



# ILSHPA

## Court Reporter

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### President's Pitch

### Greetings from Southern Illinois

Spring has sprung. I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and start pitching outside again. Happy Mother's Day, I hope you had a chance to get your relatives out to pitch with you.

One of the major tournaments I mentioned last month is in the books. By the time most of you read this we will be either pitching or have completed Team World. Speaking of Team World, I received word that we have inherited 30 computer monitors that were used last year. So a step closer to our plan to have electronic scoring at state this year.

As the weather continues to warm up we will see more opportunities to recruit others to our great sport. Invite your friends, neighbors, and/or family to pitch with you in league your backyard or a tournament. Get them hooked on horseshoes and show them why our game/sport is better and more rewarding.

We are a month closer to State and only two months away from the deadline to enter for this year's event. Remember to vote for our ILSHPA Logos which will be revealed at State this year. It is not too early to think of putting your hat in the ring to run for one of this year's officer positions. Or, maybe, you have a topic you want to bring up at the meeting. Get that topic to me or another officer now so we don't forget about it.

Your feedback is welcome and appreciated. Let us know how you like the changes we have made. Perhaps there is something we can improve. If you have a suggestion, let us know. If we can fix or improve something we will. We can't fix something, if we don't know it is broke.

Get out there and try a new tournament. Talk you your favorite venue or friend and get a new league tournament going. Most importantly get out there and be a good sport and promote.

As always, I wish you happy pitching and an increase to your ringer percentage.

Dan



### Player of the Year

As of April 30th 2026

- Chris Judson 243
- Kevin James 182
- Kevin Wilke 177
- Daniel Broeckling 148
- Rick Weaver 132



### Learn the Official score calling lingo:

- No score 4 shoes call No score
- 1 shoe in count call 1 point
- 2 shoes in count call 2 points
- 1 ringer call 1 ringer, 3 points
- 1 ringer & 1 shoe in count call 1 ringer, 4 points
- 2 ringers call 2 ringers, 6 points
- 1 ringer each, no shoe in count call 2 dead, no score
- 1 ringer each, 1 shoe in count call 2 dead, 1 point
- 3 ringers call 2 dead, 3 points
- 4 ringers call 4 dead

## SECRETARY/TREASURE and PUBLICITY PITCH

The spring-like weather is here and looking forward to summer so we can get out there to pitch some shoes. I know for many of us we have already started this season. As of 5/14/26 we have 193 members for our chapter. I don't have much to report this month but a few reminders:

- Renew your membership for 2026
- Practice
- Vote for our new logos if you have not done that yet
- Sign up 2026 IL state tournament Labor Day weekend in Moline
- Recruit new members
- Send me your email address if you are not receiving emails from ILSHPA
- Have Fun

Happy pitching and see you on the courts somewhere!!

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**RENEWAL OF 2026 MEMBERSHIP HIT HERE!!**

Here is a link to vote for a new ILSHPA logo. All members can vote once before July 15th. The logo will be revealed at the membership meeting in Moline.

**Survey for new ILSHPA logo!!**

### **ALERT DONATIONS WANTED!!**

Would like to go to electronic scoring for state tournament. If you have stuff to donate or like to donate money to this great cost contact any of our state officers. This will help out on our shortage of score keepers

\*25-100 foot outdoor extension cords

\*3 to 6 electric splitters

\*Plastic bins to store it in

Big thank you to Beloit Horseshoe Club from Wis. in donating 30 monitors to us.

If you did not get a email from ILSHPA or constant contact please send your email address to Don Goers at [ilshpapd@gmail.com](mailto:ilshpapd@gmail.com). I have only entered emails that the member has renewed their membership for 2026. We are gathering the up to send out bulk emails to get the news out about ILSHPA.

### Pitching Tip for the Month

I would like to see more tips every month. So please send me your tips and Ill work them in. Can send them to [ilshpapd@gmail.com](mailto:ilshpapd@gmail.com).

**Court Reporter:** If you would like to submit anything into the court reporter please send it to Don Goers at [ilshpapd@gmail.com](mailto:ilshpapd@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month. I will be producing the newsletter and Deanna Marvin will be helping out by printing it off and sending it out to the ones that like it by paper form.



