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Looking Ahead as 2026 Doubles a Success!



NHPA PRESIDENT
BEN WEBB

With the World Tournament and World Doubles now behind us, our attention is fully shifted toward 2027, and there is plenty to look forward to as we prepare for the year ahead!

The 2026 World Doubles Championships in Wentzville, Missouri, proved to be another success! We want to extend a special thank you to the NHPF and Hotshots for their sponsorship and support of the tournament, along with the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club (QRHC) for once again hosting the event. Tournaments like these don't happen without a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, and I especially want to thank Jim Kinney, Josh Olson, barbara Carson and Austin Bailey for their efforts in helping run the tournament and making the weekend a success!
Congratulations to all of our class winners and everyone who competed! A special shoutout goes to Kentucky's Dow Buford and Larry Davis, who successfully defended their class championship, and congratulations to Marlene Ray and Lachelle Cook on capturing the 2026 World Doubles Championship! Marlene has now captured back-to-back World Doubles titles with two different partners, an impressive accomplishment! We are also excited to announce that World Doubles will return to Wentzville in 2027 for the 3rd Annual World Doubles Championships!

Looking ahead, entries for the 2027 World Horseshoe Championships in Kennewick, Washington, are officially open! Registration is live on the NHPA website, and we encourage everyone planning to attend to get signed up and begin making their travel arrangements for the one-week tournament. We're looking forward to another great tournament in Kennewick in a brand new facility!

Renovations at the NHPA Hall of Fame Museum are also still on the horizon. We have encountered a few roadblocks as we work through the planning process, but remain optimistic that we can navigate those issues and begin work this winter. Preserving the history of our sport and improving the experience for future visitors remains one of our major goals in 2027, and we look forward to sharing more information as the project moves forward.

If your charter has not updated its officer contact information with Brian Poole this year, please do so as soon as possible! We'll update our records accordingly going into the new year to ensure we can maintain our communication channels.

Finally, with Thanksgiving just around the corner, I want to wish all of our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season! Whether you're traveling to visit family or staying close to home, I hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy some time with loved ones, reflect on the blessings of the past year and recharge before another busy year in 2027.

Happy Thanksgiving from the NHPA, safe travels to everyone, and we'll see you in December!

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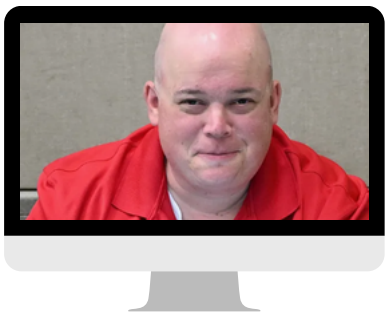
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Seeking Sponsorships for 2027 WT!



1ST VICE PRESIDENT
AUSTIN BAILEY

I hope everyone is doing well and I must say I had a fantastic time at the World Doubles earlier this month. What a fun tournament and different format even though my pitching was not very good I did enjoy playing against people that I don't normally get to pitch against and there were several good teams this year. Congratulations to all champions that were crowned over that weekend and a special on congratulations to Penny Steinke and Jennifer Gegg for pitching a Perfect Doubles Game in the finals of the tournament. Not very often you hear of that happening what an awesome accomplishment. With winter season of pitching upon us I hope everyone takes advantage of pitching in your indoor facilities in your charters. Without these facilities we would not have places to play in the winter. I am already starting to get a sponsorship form together for the World Tournament in Kennewick. I want to start early it's never to early to start getting sponsorships for the World Tournament. If you live on the west coast and have somewhere in mind that might want to sponsor us while we are in Washington please feel free to reach out to me and we can get the process started. I look forward to seeing some of you over the winter months. Also if you have an grievance concerns please feel free to reach out I have no problem helping out and talking you through a situation.



