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President's Message



Hello all Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers,

I hope that you all made it through the winter as healthy as ever and ready to pitch horseshoes. We have about 5 weeks before our horseshoe tournament season starts. It looks like the weather will be warm enough to get outside and get some practice in prior

to the first tournament or league. There are about 35 tournaments and some weekday leagues to choose from this year. I got out for the first time last week and pitched a few shoes at the park. There was proof left at Julia Davis Park that others had been practicing, as the courts were in decent shape (thanks, David) and there was a handful of individually wrapped breath mints that was left by someone. (I am guessing Pep left them.) While practicing, a gentleman walked up and watched me pitch a few shoes. I could tell he wanted to pitch a few as he asked where he could get a pair of shoes. I always carry an extra pair with me and we pitched together for 30 minutes. He was from out of town and said he was interested in pitching. I gave him the NHPA website address (www.horseshoepitching.com) and just like that the state of Washington may have another member. Remember, there is \$100 for the member who recruits the most new members for Idaho this year.

The 2021 World Tournament will be in Winnemucca, Nevada. This can be used as a great recruiting tool for new members interested in pitching. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for more information. The State Singles Tournament will be in Coeur d'Alene September 12-13. State Doubles will be in Pocatello August 1-2. The Horseshoe Tour will be in Winnemucca on August 15-16. Anybody can pitch in this tournament, and it is a good opportunity to check out Winnemucca prior to the 2021 WT.

Get out there and get some practice in; I will see you on the courts.

Rodney Pickering, ISHPA President

Dollars and Sense

It's starting to feel like spring here, in Boise, that is. Hoping the weather in your area is good and the snow will leave soon. As spring approaches it's that time of year to get the horseshoes out and start pitching a few shoes.

As I have said before: No NHPA membership cards are being issued any more. You can still pay for your NHPA



membership through your local secretary or you may pay online with the NHPA Eshoe program. You must pay for your NHPA membership before you can pitch in any sanctioned tournament. The new Eshoe program has had a few more changes to it. No longer will it have your address and email address on it. State secretaries will have to keep separate records with your contact information on it. When you go online to the Eshoe program on the NHPA web site to look up someone, you will see their NHPA number and the latest ringer percentage. This information will be used by the Tournament Directors when they place pitchers in classes for their tournaments.

Our membership needs to be increased. Let's all try to bring at least one new person to the courts to pitch shoes with you. Don't forget the \$100 prize to the member who recruits the most new members. Help them have the same fun and laughs that we all enjoy. Let's try to build our membership back up to over 100 this year.

Tournament Directors: Don't forget that the per pitcher payment to the state association was raised by a dollar. So please send me \$2 for each pitcher in each of your tournaments. And, I need to get the stats from your tournaments within five days of the event. It's critical that the stats are kept up to date.

See you all at the courts.

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Hall of Fame Report

The Hall of Fame Committee members have been busy during the “off-season,” which I mentioned in the last newsletter. Our completed work is now on the ISHPA web site where you will find these updated documents: Biographical information with photos of the members of the Hall of Fame, new Guidelines for the HOF, and a Nomination Form for potential inductees.



We induct into the HOF on even-numbered years, so this year at the State Singles tournament in Coeur d’Alene we intend to induct a minimum of one person into the Hall of Fame. The one person we have so far did a lot for our sport in the northern part of the state as far as promotion and organizing horseshoes, plus this individual also introduced horseshoes in schools.

Good Pitchen’

David Spears, 1st VP and HOF Chairperson
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EARN \$100.00

Hey fellow pitchers! It’s time to recruit for this year, and we all need to step up to the task. Our membership numbers are dwindling. If we don’t do something to boost our membership, there may not be tournaments or horseshoe pitching in the future. You younger pitchers need to keep this



in mind as those older pitchers are still available to help with their skills. We are offering \$100.00 to the ISHPA member who gets the most new recruits.

