



# FOUR DEAD



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## President's Message



Here it is Spring time again, but I don't know if you can call what we just had as winter. The snow is winding down at the ski hill and I hope it gives me a chance to get out and practice some before the tournaments arrive.

I would like to encourage everyone to look at what you can do for your clubs to

contribute and help run tournaments for all of us to enjoy. It sure makes the work lighter when more of us get involved.

I look forward to seeing you at tournaments in 2026 and pitching shoes with all my friends.

Brian Poole  
ISHPA President  
NHPA Sec/Treas

## Melanie's Memos



Hello Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers,  
I hope that you have all had a happy holiday season and a great start to the new year. I hope that everyone has enjoyed our rather unusual winter season. I would have liked more snow as we like a lot of winter activities as well.

I just want to remind everyone that as of October 1, 2025 you can renew your membership card for 2026. You have the option of purchasing by mailing me a check or paying for it on [NHPA-eShoe.com](http://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 it yourself. 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.

We have enjoyed doing a little snowmobiling, when we can find the snow, and spending time with family and friends. I really enjoyed watching as much of the Olympics as I could. I admire the athletes and their dedication. It made me think of some of our horseshoe athletes and their amazing talents and dedication.

We are still looking for anyone that wants to get involved and put these Four Dead Articles together. Please contact me or Kay Keskinen if you are interested. There is a yearly stipend of \$50 that you will get for doing this.



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We added our 15th grandchild to our family in October and have been blessed to be able to support the others in band concerts, plays, sports, skiing and any other activities they are involved in.

Brian and I had the opportunity to go on a cruise in November with my sister and her husband and a high school friend and his wife. We cruised from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean departing from Florida and went through the Panama Canal and arrived in LA to fly home. It was an amazing adventure with good company, cards, swimming, movie under the stars, delicious food and fun port activities like ziplining above the most beautiful forest, snorkeling and feeding monkeys off our boat to name a few.

I am looking forward to pitching in Wausau, WI. I have been to Madison once so it will be fun to see more of the state. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. I want to encourage you to support the tournaments that will begin in April. You can refer to the attached schedule or look on e-shoe by clicking the Event link and select Idaho in the Charter dropdown.

Have fun finding those ringers.

Melanie Poole  
ISHPA Secretary/Treasurer

## Regional Director & HOF Reports



I plan to consider inductions into our Hall of Fame in 2026 at our State Singles tournament in Pocatello. The guidelines and nomination form for the HOF are on our [website](#).

David Spears  
ISHPA Regional Director  
and HOF Chairman

### Message from Dave Spears:

Millie Travis of Boise passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2026 peacefully at home. Bill and Millie Travis were the people that introduced Dave Spears to the game of horseshoe pitching in the State Association back in 1992. Most people who knew them enjoyed them. They were kind, fun loving people. Millie was nearly 100 when she passed in February. Bill passed away in 2007 in his 80's. Millie always had a smile on her face and she was a joy to be around. She will be missed.



## Schedule for 2026

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Sign-in</b>	<b>Cost</b>
April 11	Meridian	Spring Fling	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$5.00
April 18	Pocatello Ross Park	Warm Up to World I	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$15.00
April 25	Pocatello Ross Park	Warm Up to World II	Nanette 208-589-9681	9:30	\$15.00
April 25	Nampa	Kollmann Open	Gary 208-466-8096	9:30	\$5.00
May 2	Pocatello Ross Park	May Day 100 Shoes	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$5.00
May 2	Pocatello Ross Park	May Day	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$15.00
May 9	Coeur d'Alene	North Idaho Jamboree	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
May 16	Meridian	Armed Forces Day	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$5.00
May 16	Pocatello Ross Park	Spring Fling 100 Shoe	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$5.00
May 16	Pocatello Ross Park	Spring Fling	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$15.00
May 30	Meridian	100 Shoe Qualifier	David 208-440-7132	9:30	\$5.00
May 30	Meridian	Let's Pitch Ringers	David 208-440-7132	9:30	\$15.00
June 6	Pocatello Ross Park	Prices' Pitch 100 Shoes	Jim 208-221-4245	9:30	\$5.00
June 6	Pocatello Ross Park	Price's Pitch	Jim 208-221-4245	11:30	\$15.00
June 6	Moscow	Centipede Sling 100 Shoes	Kay 208-596-0426	9:00	\$5.00
June 6	Moscow	Moscow Classic	Kay 208-596-0426	9:00	\$5.00
June 13	Pocatello Ross Park	Juneteenth	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$20.00
June 13	Meridian	Honor Our Flag	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$5.00
June 20	Coeur d'Alene	Elmer Currie Classic	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
June 27	Meridian	Donuts 4 Ringers	Randy 208-972-1300	8:30	\$5.00
June 27	Hailey	Hailey Tournament	Brent 208-404-4354	9:30	\$10.00
July 11	Hailey	Idaho State Doubles	Mike 208-720-6842	9:15	\$25.00
August 15	Nampa	Count All	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$5.00
August 15	Moscow	Centipede Sling 100 Shoes	Kay 208-596-0426	9:00	\$5.00
August 15	Moscow	Palouse Open	Kay 208-596-0426	9:00	\$5.00
August 22	Coeur d'Alene	Inland Empire Memorial	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
August 28	Pocatello Ross Park	State Warm-up	Brian 208-201-3326	5:30pm	\$5.00
August 29	Pocatello Ross Park	State Singles Tournament	Brian 208-201-3326	9:00	\$25.00
Sep 12	Meridian	Freeze Out	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$5.00
Sep 19	Idaho Falls	Pickett Doubles/Palmer Switch	Evan 208-250-9456	10:00	\$15.00

