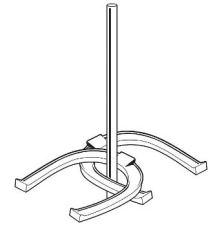


# ILSHPA COURT REPORTER



April 2023

## President's Pitch Greetings from Crabtree

It is with heavy heart that I write this article. Leroy "Lee" Watkins passed away April 11, 2023. Lee was 2<sup>nd</sup> vice pres. of the ILSHPA. Lee was in charge of medical exemptions for the charter, a true competitor and friend. He will be missed by all. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. I will be appointing an interim 2<sup>nd</sup> vice in the near future. In the mean time all questions regarding medical exemptions may be forwarded to any officer.

Every year a delegation goes to the delegate meeting at the world tournament. Topics to be discussed are printed in the Newsliner. This year there several topics of interest. I would encourage everyone to look at the proposed changes and give some feedback. Illinois is allowed three delegates at the convention. These delegates need to know how members feel about certain proposals.

Not to early to start thinking about Korte and Franke nominees as well as the Hall of Fame.

Weather is starting to change and tournaments will be starting full throttle soon. Be sure to support them as much as you can.

See ya on the courts

Mike

## Sanctioning Horseshoe Courts

All horseshoe Courts in the state have to be sanctioned by June 1, 2023. To ensure you courts are Sanctioned please send, email or text the name and address of the courts to Steve Denault by May 15, 2023. His contact information is listed on page 2.

## Next Court Reporter

The next court reporter will be published by the 15th of May. If you have any articles or news you would like to have published please send them to Deanna Marvin by May 10th.

## 2023 ILSHPA State Officers

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## Tournament Results

### March

#### March Invitational—3/4/2023

##### 29-23-009 TD: Sheila Johnson

Collin Korte	5-1	58.06%
Daniel Broeckling	5-1	62.29%
Dennis Griesbaum	4-2	51.31%
Robert Donjon	3-3	49.30%
Lester Dumstorff	3-3	47.62%
Allan Moallankamp	1-5	22.64%
Edward Broeckling	0-6	23.91%

#### Daylight Savings-3-12-2023

##### 29-23-030 TD: Sheila Johnson

###### Class A:

Paul Littlefield	5-1	62.08%
Ann Mcnelly	4-2	50.42%
Kenneth Kiefer	3-2	42.50%
Robert Donjon	3-2	47.00%
Linda Clifton	1-4	48.00%
Denny Bowen	0-5	38.00%

###### Class B:

Tara Kinsella	4-0	31.25%
Amanda Roustio	3-1	16.25%
Judy Lijewski	2-2	30.00%
Fred Pratt	1-3	10.63%
Ashley Moore	0-4	1.25%

#### Lion or Lamb Open-3/18/2023

##### 29-23-006 TD: Mike Wood

Jim Spidle Sr	6-0	44.17%
Jim Spidle Jr	5-1	44.17%
Steven Spidle	3-3	24.17%
Gary Bardlemeier	3-3	22.50%
James Lazarus	2-4	22.92%
Larry Pohlman	2-4	19.58%
Les Mullen	0-6	5.83%

#### Trigg March Invitational-3/25/2023

##### 29-23-034 TD: Larry Thomason

###### Class A:

George Huntington	3-1	59.00%
Bob Vandivier	2-2	53.00%
John Trigg	2-2	51.50%
Bill Arnold	2-2	38.50%
Dale Westendorf	1-3	42.00%

###### Class B:

Don Bartoszewski	3-1	31.00%
Dwen Firpo	3-1	35.50%
Lloyd Ruff	2-2	25.50%
Jesse Starwalt	2-2	23.50%
Joel Hicks	0-4	8.50%

#### March Winds—3/26/2023

##### 29-23-031 TD: Sheila Johnson

###### Class A:

Kevin James	5-0	61.50%
Glen Briley	4-1	48.50%
Ann Mcnelly	3-2	45.00%
Robert Donjon	2-3	45.50%
Linda Clifton	1-4	38.50%
Gary Wiederhold	0-5	35.00%

###### Class B:

Tara Kinsella	5-1	33.75%
Judy Lijewski	5-1	30.00%
Gary Bardlemeier	5-1	25.83%
Fred Pratt	3-3	15.00%
George Youngbauer	1-5	10.42%
David Mothershead	1-5	6.25 %
Ashley Moore	1-5	3.75 %

### **The new Buzz.....Third Payment Option**

ILSHPA is now offering a new payment option to pay your card renewal, court reporter, state entry and doubles tournament entry online. Your Bank must have the ZELLE support program. By going through Zelle, we don't have a processing fee like PayPal if you want to pay for multiple peoples memberships. To pay for your memberships using Zelle, send it to [kennykiefer714@yahoo.com](mailto:kennykiefer714@yahoo.com). In the reason portion within Zelle, please put your Name and Division. If any personal information has changed, ex: Name, Address, Phone Number, Division, or Email. Please contact Kenny Kiefer directly.