The way to win this cash prize is to encourage your friends to get involved with our pitching community. The new recruits will be able to pitch in their first tournament once they pay their dues to the National and State associations. They can qualify for their ringer percentage on the day of their first tournament or schedule with a representative before the tournament. Once they play in a tournament, they will learn how fun and friendly our sport is. Please help make this plan successful so that next year these new members can bring in their friends and family and we can raise the prize money. EVERYBODY needs to take this seriously as the future of Idaho horseshoes is in jeopardy. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me to make a donation to the prize fund. If we get more donations, the prize pot grows. We will see how this goes in its first year and discuss any changes at the State Annual Meeting held in Northern Idaho at State Singles.

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Come Pitch with Us



"Pep Talk Corner"



Editor's note: Pep found an interesting article in the *Bowling This Month* magazine published in January of 2006 that brings forth some good parallels between bowling and horseshoe pitching. Pep has taken much of the article written by Dr. Dean Hintz and added references to pitching. Credit for the majority of the below article goes to Dr. Hintz.

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"The Mind Game"

The competition cycle/one shot at a time

Natural Play: Maximizing Technique with "Mental Frames (Innings) of Mind."

Nature's way is simple and easy, but people prefer what is INTRICATE and ARTIFICIAL. Greatness lies not in being strong, But in the right use of Strength.

This article comes by way of an article in a Bowling Coaching Magazine known as *Bowling This Month*. The author is Dr. Dean Hintz, a clinical sports psychologist, a bowler, former competitive gymnast, and black belt in Japanese-Style Karate.

The mind game addresses all manner of sports activity, their "Challenges" that lie by there-in as "Hurdles" that causes "Frustrations" that act on the mind is a manner referred to as "ATTITUDE!" What's Yours? Attitude can affect mannerism of play.

Though this article addresses the challenging sport (a game) of Bowling, it can also Parallel the Challenging Game of Horseshoes. There are many aspects that are "Physically Similar" in their mannerisms of execution. MIND OVER MATTER.

Where the article refers areas or items of bowling, in your reading change those subjects to be elements of HORSESHOES.



There is a reason our eyes are drawn to certain athletes as they perform. Watching John Daly cream a golf ball, Barry Bonds hit a baseball, or Tommy Jones strike on the first shot, or Allen Francis throw a double in horseshoes. All have some things in common. First is undeniable raw power that you could hook a voltage meter to. Second is the near flawless execution of movement in harmony with what the laws of nature demand.

Usually we think of these qualities in terms of the physical game...and we should. Virtually all of the coaching help offered in this magazine is designed to get you and your bowling ball delivery integrated with gravity, the lanes, and the pins. But few athletes appreciate that there are mental game frames of mind that will set you up to maximize this physical game training. The intention of this month's work is to prepare you to harness maximum technique in order to learn

the power in your own natural bowling (horseshoes).

The beauty of natural bowling (or throwing horseshoes) is that once you learn how to move in this way you will have a fallback mechanism to find the ultimate athlete who lives inside you. Gymnasts, martial artists, and golfers are just a few of the athletes who rely on the principles to succeed. When you look at the top bowlers it should be easy to see nature's basics at work. Now let's get them working in you!

NATURAL BOWLING (horseshoe) PRINCIPLE #1

The most efficient mental and physical paths are defined by nonresistance. Bowling presents everyone who plays the game with challenges. If it didn't, we wouldn't do it. Problems might include limits to your physical game, untamed fears or focus problems, problems with teammates, or some other issue in the physical environment like approaches or oil patterns. For horseshoes it would be raised courts, clay, or sand.

When life knocks on the door with a problem or limitation there are four ways you can approach the issue:

A) SURRENDER. Some people seek peace of mind by thinking or saying that they are helpless to do anything about their skill level. They believe that they have no options for responding to various competition conditions, or their ability to receive coaching and improve.

B) IGNORE THE SITUATION: In a classic variation on the ostrich in the sand approach to life, many bowlers (pitchers) keep doing whatever they always do, even if they are failing to achieve desired results, going against what life tells them is easiest or best. The results always involve unnecessary struggles, but the energy required to raise your head and look around is, for many, too exhausting, painful, or unnerving. So, bowlers (pitchers) often choose to adopt everything that is familiar, sacrificing what is really called for.

C) RESIST WHAT THE BALL (Horseshoe) LANES (Courts), OR LIFE IS TELLING YOU ABOUT YOUR GAME. The state of affairs occurs when bowlers (pitchers) are clear that their game is supposed to be played a certain way, with their favorite equipment, with just a few mental game tools.

