

The "Mud"

Sec/Treas. Regional Director Memo

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing fine, and that winter has not been too tough on you so far.

The first issue I will talk about is court sanctioning. We have two clubs that have not responded to the call for sanctioning their club pits in 2023. They are Arcade and Mid-Hudson. If you are no longer interested in being sanctioned, please let me know. If you are having problems getting this done, please let me know so we can try to work things out.

My second issue is finding someone to be an Assistant Regional Director (ARD). I am the RD and from Western NY, Charles Reigles is the ARD and is from Southern NY area. We need a representative from either the Eastern or Northern NY area. If you are interested, please contact me.

The third bit of information is that I will no longer be sending sanctioned tournament certificates to our club's TDs. I used all my certificates for the tournaments scheduled for the first part of 2024 and when I contacted the NHPA to request more, I was informed that they were no longer necessary. So, in the future I will e-mail the Tournament Directors their NY number and the reporting token number for E-Shoe. Patches for the tournaments will still be mailed out or hand delivered as needed.

My fourth issue will be brought up at the spring meeting in April where I will propose that the NYSHPA raise its dues to \$40.00 dollars, starting in 2025. The current dues are \$35.00, of which \$25.00 goes to the NHPA and NY gets \$10.00. My proposal to increase our NY dues will include an automatic entry into the States 50/50 drawing. Currently we have approximately one third of our members who participate in this and if the dues increase is accepted all adult members will be included. I also feel that once we get 100% participation, we could payout at least four winners instead of just one. An example I have in mind is that if we have 200 members that would give us \$1000.00 into the fund and we would pay out \$500.00. 1st pick could be \$200.00, 2nd could be \$150.00, 3rd could be \$100.00 and 4th \$50.00. I also think that we could just take the payout and split it equally between the 4 members drawn. Remember all payouts will be based on our membership numbers.

In closing I hope we have a great turn out for the spring meeting and that I look forward to seeing you all and getting your feedback on the issues concerning our charter.

Hope to see you on the courts.

Frank Kwiatkowski

Howdie everyone!!

Spring is fast approaching and soon we will finally be outside. Personally, I can't wait. It would be great to visit more clubs around the state, but we can't get tournaments scheduled. The Spring meeting is on April 13th at the Waterloo club, 11a.m. All clubs should send a representative to the meeting to set up summer tourneys. All clubs need to host at least one tourney, that's where state prize money comes from. The more tourneys, the more prize money!! We also have by-laws to discuss along with other state business. Hopefully, after we can get out and throw some shoes. How to see you there!

Ellen Perry



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2023 NYS CHAMPIONS

Men	Ken Fraser	72.76%
Women	Sue Laughlin	66.73%
Elders	Jack Stenberg	63.44%
JR Boy	Tucker Carey	8.33%

DOUBLES

Championship Perry & Way

Class A Stenberg & Dombrowski

Class B Gordon & Dorrell

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NYS TOP PERCENTAGES

MEN	%
KEN FRASER	72.69
ERIC CONRAD	51.36
DOUG KANNUS	51.00
GEORGE HARAGEONES	50.51
G DAVID SCOTT	49.93
DAKOTA FRANK	49.50
PETER MAUER	47.38
GERALD BERNARD	45.88
LINWOOD STANDISH	45.61
MIKE PIERCE	45.10
BUCK GOGOSKY	44.55
BILL ROYS	42.98

JUNIORS	%
TUCKER CAREY	8.50

WOMEN	%
KAREN GRAHAM	69.84
SUE LAUGHLIN	65.01
SHEILA DECKER	55.00
CINDY CORNWELL	52.59
ELLEN PERRY	51.17
SUE WAY	48.91
CATHY SNAYCZUK	46.36
DEBRA KASSAY	41.46

ELDERS-EXEMPT	%
GLENN DAVIS	65.65
JACK STENBERG	64.34
JAMES ZIMMERMAN	55.77
GARY DAWLEY	54.02
JOHN PAUTLER	52.50
NORBERT MCCANNEY	51.06
GERALD WAY	50.35
DAVID GORDON	49.00

2024 Current

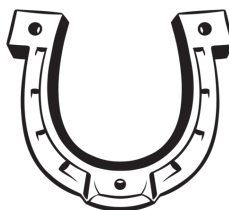
Membership:

