

NEW YORK STATE HORSESHOE PITCHER'S ASSOCIATION

Editor's Pitch

This was suppose to be Sue's first issue but she is unable to take on this task at this time. However, she found a replacement in member Debby Kassay, from Parksville, NY. Debby will take over in February and Karen has agreed to assist Debby. So send Debby any horseshoe news in your area. She will be a great editor. Karen has done this edition for November.

It is hard to believe that the State Tournament has come and gone already, another season is in the books. Waterloo Ringers Horseshoe Club in Waterloo was the host club. The weekend was picture perfect although it was a hot and dodging rain delays. There was 81 adults and 1 junior. WE need to do better get our players more involved in the state tournament.

Pine Grove Club members will be hard at work to bring another state tournament to you in 2025 on Labor Day Weekend.

The State Doubles were held in their first time being host to one of our state tournament. Their club was ready for sanction pitching last year in 2024 (I believe they held 3 tournaments).

For some pitching has not stopped because Fall and Winter is upon us. Dawley's Barn in Clifton Springs (Waterloo region) and Tri-County in Groton (Cortland region) both clubs host a tournament once a month page 7 is the schedule can also check E-shoe on the NHPA website.

All horseshoe pitcher's stay safe I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you on the courts!



President's Message

Good evening fellow pitchers. Another summer season has come to a close, hopefully with plenty of good games. A big congratulation to Ken Fraser on winning the Senior Men's World Championship at this year's tournament!! Woo Hoo!!!

Our state tournament was held in Waterloo and other than a few rain delays, it went well. Congrats to Tucker Carey, Glenn Davis, Ken Fraser and Karen Graham for winning their respective divisions.

As we move inside for the winter there are 2 clubs having winter tournaments. Tri-County in Groton and Dawley's Barn in Clifton Springs. Check the website for dates. Erie Horseshoe Club has their indoor courts at 51 S. Mill St., Northeast, PA call me for information.

The spring meeting will be in April. The date will be published in the February Mud. Please send a representative from every active club. Most of our important business is done at this meeting. If you want to be heard, show up and voice your opinion!

Have a great winter and see you on the courts!

Sincerely,
Ellen Perry



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2024 NYS CHAMPIONS

Men	Ken Fraser	69.47%
Women	Karen Graham	65.70%
Elders	Glenn Davis	64.04%
Jr Boy	Tucker Carey	11.25%

DOUBLES

Mike Pierce & Sheila Decker

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Frank Kwiatkowski has been a staple of this organization, as Sec/Treas, NYS Statistician & NHPA Regional Director for many years. Frank is ready to turn over the reins to Cathy Snayczuk as Sec/Treas, NYS Statistician. Jack Stenberg will act as NHPA Regional Director

Frank, the association thanks you for your many hours of service to our organization and we all will miss all your hard work put into this.

We congratulate Cathy and Jack!!!



UPDATE:

Glenn Davis from Waterloo Ringers HC, will be having hip replacements here in the very near future. He hopes to be back pitching soon!!! All the best to you Glenn.

Glenn is doing great, and will have his right hip replacement in February.

Best to all of our members that maybe sick or going through some health issues, I hope there will be quick resolve to your well-being.



REMINDERS



~December 31~

Proposals to Amend the NYSHPA bylaws
send to **Ellen Perry**

Deadline for Hall of Fame Nominations
Send to Chairperson **Jack Stenberg**

By regular mail PLEASE

UPDATE:

Extended until February 1st

~March 31~

Deadline for names of candidates
Running for one of the following
offices of Sec/Treas and 2nd VP

Send to **Sue Laughlin** Election Committee Chairperson

~July 21-August 02~

2025 World Tournament
Salt Lake City, Utah

2026 World Tournament
Wausau, WI

The Toll of Time

Francis "Pops" Hinton Jr

Glen T. Addicott

Scott Hoffman

Dorcus "Dutch" Graham

Wayne Hinman

Jim Robertson

Leroy Effner

Julie Bernard

Kevin Reidel

Diane Toolan

Patty Ann Blackman

Jerold (JT) Thomas

Richard F. Kosko

May You Rest In Peace



Message from Frank Kwiatkowski

Sec/Treas. Regional Director Final Memo

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well and in good health. As 2024 comes to a close I am sorry to report that it was our charters lowest membership to date. This year also ended with a negative balance as shown on my final finance report. I am hoping that this will be our bottom and that things will improve in the near future. In the coming years we will need to find ways to increase our membership and explore other ways to increase our funding.