D) MAKE TOTAL USE OF NATURAL FORCES. This is what makes bowlers as diverse as Tommy Jones or pitchers Allen Francis such a joy to watch. Simply put, their games are in harmony with gravity/life. From pushaway, to leverage at release, anyone who is athletic enough to be familiar with grace and correct movement, can intuitively see that what they are doing is both beautiful and natural. They use gravity by letting the ball (horseshoe) drop itself into the swing, letting the natural swing dictate the ball (horseshoe) path, and waiting for the horseshoe to want to return to earth, getting their bodies to apply leverage when the horseshoe hits the bottom.



NATURAL BOWLING (horseshoe) PRINCIPLE #2

DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWS DEMAND. In a nutshell, if you do not take on increasingly difficult challenges you will not further develop as an athlete. If you put yourself in high demand situations, you open the door for maximum gains. If you put yourself in teeny demand circumstances, you open yourself to teeny, or no gains. Change in demand can look like tougher competition.

When you do this, you will also have to have a tolerance for perceived failure. If you were a weightlifter who could bench press 150 pounds for eight repetitions, you would maintain a certain fitness level. However, if you bumped it up to 175 pounds for eight repetitions, you might only be able to do four repetitions. This might feel like failure at first, you would realize that by increasing demands of yourself, doing a bit more than you were comfortable with, you have some stutter steps along the way.

In order to do this with maximum effectiveness, challenge yourself in small increments outside of your comfort zone. For example, if you are new to competition, do not start with entering the World Tournament. Start at a level that will stretch you, not demolish you.

More than anything, keep the natural process of all learning in mind. If your intention is to improve, virtually everything you do is stepping-stone. If you can fully embrace this perspective you can enjoy both a sense of humor and mind soothing patience as well.

NATURAL BOWLING (horseshoe) PRINCIPLE #3

BALANCE WORKS.....EVERYWHERE. Balance is obviously key for the start, middle, and finish of the shot delivery. But, remember this is a principle, not just something you need to practice at the point of delivery.

Sometimes you hear bowlers (pitchers) who practice hundreds of games per week, week after week, with few or no breaks. At first blush this seems like an admirable commitment. But all things in nature require down time for healing, recovery and for learning to metabolize. Endless and ceaseless training is a prescription for burnout, injury, and locking one into the current skill level.

Look at your food, alcohol, and exercise patterns. Out of balance in any area of training or living with have uncomfortably predictable results. The same is true for balancing your reliance on outside feedback versus your internal and intuitive knowledge of how to play. Over dependence on either is like operating with less than all of the intelligence available to you.

NATURAL BOWLING (horseshoe) PRINCIPLE #4

GROWTH AND LEARNING HAPPEN AS MATTER OF PROGRESSION. You really do have to crawl before you can walk. Frustration with progress is often a result of thinking that getting better looks like a lightning bolt, than like the natural cycle of the seasons of progression. Natural order is a law of learning. Humans are funny. They believe that they can bypass the rules.

It is good to set goals. But remember they are goals! Bowlers (pitchers) often treat goal setting like they are making wishes with a genie in a bottle. Then they get upset when the wish is not granted immediately. Or worse yet, they think

that once they experience the acquisition of a skill, that they should never have a down day, or lose the handle on their execution once they make some gains.

Here is the deal. If you are getting coached, and you are practicing, and you are bringing your best to your bowling (pitching) efforts, then whatever happens on the lanes (courts) is a perfect step in your progression. That's it, folks. Any frustration or self-punishment you generate in your mind is needless flogging. Nothing is gained. And the negative self-talk is a reflection of arrogance, in that you think you do not have to behave in line with the principles of life and learning.

The equation for improvement is: time, practicing + intensity of focus + accurate feedback = progress.

These are the rules. I don't make them up; I'm just here to remind you about them. Life dances us, we don't dance life. That principles stand as follows:

The most efficient mental and physical paths are defined by non-resistance.

Development follows demand.

Balance works.... everywhere.

Growth and learning happen as a matter of progression.