NHPA 5TH VICE PRESIDENT
JOSH OLSON

Thank you to everyone who participated in the World Doubles Tournament at the Hall of Fame this October. Your enthusiasm and support made the tournament a tremendous success, and we believe it is well on its way to becoming a can't-miss annual event. We started the weekend off with a fun "random-draw" for partner tournament. We paid out 4 spots, congrats to those teams: 4th - Gary Boots/Mark Humphrey, 3rd - Blanca Hettinga/Jim Muller, 2nd - Brandy Morehead/Josh Olson, 1st - Mar Ray/Glenn Burton! We are grateful to the Quail Ridge Horseshoe Club and its members, who generously volunteered their time throughout the week. Their efforts helped keep the facility running smoothly, staff the concessions, and support tournament operations.Thank you also goes out to Austin Bailey, Ben Webb, Barb Carson, and Jim Kinney for all their help with the tournament, it was a late-night Sunday with finishing up and crowning the Class A and B winners, but each team earned it that is for sure! Congrats to Jenny Gegg and Penny Steinke who all pitched the first Perfect Team game in the finals 18 out of 18 as a team! Congratulations to all the winners! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Class D Champions - Dow Buford and Larry Davis (2-TIME Class D Champs), Class C Champions – Robert and Amanda Dennis, Class B Champions – Don Gillette and Dan Atwood, Class A Champions – Mar Ray and Lachelle Cook

First Council Team Competes in Doubles!

2026 saw an officer pairing in the world doubles for the first time with Josh Olson & Austin Bailey teaming up! The pairing would finish 10th in the championship class with Josh averaging 50.34% across the weekend and Austin averaging 48.03 for a combined average of 49.16! There can only ever be 1 first and Josh/Austin picked up this one!

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Ray/Cook Defeat World Champions to Claim Doubles Title!

The 2026 NHPA World Doubles Championships in Wentzville, Missouri, would feature an impressive Class A field, with several World Champions and some of the strongest pitchers in the game competing for the title. Leading the way were defending champion Marlene Ray and her new partner, Lachelle Cook, who entered with a combined average of 84.39%. With Jennifer Gegg and Penny Steinke entering at 81.25%, the stage was set for an exciting battle between two of the tournament's strongest teams on Sunday as they both navigated their way through the bracket!

Ray captured the 2025 championship alongside Maxine Griffith, but with Griffith sidelined by injury, Mar would team with Missouri's Lachelle Cook in hopes of defending her title. The partnership would prove successful, combining strong performances throughout the two-day event. Ray would average approximately 79% individually, while Cook would hold close to 70% to help secure the championship.

The biggest challenge would come from the team of 2025 and 2026 World Champion Jennifer Gegg and 2024 World Champion Penny Steinke, who finished second with a combined tournament average of approximately 75%. Gegg entered the tournament at 86.40%, while Steinke brought a 76.09% average. In a change from the 2025 event, this years tournament featured a true best 2 out of 3 round, double elimination format, leading to our top 2 teams playing 8-21 point games to finish the tournament!

At the conclusion of the winners bracket when our two top teams met, Mar/Lachelle would defeat Gegg/Penny back to back, 26-13 and 24-7. The World Championship pairing would drop to the losers bracket where they would meet Virgle McCown and Michael Bowman to decide who would get another shot at the championship! The Jenny and Penny pairing would take care of the Missouri team 21-15 in game 1 and 21-0 in an 18-shoe perfect game effort against Bowman/McCown. This win would give them another shot at the team that had yet to drop a game.

From here it would turn into a coin flip! Jenny/Penny would defeat Mar/Lachelle 14-23 in game 1, then drop game 2 6-24 before winning game 3 with a score of 22-8. Now if you're counting at this point Mar/Lachelle had picked up 3 games one at the conclusion of this round and Jenny/Penny had won 2 against the pairing, but with the world champion team picking up 2 out of 3 in this final round, it would force a final match between the two teams.

The back and forth would continue as Lachelle and Mar picked up the first win with a 23-10 effort, Penny would hit Lachelle with 8 out of 8 in game 2 on their way to defeat the team 21-3 setting up a final 21 point game to determine the 2026 champion, the only thing that was certain at this point was that the next time would of these teams reached 21 we would have a winner!

10 shoes in they would both be tied at 3 - 3 with both teams pitching 9 out of the first 10, Lachelle would miss both shoes in the 12th frame beginning a string of singles for the team that would stretch from 14 to the 24th shoe frame. Lucky for the team of Mar/Lachelle, Penny and Jenny would struggle to keep it together at this point answering the single frames with singles of their own and a double miss

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at 20 shoes. At the 28th frame, the score would sit at 13-10, Ray/Cook's favor. From here Mar would pick up 3 more points against the 2-time world champion Gegg with a single ringer, in the next frame Lachelle would pickup a single point with a 2-dead-1 against the 2024 champion Steinke pushing the score to 17-10, from there it would be a matter of a down and back as the Gegg/Steinke team struggled to get going again, with the Ray/Cook team pitching 4 in a row they would close out the game 23-10 to claim the 2026 World Doubles Championships! Congratulations to Mar and Lachelle on their 2026 win and all those who pitched in our championship class!

















