

New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

the "Mud"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First let me say thank you, to all who showed up at our spring meeting to represent their clubs. The highlight of this meeting for me was that after having an open discussion and some great input we were able to pass two new bylaw proposals which I feel will benefit all of our members and help ease some of the financial stress regarding our State Tournaments.

Now that the snow has finally eased up and spring brings the renewal of our sports outdoor season, I would like to give all of our members a friendly reminder that the game of horseshoes is more than just pitching your shoes. Our sport requires court maintenance, scorekeeping, judging and entering the data from each game to get the final results. So I ask all to please get involved in your sport by watering and turning the pits you play on so those who play after you can also enjoy their games. Come early or stay after you play, to keep score for others. Learn how and volunteer to be a judge and also volunteer to help our tournament directors. I know many of our players already do these tasks but, if we all do our share it will make our sport enjoyable for all of us.

Good luck pitching, see you on the courts!

Frank Kwiatkowski

SITE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

Host for the NYS Singles Championships will be Pine Grove HSC. Karen Graham will serve as tournament director on Labor Day Weekend September 4th-7th. Application inside this issue of the MUD.

Host for the NYS Doubles Championships on Sept. 19th will be Waterloo Ringers HC. Kevin Green will serve as tournament director. You can sign up right at the state singles or through the mail deadline being Sept. 6th.

(Contact info on page 4)



EDITOR'S PITCH

As you will see on page 5, in 2016 there will be changes in the championship classes in the state tournament. I, as Web Mistress, will change New York's Top Ten to New York's Top Averages. I will list double of what will be needed ie. Top twelve men will go into championship I will list top 24. However, in the MUD, I will put at least the minimum. The website will be your best tool to keep track of this and see where you are in the standings. I am sure this subject will be briefly discussed at the State Tournament.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the courts, as we start a new pitching season. This past winter was a long one as many of you will attest to this, with the exception of you snowbirds (this is not a slam, this is envy). But I bet even some of you got a taste of it in late April, after being teased with mid-60's and 70's the week before. **FOR HEAVENS SAKE NO MORE SNOW!**

Here is wishing everyone a great pitching season!

~Karen

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2014 NYS CHAMPIONS

Men	Ken Fraser	64.16%
Women	Ellen Perry	65.33%
Elders	Bob Keefer	44.19%
Jr Girl	K. Harageones	13.00%
Jr Boy	Gavin Barteau	20.50%
Cadet	Alyssa Townsend	5.00%

DOUBLES

Bradley Johnson & Mark Riley

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NYSHPA WEBSITE:
<http://nyshpa.org/NYSHPA/index.html>

NHPA WEBSITE
www.horseshoepitching.com

Dates To Remember

May 18-Deadline for the NHPA World Tournament in Topeka, Kansas

Aug. 1- Deadline for State Championship Tournament

Sept. 4-7 NYS Championships ~ Pine Grove HC in Camden

Sept. 19- State Doubles Championships at Waterloo Ringers HC

Oct. 28- Deadline for articles in the November Mud (limited space)

NYS MEMBERSHIP

Adults:	234
40'	151
30'	60
Women	23
Juniors:	11
Boys	7
Girls	4

Call The Scoring Correctly

Shoes in Pit

Correct Call

No Score _____	No Score
1 Point _____	1 Point
2 Points _____	2 Points
1 Ringer _____	1 Ringer 3 Points
1 Ringer 1 Point _____	1 Ringer 4 Points
2 Ringers 6 Points _____	2 Ringers 6 Points
1 Ringer each No score _____	2 Dead No score
1 Ringer each 1 point _____	2 Dead 1 point
3 Ringers 3 Points _____	2 Dead 3 points
2 Ringers each No Score _____	4 Dead

The person who scores the points calls the score. If neither person scores, the last person to pitch calls the score.

2015 New Members (2nd Quarter)

Tom Soles	Bath
David Mattison	Hammondsport
Brandi Bernard	Horseheads
Bryan Bernard	Horseheads
Lauren Burchard	Horseheads
Olivia Burchard	Horseheads
Lori Reynolds	Horseheads
David McAnulty	Lancaster
Jack Quinn	Stony Point
Donna Bobier	Windsor

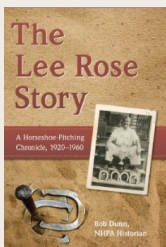
50/50 Draw is currently \$255 with 51 members participated current pay-out is \$127.50



In Memoriam

Kenyon "Hoppy" Hopkins
 Hall of Fame member,
 from Falconer

Rest In Peace



About The Author

Bob Dunn is a thirty-five-year member of the NHPA and has served as the organization's historian since 2008. The sport's history has always been of interest to Bob, and he has written a series of articles since 2004 for the NHPA's Newslines called "Horseshoe Pitching Facts & Folklore." He has also authored *World Champions of Horseshoe Pitching, 1920-2010*, a book covering the women's, junior, and senior divisions in World Tournament competition. More recently, he researched and wrote *AAU National Amateur Horseshoe -Pitching Championships, 1937-1977*.

