



# FOUR DEAD

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## President's Message



Members,

I would like to say I am honored to be your Idaho State President again. I hope that everyone will get online and renew their membership for the 2023 Season. I would also like to ask everyone to think of someone that they can ask to come and try pitching in the first tournament in your

club. As a Trial Member you can play in one tournament and not pay NHPA or State dues. Any new member can pitch in their first tournament for just the entry fee of the tournament. Then if you want to join, you can also join your first year as a Provisional member. Provisional members can play in their first year for \$10 NHPA dues plus \$10 for the ISHPA dues. At the end of their first year, they must become a Full member to continue. We need to increase our membership and keep our clubs going strong. Thanks to all those that work to grow this great sport and participate in our tournaments.

I would like to ask all our clubs to send their tournaments to Regional Director Dave Spears by March 1 so he can get them entered into the eShoe system. This will give pitchers access to our 2023 Season schedule early so they can start planning on the tournaments they can participate in.

I look forward to serving you as your President and working to grow our membership and hosting tournaments. I hope to see everyone in the coming year on the courts and have a chance to talk with you and discuss what we need to do on a national level to help our membership increase.

See you on the courts.

Brian Poole  
ISHPA President

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## Dues are Due for 2023

If you have not paid your NHPA/ISHPA dues for 2023, there are three ways to renew your membership, or to join if you are new to the NHPA.

The easiest way is to go to the NHPA eShoe web site, enter your information, and pay using PayPal or a credit/debit card.

Or, print the membership form that is in this newsletter, complete the information (print neatly!), and send it along with a \$35 check made out to "ISHPA" to Melanie Poole, the ISHPA sec/treas.

Or, bring your membership information and dues payment to your first tournament.

Your dues **MUST** be paid before you can pitch in a sanctioned tournament.

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## Meet the New 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Hello, thank you for the opportunity as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP to try to help improve our horseshoe pitching association.

For those who do not know me, I live in Hailey which puts me over a hundred miles from most horseshoe tournaments, therefore I do not make as many tournaments as I would like to.

How about a little history of my horseshoe pitching? I grew up pitching with my dad as a child, even going to a tournament to watch him pitch in the mid-1980s, although it was a lot different from tournaments we have now. It wasn't until I started playing softball in the early 1990s that I started pitching again here and there. Then in 2016, while at a softball game, I got to talking to Shawn Huntington and he told me they pitch every Thursday night at Keefer Park. So, I showed up there the next Thursday and met Stewart Brown and Brent Wood, and that's when I joined the NHPA.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year at the pits.

Mike Beall  
ISHPA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



## Melanie's Memos

Happy Spring, Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers,

It feels a little odd to talk about spring as I look out the window and it is snowing.

Luckily, Brian and I enjoy the fun adventures with each season. We have enjoyed the snow by going on snowmobiles trips, skiing (for me) and snowboarding (for Brian), and playing in the snow with grandkids. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy their winter season as well.

I am looking forward to working in my flower beds and seeing the green grass again soon.

I am also looking forward to seeing you all again as we start our tournaments.

Just a reminder that you don't have to wait until the snow is gone to renew your membership with ISHPA. You can go on eShoe to renew your membership, paying by credit card or PayPal. Or send me a check for \$35.00 along with a completed membership form that is included in this newsletter. (\$25.00 for NHPA dues and \$10.00 for Idaho dues.)

If you have any questions or would like some help in using eShoe, please let me know. Remember that another feature of eShoe is helpful if you are traveling. You can click on the Events tab and choose the Charter (state) you are traveling to along with the dates, then any tournaments along your choose from.

I hope to see you all soon and may we get the ringers that we have practiced for!

Melanie Poole  
ISHPA Secretary/Treasurer



## Regional Director's Report

Hello membership,

Welcome to a new horseshoe pitching year. This year is a year of re-sanctioning all courts that tournaments are held on. I will be in contact with tournament directors as to scheduling a day (or multiple days) needed to re-sanction the courts. As far as the courts go, it would be beneficial if the tournament directors and others would do a check and adjustments if needed prior to my arrival to save on time during the re-sanctioning process.