2026 WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

FINAL RESULTS | WENTZVILLE, MISSOURI

CLASS A | FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	W-L	RINGER %
1	**Marlene Ray / Lachelle Cook**	**9-4**	**73.93%**
2	Jennifer Gegg / Penny Steinke	9-5	75.29%
3	Virgle McCown / Michael Bowman	7-5	66.00%
4	James Muller / Shelly Martinez	7-5	50.58%
5	Dan Watson / Helen Hawkinson	6-4	59.36%
6	Brandy Morehead / Helga Hewlett	5-5	62.83%
7	Don Epps / Ed Hildreth	4-5	54.78%
8	Blanca Hettinga / Cindy Clausen	3-4	57.94%
9	Austin Bailey / Josh Olson	2-4	51.26%
10	Gary Boots / Lance Van Wyhe	2-5	49.21%
11	Kevin James / Glen Briley	0-4	41.44%
12	Paul Littlefield / Gary Wiederhold	0-4	29.95%

CLASS B | FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	W-L	RINGER %
1	**Don Gillette / Dan Atwood**	**9-3**	**49.39%**
2	Anna Johnson / Marcia Meyer	9-5	49.77%
3	Eddy Falls / Roy Brockman	7-4	50.00%
4	Kevin Wilke / Leon Wolken	7-6	44.52%
5	Edward Griffith / Dan Sharp	6-6	44.54%
6	JD Bush / Mark Humphrey	3-4	41.46%
7	Jim Spidle Jr. / Danny Freeman	3-4	33.84%
8	Daniel Broeckling / Allan Moallankamp Jr.	2-4	28.43%
9	Steve Strickland / Addison Ashton	2-5	37.16%
10	Randy Senciboy / Lester Powell	1-4	28.02%
11	Glenn Burton / Amy Mauk	0-4	33.18%

CLASS C | FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	W-L	RINGER %
1	**Robert Dennis / Amanda Dennis**	**17-4**	**39.45%**
2	Jeremiah DeMello / Lucas Cantone	8-4	42.16%
3	Paul Spell / Paul Roth	5-5	30.22%
4	Jim Newboles / Bob Bales	4-4	25.79%
5	Jacqueline Gleissner / Ashley Carter	4-6	30.60%
6	David King / Larry Brown	4-6	30.34%
7	Mark Neubauer / Douglas Harju	3-4	32.66%
8	Steven Miller / Justin Bell	3-5	28.87%
9	Barry Schilling / Tom Lashinski	2-5	31.15%
10	Mike Davault / Danny Williams	1-4	16.96%
11	Dwight Gibson / Kenny Parrish	0-4	21.50%

CLASS D | FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	W-L	RINGER %
1	**Dow Buford / Larry Davis**	**10-3**	**29.05%**
2	Debbie Phillips / Mark Kiser	9-5	25.37%
3	Doreen Rehurek / Helen Wolters	6-6	22.61%
4	Rick Weaver / Jim Kramp	5-4	21.23%
5	Alvin Agcopra / Terry Johnston	4-4	30.11%
6	Gary Duncan / Dwight McGrath	4-4	26.03%
7	Norval Johnson / Dan Peterson	3-4	26.71%
8	Robbie Donjon / Robert Donjon	2-4	18.83%
9	Jeff Simpson / David Genet	2-4	18.27%
10	Farrell Meyer / Gary Kuehn	1-4	19.88%
11	John DeMello Sr. / John DeMello Jr.	0-4	18.41%

NOVEMBER 12-14

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$20,000



THURSDAY 12TH

6:00 BACKYARD SHOOTOUT

ENTRY $100

- STANDING DOUBELS - 21 PT GAMES
- SEPERATE 40' & 30' BRACKETS
- BLIND DRAW - DOUBLE ELIMINATION
- BRING YOUR OWN SHOES
- 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PAYOUT + ADDED SPONSOR $$$

FRIDAY NIGHT 13TH

7:00 NEW QUICKDRAW 100

ENTRY $20

"FAST IS FINE BUT ACCURACY IS EVERYTHING"

- ONE 100 SHOE SINGLES GAME IN 30 MINUTES
- QUALIFYING TIME + WIN GAME + IMPROVE %
- 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PAYOUT

