

the "Mud"

Editor's Pitch

It is hard to believe that the State Tournament has come and gone already, another season is in the books. Pine Grove Horseshoe Club in Camden was the host club. The weekend was picture perfect although it was a hot and humid one. There was 136 adults and 2 juniors.

Pine Grove Club members had worked hard the last few weeks to make sure everything was a go. Replacing weak stakes, working the clay, new towel holders in the restrooms, power washing of the tables and bleachers right down to picking up cigarette butts.

On a personal note I would like to say how proud I am of our 2 juniors that pitched in the State Tournament especially Alyssa Townsend whom I had asked, through her grandfather, if she would play. She made me very proud as she went in at 5 percent and pitched a whopping 18 percent. She gave Gavin Barteau competition, which I am sure he also enjoyed. Thank you Alyssa and Gavin for representing the junior program.

The State Doubles were held in Waterloo, the day was almost a perfect pitching day. We had a few light showers but there was no stoppage in play. Kevin Green did a good job in getting the clay ready to be pitched on. The results of both tournament are on page 4. For full results and pictures they can be seen on the website nyshpa.org/NYSHPA/index.html

On page 6, you will see that I have listed Top Averages for each division here in NY. Next year, at the State Tournament, there will be NO more qualifying. On August 1, 2016, the top 12 men, 6 women and 8 elders will pitch championship. If you are in the championship classes your entry will \$52.00. This has not changed you just pay it upfront now, all others will remain at \$27.00. Men will pitch 5 or 6 games Saturday and the remainder on Sunday. Women will be a double round, one on Saturday finishing on Sunday and most likely elders will pitch on Sunday afternoon single round robin. On the website, I will be double the pitchers top averages in their respective division. This is to show you where you stand in that division.

Keep Our Sport Alive By Promoting!

~Karen

President's Message

First I want to say thank you very much to the Pine Grove HSC for doing an excellent job hosting our 2015 State Singles Tournament and to all the great people who volunteered and made this a very successful event. My only wish for the upcoming 2016 State Tournament would be to see more member participation and hopefully more than just two of our junior pitchers. If anyone has any ideas on how we can encourage more juniors to play please contact Gary Barteau or myself with them.

I want to remind everyone that if you have any by-law proposals/changes to please get them in to me by December 31, 2015. If you have any Hall of Fame nominations they need to be sent to Rose Wright via the US Mail by December 31, 2015. If anyone is interested in running for the positions of President or 1st Vice President they need to send their letters of intent to Rowland Rupp by March 31, 2016. *(These reminders are also on page 2)*

In closing I would like to remind everyone that membership remains our charters biggest problem and that we all need to work on this to ensure our future.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and good health and happiness. Good luck pitching.

Sincerely,
Frank Kwiatkowski



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2015 NYS CHAMPIONS

Men	David Conrad	56.35%
Women	Karen Graham	68.97%
Elders	"Zeke" Montroy	57.89%
Sr. Men	Robert Mills	26.11%
Jr. Girl	Alyssa Townsend	18.00%
Jr. Boy	Gavin Barteau	20.50%

DOUBLES

George Harageones & Tim Collier

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Bob Klock, has been a staple of this organization, as Sec/Treas, NYS Statistician & NHPA Regional Director for 15 years. Bob is ready to turn the reins over to someone else in 2017. Any individual interested in this position please contact Bob or President Frank.

One Time Tough Champ 😊

At the 26th DiMartino Warm-up tournament in LeRoy, Mike DiMartino himself tossed the first pitch, at the beginning, of each shift. These were the first shoes that Mike has thrown in about 5 years. It was great to see Mike on and off the courts especially at the tournament that hosts his name. **Fist pump to "Mike" one Tough Champ!**



Ron Poorman from Waterloo Ringers HC, had to have a stent put in his heart due to 80% blockage. Good news is that Ron is back working at the golf course and even playing.

Charlie M. Reigles has developed tendonitis in his elbow which started bothering him at the time of Johnson City's annual tournament. He is slowly started to pitch again this past October.

