



ILSHPA Court Reporter

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President's Pitch Greetings from Southern Illinois

I will keep this month's pitch brief as I get ready to head to World.

And just like that we are in the second half of 2026 is over. I hope you had a chance to pitch a lot in June. Now that we are in July that means the deadline to pitch in State at Moline is almost here and gone. That also means the World Tournament starts soon.



By the time most of you read this the first week of World will have started. Week two starts on the 20th with the top pitchers starting prelims. The championships start on Thursday the 23rd. The second week will be televised on YouTube with a grant the NHPA got. I don't have all of the details, so please check in on social media or the new NHPA website. We will try to update as we get more information.

Back to the state tournament. Now is a great time to send in your suggestions for rule changes for the state. We have one new item already and two old items we will have on the docket. Like years past we want to get the topics out to you so you can be ready to discuss and vote on the topics. The 1st VP, 3rd VP, Secretary/Treasurer, and Junior/Cadet Director are up for reelection in 2026. Please send in your nominations to me or another officer.

I will leave you with this; recruit, be an ambassador and be a good sport. As always, I wish you well and an increase in your ringer percentage.

Dan

Player of the Year

As of May 30th 2026

Chris Judson 263.5
Kevin James 233.5
Kevin Wilke 182
Daniel Broeckling 148
Rick Weaver 132

Last update before State to keep the anticipation of our 2026 winner.



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

Hello from northern Illinois here in full summer now and everything is up and running for our horseshoe pitching season. Here is the same run down from me:

- As of 7/11/26 we have 208 members so if you haven't renewed yet let get to it.
- Practice: We know we all need it
- Vote for our new logo: As of right now we had 61 votes in. remember to hit the submit button and the bottom of the page. Last Chance to vote. As soon as I get back from world it will end on Sunday July 19th.
- Recruit, Recruit and Recruit to help grow our sport
- Send your email address to ilshpapr@gmail.com I have 107 emails for our members but my thinking some might be wrong or changed. You should be getting our court reporter sent to your emails.
- If you have photos that you would like to share that i can add to my collection because I have started downloading our photo books to goggle photos please send them to ilshpapiictures@gmail.com
- SIGN UP NOW for our state tournament in Moline over labor day weekend
- Wish our 40 members GOOD LUCK that are going to the World Tournament this summer.
- Send feedback of court reporter, your pitching tip of the month, ideas, to ilshpapr@gmail.com
- Sign up for local tournaments, Pitch, Have Fun and Repeat!!

Happy pitching and see you on the pits somewhere.

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RENEWAL OF 2026 MEMBERSHIP HIT HERE!!



Your last chance to vote!! Survey for our new Logos. It can be done online. One entry per a ILSHPA member before July 15th. Winners will be revealed at the state meeting in September. Vote for one banner and one shield. Need Help casting your vote you can contact Don Goers at 815-666-9172.



Banner 1



Banner 2



Shield 1



Shield 2



Shield 3

Survey for new ILSHPA logo!!

If you did not get a email from ILSHPA or constant contact please send your email address to Don Goers at 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

Hope I get one next month. Send me some Tips!!

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.

Court Reporter: If you would like to submit anything into the court reporter please send it to Don Goers at ilshpapd@gmail.com by the 10th of the month. I will be producing the newsletter and Deanna Marvin will be helping out by printing it off and sending it out to the ones that like it by paper form.

Shout Out to our members that have hit a milestone of 10, 20, 30, 40 years of membership. Congrats!! Ill be sending or getting them to you soon or if I know you are coming to state Ill bring them with me then.

10 years ----- 20 years ----- 30 years
Gary Schierbaum ----- Sharyl Mataya ----- Larry Fettes III
Carl Nyman ----- Jason Loyd ----- Roger Doering
Mike Loftus ----- Tom Jones
Brenden Kane ----- Robbie Donjon
Glenn Hanson ----- Robert Donjon
Glen Briley
Don Bartosezewski
Loren Bamborough



ILLINIOS STATE TOURNAMENT

MOLINE SEPTEMBER 4th-7th

Friday Night Doubles starts at 6 pm sign in at 5:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday singles for all groups

Monday is Rain day just in case

3 ways to enter

1st by online. Payment with credit card. Hit link below

2nd send a Zelle payment to ilshpapd@gmail.com put name and division on it.