### **FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Hello everyone,

We have some numbers to share with you, Renewing and new members totals. From Oct thru April 1, we have 149 members that have renewed or joined for 2023. 106 was Online, ( 3 from Zell ) and 43 was handled by me, (the charter). I'm sure more to come in the coming months. Can we try to recruit??? We do need to increase our Charter to help ensure that our sport can continue far into the future. Remember we do have Zell banking that you can use to renew also. Don't be shy.... Just give it a try. See your bank if they support this program.

We have 2 teams entering Team World in Beloit Wi. Let's wish them luck. This tournament runs May 19-21<sup>st</sup>. We might have the results by the next Court Reporter.

It's getting warmer now so several tournaments will be going. Let's remember to support our Tournament Directors, they put in a lot of effort in running these. Be on time and of course show up. LOL Be respectful to one another. That's all for now.

Many ringers to all,  
Kenny Kiefer

### **Recent Loss in the IL Horseshoe Community**

LeRoy "Lee" Watkins, 72 of Springfield, passed away Thursday, April 11, 2023. He was a member of the NHPA and ILSHPA for over 35 years, where he held various offices. Lee was inducted into the ILSHPA Hall of Fame in 2022. He directed many tournaments and the Springfield Horseshoe League. He was a three time NHPA World Class Champion. He will be greatly missed by anyone who met him.

## Upcoming Horseshoe Tournaments

### MAY

**May 7 – May Crabtree Open (Sanctioned)** Sign in at 12:00 pm and pitch at 1:00. Entry fee \$20 Contact Mike Wood at (217)324-4888 or Cell (217)851-5623.

**May 13 – Moline Riverside Horseshoe Club (Sanctioned)** – Moline, IL. Entry fee \$20. Sign in 8:00 AM and Play at 9:00 AM.

**May 13 – Don Bailey Memorial-Lincoln Park, Springfield (Sanctioned)** \$21 entry fee. Sign up at 9 am and pitch at 9:30 am. Bring a scorekeeper. Soft drinks available for purchase. Limited to the first 49 entries. Contact Austin Bailey @(217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin @(217) 741-6839.

**May 27 –Thirtieth Annual Charles Cook Classic (Sanctioned)** – Casey, IL. - City Park. Entry fee \$20. Classes for all pitchers. Sign up at 9am. Play begins at 10 am. If scorekeepers are available, each pitcher is responsible for paying \$1.00 prior to the start of each game. Contact Wayne Davis (217) 251-5172 or (217) 932-2787.

### JUNE

**Jun 3 – Ken Huff Classic (Sanctioned)** - \$20 entry fee 9:00 AM start. Contact Fred Morel at (815) 695-5565 or Cell (815) 483-9530.

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

**June 3 – Dallas Parkhurst Memorial (Sanctioned)** - Effingham, IL. Entry Fee \$2.00 Contact Larry Thomason,Phone 217-690-7731, E-mail [ringermaker@hotmail.com](mailto:ringermaker@hotmail.com)

**June 10 – Moline Riverside Horseshoe Club (Sanctioned)** – Moline, IL. Entry fee \$20. Sign in 8:00 AM and Play at 9:00 AM. Contact Jim McCord (309)752-7090, Mike Cathcart (309)373-5742.

**June 10 – Wayne Davis Open (Sanctioned)** – Casey, IL. Entry Fee \$2.00 Contact Larry Thomason, Phone 217-690-7731, E-mail [ringermaker@hotmail.com](mailto:ringermaker@hotmail.com)

**June 17 – Jim Metzger Memorial (Sanctioned)** – Charleston, IL. Entry Fee \$2.00 Contact Larry Thomason, Phone 217-690-7731, E-mail [ringermaker@hotmail.com](mailto:ringermaker@hotmail.com)

**June 17 – Bill Marvin and Lee Watkins Memorial-Lincoln Park, Springfield (Sanctioned)**  
\$21 entry fee. Sign up at 9 am and pitch at 9:30 am. Bring a scorekeeper. Soft drinks available for purchase. Limited to the first 49 entries. Contact Austin Bailey @(217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin @(217) 741-6839.