Men: 42

Men 30': 43

Women: 17

Jr's: 2



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ALLEN KIMBALL	BALDWINSVILLE
MARTY WEAVER	CASTILE
CHRIS MORENCY	CATO
STEVE PARSONS	DEPOSIT
ELAINE NOREN	FULTON
RYAN MCLAUGHLIN	HORNELL
ANDRE PETERKIN	KINGSTON
HENRY MATTHEWS	OGENSEBERG
JAMIE SCHERY	PIKE
DRIAN WEATHERWAX	PORT BYRON
SCOTT MARTIN	WEESPORT
CARL PRATT JR	WHITNEY POINT
KENNETH STEWART	FUERA BUSH

In Memoriam For all our past Members

Please spend a moment in Prayer in memory of our dearly departed friends. Please contact me with any ones name I should add to the list over the past year.

Edward Uhlig 3-30-2023

Jerry Jessmore 8-21-23

Francis "Pops" Hinton Jr 11-1-23

Glen T. Addicott 11-23-23

R.I.P.



NHPA NEWS

Ben Webb appointed to 3rd Vice President



Ben Webb of Brownsville, Kentucky has been chosen to replace Jerry Smith as 3rd Vice President of the NHPA as of January 1, 2024. Ben has been a member of the NHPA for 17 years. Ben was an excellent Junior Division pitcher in Kentucky and in the World Tournament. He is now one of the best Open Men's pitchers. He finished 5th in the 2023 World Tournament with an average of 72.79%. Administratively, Ben was the 3rd Vice President (2019-2023) of the Kentucky Association. For the past two years, Ben has served as the NHPA Youth Director. He will continue to serve in that capacity. Ben has experience in running tournaments and has assisted with running his local league. The NHPA Council looks forward to continue working with Ben in his new position on the NHPA Executive Council.

NHPA League officer and directors,

Recent changes in NHPA officers have also changed the email that should be used for all NHPA League communications.

Please email 2024 League information and results to nhpaleagues@gmail.com or send them to

Ben Webb. His email is found on www.horseshoepitching.com/officers/.

Ben Webb, 3rd NHPA Vice President, League Director

BARB CARSON APPOINTED TO CONTINUE AS 4TH VICE PRESIDENT



The Executive Council made the decision to reappoint Barb Carson as the NHPA 4th Vice President. Austin Bailey was elected but was later appointed to the 1st VP position.

Barb and her husband Alex were very active with the NHPA. Alex died unexpectedly on October 18, 2021, but Barb has continued her NHPA duties. Barb started volunteering to work in the Stat Room at the World Tournament in Iowa in 2010. By 2011, she was working full time in the Stat Room at each World Tournament. In 2021, she was appointed to the 4th Vice President position by Stu Sipma to supervise the Regional Directors.

Before retiring, Barb was a Business Systems Analyst for finance companies and banks. She acted as a liaison between the software companies and the banks and finance companies.

We wish Barb good luck in continuing to pursue her duties as 4th Vice President.

NHPA Executive Council



NHPA President and NHPA 5th Vice President

To all NHPA Members,

NHPA Council officers currently serve for three years. Based on the defined schedule in the NHPA Bylaws, the position is open for nominees from either incumbents or new candidates for the 2025 pitching year.

Due to unexpected health-related challenges, Gary Roberts has notified the NHPA Executive Council that he is not planning to run again as an incumbent for the next three year term.

Josh Olson has expressed his interest in continuing to serve as the 5th Vice President/IT Director for another three year term.

"Candidates for NHPA office must announce their candidacy in writing to be received by the President and the Horseshoe Pitching Newsline Editor no later than April 1st." NHPA Bylaws Article 5 Section 7

Candidate information will be published in the May/June Newsline for review from the Charters so that the Charter Delegates may be prepared to vote for their selected candidate.