3rd fill out paper form and send it with a check made out to
ILSHPA to Austin Bailey or Don Goers

We have around \$1300 to be added to Prize money

NEW DEADLINE TO SIGN UP ELECTRICALLY AUGUST 1st

Mail in entiers post mark July 15th

[Sign up here online](#)

[Download the Paper form](#)

Order your State T-shirts now!! No vender will be on site. Link is below. Deadline to order August 15th.

[Shirt order link](#)

Here are some tips from Moline people.

Where to Eat:

Franks Pizza (good menu and old family restaurant)

Parkside Grill & Lounge (half mile west of courts)

Johnny's Steakhouse (one mile west by downtown hotels)

River House Bar & Grill (one mile west of courts)

Uncle Pete's gyros (and more)

Meli's Pancake House (near downtown hotels)

Flips Pancake House (3 miles)

Cisco's Mexican Bar and Grill (near downtown hotels)

Al's Burgers (two miles from courts on Avenue of the Cities in Moline)

Coya's Mexican Restaurant (two miles from courts)

ETA Table and Tap (near downtown hotels)

[Hotels in Moline](#)



[Photo link to 2021 State Tournament!!](#)

Hall Of Fame Page

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Shout out to one of our members class of 2018!!

Steve started pitching horseshoes in his back yard when he was 10 years old. He pitched from 40 feet (no one told him he could pitch otherwise). Steve joined the NHPA in 1973 at the age of 23 and entered his first tournament that year. He placed 4th in the C division.

Steve has attended 3 World Tournaments. He also has played in many State Tournaments - most of which have been in the A division. In the 80's and 90's he was known as the giant killer! He would be the one to beat the state champion! During that time, he was always in the top 10 in the state. Steve also was in the Illinois State Fair Tournaments, placing in all 12 positions receiving ribbons for them all. He was in the Illinois State Farm Bureau Tournaments, since the 70's until they ended. The last few years he has been between A and B division, in the State Tournaments placing 1, 2, 3 in the B division. Last year he placed 9th in A division.

Steve has pitched in many leagues through the years. He started in the Tri County League, then moved to the Nu Deal League. He was on many teams in those leagues. He also became Captain on several teams. During his time, he received awards for high ringers and came in second and third in the years not receiving first. He also received the most improved player twice.

Steve helps promote horseshoe pitching. The pitchers are his second family and at one point it was his only family. Pitching horseshoes is a passion for Steve and always will. He has made many friends in the horseshoe community and appreciates each and every one. He is a person who has great values and continues to use and show them on and off the courts.

It is my honor to recommend Steve Denault for the 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.

**Committee Chair**

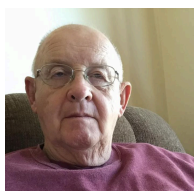
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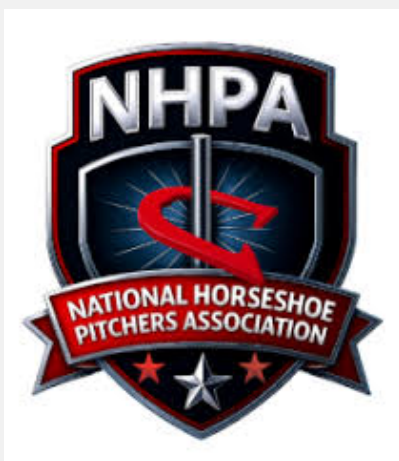
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Lets Pitch in some Tournaments

July 13th-25th World Horseshoe Tournament Wausau Wis.

