

New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

The "Mud"



HALL OF FAME

Nomination into the New York State Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame for Frank Kwiatkowski It is with great Pleasurer we Nominate Mr. Frank Kwiatkowski for the class of 2022 inductee into the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NYSHPA) Hall of Fame as a Promoter. Frank Kwiatkowski began Pitching Horseshoes as a teenager in 1965/1966 at Family picnics and with Friends in their backyards. He got involved with pitching Horseshoes indoors at the Horseshoe Palace in Hamburg, NY in 1998. In 1999 & 2000 Frank was the Horseshoe Palace Indoor League Secretary/Treasurer. This is where he became a Sanctioned member in 2000 with the NYSHPA and NHPA. He has been a member now for 23 years. Frank's Personal Interests: Collecting coins for over 50+ years. Avid Bowler with (4) 300 games. Being with his wife of 48 years and being with Family.

As well as a Promoter for Horseshoes. Accomplishments: Served our Country as a Marine for 3 years (1969-1972). Thank You for your service. 2011-2014 Severed as 1st. Vice President for NYSHPA (4 years) 2015 & 2016 President of the NYSHPA (2 years), stepping down only to take over the duties of NYSHPA Secretary/Treasurer, Statistician and NHPA Regional Director in 2017. Responsibilities that he has managed for the last six years and continues working for NYSHPA in these positions. In 2014 as 1st. Vice President he severed as our NYSHPA 2014 World Tournament Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer which was held in Hamburg, NY at the Fairgrounds on July 14-26th. Which brought 1264 Participants along with their Friends and Families to Western New York. Frank had a hand in designing and having made the current number plates that the NHPA uses at the World Tournaments which the NYSHPA purchased and presented to the NHPA in 2014. Frank has since purchased similar number plates and gifted them to Arcade, Round Robin and Cowboys and Indian Horseshoe clubs. Frank also designed and encouraged the NYSHPA to purchase 50-year patches to present to our lifetime members in 2013. Frank is an Altruistic person ... Always puts others First and his Generosity never stops. He has Donated Numerous 50/50 winnings back to clubs, one time he Donated his 50/50 winnings from a State Tournament back to help Equalize the Elders Championship Class Payout. He has even Donated his Stipends as President back to the Jr. Funds every year. Frank has Donated: Club Signs, Shovels, Stakes, Horseshoes, Backboards and even made pit boxes and paid for it all out of his own money to Clubs in his area, including Arcade Village Park, Warsaw Village Park, Round Robin in Machias (26 Stakes), and Gowanda Cowboys & Indians HSC (12 pits).

Good afternoon fellow horseshoe pitchers,

Summer is officially over and I hope yours wasn't as weird as mine. It is also time to move inside. We have 2 indoor clubs in NY. Tri-county in Groton and Dawley's barn in Clifton Springs. We also have clubs out of state for those living on the fringe of the state.

Valley Springs sportsmen club is in North Grosvenor Dale, CT, Susquehanna Valley Horseshoe Club in Selinsgrove, PA and Hamilton Horseshoe Club in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Erie horseshoe Club will be opening their new facility in Northeast PA at the end of the month. Email me for more info.

Thank you to everyone who ran a tournament, your commitment to our sport is appreciated. To everyone else who has sanctioned courts, quit being slacker and have a tourny! 😊 😊 😊 Have a safe winter.

Ellen Perry

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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Hello Fellow Horseshoe Pitchers,

I will be setting a deadline for the Mud and it will be the last weekend prior to the month it is for. I also have changed the email mudeditor2@yahoo.com, I will keep the other one for awhile but please use the new one. Thanks, Cathy

the Mud

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2021 NYS CHAMPIONS

Men	Ken Fraser	61.46%
Women	Ellen Perry	59.93%
Elders	Jack Stenberg	60.42%
Jr		

DOUBLES

Class A	Laughlin & Taylor
Class B	Redder & Kannus

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<http://nyshpa.org>

NHPA WEBSITE

www.horseshoepitching.com

NYS Membership

Adults: 203

40': 123

30': 51

Women: 29

LONGEVITY PATCHES

2023

Charles Dickinson	60 yrs
Paul Thomas	60 yrs
Lorraine Thomas	60 yrs
Ken Fraser	50 yrs
David Kois	40 yrs
Roger Chase	40 yrs
Harry Dunbar	40 yrs
Timothy Thompson	40 yrs
Albert Strohl	30 yrs
Clifford Bidwell	30 yrs
Karen Graham	30 yrs
Greg Wiley	30 yrs
Randy Vincent	30 yrs
Nathan Metott	20yrs
Rick Maston	20 yrs
Kevin green jr	10 yrs
Linwood Standish	10yrs
Sue Laughlin	10 yrs
Glenn Davis	10 yrs
Robert Berninger Jr	10 yrs

