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President's Message



I have been enjoying the winter season by snowboarding at Pebble Creek and refereeing high school basketball. I can tell that spring is getting closer as baseball, soccer, and golf seasons are getting closer to starting. I have four grandchildren who play soccer, and we enjoy

watching them. How quickly another year has gone by, and it is now time for us as to dig out of the snow again and head out to the courts. I hope each of you will take a moment to 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 ask is that we each bring one new member into our associations, clubs, or leagues.

One of my goals again 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 pitched a 27% tournament, so I am close; I did pitch a few games with over 30% ringers. Every time I practice I see how many shoes it takes me to get 12 ringers.

Remember you need four tournaments by May 14 to attend Worlds in Florence, SC July 9-21, 2018. Please check your NATSTATS and the schedule and support the tournaments around you so you will be ready. It will also prepare you for our state tournaments noted below.

State Doubles will be on June 30 in Pocatello at Ross Park and State Singles on Sept 1 & 2 in Meridian at Settlers Park, with a pre-tournament on Friday, Aug 31. 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



A new pitching season will soon be here. I'm hoping we all do fantastic this year. The dues for 2018 are \$35.00. Please pay these dues on or before you pitch your first tournament. All cards must be purchased before a person can pitch in a sanctioned tournament or league. You can pay your

dues to your local club secretary, or you can mail me a \$35 check along with your completed membership form (included in this newsletter).

Your 2018 NHPA number will be the same as last year and previous years. Your number will be yours as long as you continue to pitch. I keep pitchers' information for up to four (4) years in my records. If you did not pitch in the previous year yet purchased a card for that year, you must pitch 100 shoes to get a new average for the new year. A current card holder can count ringers for your 100 shoes; this score will be submitted and become your starting pitching average.

Jerry Smith (3rd NHPA VP) and our statistician for Idaho has moved back to California to be closer to his family. I wish Jerry and his wife Diane all the best in their new chapter of adventures in California. Before Jerry left he taught me how to do the stats. I will be the new statistician for our

organization. Please send all your tournament or league paperwork to me at: idkegler@aol.com or fancywheat@aol.com. I use both of these emails. If you have any questions, you may also call me (before 10 pm MDT) at 208-484-4685. I will try to answer all of your questions, and if I can't I will be sure to find out the answers to your questions.

I am excited to report that Idaho will be adding another location for tournaments. Moscow will have two sanctioned courts, and Kay Keskinen will be the director for their three tournaments this summer. Two courts are not much, but it is a start that provides an opportunity for pitchers to compete in sanctioned tournaments in north central Idaho. My thanks to Kay for helping Idaho horseshoes grow.

I would also like to tell you all about a horseshoe pitching event that Pep and I just learned about last year at the World Tournament. It is called Horseshoe Tour. There was a tournament in Winnemucca, NV last year that we went to. We had so much fun, and I do believe everyone got some money back. Check out their web site at www.thehorseshoetour.com. The next tournament for 2018 close to us will be in Winnemucca, NV on August 18-19. More about this tournament will be available as the event gets closer.

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Idaho Tournaments in 2018

State Doubles:

June 30, Pocatello, Ross Park

State Singles:

September 1-2, Meridian, Settlers Park

Pre-State Tournament on August 31

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Hall of Fame Report



As we begin the 2018 season, membership growth will be one of my priorities in the Boise area. I will be conducting a Monday Night League at Julia Davis Park. Now onto the Hall of Fame.

For the 2018 Hall of Fame, I plan to induct four people - one is based on pitching achievements, and the other three for a variety of horseshoe pitching accomplishments. I will provide the names of these later when I further confirm I can get ahold of two of the people or their families.

I wish everyone a great 2018 pitching season, and may the ringers be plentiful.

David Spears, HOF Chairperson
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Update on Moscow Courts

As much as I'd like to report that ground has been broken on the new 12-court horseshoe pitching complex in a park in northeast Moscow, the construction for those courts remains on hold.

But I am happy to report that two courts in Moscow's East City Park have been upgraded (thanks to Moscow pitcher John Kauffman) with new stakes and front borders to the pits such that Regional Director Pep Plummer will inspect them this spring. If any additional work is needed to sanction them, the tasks will be done to meet Pep's requirements by our June 9 Inaugural tournament.

