



FOUR DEAD

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President's Message



I hope that you and your families all have made it through another winter as healthy as ever and ready to pitch some horseshoes. We have about a month before our horseshoe tournaments start, so go find those shoes and begin practicing!

We again have a full schedule of tournaments

this year starting April 10th and wrapping up the year October 16th. Both the State Singles and Doubles tournaments will be in Meridian this year. Please be aware that the State Doubles Tournament will be earlier than usual--it will be May 22 at Settlers Park in Meridian. State Singles will be held August 28-29, with the warm-up tournament on August 27th. It was discussed at the 2020 State Tournament to have the business meeting in the morning on Saturday; I think this is a great idea, so we will try this out this year.

The World Tournament will be held in Winnemucca, NV July 19th - 31st. For information on the World Tournament visit <http://winnemuccahorseshoes.com>. This tournament doesn't come around the Northwest very often; here is your chance to go test your skills! One lucky contestant at the World Tournament will win a 32-ounce silver horseshoe donated by the Coeur Rochester Mine. The World Tournament entry form is on page 7 of this newsletter, but let me highlight some of the entry requirements.

World Entry Deadline: June 8th, 2021

Entries received after the deadline 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 two (2) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months prior to June 8th, 2021, in the same division you are entering. Only one (1) event is required for Juniors. Exceptions for US Armed Forces members and family and Rule 11, Sec D.1 of the RGS Book. Contact NHPA for more information regarding qualifying exceptions. All averages used

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will be the average on record in NATSTATS / CANSTATS as of June 8th, 2021. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. NHPA members must show ID or membership card at check in. CANADIAN entrants must show their 2021 membership card when checking in. You may enter at any time prior to June 8th. Please see note regarding refunds.

The pitching schedule will be finalized by June 12th and published on the NHPA website. If you indicated on the entry form to receive the schedule by mail, it will be mailed to the address you have listed after the schedule is finalized. Entry Fee is as follows: U.S. Adults: \$130.00. All Juniors and Cadets: \$25.00. Non-US Adults: \$133.00 Entry fee includes scorekeeper and judging.

Note: The entry deadline for World is later than usual, which means the minimum of two (not the usual four!) tournaments must have been within the 12 months prior to June 8, 2021.

See You on the Courts!!

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Dollars and Sense



It's starting to get warmer, and you know what that means: get those horseshoes out, clean them up, and get your pitching arm ready. I for one am so ready to get out of the house and pitch some shoes. The first Idaho tournament will be on April 10th in Pocatello at the Rim Rock Bar and Grill. The

2021 schedule is on the NHPA Eshoe web app under Events. (The schedule is also included in this issue of the newsletter and on our web site.) If you are a tournament director and want to add some information about your tournaments, send the information in an email to me at idkegler@aol.com. Pep Plummer, our Regional Director, is the one who enters all the tournament data now. (Pep gets a lot of help from me since he is not very good with a PC.)



You can purchase your NHPA/ISHPA membership online with the Eshoe program. Note that it will cost you an additional \$1.40 to pay online since they use PayPal for the payment and PayPal charges a transaction fee to use their app. Or, you could mail me a check to pay your dues. There is a membership form in this newsletter that has the information I need to complete your membership. Please be extra careful with your handwriting if you write your e-mail address on the membership form. Once I receive your check, I go into the Eshoe app and mark you as paid. Your dues must be paid before you pitch in your first tournament.

There is a new way for tournament directors to send tournament results to the NHPA stats. In the HSMaster program, after you enter a tournament there will be a code number you must use to send the results up to the NHPA. I haven't used this option yet because we haven't had any tournaments. If you are in Pocatello, I'm sure you can get help from Brian Poole regarding how to use this new HSMaster feature. For our other clubs, just send me the tournament results and I will put them into HSMaster for you. Once the tournament is entered and sent to NHPA, the ringer percentages for those pitchers will be updated automatically. We no longer have to wait

for a week to see updated ringer percentages. This feature is going to make it so much better for all of us, pitchers as well as tournament directors. In addition, if a person has not paid their dues, HSMaster will show that person as not being a card holder. Remember, you will no longer get a physical membership card, and you will now keep your membership number forever, even if you move to another state.

