



2025 Membership Renewals

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NYSHPA Elections

Deadline to file as a candidate is **MARCH 31st**



NYSHPA Spring Meeting

April 27, 2025

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The Mud

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NYSHPA Spring Meeting Set

Date: Sunday, April 27, 2025

Meeting Start Time: 11:00 am

Place: [Waterloo Sportsman's Club](#)

President Ellen Perry encourages all clubs to send their representatives to this meeting and encourages all members to attend and participate with their ideas and suggestions to help guide our charter. Election of officers, by-law proposals, the state singles and doubles tournament host sites will be discussed and voted on.

NYSHPA Officer Candidates Filing Deadline

Elections for the NYSHPA offices of Secretary/Treasurer and 2nd Vice President are due to be held at the Spring meeting.

Any-one interested in running for these offices, including the incumbents, should send a brief resume and platform by **March 31st** to the Election Committee Chairperson:

Sue Laughlin
1855 Mitchell Hollow Rd
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A Message from NYSHPA President Ellen Perry

Hello fellow pitchers, hopefully your winter is going better than mine. We've gotten way to much snow and I am tired of shoveling.

I get to pitch regularly inside down in PA. Do you have somewhere to pitch inside? Don't be afraid to check neighboring states or even countries to pitch in over the winter.

The state meeting this year is on a Sunday, some of us work on Saturday. Try to send a representative from your club to this meeting cuz that's where all the important decisions are made. Stay safe, stay warm, and I'll see ya on the courts. - Ellen

Hall of Fame Committee Report from Chairman Jack Stenberg

I am pleased to advise that I have received five applications for induction into the NYSHPA's Hall of Fame. I will be mailing packages to each of the twenty members of the HOF Committee. The submitted write-ups will be evaluated and a decision will be made as to the worthiness of the candidate to become a member of the Hall of Fame. All ballots will be tabulated and those candidates receiving at least fourteen votes will be inducted into the HOF at the State Convention over Labor Day weekend.



Happy Groundhog Day!
Nope - not ready to wake up!

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Regional Directors Report from Jack Stenberg

First of all, I had informed several members that this year we would be expected to sanction each of the courts used for competition. I have since learned that the court sanctioning will not occur until 2027.

As of this date I have received applications for 19 tournaments this year. If your club has not applied for a sanction number you can contact me and we can set up your tournament(s). I will also be at the Spring Meeting and can receive the information at that time. If you wish to sign up earlier, contact me and I can have the paperwork and patches for your tournament(s) at that meeting.

A Note from your Secretary/Treasurer/Statistician

Hello Pitchers,

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Cathy Snayczuk. I am a mom of 4 daughters who are all involved in sports. I work a full-time job along with 3 part-time jobs, so, your patience during this time of learning all that goes along with being secretary/treasurer/statistician of the NYSHPA is appreciated. This job has a lot of components to it.

I would like all the club directors to look over the directory and send me any changes.

To the pitchers, I keep getting mail that is unable to be delivered to you, if you register on ESHOE please update your mailing address etc. If you mail your application in to me, please make sure you also send me any address/contact updates.

I look forward to seeing you all on the pits. — Cathy

A Note from the Editor



Hello fellow New York State horseshoe pitchers!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Debby Kassay and I am the new editor of *The Mud*. I started pitching horseshoes over 40 years ago, on a beach north of Boston. I met my husband, John, in August of 2000 when he came to work for the company I worked for. We discovered a mutual passion for the game and, as they say, the rest is history.

We built our retirement home in Sullivan County, NY in 2006. In 2022 we joined the NHPA because, although we were able to find some local non-sanctioned tournaments, we wanted to expand our base of competition and the NHPA is definitely the way to do that!

Over my 3 years as part of the NHPA family, I'm still learning about sanctioned horseshoes, court etiquette, the clubs and the amazing organization that makes this all possible here in New York State. I never knew how much I DIDN'T know!

As editor of *The Mud*, my goal is to ensure timely delivery of a comprehensive and helpful newsletter three times per year. I'm not new to publishing, but I am new to the NYSHPA so any advice or guidance would be greatly appreciated! I sincerely hope you will share your feedback with me.

I hope to meet many more of you on the pits during the coming seasons.