WELCOME

2022 NEW MEMBERS

Tim Cornell	Canandaigua
Lisa Dorrell	Honeoye Falls
David Gordon	Honeoye Falls
Robin Eberhardt	Locke
Adriean Bowen	Maravia
Amy Milliken	Phelps

Sec/treas. RD Memo

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well. I would first like to thank the Waterloo HSC for hosting our state tournament. A big thank you goes out to all those who helped prepare the courts for this event and to the tournament directors and those assisting to make this a successful event. A special thank you to those who set up the computers and to all who helped by keeping score. A grateful thanks to the kitchen personnel who waited on us and kept us well fed throughout our visit and an incredibly special thank you to Ken Dombroski for the excellent job he did cleaning and painting the bathrooms.

As many of you have heard the NHPA has changed the rule for elder men to move up from 70 to 65. Cathy has placed the rule change in this issue so please read it over and if you have any further questions, please contact me.

On a sadder note, I am sorry to report that this is our states 2nd year without any cadets or juniors pitching in the state tournament. In 2022 we had zero for membership and so far, 2023 is not looking any better. I do not know what we need to do to entice our Juniors back to pitching, but if you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact our Junior Director Kevin Thomas.

I have been your sec/treas. for 7 years and I am sorry to report that this is the first year our finances for the association have ended with a negative balance. Our decreasing membership is mostly to blame but participation in our sanctioned events has also fallen off. I urge everyone to do everything they can to help keep our sport alive. One suggestion I have heard members speak of was to start contacting local businesses to sponsor your clubs' tournaments which may help increase prize funds and draw more pitchers. Any other suggestions or thoughts please contact our association officers and share your ideas. Our association also has NYS pins, patches, and decals that we sell to help support ourselves. We also have a yearly 50/50 drawing and I ask that when renewing your memberships to please consider entering the 50/50 or purchasing our materials to help us remain in the plus column.

Our 2022 State 50/50 winner was Timothy Thompson from Clifton Park, congratulations and a great big thank you for generously donating your prize back to our association it is greatly appreciated.

In closing I would like to congratulate all our members who are celebrating their 10, 20, 30, 40-year memberships. I also want to give special recognition and a great big thank you to our two lifetime members Paul & Lorraine Thomas who are both celebrating 60 years and to our newest lifetime member Ken Fraser who is celebrating 50 years as a member. Thanks again for your dedication and support of our sport.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Frank Kwiatkowski

NOTE FROM JACK STENBERG
Hall of Fame Committee Chairman

At present there are 96 members of the NYSHPA elected to our Hall of Fame. The HOF was established in 1974 with the induction of twelve members and has continued for 48 years. We all know of someone in our organization that would deserve to be nominated to the HOF and that can happen if someone takes the time and effort to gather pertinent information about the person, whether they would be nominated in the PITCHER category or the PROMOTER category. The cover page for the submitted papers are on our website. I am asking that if you have someone in mind that deserves to be considered do a write up and submit it for consideration. Write ups are due December 31st of this year. Help someone receive the recognition they deserve for all that they have contributed to the game of horseshoes and our organization. Looking forward to your submissions. Any questions please contact me at Jstenberg50@gmail.com or 315-651-2324.

World Tournament Photographs

For many who have been waiting, this information was posted on Social Media, but may not have reached many of those interested in the pictures. We wish to thank Empire Media Management for their efforts to make these available for download.

The following link: <http://nhpa.empiremediaandmgmt.com> will connect you to a site where the pictures are easily searchable and downloadable. There are thousands of pictures for your enjoyment.

World Tournaments are not only for competition, but they are for lasting memories. We hope that this will provide some encouragement to each of you that are considering attending an NHPA World Tournament. They are fun, exciting, and a time for good friends to come together in the spirit of healthy competition. We hope to see all of you in Lansing Michigan for the 2023 World Horseshoe Tournament!

NHPA Council

2023 Elder Men Rule Change-What it means to you!

Men who have their 65th birthday anytime during 2023 can move to the Elders Division and pitch behind the 27' foul line. Those who wish to move up can renew their membership for the 2023 card year as of October 1, 2022. Those wanting to change pitching distance will need to go through their charter secretary to change divisions. An individual cannot make a division change online.