EJ Messa has had knee surgery, hopefully all is going well.

Shirley Frost had to have eye surgery and had to withdraw from the state tournament. Shirley is doing well.

Starry Sherwood has recovered for an illness from earlier in the year and he is hopeful that he can start pitching again in September.



REMINDERS



~December 31~

Proposals to Amend the NYSHPA bylaws
send to **Frank Kwiatkowski**

Deadline for Hall of Fame Nominations
Send to Chairperson **Rose Wright**
By regular mail PLEASE

~March 31~

Deadline for names of candidates
Running for one of the following
offices of President & Vice President
Send to **Rowland Rupp**
Election Committee Chairperson

~July 25-August 06~

2016 World Tournament
Montgomery, Alabama

2017 World Tournament

St. George, Utah

The Toll of Time

Edgar "Ed" Otero
Charles "Dick" Crandell
Ernest Stagaman
Milt Jones
Gerard Schmidt
Glenn Brown



May You Rest In Peace



Topeka, Kansas was this years host for the 2015 World Tournament. There were 13 New Yorker's that descended to Topeka to pitch some ringers and represent our state. Congratulations to all that went. Topeka had one of the highest attendance records, ranking at #7, with 1403 entries. Besides the United States, Canada, Norway and Africa represented their respective country.

New Yorker's Descending on Topeka

James Perry, Al Buckland, Larry Buckland, Roger Chase, Julie Bernard, Jerry Bernard, Karen Graham, Ken Fraser, Robert Trank, Ken Dombroski, Pat Spruce, Eugene James and Ronald Salyer.

2015 World Champions

Men-Alan Francis, OH

Women-Debra Brown, VT

Elder-David Holmes, WV

Sr Men-Ron Deckard, FL

Sr Women-Ruth Rife, OH

Jr Boy-Tyler Howard, KY

Jr Girl-Denise Daly, IL

Cadet-Malcolm Clark, IA

The 2016 World Tournament Experience Raffle

Grand Prize winner Robbin Quinn, Roseburg, OR.

~Hall of Fame News~

Rose Wright mentioned, at the State meeting, that the Hall of Fame nominations need to be post marked by December 31st. She also asked that you send these nominations by regular mail and do not sent them registered mail. She can not get to the post office to sign for these items.

~Junior News~

There is a search for someone to take over the junior program. Gary Barteau, current Junior Director, thinks it should be someone that has a computer to better communicate. I have seen the frustration in Gary as he has tried approach kids in the park to see if they are interested with no success. The number of our juniors went up this year but none are participating in tournaments. Gary called these juniors and left messages with not one returned phone calls. So if you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew or neighbor, bring them to a tournament. You never know, they may be the next State Champion. New York State pays for the juniors sanction card which is \$5.00. It is free for them to pitch in a regular tournament and as far as the state tournament it is \$2.50. If they should win the boy or girl division they get to choose a pair of horseshoes through Bob Best for up to \$75.00.

2015 NYS Singles Championship Results

Championship Men

David Conrad	5-2	56.35%
Alan Overbaugh	4-3	57.86%
Jerry Bernard	4-3	56.58%
Dennis Leonard	4-3	55.68%
Tom Bernard	4-3	54.00%
Paul Black	3-4	55.00%
George Harageone	3-4	50.00%
Pidge Cole	1-6	45.27%

Championship Women

Karen Graham	7-0	68.97%
Ellen Perry	6-1	62.20%
Sue Laughlin	5-2	58.92%
Julie Bernard	4-3	56.99%
Carolyn Slaughter	3-4	41.83%
Rose Wright	2-5	32.66%
Sarah Gooch	1-6	42.64%
Cindy Miller	0-7	25.72%

Championship Elders

Albert Montroy	6-1	57.89%
Mark Riley	5-2	46.29%
Bradley Johnson	4-3	51.20%
Lee Coon	4-3	38.39%
Dale Catlin	3-4	48.02%
Jack Stenberg	3-4	45.32%
Charles E Reigles	2-5	33.89%
Gary Barteau	1-6	35.95%

