



# ILSHPA

## Court Reporter

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### President's Pitch

## Greetings from Southern Illinois



...and with a blink of an eye, February has come and gone. On March 1st we had our executive meeting. We discussed a number of topics from new logos to World Tournaments and plenty in between. In the near future we will have new logos to vote on, both in logo form and bar form. Each member will have the chance to vote for one of two choices for both logo and bar logo. I promise it will be easier to vote than understand what I just wrote and you just read. Team World teams are being discussed and Austin will be reaching out to potential players. We also decided that we will start to introduce electronic scoring to our State Tournament. We are working to procure the necessary pieces to make that happen. This will be our jumping off point. We are also going to try Constant Contact for our organization which will lead to a change in format to our court reporter. The new format is planned to be released in April. Don Goers will have more information on the constant contact front so watch your email. We are starting a promotions and marketing committee. The initial chair person will be Austin Bailey. He will form the committee and then work with them to find a permanent chair person. We are still searching for a Second Vice President. I have left a message with our choice, and waiting for a response back. If you are in need of a medical exemption please contact Danny Freeman. He will continue to help until a suitable successor is named.

While the winds of change blow through our great state, one message remains the same; Recruit, recruit, recruit! Get out in your community, visit other communities, play as many tournaments as you can make as many friends and memories as you can.

On a personal note, I (re)learned something while pitching in the Quail Ridge tournament, I'd like to share. I have played in numerous tournaments there and have not had much success. I think I talk myself into having issues as much as actually having trouble pitching. So, our entire team had a slow start, I was pitching well, but the shoe was not going on the stake. An inch to the left toe to the right, on and off, very frustrating. I let myself get angry and upset so it just snowballed. My teammate said to me at the end of one of the games, don't worry about it we can't win anything anyway. Although not the best message, he was telling me to relax and just have fun. And, it worked. I had two great games to finish the tournament and I felt great, not because we won or that I pitched well, but because I had fun. The world wasn't ending if we lost, my luck wasn't going to change the weather, the next miss wasn't going to define who I was. I've told my son throughout his hockey career, it is not the mistakes you make that defines you, it is what you do after the mistake that does. So what I was trying to get at, control what you can and let go of what you can't. Enjoy the game and do your best and you will be a winner even if the score says otherwise. Check your attitude at the door and you will be a better pitcher for it. For my teammate, if he wouldn't have reminded me why we were there, I would have had a lousy tournament.

With that I wish you all the best and as always an increase in your ringer percentage.

-Dan

## Player of the Year

As of February 28th

Chris Judson 210  
Kevin Wilke 127  
Kevin James 122  
Daniel Broeckling 99  
Michael Cathcart 95



## 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

Here we go: Start of 2026!! I know it's been awhile for a court reporter. Did anyone start their year with a new year's resolution? If not, how about this year try something new and invite a new player to join ILSHPA! If we all did this, WOW would our membership explode. Last year in 2025 we ended the year with 228 members. So get out there and RECURIT. We had an executive board meeting and got things worked out. One thing we decide is to update the court reporter. It will be sent to you by email if I have it. Hope this will catch peoples eye and also get some more news out when we need it. Now it's exciting to see what 2026 will offer and here are a few things we know: The World Tournament is just a State away to the north in Wausa WISCONSIN on dates of July 13th-25th. You need 4 tournaments to get qualified and sign up now. For more information check out the NHPA website. On labor weekend September 4th-7th Illinois state tournament is going to be held in Moline. You need 3 tournaments to qualify. More info will be coming out soon. Start planning now for these two exciting tournaments. NHPA has come out with new patches this year. I have already got one, it's a good feeling LOL. What else should we talk about, renewing membership: \$40 for the year which you can sign up by going onto eShoe and doing a digital or sending me the check and form and I'll put it in. Remember if you have a division, name, or address change let me know and I can change it. If you want a card sent to you need to send me a self address envelope and I'll send it to you or as a reminder you don't need a card because everything is digital now and directors see it when they form the tournament. If you want the court reporter paper form it's also an additional \$20 for the year which the cost covers printing them out and sending them. On the last note if you have any new ideas just send them my way and ill see what i can do. See you somewhere on the pits.

