



FOUR DEAD

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President's Message



Well, another year is upon us as we dust off our shoes and head out to the courts. I hope each of you take a moment and set a few goals for the season for yourself and your club and what you can do to make both better.

One of my goals is to conduct horseshoe clinics

in Pocatello this summer from April thru October on the first Tuesday each month at Ross Park to help show what a wonderful activity horseshoe pitching is and that it is an activity for the whole family. My second goal is to pitch 30% for a tournament this year. Last year I got to 27%, so I am close.

State Doubles (July 16) and Singles (Aug 27 & 28) tournaments will be in Pocatello at Ross Park, so I hope you can make plans to attend both.

There is a proposed Bylaws change in this issue, and I hope you take the time to study the issue and then send in your ballot to me. The results will be presented at the Annual Meeting Saturday, August 27 around noon or 1 pm. The change is to require all pitchers to have 4 tournaments to be eligible to pitch in the State Singles tournament. If you have pitched in the last year's tournament, then you only need three more under the Bylaws change. Please take the time to send in your vote.

Thanks for all you do to help grow this sport in Idaho. Check your calendars and mark the tournaments that you plan on attending this summer. I hope to see you on the courts and that you have a great season. Pitch Well!

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Dollars and Sense



Hello from your new state secretary/treasurer. I'd like to give you a little background of myself and tell you how I got into horseshoe pitching.

I have a background in accounting, bookkeeping, and secretarial work. My husband Pep and I had our own home repair business

for many years. Right now we are retired and like bowling, traveling, and horseshoe pitching. In June of 2011 I had a liver transplant due to cancer. Everything went well, but I do have a few restrictions from the medication that stops rejection. I must limit my time spent in the sun. Also, my body does not like hot weather; anything over 70 is too hot for me.

My husband, Pep, and I knew Don Titcomb from bowling. Don invited us to throw horseshoes with him in the spring of 2012. We went out and enjoyed the sport and the people. Don was a great teacher; with his help I finally was able to get the shoe into the pit and, on occasion, close to the peg. Of course, Pep did a lot better than I did.

As the weather started to get hot I went to keeping score. I could sit in the shade or be under an umbrella out of the sun. I had a pencil in one hand and a nice bottle of cold water in the other. With Pep pitching and me keeping score we haven't missed too many Treasure Valley tournaments. As our love of the game progressed, I got interested in how a tournament worked. Jerry Smith taught us how to run a tournament, and soon Pep and I were doing most of the Meridian tournaments. We have been to four state tournaments and two World Tournaments. I am now an official certified scorekeeper for World. I do enjoy keeping score and running tournaments.

I am asking everyone that when you buy your 2016 card to include an email address, if you have one. With an email address you will get a more in-depth copy of the *Four Dead* newsletter. The cost of printing and mailing this newsletter keeps going up. We can cut this cost by having the newsletter delivered to your email address.

Pep and I will be traveling to all the sites to certify the courts. Our first stop will be Pocatello for the first tournament of this season. While I am there I hope to meet a lot of our Pocatello players.

I will try my best to be a good secretary/treasurer for you. If you have any problems, questions, concerns, or suggestions feel free to contact me.

See you on the courts. Happy pitching to all.

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Hall of Fame Report



Welcome to the New (2016) Season.

This year (2016) I may be inducting possibly two people into our Hall of Fame at the State Singles Tournament during the Annual Meeting in Pocatello.

In this edition of the Hall of Fame report, I will state the categories in which present and past members of the ISHPA can be nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame.

The categories (also on the website under Hall of Fame Guidelines) are as follows:

Categories and Criteria:

Membership: The nominee must have been an adult member in good standing of the ISHPA for a minimum of 10 years. His/her attitude and initiative should uphold and enhance the image of the ISHPA.

Pitcher: The nominee(s) is one that must have or had an outstanding record of pitching performance above and beyond the normal pitcher and has achieved success throughout their years of pitching whether in the state championships or in World Tournament play.

Organizer/Promoter: One who has made significant contributions to the game in an administrative capacity as a charter officer, a promoter, or an organizer. Any of the previous must have contributed a significant amount of time working towards the growth of horseshoe pitching within the State of Idaho above and beyond the norm.

