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## President's Message



Hello Idaho State Pitchers. It has been a busy fall and winter for me. I counted and I have been at the ski hill Patrolling or teaching 53 days this season and we have two weeks left and the hill closes April 6. I have also been trying to go snowmobiling when I can. Hope you have been doing something fun this fall and winter.

Well, it is time to get our shoes out and get some practice in before our first tournament. Please use the Events tab in eShoe to find tournaments where you are traveling and support those tournaments. Idaho tournaments start April 13 in Meridian. Idaho Doubles will be in Hailey this year on July 6 and State Singles are in Meridian on September 7.

I am sad that Jim Robinson passed away on Christmas Eve and will only be with us in spirit. I am going to run his tournament this year, Juneteenth, on June 15 as the Juneteenth - Jim Robinson Memorial tournament. Jim will be missed with all he helped with here in Pocatello and the many tournaments we traveled together to play at. Please put this tournament on your calendar and come remember Jim with us.

As you also have heard by now that our current NHPA President, Gary Roberts, has been diagnosed with cancer. He will be resigning May 1, and Austin Bailey will be Acting NHPA President until elections are held in Kennewick. Please keep Gary in your thoughts and prayers. We wish him the best.

With the World Tournament being so close this year I would hope that everyone is making an effort to attend in Kennewick July 29 - August 10. We are making a change and pitching the top 96 pitchers in each division July 29-30 to qualify the top pitchers for the Championships on Aug 1-3. This will allow more pitchers to come early or stay longer to watch our premier players compete for our Championship Trophies. You have until May 20 to get your 4 tournaments in to qualify for the WT. There is a form

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on the NHPA website, in this newsletter, or a link to apply online.

One of the big rule changes will be the voting on the change to Senior Women. My thought is that we make it their own division and move the foul line to the 20 ft line. We have been doing this under a trial basis under the NHPA Standing Rule that the NHPA Council put in place Oct 1, 2023. There are several states that have been using this with good results and bringing Women pitchers back that had to quit. Make sure you discuss and let me know how our delegate should vote.

My last thought is that we all need to work hard in promoting and bringing new pitchers into the NHPA and playing at our tournaments and leagues. We need to build our numbers back to where they were in 1990 so that we have the funds to keep this organization going. Please have a goal to bring one new member to your first tournament to show them what we are all about. There are several ways they can participate on a trial basis.

Thanks for all you do to help us Officers, and I hope to see you on the courts!

Brian Poole  
ISHPA President

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## Melanie's Memos



Happy Spring all you wonderful Idaho Horseshoe Pitchers,

As the snow melts and the temperature warms up, I hope everyone is getting ready to dust off your horseshoes and getting ready to pitch to qualify to attend Worlds July 29-Aug 10. I want to invite and encourage all Idaho pitchers

who can to come to Kennewick, WA. Just a reminder that the higher percentage pitchers will be pitching the first week with the Championships and Cadet/Junior prelims and Championship on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

I also wanted to remind you to pay your yearly dues. It is \$35.00 with \$25.00 going to the NHPA and \$10 to Idaho State Funds. The easiest way to pay your dues is on e-shoe, and you can pay using PayPal with a fee or send me a check. If you have any questions or need any help, please text or call me.

I want to thank all of our tournament directors for being willing to hold a tournament this summer. Please support them as much as you can!

Wishing you a wonderful summer season of good health, happiness, and lots of ringers.

Melanie Poole  
ISHPA Secretary/Treasurer



## Regional Director and Hall of Fame Reports



To our fellow pitchers,

For all to know, all courts that run sanctioned tournaments were re-sanctioned last year and certificates given to the court directors. One set of courts were recommended in Kellogg which was the location of the 1996 state singles tournament. I was

asked if it was possible to go up and sanction or to re-sanction those courts. We will have to take a trip to Kellogg to inspect the condition of the courts. Adding Kellogg area pitchers to our membership would be a good addition to our association.

Inductions into our Hall of Fame have been done every two years, and 2024 would be a year for adding to our Hall. At this moment, no one is being considered as possible nominees based on lack of feedback. Maybe within the next couple of months or so there will be a name or two for consideration.

Thank you,  
David Spears  
HOF chairperson and Regional Director

### Dues are Due for 2024

If you have not paid your NHPA/ISHPA dues for 2024, 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.



## Last Shoe

**Jim Robinson**

October 1, 1951 -  
December 24, 2023

### Treasure Valley: Carol Plummer reports:

The Treasure Valley Club met in February at which time we got our 2024 tournament schedule all done. Since the World Tournament is so close this year, it was brought up that we could use some new club shirts. I have contacted the shirt shop that has our screen print. They will print the shirts for us with a cost of about \$15.00 per shirt. I am asking all members who want a shirt, to purchase the shirt and give the money to me no later than May 4th. We need at least 12 shirts to do the printing.

