



The Ringer Report



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May 2025

St. Jude 2025 Program

Bob Wells, St. Jude Coordinator

This summer I will be running a program to raise money for the St. Jude Children's fund.

St. Jude has provided a very nice backpack which we're going to fill with prizes to be awarded at the State Tournament August 23.

Anyone who donates \$25 or more for St. Jude will have their name and phone number put in a drawing to win the backpack and its prizes.

One ticket per entry only.

The backpack will have:

- 1 X-large and 1 large St. Jude T-shirt.
- The Otto Reno book "Pitching Championship Horseshoes."
- A \$25 gift card for Bob Evans Restaurant
- A \$25 gift card for Applebee's Restaurant
- Measuring horseshoe pitching tools

I would like to thank all of the tournament directors for their help in putting this program together.

Your friends and relatives are also to enter this drawing.

My mailing address is:

6777 Lexington Pl.

Temperance, MI 48182

Phone number 419-654-0818



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 Ringer Reports.

Raising funds for our State Tournament

In an effort to raise funds for our State Tournament payouts, we have decided to do a raffle that is tied to the Michigan 3 digit lotto (Lake Orion has done this and been very successful).

We have 1000 tickets to sell at \$5.00 each but we need your help to make this happen!

We need people to sell the tickets. If you are able to do this for us, please email or call Mark or Michele.

The complete process is this:

- Tickets numbered 001 - 999 are "sold"
- Money and contact information of the purchaser must be shared with the MHPA Treasurer by June 7 at midnight to allow for preparation of the drawings that will take place the month of June.

- Michigan Lotto 3 digit number is announced for each day June 1 - June 30

- We payout Monday - Friday = \$75 and Saturday - Sunday = \$100.00

- Payouts will be managed by the Treasurer of the MHPA and all payouts will be completed at the end of the month of June.

Let's all work together to raise the money we need for our State Tournament class payouts!!!

Contact information for Mark and me:

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Please let us know if you have any questions.



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 Tina Payne, 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 page 2 for addresses.)

President's Report

Mark Burns



The summer pitching season has begun and if you have not played yet in 2025, now is the time to pay your membership, clean off the shoes and head to a tournament!

Be sure to check out our webpage for the up to date information on tournament schedules. As previously mentioned in the March 2025 Ringer Report, I have formed a committee to review our standard player practices. The committee has been meeting once a week since April and we have talked about a number of possible changes to our bylaws and standards of play. The bylaw proposals will be submitted by the deadline to be voted on at the membership meeting during our State Tournament weekend.

REMEMBER: Attendance at the meeting is very important, that is where YOU get to shape the MHPA by voting on potential changes to our bylaws.

—Mark

Josh from Kalamazoo has let us know that the hotel that is immediately adjacent to the courts is no longer a hotel. The city of Kalamazoo has purchased the building and is using it for other purposes. If traveling to Kalamazoo for a tournament and planning to stay over-night, be sure to find another place.

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2025 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.

Memorial Day	5/26/2025 - Mon	Lansing
June		
	6/7/2025 - Sat	St. Clair Shores Memorial Tournament
	6/8/2025 - Sun	
	6/13/2025- Fri	Kalamazoo
	6/14/2025 - Sat	Lake Orion
Father's Day	6/15/2025 - Sun	
	6/21/2025 - Sat	Jackson
	6/22/2025 - Sun	
	6/28/2025 - Sat	Mecosta
	6/29/2025 - Sun	Jackson
July		
4th of July	7/4/2025 - Fri	
	7/5/2025 - Sat	
	7/6/2025 - Sun	
	7/12/2025 - Sat	St. Jude/Mike Ardelean Memorial - Lake Orion
	7/13/2025 - Sun	Jackson
	7/18/2025-Fri	Kalamazoo
	7/19/2025 - Sat	St. Jude - Lansing
	7/20/2025 - Sun	
World Tournament	7/26/2025 - Sat	
World Tournament	7/27/2025 - Sun	
August		
World Tournament	8/2/2025 - Sat	State Doubles - St. Clair Shores
	8/3/2025 - Sun	
	8/9/2025 - Sat	Lake Orion
	8/10/2025 - Sun	
	8/16/2025 - Sat	Jackson (Mark Burns TD) St. Clair Shores - Non-Walking
	8/17/2025 - Sun	Doubles
Fri - State Tournament	8/22/2025 - Fri	Jackson
State Tournament	8/23/2025 - Sat	Jackson
State Tournament	8/24/2025 - Sun	Jackson
	8/30/2025 - Sat	
	8/31/2025 - Sun	
September		
Labor Day	9/1/2025 - Mon	
	9/6/2025 - Sat	Lansing
	9/7/2025 - Sun	Jackson
	9/13/2025 - Sat	
	9/14/2025 - Sun	