For those of you who do not have a ringer percentage on the Eshoe app, you must create an initial ringer percentage by pitching 100 shoes. Those 100 shoes must be pitched on a sanctioned court with a current card holder present to verify your ringers. If you have any questions on using HSMaster or for any other related questions you might have, you can call me at any time: 208-484-4685. I usually have my phone with me at all times. If I do not answer, please leave a voice message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

On April 10 I am planning on going to Pocatello for that first tournament. I can help with renewing your dues right there so your ringer percentage and stats will go directly to the NHPA. I can also answer questions and help you while I am there.

Pep and I have had some discussions with the NHPA board about the July World Tournament in Winnemucca. As far as we know right now, the World Tournament is a go (last year's was canceled because of coronavirus). We might have to wear a face mask; we don't know yet. Pep and I will be at World for the entire tournament. We help set up and tear down. Pep is a judge, and I am a scorekeeper. We have a lot of fun when we are there, and it is so nice to see our fellow horseshoe pitchers from around the country.

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check out the NHPA web site and
the Eshoe app

Hall of Fame Report



Hello membership,

To start off my Hall of Fame article I would first like to mention that committee member Karen Wickham stepped aside. I want to thank Karen for her contributions to the committee. I have asked Nanette Spangler to consider joining the

committee, and she has accepted.

The Hall of Fame inductions take place in the even-numbered years, so 2021 is an off year for inductions. In the interim, we encourage our members to consider nominating well-deserving individuals. The Hall of Fame Guidelines have been updated to more accurately reflect what qualities we seek when we review nominees as potential inductees. Our ISHPA website includes the HOF Guidelines as well as a HOF Nomination form. To nominate someone, download the Nomination form, fill it out, and send it to me. I then share the nominations for all of the committee members to review, discuss, and evaluate.

Thank you, and may we have a better tournament year ahead,

David Spears, HOF Chairperson and 1st VP
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Kootenai County: Club President Dave Allinger reports that 2021 will be a rebuilding year for their club. They welcome new members. Their activities will begin once the weather is warm enough, likely by early May. Contact Dave at phone number 208-661-1647 for more information.

Treasure Valley: The Treasure Valley club will have its first tournament on April 17 in Nampa. League will start on April 20 at 6 PM at Settlers Park in Meridian. Bring a friend to league. "Let's have a great season this year," Carol Plummer states.

Carol adds that the Treasure Valley Club will have a planning meeting prior to the State Singles tournament in August; more information will be forthcoming. She will also be accepting orders for shirts for State and World. Orders must be placed by the end of May to allow sufficient time to arrive.

Moscow: Moscow does not have a formal club, but through its Parks & Recreation Department there are summer leagues: a doubles league pitches on Tuesday evenings and a singles league pitches on Wednesday evenings. The week prior to the start of leagues in late May there is a free horseshoe pitching clinic. Contact Kay Keskinen for more info.



2021 Tournaments:

- Idaho State Doubles: May 22, Meridian
- World Tournament: July 19-31, Winnemucca, NV
- Idaho State Singles: August 28-29, Meridian



