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President's Message



Hello Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers. We have got through another season of pitching in our leagues and sanctioned tournaments. I hope everyone had fun while playing and worked on a few goals. I had a great time pitching but still struggled on pitching consistently. I know

I definitely need more practice.

We had a good turnout for State Singles, but with lower participation numbers, I decided to just pitch all games in one day. I would like to thank Evan Pickett for all his help preparing the courts for State and welcome him as our new 1st VP. I look forward to working with him, 2nd VP Mike Beall, and Melanie Poole this next year.

I would like to thank Nanette for all her help while serving as 1st VP and for her help in our local GCHPA Club.

I want to thank Kay Keskinen for her dedicated service in publishing this newsletter, maintaining our webpage, and all she does in Moscow to promote horseshoes.

I also want to thank my wife, Melanie, for all her help and being the Idaho Sec/Treasurer. She is a big help to me and is a great companion to share in the fun of meeting new people and participating in tournaments as we travel around together.

I would like to put a plug in for everyone to join the NHPA/ISHPA in 2024 and get your 4 tournaments in so that you can attend the next World Tournament in Kennewick, WA on July 29 - August 10, 2024. It has not been this close to us in the last few years. I plan on having at least 4 tournaments in Pocatello before the World deadline. If you need more tournaments to qualify, it's not too late to get in your four sanctioned tournaments. Also, the 2025 World Tournament will be in Salt Lake City, Utah. So, keep that on your radar to also attend.

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There has been some movement in the NHPA Council this last year. Our current Sec/Treasurer, Jim Kinney, resigned as of September 2023. NHPA President Gary Roberts put out a statement for those interested in the position. I did tell Gary that I would consider moving from 1st VP to Sec/Treasurer if he felt that I was the best candidate. Gary asked me to move and become the NHPA Sec/Treasurer which I took over from Jim on October 1, 2023. This will be something new for me and a lot more work. I would like to suggest that someone else in Idaho consider running for ISHPA President next year at the State Meeting in Meridian. I will finish out my term as president this year but would like someone else to step forward.

Other NHPA changes are Austin Bailey is the new 1st VP, and we are currently looking for a new 3rd VP with Jerry Smith resigning. We will have 2 new Officers in the council for the next World Tournament in Kennewick.

In our monthly meeting one of our biggest topics is membership. The NHPA membership was down 141 members from 2022 to 2023. When I started in 2004 NHPA had reported 15,000 members. With the development of eShoe we have a better record for every member and have a better accounting for our membership which was 6,784 in 2022 and 6,643 for 2023. We have to work hard and advertise our clubs and tournaments to our friends and family to help grow our membership and keep the NHPA growing. With our numbers declining every year and the amount of work it takes to keep clubs and leagues going we need to increase our membership and get the trend moving the other direction. I love

this sport! I hope you can see that in what I do and the time I spend here in Idaho and across the country as a National Officer. Please help us and do your part in promoting the NHPA and our local clubs to bring more members to support us and build our clubs on a charter level. If we increase our local numbers the National numbers will follow and take care of itself.

Thanks again for all each of you do to help run tournaments and leagues for your clubs. Happy Holidays to all of you, and I hope to see you on the courts next year!

Brian Poole
ISHPA President

Regional Director Report



Welcome pitchers to the conclusion of the 2023 horseshoe pitching season.

All horseshoe pitching complexes were re-sanctioned this year with extensive travel to get them done. It was brought to my attention that the courts in Kellogg (the site of the 1996 state singles tournament)

will be an upcoming site for future tournaments starting in 2024, of course, once courts are checked out and sanctioned.

I also have a reminder to all ISHPA Tournament Directors (TDs) that our Bylaws require TDs to get the Regional Director their 2024 tournament dates and other details to me by March 1, 2024.

Thank you,
David Spears
ISHPA Regional Director

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Melanie's Memos



Hello Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers,

The 2023 Idaho State Singles tournament was held in Pocatello. We started Friday night with a fun tournament for those who were in town. We had 16 pitchers play. For State Singles we had 22 pitchers participate. During Saturday's state meeting we

had a change of officers for 1st VP. Nanette Spangler decided not to run again, and so Evan Pickett will be the new 1st VP. Thank you, Nanette; and welcome aboard, Evan. I was nominated and approved to continue as your Idaho Secretary/Treasurer.