Don Goers  
ILSHPA secretary/treasure  
ILSHPA promotions director



### 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

- \*21 inch monitors
- \*17 inch lap tops
- \*25-100 foot outdoor extension cords
- \*3 to 6 electric splitters
- \*Plastic bins to store it in

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

Go out to the courts and have fun and be **courteous** to your opponent and others pitching around you. Watch where you are walking, how and when you are working your pits and pitching right next to other people. Talk with respect to your opponents. Great tip from Guy Modde.

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).



# Hall Of Fame Page

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## Shout out to one of our members class of 2019!!

Lannie Robison and Robert Hilmes nominated Harold Rutan from Arthur IL for the 2019 ILSHPA Hall of Fame. Sadly Harold passed away December 5, 2018. He was survived by his wife Betty and daughter Dawn.

Robert met Harold in Korea in 1954 while assigned to United States Army anti artillery outfit, K13, and Lannie met him working on the

pits getting them ready for the Father's Day tournament many years ago.

Harold was a member of ILSHPA for over 35 years. He pitched in many state and local tournaments. He was a 40-50% pitcher. When Harold had the chance, he taught everyone how to play the sport of horseshoes. Robert recalls how Harold taught him how to pitch 1 ¼ turn while he pitched a 2 ¼ to give Robert a chance to win. He could throw any kind of turn shoe. Harold organized a group of pitchers in Charleston for several years where he recruited them to sign up for ILSHPA.

Lannie and Robert added, "So we go through life where you run into people you just don't like. With Harold, it was just the opposite where he was a true gentlemen on and off the court, with a smile all the time regardless if he won or lost and willing to help you improve your game. He never bragged and when he was asked what percentage you throw, he would answer HMMM... over 50%. Harold was well liked by his opponents and their wives."

Through the years Harold won many tournaments in "A" class and had patches to show for it on a vest that he wore.

We have officers and tournament directors but if you don't have pitchers like Harold working behind the scenes to make tournament successful and run mini horseshoe meetings, we would not need the officers. Thanks to Harold for his dedication to the sport of horseshoes.

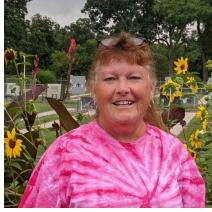
On June 1, 2019 Larry Thomason held the first Harold Rutan Memorial Tournament. The tournament means a lot to Robert and all who knew Harold along being a nice tribute for him and his friends.

Harold was a true christian and friend.

For this we induct Harold Rutan into the 2019 ILSHPA 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.



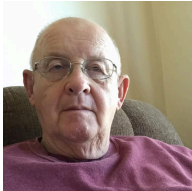
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Our Condolences to the Families of:

Nellie Flemming 88, passed away on October 21, 2025 in Rochester, Illinois. Nellie was a Womens Illinois's State Champion horseshoe pitcher and was inducted into the ILSHPA Hall of Fame in 2001.

Dorothy Pluckebaum, 94 entered into rest on March 7, 2026. She was the wife of Robert E. Pluckebaum and the Aunt of Tina Press. She traveled to many World and State Horseshoe tournaments and was a great fan of all of the Illinois pitchers.

Both of these women will be greatly missed by the ILSHPA Family.



## National Horseshoes Pitchers Association

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## Lets Pitch in some Touranments

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

**May 10th** - 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 at (217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin at (217) 741-6839.

**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 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** - 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** - 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 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

**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 December 2025, January and February 2026

Tater Jinglefest Invitational 12/6/2025 29-25-065 TD: Dennis Greisbaum Class A:  
Daniel Broeckling 4-1 49.15%  
Lester Dumstorff 4-1 49.11%  
Kenneth Kiefer 3-2 42.02%  
Charlie Webb 2-3 33.49%  
Kevin Wilke 1-4 39.37%  
Mark Dulle 1-4 27.27%

Holiday Open 12/14/2025 29-25-071 TD:  
Tara Kinsella  
Class A:  
Kevin James 6-1 60.71%  
Gary Wiederhold 5-2 50.71%  
Glen Briley 4-2 58.75%  
Paul Littlefield 4-2 59.58%  
Ann McNelly 2-4 42.50%  
Tara Kinsella 1-5 41.67%  
Denny Bowen 0-6 32.92%

