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President's Message



Well, I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. We were able to get with 3 of our 4 children over the week before Thanksgiving. They are a blessing in my life and I love to spend time with them.

The NHPA Council decided to let all youth join this year for free and take away the \$5 NHPA dues. We hope this helps bring more youth into our organization and more families into horseshoe pitching. We are also waiving the \$1 ISHPA dues for youth, so they can now join and pitch for free!

I would like to encourage all clubs to have their 2025 Tournament Schedule submitted to David Spears by March 1, 2025. This will give him time to enter them into eShoe. There is also a new way to keep score and run your tournaments in eShoe. I hope that we will have some "how-to" videos out soon on the NHPA website for you to learn how to use it and run your tournaments. I did try it for our State Tournament and it worked great, but I also used HS Master as the main database. You will need a login in eShoe to use this feature; let me know if you are interested to learn and I can help you get a Login.

Melanie had a great time at Huntsman Senior Games this year in October and encouraged any who can to come participate in a fun Singles and Doubles Tournament. We also went to the Western Open in St. George and had a good time, but we didn't play very well. They had 100 players for the first time. It is held the 2nd Friday & Saturday in November each year.

I also hope that the 2025 World Tournament in Sandy, Utah is on your radar and that you get your 4 tournaments in and register for it as soon as you can. We are offering a reduced fee if you enter by January 31, 2025 and then the fee will increase on February 1, 2025. This is to help with increased

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costs to run the World Tournaments. Entries will start being accepted December 1, 2024.

I look forward to seeing you at tournaments in 2025 and pitching shoes with my friends.

Brian Poole
ISHPA President



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Melanie's Memos



Hello Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers,

The Idaho State Singles tournament was held in Meridian in 2024. We started Friday night with a fun tournament for those 12 pitchers who were in town. For State Singles we had 19 pitchers participate. During Saturday's State Meeting we

had a recap of the Rules and Bylaw changes from our World Tournament in Kennewick. Brian Poole will continue as our State President and Mike Beall will continue as our 2nd VP. In 2025 our State Doubles will be held in Pocatello, ID and State Singles will be held in Coeur d'Alene (or possibly in Kellogg). I hope we get a really strong turnout from our Idaho pitchers at the World Tournament that will be in Sandy, Utah in 2025. Jim Price put together a letter that I am sending out to reach our past pitchers that we haven't seen for awhile. For more details on the State Meeting please read the minutes included in this newsletter.

I just want to remind everyone that as of October 1, 2024 you can renew your membership card for 2025. You have the option of purchasing by mailing me a check or paying for it on //NHPA-eShoe.com. Make sure you use the renew button and not the new member button. If you are a current member and want to switch divisions (that is, moving from "Men" to "Elder Men" or from "Women" to "Elder Women," I need to change your division, you cannot do that with eShoe. In those situations, please send me your dues in the mail using our ISHPA membership form that is in this newsletter. 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. I enjoyed attending with Brian the Huntsman Senior games for the first time in St. George. I did not realize what a big event that is. It was a lot of fun to play horseshoes and watch some of the other events that were going on. We were able to go on several fun bike trails while we were there as well.

Brian and I finished off our season by going to The Western Open in St. George the second weekend of November. I have truly enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new friends, and I even improved my average this year. I want to encourage everyone to

go to the World Tournament. It is so close being in Sandy, UT; I look forward to seeing you all.

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

Regional Director & HOF Reports



Well, as we close out another season of horseshoe pitching one change that was made at the World Tournament this year is that the elders women (ages 65 and older) now get to recognize the 20 foot foul line instead of 27 foot foul line.

In Idaho we may have a new pitching facility back up and running for the 2025 season and beyond. The Kellogg facility was used back in the nineties and hosted the 1996 State Singles plus other tournaments. Laurie Dale has promised me that she will be working with the proper individuals to bring the pegs and such up to code so they can be sanctioned in order to run tournaments. With this added city and location we also hope to build our membership.

On another note, I encourage all clubs to schedule their tournaments for the 2025 season as soon as possible, getting them to me by March 1st. We need them submitted in time for the spring newsletter. With World being in Salt Lake this year, a few extra tournaments may be needed to meet the required number of tournaments to enter.