By March 1 I also will need to have all tournament directors contact me with their tournament dates, times, location, contact info, plus phone numbers for signing up for the tournaments. Also, tell me the patches needed for all your tournaments, both class champion and tournament champion patches, a total number of each, please.

One other note is that I am having hip surgery on January 30th and may not get out for the re-sanctioning until after my healing process.



Let's have a great year with getting new members if possible.

Dave Spears  
Idaho Regional Director

### Hall of Fame Report

To all members,

We welcome you to a new year of pitching. The Hall of Fame inductions normally happen only on the even numbered years, so this year there will be no inductions into the Hall of Fame.

Just a reminder to all: if you know of someone deserving of this award, we ask that you first review the HOF guidelines on our website; then if you still feel they qualify, please gather the appropriate information, fill out the nomination form, and send it to me at:

1917 S. Colorado Ave.  
Boise, ID 83706

Thank you,  
David Spears  
HOF chairperson

## Last Shoe

### Bob Zausch

December 24, 1937 -  
November 2, 2022



When Bob was two years old his family moved from Wisconsin to California, beginning his pioneer lifestyle out West. With a degree in electrical engineering his work for AMI brought him to Pocatello in 1971.

In Pocatello he got into horseshoe pitching and helped begin the Gate City Club. He was the ISHPA state president and directed the state singles tournament several times. He was a key figure in the 2004 World Tournament held in Pocatello. In 2016 he was inducted into the ISHPA Hall of Fame.

### Note from David Spears

Members,

I have made a personal decision to, within the next two years, resign from the two current positions I now hold which are the Regional Director's position (an (NHPA position for Idaho) and the Hall of Fame Chairperson position. Over the years I have done much for Idaho horseshoes and figure it is now time for hopefully others to step into these positions. My passion for the game is not as much as it once was. I will be able to help in any way I can for a smooth transition with anyone willing to step in and take over one or both positions. It is somewhat hard to say this since I was Idaho's first Regional Director chosen by Rick Redman who held the RD position for Oregon, Idaho, and Washington at the time of my selection. I also started the Hall of Fame back in 2011.

These two positions provide opportunities to contribute to our state association. Let me know if you are interested in either; I am willing to spend time with whoever is interested to learn the ropes and what is required.

David Spears  
Idaho Regional Director and HOF chairperson



# USE OF HAND SIGNALS FOR CANCELLATION PLAY



## Recommended Hand Signals (as seen by the scorekeeper)



One Point



Two Points



One Ringer,  
Three Points



One Ringer,  
Four Points



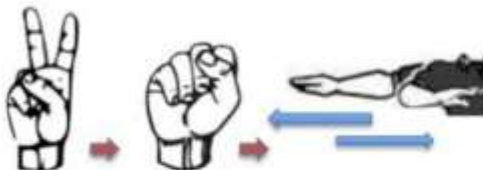
Two Ringers,  
Six Points



No Score



Signal for 'Dead'



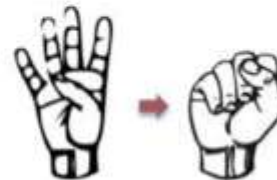
Two Dead, No Score



Two Dead, One Point



Two Dead, Three Points



Four Dead

**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 link 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 Melanie's address shown below)

Melanie Poole 2660 S Fairway Dr Pocatello, ID 83201 pooleme12565@gmail.com (208) 313-1545	<p align="center">ADULT DUES                  25.00 National  <u>10.00</u> State  <b>\$35.00 Total</b></p>	<p align="center">JUNIORS &amp; CADETS                  5.00 National  <u>1.00</u> State  <b>\$6.00 Total</b></p>	<p align="center">MAILED NEWSLETTER                  If you <b>do not</b> have an e-mail address, to receive the issues in the postal mail, <b>add \$10.00</b></p>
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Schedule for 2023