Let's break these down simply. If you are experiencing some aspect of your bowling (pitching) as grating, clunky, or filled with strain, then you are in resistance to the forces of nature. Your physical game should have a sense of flow. Your mental and emotional game should reflect mature acceptance of conditions, results, and processes of growth, learning, and life.

You only get better by slightly overloading your comfort zone, skill level, and conditioning. Doing what you are already good and competent at can be fun and rewarding. And it is important to fortify a sense of mastery periodically. But if you do not bring yourself to stretch beyond your comfort zone, you may need to tell yourself to push yourself or you will stagnate at exactly your current game play level.

Balance, first, last, and always, will save your game. It will also save your peace of mind. It is easy to spot great balance in the physical game. But it takes discipline to highlight balance as one of the keys to all athletic exercises. Less common is an individual's attention to balance in all other aspects of life. Look at your attention to your internal sensing of what feels natural and connected, in addition to the feedback you may get from others.

Look at your emotional reactions to great and poor execution and results. These reactions should reflect balance as well. If life can jerk you around the block emotionally, your mind will lose its reflective and learning qualities. Meltdown is the likely outcome, and the little kid in you ends up feeling kicked around.

Finally, you have to recognize that life happens in order...natural order. Set your goals, get your vision straight, and then accept that every path has twists, turns, rewards, and obstacles. Some gains will come quickly; some will seem to take forever. As hard as it may be to accept, the direction of progress is generally more important than the pace of progress.

There is a recipe for the process of progress. As noted above: set your goals, set aside the time to train, show up with pure intention in the moments of training and competition, integrate feedback from within and without, and voila', we have an excellent work in progress. Remember the four principles; they will immeasurably enhance your progress! By the way, if you are not laughing along the way, you have missed some of the best parts of the journey.

There you have it. Throw in liberal doses of great physical game instruction and you can be a NATURAL PITCHER. Like a garden that is well watered and fertilized, you will have prepared yourself for your own natural game to flower! The result is as individual, unique, and fun to watch, as you are.



Schedule for 2020

Date	Place	Name	Sanction	Contact	Sign-in
April 18	Pocatello Rim Rock	Warmup to World #1	08-20-001	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
April 25	Nampa	Spring Fling	08-20-002	Pep 208-949-8098	10:00
April 25	Pocatello Rim Rock	Warmup to World #2	08-20-003	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
May 2	Boise	The Fix	08-20-004	Dave 208 440-7132	10:00
May 9	Coeur d'Alene	North Idaho Jamboree	08-20-005	Glen 208-691-0784	8:30
May 9	Pocatello Rim Rock	Warmup to World #3	08-20-006	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
May 16	Meridian	Let's Pitch	08-20-007	Randy 208-972-1300	9:30
May 16	Pocatello Ross Park	May Day	08-20-008	Jim 208-251-7008	10:00
May 30	Meridian	Meridian Open	08-20-009	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30
May 30	Pocatello Rim Rock	Rim Rock Flop non-sanctioned		Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
June 6	Moscow	Moscow Classic	08-20-010	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00
June 13	Coeur d'Alene	Elmer Curry Classic	08-20-011	Glen 208-691-0784	8:30
June 13	Pocatello Ross Park	Juneteenth	08-20-012	Jim 208-251-7008	10:00
June 20	Boise	NHPF Benefit	08-20-013	Dave 208-440-7132	8:30
June 20	Pocatello Rim Rock	Bobby Faulkner Memorial non-sanctioned		Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
June 27	Hailey	Wood River Open	08-20-014	Brent 208-404-4354	10:00
July 11	Moscow	Hog Heaven Challenge	08-20-015	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00
July 11	Nampa	Kollmann Open	08-20-016	Gary 208-466-8096	8:30
July 11	Pocatello Rim Rock	Vietnam Vets Legacy non-sanctioned		Jim 208-251-7008	10:00
July 13-25	Monroe Louisiana	World Horseshoe Tournament	NHPA Web site www.horseshoepitching.com		
July 14	Pocatello Ross Park	South East Idaho Senior Games non-sanctioned		Jim 208-251-7008	10:00
July 25	Pocatello Rim Rock	Winnemucca #1	08-20-017	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
Aug 1	Pocatello Ross Park	State Doubles	08-20-018	Brian 208-201-3326	10:00
Aug 8	Pocatello Rim Rock	Winnemucca #2	08-20-019	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00
Aug 8	Moscow	Palouse Open	08-20-020	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00
Aug 9	Boise	Money \$20.00	08-20-021	Dave 208-440-7132	8:30
Aug 15	Coeur d'Alene	Inland Empire Memorial	08-20-022	Glen 208-691-0784	8:30
Aug 15-16	Winnemucca, NV	Horseshoe Tour	www.thehorseshoetour.com		
Aug 19	Meridian	Weekday Special	08-20-023	Carol 208-484-4685	6:30 PM
Aug 22	Pocatello Ross Park	Doug's #1	08-20-024	Doug 208-241-1462	10:00
Aug 29	Meridian	Donuts and Ringers	08-20-025	Randy 208-972-1300	8:30
Aug 29	Pocatello Ross Park	Horseshoeing Around	08-20-026	Carrie 208-380-0418	10:00
Sept 2	Meridian	Weekday Special #2	08-20-027	Carol 208-484-4685	6:30 PM
Sept 11	Coeur d'Alene	Warm-up to State	08-20-028	Carol 208-484-4685	6:00 PM
Sept 12-13	Coeur d'Alene	State Singles Tournament	08-20-029	Rodney 208-830-9694	8:30
Sept 19	Kennewick, WA	Pacific Northwest Pre-register		Phyllis Quist 360-384-4544	
Sept 26	Nampa	Autumn Classic	08-20-030	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30
Oct 3	Meridian	Freeze Out	08-20-031	Carol 208-484-4685	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 \$15.00 except Benefits (\$20.00). Doughnuts & Water are provided, no lunch. Tournament director makes format for tournament. 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. Meridian League will start on April 21 at 6:15 PM; call Carol 208-484-4685 for more info. Dave Spears league Boise starts May 18, non-sanctioned, and cost is \$2.00 per week.

