participant in the 2022 State Tournament August 26-28, 2022, by signing below I am hereby releasing and forever discharging the MHPA and Kalamazoo Horseshoe Club, and all officers and directors and all fellow participants of this event from and all illness, action, damage, loss or injury which I may suffer as a consequence of participation in the MHPA State Tournament.

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

WSHPA/MHPA Hall of Fame & Museum

Pat Bailey knows horseshoe pitching. She has been around pitchers for many years and is well versed in our great sport. Therefore, it was a natural that she took over the Chair of the MHPA Hall of Fame. The Hall has been in existence for many years in photos and in book form. A few years ago, with a grant from Terry Beagle and member donations, cabinets were built and installed by MHPA volunteers in the Jackson indoor pitching building. Many MHPA members have been involved in organizing material for display.



Pat Bailey

With Pat taking over as Chair, photos, books, displays, and memorabilia have been put on display in a professional manner. We should all be proud of Pat and her committee accomplishments with the Hall.



The Michigan Hall of Fame and Museum started thanks to the support of fellow pitchers who have donated money or items of interest.

By donating \$100 you can have your name listed on the plaque that is sitting in the HOF/Museum. You can donate \$25.00 at a time if you are unable to donate the entire \$100.00 at once. Please make the check out to MHPA and mail it to Pat Bailey. Be sure to write on the memo line HOF/Museum.

The committee continues to look for items that would be of interest to put in the museum.



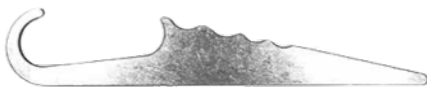
Horseshoe pitching history is always an interest to a horseshoe pitcher. We, in Michigan have been blessed with many talented pitchers who have contributed to our sport on the national and state level.

To preserve the history on the national level, the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation was formed to solicit contributions to showcase the present and build the future of horseshoe pitching. The NHPA Hall of Fame is located in Wentzville, MO.

In Michigan, we are very fortunate to have Pat Bailey as curator or keeper of our MHPA history at our MHPA Hall of Fame located inside the Jackson Horseshoe Pitching Building.

Plan on pitching in an upcoming winter tournament and take in the many displays. You will be able to view all Hall of Fame members, their contributions to our sport and go away saying, "It's always fun to pitch horseshoes, especially when I can take in the Hall of Fame displays." Bring a friend, have them join a horseshoe pitching club and let them get in on the fun.

The following are some items of interest.



Mark Johnson, Marv Kangas and Albert Morris developed and marketed the Horseshoe Hooker. This measuring device is sold and used nationally. Morris is a MHPA Hall of Fame member.

Vernon Kinser was the manufacturer of the Detroit Flyer.

Horseshoes no longer manufactured with Michigan connections.



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The only horseshoe pitching related charity needs your tax-deductible donations to support many programs of the sport including the Hall of Fame and Grants to install new or upgrade existing courts.

Deadline for grant Applications: March 1st and September 1st.

Mail Inquires & contributions to:

NHPF

100 Bluestem Way

Wentzville, MO 63385 www.nhpf.info

EDITOR'S Notes

Dean Schmitz



It's good to be back!

With the urging of our MHPA sec./treas., Pam Nelson, and a few other members I have decided to sit at the Editor's desk again. Well, it does give me something I like to do because I love the great Sport of Horseshoe Pitching.

In order to be a good editor, we must have our membership contribute to the RR in order to have the newsletter to be "News" and not just a posting.

I will be asking all Executive members to contribute a short writing for every issue and the Club presidents/TD's to give a report.

On this page I have given some suggestions on what and how you can contribute.

I want our RR to be "Informative - Educational - Entertaining" so that it is read and passed on as a publicity missile to recruit new members.

Other Thoughts...

Have you ever experienced hitting a walk-off single, winning a game with the final basket, bowling a turkey to win in the final frame? Well, how about winning your round-robin in a tournament class division on the last pitch? Doesn't it make you concentrate with a massive anxiety in the "pit" of your stomach when you know your last pitch could mean the championship? Throwing that winning ringer is conversation for a long time.

