



RINGER REPORT

June 2019

From the President—

It is hard to believe that the summer season is here and in full swing, in spite of a lot of rain!! Winter tournament participation was very good and the Sunday tournaments continue to draw pitchers that might not be able to pitcher otherwise.

As you have, I am sure, heard by now, I will be resigning my position on December 31, 2019 (due to my upcoming retirement and our move to Florida) and Michele will not seek re-election to the Secretary/Treasurer position. She will also be resigning as the Statistician at the end of September to allow the newly appointed statistician to take over when the fall season/ 2020 membership renewal season begins.

A couple of things to keep in mind as the State Tournament and membership meeting approaches, our by-laws state that when the president resigns their position before the end of their term, the 1st Vice-President moves up to take over the remainder of the president's term. The 2nd Vice-President would also move up, if they agree. Then a new 2nd Vice-President would be elected at the Spring meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer position is on the ballot for the State Tournament meeting.

The statistician position is appointed, so if you know of someone that would be interested in that position, please have them get in touch with me or Michele.

I have enjoyed my time as President and look forward to the upcoming months and exciting things that are happening in the MHPA.

See you on the Courts!

From the Regional Director

The NHPA World Tournament will be held in Wichita Falls, Texas—July 22 through August 3, 2019. There are 15 Michigan pitchers registered to participate. Good Luck to everyone and safe travels. Results will be posted on the MHPA facebook page and website after the tournament is complete.

Sanctioning of the local club courts continues and must be complete by July 1. Keith and I are working our way around. If you haven't seen one of us, you will soon.

State Tournament Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 24 at the conclusion of the rounds of preliminary class play, we will hold our membership meeting. During this meeting, we will be holding the elections for the 1st Vice-President and the Secretary/Treasurer positions, discussing the business of our organization, and voting on any new By-Law/Constitution changes.

If you have By-Law/ Constitution proposals, there are due to John Stephenson by July 15, 2019. If you have questions regarding submitting a proposal, please reach out to John and he will be happy to provide guidance.

MHPA Website

- With the help of Steve, our webmaster, we are making a concentrated effort to utilize our website to get information to our members more effectively and instead of waiting to share information in the Ringer Report.
- Check out the new sections—events, news and obituaries. If you have items you think should be shared in the events or news, send them to Mark.





2019 State Tournament Information

Can you believe that the spring/summer pitching season is upon us? No, well we can't either, but ready or not, here it comes! And with that, comes the start of preparations for the State Singles Tournament to be held on Friday, August 23 - Sunday, August 25 at the Jackson Horseshoe

Club.

Based on the results of the player surveys that were completed at the end of the tournament last year, we have decided to implement the following plan for this year's tournament.

1. The exact time assignments will be determined on Sunday, August 18. The schedule will then be posted on the website or you can contact President Mark Burns for your assignment.
2. Class assignments will be a bit different than in the past couple of years, when possible and competitive, we will be separating the 40' men and the 30' men/women. However, there maybe classes that will be mixed to ensure the most competitive class play for most.

3. We will be having preliminary class play on Friday evening with a start time of about 7 p.m.

4. Preliminary class play will continue on Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m.

5. Here is a sample of what a pitching schedule could look like

Friday Night pitching groups @ 7 p.m. will pitch again at Saturday at 2 p.m.

Saturday morning pitching groups @ 8 a.m. will pitch their second round at 8 a.m. on Sunday

Saturday morning pitching groups @ 11 a.m. will pitch their second round at 11 a.m. on Sunday

6. We will have a dinner and the membership meeting on Saturday evening at the conclusion of the class play.

7. The Championship round for Men, Women, and Elders will take place on Sunday with a start time of 2:30 p.m.

8. The playing format will be 40 shoe limit games. The championship round games will not be a shoe limit. They will be 40 point cancellation games.

9. Remember, per on By-laws, Article VII: State Tournament—Section 4.

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

Mark those calendar, make your plans, and practice to be ready for your

STATE TOURNAMENT!

If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please feel free to contact, John Stephenson, Tournament Format Committee Chairperson.