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, wherever 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 driver's license laws.

Dues are based on the calendar year. New members may pay next year's dues after October 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

Carol Plummer 6823 W. Ashland Drive Boise ID 83709 idkegler@aol.com (208) 484-4685	ADULT DUES 25.00 National 10.00 State \$35.00 Total	JUNIORS & CADETS 5.00 National 1.00 State \$6.00 Total	MAILED NEWSLETTER If you do not have an e-mail address, to receive the issues in the postal mail, add \$10.00
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(Cut along line and return this portion with your dues)

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 _____



The 2021 World Tournament for Horseshoe Pitching is in Winnemucca, NV!

Idaho pitchers,

Those who love or enjoy the sport of Horseshoe Pitching have a special opportunity coming to them at Winnemucca, Nevada in July of 2021. Winnemucca will be the site of the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament. It is rare for the venue of this extraordinary tournament to come to our geographical region. Pitchers competing in this tournament come from nearly every state in the United States as well as the countries of Canada, South Africa, and elsewhere to participate in this 13-day event.

You need not be an outstanding horseshoe pitcher to participate because a variety of divisions are set up for men, women, children, and elder men, with each division having different classes of expertise.

In order to participate in this event, you would first need to join the Idaho/National Horseshoe Pitchers Association and pitch in a minimum of four sanctioned tournaments to establish a ringer percentage 12 months prior to the registration deadline for the World Tournament (usually mid-May). Your ringer percentage places you in a class with other pitchers near your percentage.

Tournaments that are sanctioned meet competition standards set by the NHPA (National Horseshoe Pitchers Association). The Treasure Valley area offers several opportunities at three different parks, including Boise (Julia Davis Park), Meridian (Settlers Park) or Nampa (Lakeview Park). Outside the Treasure Valley area are other opportunities to pitch in sanctioned tournaments: Pocatello, Hailey, Moscow, and Coeur d'Alene.