Here are the locations for the following three 2024 tournaments: 1) our State Doubles will be held in Hailey, Idaho, 2) Idaho State Singles will be held in Meridian, 3) and the NHPA World Tournament will be in Kennewick, WA. For more details on the State Annual Meeting, please read the minutes included in this newsletter.

I just want to remind everyone that as of October 1, 2023 you can now renew your 2024 membership card. You have the option of purchasing your dues by mailing me a check for \$35 (made out to "ISHPA") or paying for it on //NHPA-eShoe.com. Make sure you use the renew button and not the new member button. If you have any questions, please call me and I would be happy to help you.

I had a great season of pitching this year. Brian and I finished off our season by going to The Western Open in St. George, Utah the second weekend of November. I have truly enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new friends; I even improved my ringer average this year. I want to encourage everyone to go to Worlds. It being in Kennewick, WA it is so close to us. I look forward to seeing you all. Pitching more in 2024!

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year full of love, good health, and happiness.

See you all soon,

Melanie Poole
ISHPA Secretary/Treasurer

2023 Idaho State Horseshoe Pitching Association Annual Meeting Minutes

The Idaho State Singles tournament and the ISHPA Annual Meeting were held at Ross Park in Pocatello on August 26, 2023.

ISHPA President Brian Poole bypassed reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as we had said it earlier when starting our tournament. Brian did have a moment of silence for all the pitchers who have passed away in the past year.

Brian called the meeting to order at 12:50pm.

Tom Shawcroft moved to suspend the reading of last year's minutes. Mike Beall seconded the motion. Motion passed

ISHPA Secretary/Treasurer Melanie Poole made a motion to approve the minutes from 2022, Evan Pickett seconded it, and the motion.

Melanie Poole presented the 2023 Treasurer's report. Her main concern was to make sure that all tournament directors or anyone who makes a deposit, instead of sending it to her, to let Melanie know by text how to distribute the funds deposited. (It helps if you let me know how many pitchers participated, any membership dues, new pitchers, or how much to put in the prize fund, and how much to put in the trophy fund.) I had two deposits during this last season that I wasn't sure how to distribute the funds. I appreciate all of your hard work in hosting tournaments. If you have any questions about what I am requesting, please let me know. Nanette Spangler moved to approve the report, Jaimie Shawcroft seconded it, and the motion passed.

Reports from the Officers

Brian shared the NHPA Rules and Bylaws changes that were talked about at the World Tournament during the delegate meeting.

- Purchase NHPA card from a different state or charter.
- Medical exception to requalify for a different distance due to a medical or ability issue.
- Non-members can be pacers in a league.
- Provisional women 65 or older Standing Rule.
- Sr Women allowed one step from 27-foot line, and we had a discussion about the ladies over 65 and the step forward rule.

We also talked about the ability to play in a state tournament, if that charter allows them. For example, someone who has an Idaho card could play in Arizona's state tournament if their state bylaws allow it.

1st VP Nanette Spangler and 2nd VP Mike Beall did not have anything to report.

Dave Spears gave his Regional Director Report. He announced that he completed re-sanctioning courts this year. Not all the stakes had the correct 3" lean. He asked all the clubs to be aware of that issue. He also reminded the Hall of Fame committee that we are accepting nominations to consider for next year. The committee members are currently: Nannette Spangler, Melanie Poole, Dave Spears, Kay Keskinen, Doug Palmer, and Gary Kollmann.

Brian made a motion to pay Kay \$100 for being the newsletter editor and webmaster. Dave Spears seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Kay is requesting that if anyone is interested in taking over editing the newsletter, she will be willing to help you. Her last newsletter will be the Fall issue of 2024, though she will continue as webmaster. Please contact Brian, myself, or Kay if you are willing to edit the Four Dead newsletter.

New Business

Brian made a motion that if we have less than 30 participants that the State Singles tournament be held in one day. Jamie Shawcroft seconded it. The Bylaws were looked at and there was a discussion held. Brian withdrew his motion due to the discussion that the motion was not necessary. It will be up to the state officers if the State Singles tournament will be played in one day or two.

Dave Spears made a motion to increase food money for State Singles lunch to \$150. Brian amended the motion to be \$100-\$150 given to the hosting club by invoice. Melanie Poole seconded the motion, and the amended motion passed.

Dave Spears made a motion for the cost of State Tournaments to be \$25.00 for doubles and singles. Mike Beall seconded it. After discussion, the motion passed.