Indoor Tournament Results

Tom Burns @Jackson - Sat, Mar. 15, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Denise Daly	71.65	4-2	182	272	66.91
2. Brandy Morehead	68.81	3-3	197	310	63.55
3. Helga Hewlett	63.29	3-3	174	286	60.84
4. Randal Hawkins	72.00	2-4	151	256	58.98

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lisa Smith	59.39	4-0	88	148	59.46
2. Sam Moore	57.82	3-1	76	166	45.78
3. Jaime Goodman	45.47	2-2	59	154	38.31
4. Bob Peek	45.73	1-3	50	152	32.89
5. John Smith	43.11	0-4	38	148	25.68

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Parsons	41.01	4-0	82	200	41.00
2. John Banks	37.61	3-1	67	156	42.95
3. John Cousins	42.01	2-2	63	154	40.91
4. James Toth	37.97	1-3	49	144	34.03
5. Mark Burns II	38.55	0-4	37	138	26.81

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Nicholas Lockwood	28.00	4-0	57	192	29.69
2. Johnnie Smith	32.56	3-1	49	188	26.06
3. Michael Burns	30.00	2-2	50	196	25.51
4. Matt Skrzypek	27.74	1-3	34	210	16.19
5. Bobby Mumford	26.23	0-4	44	202	21.78

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Kevin Gladstone	25.70	4-0	32	212	15.09
2. Dave Harrison	26.05	3-1	40	186	21.51
3. Jackson Vancleave	20.78	2-2	27	192	14.06
4. Dan Mendham	21.30	1-3	28	188	14.89
5. Zachary Spanke	23.78	0-4	19	178	10.67

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bryce Vancleave	14.29	4-0	42	138	30.43
2. Steve Campbell	16.67	3-1	38	146	26.03
3. Tonya Toth	20.22	1-3	31	146	21.23
4. Larry Majerski	17.83	1-3	29	144	20.14
5. Harry Grant	18.00	1-3	22	142	15.49

Jackson@Jackson - Sat, March 30, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Denise Daly	71.65	5-1	171	276	61.96
2. Lisa Smith	59.96	3-3	149	270	55.19
3. J.D. Drake	63.32	3-3	147	274	53.65
4. Sam Moore	57.82	1-5	154	296	52.03

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jaime Goodman	45.47	3-1	79	162	48.77
2. George Parsons	41.27	3-1	70	158	44.30
3. John Smith	43.11	2-2	64	162	39.51
4. Jackie Saylor	41.75	2-2	67	182	36.81
5. Danny Markley	46.19	0-4	17	136	12.50

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. James Toth	37.24	4-0	57	186	30.65
2. Martin Quillen	38.08	2-2	57	170	33.53
3. Jonathan Landino	39.48	2-2	45	144	31.25
4. Chuck Garrison	41.13	1-3	39	156	25.00
5. Mark Burns	37.79	1-3	44	184	23.91

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Johnnie Smith	32.84	4-0	58	192	30.21
2. Robert Kudla	30.00	3-1	51	158	32.28
3. George Jones	33.40	2-2	60	220	27.27
4. Nicholas Lockwood	29.69	1-3	45	180	25.00
5. Crystal Devine	26.18	0-4	32	182	17.58

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Tonya Toth	21.14	4-0	51	176	28.98
2. Dave Harrison	26.05	2-2	39	166	23.49
3. Kevin Gladstone	23.81	2-2	33	172	19.19
4. Michael Burns	25.51	1-3	50	218	22.94
5. Bobby Mumford	24.90	1-3	28	168	16.67

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Norman Bearer	21.00	3-1	35	140	25.00
2. William Bender	16.00	3-1	22	150	14.67
3. Cindy Jones	9.87	3-1	13	154	8.44
4. Michael Warboy	6.30	0.5-3.5	9	158	5.70
5. Chelane Priller	3.08	0.5-3.5	3	134	2.24

State Tournament Fund@Jackson

Sat., April 12, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Eric Soltis	67.00	3-1	103	168	61.31
2. Don Epps (OH)	70.77	3-1	95	172	55.23
3. Lisa Smith	59.96	2-2	107	194	55.15
4. Sam Moore	57.82	1-3	85	172	49.42
5. J.D. Drake	63.32	1-3	89	182	48.90