Bob has written another book titled "The Lee Rose Story. Lee Jacobs "Rose" was an interesting character and a long-time leader in the sport of horseshoe pitching. Historian Bob Dunn weaves Jacobs hand written journal entries into a moving story that takes a forty year journey through a remarkable and formative era in the sport of horseshoe pitching. This article was provided off the NHPA website.

To purchase a copy of this book go to www.BeaversPondBooks.com Cost of the book is \$33.00 but in there is a promotional code "NHPA" to receive a 35% discount.

NHPA News by Tina Hawkins

The NHPA is looking for a new, exciting logo to modernize our image, increase our public appeal and take the association away from the "backyard" visions that horseshoe pitching normally invokes.

To NHPA members, our logo is very recognizable, but in a study by the University of Central Oklahoma marketing department, it was found that (unless you already know what it is) people cannot tell what the emblem depicts.

The Executive Council feels it may be time for a change and is launching a logo design contest open to NHPA members to find a more modern, discernable logo that will help attract attention and entice prospective new members into the association.

Deadline for submissions is June 30. See www.horseshoepitching.com for more details



Procrastinators out there, this is the issue that has the tournaments listed in NY for the season. You need 2 tournaments from August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015. Please do wait until the end of July to get that last tournament in. Although you must hold a NY sanction card, you may play your tournaments anywhere, as long as it is an NHPA sanctioned event.

Generic All- Purpose Tournament Application

Tournament Name: _____

Tournament Date: _____

Name: _____

NHPA Card #: _____

Address: _____

Ringer %: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Circle your pitching category: Men 40' Men 30' Women Jr. Boy Jr. Girl Jr. Boy 20' Jr. Girl 20'

2015 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	DEADLINE	NAME	CLUB	FORMAT	COST	CONTACT
June 6	May 27	Ed Ryder Memorial	Waterloo	Open Singles	A-\$25 Others-\$20	#3
June 7	May 27	Waterloo Open #1	Waterloo	Open-Singles	A-\$25 Others-\$20	#3
June 13	June 3	William Hoag Memorial	South New Berlin	Open-Singles	A-\$25 Others-\$20	#2
June 14	June 3	South New Berlin Open	South New Berlin	Open-Singles	A-\$25 Others-\$20	#2
June 27	June 12	Rod Pratt Memorial	Floyd	Open-Singles	A-\$25 Others-\$20	#4
July 11	July 1	Southern Tier Open	Southern Tier	54 Entries	\$21	#5
July 13-25	May 15	World Tournament	NHPA	Open-Singles	Adults \$130 Juniors \$25	
Aug 1	July 25	Hornell Open	Hornell	Open-Singles	A-\$25 Others-\$20	#7
Aug 29-30	Aug 19	DiMartino Warm-Up	Leroy	Open-Singles	A-\$25 Others-\$20	#3
Sept 4-7	Aug 1	NYS Singles Championships	Pine Grove HC	NYS Pitchers Only	\$27 Juniors-\$2.50	#1
Sept 19	Sept 6	NYS Doubles Championships	HSC	NYS Pitchers 110% max.	\$30/Team	#3
Oct 3	Sept 26	Tri-County October Open	Tri-County HC	Open-Singles	\$20	#6

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION

	DIRECTOR	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	PHONE
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Tino DeAngelo is home from rehab center and he is recuperating steadily. He is looking forward to pitching again.

Court Etiquette

1. You are encouraged to settle point determinations, if you cannot agree on a point or a ringer please call for a judge.
2. The decision of the judge is final.
3. Please observe carefully before leaving your immediate court, it is discourteous to walk in the of vision of another player.
4. Please do not take extended breaks during round robin play, go to your next court quickly.

