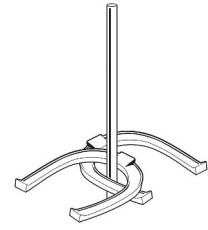


ILSHPA COURT REPORTER



March/April 2024
President's Pitch

Greetings from southern Illinois. I Hope everyone got a chance to pitch indoors over the winter.

We have now turned the page to spring and a return to outdoor pitching. With the early spring it is a great time to get out and promote our great sport. Invite neighbors and friends who have talked about pitching to join you for a night of horseshoes. Find that teammate who is/was in the fence about competing and ask them to try a tournament. Recruiting will pay off if done the right way.

Another good way to promote is through social media. This is a subject I could use some help at myself. I am trying to be better at promoting and responding to people who ask "where they can pitch in Illinois". Speaking of which, I would like to keep a database of sanctioned and non sanctioned places to pitch horseshoes. For instance, I pitch in Millstadt (non-sanctioned) on Tuesday nights, and will run 6-week sanctioned leagues on Wednesday nights. On Thursday's I pitch in a non sanctioned Clinton County traveling bar league and St. Clair county traveling bar league.

I would like to take this information and create a database on our website to help promote the game. I would like everyone to send me their information and I will spearhead the assembly of a spreadsheet. Information I would like is:

- Sanctioned or Non-sanctioned
- Singles or doubles (or both)
- Where (be as specific as you can)
- When (what night, perhaps start time)
- How long does it run (example May-September)
- Membership cost, if applicable.

That is all for now. I wish everyone good luck and good fortune and an increase in your ringer percentage. Dan

ILSHPA Bylaws

ILSHPA Bylaws have been updated and are posted on our website. They are located at: <https://ilshpa.org/downloads>

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Letter from the Secretary/Treasurer

Hello everyone, Spring is here, and everyone is gearing up to play horseshoes. Let's talk about what we need to do to ensure that our charter continues into the next couple of years as growing and not declining. Just a few years ago we had over 300 members. In 2023 we had 235 members. The decline is starting to look dim. We must recruit, recruit, recruit. To quote the famous Bill Marvin. I must take a moment to recognize 2 people from last year. Dave Anderson from Moline and Sheila Johnson from Millstadt. Last couple of years they have combined recruited over 40 people! Congratulations to them on their hard work to bring them in and get them going in tournaments and league play. We all must continue to help us improve our numbers or the charter will fall to an all-time low. We ask ourselves why the state entries numbers are low? Here is part of the reason. Our charter is getting older and we all know what happens as we get older..... Lack of playing and heaven forbid we lose them. Let's turn this around and make this Charter grow again. Now we have 138 members who have already renewed their cards. Don't forget to renew before you start pitching in tournaments. On another note, Don Goers is posting the new updated By-Laws on the website. ILSHPA.ORG The By-Laws was way to many pages to print on the Court Reporter, so please check out our website or get a new friend who has a computer to print them out. While they are at it maybe they want to join our club! LOL.

Thank you for your time. Now go out there and recruit!
Kenny Kiefer

Top 5 in the running for 2024 Player of the Year Award

Jim Spidle Jr.	150
Bob Vandivier	146
Kevin Wilke	135
Don Bartoszewski	129
Lester Dumstorff	124

ILSHPA Loses a Loyal Member

Leslie "Les" C. Mullen 81, Coffeen, Il passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Les was a veteran of the Army, serving in Vietnam. He was a member of the Crabtree Horseshoe Club. He loved hunting, fishing, and playing horseshoes, which he played in state and world horseshoe tournaments.

From Mike Wood:

To my best friend, Les:

You have been called to the Eternal Court. You will have no more short shoes and all shoes will be ringers. 'Til we pitch together again.

Tournament Results February

Ground Hog Play 2/3/2024

29-24-005 TD: James Lazarus

Class A:

Jim Spidle Sr	4-0	43.75%
Jim Spidle Jr.	3-1	44.38%
Bobby Schwent	2-2	40.00%
Mike Wood	1-3	33.75%
Joe Santel	0-4	28.75%

Class B:

Steven Spidle	3-1	33.75%
Steven Miller	3-1	31.88%
Kevin Wilke	2-2	31.88%
Gary Bardelmeier	2-2	29.38%
Suzanne Miller	0-4	9.38%

Korte Memorial 2/3/2024

29-24-010 TD: D. Greisbaum + Johnson

Class A:

Lester Dumstorff	6-0	53.28%
Daniel Broeckling	5-1	50.00%
Mark Dulle	4-2	38.72%
Robert Donjon	2-4	31.10%
Allan Moallankamp Jr	2-4	30.28%
Dennis Griesbaum	0-6	22.58%

February Open 2/17/2024

29-24-009 TD: Sheila Johnson

Class A:

Ann McNelly	5-0	49.50%
Kevin James	4-1	53.50%
Denny Bowen	2-3	40.00%
Gary Wiederhold	2-3	39.71%
Tara Kinsella	2-3	29.41%
Allan Moallankamp Jr	0-5	31.00%

Class B:

Kevin Wilke	3-0	32.67%
Patricia Nelson	2-1	28.00%
Robbie Donjon	2-1	9.33 %
David Mothershead	0-3	4.00%

Trigg Invitational 2/24/2024

29-24-012 TD: Bill Devlin

Class A:

John Trigg	4-0	66.00%
George Huntington	3-1	60.50%
Bob Vandivier	2-2	47.55%
Bill Devlin	1-3	42.00%
Dale Westendorf	0-4	37.50%

Class B:

Jason Hazlet	3-1	20.00%
Bill Arnold	3-1	30.50%
Don Bartoszewski	2-2	26.00%
Dwen Firpo	1-2	30.00%
Jesse Starwalt	1-3	16.00%

March

March Madness 3/2/2024

29-24-016 TD: D. Griesbaum & S. Johnson

Class A:

Daniel Broeckling	6-0	55.26%
Lester Dumstorff	5-1	54.14%
Collin Korte	4-2	50.38%
Charlie Webb	2-4	44.23%
Kenneth Kiefer	2-4	39.80%
Dennis Griesbaum	2-4	32.80%
Robert Donjon	0-6	31.09%

Spring Opener 3/2/2024

29-24-006 TD: James Lazarus

Class A:

Kevin James	4-1	50.00%
Jim Spidle Sr.	4-1	39.50%
Kevin Wilke	3-2	35.50%
Mike Wood	3-2	32.00%
Steven Spidle	1-4	19.00%
Gary Bardelmeier	0-5	29.50%

March Open 3/16/2024

29-24-003 TD: Mike Wood

Class A:

Jim Spidle Jr.	4-2	48.75%
Glen Briley	3-3	54.17%
Jim Spidle Sr.	3-3	50.42%
Kevin James	2-4	51.67%

Class B:

Gary Bardelmeier	5-1	31.85%
Kevin Wilke	4-2	31.25%
Steven Spidle	3-3	23.79%
Steven Miller	0-6	21.67%

Spring Opening 3/24/2024

29-24-017 TD: Sheila Johnson

Class A:

Steve Denault	6-0	72.92%
Paul Littlefield	5-1	70.00%
Kenneith Kiefer	4-2	47.08%
Kevin James	2-4	49.17%
Denny Bowen	2-4	40.00%
Kevin Wilke	1-5	36.67%
Ann McNelly	1-5	43.75%

Trigg Invitational #3 3/30/2024

29-24-013 TD: Bill Devlin

Class A:

George Huntington	4-2	56.67%
Bob Vandivier	3-3	50.00%
John Trigg	3-3	49.17%
Bill Devlin	2-4	46.25%

Class B:

Don Bartoszewski	6-0	40.00%
Larry Thomason	3-3	25.42%
Dwen Firpo	2-4	26.67%
Lloyd Ruff	1-5	22.08%

Upcoming Horseshoe Tournaments

MAY

May 5– 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 11 – Riverside Horseshoe Club May 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 or Mike Cathcart (309) 373-5742.

May 18 – Jim Metzger Memorial Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$2.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$1 of the entry fee goes to the Jr/Cadet state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388. See * Below.

May 25 – Don Bailey Memorial (Sanctioned). Lincoln Park, Springfield \$21 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.

May 25 – 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

Jun 2 – 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 8 – 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 or Mike Cathcart (309) 373-5742.

June 15 – Ken Huff Classic (Sanctioned) \$20 Entry Fee 9:00 AM start. Call Fred Morel (815) 695-5565 or (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St. Millington, IL

June 15 – Floyd & Brenda Tennil Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$2.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$1 of the entry fee goes to the Jr/Cadet state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388. See * Below.

June 22– Bill Marvin and Lee Watkins Memorial (Sanctioned). Lincoln Park, Springfield \$21 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) 525-8505. If we have enough interest we will have a class for Cadet/Juniors. They will not have an entry fee.

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 \$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 4 – Open 4th of July (Sanctioned) \$20 Entry Fee. 9:00 AM start. Call Fred Morel (815) 695-5565 or (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St. Millington, IL

July 13 – 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 or Mike Cathcart (309) 373-5742.

July 13 – Danville Open (Sanctioned) \$400.00 ADDED SPONSORSHIP, Douglas Park, Danville, Illinois. 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 Saturday, July 6th. 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 20 – Gene Hawkins Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$2.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$1 of the entry fee goes to the Jr/Cadet state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388. See * Below

AUGUST

Aug 10 – August Open (Sanctioned) \$20 Entry Fee 9:00 AM start. Call Fred Morel (815) 695-5565 or (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St. Millington, IL

Aug 17 – Harold Rutan Memorial Open (Sanctioned) – Morton Park Charleston, IL. Sign-up 9-9:45 AM. Pitch at 10 AM, Entry fee \$2.00 (patches in lieu of prize money for 1st place in each class) \$1 of the entry fee goes to the Jr/Cadet state fund and \$1 goes toward tournament supplies Contact Larry Thomason, 217 690-7731 E-mail ringermaker@hotmail.com & Bill Devlin 217 714-9388. See * Below.

August 24 – Duby Erickson Memorial (Sanctioned).-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

Sept 7 – Ellis Cobb Memorial (Sanctioned) 9:00 AM start time. Call Fred Morel (815) 695-5565 or (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St., Millington, IL

Sept 8 – September 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.

OCTOBER

October 5 – Fred’s 12th Annual (Sanctioned) \$20 Entry Fee 9:00 AM start. Call Fred Morel (815) 695-5565 or (815) 483-9530. 207 E. Walnut St. Millington, IL

*** Information for Charleston Tournaments**

Classes will be mixed singles and will be formed by using e-shoe ringer percentage, if a class has only 4 participants the class will play a double round robin. All games has only 4 participants the class will play a double round robin. All games will be 40 or 50 cancellation depending on class size. Any games that are tied after the shoe limit is reached will continue play “down & back” until tie is broken. First place in each class will first be determined by wins and losses, if there is a tie with wins and losses the next criteria will be head to head competition. If still tied then the highest ringer percentage will determine the winner.

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