How it reads in the rule book **Rule 1 – Pitching Divisions.**

Section F- Elder Men (become eligible to pitch in the Elders Division upon purchase of an NHPA card dated for the calendar year that they become 65 years old).

Elder Men may pitch from any place on either the extended or full distance platforms and shall observe the 27' foul line. Elder Men must notify their Charter Membership Director, in advance, of the date that they intend to begin pitching from this shorter distance. Once a member declares himself a short-distance pitcher, he must remain in that division until next year's membership card is purchased. At that time, he may switch back to the Open Men's Division, but must remain in that division until the next year's membership card is purchased.

What happens when you change pitching divisions? All your full distance stats are wiped out. You will need to throw 100 shoes to establish a new ringer percent, witnessed by 2 NHPA card holders. This information must be made available to the Tournament Director within 30 days of the tournament that you wish to pitch in as a short distance pitcher (Elder) so he/she knows where to seed you in the tournament. If you are thinking about changing your pitching distance, be sure to give yourself plenty of time to establish your average before you enter a tournament.

NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

Elder's Championship

Jack Stenberg	11-1	60.42%
Gary Dawley	6-6	51.14%
Gerald Way	4-8	41.14
Alan Overbaugh	3-9	51.79%

Women's A Class

Susan Pierce	4-2	42.50%
Kimberly Middaugh	3-3	31.25%
Penny Harageones	3-3	27.92%

Men's E Class

Mark Valentino	6-1	15%
Edward Cobin	5.5-1.5	13.75%
Lyle Deiter	5-2	17.50%

Men's Championship

Ken Fraser	13-1	61.46%
Paul Black	11-3	51.14%
George Harageones	7-7	50.14%
David Scott	6-8	44.15%
Gerald Bernard	6-8	44.07%
Linwood Standish	5-9	44.13%
Mike Pierce	4-10	45.16%
Eric Conrad	4-10	44.34%

Men's A Class

Thomas Bernard	7-0	53.57%
Adam Vanvalkenburgh	6-1	46.79%
Buck Gofgosky	5-2	45%

Men's F Class

Kenneth Bragg	5-0	14%
Wayne Middaugh	3-2	12%
Kevin Green Sr.	2-3	13.50%

Men's B Class

Ron Beagle	8-1	34.12%
Kerwin Pierce	7-2	40.35%
Donald Dombrowski	5-3	35%

Elder's A Class

Gordon Crosby	3-1	49%
Charles Kromer	2-2	40%
Fredrick A Sheldon	2-2	36%

Men's C Class

Robert K Berninger	8-1	34.41%
William T Lawson	7-2	33.63%
Chris Jones	5-3	34.69%

Elder's B Class

Ronald Poormon	6-0	23.55%
Robert K Berninger Sr.	5-1	14.75%
Albert Strohl	4-2	21.25%

Women's Championship

Ellen Perry	9-3	59.93%
Karen Graham	8-4	63.55%
Sue Laughlin	7-5	65.33%
Cathy Snayczuk	0-12	39.19%

Men's D Class

Mark Welch	6-1	31.15%
Henry W Simmons	5-2	30.77%
Timothy J Marks	3-3	27.08%

NEW YORK STATE DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

Class A Sue Laughlin and Lauren Taylor

Class B Harlan Redder and Douglas Kannus

STATE TOURNAMENT

Pine Grove Horseshoe Club is showing interest in hosting the 2023's State Singles Tournament.

Waterloo Ringers Horseshoe Club is showing interest in hosting 2023's the State Doubles Tournament.

2022 World Tournament results for each Division, Championships Alan Francis won the men's, Rick Howe won the Senior Men, Sarah Chafee won the women's, Bob Gray won Elder's, Eli Sullivan won the cadet, Derek Reynolds won the boys, Kalie Trujillo won the girls.

2023 World Tournament will be held in Lansing, Michigan, registration is available online at www.horseshoepitching.com

2022 NYSHPA TREASURER'S REPORT

(Sept. - 2022) 10/1/2021 Through 9/30/2022 cum date 10-1-21
 sub cut-off 09-30-22