As Carol noted in her article on this page, we only have two courts, so the tournaments will be small ones. If you want to participate in our tournaments, please register ahead of time with me since the number of pitchers is limited. The courts are in a park that hosts many summer events, so we had to schedule the tournaments around concerts, plays, festivals, and such.

We are pleased to be able to offer a tournament located along the 378 miles between Coeur d'Alene and Boise.

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“Pep Talk” Corner

Sportsmanship and Conduct



Our “Four Dead” newsletter Summer 2017, Volume XXVIII #2, topic dealt with CONFIDENCE. The more you participate in any endeavor, the more proficient you become. That creates CONFIDENCE and an even more desire to do better. In our sport proficiency is measured in

percentages, (class of level based on ringers).

This article deals with improvement thru new information. Your game is where it’s at based on what you now know and use. To achieve a higher ringer %, a change must take place, or you stay where your % is.

There are two areas of competition that would seem hidden in the background, they are “Sportsmanship and Conduct”. No one wants to compete with others who have a “sour” attitude. We learn mostly by observation and information shared by way of tips from fellow contestants. We strive to be better players, more informed players, to rise through the ranks of percentages to compete with those currently ahead of us.

Some are of the thought that the two elements of “Sportsmanship and Conduct” are not more than a division between a good or bad attitude. John McEnroe, a famous tennis player, was recognized as a tennis “Bad Boy” due to his on-court attitude display. Many of our top athletes in all major sports started out at a young age. Through the years they crossed paths with many “A-Coach” helping them along the path to success. One can teach the physical aspects of a given activity, but attitude is NOT TEACHABLE. We can only explain about what Good or Bad influence it can have regarding advancement towards success.

To wit: getting PO’d only creates a sure way towards failure. Attitude gets in the way of not being able to stay loose; relaxation and concentration are lost when trying to fix something that isn’t broken. Play becomes even worse. Verbalizing discontent, coupled with poor body language or poor speech, is detrimental to all who are around such actions.

Poor sportsmanship or display doesn’t do well for our sport, especially in the eyes of spectators who

may be contemplating indulging in our sport. Conduct as outlined in the “BY-LAWS” of the Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association and the NHPA rules: “No player may indulge in actions, words or phrases disturbing an opponent, nor will profanity or abusive language be permitted on tournament or league grounds.” It is the responsibility of all of us to see that we police ourselves, if for no reason other than the integrity of the sport.

In another sport similar to horseshoe pitching, the sport of bowling, poor attitudes are on display at each and every league or tournament event. It ruins the fun and comradery of association among other members. It kills the fun of play.

Being of good sport and conduct leads to better play, fun, and comradery for all who enjoy the challenges, along with the potential frustration of the sport. There are those who share ideas and tips with others in hopes it may improve their game. But why share valuable information and tips with someone of poor sportsmanship or conduct? It may turn out to be a waste. Next publication: WINNING

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Newsletter Notes

The “Four Dead” newsletter is e-mailed as a PDF only to ISHPA members who have provided their e-mail address to the ISHPA sec/treas.

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Pitching Rules and Etiquette

by Carol Plummer

from **THE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES, GUIDELINES, AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE SPORT OF HORSESHOE PITCHING (aka The RGS Book)**

Rule 12 – Appropriate NHPA Member Conduct

Section A – On the courts: An NHPA member, while in competition, shall make no disturbing noises or movements that would distract the opponent or contestants on adjacent courts. Other inappropriate behavior would include profanity, abusive language, obscene gestures, etc. The first offense shall call for a warning from the judge or a Tournament/League Official. A second offense shall call for a forfeiture of the game being played. Any further offenses shall call forfeiture of all games. This member shall also be subject to a one (1) year suspension from the NHPA.

Section B – Sportsmanship: Any NHPA member who indulges in heckling or unfair rooting, uses profanity or abusive language, makes obscene gestures, or exhibits any other form of un-sportsmanlike conduct toward the contestants, Tournament/League Officials, or other NHPA members who are in the area of the courts, shall be subject to expulsion from the Tournament/League and from the Tournament/League site. The member shall also be subject to a one (1) year suspension from the NHPA.