Stay healthy and safe! — Debby Kassay (*pronounced CASS-A*)



Important Dates

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Election Nomination Deadline	3/31/2025	Sue Laughlin
Spring Meeting	4/27/2025	Ellen Perry
Hall of Fame Ballot Count	4/27/2025	Jack Stenberg
Deadline for World Tournament Sign-up	5/19/2025	Click here to enter on-line
World Tournament - Salt Lake City Utah	7/21- 8/2 2025	Click here to find out more
State Championship Qualification Deadline	7/31/2025	Must have pitched in 2 NYSHPA tournaments by this date
State Championship Entry Deadline	8/01/2025	Karen Graham / Ken Fraser (Alternate)
State Singles Championship - Camden	8/30 - 31/2025	Karen Graham / Ken Fraser (Alternate)
State Convention - Camden	8/31/2025	Ellen Perry
Hall of Fame Inductions - Camden	8/31/2025	Jack Stenberg
State Doubles Championship - Waterloo	9/20/2025	Ronald K Bowerman (585.747.5962) / Jack Stenberg (Alternate)
2026 Hall of Fame Nominations Deadline	12/31/2025	Jack Stenberg
2026 By-Law Proposal Submissions	12/31/2025	Ellen Perry

Upcoming Tournaments - Click an *Event Name* to see detailed information for the event.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>	<i>Event Name</i>	<i>Host Club</i>	<i>Fee</i>
2/8/2025	2/1/2025	Dawley's Barn February open	Clifton Springs	\$26
3/1/2025	2/22/2025	Tri-County March Open	Groton	\$26
3/8/2025	3/1/2025	Dawley's Barn March open	Clifton Springs	\$26
4/5/2025	3/29/2025	Tri-County April Open	Groton	\$26
4/12/2025	4/5/2025	Dawley's Barn April Open	Clifton Springs	\$26
5/3/2025	4/26/2025	John Martin Jr Memorial	Groton	\$26
5/10/2025	5/3/2025	Dawley's Barn May open	Clifton Springs	\$26
6/7/2025	5/31/2025	Waterloo Open 1	Waterloo	\$26
6/8/2025	6/1/2025	Waterloo Open 2	Waterloo	\$26
6/14/2025	6/7/2025	William Hoag Memorial	South New Berlin	\$26
6/28/2025	6/21/2025	Pine Grove / Tri-County Challenge	Camden	\$26
7/12/2025	7/5/2025	Pine Grove Open	Camden	\$26
8/16/2025	8/9/2025	Reigles/Hornbuckle Open	Groton	\$26
8/30/2025	8/1/2025	New York State Singles Championships	Camden	\$26
9/20/2025	9/13/2025	New York State Doubles Championships	Waterloo	\$15 ea.



New York State Top Averages



MEN	
Ken Fraser ‡	73.71
George Harageones	53.45
Paul Black	51.73
Mike Pierce	50.54
Eric Conrad	49.20
Thomas Bernard	49.17
Timothy M Collier	45.72
Peter Mauer	45.00
Robert K Berninger Jr	43.24
Buck Gofgosky	42.76

ELDERS - EXEMPT	
Glenn Davis	67.79
Jack S Stenberg	63.20
Linwood Standish	61.38
G David Scott	57.14
Gary Dawley	55.98
James L Zimmerman	53.13
Norbert McCanney	52.71
Gerald Way	50.46
David Gordon	50.12
Fredrick A Sheldon	48.41

WOMEN	
Karen Graham	71.67
Sue Laughlin	64.35
Ellen Perry	56.29
Cindy Cornwell	48.67
Shelia Decker	46.64
Debra Kassay	42.62
Susan Way	38.91
Lisa Dorrell	37.50
Cathy Snayczuk	36.56
Terri Miner	35.00

JUNIOR BOYS	
Tucker Carey	11.70

‡ = National Top 10

JUNIOR GIRLS	
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Welcome
to our New Members

Mark Florance - Greene
Mike Shoemaker - Greene
Jacquelynn Winburn - Phelps

NY State Membership	
Adults	81
Men	30
Elders/Exempt	36
Women	15
Juniors	1
Boys	—
Girls	1

DID YOU FORGET
to Renew Your Membership?

Memoriam

Let us pray for and remember our dearly departed friends.

Laurie Pierce 1-28-25
 Fred Bailey 1-21-25
 Patrick McCarthy 12-6-24
 Gerold (JT) Thomas 10-30-24
 Patty Blackman 10-9-24
 Diane Toolan 10-7-24
 Julie Bernard 6-13-24
 Leroy Effner 6-3-24
 Jim Robertson 2-21-24
 Wayne Hinman 2-20-24

Please contact Cathy Snayczuk with the name of anyone that may have been missed over the past year.

2024 New York State Champions

SINGLES		
Men	Ken Fraser	69.47
Elders	Glenn Davis	64.04
Women	Karen Graham	65.70

DOUBLES		
Championship	Pierce / Decker	9 - 2
Class B	K. Pierce / S. Pierce	6 - 2



Member's Health News

The following members have been dealing with some recent health challenges. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We wish them a full and speedy recovery.



- ♥ Bob Wells of the South New Berlin Club had a heart transplant in Rochester early in January. He continues to improve and is expected to be back home soon.
- ♥ Bill Hornbuckle of the Tri-County HS Club has stepped back from his role as Secretary of the club while he deals with some health issues.
- ♥ Young Charlie Reigles of the Tri-County HS Club has been dealing with kidney stones but is reported to be feeling just a bit more comfortable.

