

The "Mud"

Sec/Treas. Regional Director Memo

Hello everyone, I hope you are all in good spirits, good health and ready to get outdoors pitching and having some fun at our NYS tournaments. I would like to remind all that the more pitchers we get to sign up the fairer and better our classes become so please try to make an effort to get to as many tournaments as possible. Support our Clubs and our charter. Our membership numbers are low for this time of the year, and I am hoping that the 40 to 50 pitchers from last year will be encouraged by the warmer weather and renew their memberships and get our numbers to match or exceed last year's.

For those of you who could not attend our spring meeting I announced that I will be stepping down from the Regional Director and the secretary/treasurer positions at the end of 2024. We are looking for someone to fill these positions and those interested should contact our president, Ellen Perry. I am willing to work with whoever replaces me and hope they come forward as soon as possible so they can begin collaborating with me and start learning some of the duties related to these positions. If no one comes forward I believe these duties will fall on to the ARD or 1st VP. Hey just think it cannot be that difficult if I could learn to do it anyone can. Thanks to Bob Klock for having the patience of working with me. If you are interested and have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me.

In closing I would like to say that our clubs do an excellent job hosting these tournaments and a big thank you to all behind the scenes maintaining the courts and making sure we are well fed and taken care of.

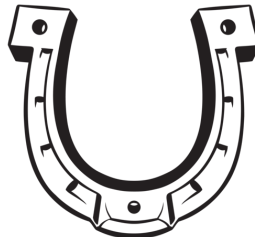
Hope to see you on the courts.
Frank Kwiatkowski

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello everyone! Finally outside and couldn't be happier about it. We had a few changes at our state meeting including increasing payouts for classes other than championships at our state tournament. Hopefully we will get more participation. Summer events are everywhere, just go to ESHOE to find one near you, don't forget to check nearby states or even Canada! There are monthly tournaments online at sanctioned horseshoe online pitching (SHOP) or horseshoe pitching online (HPO). Both are a great way to have your practice at home count. Search Facebook for those groups or ask Karen or Ken for more info. Have a great summer and I'll see you on the courts.
ELLEN

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Moving forward the mud will only be available on the website, starting in November. I am always looking for things to put into the Mud and look forward to hearing from you all. I am willing to take over for Frank if someone will take over the mud. Please send any info to mudedditor2@yahoo.com. Well I hope to see you all out pitching this year. Cathy



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MEN

KEN FRASER	71.43%
DAKOTA FRANK	51.65%
ERIC CONRAD	50.71%
GEORGE HARAGEONES	49.76%
DOUG KANNUS	49.17%
TIM COLLIER	47.81%
PETER MAUER	47.38%
JERRY BERNARD	45.88%
BUCK GOFGOSKY	44.55%
MIKE PIERCE	44.08%
ROBERT BERNINGER JR	42.23%
BILL ROYS	40.45%

JUNIORS

TUCKER CAREY	11.30%
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WOMEN

SUE LAUGHLIN	68.59%
KAREN GRAHAM	65.71%
ELLEN PERRY	52.56%
SHEILA DECKER	51.03%
CINDY CORNWELL	47.62%
SUE WAY	46.81%
LISA DORRELL	39.85%
CATHY SNAYCZUK	38.87%

ELDERS-EXEMPT

JACK STENBERG	65.36%
GLENN DAVIS	64.20%
JAMES ZIMMERMAN	55.73%
NORM MCCANNEY	53.20%
LINWIID STANDISH	52.16%
GARY DAWLEY	50.67%
DAVID GORDON	50.65%
GERALD WAY	50.01%

NYS MEMBERSHIP

MEN 71

WOMEN 23

ELDERS 54

JRS 2

Welcome New Members

TERRY WILEY PLATTSBURG

ELANOR WONDRA HANCOCK



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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

Proposals from the spring meeting

#1 Change the dates for our State Tournament. – Charles Reigles proposed this based on cost of hotels during the holidays, people having other activities with family, the last holiday before school, a lack of tournaments in August and also felt that the host club should have the final decision on the dates. Ellen opened this up for discussion:

Dan Ough mentioned that any change would interfere with the Tri-County summer leagues planned each year for their club. Karen Graham stated that Pine Grove would not be able to change due to their club activities. Roger Chase mentioned that South New Berlin tried to change dates for one of their club events hoping to increase attendance and just the opposite occurred, and attendance went down. Jack Stenberg felt that our current dates were needed due to the holiday that gave us a rain date, and that it was critical to have that option. Gerald Bernard felt that moving our tournament to a date in August would also interfere with the World Tournament. After several minutes of discussion Ellen brought the proposal up to a vote.