Schedule for 2021

Date	Place	Name	Contact	Sign-in	Cost
April 10	Pocatello Rim Rock	Warm-up to World #1	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00	\$15.00
April 17	Pocatello Rim Rock	Warm-up to World #2	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00	\$15.00
April 17	Nampa	Spring Fling	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$15.00
April 24	Pocatello Rim Rock	Warm-up to World #3	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00	\$15.00
May 1	Nampa	May Day	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$15.00
May 5	Meridian	Cinco de Mayo	Carol 208-484-4685	6:00	\$ 5.00
May 8	Pocatello Rim Rock	Warm-up to World #4	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00	\$15.00
May 8	Boise	Have or Have Not	Dave 208-440-7132	9:30	\$22.00
May 15	Pocatello Ross Park	May Day	Jim 208-251-7008	9:30	\$20.00
May 15	Coeur d'Alene	North Idaho Jamboree	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$15.00
May 22	Meridian	State Doubles	Rodney 208-830-9694 Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$20.00
May 29	Pocatello Rim Rock	Rim Rock Flop NS	Steve 20-221-8935	10:00	\$15.00
June 5	Pocatello Ross Park	Horseshoes At Stake	Danny 208-380-0345	9:30	\$20.00
June 5	Moscow	Moscow Classic	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00	\$ 5.00
June 12	Pocatello Rim Rock	Boddy Falkner Memorial NS	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00	\$15.00
June 12	Boise	NHPF Benefit	Carol 208-484-4685	8:30	\$20.00
June 12	Coeur d'Alene	Elmer Currie Classic	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$15.00
June 19	Pocatello Ross Park	Juneteenth	Jim 208-251-7008	9:30	\$20.00-
June 19	Meridian	Let's Pitch	Randy 208-972-1300	8:30	\$15.00
June 26	Hailey	Wood River Open	Brent 208-404-4354	9:30	\$20.00
July 10	Pocatello Rim Rock	Vietnam Veteran Memorial NS	Steve 208-221-8935	10:00	\$15.00
July 10	Moscow	Hog Heaven Challenge	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00	\$ 5.00
July 19-31	Winnemucca, NV	World Horseshoe Tournament	www.horseshoepitching.com		
Aug 7	Pocatello Ross Park	Doug's Special	Doug 208-241-1462	9:30	\$20.00
Aug 14	Nampa	Summer Days	Carol 208-484-4685	8:30	\$15.00
Aug 14	Moscow	Palouse Open	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00	\$ 5.00
Aug 14	Jackpot, NV	Jackpot Open NS	Nanette 208-589-9681	12:00	
Aug 21	Pocatello Ross Park	Horseshoeing Around	Carey 208-380-0418	9:30	\$20.00
Aug 21	Coeur d'Alene	Inland Empire Memorial	Darla 208-691-6693	8:30	\$15.00
Aug 27	Meridian	Warm-Up to State	Rodney 208-830-9694 Carol 208-484-4685	6:00	\$ 5.00
Aug 28-29	Meridian	State Singles	Rodney 208-830-9694	8:30	\$20.00
Sept 11	Meridian	Patriot Day	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$15.00
Sept 18	Hailey	Wood River Doubles BYOP NS	Brent 208-404-4354	10:00	
Sept 18	Meridian	Carol's Special	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$15.00
Sept 25	Nampa	Fall Special	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$15.00
Oct 9	Meridian	Pumpkin Pitch	Carol 208-484-4685	10:00	\$15.00
Oct 16	Meridian	Freeze Out	Carol 208-484-4685	10:00	\$15.00

A NS by the name of tournament means non-sanctioned. For more information about the tournaments, please check the event tab at web address NHPA-eshoe.com. Call or text tournament director by the Thursday before each tournament to register. Water will be provided, each club may have a luncheon or snacks, check with tournament director.

NHPA Rule Review - Rule 3 - Play of the Game and Value of the Shoe

Section A - Innings The game is divided into innings. Each inning consists of four (4) pitched shoes; two (2) by each contestant.

Section B - Value of the Shoe

1. **Pitched shoes** - After all shoes for the inning have been pitched, they are either considered to be “live shoes” or “dead shoes” and may then be scored accordingly.
 - (1) **Live Shoe** - Refers to any shoe that has been pitched in compliance with the rules of the game and that comes to rest within the pit area.
 - (2) **Dead Shoe** - Another term for a foul shoe that was delivered in non-compliance with one of the rules of the game. This term may also refer to a ringer that has been “cancelled” by an opponent’s ringer.
2. **Shoe in Count**
 - (a) **Ringers** - A ringer is a live shoe that comes to rest while encircling the stake. A straightedge touching either the points or any part of the heel calks (see diagram on page 48) of the shoe must clear (not touch) the stake in order for it to be declared a ringer. A ringer has a value of three (3) points. (See exception for “Ringers Only” format – Rule 6, Section A.2)
 - (b) **Points** - A *live* shoe that is not a ringer, but comes to rest six inches (6”) or closer to the stake, has a value of one (1) point. This includes a “leaner”.
3. **Shoe out of Count** - A shoe that comes to rest more than six inches (6”) from the stake is a shoe “out of count” and has no scoring value. A foul shoe (see Rule 5 for additional information) is also considered to be a shoe that is out of count, no matter where it comes to rest.

Section C - Delivery of Shoes

1. **Delivery** - The contestant pitching first shall deliver both shoes (underhanded, and one at a time) and then the other contestant shall deliver both shoes (underhanded, and one at a time). A contestant may deliver the shoes from either the left or right pitching platform, but in any one inning, both shoes must be delivered from the same platform. A contestant shall pitch the entire tournament with the same hand/arm, except in the case of a medical emergency (to be determined by the Tournament/League Officials).
2. **The Pitcher** - During the entire address and prior to the release of the shoe, the contestant must not start or step completely outside the pitching platform with either foot.