# ILLINIOS STATE TOURNAMENT MOLINE

## SEPTEMBER 4th-7th

Friday Night Doubles starts at 6 pm sign in at 5:30 pm  
Saturday and Sunday singles for all groups  
Monday is Rain day just in case

3 ways to enter

1st by online. Payment with credit card. Hit link below  
2nd send a Zelle payment to [ilshpapd@gmail.com](mailto:ilshpapd@gmail.com) put name  
and division on it.

3rd fill out paper form and send it with a check made out to  
ILSHPA to Austin Bailey or Don Goers

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## Hall Of Fame Page

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**Shout out to one of our members class of 2023!!**

This person has been part of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association for many years. He has pitched, kept score, maintained horseshoe courts, and ran tournaments throughout southern Illinois. He has topped the charts reaching an average ringer percentage of 75%. He has participated and helped run different leagues, including Effingham County Club.

He has competed in 12 World Tournaments. His first world was in 2003, at Eau

Claire, Wisconsin. He finished 3rd place. He went on to qualify for the Senior Men's World

Championship class 3 times: in 2005, 2006, and 2011. He placed third twice and made a lot of

friends throughout. He competed in the Elders division at worlds starting in 2013 in St.

George, UT, he would go 13-2 and win Class B to become the World Class Champion. He placed 4th in Buffalo in 2014 and then he made Elders A1 in 2015 and 2016. His four performances at worlds in the Elder Mens each year progressively got better in ringer percentage.

This pitcher served the ILSHPA as the 2nd Vice President for a few years, being in charge of medical exemptions. He continues to serve the state on the local club level. George has competed in the Illinois State Tournament for many years.

Although he is not able to pitch in tournaments due to his health, he continues to promote and thrive to keep our sport alive. He takes his grandson's to his horseshoe court in his backyard and plays games against them in hopes they join the sport one day.

For the above reasons and much more, George Huntington is our 2023 inductee to the Illinois State Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame.

## Hall of Fame Committee Members

Contact anyone of these people to animate a person to the hall of fame. Deadline is July 15th.



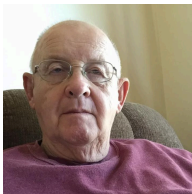
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## Lets Pitch in some Touranments

**May 23rd** - Annual Charles Cook Classic Casey IL Fairview Park Entry \$20 Check in 9 am Pitch at 10 am Contact Wayne Davis 217-932-2787 for more info

**June 6th** - Ken Huff Classic (Sanctioned) Fred's Place 2017 E. Walnut St. Millington IL \$20 entry fee 9:00 Am Start time Call Fred Morel 815-483-9530

**June 7th** - May Open in Litchfield (Sanctioned) Sign in Noon Pitch at 1:00 Entry Fee \$20 Limited to 15 players Call Mike Woods for info (217)851-5623

**June 13th** - Tremont Turkey Festival Tournament (sanctioned) Tremont Park corner of Harris Rd and Tazewell Rd. \$20 entry Contact Anna Thornquist (309)989-0793 to sign up by June 7th 9:30 am sign in and 10 am to pitch 24 pitchers limit

**June 13th** - Riverside Horseshoe Club June Open 3300 4th Avenue Moline IL Sign in at 8 am and pitch at 9 \$22 entry Contact Dave Anderson at (309)631-5662

**June 20th**– 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 27th** - Danville Open (Sanctioned) \$500.00 ADDED SPONSORSHIP, Douglas Park, Danville Illinois. **PRE-REGISTRATION AND PRE-PAYMENT 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, JUNE 22. Classes may be mixed and may be morning 9am, or afternoon 1pm. Scorekeepers to be paid \$1.00 per game by each pitcher. Concessions will be available on site. Pitching schedule to be posted on Facebook, Illinois Horseshoe Community site by Wed evening before the tournament.