Brian Poole asked Mike Beall to host State Doubles in Hailey. Mike accepted. Jamie Shawcroft seconded it, and the motion passed. The date will be determined by the host site.

The World Tournament location for 2024 will be in Kennewick, WA. from July 29-August 10. Everyone was encouraged to make sure you qualify and try to go because it is so close!

Motion was made to modify the State Doubles percentage. Mike Beall seconded it. The combined pitchers could not be more than 80% to reduce the spread. Motion failed.

It was discussed that in State Doubles we should enforce walking doubles. It was determined to be up to the Tournament Directors. Then Evan Pickett brought it up that it is in the Idaho Bylaws so we need to follow our Bylaws. Nanette Spangler wanted to add that it would be up to the Tournament Directors.

Election of Officers:

1st VP Nanette Spangler did not run again. Nominations were taken from the floor, and Evan Pickett accepted his nomination. Evan Pickett was the only nominee. He will be the new 1st VP by acclamation.

Melanie Poole ran again for the Secretary/Treasurer. Dave Spears moved to close nominations and Rick Sprague seconded it. Melanie will continue as the Secretary/Treasurer by Acclamation.

It was announced that the 2025 World Tournament will be held in Salt Lake City, UT.

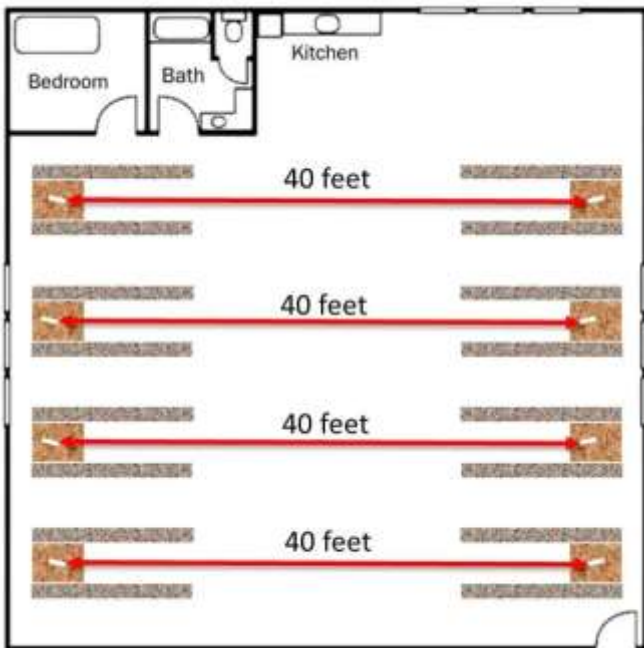
Brian reported that at the last World Tournament there was a sportsmanship issue between two adult members. Both of them were suspended under the sportsmanship rules.

Jamie Shawcroft moved to adjourn the state meeting, Nannette Spangler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Melanie Poole, ISHPA Secretary/Treasurer



My dream house:



“More Than a Picnic Thing” by Don Pratt

Some say the game's a silly one
and not a sport at all.
No players draft, no contract deals
no use of any ball.
We don't have big 'ol stadiums
or booster clubs for cheers.
Nobody wants our autographs.
no self funded careers.
The fans don't fight to get a seat
or stand in line all day.
“It's really just a picnic thing,”
I heard somebody say.
Well, speaking from experience,
I know that it is more.
The game of horseshoes is a sport
and one that I adore.
Some hold the shoe so it will flip,
while others make it turn,
It's up to all the athletes
and what they've come to learn.
There's tournaments around the world.
a class for everyone.
The atmosphere is really great
and it's a lot of fun.
So, check it out when time allows,
and see what's happening.
As horseshoes is a super sport,
not just a picnic thing.

2023 Idaho Tournament Results

08-23-017 100 Shoe Tournament, Pocatello, Tournament Director: Jim Price Saturday, August 5, 2023

Class A										
Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	wins	Losses	Hi Gm	%
Ron Salser	100	44	44.0%	0	A	1	0.0	0.0	.0%	
Jaimie Shawcroft	100	34	34.0%	0	A	2	0.0	0.0	.0%	
Lorado Reetz	100	41	41.0%	0	A	3	0.0	0.0	.0%	
Evan Pickett	100	38	38.0%	0	A	4	0.0	0.0	.0%	
Melanie Poole	100	23	23.0%	0	A	5	0.0	0.0	.0%	
Dan Davis	100	2	2.0%	0	A	6	0.0	0.0	.0%	
Tom Shawcroft	100	19	19.0%	0	A	7	0.0	0.0	.0%	
Brian Poole	100	13	13.0%	0	A	8	0.0	0.0	.0%	