2015 NYSHPA TREASURER'S REPORT

(9-1-2014 through 4-18-2015)

INCOME CATEGORIES

Interest/Donations Income

Interest/Donations	2003.72	
Total Interest/Donations Income		2003.72

Junior Fund Inflow

Afghan/Raffles	0.00	
Donations	700.00	
Total Junior Fund Inflow		700.00

Membership Dues

2014	27.00	
2015	6264.00	
Total Membership Dues		6291.00

Other Income

Misc. & bad check fee	0.00	
50/50 Draw (80)	255.00	
Total Other Income		255.00

Pins & Patches

2015	247.00	
Total Pins & Patches		247.00

TOTAL INCOME

9496.72

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Hall of Fame

Jackets/Plaques (0 & 0)	0.00	
Postage/Supplies/Exp	36.12	
Total Hall of Fame		36.12

Jr. Program

NHPA Dues 2014 (0)	0.00	
NHPA Dues 2015 (11)	55.00	
Tickets/Awards	0.00	
Horseshoes	136.00	
Total Junior Inflow		191.00

Miscellaneous

Reorder pins/patches, etc	0.00	
Website Fee	63.78	
Total Misc		63.78

NHPA Dues

2014 Adult (1) @\$17	17.00	
2015 Adult (344) @\$17	3842.00	
TOTAL NHPA DUES		3859.00

NYS TOURNAMENT

State Contribution	0.00	<i>(0) juniors</i>
Doubles Contribution	100.00	<i>(0) adults</i>
Total NYS Tournament		100.00

Office Supplies

Printer Cartridge	149.00	
Paper, Labels, etc.	132.80	
Total Office Supplies		281.80

Overpayment

50/50 draw payout	0.00	
Total Overpayment		0.00

Phone -2015

Total Phone	0.00	0.00
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Postage

Newsletter	205.80	
Stamps	114.36	
Total Postage		320.16

Printing (copies)

Mud = 251-261-0	132.81	
Total Printing = 512		132.81

Stipend

Analyst	00.00	
Mud Editor	00.00	
President	00.00	
Sec/Treas	00.00	
Tourn Director	00.00	
Total Stipends		00.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

4984.67

Previous Balance 9-1-14

10612.00

INCOME LESS EXPENSES

4512.05

Junior Fund 4107.43

NYSHPA 11016.62

Total Current Balance

15124.05

Submitted by Sec/Treas. Bob Klock

State Spring Meeting

Proposals that were in the February issue of the Mud passed. Effective in 2016, the Championship Class will consist of the top averages in the state for the Men's, Women's and Elder's Division there will no longer be qualifying rounds. Men will pitch Sat & Sun, Women & Elders double round if 6 players, single round if 8. The double round will pitch a round on Sat. & again on Sunday. The single round most likely will play on Sunday afternoon.

There will be \$1 per player, in any sanctioned event with 8 players or more, excluding the NYS Singles & Doubles Tournaments Juniors are also exempt, those monies will be set aside to help fund our State Tournament. The Tournament Director's will send this money to Bob Klock. This will take effect on Oct. 1, 2015.

Harold Uncapher withdrew his Elder's payout proposal.

2015 New York State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association Championships

*will be held on September 4th through September 7th, 2015 at the
Pine Grove Horseshoe Club in Camden, NY.*

The deadline to enter is **August 1, 2015**. All entries must include your 2015 NHPA card number and the correct pitching fees. **NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS!** You must be a New York State resident and have participated in a minimum of two (2) sanctioned events between August 1, 2014 and July 31, 2015 to enter. Your sanctioned events must be on file with NYS statistician Bob Klock or with NATSTATS.

ENTRY FEES: Adults **\$27.00**, Juniors **\$2.50**, **non refundable after August 5th** (unless spot is filled by another pitcher). Pitchers qualifying for the Men's, Women's and Elders Championship classes will pay an additional **\$25.00**. Each pitcher will pay **\$1.00 per game for scorekeeping and \$1.00 per shift for judges and "stat" people**. These additional fees are **NOT** included in the entry fee. Scorekeepers are to be paid before the game begins.

Make your check or money order (No Cash) payable to: **PINE GROVE HORSESHOE CLUB**

Send your application and entry fee to:

Karen Graham, NYS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

PO Box 32, North Bay, NY 13123

tel. (315) 245-4407 email: mudeditor@yahoo.com

DRESS CODE: All contestants will wear a shirt with his/her name & city or town of residence imprinted on the back. **NO** cut-off shorts, sleeveless shirts or open toed shoes will be allowed.

