



# FOUR DEAD

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## President's Message



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

getting involved and helping us grow this great sport. One goal I would like to ask is that we all bring one new member into our association. With Worlds being in St George, Utah in July we need to make a better showing this year.



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 is to pitch 30% for a tournament this year. Last year I got to 27% tournament, so I am close and did pitch a few games over 30% games. Every time I practice I see how many shoes it takes me to get 12 ringers.

State Doubles will be on July 1 in Pocatello at Ross Park, and State Singles will be on Aug 26 & 27 in beautiful Coeur d'Alene at Winton Park. So make your plans to attend now and I would love to see you at both.

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 look forward to seeing you on the courts and hope that you have a great season. Pitch well!

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## Dollars and Sense

Hello, Idaho pitchers. It's that time of year to get the horseshoes out of storage, clean them up, paint them, and do some practicing. This year I am asking everyone to fill out a membership form (one was in the fall issue) and please

include your email address and birth date. The *Four Dead* newsletter is going out only by email from now on as the cost of printing and mailing just keeps going up and up. As a result, last year at our Annual Meeting at the singles tournament it was decided to go email only.

There have been some questions raised on medical exemptions for men under 70 to pitch at 30 feet. The NHPA is really looking into these medical exemptions. My understanding is that if you desire to obtain a medical exemption, the request form must be approved by a doctor and then sent to the State Secretary (me) to be approved by the ISHPA board of officers. If you plan on going to the World Tournament, you will need to attach a copy of your approved medical exemption form to your application. There have been people moving up to 30 feet without a medical exemption which is not allowed. If you are a

male under the age of 70 and have a medical problem, then the medical exemption forms must be filled out with a doctor's approval and sent to your State Secretary. I will not issue a membership card to anyone to pitch under a medical exemption without this form.

Another ruling that many of us do not know about concerns men moving up to 30 feet at age 70. If you are a man turning 70 in 2018, you can start pitching at 30 feet in October of 2017. If you have any questions about this, please call or email me and I will explain it further.

The cost of 2017 NHPA adult membership cards is still \$25.00. Please make checks out to ISHPA and give to your local secretary with a completed application form. These forms are sent to me and I issue the cards and mail them back to the local secretary. If you do not have a local club secretary, you may mail them directly to me.

Let's have a great 2017 year with lots of ringers for everyone. If you have any questions just give me a call.

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### ISHPA 2017 Tournaments

State Doubles:  
July 1  
Ross Park, Pocatello

State Singles:  
August 26-27  
Winton Park, Coeur d'Alene

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## Hall of Fame Report



In 2016 three former ISHPA members were inducted into our Hall of Fame. I would once again like to thank the participation of Nanette Spangler with Bobby Faulkner's induction and for Jeff Zausch for his participation in his grandpa's induction.

Going forward to 2017 we'll take a break from any inductions, but I would welcome suggestions for 2018 inductees, not including people whom I already have on my list which is getting shorter.

Setting the HOF aside, I would also like to mention a promotional opportunity for the game and that is through a website called MEETUP.com. With this website I personally will test the waters with it this year and next to attract new members/players to our game. Being in a downward spiral in membership is not attractive to a lot of people who attend tournaments. I believe since a lot of different activities use the MEETUP website to attract new people, why can't horseshoes benefit from this? So this is an opportunity for us to expose organized horseshoes to all the people who don't know what we do. The first mailing of this I believe could be inclusive of the Treasure Valley with our leagues to start off with. The rest of the state may want to consider this as well. I believe the first posting of this will reach from what I hear a few thousand people just here in the Treasure Valley. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Good pitchin,

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check out the NHPA web site



## “Pep Talk” Corner

### Winners vs. Losers

Q. Why do some win and some lose?

A. Read on and maybe you’ll become a winner.

Ever hear someone say: “I never win at anything--- I can’t win no matter how hard I try.”

Well---- “I can’t” never did anything! “I can’t” is “I CAN” with the “T” missing.

Now.....How to get “That winning Feeling.”

Your automatic creative mechanism is Teleological. That is, it operates in term of Goals and End Results. Once you give it a definite goal to achieve, you can depend upon its AUTOMATIC GUIDANCE SYSTEM to take you to that goal much better than YOU ever could by conscious thought. “You” supply the goal by thinking in terms of end results. Your automatic mechanism then supplies the “Means Whereby.” If your muscles need to perform some motion to bring about the end result, your automatic mechanism will guide them much more accurately and delicately than you could by taking thought. If you need ideas, your automatic mechanism will supply them!

“Think in Terms of Possibilities”

But to accomplish this--- “YOU” must supply the goal. To supply a goal capable of activating your creative mechanism, you must think of the end result--in terms of a present possibility. The possibility of the goal must be seen so clearly that it becomes REAL. In fact, the same feelings are evoked as would be present if the goal were already achieved.

This is neither so difficult nor so mystical as it may first appear. Our brain and nervous system cannot tell the difference between a REAL experience and one which it VIVIDLY imagines. Our automatic creative mechanism always acts and reacts appropriately to the environment, circumstance, or situation available to it is What You Believe To Be True Concerning Them.