INCOME CATEGORIES

Interest/Donations Income

Int./Donations/\$1.Fee 721.56
 Total Interest/Donations Income 721.56

Junior Fund Inflow

Afghan/Raffles 0.00
 Donations 60.00
 Total Junior Fund Inflow 60.00

Membership Dues

2021 0.00
 2022 4550.00
 Total Membership Dues 4550.00

Mud Subscriptions

2022 0.00
 Total Mud Subscriptions 0.00

Other Income

Misc & bad check/fees 41.16
 50/50 Draw (66) 335.00
 Total Other Income 376.16

Pins & Patches

2022 65.00
 Total Pins & Patches 65.00

TOTAL INCOME

5772.72

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Hall of Fame

Jackets/Plaques (0 & 0) 119.25
 Postage/Supplies/Exp 41.06
 Total Hall of Fame 160.31

Jr Program

NHPA Dues 2021 (0) 0.00
 NHPA Dues 2022 (0) 0.00
 2022 E-shoe (0) 0.00
 Horseshoes/Awards 0.00
 Total Junior Fund Outflow 0.00

Miscellaneous

Reorder-pin/patches,etc 580.38
 Ck service charges/Web site 165.49
 Total Miscellaneous 745.87

checks
 meeting rental
 name plates
 Web-site/fee

NHPA Dues

2022 Adults (130) @\$25 3250.00
 2022 E-shoe (61) @ -\$10 -610.00
 Total NHPA Dues 2640.00

NYS Tournament

State Contribution 968.00 (0) juniors (80) adults
 Doubles Contribution 36.00 (0)(0) teams
 Total NYS Tournament 1004.00

Office Supplies

Printer Cartridge 0.00
 Paper, Labels, etc. 21.49
 Total Office Supplies 21.49

Overpayment/refunds

50/50 draw pay out 167.50
 Total Overpayment 0.00 167.50

Phone expenses - 2022

Total Phone 50.00

Postage

Newsletter 294.64
 Stamps 198.44
 Total Postage 493.08

Printing (copies)

Mud =104 +104 341.27
 Total Printing = 208 341.27

Stipend

Analyst 100.00
 Mud Editor 100.00
 President 100.00
 Sec/Treas 196.00
 Tourn. Directors 150.00
 Total Stipends 646.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

6269.52

Previous Balance 9-30-21 16004.47

INCOME LESS EXPENSES -496.80

Junior Fund 4403.48
 NYSHPA 11104.19
 audit check = 15507.67

Total Current Balance 15507.67

50/50 Draw (67) \$335.00	48.62% membership participation	current draw pay out is \$167.50
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NYS CLUB DIRCETORY

Club	Location	Contact	Phone	Sanction Certified
Arcade Village Park	Arcade, NY	Wendy Maston	(716) 307-2015	YES
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	YES
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	Pending
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
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

*Contact Frank if information on the directory isn't correct

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



WINTER SHOES

DATE	TOURNAMENT	DEADLINE	DIRECTOR	FORMAT	PITCHING FEE
11/12/22	DAWLEYS BARN NOVEMBER OPEN	11/5/22	#1 RON BOW- ERMAN	SANCTION SIN- GLES	\$26
11/19/22	NOVEMEBR DOU- BLES	SIGN IS AT CLUB 11AM	#2 ERIC CON- RAD	WALKING DOU- BLES	\$30 TEAM
12/3/22	DECEMBER OPN	11/24/22	#2 ERIC CON- RAD	SANCTION SIN- GLES	\$26
12/10/22	DAWLEYS BARN DECEMBER OPEN	12/3/22	#1 RON BOW- ERMAN	SANCTION SIN- GLES	\$26
12/17/22	DECEMBERS DOU- BLES	SIGN IS AT CLUB 11AM	#2 ERIC CON- RAD	WALKING DOU- BLES	\$30 TEAM
1/7/23	JANUARY OPEN	12/29/22	#2 ERIC CON- RAD	SANCTION SIN- GLES	\$26
2/4/23	FEBRUARY OPEN	1/26/23	#2 ERIC CON- RAD	SANCTION SIN- GLES	\$26

#1 DAWLEYS BARN

2164 RT 96 E
CLIFTON SPRINGS
RON BOWERMAN 585.747.5962
GARY DAWLEY 315.462.3208

#2 TRI COUNTY

ERIC CONRAD
607.321.8938

You may also find more events on the NHPA website: horsehoepitching.com and NYSHPA website.

Happy Pitching

Generic 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'

FIRST CLASS

«Sanction»

«First Name» «Last Name»

«Address Line 1»

«City», «State» «ZIP Code»

2023 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	_____
	2022 Full Adult State & National Dues	\$35.00	_____
	2022 Provisional Membership Dues	\$10.00	_____
	2022 Trial Member (1 tournament)	\$00.00	_____

Make check payable to:

NYSHPA or

New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

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Lakeview, NY 1408

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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: \$-- _____