## **JULY**

**July 1 – Ervin Starwalt Open (Sanctioned)** - Effingham, IL. Entry Fee \$2.00 Contact Larry Thomason, Phone 217-690-7731, E-mail [ringermaker@hotmail.com](mailto:ringermaker@hotmail.com)

**July 4 – July 4<sup>th</sup> Open (Sanctioned)** - \$20 entry fee 9:00 AM start. Contact Fred Morel at (815) 695-5565 or Cell (815) 483-9530.

**July 4 – Casey Horseshoe Club - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Tournament (Sanctioned)** Casey, IL. - City Park. Entry fee \$20. Classes for all pitchers. Sign up at 9am. Play begins at 10 am. If scorekeepers are available, each pitcher is responsible for paying \$1.00 prior to the start of each game. Contact Wayne Davis (217) 251-5172 or (217) 932-2787.

**July 4 – Larry Long Memorial-Lincoln Park, Springfield (Sanctioned)** \$21 entry fee. Sign up at 9 am and pitch at 9:30 am. Bring a scorekeeper. Soft drinks available for purchase. Limited to the first 49 entries. Contact Austin Bailey @(217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin @(217) 741-6839.

**July 8 – Danville Open (Sanctioned) – \$400 ADDED SPONSORSHIP**, Douglas Park, Danville, IL. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**. Send entry and fee, \$20 to: Leo Bratland, 41 Country Club Dr, Danville, IL 61832. Ph (217) 260-7594. Entries must be received by Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 8 – Moline Riverside Horseshoe Club (Sanctioned)** – Moline, IL. Entry fee \$20. Sign -in 8:00 AM and Play at 9:00 AM. Contact Jim McCord (309)752-7090, Mike Cathcart (309)373-5742.

**July 15 – Floyd and Brenda Tennill Open (Sanctioned)** - Charleston, IL. Entry Fee \$2.00 Contact Larry Thomason, Phone 217-690-7731, E-mail [ringermaker@hotmail.com](mailto:ringermaker@hotmail.com)

## **AUGUST**

**Aug 5 – August Open (Sanctioned)** - \$20 entry fee 9:00 AM start. Contact Fred Morel at (815) 695-5565 or Cell (815) 483-9530.

**Aug 12 – DUBY ERICKSON MEMORIAL-LINCOLN PARK, SPRINGFIELD (SANCTIONED)** \$21 entry fee. Sign up at 9 am and pitch at 9:30 am. Bring a scorekeeper. Soft drinks available for purchase. Limited to the first 49 entries. Contact Austin Bailey @(217) 891-6531 or Deanna Marvin @(217) 741-6839.

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Sep 10 – Sept Crabtree Open (Sanctioned)** Sign in at 12:00 pm and pitch at 1:00. Entry fee \$20 Contact Mike Wood at (217)324-4888 or Cell (217)851-5623.

**Sept 16 – Ellis Cobb Memorial (Sanctioned)** - \$20 entry fee 9:00 AM start. Contact Fred Morel at (815) 695-5565 or Cell (815) 483-9530.

### **OCTOBER**

**Oct 7 – Fred’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual (Sanctioned)** - \$20 entry fee 9:00 AM start. Contact Fred Morel at (815) 695-5565 or Cell (815) 483-9530.

## **CADET/JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT**

### **Landon Morgan, Cadet**

Landon Morgan is 11 years old and resides in the suburbs of Chicago. He is in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and his favorite subject is Science. He is an amazing big brother to his 3 year old sister and has three dogs named Omaha(Bluetick Coonhound), Freddie(Black Lab Mix) and Benny(White Lab Mix).

His hobbies include horseshoes, fishing, gaming and building Legos. He enjoys going to water parks and parks in general. His favorite color is Lime Green and his favorite video games are Rocket League, Roblox and Gorilla Tag.

Landon started pitching horseshoes during Covid in the Summer of 2020. As of April 1, 2023 his ringer percentage is 36.99% and he is ranked #5 Cadet in the NHPA. He was named the Most Improved Player in 2022 for Illinois and is the Current ILSHPA Cadet Champion. He currently has 8 Class Champion Patches, 1 Doubles Champion Patch & 1 State Champion Patch.

He enjoys pitching because he gets to meet new people at all the events and enjoys winning patches and plaques. His favorite places to pitch are Beloit, Wisconsin and his backyard.

Landon we are so glad you are a cadet in Illinois and wish you good pitching in 2023.

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**2023**

**Lansing Michigan**

**July 17-29, 2023**

Host Hotel - Radisson

Entry Deadline May 15, 2023