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. L.C. Bracey Jr.	54.55	3-1	79	154	51.30
2. George Parsons	42.40	3-1	79	190	41.58
3. Warren Westbrook	47.89	2-2	63	140	45.00
4. Quincy Johnson	53.38	2-2	55	126	43.65
5. Danny Markley	43.57	0-4	43	150	28.67

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Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. James Toth	34.16	4-0	59	188	31.38
2. George Jones	33.40	2-2	52	188	27.66
3. Crystal Devine	26.18	2-2	39	200	19.50
4. Johnnie Smith	32.84	1-3	61	214	28.50
5. Mark Burns	37.79	1-3	46	194	23.71

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Dave Harrison	26.05	3-1	39	196	19.90
2. Tonya Toth	25.57	2-2	26	198	13.13
3. Cindy Jones	9.87	1-3	20	222	9.01

Thrun Vincent@Jackson - Sat, April 26, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Andrew Adams		4-0	137	180	76.11
2. Denise Daly		2-2	109	166	65.66
3. Brandy Morehead		2-2	144	228	63.16
4. Helga Hewlett		2-2	86	148	58.11
5. J.D. Drake		0-4	89	166	53.61

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Lisa Smith		3-1	81	116	69.83
2. Randal Hawkins		3-1	106	164	64.63
3. Quincy Johnson		3-1	103	188	54.79
4. L.C. Bracey Jr.		1-3	79	166	47.59
5. Sam Moore		0-4	79	166	47.59

Class C	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Warren Westbrook		4-0	80	172	46.51
2. Douglas Bailey		3-1	66	156	42.31
3. Danny Markley		2-0	63	188	33.51
4. Bob Peek		1-0	43	136	31.62
5. Greg Burke		0-4	63	164	38.41

Class D	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. George Parsons		3-1	63	140	45.00
2. William Sash		3-1	54	132	40.91
3. Mark Burns II		3-1	45	110	40.91
4. Gerald Harris (WI)		1-3	27	118	22.88
5. Mark Burns		0-4	15	112	13.39

Class E	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. James Toth		6-0	80	260	30.77
2. Johnnie Smith		4-2	81	254	31.89
3. Dave Harrison		2-4	47	250	18.80
4. Tonya Toth		0-6	25	232	10.78

Class F	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Bobby Mumford, Jr.		3-1	45	174	25.86
2. Kevin Gladstone		3-1	37	168	22.02
3. Diana Eaton		0-4	7	154	4.55



Mecosta - Sat, May 10, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Jayden Fri	40.00	4-0	73	168	43.45
2. Warren Gionet (FL)	36.21	3-1	71	184	38.59
3. Brad Reynolds	37.69	2-2	71	184	38.59
4. Scott Storms	34.00	1-3	60	206	29.13
5. Brad Crawford	34.00	0-4	53	194	27.32

Class B	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R</u>
1. Dale Moore	30.16	4-0	64	164	39.02
2. Jim Stewart	27.00	3-1	61	198	30.81
3. Jason Fri	27.00	2-2	31	166	18.67
4. James Robinson	18.75	1-3	40	168	23.81
5. Vaughn Shipman	16.00	0-4	20	152	13.16

Kalamazoo - Sat, May 17, 2025

Class A	<u>Entry%</u>	<u>WL</u>	<u>Rgrs</u>	<u>Sh</u>	<u>R%</u>
1. Roger Higgins	34.74	4-0	76	184	41.30
2. Paul Bachelor	40.76	3-1	62	140	44.29
3. Alve Shetler (IN)	48.26	2-2	67	196	34.18
4. Vance Upper	41.33	1-3	77	146	28.77
5. Jennifer Hess	29.48	0-4	51	158	17.72

Sanctioning a New Designed Horseshoe

Any shoe that is altered from its original design would not be legal in any NHPA sanctioned event. Grinding off the ringer breaker would make the shoe altered and therefore illegal.

The cost to have a new horseshoe sanctioned by the NHPA is \$300 with a \$100 yearly fee every year there after as long as the shoe is being manufactured. A prototype must be sent to the NHPA Sec./Treas. to start this sanctioning. There have been a couple of pitchers that invented their own horseshoe, got it sanctioned and did so only for their own use. A rather expensive horseshoe.