08-23-018 100 Shoe Tournament, Pocatello, Tournament Director: Jim Price Saturday, August 5, 2023

Class A										
Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	wins	Losses	Hi Gm	%
Melanie Poole	180	41	22.78%	188	A	1	5.0	1.0	26.67%	
Ron Salser	180	44	24.44%	196	A	2	4.0	2.0	40.0%	
Evan Pickett	180	62	34.44%	168	A	3	4.0	2.0	50.0%	
Lorado Reetz	180	57	31.67%	134	A	4	3.0	3.0	46.67%	
Brian Poole	180	21	11.67%	167	A	5	3.0	3.0	20.0%	
Jim Price	180	61	33.89%	132	A	6	2.0	4.0	46.67%	
Dan Davis	180	5	2.78%	159	A	7	0.0	6.0	3.33%	

08-23-006 Palouse Open, Moscow, Tournament Director: Kay Keskinen Saturday, August 12, 2023

Class A										
Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	wins	Losses	Hi Gm	%
Tom Sipiora	120	47	39.17%	142	A	1	3.0	0.0	42.5%	
Allison Jackson	120	18	15.0%	77	A	2	2.0	1.0	22.5%	
Ross Todorovich	120	6	5.0%	49	A	3	1.0	2.0	7.5%	
Lance Gau	120	4	3.33%	29	A	4	0.0	3.0	5.0%	

L-R: Tom, Allison, Ross, Lance



08-23-020 Pre-State Warm-up, Pocatello, Tournament Director: Brian Poole Friday, August 25, 2023

Ross Park →



Class	Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Class A										
	Laurie Dale	120	43	35.83%	116	A	1	3.0	0.0	37.5%
	Jim Price	120	35	29.17%	79	A	2	2.0	1.0	35.0%
	Evan Pickett	120	39	32.5%	96	A	3	1.0	2.0	45.0%
	David Spears	120	26	21.67%	52	A	4	0.0	3.0	27.5%
Class B										
	Brent Wood	120	47	39.17%	111	B	1	3.0	0.0	42.5%
	Ron Salser	120	33	27.5%	56	B	2	1.0	2.0	35.0%
	Deme Pineda	120	22	18.33%	61	B	3	1.0	2.0	25.0%
	Mike Beall	120	18	15.0%	40	B	4	1.0	2.0	20.0%
Class C										
	Gary Curtis	120	21	17.5%	75	C	1	3.0	0.0	20.0%
	Melanie Poole	120	23	19.17%	71	C	2	2.0	1.0	22.5%
	Paul Taylor	120	13	10.83%	63	C	3	1.0	2.0	17.5%
	Stewart Brown	120	15	12.5%	48	C	4	0.0	3.0	15.0%
Class D										
	Brian Poole	160	25	15.63%	83	D	1	3.0	1.0	30.0%
	Dawna Parris	160	12	7.5%	59	D	2	2.0	2.0	10.0%
	Brandon Beall	120	7	5.83%	31	D	3	1.0	2.0	10.0%
	Dan Davis	120	4	3.33%	31	D	4	1.0	2.0	5.0%