FRIDAY-SATURDAY 13TH-14TH

9:00 & 1:00 REGIONAL

ENTRY $85

- OPEN SINGLES - 50 SHOE GAMES
- SEPERATE 40' & 30'
- ROUND-ROBIN CLASS PLAY - HALF DAILY
- TOP HALF PAYOUT + ADDED SPONSOR $$$

Everyone is Welcome

Adults & Youth - Non-Sanctioned or Sanctioned

- *Capped Entry - First Come First served*
- *Play in one or play in all*
- *Fun bonus money games- morning before play*
- *Special America $250 Bonus game*

Play Horseshoes Enabled

Entry Deadline Nov 4th

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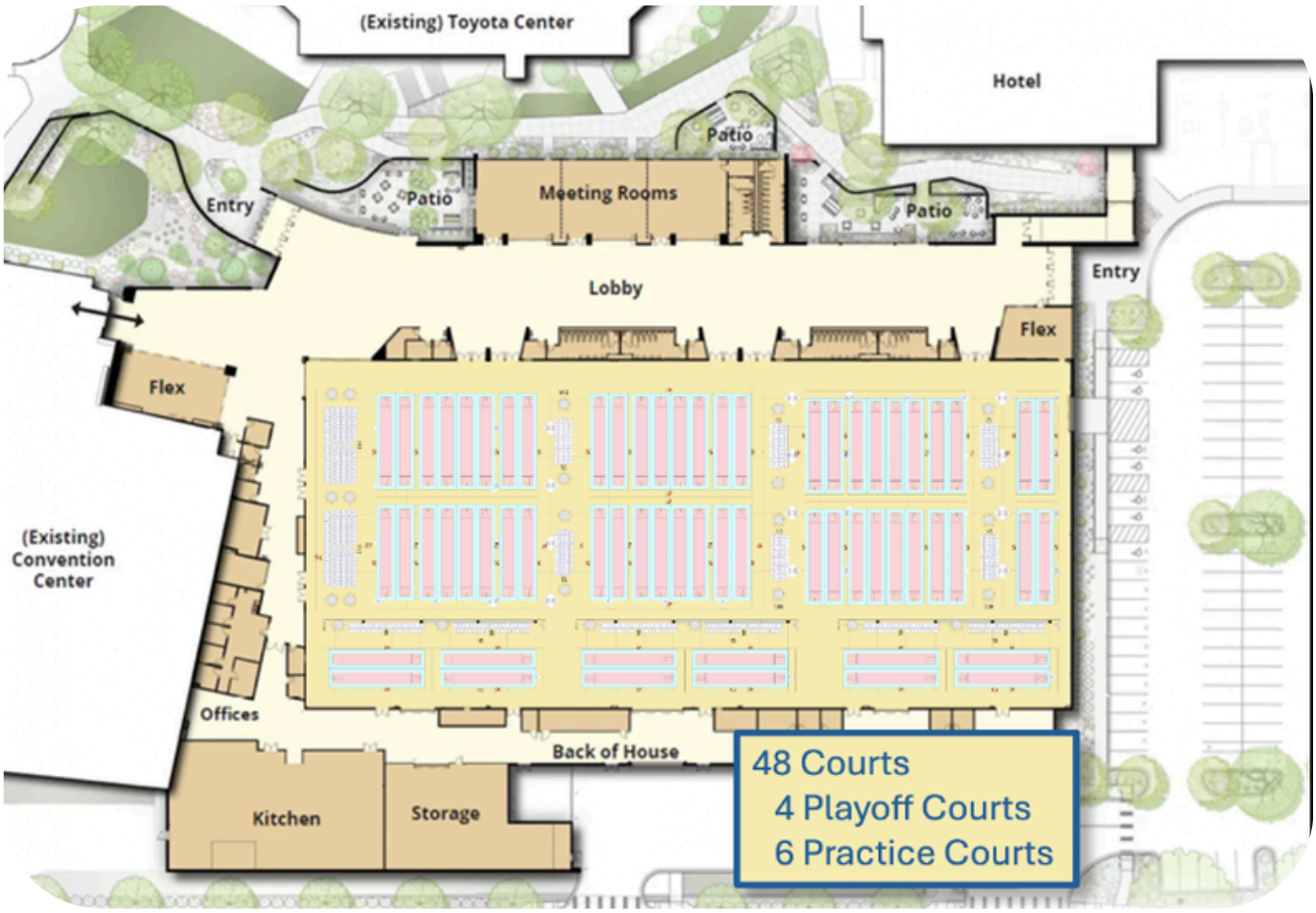
Tri-Cities Update for 2027 World Tournament! - Kevin Lewis

The Tri-Cities is excited to welcome horseshoe pitchers back when the NHPA World Tournament returns to Kennewick, WA, July 19–24, 2027.