In the May Mud, I announced that I was stepping down as your RD and Sec/treas. Over the years it has been my pleasure and a wonderful experience to serve as our charters Vice President, President Sec/Treas. and Regional Director. While performing these duties they helped me to learn, grow and realize that there is a whole lot more to horseshoes than just pitching shoes. They also gave me a whole new perspective and great respect for all the people behind the scenes who do all the preparation and organization to ensure our tournaments run smoothly. A special stomach growling thanks to all the wonderful people in the kitchens preparing food for us to enjoy, making our days much more pleasurable.

A special thanks and great big welcome to our new officers. The new Regional Director will be Jack Stenberg and our new Sec/Treas. Will be Cathy Snayczuk. Our clubs and our tournament directors will now send all the information about upcoming tournaments and the results to Jack. Please get your info to him asap so that he can enter your events on E-shoe. Jack will also manage court sanctioning and medical exemptions. Members will send their renewals to Cathy and TDs will also send \$1 fees to her. I will continue to work with both. Thanks to Sue Laughlin for stepping up to become our new Mud Editor.

A great big loving thanks to my wife Sandy and my family for sharing their time, supporting me and helping me every step of the way. I could not have done this without you. A special thank you to all those who helped and supported me throughout the years. Bob Klock for teaching and being very patient while doing so. PS bob, thanks for not changing your phone number and allowing me to bug you constantly. To Ken Fraser and Karen Graham for being there when I got stuck and needed some answers and other perspectives. To Kevin Green for always, calling and taking calls to discuss new ideas or how to make improvements. To all of our presidents, past and current and our charters officers for working together and doing a great job to keep NY State horseshoes running smoothly. I also can't forget Lyle and Diane Dorler who got me into this mess in the first place but were always good friends and very supportive. A very special thanks to a special friend, Harold Uncapher, who took me under his wing in the beginning and who was also brave enough to drive to and from tournaments with me. Listening to me crab about other divers and problems I was having. He was always there to keep me company and gave me great directions not only for driving but for living.

In closing, a final thanks to all of our members for making NY State horseshoe pitching one of the best. Hope to see you all at the pits.

Sincerely,
Frank Kwiatkowski
(Retired)

PS Sorry if I missed anyone there were too many to mention them all.

Message from Jack Stenberg:

Hello everyone. What a great summer. Now we start getting set up for 2025, just around the corner. I have been appointed the New York Regional Director. First, I want to thank Frank Kwiatkowski for his outstanding work for the organization over the last several years. He will remain on as my 2nd Assistant Regional Director, joining Charlie Reigles. We have already started the process of sanctioning your upcoming 2025 tournaments. So far, we have sanctioned 19 events. I have already started distributing information to Tournament Directors. I look forward to working with all members of the organization as well as working closely with TD's. My contact info on page 2. If you have any questions or concerns with e-shoe or just running tournaments, contact me anytime. Just as an update we will be sanctioning all courts this year with further information at the Spring Meeting. Pitch well, have fun!

As the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee of the New York State Horseshoe Association, I have been given permission by the President Ellen Perry to extend the deadline for submission of nominations to the HOF until February 1st. We have a number of promoters and pitchers in our organization that are worthy of having their names submitted to the HOF.

The submission form can be copied off the NYSHPA website nyshpa.org. Fill out and submit to me with a writeup as to why you believe the person should be considered for admission to the HOF. Submission will be opened at the State Meeting in the spring. Please send nominations to me info is on page 2.