Ellen called on each club represented, and the independents and the proposal was voted down and there will be no changes to the State Tournament Dates.

#2 Increase NHPA and State dues from \$35 to \$40. – Frank Kwiatkowski proposed this increase which would include an automatic adult entry into the States 50/50 drawing which is usually only 33 percent participation. If accepted, we could pay out up to four winners based on total membership. Frank also mentioned that after speaking to Karen some revenue could go to support our payouts at the state tournament and stop taking funds from the lower classes to ensure payouts for the championship classes. Ellen opened this for discussion:

Eric Conrad said the Tri-County members were not in favor of raising dues. Karen Graham said the Pine Grove club also discussed this and the majority were against dues increase. Ellen felt that instead of raising the dues we should use money from the funds NY State received from hosting the world tournament. **Ellen brought the proposal to a vote and the dues increase was not approved.**

Monies allocated to the State Tournament come from the \$1 fee and from our charter under By-law Article V #16 Association Assistance. After several minutes of discussing other ways to raise funds for our State tournament, Ellen suggested that the tournament directors who usually host our state tournament get together and discuss what amount would be needed to equalize class payouts. Jack Stenberg stated that usually \$3 dollars per entry are taken out of other class monies to fulfill funds for the championship classes.

Jack Stenberg made a proposal to change our By-law on Association Assistance from \$4 to \$7 to ensure no monies would be taken from other classes. Ken Fraser seconded this proposal. **Ellen brought this to a vote, and it passed unanimously.**

Ellen proposed that we should review the results after the 2024 tournament to see if this was effective. Jack made a motion to accept, it was seconded by Karen and passed unanimously.

#3 Having the Mud go digital only. – **Karen Graham** proposed that our newsletter go digital only due to the rising cost of printing and postage. Ellen also mentioned that the cost of stamps will be increasing to .75 cents. This proposal will take effect starting with the November 2024 issue of the Mud. Karen then mentioned that members could contact the mud editor with information but could also contact her to get essential information on our web site. **Ellen brought this proposal to a vote, and it passed unanimously.**

2024 NYSHPA TREASURER'S REPORT

(Apr - 2024) 10/1//2023 Through 3/31/2024 cum date 10-1-23
sub cut-off 3-31-24

INCOME CATEGORIES

Interest/Donations Income

Int./Donations/\$1.Fee 103.00
Total Interest/Donations Income 103.00

Junior Fund Inflow

Afghan/Raffles 0.00
Donations 75.00
Total Junior Fund Inflow 75.00

Membership Dues

2023 0.00
2024 2835.00
Total Membership Dues 2835.00

Mud Subscriptions

2024 0.00
Total Mud Subscriptions 0.00

Other Income

Misc & bad check/fees 0.00
50/50 Draw (50) 250.00
Total Other Income 250.00

Pins & Patches

2024 33.00
Total Pins & Patches 33.00

TOTAL INCOME

3296.00

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Hall of Fame

Jackets/Plaques (2 & 4) 61.02
Postage/Supplies/Exp 0.00
Total Hall of Fame 61.02

Jr Program

NHPA Dues 20223 (0) 0.00
NHPA Dues 2024 (1) 5.00
2024 E-shoe (1) 0.00
Horseshoes/Awards 75.00 \$75 Max Ea.
Total Junior Fund Outflow 80.00

Miscellaneous

Reorder-pin/patches,etc 0.00
Ck service charges/Web site 9.95
Total Miscellaneous 9.95

NHPA Dues 2023

Ad (81) @\$25 2025.00
0 Jr @\$5 ES(52) @ -\$10 -510.00
Total NHPA Dues 1515.00

NYS Tournament

State Contribution 0.00 (0) juniors (76) adults
Doubles Contribution 0.00 (17)(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

50/50 draw pay out 0.00
Total Overpayment 0.00 0.00

Phone expenses - 2023

Total Phone 0.00

Postage

Newslet-ter 66.00
Stamps 139.86
Total Postage 205.86

Printing (copies)

Mud =95 +100 169.31
Total Printing = 0 169.31

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

2077.02

Previous Balance 9-30-2023 **15596.24**

INCOME LESS EXPENSES **1218.98**

Junior Fund 4538.48

NYSHPA 12276.74

audit check = 16815.22

Total Current Balance **16815.22**

50/50 Draw (50) \$250.00 36.23% membership participation

current draw pay out is \$125.00

2024 New York State Horseshoe Pitcher's Association Championships

*will be held on August 30th through September 2nd, 2024 at the
Waterloo Ringers HC in Waterloo, NY.*

The deadline to enter is **August 1, 2024**. All entries must include your 2024 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, 2023 and July 31, 2024 to enter. Your sanctioned events must be on file with NYS statistician Frank Kwiatkowski or with ESHOE.