I've been in contact with Ben Webb, the new NHPA President, and there is an early reduced fee to register for World if done by January 31, 2025.

As for the Hall of Fame, we did not induct anyone this year, but I hope to in 2025 and not wait for 2026.

Good pitchin,

David Spears
ISHPA Regional Director

2024 Idaho State Horseshoe Pitching Association Annual Meeting Minutes

The Idaho State Horseshoe Pitching Association Annual Meeting was held on September 7, 2024 in Meridian, Idaho. State President Brian Poole called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was bypassed due to having said it at the beginning of the tournament.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were approved.

Brian discussed the NHPA rule changes from the World Tournament in Kennewick, WA in July of 2024:

PBC-1

This proposal is changing the number of delegates that a charter gets for the convention. The old rule was you get one delegate for every charter then you got another for every 100 members. This new proposal charters get one delegate for every 50 members to increase the number of delegates at the NHPA annual Delegate meeting. This proposal PASSED.

PBC-2

This proposal added the note that no nominations from the floor of the convention if there are any established candidates who have submitted their candidacy per the bylaws. This proposal PASSED.

PBC-3

This proposal was to move the vote back to the delegates to select future World Tournament sites. This proposal FAILED. The WT sites will be selected by the NHPA council.

PBC-4

This proposal is moving the date for Rule & Bylaw proposal changes from September 30 and changing it to February 1 of the voting year. This proposal PASSED.

PRC-1

This proposal was changing the Cadet aged from 12 to 10 to align with the ages from elementary and middle school age kids. This proposal FAILED. The Cadet age will stay at 12.

PRC-2

This proposal was adding a new pitching Division for Elder Woman. At age 65 they can choose to move to this division and observe the 20 ft foul line. This proposal PASSED. A new division will be added to eShoe for his new division. More details to come from the NHPA council as they make this change to the Rules.

Financial report by Melanie Poole. It was moved by Dave Spears, seconded by Laurie Dale, and approved.

Officers Reports: Mike Beall and Evan Pickett did not have anything to report.

Dave Spears-Regional Director/Hall of Fame Report:

There are no inductees in the Hall of Fame this year.

Kellogg is willing to bring their courts up to date and to be sanctioned.

Correspondence:

A motion was made to pay Kay Keskinen \$100 for managing the website and doing the newsletter. Motion Passed

Election of Officers:

2nd VP is currently held by Mike Beall who was nominated for this position. Laurie Dale moved to have nominations cease, Ray Carpenter seconded it. Mike Beall will continue as 2nd VP by acclamation.

The position of President is currently held by Brian Poole. Pep Plummer nominated Carol Plummer. Mike Beall nominated Brian Poole and Stew seconded it. While Melanie was distributing voting slips Carol withdrew her nomination. Brian Poole will continue as President by acclamation.

New Business:

Jim Price will draft a letter to invite people back to join the NHPA/ISHPA who have not been pitching to hopefully increase our numbers as well as support the World Tournament being held so close in Salt Lake City. Jim will get his draft letter to Melanie and we will get it sent out.

Dave Spears offered to create an incentive plaque to be given to the person who brings in the most new players.

2025 State Doubles will be held in Pocatello at Ross Park. Date to be determined.

Next year State Singles will be held in North Idaho. If the Kellogg courts can be sanctioned, we may play there. If not, it will be held in Coeur d'Alene.

Laurie Dale will sponsor and pay their \$25 and Idaho & \$7.00 for any youth from ID who will be pitching at the World Tournament in Kennewick in 2027.

We had group pictures and class photos taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19pm.

Melanie Poole, ISHPA Secretary/Treasurer



2024 Idaho Tournament Results

08-24-020 Palouse Open, Moscow, Tournament Director: Kay Keskinen

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Class A

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Tom Sipiora	160	40	25.0%	142	A	1	4.0	0.0	27.5%
Ross Todorovich	160	10	6.25%	64	A	2	2.0	2.0	7.5%
Lance Gau	160	2	1.25%	21	A	3	0.0	4.0	2.5%



L-R: Tom, Ross, and Lance

08-24-018 Inland Empire Memorial, Coeur d'Alene, Tournament Director: Darla Wessel