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ **NHPA Card #** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **TEL #: ()** _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

E-mail ADDRESS: _____ **SHOE** _____ **turn or flip**

Please check your DIVISION OF PARTICIPATION:

OPEN MEN-40' _____ SR. MEN-40' (60yrs or more) _____ ELDER MEN-30" (70yrs or more) _____

WOMEN _____ JR. BOY _____ JR. BOY 20' _____ JR. GIRL _____ JR. GIRL 20' _____

Please include your date of birth: ____/____/____

IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE TEAM EVENT, PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE TEAM AND THE NAMES OF THE FIVE PERSONS ON THE TEAM. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ENTER A TEAM. YOU MAY BE ON ONE TEAM ONLY BUT YOU MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE TEAM. NO TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE TOURNAMENT STARTS ON FRIDAY.

PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE-YOU MUST SIGN TO PITCH

IN CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATING IN SUCH ACTIVITY, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE PINE GROVE HORSESHOE CLUB, THE NEW YORK STATE HORSESHOE PITCHER'S ASSOCIATION, ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND SERVANTS OF THE AFORE STATED ORGANIZATIONS AND ALL FELLOW PARTICIPANTS OF THIS EVEN, FOR ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, LOSS OF INURY, WHICH I MAY SUFFER AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW YORK STATE HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

STATE TOURNAMENT MESSAGE

by Karen Graham

Speaking for Pine Grove Horseshoe Club, I would like to say that we are looking forward to hosting another fine State Tournament over Labor Day Weekend September 4-7, 2015.

Our kitchen will be open all weekend including serving breakfast. There will be 50/50 raffles, large club raffle, game related items, tournament shirts. If you would like a shirt imprinted with your name you must pre-order and prepay for those. It will still be done by our friends Paul and Denice from Stitch-N-It. Some local attractions are Turning Stone Casino, Vernon Downs Casino, Fort Rickey Game Farm, Sylvan Beach Amusement Park just to mention a few plus plenty of restaurants nearby.

I would really love to see an increase in attendance at the tournament. Other than a World Tournament, our State Tournament should get the same recognition. Let's raise the roof and exceed the 176 entries that Buffalo's WT had. We are centrally located with plenty of camping room, campgrounds and hotels within 20 miles. As long as, your application is post marked Aug 1, you will be guaranteed entry into the tournament. So save your money and send it regular mail.

Please be sure to have your lettered pitching shirt with you to wear (with at least your last name and hometown on the back). Rosters for the 5-man team event must be in to me by the start of the tournament on Friday, email it or list on your entry form that would be great.

This year I will be compiling which shoe you pitch with and how you toss it. This will be compiled and used as FUN FACTS right here in the newsletter.

STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Waterloo Ringers will be our host for the State Doubles Tournament on Sept. 19th, Kevin Green will be Tournament Director. In case of inclement weather and the tournament gets called off due to rain, Tri-County HC stated they would open their doors the 4th weekend in October so the tournament can be played. This was done last year when Karen Graham had to cancel as rain would not let up the day of the tournament. Karen set it up with Tri-County and held the tournament in Oct. Thank you Tri-County Horseshoe Club

Game Related Items

Bob Best has updated his pricelist on game related items. The pricelist can be seen online at nyshpa.org/NYSHPA/index.html You can reach Bob by email usedshoes@iswmnetwork.com or by phone 315.245.5879 315.240.1190 cell



2017 WORLD TOURNAMENT BIDDERS

These following sites will have presentations in Topeka, Kansas for the 2017 World Tournament site. They will provide handouts and answer any question you may have.

- 1.) St. George, UT
- 2.) Monroe, Louisiana



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2015 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) _____ Women _____ NHPA # _____

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

Junior Boy 20' _____ Junior Girl 20' _____ (until end of year following 11th birthday)

APPLICATION DUES & ORDER FORM TOTALS

Add \$5.00 _____ To enter NYSHPA 50/50 DRAWING on Labor Day	Junior State and National Dues	\$0
	2014 Adult State and National Dues	\$27.00
Make check payable to: NYSHPA or	N.Y.S. Shoulder Patch	\$3.00
New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association	N.Y.S. Patch Logo (regular.) Decal	\$3.00
Please return to: Robert Klock, NYSHPA Sec/Treas	N.Y.S. Patch Logo (inside window) Decal	\$3.00
P.O. Box 478	N.Y.S. Pin	\$4.00
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Total Dollar Amount: \$ _____

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