All nominees must meet the criteria listed above in the membership category and also the criteria requirements in either the Pitcher or the Organizer/Promoter category.

I have a list of names of individuals deceased and those still with us who I feel are strong candidates.

I ask of you as an ISHPA member to please (if interested) to submit a name or names of individuals who you feel may be a potential nominee with your reason for choosing this person(s). I personally have strong requirements for a person being nominated and inducted into our Hall of Fame. I would also like to ask if interested in submitting a name or names that you seriously look at their history with horseshoes whether he/she was a pitcher (quality), a promoter or an organizer/leader. Did he/she represent the sport well, with high standards and strong ethics, and has gone well beyond the norm in promoting/organizing and/or their pitching abilities with the sport? I don't feel that someone who just pitches in a lot of tournaments would qualify; it takes a lot more than that from my perspective.

If you have a name or names of people that you feel that have worked their tails off for the betterment of Idaho Horseshoes, then please send me their name(s) along with the reasons you feel they deserve to be in the Hall of Fame by no later than May 1st to allow time for research.

Thank you and Happy Pitchen in 2016,

David Spears, HOF Chairperson
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2016
Idaho State Singles and Doubles
Tournaments
Ross Park, Pocatello

Doubles: July 16
Singles: August 27-28



Support the NHPF



There is a new way to contribute to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation and it doesn't cost you anything. If you shop at Amazon, shop online through "AmazonSmile" and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the NHPF. There is no

additional cost to you, and you can support the Foundation. To shop at AmazonSmile such that the NHPF benefits from your purchase, go to this web site to shop

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-1671910>

Thank you.

Casey Sluys, NHPF Board of Directors President



Ballot for ISHPA Bylaws Amendment

At the 2015 Annual Meeting, it was proposed to change the number of tournaments required in order to be eligible to pitch in the State Singles Tournament from two to four. Since this is more than a minor change, the amendment is to be voted on by the current members of the ISHPA. The current paragraph 1 of ARTICLE XII reads as follows:

1. *To qualify to pitch in the State Singles Tournament a pitcher must have pitched in a minimum of two (2) sanctioned tournaments during the past 12 months unless approved by the Executive Committee*

Below is the ballot for you to vote on changing "two (2)" to "four (4)" in the above paragraph.

You must sign and return your ballot to ISHPA President Brian Poole by August 1, 2016. The results of the ballot will be announced at the 2016 Annual Meeting on August 27. If approved, the change goes into effect in 2017.

BALLOT FORM

Should the ISHPA Bylaws be amended to change the number of tournaments to qualify to pitch in the State Singles Tournament from "two (2)" to "four (4)"? Mark your vote with an X or check mark.

___ YES

___ NO

Print your name

Sign your name

Date signed

Mail completed ballot by August 1, 2016 to Brian Poole, 2660 S Fairway Dr, Pocatello, ID 83201



“Pep Talk” Corner

There is a song that has the words “Should I hang onto the old, or grab onto the new?” That’s the subject matter of this column. It has an underlying condition, as it relates to a phenomenal happening called “Synaptic Resistance.”

It has been verified that we have in our individual brain two (2) minds, labeled “conscious and subconscious minds.” Each is broken down into individual functions.

To wit:

My Con

Is judgmental
Can evaluate
Can reason
Is the teacher
Is the thinker
Gives commands
Learns things
Can choose
Teaches muscles

My Sub

is not-judgmental
cannot evaluate
cannot reason
is the student
is the doer
follows commands
stores learning
cannot choose
directs muscles

So what does this have to do with the challenges of pitching horseshoes? As we venture into this challenging game, we receive “input” from others, on the ways or means to “pitch” a shoe.

We work so hard at “trying to ring the stake” that we fail to use our “minds” as their individual functions.

We become too physical by performing 100% with the conscious mind, but yet we are teaching our muscles to perform in as much a consistent manner as possible. Be they are good or bad teaching (habits) we will reach an optimum level of performance, known as “Percentage” and remain there. Try as hard as we may we struggle to improve very little.

What’s needed is new information. With it comes change of motion or action. Here is where “Synaptic resistance” shows its ugly head!