Winter Indoor Tournament Locations

Going someplace *warm* in the near future? [Check out eShoe](#) for tournaments near your destination. You could get a jump start on the pitching season!

There are also [indoor tournaments in NY](#) over the next few months as well as in the following neighboring states:

Connecticut: East Hartford & Thompson

Pennsylvania: Mt. Wolf; Sellingsgrove; Erie; Beaver Falls & Pittsburgh

Help Support the NYSHPA

Someone once said “All it takes to be successful is time and money.” The NYSHPA officers, committee members and volunteers work hard to provide members with opportunities for organized, competitive horseshoe pitching. You can help them be successful by purchasing a N.Y.S. pin, patch, decal or entering the N.Y.S. annual 50/50 drawing.



Pin

Click to order yours today!



Patch



Decals



Can you solve this Crypto Puzzle?

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New York State Club Directory

CLUB	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE	SANCTION CERTIFIED
Arcade Village Park	Arcade	Wendy Maston	(716) 307-2015	Pending
Brongo	Rochester	Joe Banker	(585) 624-2990	NO
Catskill Mountain	Deposit	Robert Mills	(607) 467-3730	YES
Concord	Springville	Ed Browne	(716) 857-0511	YES
East Eden	East Eden	Kenneth Telaak	(716) 648-5924	NO
Ellington Rod & Gun	Ellington	Charlie Swanson	(716) 665-9837	NO
Floyd	Floyd	Jim Moore	(315) 271-9357	NO
Hornell	Hornell	Steve Crandall	(607) 382-1857	YES
Leroy	Leroy	Kenneth Hirsch	(585) 703-4186	YES
Lockport	Lockport	Lorraine Thomas	(716) 434-1154	NO
Mid Hudson	Newburgh	Al Strohl	(845) 496-3021	Pending
Odessa	Odessa	Ernie Pound	(607) 742-1858	NO
Pine Grove	Camden	Cheri Allen	(315) 245-5961	YES
Queen City	Elmira	Jerry Bernard	(607) 207-3779	YES
Round Robin	Machias	Cathy Snayczak	(716) 258-9781	YES
Seneca	Hammondsport	Al Buckland	(607) 292-6281	NO
South New Berlin	South New Berlin	Gary Fisher	(607) 263-5479	YES
Southern Tier	Johnson City	Charlie Reigles	(607) 754-8208	NO
Tri County	Groton	David "Eric" Conrad	(607) 321-8938	YES
Twin Tier	Elmira	Jerry Bernard	(607) 425-6455	YES
Vito's Sports Bar	N. Tonawanda	Stan Watkins	(716) 319-8018	NO
Waterloo	Waterloo	Kevin Green	(315) 209-8811	YES
Wellsville Community	Wellsville	Kevin Pierce	(585) 596-5363	NO

New York State Additional Courts/Pits

Dawley's Barn	Clifton Springs	Ron Bowerman	(585) 747-5962	YES
Leo's Court	Dundee	Al Buckland	(607) 292-6281	NO
Moose Club	Montour Falls	Ernie Pound	(607) 594-2169	NO

GENERIC TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

TOURNAMENT NAME: _____ TOURNAMENT DATE: _____

NAME: _____ NHPA CARD #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ RINGER %: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Circle One)
 Class: Men 40' Men 30' Women Jr. Boy Jr. Girl Jr. Boy 20' Jr. Girl 20'

NYSHPA Treasurer's Report

10/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

INCOME CATEGORIES

Interest/Donations Income

Int./Donations/\$1 Fee @ 47	\$47.00	
Total Int./Donations Income	\$	47.00

Junior Fund Inflow

Afghan/Raffles	\$0.00	
Donations	\$50.00	
Total Junior Fund Inflow	\$	50.00

Membership Dues

2024	\$35.00	
2025	\$1,190.00	
Total Membership Dues	\$	1,225.00

Mud Subscriptions

2024 (0)	\$0.00	
Total Mud Subscriptions	\$0.00	

Other Income

Misc. & bad check fee	\$0.00	
50/50 Draw (22)	\$110.00	
Total Other Income	\$	110.00

Pins & Patches

2025	\$7.00	
Total Pins & Patches	\$	7.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 1,439.00

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Hall of Fame

Jackets (0) & Plaques (1)	\$35.64	
Postage/Supplies/Exp	\$0.00	
Total Hall of Fame	\$	35.64

Jr. Program

NHPA Dues 2024 (0)	\$0.00	
NHPA Dues 2025 (0)	\$0.00	
2025 E-shoe (0)	\$0.00	
Horseshoes/Awards (Max \$75 ea.)	\$0.00	
Total Junior Outflow	\$0.00	