The 2027 event will take place at the newly expanded Three Rivers Convention Center, that will open later this year. This is a beautiful facility that seems like it was designed just for the World Tournament. All pitching and practice courts will be in the main event hall with vendors lining the concourse and check in, trophy presentations and other meetings in the in the adjacent meeting rooms (see attached image).

Two hotels are connected to the facility with several other lodging properties just a short walk away. And all parking is free!

2027 is the 100th Anniversary of the Washington State Horseshoe Pitching Association and we're excited to welcome you hear to celebrate with us.



Sample layout for the 2027 World Tournament in the brand new attached facility!

Final Layout Subject to change

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California State Championships and NHPA Bid Process!



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DALTON RAKESTRAW

This issue of the Admin Digest comes right before the Holiday seasons are preparing to start. Families are making plans for the upcoming season, turkeys are going into hiding, and Santa Claus is beginning his weight training for the long night ahead. Horseshoe pitching here in Southern California is not closing anytime soon. Fortunately for me and my fellow members here, we get to pitch outdoors all year long. I am not sure if that was an insult, sorry if it was? Ha! Horseshoe season is never over here. We love our shoes! I was fortunate enough to leave our State Championships this year with my first Men's State Title ever! It was such a relief and a great win. Something I wasn't ever expecting. Living here in California, we have the toughest 40 foot Mens Championship Class from any state tournament. The top six players over 55% and the top ten players over 45%. To win it here means everything! I am beyond speechless and proud! Most states have just the state championship tournament, here in California we do just that where both charters compete for one state championship. However, we also host our own charter championships. Similar to what a non-split state would do just for the state championship, if that makes any sense? However it's not the state title, it's the charter championship title. I was fortunate enough to thankfully be forced into a playoff game to win the Southern California Championships. Thank you to my good friend Frank Arroyo for a come behind victory to put me in the playoff, never get counted out, especially when Elton John starts singing "I'm still standin!" Along with that being re-elected to NHPA 2nd Vice President for my own term! It has been a banner year for me and I am so fortunate and proud to serve you all!

Now onto the NHPA updates, I think I said that before.
In August, Ben Webb and I attended the Connect Sports Marketplace in Tampa, Florida, where we both me with different hotels, DMOs, businesses etc in the Sports Tourism world. This conference is the largest one we attend because they cater it for EVERYTHING! There were so many people in attendance. I was able to connect with Crawford from Southwest Airlines, I am hoping by the December issue of the Admin Digest, I have some discount codes or more information from that meeting that is coming up soon! Ben was able to meet with different hoteliers and chains from
across the globe and in hopes that we can find a partnership for hotels for our tournaments and be more consistent across each event. Overall, it was a success! We had a breakfast with Albuquerque Sports Commission, who hopefully bid again in a future for a regional or World Tournament. Ben enjoyed lunch with a new client for insurances, and I had dinner with Visit Mobile. Since this hurricane I hope they will still be interested in a 2030 World Tournament bid. A successful conference indeed!
In middle of September, I was able to attend S.P.O.R.T.S. Relationship Conference in Virginia Beach! It

was such a fun time! The Relationship Conference is different from any that we attend. It is more casual setting and instead of 5-6 minutes to explain why we want you to host our event, you get... wait for it.... 15 minutes! I had 45 appointments to cover in that time frame! It was so much that I had to have assistance. I was so thankful that Tina Hawkins was able to attend with me and we were able to cover over 90 appointments between us not overlapping anyone. That was especially crucial as the time for the Regional events deadlines have come and gone October 1st. I was able to attend early and do the FAM tour that Virginia Beach was sponsoring. They took us around to different facilities across the city and area. I was able to view the Virginia Beach Convention Center and do a site visit. It was wonderful. Virginia Beach would be a great destination for our world tournament. I was able to create more relationships and chat more about our event with future bidders. Next year, the Relationship Conference will be in one of our 2030 bidders cities... Lubbock, Texas! I always have great luck coming from SPORTS Relationship and look forward to next year.