This new motion or action goes against muscle memory and the fight is on. So..., we must unlearn our muscle memory and retrain our muscles to perform differently. While undergoing this change to get better percentage wise, we find our performance (percentage) is dropping! Yes---it’s a fight between “conscious mind and subconscious mind.” Stay with the new info and you will develop a better game resulting in a higher percentage. However, you will again reach another optimum level of performance based on utilizing your new info, which means again you need another dose of new information to get you to the next level of %. It’s an on-going set of steps leading upwards a step at a time.

In the next issue of *Four Dead*, we’ll talk about the Mental Game VS Physical Game % and how to separate them through focus and concentration. Until then, don’t quit; that’s a sure way of becoming a permanent loser.

For every 10 members you try to recruit, you will get 1. If we all get 1, membership will double. See you on the courts.

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Schedule for 2016

Date	Place	Name	Contact	Sign-in
April 9	Pocatello	WT Qualifier #1	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	12:00
April 16	Nampa	Spring Fling #8	Jerry 467-2524	9:30
April 23	Pocatello	WT Qualifier #2	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	12:00
April 30	Meridian	WT Qualifier #3	Rodney 830-9694	9:30
May 7	Pocatello	WT Qualifier #4	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	12:00
May 7	Boise	Bill Travis Memorial #13	Pep 949-8098	9:30
May 14	Coeur d' Alene	North Idaho Jamboree	Glen 691-0784	8:30
May 21	Meridian	Meridian Parks & Recs #4	Carol 484-4685	9:30
May 28	Nampa	The Schutte Open	Gary 466-8096	9:30
May 28	Pocatello	Rim Rock Flop	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	10:00 Non-Sanctioned
June 4	Nampa	Nampa Classic #5	Jerry 467-2524	8:30
June 18	Pocatello	Juneteenth/Utah Inv.	Jim 232-8007	10:00
June 18	Meridian	Meridian Open #4	Pep 949-8098	8:30
June 18	Coeur d' Alene	Elmer Currie Classic	Glen 691-0784	8:30
June 25	Hailey	Wood River Open (First 20)	Brent 404-4354	10:00
June 25	Pocatello	Bobby Faulkner Memorial	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	10:00 Non-Sanctioned
July 9	Meridian	Treasure Valley Memorial	Pep 949-8098	8:30
July 16	Boise	NHPF Benefit #7	Rodney 830-9694	8:30
July 16	Pocatello	Idaho State Doubles	Brian 201-3326 (Pre- Thu)	10:00
July 23	Pocatello	Vietnam Vets Legacy Group	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	10:00 Non-Sanctioned
July 25-Aug 5	Montgomery, AL	World	NHPA 262-835-9108	
Aug. 13	Pocatello	11th Portneuf Valley Shootout	Larry 589-9681	10:00
Aug. 13	Meridian	Senior Games (50 and older unless?)	Jerry 467-2524	8:30
Aug. 20	Nampa	NHPA Benefit #8	Gary 466-8096	8:30
Aug. 20	Coeur d' Alene	Inland Empire Memorial	Glen 691-0784	8:30
Aug. 26	Pocatello	Pre-State Warmup	Brian 237-3459	Start@ 6:00
Aug. 27/28	Pocatello	Idaho State Championships	Brian 237-3459/ Carol 484-4685	8:30
Sep. 10	Nampa	Parks & Recs. #6	Jerry 467-2524	9:30
Sep. 24	Meridian	Autumn Classic #3	Pep 949-8098	9:30
Oct. 1	Meridian	Pumpkin Shootout\$\$ #4	Pep 949-8098	9:30
Oct. 8	Boise	Fall Roundup #8	Carol 484-4685	9:30
Oct. 15	Nampa	10th Last Chance	Gary 466-8096	9:30
Oct. 22	Meridian	Freeze Out Special #6	Pep 949-8098	10:30

Nampa tournaments are at Lakeview Park. Meridian Tournaments are in Settlers Park. Boise tournaments are in Julia Davis Park. All Nampa, Boise, and Meridian entry fees are \$3.00 except Benefits (\$10.00), Senior Games (\$20.00) and Pumpkin Shootout \$10.00. Doughnuts and water are provided, no lunch. Handicapping is at TD's discretion.