NYS CLUB DIRECTORY

				Courts/Pits
Club	Location	Contact	Phone	Sanction Certified
Arcade Village Park	Arcade, NY	Wendy Maston	(716) 307-2015	Pending
Brongo	Rochester, NY	Joe Banker	(585) 624-2990	NO
Catskill Mountain	Deposit, NY	Robert Mills	(607) 467-3730	YES
Concord	Springville, NY	Edward Browne	(716) 857-0511	YES
East Eden	East Eden, NY	Kenneth Telaak	(716) 648-5924	NO
Ellington Rod & Gun	Ellington, NY	Charlie Swanson	(716) 665-9837	NO
Floyd	Floyd, NY	Jim Moore	(315) 271-9357	NO
Hornell	Hornell, NY	Steve Crandall	(607) 382-1857	YES
Leroy	Leroy, NY	Kenneth Hirsch	(585) 703-4186	YES
Lockport	Lockport, NY	Lorraine Thomas	(716) 434-1154	NO
Mid Hudson	Newburgh, NY	Albert Strohl	(845) 496-3021	Pending
Odessa	Odessa, NY	Ernie Pound	(607) 742-1858	NO
Pine Grove	Camden, NY	Cheri Allen	(315) 245-5961	YES
Queen City	Elmira, NY	Jerry Bernard	(607) 207-3779	YES
Round Robin	Machias, NY	Cathy Snayczuk	(716) 353-1811	YES
Seneca	Hammondsport, NY	Al Buckland	(607) 292-6281	NO
South New Berlin	South New Berlin, NY	Gary Fisher	(607) 263-5479	YES
Southern Tier	Johnson City, NY	Charlie Reigles	(607) 754-8208	NO
Twin Tier	Elmira, NY	Gerald Bernard	(607) 425-6455	YES
Tri County	Groton, NY	David "Eric" Conrad	(607) 321-8938	YES
Vito's Sports Bar	N. Tonawanda, NY	Stan Watkins	(716) 319-8018	NO
Waterloo	Waterloo, NY	Kevin Green	(315) 209-8811	YES
Wellsville Community	Wellsville, NY	Kevin Pierce	(585) 596-5363	NO

NYS ADDITIONAL SANCTIONED CERTIFIED COURTS/PITS

Dawley's Barn	Clifton Springs, NY	Ron Bowerman	(585) 747-5962	YES
Jessmore Courts	Oswego, NY	Jerry Jessmore	(315) 342-2431	NO
Leo's Court	Dundee, NY	Al Buckland	(607) 292-6281	NO
Moose Club	Montour Falls, NY	Ernie Pound	(607) 742-1858	NO

happy
EASTER

A LITTLE FLASHBACK FROM FEBRUARY 2014

THREE OUT OF FOUR

submitted by Rowland Rupp

"Three out of four" I used to hear from my friends at work who knew I liked to throw horseshoes. Sometimes it was a more modest "two out of three." They were referring to how many ringers were made by someone they knew, or someone else knew, whose prowess in scoring ringers was astonishing. These wonders of the courts were their friend's uncle or the brother of their neighbor down the street, who just couldn't miss throwing ringers.

At first, I was impressed, and somewhat envious – where did these 75% ringer pitchers come from? When I asked their names, I never heard of any of them. I would comment to whomever was telling me this remarkable tale that I knew a hundred or more pretty good horseshoe pitchers in the area who played in leagues or in tournaments, and only one of them could get "three out of four" with any consistency and even he (future New York State champion, Bob Hayes) rarely attained this lofty pinnacle.

One day I figured it out. I had taken a break from practicing at a public court, and when I resumed pitching there was an elderly fellow sitting on a park bench adjacent to the pit where I had left my four shoes. I picked them up and threw them to the other end. I don't recall what I scored, but when I threw them back, I luckily got three ringers.

As I walked back to retrieve my shoes, the old-timer commented words to the effect "that was pretty darned good!" I truly didn't know what he was referring to, so I asked what he meant. He said, "why, you just threw three ringers." Obviously, he was more impressed than I was, after all, I had done that once or twice before. Later it occurred to me that he might well have gone home and told his family or friends about this incredible horseshoe pitcher who threw "three out of four."

The point is we tend to remember the highlights and dismiss the mundane. There's a big difference between getting three ringers out of four now and again and averaging that. If this fellow really did go home and talk about "three out of four" he probably forgot about the times I made only one out of four, or the unmentionable, which is worse.

After that, when someone would tell me about an unheard-of horseshoe pitcher who threw "three out of four", I would invite them to my backyard where I would throw "three out of four" just for him. I warned him that he might have to be a bit patient!

