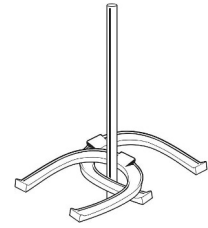


ILSHPA COURT REPORTER

June 2025



President's Pitch

Greetings from Southern Illinois. You know the heat is fully entrenched in the area when the scorekeepers in the shade are drenched in sweat. This time of the year is a great time to get out and pitch, but make sure you do it responsibly. Water and sports drinks are a must. Remember that soda and beer/liquor do not hydrate you they in fact dehydrate you.

I'll get off my health and safety soapbox. The days are getting shorter, can you believe that we are a couple months from the state tournament. Remember the deadline to enter the state tournament is July 15th. You must sign up online or have an entry form mailed and postmarked on or before that date. I know there have been some quirks with the online sign up. If you believe you have signed up, but are not sure you can contact Austin or Don to verify. Take photos or screenshots of your entry form for proof that you did "try" to sign up. Austin will be leaving for the World Tournament three days after the deadline so the tournament schedule will not be out until after World, presumably in early August.

A note about T-Shirts. If you haven't already heard, we could not get a T-Shirt vendor to come out to the courts for State this year. We will have a logo shirt and hopefully logo hats for a pre-order. Additional details to follow. I have mine ordered.

With the tournament fast approaching it is time to get your suggestions in for topics to discuss during our annual meeting. In the next edition of our court reporter , I will submit an agenda for the meeting. I want to have our topics lined out so everyone can prepare and have their thoughts together.

Also please submit any nominations for the Korte Memorial and the Henry Franke Awards, Hall of Fame nominees, and name(s) and position if you are planning to run for office or nominate someone for office. As a reminder the following positions are up for election: President, 2nd Vice President, Publicity Director, and Statistician.

That is all for now, don't put off to tomorrow what you can do today, especially with a loved one. As always I wish each and everyone an increase in your ringer percentage.

Dan

2025 STATE TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE

This year we are selling the 2025 State tournament merchandise by PRE-ORDER SALES. The link follows <https://form.jotform.com/251744001647149> Merchandise purchased will be distributed at the State Tournament in Springfield.

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Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Hope everyone had a fun and safe 4th of July. With that being said, that means our deadline for the State Tournament is right around the corner on July 15th. Remember for the last minute entries jump online and use the digital way with your credit card. This is easy to do and you don't even need to leave the house to run it to the mail box to save that energy for pitching horseshoes. We have 220 members now for ILSHPA as of 7/6/26. But let's not stop there, keep on recruiting. What a busy time of the year for us right now talking about the state tournament but let's now forget to wish all of our pitchers that are going to the world tournament GOOD LUCK and thanks for representing our state. Go get them and hope you bring some trophies home. As we gather to play horseshoes there is always talk about what is going on and at one tournament I found out that we are having trouble finding someone to do shirts for our state tournament so what do we do about that. Well I started researching and we are going to do it ourselves. This year state merchandise will be run by PRE ORDER ONLY. You can jump onto our website ilshpa.org under the state tournament page and find the link to the form to purchase shirts, sweat shirts, ladies shirts, towels and more. Please keep in mind this is a trial run so please give us some patience as we figure this out. If you have any questions or you know someone that can't get on a computer to do this please call me (Don) at 815-666-9172. I hope this will work out. Well for now happy pitching to all and see you on the courts.

Don Goers
Secretary/treasure Publicity Director

State Meeting Items

ILSHPA Officer Positions Up for Election

President –	Currently held by Dan Broeckling
2 nd Vice President –	Currently held by Danny Freeman
Publicity Director –	Currently held by Don Goers
Statistician –	Currently held by Tara Kinsella

If you would like to run for one of these positions please contact Dan Broeckling or any of the current officers with any questions you may have.

We are also looking for agenda items for the meeting. If you have anything that you would like to change or discuss, please let the officers know so it can be put on the agenda and discussed at the meeting.