With over 50 different shoes currently sanctioned plus many more that are no longer made but still out there for sale and still sanctioned, one would think that there by now was a shoe made that covers any ones needs.
-NHPA

LEARN THE OFFICIAL SCORE CALLING LINGO:

No score 4 shoes	call	No score
1 shoe in count	call	1 point
2 shoes in count	call	2 points
1 ringer	call	1 ringer, 3 points
1 ringer & 1 shoe in count	call	1 ringer, 4 points
2 ringers	call	2 ringers, 6 points
1 ringer each, no shoe in count	call	2 dead, no score
1 ringer each, 1 shoe in count	call	2 dead, 1 point
3 ringers	call	2 dead, 3 points
4 ringers	call	4 dead

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.



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



NHPA

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

"Come Pitch with Us!"

How Are YOU Promoting Horseshoes?

By Michelle Foard, Social Media and Publicity Director

Happy May everyone. Up here in Mn we are just getting ready for leagues. Last year I tried posting on some community pages on Facebook. I didn't have much of a response. I did that again this year and had a much better response. I posted in the city our club is located in, but also in the surrounding community pages as well. Even if you aren't on FB ask a club member if they are and have them help promote on city pages. Another group I posted on was a singles page for Mn. I did get a few people interested, but both were farther away. I did check to see if another club was near them. Other pages to try would be a sports page listed for your State. There are many pages on Facebook you could use to help promote your club.

I created a flyer for use in Mn. I adjusted it for use on the National level. I have QR codes for links to the website, Facebook, TikTok and Instagram. It also gives basic info about horseshoes. You could create a flyer like this and post at gas stations, laundry mats or restaurants. Any where that has a bulletin board you can put a flyer up.



Of course word of mouth is a great way to help promote our clubs as well. Do you have horseshoe stickers on your car? Do you wear horseshoes shirts out and about? These things can give you the option to speak to someone about horseshoes. I have gotten horseshoes off market place and tell people I am getting extra shoes for the Horseshoe Club I run. So many are amazed there are clubs. Most people are getting rid of the horseshoes from the cabin or it was dad's old pair. Make conversation anytime you can.

Hope to see many of you soon! Michelle

The 2025 World Tournament

Sandy, Utah, July 21-August 2, 2025.

We have still been receiving many questions regarding the schedule and event length for the WT, the answer is still very unclear.

One thing that is becoming evident though is that the tournament will more than likely not need to utilize the last 3 days, making it a week and a half event. Unless we see a dramatic spike in entries, with entries exceeding 900, there would be no reason to tie up the venue for the full 2-week period. At the current state of entries, and the projected last couple of weeks increase in entries, it looks like a week and a half WT is the most likely probability. One week is on the table if we have less than 600 entries, but I'm confident we'll exceed that number.

—Ben Webb, NHPA President

Note: Joe Kristoff is the only MHPA sign up.



Welcome to the

City of
St. Clair Shores
Michigan



2025 State Doubles Championship Saturday, August 2

Hosted by the St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club

- Pre-register by 7/30/25 (Mark Burns, burnsmo@umich.edu)
- Need one MHPA tournament to qualify
- 9:30 a.m. Sign-In Deadline \$40.00 per Team
- Note if the tournament is cancelled - The rain date will be Sunday, August 3
- 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
- Bring a dish to pass



2025 MHPA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 22-24, 2025

Hosted by:

Jackson Area Horseshoe Club

August 22: Tournament Prelims

August 23: Tournament Prelims

August 24: Class/Championship Play

Entry Mailing Deadline: August 18, 2025

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

Entry Fee: \$40.00 Adults and \$40.00 Juniors

Entry form located in the Ringer Report and MHPA website



What is the Woody Cup?

about what the Woody Cup Challenge does for St. Jude's, Lake Orion's League

The Woody Cup Challenge is sponsored by Larry and Juanita Woods. Mike Ardelean (deceased) of the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club, Dean Schmitz of the St. Clair Shores Horseshoe Club and Larry and Juanita Woods, owners of LDJ Trophies created the Woody Cup Challenge.

The Woody Cup Challenge is open to all Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association Club Leagues. Over six clubs have been represented at the annual tournament. Berkley, Lake Orion, Saint Clair Shores, Lansing, Lincoln Park/Romulus and Taylor have all participated in this event.

You might find yourself asking, why is the Woody Cup Challenge so important? It is important because the purpose of this challenge is to raise money for charity, promote the sport of horseshoe pitching, making new friends and to enjoy horseshoe pitching!