There are two conferences left for the year. Next week, I will be leaving for Birmingham, Alabama for the TEAMS Conference! This tradeshow is another large tradeshow that will showcase more and more destinations across the world!! I am excited to report that Calgary, Alberta would like to bid for a regionals event, specifically the World Doubles event. I ask you members, would there be interest in attending the World Doubles if it went to Calgary? They have a 20-court indoor facility! This would be marvelous! Shelly and her team at Tourism Calgary are anxious to hear from us and see if it would be a go. They are waiting at the ready to start the planning process if we receive great feedback. Among Calgary there are other destinations that will be present at the TEAMS conference. One in mind is the Salem Area Sports Commission in Salem, Oregon. Tom has expressed that he will do whatever it takes to get the 2030 World Tournament to Salem, OR, even if that means bidding over the required $21,000. Stay tuned for more on that! Teams in Birmingham will be my last chance to connect with those across the globe in 2026. This event always brings players and members together. I am looking forward to attending and making an additional mark for the NHPA in this tradeshow!

Last week, I did a quick one-day trip to Las Vegas to meet with USA Catchball Association President Vered Lopez. During this time, the IMEX Conference was in full tradeshow fashion. I met with Vered to discuss how we can cross-market both sports and how we can get our members involved with Catchball and in return do the same for horseshoe pitching. We are working on a fun place to showcase both. They are an upcoming sport and needed guidance on RFPs and how to re-work their model for how DMOs bid for their event. Look for Vered in an upcoming article somewhere in the future and how Catchball and Horseshoe Pitching, two sports un-alike at all, can come together and cross-market each other for something potentially big? I am anxiously awaiting getting our efforts off the ground and running. The week prior to that I was in Fort Collins, Colorado for a site visit for the 2027 US Open Championship. The DMO provided a wonderful site visit! The courts are pristine and the hospitality was wonderful! Stay tuned for more details coming soon. The second weekend in November Barb Carson and I will be heading to Shreveport, Louisiana, for a site visit! We will write about this in the next issue of the Digest! We are hoping to announce the locations middle November stay tuned!

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The first week of November I will attend a two-day conference Connect West that will be in Scottsdale, Arizona! This will feature DMOs from the Western half of the United States. This conference will help me be in contact with smaller DMOs that have horseshoe courts at the park available for the Regional type tournaments! I am looking forward to this conference. Even though a quick turnaround, it will make waves for the NHPA!

That's all I have for now, sorry for the LL, just so much to report in this issue coming before the holidays! I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a mild winter!

3rd VP Updates!



NHPA 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
JERRY LABROSSE

If you have any Rule or Bylaw change proposals, submit them to me, in the proper format, no later than Feb 1 st , 2027. If you have access to winter pitching, it would be a great time to introduce and friend or family member to the sport. Winter is usually the "off season" in the cold weather charters, but many have indoor facilities and run leagues and tournaments throughout the winter. The NHPA has opportunities to serve the organization and all of it's members. There are board positions and more available every year. If you have ever thought about serving in a leadership role within the NHPA, don't wait forever, reach out to learn more about these positions and make the decision to serve. There are great rewards to going down this path, if your heart is in the sport. If anyone has questions about serving the NHPA in a leadership role, reach out for a chat.

Changes Coming to League Program in 2027!



NHPA 4TH VICE PRESIDENT
BARBARA CARSON

Happy Thanksgiving. The days are cooler and the nights are already getting colder. Before you know it, we will be seeing that white stuff and Christmas isn't far behind. Each month I would like to feature different tournaments. If you would like to have your tournaments featured in the monthly digest, please send me a brief email with the information about the tournament you would like to have featured. Please share your tournaments with everyone.
Here is my new address: Barbara Carson, 6122 Cedarwood Rd, Mentor, OH 44060
My email address and phone number have not changed.
Just to keep everyone informed of what is happening in and around the NHPA, I would to share some great news with you. We have completed working on an enhancement to HS Master that will allow the League Directors who use HS Master for your League Results to automatically upload the results directly to eshoe the same way as tournaments are sent currently, You will no longer have to send the results to me to manually enter them into eshoe, Your Charter RD will set up your League Event and send you the Event Sanction Number and Token Number, More details and training materials will be sent to the League Directors and Regional Directors when the enhancement is ready to be released on