Championship Sr. Men

Robert Mills	5-0	26.11%
Robert Klock	4-1	21.61%
Fred Sheldon	3-2	22.69%
David Flavin	2-3	23.25%
F. Kwiatkowski	1-4	20.83%

Junior Championship Class

Gavin Barteau	2-1	19.33%
Aylssa Townsend	1-2	18.00%

Women's Class A

Ellen Perry	7-1	66.67%
Karen Graham	4.5-3.5	67.08%
Sue Laughlin	4-4	55.00%

Women's Class B

Rose Wright	6-0	44.17%
Sarah Gooch	4-2	42.08%
Cindy Miller	2-4	27.50%

Men's Class A

Alan Overbaugh	5-2	51.79%
Paul Black	4.5-2.5	58.21%
David Conrad	4-3	54.29%

Men's Class B

Pat Spruce	6-1	43.93%
Doug Kannus	5-2	41.79%
Tim Collier	4-3	46.43%

Men's Class C

Norm McCanney	6-1	42.86%
Gary Dawley	5-2	43.21%
David Reynolds	5-2	35.71%

Men's Class D

A VanValkenburgh	6-2	38.00%
Mike Surprise	6-3	33.75%
Tim Stafford	5-3	42.50%

Men's Class E

Jerold Thomas	6-2	37.00%
Paul Spiotta	5.5-1.5	32.50%
Rodger James Jr	5-3	30.67%

Men's Class F

Rob Berninger Jr.	7-2	31.88%
Bill Wittmeyer	5-3	32.67%
Robert Wells	5-3	28.25%

Men's Class G

Will Marks	5-1	31.25%
John Peters	4-2	34.17%
K Amouzou-Edah	4-2	31.25%

Men's Class H

Peter Grant	6-2	27.50%
Robert Scherer	4-3	29.62%
Roger VanHorn	4-3	22.69%

Men's Class I

Doug Wahl	7-0	25.00%
David Watters	5-2	24.29%
Ron Bowerman	5-2	23.21%

Men's Class J

John Burnett	6-2	20.00%
Leroy Effner	5-3	23.93%
Edward Cobin	5-2	18.46%

Men's Class K

Robert Grant	6-0	20.00%
Sam Kinney	5-1	17.92%
George Cobin	4-2	15.83%

Men's Class L

Glenn Grossman	6-0	17.08%
Kevin Green Jr	4-2	11.07%
Robert Kelzach	3-3	10.00%

Elder's Class A

Dale Catlin	6-1	58.08%
Bradley Johnson	5-2	49.62%
Jack Stenberg	4-2	50.42%

Elder's Class B

Gary Barteau	6-0	42.08%
Mark Riley	4-2	48.75%
Gregory LeBoeuf	3.5-2.5	42.50%

Elder's Class C

Brust MacKay	6-0	36.67%
Gary Fisher	5-1	24.58%
Robert Berninger	3-3	23.75%

Elder's Class D

Dale Cole	5.5-0.5	24.17%
Robert Trank	4.5-1.5	18.33%
Harlan Olsen	3-3	19.58%

Joe Loughery Team Event Trophy

#1 Pine Grove Horseshoe Club

Tim Metott
Sam Kinney
Robert Berninger Jr.
Rose Wright
John Burnett



Ted Galvin of Levittown was the winner of the State 50/50 raffle drawing winning \$155.00.

Congratulations Ted!

