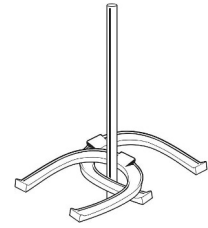


ILSHPA COURT REPORTER

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President's Pitch

Greetings from Southern Illinois. I hope that the weather dries out soon so we can get out there and pitch shoes more regularly. I have had several meetings for our spring/summer leagues. I would like to take this opportunity to re-emphasize to get your league information out there on the internet. Get it advertised in our newsletter, sanctioned or non-sanctioned. If each of us get a new pitcher to start and keep the pitchers we have then we can start/keep growing our great game. I spoke with Alan Francis Sunday at the HOF Invitational and said I would see him in a couple weeks at Team World. He said "this year at least ... It is getting hard to find people to go." The point is we are not alone. Our game is not easy. We have to find a way to make it fun to learn.

Congratulations to Austin on placing 5th at the HOF Invitational. Also, help me in wishing both of our teams luck at Team World in Beloit the 16th through 18th. Team 1 has Austin Bailey, Steve Denault, Paul Littlefield, and Dennis Reid. Team 2 has Daniel Broeckling, Ken Schaver, Robert Schaver and Bob Vandivier. Our plan is to have two Illinois teams in the playoffs this year. If you can make it I encourage you to come and watch. It is one of the best and best run tournaments. Good luck to both teams.

We have a couple new sanctioned tournaments this year in June (Tremont and Mascoutah). Both sets courts are working with our NHPA Regional Director Steve Denault to get the courts sanctioned and ready to go. If you have courts that you need or want to get sanctioned, don't wait until the last minute. Not only does Steve have to have the time to get there and sanction them, but you also have to have time to fix any deficiencies that arise from the sanctioning process. If you don't know, all courts used for sanctioned tournaments and leagues must be sanctioned every four years according to the by-laws. If you don't know how long it has been since your courts were sanctioned, please reach out to Steve at (618) 317-4335.

One more piece that I have, if you have a topic for this year's state meeting please bring up your subject to myself or another member of the board so we can get the topics out to everyone to think about. I received several comments on how smoothly they thought the meeting went. It was not perfect, but one thing I think helped make it go smoother was being able to talk about the topics before the meeting. Once at the meeting each of us had a chance to see the other side and make adjustments to our own thoughts before casting a vote. If you have an idea that you think makes our organization better, bring it up and we can discuss and ultimately improve our organization.

That is all for now. As always I wish good pitching and an increase in your ringer percentage.

Dan

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Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Message from Secretary/Treasurer Here we go, who's excited that the weather is nice out and getting ready to pitch some horseshoes outside. Many opportunities to get out there and play in tournaments, sanction leagues or have fun in a local bar league where you have the chance to get new members signed up for NHPA. As of 5/11/25 we have 183 members for ILSHPA. Great job and keep helping grow our organization. Get those tournaments in and sign up for the state tournament which is on labor day weekend in Springfield this year. To sign up there will be a way to use credit card online, send money through zelle to ilshpapd@gmail.com, checks made out to ILSHPA and send it to me (Don Goers), contact me and can use venmo, or hand it to an officer at your local tournament before July 15th. Always looking for new ideas for our newsletters and website. Please send me your ideas and I'll run with it, never know what can happen. Happy pitching to everyone and have great sportsmanship. See you on the courts!!

Don Goers
ILSHPA Secretary and Treasure
ILSHPA Publicity Director

2025 NHPA Achievement Award was presented to Larry Thomason of Effingham, Illinois On May 3rd, 2025.

For his excellence in excelling the sport of horseshoe pitching in the southern portion of Illinois. Keeping horseshoe pitching in a prominent spotlight throughout each community, working as a tournament & sanctioned league director, and consistently giving his time, money and effort to advancing the sport of horseshoe pitching through his excellence in service.

I am in my 45th year of NHPA membership and have received several awards in New Jersey and in Illinois but none have been a national award until May 3, 2025 when I was presented the 2025 NHPA Achievement Award at the Hall of Fame Invitational in Wentzville, MO.

It is an honor that I will always cherish. This award is not possible without the tremendous help I have received over the 15 years I have been a member of the ILSHPA. I took on the duties of Tournament Director in Effingham in 2012 which is 2 years after I moved back to Illinois. George Huntington and Dale Westendorf turned it over to me then. Dale has been a big help to me along the way along with several other pitchers. Dalton Rakestraw started the Effingham Sanctioned League and after he moved away I took over as the league director. Unfortunately, we had to discontinue the league a few years ago due to dwindling numbers.

I grew up in Charleston, IL and spent a lot of my waking hours at Morton Park. I do remember the old horseshoe courts which were sand and had a massive concrete wall backboard so as to stop any shoes from flying onto the street and hitting cars. There was also a croquet court located where the current 12 horseshoe courts are now. I wanted to bring back sanctioned tournaments to Charleston and have directed tournaments for several years now. The first year I brought back sanctioned tournaments we had 27 pitchers and for the past couple of years I can count on 10 regulars. Again, I have tremendous help from Gene Hawkins, Dale Westendorf, and Bill Devlin. All pitchers do their part on tournament day.

Take it from an old man "The more ringers I throw, the more fun I have." I do enjoy what I do and will continue as long as my health is good.

See you on the courts.

Larry Thomason

Tournament Results

April

Dave Shreve Memorial Invitational 4/8/2025

29-25-012 TD: D. Griesbaum/J. Moallankamp

Class A:

Daniel Broeckling	5-1	51.87%
Lester Dumstorff	5-1	52.17%
Kenneth Kiefer	4-2	50.32%
Charlie Webb	3-3	42.68%
Mark Dulle	2-4	41.27%
Dennis Greisbaum	2-4	47.19%
Robert Donjon	0-6	32.97%

Easter Open 4/13/2025

29-25-008 TD: Tara Kinsella

Class A:

Steve Denault	5-0	73.00%
Kevin James	4-1	49.00%
Gary Wiederhold	3-2	54.50%
Glen Briley	2-3	55.00%
Kevin Wilke	1-4	39.50%
Linda Clifton	0-5	42.50%

April Fools 4/23/2025

29-25-029 TD: Kenny Kiefer

Class A:

Glen Briley	6-0	60.42%
Steve Denault	5-1	73.33%
Kevin James	4-2	62.08%
Paul Littlefield	3-3	65.42%
Lester Dumstorff	2-4	54.58%
Dennis Greisbaum	1-5	35.83%
Linda Clifton	0-6	37.08%

Top 5 in the running for 2025 Player of the Year

Award As of 5/7/2025

Chris Judson	205.5
Kevin Wilke	154
Kevin James	123
Dan Broeckling	112
Glenn Briley & Steve Denault are tied at 107	

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.

Upcoming Tournaments

May

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

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 4 – Open 4th of July (Sanctioned), \$20 Entry Fee 9:00 AM start. Call Fred Morel (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St. Millington, IL

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 – Doby 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

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

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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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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	_____
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Phone _____	Junior Girl's	N/C	_____
	Cadets	N/C	_____
	Non-Sanctioned	\$20	_____
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