our new website. Just remember that when it is released, you will have to download the update for HS Master in order for you to utilize the new functionality. I would like to ask everyone who sends me their league results and patch orders a huge favor. Please DO NOT take a picture of the forms and send them to me as a text. I cannot print from my phone and if I forward them to my email, they are dark and unreadable. Please send them as an attachment to my email. That will ensure the ability to print them and for me to enter the results into eshoe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
This month I will be ordering 2027 patches for both leagues and tournaments. I will be sending the updated 2027 Patch Order forms for both to the directors. Those forms will also be on the new Website shortly. I would also like to ask all League Directors to order all of your 2027 League Patches for your leagues at the beginning of the year. I realize that you do not know the exact # of participants or the # of patches needed for each league, but it will save both of us time. This will also ensure that you will have your patches if you have award ceremonies after each league is completed. The League Champion patch is the only patch that has a date on it, so if you order extra patches for the year, that's OK. You will have extra ones and won't have to order as many in 2028. Thank You to all of you for everything you do to support our sport and you also make my job easier. Have a warm and safe winter. See you at the Pits in the Spring.

Wildlife Interference?



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
DALTON RAKESTRAW

You truly never know what you're going to see at a horseshoe tournament… literally. However, this one might take the cake! During a recent tournament I was attending, there was a particular pitcher (no name hint hint), who was having the game of his life! Ringer after ringer after ringer. Word of mouth started spreading through the crowd as the scorekeeper let it out, he was nearing a perfect game. The tournament director came over, the judge and all spectators started making their way to Court 9 for this potential perfect game that was brewing. This was a 40-shoe game mind you. With just two shoes remaining, everyone was watching in anticipation. The pitcher stepped onto the platform, and started swinging, preparing to pitch the first perfect game in Southern California in quite some time…. That's when things took an unexpected turn. Out of NOWHERE, a squirrel came racing across the courts, apparently deciding the middle of a championship-caliber performance was the perfect time for a snack run. As the pitcher released his shoe, the squirrel darted directly across the pit he was pitching at! The sudden commotion broke his concentration, and the shoe sailed over the top of the stake. The crowd groaned, the pitcher stood frozen in disbelief, and the squirrel? Well, he casually climbed a nearby tree as if he hadn't just ruined someone's shot at horseshoe immortality. The tournament director and officials reportedly discussed whether that shoe should be re-pitched since it was an outside force that caused the disruption. They also discussed if the squirrel should receive a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct, but unfortunately, he wasn't an NHPA member, and nobody could locate his membership in eShoe. The pitcher finished with an incredible game, but the perfect game would have to wait. As for the squirrel, witnesses say he was last seen scouting the next tournament location. JUST KIDDING!!!!!! But admit it… for a second there, you were ready to demand a rulebook clarification on wildlife interference!

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Secretary/Treasurer Report



SECRETARY/TREASURER
BRIAN POOLE

I hope everyone has plans to attend the World Tournament in Kennewick, WA on July 19-24, 2027 at the Three Rivers Event Center. This will only be a one week event. We are also discounting early entries to $150 until Dec 31, then it will increase to $175 until March 31 and will increase to $200 from April 1 to May 17, 2027. Mailed entries need to be postmarked by May 3, 2027. This will help me not have to wait for the mail after May 17. The Opening Ceremony and Warmup Tournament will be Saturday July 17, 2027. Signup for the tournament from 745-845am. Opening Ceremony 9-10am. Start Warmup tournament at 1030am. I would like to cover a couple issues regarding 2027 memberships With the start of using eShoe you can keep your membership number when you move to a different charter. This number in eShoe has all your history and membership years. If you change to a new number it creates work for us to move your membership history. Please don't create a new membership when you move to a different charter. Just have them change your Charter location in eShoe. You can also call me and I will help you.

Please follow these steps to renew your membership online, go to NHPA-eshoe.com
Type your name in the search box and a window will pop up with matching options.
Click on your name in the window, your information will appear on the screen, on the 4th line will show your card year and the word “Renew” on the right side. If you are able to renew it will be in blue which is a link to complete your renew options and payment. We are having several members going to the web page and clicking on the “Join Us” button which creates a new membership. ***This is only if you are a new member***. If you need help please call me, that's why I’m here to help every member.

I have also been asked to give instructions to look at tournaments that are using eShoe to manage. You have to go into the Events and find the tournament and click the push pin and make it green. This puts the tournament into your Favorite Events banner on the Home page. Then go back to the Home page and click on the blue Favorite or Featured Events banner. This will open a new page with those events. The one you click the push pin green will be in the list. Click on the blue icon on the left and a new page will open with 4 buttons to choose from. View Entries; Find Player; Games in Progress; Standings.