It turns out that a pitcher who averages 35% ringers ought to score three ringers out of four shoes roughly once out of every nine tries. Even a 25% pitcher should get three ringers out of four almost once out of twenty. That may make it seem to be an infrequent event, but if someone happens to come along at just the right time, he can go off and tell his friends at work about the guy who throws "three out of four."

Hello my fellow horseshoe pitchers

I am always looking for anything to add to the MUD! I will continue to bring back flashbacks of the past. I enjoy all the stories that people have so please share them with me. Pictures are also welcome.

I will be having Knee surgery in March and hope to be on the mend so I can pitch more this year. Happy pitching

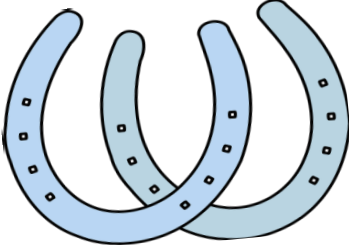
Cathy Snayczuk



2024 UPCOMING SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

DATE	DEADLINE	EVENT NAME	HOST CLUB	FORMAT	FEE
3/2/2024	2/21/2024	TRI COUNTY MARCH OPEN	GROTON	SINGLES	\$26
3/9/2024	3/2/2024	DAWLEY'S BARN MARCH OPEN	CLIFTON SPRINGS	SINGLES	\$26
4/6/2024	3/27/2024	TRI COUNTY APRIL OPEN	GROTON	SINGLES	\$26
4/20/2024	4/13/2024	DAWLEY'S BARN APRIL OPEN	CLIFTON SPRINGS	SINGLES	\$26
5/4/2024	4/24/2024	JOHN MARTIN JR MEMORIAL	GROTON	SINGLES	\$26
5/11/2024	5/4/2024	DAWLEY'S BARN MAY OPEN	CLIFTON SPRINGS	SINGLES	\$26
6/1/2024	5/25/2024	WATERLOO OPEN 1	WATERLOO	SINGLES	\$26
6/2/2024	5/25/2024	WATERLOO OPEN 2	WATERLOO	SINGLES	\$26
6/8/2024	6/1/2024	WILLIAM HOAG MEMORIAL	SOUTH NEW BERLIN	SINGLES	\$26
6/15/2024	6/8/2024	PINE GROVE OPEN	CAMDEN	SINGLES	\$26
7/20/2024	7/13/2024	ROUND ROBIN OPEN	MACHIAS	SINGLES	\$26
8/10/2024	8/3/2024	PINE GROVE OPEN	CAMDEN	SINGLES	\$26
8/17/2024	8/7/2024	REIGLES/HORNBUCKLE OPEN	GROTON	SINGLES	\$26
8/31/2024	8/17/2024	NYS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS	WATERLOO	SINGLES	\$26
9/21/2024	9/7/2024	NYS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS	MACHIAS	DOUBLES	\$15 EA

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ***ADVANCE SIGN UP FOR SANCTION TOURNAMNETS

<p>**TRI COUNTY Contact Director Eric Conrad at 607-321-8938. *Mail check or money order to Eric Conrad at 9096 West Creek Rd, Berkshire NY 13736 Address to pits: 359 Locke Rd, Groton NY 13073</p> <p>**PINE GROVE MEMORIAL Cheri Allen 315-882-2996 Karen Graham 315-709-1404 Send payment : 2063 Hillsboro Rd , Camden NY 13316 Address to pits: 8696 NY 13, Camden NY 13316</p> 	<p>**DAWLEY'S BARN Contact Gary Dawley 315-462-3208 or Ron Bowerman 585-747-5962 *Send payment to Ron Bowerman at 1132 County Rd, Farmington NY 14425 Address to pits: 2164 NY 96, Clifton Springs NY 14432</p> <p>WATERLOO OPEN & NYS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP Contact: Ron Bowerman at 585-747-5962 or Alternate contact Jack Stenberg (315)-539-8542 Address to pits: 2647 Edwards Rd, NY 13165</p>	<p>**WILLIAM HOAG MEMORIAL Contact Director Kevin Thomas at 607-287-7248 Alternate Contact is Roger Chase 607-431-0452 Address to pits: 3398 NY 8, South new Berlin NY 13843</p> <p>ROUND ROBIN OPEN & NYS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP Contact Director Cathy Snayczuk at 716-258-9781 Alternate Contact Charlie Kromer at 71-353-4652 **Send payment to Cathy Snayczuk 9561 Main St, Machias NY 14101 Address to pits: 9688 Main St, Machias NY 14101</p>
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2024 NYSHPA TREASURER'S REPORT (as of February 2024)