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Class A

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Trudy Oye	240	105	43.75%	237	A	1	4.0	2.0	55.0%
Jeremiah DeMello	240	87	36.25%	252	A	2	4.0	2.0	45.0%
Laurie Dale	240	133	55.42%	211	A	3	2.5	3.5	60.0%
Darla Wessel	240	99	41.25%	199	A	4	1.5	4.5	52.5%

Class B

Ron Heutink	250	48	19.2%	200	B	1	4.0	1.0	34.0%
Michael Watcher	250	57	22.8%	203	B	2	3.0	2.0	32.0%
John DeMello Jr	200	42	21.0%	125	B	3	2.0	2.0	28.0%
James DeMello	200	9	4.5%	114	B	4	1.0	3.0	10.0%
Brandi Duncan	200	17	8.5%	101	B	5	1.0	3.0	12.0%

08-24-013 Idaho State Warmup, Meridian, Tournament Director: Brian Poole

Friday, September 6, 2024

Class A

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Clyde Marquez	120	76	63.33%	137	A	1	3.0	0.0	75.0%
Laurie Dale	120	59	49.17%	91	A	2	2.0	1.0	60.0%
Jim Price	120	30	25.0%	59	A	3	1.0	2.0	27.5%
Deme Pineda	120	25	20.83%	55	A	4	0.0	3.0	25.0%

Class B

David Spears	120	39	32.5%	99	B	1	3.0	0.0	37.5%
Ron Salser	120	32	26.67%	74	B	2	2.0	1.0	30.0%
Melanie Poole	120	27	22.5%	61	B	3	1.0	2.0	25.0%
Mike Beall	120	19	15.83%	43	B	4	0.0	3.0	17.5%

Class C

Devlin Huffman	120	30	25.0%	85	C	1	3.0	0.0	27.5%
Brian Poole	120	20	16.67%	63	C	2	1.0	2.0	30.0%
Richard Bengston	120	18	15.0%	57	C	3	1.0	2.0	22.5%
Brandon Beall	120	15	12.5%	48	C	4	1.0	2.0	15.0%

08-24-014 Idaho State Singles, Meridian, Tournament Director: Brian Poole
Saturday, September 7, 2024

Class Elder Men A										
Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm	%
Clyde Marquez	186	99	53.23%	250	EA	1	6.0	0.0	60.71%	
Deme Pineda	284	69	24.3%	184	EA	2	4.0	2.0	34.0%	
Ray Carpenter	246	61	24.8%	117	EA	3	1.0	5.0	35.0%	
Stewart Brown	244	48	19.67%	116	EA	4	1.0	5.0	57.69%	
Class Men A										
Peter Daley	376	141	37.5%	303	MA	1	7.0	1.0	47.73%	
Evan Pickett	404	145	35.89%	301	MA	2	6.0	2.0	50.0%	
Gary Kollmann	400	88	22.0%	225	MA	3	3.0	5.0	40.0%	
Jim Price	432	129	29.86%	259	MA	4	2.0	6.0	38.89%	
David Spears	384	76	19.79%	178	MA	5	2.0	6.0	32.76%	
Class Men B										
Brent Wood	280	86	30.71%	193	MB	1	5.0	2.0	47.5%	
Randy King	280	87	31.07%	184	MB	2	4.0	3.0	40.0%	
Ron Salser	240	55	22.92%	128	MB	3	2.0	4.0	32.5%	
Mike Beall	240	48	20.0%	93	MB	4	2.0	4.0	25.0%	
Class Men C										
Richard Bengston	240	32	13.33%	117	MC	1	4.0	2.0	17.5%	
Devlin Huffman	240	36	15.0%	123	MC	2	3.0	3.0	22.5%	
Brian Poole	240	32	13.33%	108	MC	3	3.0	3.0	22.5%	
Brandon Beall	240	24	10.0%	87	MC	4	2.0	4.0	17.5%	
Class Women A										
Laurie Dale	114	61	53.51%	161	WA	1	4.0	0.0	69.23%	
Melanie Poole	114	19	16.67%	16	WA	2	0.0	4.0	23.08%	

08-24-034 Freeze Out, Meridian, Tournament Director: Carol Plummer
Saturday, October 5, 2024