For more information about the sanctioned tournaments, please check the event tab at web address [//NHPA-eshoe.com](http://NHPA-eshoe.com). To register, call or text tournament director by the Thursday before each tournament. Each club may have water, a luncheon, or snacks, check with tournament director.

Boise tournaments are in Julia Davis Park. Meridian tournaments are in Settlers Park. Nampa tournaments are in Lakeview Park. Coeur d'Alene tournaments are in Winton Park. Hailey tournaments are in Keefer Park. Moscow tournaments are in East City Park.

The tournament directors make the format for their tournaments.

~ as of April 9, 2026 ~

**NHPA - ISHPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association  
[www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com)

The NHPA card is a combination membership of the State Charter and the National Horseshoe Pitching Association. This membership entitles you to participate in any NHPA sanctioned tournament throughout the United States and much of Canada, wherever you meet the requirements of the event. You must pay your dues through the state charter where you maintain legal residence as determined by your legal residence.

New Members may pay next year’s dues after Oct. 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 in Idaho.

Your pitching stats from all sanctioned events will be forwarded to the NHPA stats headquarters called NHPA-eShoe. These stats are updated instantly when tournaments are downloaded to eShoe and can be accessed through the NHPA-eShoe website. You can also print your NHPA card from eShoe.

Please fill in all information on the form below that applies to you and mail along with the total amount of dues to the ISHPA Sec./Treas. (address below) **Please make checks payable to: ISHPA**

<b>Melanie Poole; Sec/Treas</b> 2660 S Fairway Drive Pocatello, Idaho 83201 <a href="mailto:pooleme12565@gmail.com">pooleme12565@gmail.com</a>	<b>ADULT DUES</b> 25.00 National <u>10.00</u> State <b>\$35.00 Total</b>	<b>JUNIORS &amp; CADETS</b> <b>FREE</b> National <b>FREE</b> State <b>FREE Total</b>
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**(Cut along line and return the below portion with your dues check)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, ID Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NHPA#: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. yrs. in NHPA: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Men** \_\_\_\_\_ **Women** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Elder Men** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Elder Women** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*(Year you turn 65 or Medical Exemption)**

**Junior** \_\_\_\_ **Boy** \_\_\_\_ **Girl** \_\_\_\_ (18 yr old or Senior yr through Sept 30 )

**Cadet** \_\_\_\_ **Boy** \_\_\_\_ **Girl** \_\_\_\_ (12 and under for the entire calendar year)



**National Horseshoe Pitchers Association**  
**2026 World Horseshoe Pitching Championship**  
 July 13 - 25, 2026      Wausau, Wisconsin



NAME: _____		2026 NHPA Card # _____							
Address: _____	First      (Please Print Legibly)      Last	(or Canadian #) _____							
City: _____	State/Prov: _____	Zip/Postal Code: _____							
Telephone: _____	Cell: _____	Birth Date: _____							
Email: _____									
Circle One >>>>>>	<input type="checkbox"/> I will Print My schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Email my schedule							
		<input type="checkbox"/> Mail my schedule							
Circle the Division you are Entering:      (You may enter only one Division)      (See notes at bottom on page)									
Open Men 40 ft	Sr Men 40 ft	Elder Men 30 ft	Open Women 30 ft	Sr Women 30 ft	Elder Women 20 ft	Jr Boys 30 ft	Jr Girls 30 ft	Cadet Boys 20 ft	Cadet Girls 20 ft
	Note #2	Note #1		Note #2		Note #3			

All application information above is required. Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete. **ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 18, 2026**

NO REFUNDS will be made after June 1, 2026.      **NOTE:** A processing fee of \$15 will be deducted from all refunds.

**PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE:** In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA), all officers, employees, agents and the servants of the NHPA, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. The NHPA and its legal representatives (NHPA Officers) assigns, and retains the right and permissions to publish, without charge, photographs taken during the 2026 World Tournament. These photos or videos may be used in any publication, or in audio-visual presentations including "Live" interviews, promotional literature, advertising, sponsorships, or in other similar ways that the NHPA sees fit to use on behalf to represent and promote the NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament and the sport.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Mail top half only \*

Entry Fees    Adults –      \$150 before Jan 1, 2026      –      \$170 Jan 1 to May 18, 2026  
                   All Juniors/Cadets –    \$25      All Fund must be USD Currency  
*Canadian Entries must use a Money Order if mailing payment*      Entry Fee includes Scorekeeping Fee

Mail to:    NHPA      Telephone & Email inquires to:  
 2660 S Fairway Drive      Phone: 208 201-3326  
 Pocatello, ID 83201      Email: sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a postmark no later than May 18, 2026. You may enter anytime prior to May 18, 2026 using this form or on our website link. Entries received with a postmark after May 18, 2026 shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the World Tournament only as spaces are available. All Adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to May 18, 2026 in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors/Cadets. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and Foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All Averages used will be the average on record in NHPA-eShoe as of May 18, 2026. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. Please see note regarding refunds.

**READ CAREFULLY:** Any Adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the OPEN Men's Division regardless of age, just as any Adult Female may enter the OPEN Women's Division. To enter the Senior Division, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2026. Any Man/Women that turns 65 years of age in 2026, or has an approved Medical exemption may enter the Elders Division. Entrants in the Jr Boys and Jr Girls Division eighteen (18) years old or younger for the entire calendar year OR through September 30th of the year of completing high school - not to exceed 19 years of age. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls Division entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2026 calendar year.

**NOTE #1:** 30 ft Men with a Medical Exemption must be in NHPA eShoe as "Exempt" to pitch in this Division. A copy of the Exemption Form must be sent with this application.  
**NOTE #2:** For Prelim Class play, a minimum of 48 pitchers must enter Sr Division's or it may be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Division if canceled.  
**NOTE #3:** Junior Boys & Junior Girls Divisions will be mixed for preliminary class play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls Divisions will be mixed for preliminary class play.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by May 31, 2026 and published on the NHPA website [www.horseshoepitching.com](http://www.horseshoepitching.com). If you indicate above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the 2nd week in June. Please write address clearly & readable.

**Please note:** The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons: Any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in NHPA eShoe or any false or misleading information on this form, cannot validate Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the above deadline. No pitcher will be moved from a class or pitching time, without notification, after the final schedule has been published.

# 2026 Results

## 08-26-012 Spring Fling, Meridian, Tournament Director: Carol Plummer Saturday, April 11, 2026

### Class A

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Finish	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Devlin Huffman	100	20	20.0%	61	A	1	1.0	1.0	26.0%
Randy King	100	13	13.0%	53	A	2	1.0	1.0	16.0%
David Spears	100	11	11.0%	46	A	3	1.0	1.0	16.0%

### Class B

Gary Kollmann	100	13	13.0%	46	B	1	1.0	1.0	16.0%
Pep Plummer	100	11	11.0%	43	B	2	1.0	1.0	12.0%
John Sproul	100	8	8.0%	53	B	3	1.0	1.0	12.0%

## 08-26-015 Warm-Up to World 1, Pocatello, Tournament Director: Brian Poole Saturday, April 18, 2026

### Class A

Player	Shoes	Ringers	Ringer%	Points	Class	Finish	Wins	Losses	Hi Gm %
Jaimie Shawcroft	240	77	32.08%	185	A	1	5.0	1.0	45.0%
Evan Pickett	248	55	22.18%	153	A	2	3.0	3.0	30.0%
Lorado Reetz	248	52	20.97%	148	A	3	2.0	4.0	27.5%
Chester Whitworth	240	47	19.58%	138	A	4	2.0	4.0	25.0%

### Class B

Melanie Poole	288	56	19.44%	194	B	1	5.0	2.0	30.0%
Brian Poole	284	46	16.2%	178	B	2	4.0	3.0	22.5%
Kiara Grover	244	47	19.26%	140	B	3	3.0	3.0	27.27%

### Class C

Krystal Grover	200	38	19.0%	151	C	1	5.0	0.0	27.5%
Victoria Ross	200	14	7.0%	81	C	2	4.0	1.0	15.0%
Dan Davis	200	5	2.5%	54	C	3	3.0	2.0	7.5%
Kara Whitworth	200	2	1.0%	30	C	4	2.0	3.0	2.5%
Sam Whitworth	200	3	1.5%	30	C	5	1.0	4.0	5.0%
Jasek Davis	200	3	1.5%	36	C	6	0.0	5.0	2.5%



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