Also, our club is hosting State Singles this year. Pep and I will get the courts ready, but we will be out of town that weekend. Dave Spears is organizing State. If you wish to help out, please contact Dave.

League will start April 16<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Let's all try to get some new members. Invite them out to come pitch with us on league night. We have extra horseshoes in the locker, so they don't even need to bring shoes. Come on out to pitch, have fun and enjoy some donuts.

### Kootenai County: Darla Wessel reports:

Club president Darla Wessel is excited about shoes in North Idaho. In Coeur d'Alene we will continue to practice on Thursdays from 4-6pm, but we are flexible. A certain 2023 state women's singles champion practices every day there is not snow in the pits.

We will hold 2 tournaments before the World cut-off date of May 20. After all, Kennewick is 3 hours away from us at 182 miles. Our biggest need is a computer and printer to electronically enter the tournament data and send results.

Vice president Laurie Dale has been instrumental in getting Kellogg's pits certified. They have pits that have, in the past, hosted state tournaments. We will help in any way we can and may transfer one of our tourney dates to Kellogg to get them started.

We will be ordering new shirts for those interested in getting one, let Darla know. On the fun side I have been in Arizona getting my tourneys in for World and have been warmed in my heart, not only by the sun down here, but by the horseshoe family when they ask about Idaho players. This is a great hobby, and let me just say an 88-year-old beat me in my last tourney. Keep pitching, Darla.



Our sport has lost a "Super Hero" of a man. Jim was active in the Gate City Horseshoe Pitching Association. When he wasn't in his pitching clothes, he was often seen in a Batman or other "heroic" costume.

Jim was born in Warren, Ohio and made his way west to Pocatello and the Idaho State University. He held many degrees, but liked the title of educator over all. When he wasn't teaching or coaching the youth of Eastern Idaho, he could be found working security at ISU and Salt Lake City. For 49 years his wife Virginia washed his superhero shirts with eyerolls and love.

## Meet the New 1<sup>st</sup> VP



At our last Annual Meeting Evan Pickett was elected to be our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Below is Evan's introduction:

Hi, my name is Evan Pickett, most of you probably know me by now. I started throwing horseshoes in about 1982 with old Doug Palmer he was a youngster back then. We threw all over the state at that time. In 1989 I moved to Oregon where I lived for 17 years and continued to throw all over that state, met people and made life-long friends. I moved back to Idaho in 2005 when I picked up where I left off throwing with the Pocatello folks and in most of the state doubles and singles tournaments. I have thrown in 5 or 6 World tourneys, and that is where I have the most fun. By now you probably know the next three World tournaments are going to be in the West, so I would like to encourage everyone to sign up and get qualified. We also need you to participate in all your local tourneys; it sure would help. I am glad to be serving you in the state and will try to keep up with my duties a little better than I already have.

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	ADULT DUES 25.00 National 10.00 State <b>\$35.00 Total</b>	JUNIORS & CADETS 5.00 National 1.00 State <b>\$6.00 Total</b>	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>
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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 2024

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Sign-in</b>	<b>Cost</b>
April 13	Nampa	Spring Fling	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$5.00
April 20	Meridian	Have or Have Not	David 208-440-7132	9:30	\$23.00
April 20	Pocatello Ross Park	Warm Up to World I	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$15.00
April 27	Pocatello Ross Park	Warm Up to World II	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$15.00
April 27	Meridian	Donuts 4 Ringers	Randy 208-972-1300	9:30	\$5.00
May 4	Nampa	Nampa Open	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$5.00
May 4	Pocatello Ross Park	May Day	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$15.00
May 11	Coeur d'Alene	Ike Invitational	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
May 11	Meridian	Let's Go to World	Carol 208-484-4685	9:30	\$5.00
May 18	Meridian	Armed Forces Salute	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$5.00
May 18	Coeur d'Alene	North Idaho Jamboree	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
May 18	Pocatello Ross Park	100 Shoe Tournament	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$5.00
May 18	Pocatello Ross Park	Spring Fling	Brian 208-201-3326	11:30	\$15.00
June 1	Pocatello Ross Park	100 Shoe Tournament	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$5.00
June 1	Pocatello Ross Park	Price's Pitch	Jim 208-221-4245	11:30	\$20.00
June 8	Moscow	Moscow Classic	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00	\$5.00
June 8	Nampa	Let's Pitch	Pep 208-949-8098	8:30	\$5.00
June 15	Coeur d'Alene	Elmer Currie Classic	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
June 15	Pocatello Ross Park	Juneteenth Jim Robinson Memorial	Brian 208-201-3326	9:30	\$20.00
June 22	Meridian	Summer Days	Randy 208-972-1300	8:30	\$5.00
June 29	Hailey	Hailey Tournament	Brent 208-404-4354	9:30	\$10.00
July 6	Hailey	Idaho State Doubles	Mike 208-720-6842	9:30	\$25.00
July 13	Meridian	Titcomb Memorial	Carol 208-484-4685	8:30	\$5.00
July 20	Pocatello Ross Park	Spangler Special	Nanette 208-589-9681	9:30	\$15.00
August 17	Moscow	Palouse Open	Kay 208-882-0737	9:00	\$5.00
August 24	Coeur d'Alene	Inland Empire Memorial	Darla 208-691-9963	8:30	\$20.00
Sep 6	Meridian	State Warm-up	Brian 208-201-3326	5:30 pm	\$5.00
Sep 7	Meridian	State Singles Tournament	Brian 208-201-3326	8:30	\$25.00
Sep 21	Nampa	Harvest Moon	Pep 208-949-8098	9:30	\$5.00
Oct 5	Meridian	Freeze Out	Carol 208-484-4685	10:00	\$5.00