“Find a Player” will show you where the player will be pitching each round.
“Games in progress” you will be able to follow the player as they pitch each game.
“Standings” will show you the results for each class for games that are completed.

If we can all just have a goal to get one new member each year, it would help move us in the right direction. This would also help our association financially and give us the opportunity to build this great sport.

I hope to see you on the courts in 2027!



Stan Griggs,
NHPA World Tournament Statistician
NHPA Hall of Fame Chairman

Another World Tournament is now in the books, and what a great tournament it was. I have all the stats updated and they should be available on our web page shortly. But I wanted to highlight a couple of items that stood out to me.

First off out of our ten Championship Divisions, we crowned seven new first-time World Champions in their respected divisions, and the other three came back to defend their titles from a year ago. Let's meet the new Champions!

- Elder Men's World Champion	Jacob	Fimbres	(Past Senior Men's Champion)
- Senior Women's Champion	Sylvianne	Moisan	(Past Women's Champion)
- Elder Women's World Champion	Catherine	Ziemann	1st World Title
- Junior Boy's World Champion	Santonio	Callado	1st World Title
- Junior Girl's World Champion	Adilaide	Ohms	1st World Title
- Cadet Boy's World Champion	Zachary	Smith	1st World Title
- Cadet Girl's World Champion	Jazmyn	Kildahl	1st World Title



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Now for our repeat offenders, we start off with our gal from the "Show-Me" State of Missouri. Jennifer Gegg may have surprised a few pitchers back in 2025, but rest assured all the ladies knew what was coming in 2026 as she was pitching lights out all year long. She did not disappoint going through all 30 games (prelims and finals) without dropping an "L" and in doing so pitched four 90% games in the championship class play. Games of 94.1%, 93.5%, 90.6% and a nice little 90.0%. In her fifteen championship games she pitched 827 ringers out of 962 shoes for an over all average of 85.97% breaking into the ***"TOP 10"*** over all averages in the history of the Women's World Championships now sitting in the #9 Spot.

Our next defending and current World Champion from "The Empire State" of New York. Ken Fraser just completed the ***"Three-Peat"***. Going undefeated once again with a record of 7-0 and averaged 70.9%. This is becoming a habit for Ken as he won the title in 2024 with a record of 9-0 and last year in 2025 with a record of 7-0. In his three-year run he has a record of 23-0 with 748 ringers out of 1,058 shoes for an overall average in this three year span of 70.7%.

Last but not least, let us not overlook what this guy just accomplished. Also, from the great "Show-Me" State of Missouri….. I mean the "Buckeye State" of Ohio, sorry he is still from Missouri in my mind. The one we all call ***"The GOAT"***, Alan Francis just reached another milestone capturing his **30th World Title**. What was once thought never possible after Ted Allen won his 10th World Title. Alan's career has earned him World Titles in five different decades, the 80's, 90's, 00's, 10's, 20's. My money is on him winning in a sixth decade in just a few short years. With his 30th Title he did manage to drop another eight 90% games consisting of 95.5%, 95.0%, 94.1%, 93.3%, 93.1%, 92.9%, 91.7%, 90.7%. Giving him a total of 154 ninety percent games in world championship class play. What is more impressive is that in the 40-point era there have been 348 ninety precent games pitched and he owns nearly half of them.

His overall average was off the charts as well pitching 620 ringers out of 694 shoes for a blistering 89.34% Taking the #6 Spot in the ***"TOP 10"*** over all averages in the history of the Men's World Championships. It shouldn't surprise anyone that he also owns the Spots of 1 through 9 as well. Only Brian Simmons cracks the Top Ten in the #10 Spot with an 87.56%. Let's go back for a minute and look at his ringers and shoes this year, so he only missed pitching a ringer on 74 occasions, now extract that out to over 15 games. That is an average of 4.94 shoes for an opponent to score points per game.

I can't wait to see what kind of stats we will see in 2027! Congratulations to all the winners.

As a reminder regarding the NHPA Hall of Fame, we will be accepting new nominations for 2027 up to January 31, 2027. The nomination form is on our web page and can be mailed or emailed. If ever there are any questions regarding the World Tournament Stats or the NHPA Hall of Fame, please feel free to contact me at any time.
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