NEW YORK STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

Hosted by Waterloo Ringers

A Class

Harageones/Collier	6-0
Graham/McCanney	5-1
Leboeuf/Montroy	3-3

B Class

Johnson/Riley	7-0
Scott/Reigles	5-2
Dawley/A-Edah	4-3

C Class

McAtee/Disbrow	6-0
Green/Slaughter	5-1
Berninger/Berninger	4-2

D Class

James/James	5.5/1.5
Dombroski/Trank	4.5/2.5
Olsen/Marks	4-2

2015 NYSHPA TREASURER'S REPORT *(End of Year)*

9/1/2014 thru 8/31/2015

INCOME CATEGORIES**Interest/Donations Income**

Interest/Donations	2103.72	
Total Interest/Donations Income		2103.72

Junior Fund Inflow

Afghan/Raffles	00.00	
Donations	1906.00	
Total Junior Fund Inflow		1906.00

Membership Dues

2014	27.00	
2015	8586.00	
Total Membership Dues		8613.00

Other Income

Misc. & bad check fee	00.00	
50/50 Draw (62)	310.00	
Total Other Income		310.00

Pins & Patches

2015	523.00	
Total Pins & Patches		523.00

TOTAL INCOME**13455.72****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)	00.00	
NHPA Dues 2015 (13)	65.00	
Tickets/Awards	0.00	
Horseshoes	136.00	
Total Junior Inflow		201.00

Miscellaneous

Reorder pins/patches, etc	450.00	
Website Fee/Ck service	169.92	
Total Misc		619.92

NHPA Dues

2014 Adult (1) @\$17	17.00	
2015 Adult (310) @\$17	5271.00	
TOTAL NHPA DUES		5287.00

NYS TOURNAMENT

		(2) juniors
State Contribution	552.00	(136) adults
Doubles Contribution	100.00	(25) teams
Total NYS Tournament		652.00

Office Supplies

Printer Cartridge	193.12	
Paper, Labels, etc.	132.80	
Total Office Supplies		325.92

Overpayment

	28.00	
50/50 draw payout	155.00	
Total Overpayment		183.00

Phone -2015

	50.00	
Total Phone		50.00

Postage

Newsletter	269.50	
Stamps	326.30	
Total Postage		595.80

Printing (copies)

Mud = 251-267-156	183.78	
Total Printing = 674		183.78

Stipend

Analyst	100.00	
Mud Editor	100.00	
President	100.00	
Sec/Treas	267.00	
Tourn Director	100.00	
Total Stipends		667.00

TOTAL EXPENSES**8801.54****Previous Balance 9-1-14****10612.00****INCOME LESS EXPENSES****4654.18****Junior Fund 3598.43****NYSHPA 7013.57****Total Current Balance 15266.18***Submitted by Sec/Treas. Bob Klock*

Ernie Pound reports that on Mother's Day, at the Montour Moose Club, they raised \$1,200 for the junior fund. Ernie says, it was their last breakfast, as he has responsibilities that need all his attention at home. I am sure I can speak for Ernie, he thanks everyone out there that has supported the breakfast for quite a few years. I believe he has raised well over \$4,000 for the Junior program.

Thank You Ernie & Deborah***For all that you have done for the Juniors!***

NYS MEMBERSHIP

Adults: 337

40' 220

30' 73

Women 31

Juniors: 13

Boys 8

Girls 5

NY's Top Percentages for the Men, Women & Elders**Men**

1. Ken Fraser	67.01
2. Jerry Bernard	61.14
3. Alan Overbaugh	60.54
4. Paul Black	58.52
5. Tom Bernard	56.12
6. David Conrad	54.57
7. Dennis Leonard	53.46
8. Tim Collier	53.08
9. George Harageones	51.53
10. Pidge Cole	50.45
11. Doug Kannus	48.80
12. John Perry	48.03
13. Dave G Scott	46.02
14. Anthony DiBesco	46.00
15. Pat Spruce	44.12
16. Richard Marks Jr	43.22

Women

1. Karen Graham	67.53
2. Ellen Perry	66.05
3. Julie Bernard	59.29
4. Sue Laughlin	52.51
5. Carolyn Slaughter	50.81
6. Sarah Gooch	45.62
7. Rose Wright	38.80
8. Susan Way	33.21
9. Wendy Maston	30.72
10. Kelly Gebauer	30.00
11. Dawn McClain	27.28
12. Penny Harageones	26.52