For more info links below

<https://www.whpahorseshoes.com/world-tournament>

<https://www.horseshoepitching.com/>

August 7th - Friday Night Special (Sanctioned) Mascoutah Homecoming Scheve Park Park Dr. Mascoutah IL entry fee \$22.00 7 courts 15 player max. Payouts 1st,2nd,3rd and to the one with the highest ringer % above their average per class. Play starts 6:00p.m. Homecoming concessions available. Questions call Kevin Wilke (618)780-3227

August 8th - Ervin Starwalt Memorial Tournament, Casey Fairview Park Casey IL All pitchers check in at 9 am and Pitching begins at 10 am. Entry fee \$2.00 If scorekeepers are available each pitcher pay them \$1.00 Contact Wayne Davis for more info at 217-932-2787 or 217-251-5172

August 8th - August Open (Sanctioned) Fred's Place 2017 E. Walnut St. Millington IL \$20 entry fee 9:00 Am Start time Call Fred Morel 815-483-9530

August 15th – Duby Erickson 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

September 4th-7th IL State Tournament in Moline More info to come

September 12th - Ellis Cobb Memorial (Sanctioned) Fred's Place 2017 E. Walnut St. Millington IL \$20 entry fee 9:00 Am Start time Call Fred Morel 815-483-9530

September 13th - May Open in Litchfield (Sanctioned) Sign in Noon Pitch at 1:00
Entry Fee \$20 Limited to 15 players Call Mike Woods for info (217)851-5623

October 3rd - Fred's 13th Annual (Sanctioned) Fred's Place 2017 E. Walnut St. Millington IL \$20 entry fee 9:00 Am Start time Call Fred Morel 815-483-9530

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 May 2026

Danville Club June 6/1/2026
29-26-015 __ TD: Leo Bratland

Class A:

Walter Meeker 4-0 41.67%
Mickie Peterson 2-2 25.00%
Glen Laird 2-2 38.33%
Loren Douglass 1-3 24.17%
Mike Schroeder 1-3 29.17%

Class B:

Jacke Moore 3-0 19.17%
Linann Riggleman 2-1 15.83%
Alan Groth 1-2 12.50%
Ronald Phelps Jr. 0-3 8.33%

Class C:

Bob Heaton 4-0 5.0%
Ken Curtis 3-1 5.83%
Alli-jo Rodgers 1.5-2.5 3.33%
Adrienne Michelletti 1-3 3.33%
Michael Larson .5-3.5 3.33%

June Open 6/7/2026
29-26-043 __TD: Mike Wood

Class A:

Kevin James 6-0 57.92%
Jim Spidle Jr. 4-2 48.75%
Linda Roach 2-4 39.17%
Mike Wood 0-6 6.25%

Class B:

Kelly Haxton 4-0 38.50%
Dwen Firpo 3-1 38.00%
Jason Loyd 2-2 17.00%
John Bates 1-3 16.50%
Gary Bardelmeier 0-4 17.50%

RHC June Open 6/13/2026

Floyd & Brenda Tennill Open 6/13/2026
29-26-036 __TD: Larry Thomason

Class A:

Bill Devlin 4-2 42.78%
Bob Vandivier 4-2 46.67%
Dwen Firpo 2-4 34.44%
Dale Westendorf 2-4 32.22%

Class B:

Larry Thomason 5-1 17.93%
Joel Hicks 3-3 21.20%
Don Bartoszewski 3-3 15.56%
Jessee Starwalt 1-5 8.33%

Tremont Turkey Festival 6/13/2026
29-26-040 __TD: Adrianna Thornquist

Class A:

Kevin James 4-1 54.00%
Sam Mataya 4-1 42.00%
Danny Freeman 2-3 40.50%
Vern Blackford 2-3 40.50%
Christy Diveley 2-3 33.00%
Kevin Wilke 1-4 37.00%

Class B

Robert Fox 3-1 35.00%
Bob Hill 3-1 30.50%
Don Goers 2-2 28.00%
Guy Coats 2-2 25.00%
Adrianna Thornquist 0-4 24.00%

Class C:

Bill Winchester 3-1 22.00%
Stephan O'Neill 2.5-1.5 25.50%
Bob Laskowski 2-2 18.50%
Jason Loyd 1.5-2.5 18.00%
Jack Rudd Jr. 1-3 17.00%

29-26-040 _TD: David Anderson

Class A:

Dennis Reid 4-0 56.25%
Danny McDaniel 3-1 44.38%
Roger Doering 2-2 46.88%
Robert Schaver 1-3 45.63%
Tim Ryan 0-4 42.50%

Class B:

Mike Gauthier 3.5-5 33.75%
Michael Cathcart 2.5-1.5 30.63%
Brenden Kane 2-2 26.25%
Dennis Sterk 2-2 25.63%
Loren Bamborough 0-4 13.13%

Class C:

