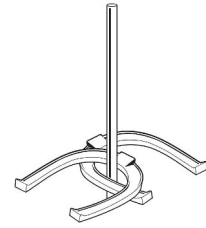


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President's Pitch

Greetings from southern Illinois. Yet another winter has passed us by. As I write this the courts are being used for the last time for this season at the Tater Dome.

Now it is time to transition outdoors. Time to mow the grass and get the clay or sand ready for your outdoor courts. Invite your neighbors, relatives and friends to play. Make a day or a weekend out of it. A new member can and will start with a simple invitation. Show them how fun our game/sport is and get them hooked.

Do you have ideas for rule changes? Maybe ideas for bringing in sponsors. Send them in. We only get better with communication. Something that I am trying to be better at.

Lastly for this message, at least, the positions of President, 2nd Vice President, Statistician, and Media Director are up for re-election. All of the current officers that hold these positions, myself included, have expressed their desire to retain their positions. That said, if you believe that you or someone you know would be better in one of these positions please enter his/her name(s).

That's all for now. Get out there and have some fun and as always I wish you an increase in your ringer percentage.

Dan

Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Wow, what a start to 2025!! First I would like to thank Kenny and Dan for giving me the opportunity to take on this position of secretary/treasure as I also will continue with the website. I have caught on what to do and there is a lot of work but I am running with it. While doing this I also was moving to a new place and the address changes have been challenging. Look under officers for the most up to date address for me. On to this year as the weather starts to change and we get to get out there to pitch we have as of right now (4/15/25) 153 members signed up for the 2025 membership. Get out there and recruit now that summer leagues and bar leagues are forming and always throw a pitch into the new people about ILSHPA and NHPA. For the tournament directors when you have your tournaments and need to send the \$2 per person to me you can do it by Zelle, Venmo or the old way by check. Please send any kind of feedback to me in what you would like to see in the court reporter and on the Website. As I always say if we don't have the information it is hard to put it out there. Get out there and start pitching and make new friends. Happy Ringers to all!!

Don Goers

Secretary/Treasurer, Publicity Director

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NHPA Community Recognizes the Loss of NHPA Hall of Fame member Richard "Dick" Hansen

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of Richard "Dick" Hansen, fellow horseshoe pitcher, previous NHPA Vice President and NHPA Secretary/Treasurer. Richard "Dick" W. Hansen, 81, of Raymond, passed away Monday, March 31, 2025 at his home.

Dick was elected to 5th Vice President in 1993 and his main duty was Director of the Regional Directors. In 1995, he became the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer. During his administration he computerized the membership list into a workable database and served as World Tournament Director. Dick received the Presidential Award in 1996 and the Stokes Memorial Award in 2001. Dick was inducted into the NHPA Hall of Fame in 2004.

Our Condolences go out to his wife Paulette and his family.

Top 5 in the running for 2025 Player of the Year Award As of 3/31/2025

Chris Judson	150.5
Kevin Wilke	132
Kevin James	90
Dan Broeckling	84
Bob Laskowski	81

Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame Committee has a couple of openings. If anyone is interested in being a part of this committee please contact, President, Dan Broeckling.

Tournament Results

March

March Invitational 3/1/2025

29-25-011 TD: D. Griesbaum/J. Moallankamp

Class A:

Kenneith Kiefer	6-0	55.16%
Charlie Webb	5-1	44.93%
Lester Dumstorff	4-2	51.19%
Daniel Broeckling	3-3	50.37%
Dennis Griesbaum	2-4	40.60%
Kevin Wilke	1-5	37.50%
Robert Donjon	0-6	30.73%

Trigg Invitational 3/1/2025

29-25-014 TD: Bill Devlin

Class A:

Dalton Rakestraw	4-0	64.22%
George Huntington	3-1	58.00%
John Trigg	2-2	56.37%
Don Bartoszewski	1-3	37.00%
Dale Westendorf	0-4	26.50%

Class B:

Lloyd Allen	4-0	30.00%
Dwen Firpo	2-2	30.50%
Larry Thomason	2-2	24.50%
Jesse Starwalt	2-2	18.00%
Jason Hazlet	0-4	17.00%

Spring Fever Open 3/9/2025

29-25-007 TD: T.Kinsella /J. Moallankamp

Class A:

Steve Denault	4-0	79.50%
Glen Briley	3-1	69.00%
Kevin James	2-2	60.00%
Ann McNelly	1-3	52.00%
Robert Donjon	0-4	53.00%

Class B:

Danny Freeman	6-0	45.00%
Kevin Wilke	5-1	40.42%
Tara Kinsella	4-2	29.03%
Allan Moallankamp	3-3	37.50%
Terry Rea Jr.	2-4	23.75%
Denny Bowen	1-5	29.03%
Charles Swan	0-6	30.42%

Trigg Invitational #3 3/29/2025

29-25-015 TD: Bill Devlin

Class A:

John Trigg	4-0	57.00%
George Huntington	3-1	59.00%
Wayne Davis	2-2	48.50%
Larry Thomason	1-3	44.50%
Dale Westendorf	0-4	34.00%

Class B:

Don Bartoszewski	3-1	33.00%
Dwen Firpo	3-1	33.00%
Lloyd Allen	3-1	30.50%
Jesse Starwalt	1-3	17.50%
Jason Hazlet	0-4	15.50%

Upcoming Tournaments

May

May 4 – Crabtree May Open (Sanctioned) Sign in at 12:00 pm and pitch at 1:00. Entry fee \$20. Limited to 15 Pitchers. Contact Mike Wood at (217)324-4888 or Cell (217)851-5623.