Pitching horseshoes may rank as one of the lesser-known sports these days, but the MHPA proves that the ancient sport still shows some life. Membership was down because of Covid, but I am sure it will make a tremendous comeback especially when Lansing hosts the World Tournament next year.

For a start get qualified to pitch in the MHPA Doubles and State Tournaments. **Relax, pitch horseshoes and enjoy the excitement!**

Constitution and By-laws Changes

The Constitution and By-laws may be revised by submitting changes at any membership meeting or sending to the chairperson of the Constitution and By-laws Committee, 1st Vice-President Brandy Morehead, by July 15th.

All proposed revisions are voted on at the State Tournament meeting. Any additions, deletions and/or changes takes a two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting and become effective January 1st of the following year.

Hall of Fame nomination forms must be received by June 15th for the nominee to be included in the voting for that year. Send HOF form to Danny Markley.

(See addresses on page 2.)

Suggestions for writing a blurb for Ringer Report issues *(Not in any specific order.)*

1. End of the year league/club wrap up.
Observations for the coming year
2. League member count/new members
3. Sanctioned league?
4. Sanctioned tournaments
 - Who won? •First-time patches •Number of contestants?
 - First-time pitchers •Unusual on-the-court events
 - Volunteers helping to set up for tournaments
5. Club Officers
6. Recruitment efforts
7. Charity events
8. Banquets
9. Club Logos
10. Shed and equipment;
Who sets up the courts for a tournament?
11. Guests to sing National Anthem
12. Items in the News or TV
13. Condition of the courts:
Who maintains the courts, mowing, trimming, taking care of pits, lighting, repairs, etc.
14. Items in the News or TV
15. State Tournament contestants
16. Awards for any club members
17. World Tournament participants
18. Youth involvement
19. Members on the MHPA executive committee
20. Some club history
21. Future events
22. Individual pitcher's accomplishments
23. A photo of the courts, winning members, officers, things of interest.
24. Toll of Time
25. Backyard pitching
26. Team World
27. And other items of interest for horseshoe pitching.

**Executive members, TD's and members,
please use our Ringer Report to promote our sport.**

MICHIGAN HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 30, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Meeting called to order by John Stephenson. Board members in attendance:

John Stephenson - President
Brandy Morehead - 1st VP
Debbie Markley - 2nd VP
Keith Schafer- Regional Director
Pamela Nelson - Secretary/Treasurer

There were no reports from Board Members.

Danny Markley is now the new HOF Chair.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the financial and membership reports as follows:

General Fund	\$2,347.81
Jr. Scholarship	\$2,464.65
HOF Fund	\$1,073.00
World Tourn. Fund	\$500.00
Total	\$6,385.46

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Dollar Allocation per each member.

State Tournament	\$6.00
Ringer Report	\$7.00
Sec/Treas	\$1.00
Statistician	\$1.00
NHPA	\$25.00
Total	\$40.00

Any left over dollars goes into the General Fund.

Membership Report

New	3
Trial	1
Provisional	2
Cadet	4
Renewal	88
Lifetime	5
Total	103

Keith Schafer, Regional Director, stated he is looking for someone as his apprentice. He is resigning this position at the end of the 2023 season.

A discussion ensued regarding adding a Championship Round to the State Tournament. This would require adding Friday evening classes. The Championship Round would begin after the finish of play on Sunday.

After much discussion a vote was held and the adding the the Championship Round and Friday evening classes and was passed.

The meeting was adjourned @11:30 A.M.

MHPA Ringer Report Editor

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FIRST CLASS

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.

Make Check Payable to: MHPA

Mail to: **Pamela Nelson, 660 S. Coats Road, Oxford, MI 48371**

FULL MEMBER Card Costs: \$45.00 Adults - \$38.00 for second card in the same household.

\$0.00 Juniors \$7.00 for a junior wanting to receive the newsletter

\$8.00 Ringer Report Subscription only. (Subscription included in full membership.)