(Feb - 2024) 10/1//2023 Through 12/30/2023 cum date 10-1-23
sub cut-off 12-30-23

INCOME CATEGORIES

Interest/Donations Income

Int./Donations/\$1.Fee 47.00
Total Interest/Donations Income 47.00

Junior Fund Inflow

Afghan/Raffles 0.00
Donations 75.00
Total Junior Fund Inflow 75.00

Membership Dues

2023 0.00
2024 1785.00
Total Membership Dues 1785.00

Mud Subscriptions

2024 0 0.00
Total Mud Subscriptions 0.00

Other Income

Misc & bad check/fees 0.00
50/50 Draw (29) 145.00
Total Other Income 145.00

Pins & Patches

2024 20.00
Total Pins & Patches 20.00

TOTAL INCOME

2072.00

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Hall of Fame

Jackets/Plaques (2) 61.02
Postage/Supplies/Exp 0.00
Total Hall of Fame 61.02

Jr Program

NHPA Dues 2023 (0) 0.00
NHPA Dues 2024 (1) 5.00
2024 E-shoe (0) 0.00
Horseshoes/Awards 0.00
Total Junior Fund Outflow 5.00

Miscellaneous

Reorder-pin/patches,etc 0.00
Ck service charges/Web site 0.00
Total Miscellaneous 0.00

NHPA Dues 2024

Ad (53) @\$25/(0) 1325.00
Prov@\$10
ES-(27) @ -\$10 -270.00
Total NHPA Dues 1055.00

NYS Tournament

(0) juniors
State Contribution 0.00 (0) adults
Doubles Contribution 0.00 (0)(0) teams
Total NYS Tournament 0.00

Office Supplies

Printer Cartridge 0.00
Paper, Labels, etc. 35.88
Total Office Supplies 35.88

Overpayment/refunds

0.00
50/50 draw pay out 0.00
Total Overpayment 0.00 0.00
Phone expenses - 2024 0.00
Total Phone 0.00

Postage

Newslet-ter 66.00
Stamps 139.86
Total Postage 205.86

Printing (copies)

Mud = 95 113.72
Total Printing = 0 113.72

Stipend

Analyst 0.00
Mud Edi- tor 0.00
President 0.00
Sec/Treas 0.00
Tourn. Directors 0.00
Total Stipends 0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

1476.48

Previous Balance 9-30-23 15596.24

INCOME LESS EXPENSES 595.52

checks

meeting rental

name plates

Web-site/fee

Junior Fund 4538.48

NYSHPA 11653.28

audit check = 16191.76

Total Current Balance 16191.76

50/50 Draw (29) \$145.00	35.55% membership participation	current draw pay out is \$72.50
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2024 Membership Application & Order Form NHPA & NYSHPA

Name: _____ Telephone Number: ()- _____

Permanent Address: Street - _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Check one Newsletter communication method: NYSHPA WEBSITE _____ E-MAIL _____ HARD COPY MAIL _____

E-mail Address _____ Club Affiliation _____ Or Independent Member _____

Please check type of application and your division of participation. NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ Date of Birth: - _____

Men 40' _____ Men 30' (must be 70 or medical) _____ Women _____ NHPA # _____

Junior Boy _____ Junior Girl _____ (a junior cannot be greater than age 18 during the entire year)

Cadet Boy 20' _____ Cadet Girl 20' _____ (until 12 years old for entire calendar year)

APPLICATION DUES & ORDER FORM TOTALS

Add \$5.00 _____ To enter NYSHPA 50/50 DRAWING on Labor Day

Junior State and National Dues	\$0.00	_____
2024 Full Adult State & National Dues	\$35.00	_____
2024 Provisional Membership Dues	\$10.00	_____
2024 Trial Member (1 tournament)	\$00.00	_____

Make check payable to:

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New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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N.Y.S. Shoulder Patch	\$3.00	_____
N.Y.S. Patch Logo (regular.) Decal	\$3.00	_____

N.Y.S. Patch Logo (inside window) Decal	\$3.00	_____
N.Y.S. Pin	\$4.00	_____

Total Dollar Amount: \$-- _____