Juniors

1. Gavin Barteau	22.70
2. Alyssa Townsend	18.00
3. Brennen Latimore	16.25
4. Tyler Doctor	14.16
5. Seth Doctor	10.47
6. Kaetlyn Harageones	7.85
7. Peter Twist	3.50

Elders

1. Albert Montroy	53.55
2. Dale Catlin	53.51
3. Bradley Johnson	51.77
4. Henry Grulkowski	50.96
5. Jack Stenberg	49.25
6. Harold Uncapher	49.00
7. John Pautler	47.12
8. Mark Riley	47.12
9. Lee Coon	45.25
10. Manley Nipe	45.07
11. Robert Keefer	44.64
12. Cliff Bidwell	44.06
13. James Zimmerman	42.61
14. Gerald Donahue	40.31
15. Bill McGlynn	40.00
16. Gregory LeBoeuf	39.53

(Stats as of Oct. 23, 2015)

Check website "Top Averages"

**2015 New Members (3-4 Quarter)**

Brennen Latimore	Arcade
Tony Armelino	Baldwinsville
John Burnett	Blossvale
Mike Maggio	Camden
Kelly Gebauer	Ellicottville
Kevin Beebe	Kirkville
William McCumbers	Lee Center
Catherine Snayczuk	Machias
Michael Carrigan	Newfield
Don Meade	Norwich
Jay Gage	Oneonta
Gerald Donahue	Owego
Donald Burnside	Painted Post
Blakley Bigelow	Port Henry
Todd Crego	Rome
Chris Davis	Sherburne
Jim Lipinot	Somers
Clint Creller	Vestal

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'

Indoor Pitching

Tri-County Horseshoe Club 2015-2016 Schedule
Send to Eric Conrad, 9096 West Creek Rd., Berkshire, NY 13736
Cell: 607-321-8938

Date	Deadline	Name	Format	Entry Fees
11/7/2015	10/28/2015	November Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$20.00
11/14/2015	None	Quarter Tournament	11 am sign-up	\$3.25
11/28/2015	None	Walking Doubles	11 am sign-up	\$25 a team
12/5/2015	11/25/2015	December Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$20.00
12/12/2015	None	Quarter Tournament	11 am sign-up	\$3.25
12/19/2015	None	Walking Doubles	11 am sign-up	\$25 a team
1/2/2016	12/23/2015	January Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$20.00
1/9/2016	None	Quarter Tournament	11 am sign-up	\$3.25
1/16/2016	None	Walking Doubles	11 am sign-up	\$25 a team
2/6/2016	1/27/2016	February Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$20.00
2/13/2016	None	Quarter Tournament	11 am sign-up	\$3.25
2/20/2016	None	Walking Doubles	11 am sign-up	\$25 a team
3/5/2016	2/24/2016	March Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$20.00
3/12/2016	None	Quarter Tournament	11 am sign-up	\$3.25
3/19/2016	None	Walking Doubles	11 am sign-up	\$25 a team
4/2/2016	3/24/2016	April Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$20.00
4/9/2016	None	Quarter Tournament	11 am sign-up	\$3.25
4/16/2016	4/16/2016	Appreciation Tournament	Walking Doubles	\$25 a team

HORSESHOE NEWS

Elmira's on the move!

Twin Tier Horseshoe Club and the City of Elmira have agreed on plans to build a 20 court pitching facility to be located at McKinnon Park on the cities north side. Ground breaking is hopeful for the spring of 2016. In addition to Grove Park courts this will bring the number of sanctioned courts in the city of Elmira to 32.

Submitted by Jerry Bernard

Watch Jerry's Facebook page, if you are in the area I am sure this club could use some helping hands!!

State Tournament Hosts?

Now is the time to think about hosting a State Singles tournament or even the State Doubles for the 2016 season. Prepare to have someone to represent your club at the Spring Meeting which is usually in April, the date will be published in the February issue of the Mud. It will be at that time it is voted on which club will host these tournaments.

Winner of the Lottery Tree at Pine Grove

Andy Brumber, Camden



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2016 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 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
	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: \$ _____