May 10 – Riverside Horseshoe Club May Open(Sanctioned). 3300 4th Avenue in Moline. Sign in at 8:00 am and Pitch at 9:00 am. Contact Dave Anderson (309) 631-5662.

May 10– Don Bailey Memorial (Sanctioned). Lincoln Park, Springfield \$22 entry fee. Sign up at 9 am and pitch at 9:30 am. Bring a scorekeeper. Soft drinks available for purchase. Contact Austin Bailey @(217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin @(217) 741-6839.

May 24 – Annual Charles Cook Classic (Sanctioned), City Park in Casey, IL. Classes for all pitchers. Sign-up 9:00 am and pitch at 10:00. Entry fee \$2. If scorekeepers are available, each pitcher is responsible for paying \$1.00 prior to the start of each game. Contact Wayne Davis (217)932-2787, or Cell (217)251-5172

June

June 7 – Jim Metzger Memorial Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$3.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$2 of the entry fee goes to the general state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388.

June 8– Do Rag Open Tribute to Les Mullen (Sanctioned) – Crabtree, Il. Sign in at 12:00 pm and pitch at 1:00. Entry fee \$20. Limited to 15 Pitchers. Contact Mike Wood at (217)324-4888 or Cell (217)851-5623.

June 14 – Riverside Horseshoe Club June Open(Sanctioned). 3300 4th Avenue in Moline. Sign in at 8:00 am and Pitch at 9:00 am. Contact Dave Anderson (309) 631-5662.

June 21– Bill Marvin and Lee Watkins Memorial (Sanctioned). Lincoln Park, Springfield \$22 entry fee. Sign up at 9 am and pitch at 9:30 am. Bring a scorekeeper. Soft drinks available for purchase. Contact Austin Bailey @(217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin @(217) 741-6839.

June 21 – Floyd & Brenda Tennil Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$3.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$2 of the entry fee goes to the general state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388.

June 28 – Mascoutah Open (Sanctioned) – Scheve Park, Park Dr., Mascoutah
Pre-registration required by June 21, 2025. Send entry and fee of \$20.00 to Kevin Wilke 17818 Spanker Branch Rd., St. Rose, IL 62230. 7 courts max., 15 players each session. Class C & D 9:00 am. Class A & B 1:00 pm. \$100.00 extra prize money per class. Score keepers paid \$2.00 per game. Questions call, Kevin (618) 780-3227. Concessions available on site. BYOB

July

July 4 – Casey Horseshoe Club- 4th of July Tournament (Sanctioned), City Park in Casey, IL. Classes for all pitchers. Sign-up 9:00 am and pitch at 10:00. Entry fee \$2. If scorekeepers are available, each pitcher is responsible for paying \$1.00 prior to the start of each game. Contact Wayne Davis (217)932-2787, or Cell (217)251-5172

July 4 – Larry Long Memorial (Sanctioned). Lincoln Park, Springfield \$22 entry fee. Sign up at 9 am and pitch at 9:30 am. Bring a scorekeeper. Soft drinks available for purchase. Contact Austin Bailey @(217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin @(217) 741-6839.

July 12 – Riverside Horseshoe Club July Open(Sanctioned). 3300 4th Avenue in Moline. Sign in at 8:00 am and Pitch at 9:00 am. Contact Dave Anderson (309) 631-5662.

July 12- Danville Open (Sanctioned) Douglas Park, Danville, Illinois.
\$400.00 ADDED SPONSORSHIP,

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Send entry and fee, \$20 to: Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Dr, Danville, Illinois 61832. Ph 217-260-7594. Entries must be received by Monday, July 7th. Classes may be mixed and may be morning 9am and afternoon, 1pm. Scorekeepers to be paid \$1.00 per game by each pitcher. Concessions will be available on site.

July 19 – Gene Hawkins Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$3.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$2 of the entry fee goes to the general state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388.

July 19 – Tom Wilke Memorial Tournament (Non-Sanctioned) St. Rose Park. Doubles change partners each game. Registration 12:00 pm. Play starts at 1:00 pm. Concessions on site. Questions call Kevin (618) 780-3227.

August

Aug 2 – Harold Rutan Memorial Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$3.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$2 of the entry fee goes to the general state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388.

August 9 – Duby Erickson Memorial (Sanctioned).-Lincoln Park, Springfield (Sanctioned) \$22 entry fee. Sign up at 9 am and pitch at 9:30 am. Bring a scorekeeper. Soft drinks available for purchase. Contact Austin Bailey @(217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin @(217) 741-6839

Aug 16 – Bob Vandivier Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$3.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$2 of the entry fee goes to the general state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388.

Date Changed from September to August

Aug 23 and Aug 24– Shelby Autumn, (Non-Sanctioned)- Shelbyville, IL

Aug 23 singles \$20 per person. Sign in at 10:00 am pitch at 11:00 am.

Aug 24 doubles Bring your own partner. \$20 per person. Sign in at 10:00 am pitch at 11:00 am. If not enough doubles sign up this will be a round robin style tournament.

No alcohol will be provided by the club on either day. You may bring your own. Contact Jason Hazlet at (217) 820-9490.

September

Sept 7 – After State Open (Sanctioned) – Crabtree, Il. Sign in at 12:00 pm and pitch at 1:00. Entry fee \$20. Limited to 15 Pitchers. Contact Mike Wood at (217)324-4888 or Cell (217)851-5623.

**Renewing Membership Online
For 2025 Cards
Don Goers, Sec-Treas**

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Go to www.horseshoepitching.com
Click on the E Shoe link
Click in the Players search box
Type name or your card number
Click on your name
Next to Card year Click Renew
Then click Print

These 7 steps are the easiest way of renewing your card online. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Don Goers and he will be more than happy to help you.

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July 21 - August 2, 2025

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