Miscellaneous

Reorder pins/patches, etc.	\$0.00	
Chk svc chgs/Website fee	\$0.00	
Checks, Mtg rentals, Name plates	\$0.00	
Total Miscellaneous	\$0.00	

NHPA Dues

2025 Adult (35) @\$25	\$875.00	
1 Jr @ \$0 - ES (33) @ -\$10	-\$330.00	
Total NHPA Dues	\$	545.00

NYS Tournament

State Contribution	\$0.00	(0) Juniors
Doubles Contribution	\$0.00	(0) Adults
Total NYS Tournament	\$0.00	(0) Teams

Office Supplies

Printer Cartridge	\$0.00	
Paper, Labels, etc.	\$21.21	
Total Office Supplies	\$	21.21

Overpayment

50/50 draw payout	\$0.00	
Total Overpayment	\$0.00	

Phone

2025	\$0.00	
Total Phone	\$0.00	

Postage

Newsletter	\$0.00	
Stamps	\$146.00	
Total Postage	\$	146.00

Printing

Mud (0) Copies	\$0.00	
Total Printing	\$0.00	

Stipend

Analyst	\$0.00	
Mud Editor	\$0.00	
President	\$0.00	
Sec/Treas	\$0.00	
Tourn Director	\$0.00	
Total Stipends	\$0.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 747.85

Previous Balance 9-30-2024

\$ 14,866.88

INCOME LESS EXPENSES

\$ 691.15

Junior Fund \$4,588.48

NYSHPA \$10,969.55

Total Current Balance

\$15,558.03

Submitted by Sec/Treas. Cathy Snayczuk

50/50 Draw (22) \$110

34.28% Membership Participation

Current Draw Payout is **\$55**

NHPA 2025 World Tournament Schedule Update !!!

Synopsis:

The 2025 World Tournament format will have the higher percentage pitchers pitching the first week and the lower percentages the second week.

The championship rounds for all adult divisions will be Monday-Wednesday of the second week.

Youth division will pitch Thursday and Friday of the first week, with championships on Saturday.

Read the entire announcement by [clicking here](#).

Tid Bits from the NHPA Newslines

The following information is from the NHPA *Newslines* for Nov/Dec 2024 and Jan/Feb 2025. They can be read in their entirety on the [NHPA website Newslines/Media](#) section.

2025 World Tournament Info

Original NHPA Article By Brian Poole, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

- ◆ Dates, Location & Accommodations
 - ◆ July 21 - August 2
 - ◆ [Mountain America Expo Center - Salt Lake City, Utah](#)
 - ◆ [Hilton Garden Inn Sandy](#)
 - ◆ [Courtyard Salt Lake City Sandy](#)
- ◆ Entry Fee Discount Schedule
 - ◆ Before Feb 1 - \$130
 - ◆ Feb 1 to May 1 - \$150
 - ◆ After May 1 - \$170
 - ◆ [Click here for the electronic entry form](#)
 - ◆ [Click here for the mail-in entry form](#)
- ◆ Check out [eShoe](#) to see who's already signed-up!

Recruitment Raffle

Original NHPA Article by Lucy Strong, Promotions Director

The NHPA promotions committee is kick-starting a referral program.

When a current member is able to sign up a brand-new pitcher, there will be a Google document that can be filled out at the new member's first tournament. Filling out and returning the document, enters the existing member into a raffle.

For more information, see page 10 of the [NHPA Jan/Feb 2025 Newslines here](#).

Expanded Social Media Footprint

Original NHPA Article by Michelle Foard, NHPA Social Media Director

Along with the NHPA Facebook Page, Michelle Foard has established three additional social media profiles for the NHPA.

- ◆ NHPA Instagram Profile - [National.Horseshoe.NHPA](#)
- ◆ NHPA "X" (formerly Twitter) Profile - [NHPAHorseshoe](#)
- ◆ NHPA Tik Tok Profile - [National Horseshoes NHPA](#)

The purpose of these profiles is to keep pitchers informed and help recruit new pitchers. They are also a great resource for answering questions pitchers may have. Videos or pictures posted on these profiles can be shared to other profiles.

For more information, see page 19 of the [NHPA Jan/Feb 2025 Newslines here](#).



Lifetime Members

60 Years

Lorraine Thomas

Paul Thomas

50 Years

Ken Fraser

Richard (Dick) Pike

Michael J DiMartino

2025 Longevity Patches

40 Years

Ronald (Ron) Bowerman

30 Years

Lenn Davis

Mark Valentino

Kerwin Pierce

20 Years

Eric Conrad

Peter Grant

George Harageones

John Pautler

Robert (Bob) Trank

10 Years

Robert (Bob) Wells

Cheri Allen

Lyle Deiter

Dakota Frank

Jeffrey Watts



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horseshoepitching.com

NYSHPA website
nyshpa.org