**08-23-021 Idaho State Singles, Pocatello, Tournament Director: Melanie Poole
Saturday, August 26, 2023**

Class	Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Class Elder Men A&B										
	Deme Pineda	396	115	29.04%	348	EAB	1	8.0	1.0	36.11%
	Clyde Marquez	356	130	36.52%	340	EAB	2	7.0	2.0	53.33%
	Gary Curtis	350	65	18.57%	217	EAB	3	4.0	4.0	25.0%
	Stewart Brown	364	59	16.21%	131	EAB	4	1.0	7.0	26.0%
	Rick Sprague	322	20	6.21%	85	EAB	5	1.0	7.0	13.89%
Class Men A										
	Gary Kollmann	280	99	35.36%	226	MA	1	5.0	1.0	47.37%
	Evan Pickett	292	95	32.53%	202	MA	2	3.0	3.0	42.31%
	Jim Price	320	100	31.25%	216	MA	3	2.0	4.0	38.46%
	David Spears	296	82	27.7%	179	MA	4	2.0	4.0	32.69%
Class Men B										
	Brent Wood	240	82	34.17%	190	MB	1	5.0	1.0	42.5%
	Ron Salser	240	71	29.58%	183	MB	2	3.5	2.5	47.5%
	Mike Beall	240	52	21.67%	118	MB	3	2.5	3.5	32.5%
	Tom Shawcroft	240	47	19.58%	104	MB	4	1.0	5.0	32.5%
Men C										
	Paul Taylor	200	28	14.0%	128	MC	1	4.0	1.0	20.0%
	Brian Poole	200	29	14.5%	107	MC	2	3.0	2.0	27.5%
	Brandon Beall	160	15	9.38%	51	MC	3	0.0	4.0	17.5%
Women A										
	Laurie Dale	236	89	37.71%	235	WA	1	6.0	0.0	60.71%
	Darla Wessel	252	85	33.73%	175	WA	2	3.0	3.0	46.88%
	Jaimie Shawcroft	224	40	17.86%	61	WA	3	0.0	6.0	26.0%
Women B										
	Dawna Parris	240	48	20.0%	150	WB	1	4.5	1.5	32.5%
	Melanie Poole	240	50	20.83%	160	WB	2	3.0	3.0	27.5%
	Nanette Spangler	240	44	18.33%	123	WB	3	1.5	4.5	27.5%



State Singles Participants



Elder A: Clyde and Deme



Men A: Jim, Gary, Evan



Men B: Mike, Brent, Ron



Men C: Brian, Paul, Brandon



Women A: Jaimie, Laurie, Darla



Women B: Melanie, Dawna, Nanette

**08-23-031 Harvest Morning, Meridian, Tournament Director: Randy King
Saturday, September 9, 2023**

Class A										
Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm	%
Gary Kollmann	200	66	33.0%	155	A	1	4.0	1.0	45.0%	
Brent Wood	200	60	30.0%	150	A	2	3.0	2.0	40.0%	
David Spears	200	57	28.5%	142	A	3	3.0	2.0	42.5%	
Pep Plummer	160	52	32.5%	122	A	4	2.0	2.0	55.0%	
David Schutte	200	47	23.5%	90	A	5	2.0	3.0	32.5%	
Thomas Hood	160	26	16.25%	49	A	6	0.0	4.0	22.5%	

**08-23-037 Bday Tournament, Hailey, Tournament Director: Mike Beall
Saturday, September 16, 2023**

Class A										
Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm	%
Stewart Brown	160	45	28.13%	123	A	1	4.0	0.0	30.0%	
Ron Salser	160	31	19.38%	91	A	2	3.0	1.0	25.0%	
Ty Byington	160	28	17.5%	87	A	3	2.0	2.0	22.5%	
Mike Beall	160	22	13.75%	72	A	4	1.0	3.0	15.0%	
Brandon Beall	160	9	5.63%	41	A	5	0.0	4.0	10.0%	

**08-23-032 Fall Special, Meridian, Tournament Director: Pep Plummer
Saturday, September 23, 2023**

Class A										
Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm	%
Pep Plummer	100	27	27.0%	89	A	1	2.0	0.0	28.0%	
Gary Kollmann	100	25	25.0%	78	A	2	2.0	0.0	30.0%	
Randy King	150	28	18.67%	80	A	3	1.0	2.0	20.0%	
John Sproul	150	27	18.0%	102	A	4	1.0	2.0	32.0%	
Carol Plummer	100	10	10.0%	18	A	5	0.0	2.0	16.0%	

08-23-036 Kay's Kick-off to Kennewick, Moscow, Tournament Director: Kay Keskinen
 Saturday, September 23, 2023

Class	Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Class A	Ross Todorovich	100	4	4.0%	80	A	1	2.0	0.0	4.0%
	Lance Gau	100	5	5.0%	64	A	2	1.0	1.0	6.0%
	Tom Sipiora	100	25	25.0%	89	A	3	0.0	2.0	34.0%



L-R: Ross, Lance, Tom

2024 World Tournament Comes to Kennewick, WA



The Toyota Center in Kennewick, WA will be the site of the 2024 NHPA World Tournament held from July 29 – August 10.

The 2024 World Tournament registration form will be included in the Spring issue of "Four Dead." That issue is planned for publication once the ISHPA Tournament Directors have submitted their tournament information to our Regional Director, David Spears, who then enters it in the NHPA e-shoe web site. The Spring issue will also include our Idaho 2024 tournament data.



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