Since 2004 the Woody Cup Challenge has raised \$12,624 for charity. Since 2012 the Woody Cup Challenge has been raising money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

In 2024, Lake Orion Horseshoe Club won the Woody Cup Challenge hosted by St. Clair Shores and brought home the giant trophy! If you haven't seen this trophy in person, you're missing out!

In an effort to promote horseshoe pitching in our area the Woody Cup is currently on display at The Orion Township Public Library on Joslyn Road. It will be there through the end of May. Also on display are some articles



Lake Orion will be hosting the Woody Cup Challenge on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

We are looking for more clubs to participate in the Woody Cup Challenge this year. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Doug Bailey, LOHC V.P. and Tournament Director at (248)-628-2417.

Also, if you don't already, please follow the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club on Facebook to see where the Woody Cup is going to end up next! Who knows there could be a prize involved for the person who answers the question "Where is Woody?"

—Krystle Price, Promotional Director for the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club.



Championship trophy and many other league awards and interesting articles.

MHPA CLUB NEWS

St. Clair Shores

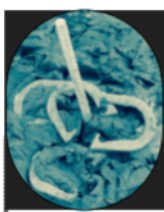
SCHHC finished strong last year, with all three nights of summer league pitching. Five sanctioned tournaments rounded out the success. The fall doubles league filled the courts again.

Tina Payne, our TD, has on the calendar three tournament this year with the state doubles tournament planned on August 2.

We always have two evenings in April of prepping the courts for the upcoming year..

We are always asked, **"What do I get for my SCSHC Club Dues?"**

We tell them: "You get to pitch all three nights if you choose. Includes items such as new member shirts, paint, tools, insect foggers and spray, court-shed upkeep, clay, hotdog-pizza-chili nights, pencils, scoresheet printing, club patches, trophies, plaques, awards, raffle tickets, hooks, advertising, banquet giveaways, the banquet meal, guide book, stats, stat fees, electricity, porto-toilet, lights, *free labor from the volunteers and much, much more."*



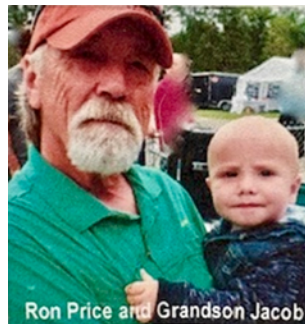
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League Play for Beginners and Experienced!
Located in Kyte Monroe Park
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SUMMER LEAGUES
First Monday in May through 3rd week in August
Cost: \$60 for the year
(includes all 3 summer leagues, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)
MONDAY NIGHT SINGLES RECREATION LEAGUE
6:30 p.m., First Monday in May
TUESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES RECREATIONAL LEAGUE
6:30 p.m., First Tuesday after the 1st Monday in May
THURSDAY NIGHT SINGLES SANCTIONED LEAGUE*
6:30 p.m., First Thursday after the 1st Monday in May
*The sanctioned league requires you to pay an additional \$45 MHPA/NHPA membership fee, for sanctioned tournament play.)

FALL LEAGUES
League Play begins First Tuesday after Labor Day
Cost: \$30 - 6:30 p.m.
For more tournament play details,
call Wayne at 586-764-0994 or John at 586-765-5211
All start times at 6:30 p.m.

Lake Orion

The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club started its 2025 season on Tuesday May 6th with a rainout, but even with rain most of the day May 13th and the potential forecast of more rain in the forecast twenty or so players showed up and we were able to get the games in.



Ron Price and Grandson Jacob

My real story starts in a picture that appeared in a Ringer report in June 2018. Myself (Ron Price) and grandson Jacob (see the picture and caption).

For almost 5 years Jacob has helped with league night set up, filling water cans, putting out shovels and paint cans while

always telling George Parsons he wants to beat him at horseshoes one day and get his name on the league trophy and play in the Woody Cup.

Jacob now will be 9 years old this June, and as of Tuesday Jacob is now a member and his first challenge was to play myself (Ron Price) and of course George Parsons. We are not sure of his wins that night until his handicap is established, but his game scores were as follows (30 shoes per game):

Game 1	6 points	0 ringers
Game 2	12 points	2 ringers
Game 3	19 points	3 ringers
Game 4	26 points	5 ringers and 1 double ringer

Jacob was so excited and hopefully he will continue to have the enthusiasm dedicated horseshoe players have. We all love that noise when clanking the stake and the friendships that are created throughout the years. George Parsons our newest Hall of Famer is known for coaching young people while introducing all the techniques required to be a good pitcher.