~Jack

2024 NYSHPA TREASURER'S REPORT (End of Year)

10/1/2023 thru 9/30/2024

INCOME CATEGORIES

Interest/Donations Income

Interest/Donations \$1 fee 556.00
 Total Interest/Donations Income 556.00

Junior Fund Inflow

Afghan/Raffles 00.00
 Donations 75.00
 Total Junior Fund Inflow 75.00

Membership Dues

2023 00.00
 2024 3535.00
 Total Membership Dues 3535.00

Other Income

Misc. & bad check fee 00.00
 50/50 Draw (60) 300.00
 Total Other Income 300.00

Pins & Patches

2024 37.00
 Total Pins & Patches 37.00

TOTAL INCOME

4503.00

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Hall of Fame

Jackets/Plaques (2& 4) 310.60
 Postage/Supplies/Exp 88.06
 Total Hall of Fame 398.66

Jr. Program

NHPA Dues 2023(0) 00.00
 NHPA Dues 2024(1) 5.00
 Tickets/Awards 0.00
 Horseshoes 75.00
 Total Junior Inflow 80.00

Miscellaneous

Reorder pins/patches, etc 198.73
 Website Fee/Ck service 115.93
 Total Misc 314.66

NHPA Dues

2024Adult (101) @\$25 2525.00
 1Jr@\$5 ES (67)@\$10 -670.00
TOTAL NHPA DUES 1855.00

NYS TOURNAMENT

State Contribution 1220.00 (1) juniors (81) adults
 Doubles Contribution 44.00 (11) teams
 Total NYS Tournament **1266.00**

Office Supplies

Printer Cartridge 113.72
 Paper, Labels, etc. 52.06
 Total Office Supplies 165.78

Overpayment

50/50 draw payout 150.00
 Total Overpayment 150.00

Phone -2024

Total Phone 50.00

Postage

Newsletter 27.77
 Stamps 117.68
 Total Postage 145.45

Printing (copies)

Mud = 95 + 100 169.31
 Total Printing = 0 169.31

Stipend

Analyst 100.00
 Mud Editor 100.00
 President 100.00
 Sec/Treas 187.50
 Tourn Director 150.00
Total Stipends 637.50

TOTAL EXPENSES

5232.36

Previous Balance 9-1-14

15596.24

INCOME LESS EXPENSES

-729.36

Junior Fund 4538.48

NYSHPA 10328.40

Total Current Balance

14866.88

Submitted by Sec/Treas. Frank Kwiatkowski

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'

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

Longevity Patches	
Richard Pike	50 yrs
Ronald Bowerman	40 yrs
Lenn Davis	30 yrs
Mark Valentino	30 yrs
Kerwin Pierce	30 yrs
Peter Grant	20 yrs
George Harageones	20 yrs
Eric Conrad	20 yrs
John Pautler	20 yrs
Robert Trank	20 yrs
Robert Wells	10 yrs
Cheri Allen	10 yrs
Lyle Deiter	10 yrs
Dakota Frank	10 yrs
Jeffrey Watts	10 yrs

<u>Men</u>	
1. Ken Fraser	75.08
2. George Harageones	53.45
3. Paul Black	51.73
4. Mike Pierce	50.54
5. Eric Conrad	49.20
6. Tom Bernard	49.17
7. Dakota Frank	46.73
8. Tim Collier	45.72
9. Peter Mauer	44.00
10. Robert Berninger Jr	43.24
11. Buck Gofgosky	42.76
12. <u>Doug Kannus</u>	<u>42.12</u>

<u>Women</u>	
1. Karen Graham	67.30
2. Sue Laughlin	65.00
3. Ellen Perry	56.29
4. Cindy Cornwell	48.38
5. Sheila Decker	46.64
6. <u>Debra Kassay</u>	<u>42.38</u>
7. Susan Way	41.52
8. Lisa Dorrell	39.72