Pocatello tournaments are \$15.00 (\$20 if lunch provided). Coeur d'Alene tournaments are held at Winton Park, have \$15.00 entry fees, and include lunch. State Singles, Doubles, and World are pre-registered. State Tournaments costs \$20.00, World \$130.00.

Meridian league is on Tuesday nights No fee Contact Floyd @ 871-6856.

Nampa league is on Thursday nights No fee Contact Gary @ 466-8096 or Ray @ 468-7868.

Leagues start in mid-April, or as weather permits.

Boise holds practice nights on Wednesdays.

ENTRY FORM

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

July 25th - August 6th Montgomery, Alabama

2016 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



Name: _____ **2016 NHPA Card #** _____
 (Please Print) First Last (or Canadian #)

Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Prov:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Email: _____ **Local Newspaper:** _____

Check One I will print my schedule. _____ Mail my schedule to me. _____

Circle the **Division** you are entering: - You can enter only one division (See notes near bottom of page)

OPEN MEN 40ft	SENIOR MEN 40ft (see note #2)	OPEN WOMEN	SENIOR WOMEN (see note #2)	ELDER MEN / ME 30ft (see note #1)	JR. BOYS (see note #3)	JR. GIRLS	JR CADETS 20ft
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All applicable information above is required. Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete.

Entry Deadline May 16th, 2016

No refunds will be made after May 23rd, 2016

PARTICIPANTS LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of participating in such activity, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association, all officers, employees, agents and servants of the afore stated organization, and all fellow participants of this event, for any and all action, cause of action, damage, loss or injury, which I may suffer as a consequence of participating in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. In addition it is understood that the NHPA has sole rights to any and all pictures and/or articles for publication.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

----- mail top half only -----

ENTRY FEES: ALL ADULTS -- \$130.00 • ALL JUNIORS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY
CANADIAN ENTRIES MUST USE MONEY ORDERS ENTRY FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING

MAIL THE TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM along with REGISTRATION FEES (PAYABLE TO NHPA)

TO: NHPA
17259 Jefferson St
Omaha, NE 68135

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:
David Sidles NHPA Sec/Treas.
(402) 763-8882 sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a **postmark no later than May 16, 2016**. Entries received with a postmark after May 16th shall be put on a waiting list and entered into the tournament only as space is available. All adults must have pitched in a minimum of four (4) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months **prior to May 16, 2016**, in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and foreign competitors (other than Canadians) are outlined in Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All averages used will be the average on record in NATSTATS / CANSTATS as of May 16th.

Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. NHPA and CANADIAN entrants must show their 2016 membership card when checking in. You may enter at anytime prior to May 16th.

READ CAREFULLY: Any adult male pitching from the full distance platform may enter the **OPEN MEN'S DIVISION** regardless of age, just as any adult female may enter the **OPEN WOMEN'S DIVISION**. To enter the **SENIOR DIVISION**, you must be 60 years of age or older before the end of 2016. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2016, is older than 70, or has an **approved medical exemption** may enter the **ELDER MEN'S DIVISION**. Entrants in the **JUNIOR BOY and JUNIOR GIRL DIVISION** must be 18 years old or less for the entire 2016 calendar year. **JUNIOR CADET DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2016 calendar year.

Note # 1. 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must include a copy of their NHPA Charter Acceptance letter or a copy of their NHPA card showing the ME box checked to verify your eligibility to participate in this division.

Note # 2. For class play, a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it will be canceled. All entrants will then pitch in the Open Preliminaries.

Note # 3 Junior Boys and Girls divisions will be mixed for preliminary play.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 31st** and published on the NHPA website. If you indicated above to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed above during the first week in June.

Please note: The NHPA reserves the right to disallow your participation for any of the following reasons; any errors on this form, if your records don't appear in NatStats or CanStats, any false or misleading information on this form, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council.

The NHPA Hall of Fame Banquet will be held July 31st at the Embassy Suites Hotel Ballroom. Tickets can be purchased for \$30.00 each from the NHPA office or at the World Tournament NHPF booth. Must be purchased by July 27th, 2016.

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