Have a good 2025 season and good luck with all the tournaments.
—Ron Price



Come, see how much I have grown. Grandpa Ron is playing horseshoes with me already. —Jacob

MHPA CLUB NEWS

Jackson

Our indoor facility got a new look last summer with a new roof. The update on the roof will help us keep that facility available for a long time to come! The winter leagues on Tuesday and Thursday nights were both full with twelve (12) teams and we even had a waiting list! Tuesday night summer league is also full and going strong with 16 teams with 5-7 players on a team. Also, we started a Monday morning league and currently have eight (8) teams of 2 or 3 people. We are seeing continued interest in our leagues and we are always talking about ways for the pitchers to become involved with the MHPA.

For the next indoor pitching season, the per player fee that is paid to the Jackson Horseshoe club to assist with the cost of lights and heat has been reduced to \$6.00/player. It had been \$8.00/player. This change may seem small but it will allow for a bit of extra money to be used for the payouts at each indoor tournament. We are committed to helping the MHPA support their members.

—President Mark Burns



The day the NHPA President visited the SCSHC courts. September 8, 2001.

L to R: Claude Shannahan, WSHPA Regional Director Steve Summerlin, Danny Markley, Debbie Markley, Paula Summerlin, WSHPA President Dave Loop, and NHPA President Dave Loucks.

Editor's Notes Dean Schmitz



Let us not forget our beginners

The NHPA exists for the purpose of holding World Tournaments and making rules consistent with our sport. The same can be said about the MHPA. A member meeting is held mainly for election of officers, changes in the constitution and for deciding the time and place for the state and other tournaments.

Let us not forget our beginner; the person on their way up. They need every bit of help and encouragement that we can give. It is from these ranks that the new champions and new records are born. May we suggest that the top notch pitchers in every club in the NHPA and states devote a part of their time each week to the instruction of the newcomers and those desirous of improving their game. Make them feel welcome and that they are necessary and essential to our organizations.

After assigning a new pitcher to a person who I thought would be a good welcoming member, he said, to me "Why do I have to pitch her? She's hasn't pitched before." I would say that this is the wrong attitude and no wonder some people think our sport is disappearing. It is up to our present members to lend a hand, encourage beginners, give them your secrets of pitching and make them so welcome that they will be back next week.

The art of pitching ringers in horseshoes has been classified as one of the most difficult games to master. This game of horseshoes demands considerable organization, well designed and well kept courts, plenty of good American sportsmanship on the part of the participants and publicity of our sport by word of mouth and by any other means. If the proper contacts can be made throughout our playing seasons, there is no doubt that horseshoes can be made as popular a game with the public as any other sport.

After all, Horseshoe Pitching is a safe, wholesome sport for the whole family. I've never seen anyone carted off the courts because of injury. **We can keep horseshoe pitching alive!**

"Best Horseshoe Event of the Year"– Sue Snyder

TEAM WORLD

The 39th Team World Tournament
will be held May 16, 17, and 18, 2025

**At the recent Team World event in
Beloit, Wisconsin, Michigan was well
represented by four teams:**

Michigan 1 - Andy Adams, JD Drake, Helga
Hewlett, Brandy Morehead and Eric Soltis.

Michigan #2 - Greg Burke, Mark Burns,
Mark Burns II, Denise Daly and Randy
Hawkins.

Michigan #3 - Myrick El, Jaime Goodman,
Quincy Johnson, Dan Markley and Sam Moore.

Michigan #4 - L.C. Bracey, Jr., Keith
Schafer, Johnnie Smith and Lisa Smith.

Our teams finished:

Michigan #1 - 8th

Michigan #2 - 14th

Michigan #3 - 22nd

Michigan #4 - 17th

During a break in play on Saturday after-
noon, tournament director **Jeff Secord, pre-
sented our own JD Drake with the Earl
Paulson Team World Award.** Bev Nathe
from Minnesota was also honored. Jeff had
the following highlights to share about JD's
participation in the Team World tournament.

JD was a member of Michigan's 2017
Team World Championship team (77.5 wins -
18.5 losses) 66.61% Team
Ringer percentage.

JD was second in ringer
percentage for Michigan's team
with a 68.44%. He is an 11 time
Team World participant, 9 time
Team Top 5 finisher, was the
highest individual ringer % at a
Team World Tournament with
a 72.50% in 2018.

JD holds a 65.98% career
Team World average. He has
pitched 5,674 ringers in 8,600
shoes in his first 10 Team
World competitions.

**CONGRATULATIONS, JD!
You make Michigan Proud!**



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