Tournament Results

June

Danville Club June Hpc 6/2/2025

29-25-046 TD: Leo Bratland

Class A:

Mike Schroeder	2.5-.5	45.33%
Glen Laird	2-1	50.67%
Walter Meeker	1.5-1.5	38.00%
Loren Douglas	0-3	25.33%

Class D:

Bob Heaton	3-0	10.67%
Troyel Brigham	1-2	11.33%
Ronald Phelps Jr.	1-2	10.00%
Jim Bowen	1-2	9.33%

Class B:

Mickie Peterson	3-0	28.67%
Oliver Buford	2-1	14.00%
Jack Moore	1-2	18.00%
William Shaw	0-3	16.00%

Class E:

Cliff Dupree	3-0	5.33%
Alli-jo Rodgers	1-2	6.67%
William Fares	1-2	5.33%
Michael Larson	1-2	4.67%

Class C:

Connor Robison	2-1	21.33%
Alan Groth	2-1	16.67%
Ron Umbarger	2-1	13.33%
Linann Rigglesman	0-3	14.00%

Jim Metzger Memorial 6/7/2025

29-25-027 TD: Bill Devlin

Class A:

Bob Vandivier	4-0	55.50%
Larry Thomason	3-1	31.50%
Glen Laird	2-2	40.50%
Wayne Davis	1-3	34.50%
Dale Westendorf	0-4	26.00%

Class B:

Jessie Starwalt	4-0	22.00%
Dwen Firpo	3-1	29.50%
Don Bartoszewski	2-2	25.50%
Liann Rigglesman	1-3	11.00%
Alli-jo Rodgers	0-4	8.50%

Tremont Turkey Festival 6/2/2025

29-25-041 TD: Shelly Merritt

Class A:

Austin Bailey	4-0	73.75%
Robert Bower	2-2	47.50%
Jim Spidle Jr.	2-2	46.25%
Jim Spidle Sr.	2-2	46.25%
Terry Murray	1-3	36.25%

Class B:

Linda Roach	3-1	50.00%
Danny Freeman	3-1	41.88%
Vern Blackford	2-2	39.38%
Kevin Wilke	2-2	37.50%
Christy Diveley	0-4	41.25%

Class C:

Shelly Merritt	4-0	36.25%
Guy Coats	3-1	28.13%
Judy Long	2-2	30.63%
Bob Laskowski	1-3	27.50%
Steven Spidle	0-4	17.50%

Class D:

Adrianna Thornquist	5-0	23.50%
Jeffrey Baldwin	4-1	11.50%
Jack Rudd Jr.	3-2	13.00%
Wayne Goers	2-3	8.00%
Eliza Goers	1-4	10.00%
Lillian Thornquist	0-5	4.50%

Do Rag Open (Tribute Les Mullen) 6/8/2025**29-25-033 TD: Mike Wood****Class A:**

Kevin Wilke	3-1	36.50%
Gary Bardelmeier	3-1	29.00%
Kelly Haxton	2-2	24.50%
Donna Severit	2-2	20.50%
Norman Severit Jr.	0-4	13.00%

Class B:

EJ Mullen	4-0	21.00%
John Bates	3-1	15.50%
Scott Knebel	2-2	13.00%
Jeff Mullen	1-3	13.00%
Sophia Mullen	0-4	4.00%

Class C:

Gage Knebel	3-1	5.50%
Brady Stritzel	2-2	3.00%
Drake Mullen	1-3	2.50%
Alyson Mullen	1-3	1.00%

June Open 6/14/2025**29-25-002 TD: David Anderson****Class A:**

Danny McDaniel	4-0	51.25%
Robert Bowser	3-1	53.13%
James McCord	2-2	41.25%
Kevin James	1-3	46.88%
Kevin Wilke	0-4	28.13%

Class C:

Sherry Worrall	3-1	15.00%
Tom Worrall	2-2	12.50%
Bob Niles	3-1	10.63%
Jack Rudd Jr.	2-2	11.25%
Steve Park	0-4	3.75%

Class B

Sam Mataya	3-1	38.13%
Guy Coats	3-1	31.88%
Shelly Merritt	2-2	31.88%
Michael Cathcart	2-2	23.75%
Michael Strader	0-4	25.00%

Spring is Over 6/20/2025**29-25-056 TD: Kenny Kiefer****Class A:**

Karen Maxville	3-1	22.50%
Terry Rea Jr.	1-3	10.63%

Class B:

Dale Maxville	4-0	24.38%
David Mothershead	1-3	8.75%
Robbie Donjon	1-3	6.25%

Floyd & Brenda Tennill Open 6/21/2025**29-25-020 TD: Bill Devlin****Class A:**

Bob Vandivier	4-0	53.13%
Bill Devlin	3-1	45.00%
Wayne Davis	2-2	40.00%
Glen Laird	1-3	41.88%
Larry Thomason	0-4	16.88%