Class B  
Khamsing Vilaysack 5-1 30.83% Patricia  
Nelson 5-1 29.84%  
Kevin Wilke 4-2 35.42%  
Allan Moallankamp Jr. 3-3 31.67%  
Amanda Roustio 2-4 22.18%  
Debbie Pearl 1-5 20.00%  
David Mothershead 1-5 1.67%

Trigg Invitational #1 2/7/2026  
29-26-005 TD: Bill Devlin  
Class A:  
George Huntington 5-1 62.22%  
Bill Devlin 5-1 42.22%  
Dale Westendorf 1-5 34.44%  
Joel Hicks 1-5 31.11%

Class B  
Dwen Firpo 4-0 31.50%  
Lloyd Allen 3-1 31.00%  
Don Bartoszewski 2-2 15.00%  
Larry Thomason 1-3 4.50%  
Jason Hazlet 0-4 12.50%

Wally Reamer Memorial Invit.  
2/7/2026 29-26-002  
TD: Dennis Griesbaum  
Class A:  
Charlie Webb 5-1 39.86%  
Lester Dumstorff 4-2 51.41%  
Daniel Broeckling 4-2 42.36%  
Mark Dulle 3-3 43.45%  
Dennis Griesbaum 3-3 41.39%  
Robert Donjon 2-4 35.67%  
Kevin Wilke 0-6 34.32%

Randy Pulver Memorial 1/3/2026  
29-26-001 TD: Dennis Greisbaum Class A:  
Gary Wiederhold 5-1 59.49%  
Dennis Greisbaum 4-2 47.21%  
Daniel Broeckling 4-2 47.17%  
Mark Dulle 3-3 48.05%  
Lester Dumstorff 3-3 50.94%  
Kevin Wilke 2-4 37.04%  
Robert Donjon 0-6 26.86%

Winter Open 1/18/2026 29-26-008  
TD: Tara Kinsella  
Class A:  
Kevin James 6-0 66.67%  
Gary Wiederhold 5-1 45.42%  
Glen Briley 4-2 53.33%  
Ann McNelly 3-3 46.25%  
Kevin Wilke 2-4 36.25%  
Tara Kinsella 1-5 37.08%  
Denny Bowen 0-6 27.08%

Class B:  
Michael Mickelson 4-0 31.25%  
Debbie Pearl 3-1 32.50%  
Terry Rea Jr. 2-2 18.13%  
Robbie Donjon 1-3 15.63%

Room 222 2/22/2026  
29-26-020 TD: Tara Kinsella  
Class A:  
Gary Wiederhold 5-1 57.08%  
Kevin James 4-2 62.30%  
Glen Briley 3-2 56.00%  
Tara Kinsella 2-3 42.50%  
Ann McNelly 2-3 45.10%  
Debbie Pearl 0-5 33.00%

Class B:  
Debbie Pearl 6-0 36.00%  
John McGowan 5-1 31.25%  
Denny Bowen 4-2 21.25%  
Michael Mickelson 2-4 20.00%  
Robert Descher 2-4 17.50%  
Terry Rea Jr. 1-5 17.50%  
Tim Descher 1-5 7.08%

Trigg Invitational #2 2/28/2026  
29-26-006 TD: Bill Devlin  
Class A:  
Bill Devlin 4-0 51.50%  
George Huntington 3-1 50.00%  
Bob Vandivier 2-2 47.00%  
Dale Westendorf 1-3 32.50%  
Larry Thomason 0-4 10.50%

Mulligan Time Invitational 2/21/2026  
29-26-023 TD: Dennis Griesbaum Class A:  
Daniel Broeckling 6-0 48.34%  
Mark Dulle 4-2 50.36%  
Lester Dumstorff 4-2 49.32%  
Dennis Griesbaum 3-3 47.14% Kenneith  
Kiefer 2-4 40.99%  
Robert Donjon 2-4 33.33%  
Allan Moallankamp 0-6 29.37%

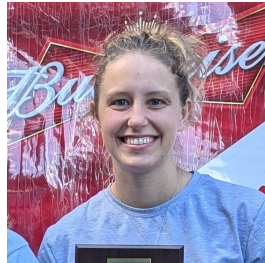
Class B:  
Dwen Firpo 4-0 31.50%  
Lloyd Allen 3-1 30.00%  
Don Bartoszewski 2-2 10.00%  
Joel Hicks 1-3 20.50%  
Jason Hazlet 0-4 10.50%

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