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WIZDOM FROM THE PREZ

Good day to all of you Washington State Pitchers.

It is break time. I think we can take a step back and reflect on our first year of hosting a world tournament. Looking back, I would say all in all it went ok. There isn't anything we can do about getting east coasters to the west. We will watch Utah and see if they do anything we can duplicate to help with the next one.

Just a heads up, I will be splitting the Winetrouts into same distance and straight percentage classes. It just gives us a different group each time.

I don't think it is said often enough, but thank you to everyone behind the scenes that keeps horseshoes going. I would name names but would for sure forget someone, so I am going to just say "thank YOU".

See you on the courts,

Don

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As of January 2025 The following Officer Changes will take place. Cortlan Mathewson will become the 1st VP and Ron Burt will be our new Regional Director. Their information will be in the January 2025 edition of the Shoes News.

Important Announcements

If anyone is interested in becoming the **new awards director**, please contact president Don Davis. His email is donald.rhonda.davis@outlook.com. It does pay \$40 per month. If you want to talk to someone about what this job entails, please contact Phyllis Quist at phylquist@openaccess.org. Phyllis has been doing this job for years and years. She is ready to hand it over to some other responsible person.

Rhonda

Reminder :

You can renew your membership for 2025 online beginning on October 1, 2024. Let Rhonda Davis know if you have any issues finding your name to do your renewal. Go to NHPA - eShoe to do your renewal or get help from one of your club members.

Vic Magnus has a new email : aldcar975@gmail.com



NHPA

National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

"Come Pitch with Us!"

November 17, 2024

The NHPA Council has been hard at work with the newly installed officers, directors and committee members, exploring new promotional avenues to grow our membership. We initiated several programs already to increase the number of promotional products offered to our members, our agreement with Grouper, along with other incentives that will be coming in 2025!

I began working directly with the NHPA as the Youth Director. The excitement of our young members is very motivating to the individuals in these roles to keep going, to ensure a future of organized horseshoe pitching for them. I would argue that our youth divisions are one of, if not, the most critical divisions of the NHPA, without youth there is no tomorrow for the NHPA.

The NHPA council met for our monthly meeting and made two unanimous decisions to support these divisions in new ways. We, as a council, recognize that the NHPA is at its most critical point, and this sometimes calls for unprecedented decisions to be made. There were many ways to do this, but it was decided to go with the simplest method possible to reduce confusion and encourage more participation. The following incentives will be offset by a combination of previously allocated categories of our annual budget and other sources of income.

Therefore, for the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association membership year of 2025, the NHPA portion of membership dues for *Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadet Boys, and Cadet Girls* divisions will be waived. The listed divisions will still need to pay their charter dues, where applicable. For example, in Kentucky, youth division dues are \$6, a youth pitcher in 2025 will only pay the state portion of that (\$1), and not the NHPA portion (\$5). We are aware that many states do not require charter dues for these divisions, this is a great thing. This incentive will allow every charter to advertise free or very reduced youth pitching in 2025! If you have already paid your youth dues for 2025, we will be issuing those \$5 reimbursements soon.

Our goal with this program is to not only incentivize more and more youth pitching in the NHPA but to encourage more families with multiple youth pitchers to join, embracing the family friendly aspect of our sport.

In the same vein of encouraging youth participation, the promotions committee has pledged \$500 of their annual budget to support our young players as well. Therefore, the first 20 youth pitchers who sign up for the 2025 World Horseshoe Tournament in Sandy, Utah will have their World Tournament entry fee reimbursed in its entirety! All youth participants will need to pay their entry fees for the tournament but the first 20 that submitted their entries will be reimbursed at the conclusion of the preliminary round at the world tournament. To be eligible for this incentive the participant must pitch in the preliminary round of the world tournament.

Entries for the 2025 World tournament will open on December 1st, 2024!

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NHPA 2nd Vice President

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NHPA President

Huntsman World Senior Games 2024

<https://seniorgames.net/sports/horseshoes>

In October Bonnie and I participated in our 3rd Huntsman World Senior Games which are held for two weeks every October in St. George, Utah. This tournament began in 1987 as the World Senior Games and in 1989 is when it became the Huntsman World Senior Games as Jon Huntsman, Chairman of the Huntsman Corporation, became the Games' principle sponsor. The huntsman family continues to personally open these games every year to include the lighting of the torch. It has 30 athletic events over the two week period. One of those events just happens to be Horseshoes, the first two days are singles and the next two days are walking doubles. It is a great tournament to attend as this is a sanctioned NHPA Tournament and NHPA membership is required. It is held at the St. George City Horseshoe Complex. This is a Beautiful set of courts to pitch on. In 2022 I took Gold in my Class and Bonnie and I took Silver medal in the Doubles for our class. This year we both took Silver medals in our singles classes but just missed medaling in our doubles. We plan to try and correct that next year. We actually had one other Washington pitcher this year that took Bronze in his class and that was James Moore from Leavenworth, WA. I think he left before the awards were given out on the afternoon of the last day of pitching. This tournament also happens to be about two weeks prior to the Western Regionals which are also held in St. George, UT.