Section C – Dress Code: All contestants competing in a World Tournament shall have, as a minimum, their last name and State or Country abbreviation professionally lettered on the back of their shirts. Said shirts cannot be sleeveless. No cut-offs are permitted and closed-toe shoes must be worn. Further dress code restrictions may be imposed by the Executive Council. *NOTE: When pitching in our Idaho State Tournament it is required to have a shirt with your name printed on the back and your charter name.*

Section D – Alcohol, Tobacco Products and Illegal Controlled Substances: During the World and State Championship Tournaments, the use of alcohol while in the confines of the courts shall be prohibited for all contestants, officials and scorekeepers. This rule may be adopted into any Charter Bylaws or advance by the Tournament/League Officials. Violations may result in the forfeiture of games.

NOTE: Due to liability insurance it is recommended that no alcohol be allowed in the

pit area. The Treasure Valley parks have a no alcohol and tobacco rule. Alcohol permits may be attained for certain tournaments through the Parks and Rec Dept.

Section E – Cell Phone: During the World and State Championship Tournaments, the use of cell phones shall not be allowed by anyone on the courts. The rule may be adopted into any Charter Bylaws. *NOTE: Let's just be polite about cell phone use.*

Rule 3 - Play of the Game

Section D – Position of Contestants During Delivery: When not pitching, any contestant shall stand quietly and stationary, at least two (2) feet behind any contestant on their court or on any adjacent court.

Rule 4 - Flow of the Game

Section A – Possible Delays

1. **Scoring -** Once the four (4) shoes of an inning have been pitched, the contestants shall walk to the opposite pit, determine the score for the inning, and then retrieve their shoes. No shoe shall be moved before its scoring value is determined. If this decision is in doubt, a judge shall be called. The judge shall make the necessary measurements and determine the scoring for the shoe(s) in question. To help speed up play, contestants are encouraged to carry measuring tools and to make their own decisions on scoring, whenever possible.

2. **Opposite State -** No contestant shall walk to the opposite stake (except to remove a foul shoe) or ask to be informed about the position of any pitched shoes prior to the completion of an inning.

Let's all use common sense and good sportsmanship while playing. I hope you have lots and lots of ringers. But remember, have fun always.



Schedule for 2018

Date	Place	Name	Sanction	Contact	Sign-in
April 21	Pocatello	Warmup to World	08-18-001	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
April 21	Nampa	Spring Fling	08-18-002	Carol 484-4685	9:30
April 28	Meridian	WT Qualifier	08-18-003	Randy 661-330-3514	9:30
May 5	Meridian	Pep Classic	08-18-004	Pep 949-8098	9:30
May 6	Boise	Bill Travis Memorial	08-18-005	Dave 440-7132	9:30
May 12	Pocatello	Warmup to World	08-18-006	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
May 19	Nampa	Carpenter Open	08-18-007	Gary 466-8096	9:30
May 19	Coeur d'Alene	North Idaho Jamboree	08-18-008	Glen 691-0784	8:30
May 19	Pocatello	Rim Rock Flop NON		Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
June 2	Nampa	Nampa Classic	08-18-009	Mark 760-808-2119	8:30
June 9	Moscow	Moscow Inaugural	08-18-010	Kay 882-0737	9:00
June 16-17	Meridian	Idaho Potato Open Cost \$20.00	08-18-011	Gary/Carol 484-4685	8:30
June 16	Pocatello	Juneteenth	08-18-012	Jim 237-8007	10:00
June 16	Coeur d'Alene	Elmer Curry Classic	08-18-013	Glen 691-0784	8:30
June 23	Hailey	Wood River Open	08-18-014	Brent 404-4354	10:00
June 30	Pocatello	State Doubles	08-18-015	Brian 201-3326	10:00
July 9-21	Florence, SC	World Tournament			
July 10	Pocatello	SE Senior Games – NON		Jim Robinson 237-8007	10:00
July 14	Moscow	Hog Heaven Challenge	08-18-016	Kay 882-0737	9:00
July 21	Pocatello	Vietnam Legacy Vets- NON		Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
Aug 4	Pocatello	Portneuf Valley Shootout	08-18-017	Nanette 589-9681 or Larry 208-604-3593	10:00
Aug 11	Moscow	Palouse Open	08-18-018	Kay 882-0737	9:00
Aug 11	Pocatello	Shriners NON		Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
Aug 18	Coeur d'Alene	Inland Empire Memorial	08-18-019	Glen 691-0784	8:30
Aug 26	Boise	Benefit HOF \$10.00	08-18-028	Dave 440-7132	9:00
Aug 31	Meridian	Pre-State Warmup	08-18-020	Carol 484-4685	6:00
Sept 1-2	Meridian	Idaho State Championship	08-18-021	Brian 201-3326/Carol 484-4685	8:30
Sept 8	Pocatello	Bar League	08-18-022	Gary Curtis	10:00
Sept 22	Nampa	Parks & Recs.	08-18-023	Pep 949-8098	9:30
Sept 29	Meridian	Autumn Classic	08-18-024	Carol 484-4685	9:30
Oct 6	Meridian	Fall Roundup	08-18-025	Carol 484-4685	9:30
Oct 6	Jackpot, NV	Jackpot Blind Draw Doubles NON		Nanette 208-589-9681	Noon
Oct 13	Meridian	Pumpkin Shootout\$\$	08-18-026	Pep 949-8098	9:30
Oct 20	Meridian	Freeze Out Special, Call First	08-18-027	Carol 208-484-4685	11:30