Summer Schedule—

June

- 6/22/19 Saturday Brighton
- 6/23/19 Sunday Brighton
- 6/29/19 Saturday Holt

July

- 7/06/19 Saturday St. Clair Shores
- 7/13/19 Saturday Jackson—Seniors Tourn
- 7/20/19 Saturday Brighton
- 7/21/19 Sunday Brighton
- 7/22-8/3 -World Tournament, Wichita Falls, Tx

August

- 8/03/19 Saturday Lincoln Park
- 8/10/19 Saturday Lake Orion
- State Doubles Championship
- 8/11/19 Sunday Lake Orion
- 8/17/19 Saturday Holt (St. Jude)
- 8/18/19 Sunday Jackson
- 8/23-25/19 Weekend -Jackson
- State Tournament**

September

- 9/21/19 Saturday Scheduling Meeting at
Jackson—10:00 AM

** Details regarding the State Tournament are included in this issue of the Ringer Report

Team World—May 16-19, 2019—Beloit, Wisconsin

Michigan was very well represented at the Team World tournament this year, we had two teams participate and they each did the Mitten state PROUD!!!

Team 1—Andy Adams, Bob Beagle, Terry Beagle, JD Drake, and Tom Williams

Team 2—Mark Burns, Denise Daly, James Dunlap, Quincy Johnson, and George Parsons. (James was not able to attend due to the passing of his wife.)

Team 1 finished with a record of 74-14 and a team ringer percentage of 62.90% and a second place to a very strong Wisconsin team. Wisconsin is a repeat Team World Champion winning last year also.

Team 2 finished with a record of 45-39 and a team ringer percentage of 50.80% and in tenth place.



Congratulations

to both teams and thank you for
representing our State and charter so well!!!

Help
Wanted

We are looking again for an editor for the Ringer Report. Due to some personal reasons, Vicki Mueller is not able to continue.

If you are interested in the position, but would like more details about the process of producing the RR, please reach out to Tina Schafer. She will be happy to answer your questions.

If you know that this is the position for you—Just get in touch with Mark Burns!

**MHPA Tournament winners from
January 2019 to May 2019**

**The complete tournament results are available at the MHPA Web-
site [here](#).**

Record of First place finishes and exciting games—

January 5, 2019—Tom Williams—66.50%

January 12, 2019—James Dunlap—66.89%

January 20, 2019—Tom Williams—67.52 %

February 2, 2019—Tom Williams—76.44%

February 16, 2019— Tom Williams—74.26%

February 24, 2019— James Dunlap—62.62%

March 2, 2019— James Dunlap—74.68%*

*James pitched a 92.86 % game—26 ringers of 28 shoes! Way to go James!

March 10, 2019— Tom Williams—74.00%

March 16, 2019— George Parsons—51.22%

March 23, 2019—Denise Daly—60.85%

April 6, 2019—James Dunlap—74.26%

April 7, 2019—James Dunlap—65.09%

April 20, 2019 - George Parsons—56.71%

April 27, 2019 - Denise Daly—55.14%

May 5, 2019 - George Parsons—54.35%

May 11, 2019— James Dunlap—62.34%

May 18, 2019— Rick Lyle—40.38%

May 24, 2019—Bob Peek—63.48 %





2019 MHPA State Tournament

August 23, 24, & 25, 2019

Hosted by: The Jackson Horseshoe Club

August 23—State Tournament Class Play starting at approx. 7:00 p.m.

August 24 and 25— State Tournament Class Play starting at 8 a.m.

August 25—State Tournament Championship Round starting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Mailing Deadline—August 12, 2019

Entries will be accepted at the Holt tournament Saturday, August 17 and Jackson, Sunday, August 18

Entry fee \$40.00 Adults and No Fee for Juniors (Check or MO preferred)

No Refunds after August 18, 2019

In order to participate in the State Tournament, you must have pitched in four (4) sanctioned events in Michigan between September 2018 and August 18, 2019, to qualify for the 2019 State Tournament.

The schedule will be posted on the MHPA website late Sunday evening, August 18th; or you can call (734)-323-9116 (Mark Burns), Sunday, August 18th or Monday, August 19 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. for your pitching times.

- Membership meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon/evening
- Elections for the 1st Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer will be held.
- Proposed Changes to the Constitution and by laws will be voted on.

*****Return the portion below for registration*****

2019 Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association State Tournament Entry Form

(Circle One)

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Name: _____ Distance: 30' or 40' Card# _____ \$40.00 or Junior \$0

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Make checks payable to MHPA and mail to:

Michele Burns, Statistician, 5060 Horstman Rd., Williamston, MI 48895

Mailed entries must be postmarked by August 12, 2019.