ENTRY FEES: Men's, Women's and Elders Championship classes **ONLY** will pay **\$52.00**. All other Adults **\$27.00**, Juniors **\$2.50**, **non refundable after August 5th** (unless spot is filled by another pitcher). 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: **Waterloo Ringers**

Send your application and entry fee to:

Ron Bowerman

1132 County Road 8, Farmington, NY 14425

tel. (585) 747-5962 email: rbowerma@rochester.rr.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" (65yrs 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 WATERLOO RINGERS 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:** _____

Lord God,
You teach us that there is no greater love
than he who lays down his life for a friend.
Lord, I want to be this kind of friend. I want to
reflect on the type of love that You have for
us in my relationships here on Earth. Father,
help me to adopt a heart like Yours. Help me
to carry my cross and to bear the burdens of
those around me. Help me to be a loving
friend. Amen.



Our Dearly Departed Friends

Jerry Jessmore
Francis "Pops" Hinton Jr
Glen Addicott
Wayne Hinman
Scott Hoffman
Dorcus "Dutch" Graham
Jim Robertson

To all NHPA members, friends, and horseshoe pitchers around the world:

We were all saddened to hear of the untimely passing of our dear friend, fellow horseshoe pitcher, and NHPA President...Gary Roberts.

Gary became aware of his illness just a short time ago and met that challenge, as he had with all challenges in his life, with dignity and leadership. He led the NHPA until the final days, reaching out to the council, contributing decades of horseshoe memorabilia to the NHPA Hall of Fame, and reaching out to horseshoe friends to share his thoughts and feelings at this time in his life.

To his dear wife Alvita and his family, we all express our heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity we had to share in Gary's horseshoe life, and our sincere condolences to the Robert's family. We have seen his love and dedication to his sport, but often heard of his love and dedication to his family. We will all miss his laugh, his leadership, and his true dedication to a sport that he loved.



NHPA Council

Are you registered for the 2024 World Horseshoe Tournament

To all NHPA members and friends:

Preparation is underway for the 2024 World Horseshoe Tournament in Kennewick, Washington in the Tri-Cities area at the Three Rivers Campus. We are excited to welcome you!

The registration deadline is Monday, **May 20th**, which means that all registrations have to be postmarked by that date. Rather than wait until the last minute, we are strongly encouraging everyone that is planning to attend to register as soon as possible. There are many moving parts to prepare for a World Tournament, including the major task of planning for the pitching divisions and preparing the pitching schedule. The earlier we have the entries, the quicker we can get a clear understanding of how the pitching schedules will need to be arranged.

There are multiple methods of sending in your registration: 1) online at <https://www.horseshoepitching.com>, 2) Mail...a much slower option where we hope that all entries are received that are sent, 3) Provide your registration to an NHPA Officer and they will forward those entries to Brian Poole, NHPA Secretary/Treasurer.

Keep practicing, keep spreading the word, and if you don't have enough tournaments to qualify this year...prepare to compete in Salt Lake City, Utah next year at the 2025 World Tournament.

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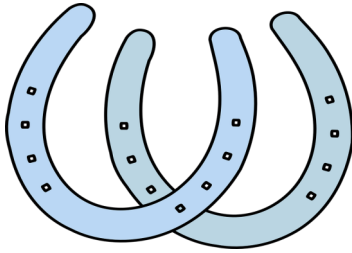
2024 UPCOMING SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

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
6/15/2024	6/8/2024	PINE GROVE OPEN	CAMDEN	SINGLES	\$26
7/13/2024	7/1/2024	WILLIAM HOAG MEMORIAL	SOUTH NEW BERLIN	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	8/1/2024	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 Ken Fraser 315-708-8516 Alt. Karen Graham 315-709-1404 ***for payment reach out to director Address to pits: 8696 NY 13, Camden NY 13316</p> <p>**PINE GROVE OPEN Karen Graham 315-709-1404 Alt. Cheri Allen 315-882-2996 *** for payment reach out to director 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 Membership Application & Order Form NHPA & NYSHPA

Name: _____ **Telephone Number:** () _____
Permanent Address: Street _____
City: _____ **Zip** _____

Our 3 Yearly Newsletters will be available on our NYSHPA WEBSITE - nyshpa.org

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 65 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:

NYSHPA or
New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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 716-627-4708
 Email: nyftk221@aim.com

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: \$ _____