For more information about the sanctioned tournaments, please check the event tab at web address [//NHPA-eshoe.com](http://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. Meridian tournaments are in Settlers Park. Nampa tournaments are in Lakeview Park. Coeur d'Alene tournaments are in Winton Park. Hailey tournaments are in Keefer Park. Moscow tournaments are in East City Park.

The tournament directors make the format for their tournaments.

# ENTRY FORM (READ CAREFULLY)

## National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

July 29 - August 10, 2024 Kennewick, Washington

### 2024 World Horseshoe Pitching Championships



<b>Name:</b>		<b>2024 NHPA Card #</b>	
(Please Print)	_____ First _____ Last	(or Canadian #) _____	
<b>Address:</b> _____			
<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State/Prov:</b> _____	<b>Zip/Postal Code:</b> _____	
<b>Telephone:</b> _____	<b>Cell:</b> _____	<b>Birth Date:</b> _____	
<b>Email:</b> _____			
<b>Check One</b> -----> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I will print my schedule.</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mail my schedule to me.</b>	
<b>Circle the Division you are entering:</b> - You can enter only one division - (See notes near bottom of page)			
<b>OPEN MEN</b> 40 Ft	<b>SENIOR MEN</b> 40ft (see note #2)	<b>OPEN WOMEN</b> 30 Ft	<b>SENIOR WOMEN</b> 30ft (see note #2)
		<b>ELDER MEN/ME 30FT</b> ( see note #1 )	<b>JR BOY / JR GIRL</b> 30ft (see note #3)
		<b>CADET BOY / CADET GIRL</b> 20 Ft (See note #3)	

All applicable information above is required. Form will be returned if not signed below or is incomplete. Entry Deadline May 20, 2024

No refunds will be made after May 25, 2024

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 (NHPA), 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. The NHPA and it's legal Representatives (NHPA Officers) assigns, and retains the right and permissions to publish, without charge, Photographs taken during the 2024 World Horseshoe Tournament. These photo's, video's may be used in any publication, or in audio-visual presentations including "Live" interviews, promotional literature, advertising, sponsorships, or in other similar ways that the NHPA sees fit to use on behalf to represent and promote the NHPA World Horseshoe Tournament and the sport.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

----- mail top half only -----

**ENTRY FEES: U.S. ADULTS -- \$135.00 • ALL JUNIORS/CADETS -- \$25.00 • U.S. FUNDS ONLY  
ADULTS OUTSIDE US - \$138.00**

CANADIAN ENTRIES MUST USE MONEY ORDER IF SENDING PAYMENT - ENTRY FEE INCLUDES SCOREKEEPER FEE

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

TO: **NHPA**  
**2660 S Fairway Dr**  
**Pocatello, ID 83201**

Telephone & Email Inquiries to:  
Phone: 208-201-3326  
Email: sec.treas@horseshoepitching.com

All Entries must be on this signed form and mailed with a **postmark no later than May 20, 2024**. You may enter at anytime prior to May 20, 2024. Entries received with a postmark after May 20 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 20, 2024**, 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 NHPA-eShoe as of **May 20, 2024**. 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 2024. Any man that turns 65 years of age in 2024, 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 2024 calendar year. **CADET BOY AND CADET GIRL DIVISION** entrants must be 12 years old or younger for the entire 2024 calendar year.

**Note # 1.** 30ft Men with Medical Exemptions must be in NHPA-eShoe as exempt to pitch in this division.  
**Note # 2.** For class play, a minimum of 48 must enter this division or it may 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 31, 2024** 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 NHPA-eShoe, 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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