<u>Juniors</u>	
1. Tucker Carey	11.70

(Stats as of Nov. 10, 2024)
Check website "Top Averages"

<u>Elders</u>	
1. Glenn Davis	68.52
2. Jack Stenberg	64.27
3. Linwood Standish	61.38
4. Dave Scott	57.14
5. Gary Dawley	55.98
6. <u>James Zimmerman</u>	<u>55.73</u>
7. Dave Gordon	53.44
8. Norm McCanney	52.71

Inducted into NYS Hall of Fame 2024

<u>NYS MEMBERSHIP</u>	
Adults:	177
40'	89
30'	61
Women	25
Juniors:	2
Boys	2
Girls	0



Ron Bowerman



Charlotte Reigles

Indoor Pitching

Tri-County (TC) Horseshoe Club 2024-2025 Schedule
Send to Eric Conrad, 9096 West Creek Rd., Berkshire, NY 13736
Cell: (607)321-8938

Dawley's Barn 2024-2025 Schedule
Contact Ron Bowerman Cell: (585)747-5962

Date	Deadline	Name	Format	Entry Fees
12/7/2024	12/1/2024	TC December Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
12/14/2024	12/7/2024	Dawleys Barn Dec Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
1/4/2025	12/29/2024	TC January Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
1/11/2025	1/4/2025	Dawleys Barn Jan Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
2/1/2025	1/24/2025	TC February Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
2/8/2025	2/1/2025	Dawleys Barn Feb Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
3/1/2025	2/24/2025	TC March Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
3/8/2025	3/1/2025	Dawleys Barn Mar Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
4/5/2025	3/29/2025	TC April Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
4/12/2025	4/5/2025	Dawleys Barn April Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
5/3/2025	4/28/2025	TC May Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00
5/10/2025	5/3/2025	Dawleys Barn May Open	Sanctioned Singles	\$26.00

HORSESHOE NEWS

Kennewick, Washington was this years host for the 2024 World Tournament. There were 5 New Yorker's that descended to Kennewick to pitch some ringers and represent our state. Congratulations to all that went. Kennewick was the lowest turnout in recent history, which resulted in tournament play lowered to one (1) week instead of two (2).

New Yorker's Descending on Kennewick, WA

Karen Graham, Ken Fraser, Ellen Perry, Pat Spruce and Laura Spruce



2025 World Tournament will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah keep update on the NHPA website on hotels, and what to do while you are in Salt Lake.

2026 World Tournament host will be Wausau, Wisconsin

2027 Back to Kennewick, Washington

2028 Back to Salt Lake City, Utah

2024 World Champions

Men-Alan Francis, OH

Sr Men-Ken Fraser, NY

Jr Girl-Lily Strong, CA

Women-Penny Steinke, WI

Sr Women-Sheila Shepard, CO

Boy Cadet-Gavin Begaye Jr. CA

Girl Cadet-Addisyn Goddard, MO

Elder-Tom Moffat, BC

Jr Boy-Hastiin Begaye, CA



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First Class

«Sanction»

«First Name» «Last Name»

«Address Line 1»

«City», «State» «ZIP Code»

2025 Membership Application & Order Form NHPA & NYSHPA

Name: _____ Telephone Number: () _____

Permanent Address: Street _____

City: _____ Zip _____

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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 _____

2025 Full Adult State & National Dues \$35.00 _____

2025 Provisional Membership Dues \$10.00 _____

2025 Trial Member (1 tournament) \$00.00 _____

Make check payable to:

NYSHPA or

New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association

N.Y.S. Shoulder Patch \$3.00 _____

N.Y.S. Patch Logo (regular.) Decal \$3.00 _____

Please return to: Cathy Snayczuk, NYSHPA Sec/Treas

N.Y.S. Patch Logo (inside window) Decal \$3.00 _____

9561 Main Street

N.Y.S. Pin \$4.00 _____

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Total Dollar Amount: \$ _____