Class B:

Dwen Firpo	4-0	30.63%
Dale Westendorf	3-1	28.75%
Don Bartoszewski	2-2	20.00%
Linann Riggelman	1-3	13.75%
Alli-jo Rodgers	0-4	7.50%

Ken Huff Classic **6/21/2025**
29-25-035 **TD: Fred Morel**

Class A:

Al Gonnerman	5-0	46.50%
Sam Mataya	4-1	38.00%
Robert Bowser	3-2	47.00%
Sharyl Mataya	2-3	16.00%
Patrick Dacy	1-4	23.50%
Marvin Robers	0-5	15.00%

B. Marvin/L. Watkins Memorial **6/21/2025**
29-25-043 **TD: Austin Bailey**

Class A:

Austin Bailey	5-0	66.00%
Glen Briley	3-2	54.50%
Kenneth Kiefer	2-3	47.00%
Linda Roach	2-3	42.50%
Terry Murray	2-3	41.50%
Jim Spidle Sr.	1-4	42.00%

Class B:

Jim Spidle Jr.	4-0	43.13%
Vern Blackford	3-1	41.88%
Danny Freeman	1-3	38.75%
Christy Diveley	1-3	30.00%
Kevin Wilke	1-3	27.50%

Class C:

Jason Loyd	4-0	21.25%
Bob Laskowski	2-2	23.33%
Bill Winchester	1-3	15.83%
Don Goers	0-4	17.50%

Class D:

Adrianna Thornquist	4-0	23.13%
Allison Goers	3-1	21.88%
Jack Rudd Jr.	2-2	15.63%
Rick Weaver	1-3	12.50%
Lillian Thornquist	0-4	5.63%

Last One in June **6/23/2025**
29-25-057 **TD: Kenny Kiefer**

Class A:

Paul Littlefield	4-0	59.15%
Charles Swan	1-3	42.86%
Robert Donjon	1-3	41.46%

Class B:

Patricia Nelson	3-0	40.83%
Dale Maxville	0-3	16.25%

Class C:

Terry Rea Jr.	3-0	11.67%
Robbie Donjon	0-3	3.33%

Macoutah Open **6/28/2025**
29-25-040 **TD: Kevin Wilke**

Class A:

Paul Littlefield	5-0	63.00%
Steve Denault	3-2	66.50%
Bob Vandivier	2-3	55.00%
Kevin James	2-3	55.00%
Daniel Broeckling	2-3	54.50%
Lester Dumstorff	1-4	51.00%

Class B:

Linda Roach	4-1	49.00%
Ken Wellen	4-1	41.50%
Owen Moore	3-2	43.50%
Mark Dulle	3-2	37.50%
Robert Donjon	1-4	30.50%
Denny Bowen	0-5	21.50%

Class C:

Karen Maxville	6-0	23.33%
Dwen Firpo	3-3	30.00%
Edward Broeckling	3-3	25.00%
Gary Bardelmeier	3-3	22.92%
Dale Maxville	3-2	19.17%
Kelly Haxton	2-4	20.49%
John Bates	1-5	16.80%

Upcoming Tournaments**July**

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

August 9 – August Open (Sanctioned) \$20 Entry Fee 9:00 AM start. Call Fred Morel (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St. Millington, IL

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 6 – Ellis Cobb Memorial (Sanctioned) \$20 Entry Fee 9:00 AM start. Call Fred Morel (815) 695-5565 or (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St. Millington, IL

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.

October

Oct 4 – Fred’s 12th Annual (Sanctioned) \$20 Entry Fee 9:00 AM start. Call Fred Morel or (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St. Millington, IL

Condolences

We would like to send our condolences to the Families of the following people who have been a part of the horseshoe family for many years:

Sharon Irene Wood, 80 of Litchfield, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Litchfield Health and Rehab. She is the wife of Mike Wood and enjoyed watching him and their family members pitch horseshoe at many State and World Tournaments.

Ronald “Pete” Rankin, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2025 at Shelbyville Health Care and Senior Living. Pete found camaraderie and enjoyment as a member of the Shelbyville Horseshoe Club. He helped host the IL State Tournament many times during his time as a member of the Club.