Date	Place	Name	Contact	Sign-in	Cost
April 15	Nampa	Spring Fling	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$5.00
April 22	Meridian	Donuts 4 Ringers	Randy 208-972-1300	9:30	\$5.00
April 29	Nampa	Road Rage	David 208-989-4136	9:30	\$5.00
April 29	Pocatello Ross Park	Warm Up to World I	Brian 208-201-3326	10:00	\$15.00
May 6	Meridian	Pep Open	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$5.00
May 13	Meridian	Meridian Open	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$5.00
May 13	Pocatello Ross Park	Warm Up to World II	Brian 208-201-3326	10:00	\$15.00
May 13	Coeur d'Alene	Ike Invitational	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
May 20	Coeur d'Alene	North Idaho Jamboree	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
June 3	Pocatello Ross Park	Shootout Singles	Nanette 208-589-9681	10:00	\$15.00
June 10	Nampa	Kollmann Open	Gary 208-466-8096	8:30	\$5.00
June 10	Moscow	Moscow Classic	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00	\$5.00
June 17	Coeur d'Alene	Elmer Currie Classic	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
June 17	Pocatello Ross Park	Juneteenth	Jim 208-251-7008	10:00	\$15.00
June 24	Meridian	Armed Forces	Pep 208-949-8098	8:30	\$5.00
June 24	Hailey	Wood River Open	Brent 208-404-4354	10:30	\$10.00
July 1	Pocatello Ross Park	State Doubles	Brian 208-201-3326	10:00	\$25.00
July 17-30	Lansing, Michigan	World Horseshoe Tournament			
		<a href="https://www.lansingsports.org/nhpa/">https://www.lansingsports.org/nhpa/</a>			
July 22	Pocatello Ross Park	4 Dead Switcheroo	Nanette 208-589-9681	10:00	\$15.00
July 22	Moscow	Hog Heaven Challenge	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00	\$5.00
Aug 5	Pocatello Ross Park	100 Shoe Tournament	Jim 208-221-4245	9:30	\$5.00
Aug 5	Pocatello Ross Park	Priceless Pitch Singles	Jim 208-221-4245	11:00	\$20.00
Aug 12	Boise	Have or Have Not	David 208-440-7132	8:30	\$23.00
Aug 12	Moscow	Palouse Open	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00	\$5.00
Aug 19	Coeur d'Alene	Inland Empire Memorial	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
Aug 25	Pocatello Ross Park	Pre-State Warm-up	Brian 208-201-3326	5:45	\$ 5.00
Aug 26-27	Pocatello Ross Park	State Singles	Melanie 208-313-1545	8:30	\$25.00
Sep 9	Meridian	Harvest Morning	Randy 208-972-1300	9:30	\$5.00
Sep 16	Hailey	Hailey Money NS	Mike 208-720-6842	10:00	\$10.00
Sep 23	Meridian	Fall Special	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$5.00
Oct 14	Meridian	Freeze Out	Carol 208-484-4685	10:30	\$5.00

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

Boise tournaments are in Julia Davis Park. Coeur d'Alene tournaments are in Winton Park. Hailey tournaments are in Keefer Park. Meridian tournaments are in Settlers Park. Moscow tournaments are in East City Park. Nampa tournaments are in Lakeview Park.

The tournament directors make the format for their tournaments.

# ENTRY FORM ( READ CAREFULLY )

## National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

July 17th – July 29th

Lansing, Michigan

# 2023 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2023 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 BOY 20ft** (see note #3)   **CADET GIRL 20ft** (see note #3)

All applicable information above is required.

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

Entry Deadline May 15th 2023

No refunds will be made after May 19th, 2023

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 -- \$135.00 • ALL JUNIORS/CADETS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY**  
**ALL OTHER ADULTS - \$138.00**

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 May 15th, 2023**. You may enter at anytime prior to May 15th, 2023. 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 15th, 2023**, 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 May 15th, 2023. Anyone qualifying under an exception must have those scores recorded by the same date. All NHPA and any special tournament rules apply. 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 2023. Any man that turns 65 years of age in 2023, is older than 65, 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 2023 calendar year. **CADET BOY AND CADET GIRL DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2023 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. The pitching schedule will be finalized by **May 20th, 2023** 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 eShoes 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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