Gail Ropp 3-0 33.33%
Michael Strader 2-1 20.67%
Jeanine Holden 1-2 24.67%
Robert Richardson 0-3 12.67%

Class D:

Tom Jones 3-0 19.33%
Larry Wiebel 2-1 16.00%
Bob Niles 1-2 10.67%
Steve Park 0-3 6.00%

B. Marvin & L. Watkins Memorial
6/13/2026

29-26-026 _TD: Austin Bailey

Class A:

Austin Bailey 4-0 75.36%
Linda Roach 3-1 54.44%
Terry Murray 2-2 41.57%
Jim Spidle Jr. 1-3 49.38%
Christy Diveley 0-4 29.73%

Class B:

Danny Freeman 3-1 44.61%
Kevin Wilke 3-1 35.00%
Bob Hill 3-1 33.33%
Brian Hopper 1-3 30.00%
Robert Fox 0-4 21.50%

Class C:

Rick Weaver 3-1 26.50%
Stephan O'Neill 3-1 25.00%
Jim Kramp 2-1 28.67%
Bob Laskowski 2-2 14.00%
Steven Spidle 0-4 14.50%

Class D:

Katherin Moore 3-1 25.50%
Fred Pratt 3-1 14.50%
Bill Winchester 3-1 10.00 %
Gary Moore 1-3 11.50%
Jessica Howell 0-4 10.00%

June Classic 6/28/2026

29-26-050 _TD: Kevin James

Class D:

Sherry Worrall 4-0 11.50%
Waynes Goers 3-1 9.00%
Tom Worrall 2-2 10.50%
Tom McCloskey 1-3 6.50%
Scott Raimer 0-4 6.50%

Danville Open 6/27/2026

29-26-016 _TD: Leo Bratland

Class A:

Jennifer Gegg 7-0 86.75%
Alan Francis 6-1 80.91%
Amy Francis 4-3 63.33%
Kevin James 3-4 65.90%
Austin Bailey 2-5 68.88%
Ed Hildreth 2-5 62.84%
Dennis Reid 2-5 58.82%
Don Epps 2-5 57.80%

Class B:

Daniel Broeckling 4-0 46.50%
Glen Laird 3-1 49.50%
Alan Eason 2-2 37.50%
Bill Devlin 1-3 38.50%
Walter Meeker 0-4 34.50%

Class C:

Tim Ryan 3-2 39.50%
Vern Blackford 3-2 38.50%
Kevin Wilke 3-2 35.50%
Mike Schroeder 3-2 33.00%
Christy Diveley 3-2 30.50%
Danny Freeman 0-5 33.00%

Class D:

Mickie Peterson 4-0 45.00%
Loren Douglass 3-1 29.50%
Wayne Zarse 2-2 34.00%
Rick Weaver 1-3 20.50%
Dwen Firpo 0-3 34.67%

Class E:

Robert Fox 4-0 26.00%
Oliver Buford 3-1 20.50%
Stephan O'Neill 2-2 21.00%
Bill Winchester 1-3 14.50%
Bob Laskowski 0-4 11.00%

Class F:

Alan Groth 4-1 19.50%
Jack Rudd Jr. 4-1 10.00%
Bob Heaton 4-1 9.00%
Ronald Phelps Jr. 2-3 11.50%
Alli-jo Rodgers 1-4 5.00%
Michael Larson 0-5 2.00%

Class A:

Kevin James 6-0 58.75%
Glen Briley 5-1 59.17%
Don Matzenbacher 4-2 32.92%
Kevin Wilke 3-3 38.33%
Robert Donjon 2-4 34.58%
Allan Moallankamp Jr. 1-5 33.33%
Tara Kinsella 0-6 16.67%

Class B:

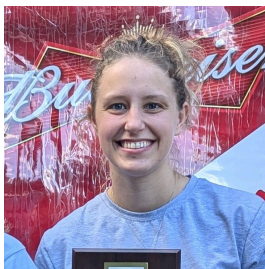
Karen Maxville 4-1 26.00%
Robert Descher 4-1 14.67%
Fred Pratt 3-2 12.00%
Timothy Descher 2-3 4.00%
Jessica Howell 1-4 7.33%
Aidan Kubelka 1-4 6.00%

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