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

Listed below are the basic steps to renewing your membership card online. This is the preferred method it saves ILSHPA time and money.

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.

**2025 Cards
Adult Members \$40 Junior/Cadets Members Free**

ADD \$20 IF YOU WANT THE COURT REPORTER MAILED TO YOU IN 2025

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Zip Code (plus four) _____ Phone: (____) _____

Circle One : 40' 30' Junior Cadet Women 20'Women Medical
Exemption

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Total years membership _____

Email Address _____

Send to: Don Goers, 595 Silver Creek Road, Woodstock, IL 60098.

PLEASE, PLEASE—PRINT LEGIBLY!!

If you would like to receive a card please enclose a self addressed and stamped envelope. Otherwise no card will be sent. With the E shoe system you do not have to present your card at tournaments.

2025 Illinois State Horseshoe Tournament Entry Form

To Be Held In Springfield, IL August 29th– August 31st (September 1st if rain)

Send entries to: Austin Bailey, 215 Dickinson Rd, Springfield, IL 62704

The cost for entering is as follows; Men's entry fee is \$40 per entry; \$11 scorekeeping for a 12 player class.

Men's 30' entry fee is \$40 per entry; \$9 score keeping for a 10 player class. Women's entry fee is \$40 per entry,

\$9 score keeping for a 10 player class. Junior Class no charge. Non-Sanctioned Double Tournament Entry fee is \$20.

Make Checks Payable to : ILSHPA

Check the appropriate boxes and mail entry form and fee All entries must be postmarked NO LATER

THAN JULY 15th, 2025 All pitchers must have an NHPA membership card. After the schedule is done it will be posted on the ILSHPA web site, and will be posted in the Court Reporter.

Non-Sanctioned Doubles Tournament is a **walking mixed (men and women) doubles format**. The 16 person classes will be sorted in a descending order based on ringer %. The #1 person will be paired with the 16th person in that class, #2 will be paired with the 15th person in that class, etc.

ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR SHOES AND A SHIRT WITH THEIR NAME ON THE BACK. THE LETTERS MUST BE 1" IN HIEGHT AND MUST NOT BE IN MAGIC MARKER OR INK. NO SLEEVELESS SHIRTS ARE ALLOWED.

Name _____	Men's Singles	\$40	_____
Address _____	30' Men's Singles	\$40	_____
City _____	Women's Singles	\$40	_____
Zip _____	Junior Boy's	N/C	_____
Phone _____	Junior Girl's	N/C	_____
	Cadets	N/C	_____
	Non-Sanctioned	\$20	_____
	Mixed Doubles		_____
	Total		_____

Name _____	Men's Singles	\$40	_____
Address _____	30' Men's Singles	\$40	_____
City _____	Women's Singles	\$40	_____
Zip _____	Junior Boy's	N/C	_____
Phone _____	Junior Girl's	N/C	_____
	Cadets	N/C	_____
	Non-Sanctioned	\$20	_____
	Mixed Doubles		_____
	Total		_____

The 2026 Illinois State Horseshoe Tournament will be held in
Moline, IL at the Riverside Park.

**2025 State Tournament
Hotels in Springfield
Aug 29 – Aug 31**

Carpenter Street Hotel

525 North Sixth Street

217 789-9100

Single or Double Room \$119.00 a night

Country Inn & Suites

3092 Stevenson Dr.

217 960-8368

Room \$129 per night

State House Inn

101 East Adams Street

217 528-5100

Room \$125 per night

Residence Inn by Marriott South

2915 Stanford Avenue

(217) 527-1100

Studio Suite \$149 per night

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SpringHill Suites by Marriott

3921 MacArthur Boulevard

844-535-2890

King Suite \$159.00 Double Queen Suite 169.00

The President Abraham Lincoln Springfield a DoubleTree by Hilton

701 East Adams Street

844-535-2890

www.dtspringfieldil.com

Standard Guest Rooms

1-2 people 109.00, 3 People 119.00, 4 people 129.00

There are a block of rooms at each of the above hotels for the ILHSPA. Reservations must be made by August 7, 2025 to get the above rates.

Deanna Marvin

P. O. Box 26

Mechanicsburg, IL 62545-0026



**All 2025 Illinois State Tournament
entry forms must be postmarked or
sent online by July 15, 2025.**