Exceptions:

- (a) A contestant observing the thirty-seven-foot (37’) foul line may start directly behind the pitching platform provided they step within it when they release the shoe. 12
 - (b) A physically challenged contestant requiring assistance of special equipment, such as a wheelchair, must have at least some contact with the pitching platform and be completely behind the twenty-seven-foot (27’) foul line when the shoe is released.
3. **Time Limit** - A contestant shall deliver both shoes within thirty (30) seconds. This time limitation shall be determined by a judge and will start when the contestant steps onto the pitching platform with the intention of pitching and is in a “set” position for the first pitch.

Exceptions:

- (a) Extra time will be allowed to repair a damaged shoe (filing a burr for example).
 - (b) If a contestant becomes distracted due to unusual playing conditions or by another contestant or spectator, they will not be penalized for this additional time.
4. **Accidental Release** - Any shoe that leaves a contestant’s hand once the final step (if taken) and final forward swing of the delivery process has started, shall count as a pitched shoe. A shoe that is accidentally dropped by a contestant before the final step (if taken) and final forward swing has started, shall not be considered a foul shoe and may be picked up and pitched.

Section D - Position of Contestants During Delivery When not pitching, any contestant shall stand quietly and stationary, at least two (2) feet behind their opponent, on their court’s opposite pitching platform, or behind any pitcher on an adjacent platform.

Section E - Crossing Over If both contestants use the same pitching platform to deliver their shoes, the contestant pitching first should cross over (in front of the pit) to the other pitching platform and then move back to the position described in Section D, above. As the first contestant is crossing over in front, the second contestant should be crossing over and onto the same pitching platform, from the rear. If the contestants use opposite pitching platforms, the contestant who pitches first should step directly back, to the position described in Section D, above.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Idaho State Horseshoe Pitchers Association
<http://ishpa.keskinen.org>

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

NHPA membership is a combined membership of the state and the national horseshoe pitching associations. This membership entitles you to participate in NHPA sanctioned play throughout the United States and much of Canada, wherever you meet the event requirements. 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. These stats are updated after each sanctioned tournament and can be accessed through the Eshoe Events app on the NHPA website. Your NHPA membership card number will be six digits: the first two are the region (Idaho is region 08) followed by four digits. Your membership number will remain with you as long as you maintain your membership, even if you move to another state.

Beginning in 2021, NHPA/ISHPA dues may be paid online using PayPal on the Eshoe app at the NHPA web site. If you choose to pay dues locally, 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. If you have an e-mail address, please print it clearly. Please make checks payable to: ISHPA. (send to Carol's address shown below)

Carol Plummer 6823 W. Ashland Drive Boise. ID 83709 idkegler@aol.com (208) 484-4685	ADULT DUES 25.00 National <u>10.00</u> State \$35.00 Total	JUNIORS & CADETS 5.00 National <u>1.00</u> 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 _____

ENTRY FORM (READ CAREFULLY)

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

July 19th – July 31st

Winnemucca, Nevada

2021 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



Name: _____ 2021 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 OPEN WOMEN 30ft SENIOR WOMEN 30ft ELDER MEN / ME 30ft JR. BOY JR. GIRL CADET BOY CADET GIRL
 40ft (see note #2) 30ft 30ft (see note #2) (see note #1) 30ft (see note #3) 20ft (see note #3)

All applicable information above is required.

Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete.

Entry Deadline June 8th, 2021

No refunds will be made after June 12th, 2021

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/CADETS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY
 ALL OTHER ADULTS - \$133.00**

CANADIAN ENTRIES MUST USE MONEY ORDERS IF SENDING PAYMENT 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 June 8th, 2021**. You may enter at anytime prior to June 8th, 2021. Entries received with a postmark after June 8th, 2021 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 two (2) US/Canadian sanctioned events in the twelve (12) months **prior to June 8th, 2021**, 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 eShoe/ CANSTATS as of June 8th, 2021. 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 by sanction card, or other form of ID, when checking in. 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 2021. Any man that turns 70 years of age in 2021, 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 2021 calendar year. **CADET BOY AND CADET GIRL DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2021 calendar year.
Note # 1. 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must be in eshoe as exempt to pitch 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 & Junior Girls divisions will be mixed for preliminary play. Cadet Boys & Cadet Girls divisions will be mixed for Preliminary play. For Championship play a min of 8 must enter this division or it will be canceled. The pitching schedule will be finalized by **June 12th, 2021** 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 second 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. No pitcher will be moved from class time or division, without notification, after final schedule has been published.

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