**July 4th** - 4th of July Open (Sanctioned) Fred's Place 2017 E. Walnut St. Millington IL \$20 entry fee 9:00 Am Start time Call Fred Morel 815-483-9530

**July 4th** - Casey 4th of July, Casey IL Fairview Park Entry \$20 Check in 9 am Pitch at 10 am Contact Wayne Davis 217-932-2787 for more info

**July 4th** – 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 11th** - Tom Wilke Memorial Tournament (Non-sanctioned) St. Rose Park , Doubles change partners each game. Registration 12:00p.m. play starts at 1:00p.m. Concession on site Questions call Kevin Wilke (618) 780-3227

**July 11th** - Riverside Horseshoe Club July Open 3300 4th Avenue Moline IL Sign in at 8 am and pitch at 9 \$22 entry Contact Dave Anderson at (309)631-5662

**July 13th-25th** World Horseshoe Tournament Wausau Wis.  
For more info links below

<https://www.whpahorseshoes.com/world-tournament>

<https://www.horseshoepitching.com/>

**August 7th** - Friday Night Special (Sanctioned) Mascoutah Homecoming Scheve Park Park Dr. Mascoutah IL entry fee \$22.00 7 courts 15 player max. Payouts 1st,2nd,3rd and to the one with the highest ringer % above their average per class. Play starts 6:00p.m. Homecoming concessions available. Questions call Kevin Wilke (618)780-3227

**August 8th** - Ervin Starwalt Memorial Tournament, Casey Fairview Park Casey IL All pitchers check in at 9 am and Pitching begins at 10 am. Entry fee \$2.00 If scorekeepers are available each pitcher pay them \$1.00 Contact Wayne Davis for more info at 217-932-2787 or 217-251-5172

**August 8th** - August Open (Sanctioned) Fred's Place 2017 E. Walnut St. Millington IL \$20 entry fee 9:00 Am Start time Call Fred Morel 815-483-9530

**August 15th** – 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

**September 4th-7th** IL State Tournament in Moline More info to come

**September 12th** - Ellis Cobb Memorial (Sanctioned) Fred's Place 2017 E. Walnut St. Millington IL \$20 entry fee 9:00 Am Start time Call Fred Morel 815-483-9530

**September 13th** - May Open in Litchfield (Sanctioned) Sign in Noon Pitch at 1:00 Entry Fee \$20 Limited to 15 players Call Mike Woods for info (217)851-5623

**October 3rd** - Fred's 13th Annual (Sanctioned) Fred's Place 2017 E. Walnut St. Millington IL \$20 entry fee 9:00 Am Start time Call Fred Morel 815-483-9530

**October 10th** - Riverside Horseshoe Club Fall Open 3300 4th Avenue Moline IL Sign in at 8 am and pitch at 9 \$22 entry Contact Dave Anderson at (309)631-5662

## Tournaments Results For March 2026

Dave Shreve Memorial 4/18/2026  
29-26-004 \_\_ TD: Dennis Griesbaum  
Class A:  
Daniel Broeckling 5-1 52.46%  
Mark Dulle ` 5-1 49.13%  
Charlie Webb 4-1 43.20%  
Kevin Wilke 3-3 32.77%  
Lester Dumstorff 2-4 51.97%  
Dennis Griesbaum 1-5 38.11%  
Robert Donjon 1-5 34.89%

Big Bash 4/25/206  
29-26-039 \_\_ TD: Kevin James  
Class A:  
Steve Denault 5-1 58.75%  
Kevin James 5-1 57.50%  
Glen Briley 4-2 53.75%  
Paul Littlefield 3-3 51.67%  
Gary Wiederhold 3-3 44.58%  
Kevin Wilke 1-5 40.42%  
Tara Kinsella 0-6 33.33%

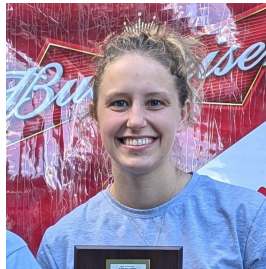
Class B  
Don Matzenbacher 6-0 37.92%  
Teri Loyd 5-1 38.75%  
Khamsing Vilaysack 4-2 35.42%  
Debbie Pearl 3-3 27.92%  
Mike Mickelson 2-4 22.08%  
Fred Pratt 1-5 12.92%  
David Mothershead 0-6 4.58%

[Click here to Visit our Website Tournament Results](#)

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