It would be great to see more Washington pitchers in this tournament each year. As for age, it is 50+ and fees are as follows the Athlete Registration Fee, which this year was \$99.00 Early Bird (ends midnight MST August 1st) and \$139.00 (Closes midnight MST Sept 1st). These fees allow you to play in any number of sports during the two weeks that it runs. The individual sports have fees also, Horseshoes was \$5.00 for Singles and \$5.00 per person for doubles. I am also an ambassador for the games to spread the word about the games and do outreach. The below quote is from the website.

“In addition to athletic events, the Games promote health by providing life saving health screenings for cancer-breast and prostate. Screenings also detect other serious health threats--glaucoma, diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, and decreased bone density. Volunteer medical and nursing students assist with the screenings and generous sponsors provide diagnostic equipment and services.

Band concerts, dances, and social events for athletes, volunteers and the community are also part of the package. They bring athletes and guests together in a social atmosphere where they share in, and congratulate each other for, their achievements. This important aspect of the Games emphasizes the celebration of success for all participants, whether or not they win a medal.”

So if you decide to try them at least once when you register and if the question is asked please let them know that I referred you to the games. This is just so that they know that an ambassador is spreading the word about the games so they can carry on into the future.

Submitted by Larry Lewis

News from around the state

The thought and Idea behind this section, which I hope to have as an ongoing section, is to report news from the different clubs in our Association. Any club that has information they want to “spread the news” about just e-mail the editor with your write ups.

Update from Odessa:

The Odessa tournaments for this year are cancelled due to medical reasons of Ron Heutink. He will play it by ear in 2026.

Just a reminder that the "Valley of the Sun Tournament in Mesa, AZ. is coming in February 2025

67th ANNUAL VALLEY OF THE SUN TOURNAMENT

Hosted by: **EAST VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB**



Pioneer Park Mesa, Arizona



"NHPA'S OLDEST SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT"

February 18th thru February 23rd, 2025

Location: Mesa, Arizona Pioneer Park 525 E Main Street



Deadline for entry:

Must be received by

January 14, 2025

Entry Fee \$70.00. (Scorekeeping fee included)

"Added Money"

Current on E-Shoe with 2025 NHPA OR HCA membership
E-Shoe will be the official averages used as of January 15th, 2025

Limited to 144 Pitchers

No Refunds after:

Schedule Posted

FORMAT: Class A & B will pitch 40-point cancellation games

Remaining classes will pitch 40 or 50 shoe cancellation games

All classes will play 2 consecutive days

An effort will be made to separate 30-foot and 40-foot pitchers. All classes seeded by percentages,

No handicapping in Classes A & B



DRESS CODE ENFORCED Shirts with Last Name & State or Province on the back, no open toe shoes

Email Robert Chubinsky for more info at rchubs4@gmail.com or call 619-204-6978

See entry form for mailing address or contact above address and I will send to you

2025 Tournament Schedule

Here is the Scheduled Dates for the 2025 Winetrout Series. As soon as the full schedule is available it will be here

January 11, 2025

January 25, 2025

February 8, 2025

February 22, 2025

March 8, 2025

March 22, 2025



This is the latest inventory list.

Item	Quantity	Price Each
Clydesdale Horseshoes	1	\$50.00*
Deadeye Horseshoes	3	\$50.00*
Bronco Thoroughbred Horseshoes	3	\$50.00*
Bronco Pro-flip Horseshoes	1	\$50.00*
Stickers : "Shoes you'll never outgrow"	47	\$1.50 each
Washington State window stickers	Many	\$1.50 each
Percentage Books	13	\$4.00
Measuring Tool with abrasive	2	\$11.00
Measuring Tool with no abrasive	1	\$11.00
Stainless hooker	2	\$16.50
World Ink Pens	Many	\$2.00 each

*Marked down prices on all horseshoes per executive board vote

Prices already include Washington State tax