Class A										
Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Rank	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm	%
Ray Carpenter	120	35	29.17%	89	A	1	3.0	0.0	42.5%	
Gary Kollmann	120	35	29.17%	91	A	2	2.0	1.0	35.0%	
Deme Pineda	120	20	16.67%	70	A	3	1.0	2.0	20.0%	
David Schutte	120	14	11.67%	43	A	4	0.0	3.0	17.5%	
Class B										
John Sproul	120	24	20.0%	86	B	1	3.0	0.0	22.5%	
Randy King	120	30	25.0%	89	B	2	2.0	1.0	32.5%	
Richard Bengston	120	15	12.5%	77	B	3	1.0	2.0	17.5%	
Pep Plummer	120	15	12.5%	62	B	4	0.0	3.0	20.0%	



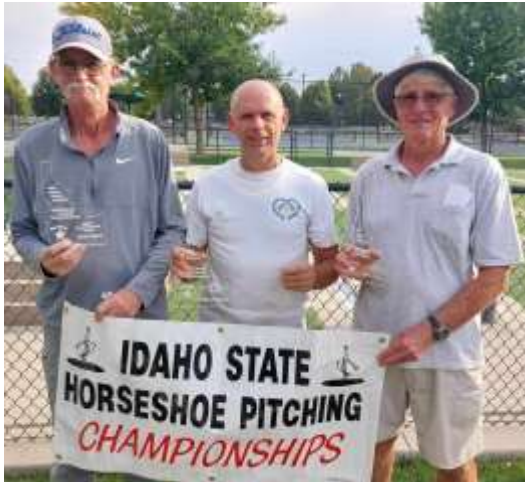
State Singles Participants



Elder Men: 3. Ray, 1. Clyde, 2. Deme



Women A: 2. Melanie, 1. Laurie



Men A: 2. Evan, 1. Peter, 3. Gary



Men B: 3. Ron, 1. Brent, 2. Randy



Men C: 3. Brian, 1. Richard, 2. Devlin



WITH TWO SHOES LEFT TO PITCH, RAY HAS JUST DECREASED EARL'S CHANCES OF COMPLETING HIS PERFECT GAME.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association
<http://ishpa.keskinen.org>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
<http://www.horseshoepitching.com/>

NHPA membership is a combined membership of the state and the national horseshoe pitching associations. This membership entitles you to participate in NHPA sanctioned play throughout the United States and much of Canada, wherever you meet the event requirements. You must pay your dues through the state charter where you maintain legal residence as determined by where you vote and pay taxes.

Dues are based on the calendar year. New members may pay next year's dues after October 1st of the current year and will be eligible to participate in sanctioned events for the final 3 months of the current year, as well as all of the next year. As a member of the Idaho Charter, you will receive newsletters and a schedule of all sanctioned and some non-sanctioned tournaments for the state.

Your NHPA membership card number will be six digits. If you join through your charter membership director the first two digits are the region (Idaho is region 08) followed by four digits. If you join on the Eshoe link at the NHPA web site your membership number will be randomly generated. Your membership number will remain with you while you maintain your membership, even if you move to another state.

NHPA/ISHPA dues may be paid online using PayPal or a credit/debit card on the Eshoe link at the NHPA web site. If you choose to pay dues locally, please fill in all information on the form below that applies to you and mail along with total amount of dues to the ISHPA Sec./Treas. If you have an e-mail address, please print it clearly. Please make checks payable to: ISHPA. (send to Melanie's address shown below)

Your pitching stats from all sanctioned events go to the NHPA stats headquarters. Stats are updated after each sanctioned tournament and can be accessed through the Eshoe Events app on the NHPA website.

Melanie Poole 2660 S Fairway Dr Pocatello, ID 83201 pooleme12565@gmail.com (208) 313-1545	<p align="center">ADULT DUES</p> \$25.00 National <u>\$10.00</u> State \$35.00 Total	<p align="center">JUNIORS & CADETS</p> \$5.00 National (Waived!) <u>\$1.00</u> State (Waived!) FREE!
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Address: _____ Date of birth: ____/____/____

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NHPA# _____ Approx. yrs. in NHPA _____ New Member → YES NO

Check one of the following:

Adult _____

Junior _____ (18 and under for the entire calendar year)

Cadet _____ (12 and under for the entire calendar year)

Check one of the following: Male _____ Female _____ Elder Women 20' _____

Check one of the following: 40' pitcher _____ 30' pitcher _____

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