For more information on the World Tournament, sanctioned tournaments, or how to get involved in pitching horseshoes, please check our web site at <http://pitchwithus.com/Idaho> or contact one of the following officers of the Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association shown below:

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ENTRY FORM (READ CAREFULLY)

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

July 13th – July 25th

West Monroe, Louisiana

2020 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



Name: _____ **2020 NHPA Card #** _____
(Please Print) First Last (or Canadian #)

Address: _____

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

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

Email: _____

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 30ft (see note #3)	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 13th, 2020

No refunds will be made after May 17th, 2020

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: U.S. ADULTS -- \$130.00 • ALL JUNIORS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY
ALL OTHER ADULTS - \$133.00

CANADIAN ENTRIES MUST USE MONEY ORDERS

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES SCORE KEEPING

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

TO: NHPA
PO Box 205
Drexel, MO 64742

Direct Telephone & Email Inquiries to:
Phone (816) 738-0868
Email sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a **postmark no later than May 13, 2020**. Entries received with a postmark after May 13th 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 13, 2020, 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 13th, 2019.

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 provide identification when checking in. You may enter at anytime prior to May 13th. 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 2020. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2020, 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 2020 calendar year. **JUNIOR CADET DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2020 calendar year.

Note # 1. 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must include a copy of their NHPA Charter Acceptance letter to verify 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 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.

36th TEAM WORLD ENTRY FORM

May 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2020

Enclosed Courts at the Edwards Activity Center at
Telfer Park in Beloit, Wisconsin
(2101 Cranston Road, Beloit, Wisconsin)

Hosted by the Beloit Horseshoe Club
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4-5 Player Teams from the same State or Canada
compete in head-to-head competition for the title
of "Team World Champions"

Over \$5,000 in Prize Money awarded
Thanks to Tournament Sponsors

Teams earn the opportunity to win door prizes of
CHEESE throughout the tournament with 70%+ games

Maximum limit of entries is 24 Teams

Lowest entering ringer percentage team(s) from a State with
multiple teams entered will be denied entry if the Committee
receives more than the maximum limit of teams or if an odd
number of teams have entered the event

Entry Fee is \$200 per team

An additional \$1 per game is collected at the start of the
tournament to pay for scorekeeping

Entry Deadline is April 15th, 2020

Send Entries to: **Jeff Secord**
W2805 Johnsburg Road
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Checks should be written to: **TEAM WORLD**

Captain contact phone number or e-mail

State or Canada: _____

	Player Name	NHPA#	Distance Pitcher
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

5th player is OPTIONAL (max limit 3 @ 30')

TEAM WORLD PROCEDURES AND RULES OF PLAY

- This is an NHPA sanctioned tournament; NHPA rules apply.
- Teams are comprised of (4) adult pitchers from any division (Men, Women, and/or Elders) from the same U.S. state or from Canada.
- A maximum of (3) short distance pitchers on a team roster.
- Teams have the option to include a 5th player without any additional entry fee. This 5th player:
 - May be from any adult division (Men, Women, and/or Elders) provided the combination does not exceed the maximum limit of (3) short distance pitchers; and
 - Must be from the same U.S. state as the rest of the team. A 5th player on a Canadian team must be from Canada.
- All competition consists of singles play, no handicap, with 40-shoe cancellation games.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- Preliminary rounds consist of each team competing against all other teams for one match in a round robin format.
- Preliminary play begins on Friday and concludes on Sunday.
- Teams are awarded one point for each game win and a tie game after 40 shoes stands as a tie with each team earning ½ point for the match.
- Maximum point total a team can earn in each round is 4 points.
- Only the top five teams ranked by wins at the end of the preliminary rounds advance to finals competition. All other teams have completed play.

MATCH PLAY FORMAT FOR PRELIMS

- A team representative must report to the scorer's table prior to each match for an official coin toss.
- The teams that win the coin toss choose individual opponent pairings for the team match.
- The teams that lose the coin toss have choice of courts and first pitch to start the match.

FINAL ROUNDS

- Final rounds occur on Sunday at the conclusion of the Preliminary round robin.
- The team ranked #1 by team wins automatically advances to the final match. Teams ranked #2 through #5 by team wins compete in single elimination match play.
- Opponent pairings in the final rounds are determined by percentage order according to final ringer percentage earned during preliminary competition.
- The team that wins this single-elimination competition plays the number 1 ranked team in a final match. The winner of the final match is recognized as "Team World Tournament Champions!"

Questions? Email: jeffsecord@outlook.com or
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