Thus if we dwell upon failure and continuously picture failure to ourselves in such vivid detail that it becomes REAL to our nervous system, we will experience the feelings that go with FAILURE.

On the other hand, if we keep our positive goal in mine and picture it to our self so vividly as to make it REAL and think of it in terms of an accomplished fact, we will also experience that “WINNING FEELING,” self-confidence, courage, and faith that the outcome will be desirable.

We cannot consciously peek into our creative mechanism and see whether it is geared for success or failure. But we can determine its present “SET” by our feelings. When it is “Set for Success,” we experience that great WINNING FEELING.

Note: Be Patient – It Won’t Happen Overnight.

Next *Four Dead*: Continuation of setting your machinery for success. Achieving confidence (self). If you are not willing to change, how can you expect to improve?

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# Schedule for 2017

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Sign-in</b>
April 8	Pocatello	WT Qualifier #1	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	11:00
April 22	Nampa	Spring Fling #9	Jerry 467-2524	9:30
April 22	Pocatello	WT Qualifier #2	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	11:00
April 29	Meridian	WT Qualifier #3	Rodney 830-9694	9:30
May 6	Meridian	Pep Classic	Pep 949-8098	9:30
May 6	Pocatello	WT Qualifier #4	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	11:00
May 7	Boise	Bill Travis Memorial #14	David 440-7132	9:30
May 13	Coeur d' Alene	North Idaho Jamboree	Glen 691-0784	8:30
May 20	Meridian	Meridian Parks & Recs #5	Carol 484-4685	9:30
May 27	Nampa	The Kollmann Open	Gary 466-8096	9:30
May 27	Pocatello	Rim Rock Flop	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	10:30 Non-Sanctioned
June 3	Nampa	Nampa Classic #6	Jerry 467-2524	8:30
June 17	Pocatello	Juneteenth/Utah Inv.	Jim 232-8007	10:00
June 17	Meridian	Meridian Open #5	Pep 949-8098	8:30
June 17	Coeur d' Alene	Elmer Currie Classic	Glen 691-0784	8:30
June 24	Hailey	Wood River Open (First 20)	Brent 404-4354	10:00
June 24	Pocatello	Bobby Faulkner Memorial	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	10:00 Non-Sanctioned
July 1	Pocatello	Idaho State Doubles	Brian 201-3326 (Pre- Thu)	10:00
July 8	Meridian	Pickering Open	Rodney 830-9694	8:30
July 9	Boise	NHPF #10	David 440-7132	8:30
July 22	Pocatello	Vietnam Vets Legacy Group	Rim Rock Steve 233-6785	10:00 Non-Sanctioned
July 17-29	St George UT	World	NHPA 262-835-9108	
Aug. 12	Pocatello	11th Portneuf Valley Shootout	Larry 589-9681	10:00
Aug. 12	Meridian	Senior Games (50 and older unless?)	Jerry 467-2524	8:30
Aug. 19	Nampa	NHPA Benefit #9	Jerry 467-2524	8:30
Aug. 19	Coeur d' Alene	Inland Empire Memorial	Glen 691-0784	8:30
Aug. 25	Coeur d' Alene	Pre-State Warmup	Glen 691-0784	Start@ 6:00
Aug. 26/27	Coeur d' Alene	Idaho State Championships	Brian 237-3459/ Carol 484-4685	8:30
Sep. 9	Nampa	Parks & Recs. #7	Jerry 467-2524	9:30
Sep. 23	Meridian	Pumpkin Shootout\$\$ #5	Pep 949-8098	9:30
Sep. 30	Meridian	Autumn Classic #4	Pep 949-8098	9:30
Oct. 7	Boise	Fall Roundup #9	Carol 484-4685	9:30
Oct. 14	Nampa	11th Last Chance	Jerry 467-2524	9:30
Oct. 21	Meridian	Freeze Out Special #7(Call)	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 \$5.00 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 Jerry @ 467-2524.

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

Boise holds practice nights on Wednesdays.

# ENTRY FORM ( READ CAREFULLY )

## National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

July 17th - July 29th St. George, Utah

# 2017 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2017 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.  
 ( One per household please. )

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 30ft	SENIOR WOMEN 30ft (see note #2)	ELDER MEN / ME 30ft ( see note #1 )	JR.BOY 30ft ( see note #3 )	JR.GIRL	CADET 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

No refunds will be made after May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Note: A processing fee of \$15.00 will apply to all refunds.

**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  
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 Omaha, NE 68135

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:  
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 (402) 763-8882 sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a **postmark no later than May 15, 2017**. Entries received with a postmark after May 15th 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 15, 2017**, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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 2017 membership card when checking in. You may enter at anytime prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see note regarding refunds.

**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 2017. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2017, 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 2017 calendar year. **JUNIOR CADET DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2017 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 and Cadet 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, if the NHPA cannot verify through its established procedure the validity of any Medical Exemption, or for any other reason by majority vote of the NHPA Council. The NHPA also reserves the right to add qualified entrants and to make class participant changes after the deadline.

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