All Tournament Director phone number prefix is 208 except for Randy and Mark.

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), Pumpkin Shootout \$10.00. Idaho Potato Open will be using the tour format, \$20.00. Doughnuts & Water are provided, no lunch. Handicapping is at TD's discretion.

Most Pocatello tournaments are \$20.00 including lunch. Coeur d'Alene tournaments are at Winton Park, have \$15.00 entry fees, and do not include lunch. Moscow tournaments are at East City Park; entry fee is \$5.00; water and doughnuts provided. State Singles and World are pre-registered. State costs \$20.00, World \$130.00. Call Tournament Director by Thursday at 7:00 pm to register for the weekend tournaments.

For info for Meridian, call Floyd 208-871-6856.

Meridian league Tuesday night, Carol 484-4686; Nampa league Thursday, Pep 949-8098. Leagues start in mid-April or as weather permits.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association
<http://www.pitchwithus.com/idaho/>

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association
<http://www.horseshoepitching.com/>

The NHPA card is a combination membership of the state and the national horseshoe pitching associations. This card entitles you to participate in NHPA sanctioned play throughout the United States and much of Canada, where ever you meet the requirements of the event. You must pay your dues through the state charter where you maintain legal residence as determined by voting, taxes, and/or drive's license laws.

Dues are based on the calendar year. New Members may pay next year's dues after Oct. 1st of the current year and will be eligible to participate in sanctioned events for the final 3 months of the current year, as well as all of the next year. As a member of the Idaho Charter, you will receive newsletters and a schedule of all sanctioned and some non-sanctioned tournaments for the state.

Your pitching stats from all sanctioned events will be forwarded to the NHPA stats headquarters called NatStats. These stats are updated weekly and can be accessed through the NHPA website. To make all this possible, your NHPA card will have six digits followed by two decimals. Idaho is region 08, followed by four digits, which is your membership number. The two decimals represent the calendar year. The decimal and color of the NHPA card change each year. Your membership number will remain with you as long as you reside in Idaho and continue to maintain your membership. If you ever lose your NHPA card, the charter secretary will issue you a duplicate card free of charge. You need only notify the Sec./Treas.

Please fill in all information on the form below that applies to you and mail along with total amount of dues to the ISHPA Sec./Treas. (address below) Please make checks payable to: ISHPA

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Name: _____ Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____ Date of birth: ___/___/_____

City: _____, ID Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

NHPA# _____ Approx. yrs. in NHPA _____ New Member → YES NO

Check one of the following:

Adult _____

Junior _____ (18 and under for the entire calendar year)

Cadet _____ (12 and under for the entire calendar year)

Check one of the following: Male _____ Female _____

Check one of the following: 40' pitcher _____ 30' pitcher _____

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