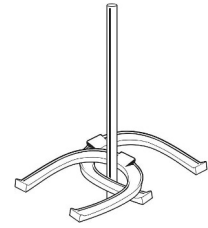


ILSHPA COURT REPORTER

June 2025



President's Pitch

Greetings from southern Illinois. We are only a few months from the state tournament. I hope you are as excited as I am. The World Tournament is even closer. I haven't seen a list of who is going from Illinois, but if you are, good luck, we are rooting for you.

I hope everyone is out there practicing. One great way to practice is to attend a sanctioned tournament and/or sanctioned league. It is the closest way to emulate the state tournament competition. I recommend getting out to as many as you can. Go someplace you haven't. Make a family weekend trip if it is further away. I have a couple of places on my list I haven't yet made it to.

Remember our deadline is July 15th to get your application in and to get a minimum of three sanctioned tournaments or leagues (1 for juniors). I personally would recommend as many as you can get to better prepare you for State.

I would like to welcome our new members of our Hall of fame committee. Deanna and/or Don will have a little more information. If you have someone you have in mind for our Hall of Fame, please reach out with your suggestions.

Speaking of new members of our committee, we have council positions that go up for re-election every year. Do you think you would like to serve our organization. Maybe you know someone that be a good fit for a committee or officer. Stand up and nominate yourself or the person you have in mind. Our organization is better when we have more participation in every facet.

Do you have an idea for a rule change or topic of discussion for our next meeting? Please get your ideas to one of our officers prior to the meeting. We can get through our meeting quicker if we have an idea of what we will be voting on.

Last, and this is not directed at any particular person or group, a friendly reminder preparing of courts and closing/covering courts is not one persons responsibility, unless they tell you otherwise. Be mindful and helpful wherever you can. We are more successful together.

Dan

PAYING WITH ZELLE.

NEW ADDRESS TO USE WHILE USING ZELLE SO IT GETS TO THE RIGHT ACCOUNT:ilshpapd@gamil.com

This is an easier way to pay for membership, state tournaments fees, tournament directors can send the \$2/person fees for the state prize money and many other reasons.

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Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Here we are in full swing of the 2025 season and hope you all are out there having fun and pitching some horseshoes. ILSHPA has 212 members as of 6/14/25. Keep on trying to recruit new players is always the task at hand while having fun. The deadline for the state tournament in Springfield over Labor Day weekend is July 15th. You need 3 tournaments to participate in it so get out there and get it done. If you are signing up online and using the digital way please use a credit card NOT a debit card. Please join me in saying a HUGE thank you to all of our tournament directors and making it happen. If it wasn't for them putting in the extra work we wouldn't have a place to play. Like I always say looking for new ideas for our website which I did try one this time which is a tournament highlight. If you like it directors keep it in mind to send me the information. My motto is if I don't have the information I can't put it out there. Feel free to reach out to me for any reason when it come to membership, tournaments, signing up online, sending money, website and the list can go on.

Happy pitching to All!!!!!!

Don Goers

ILSHPA Secretary and Treasure

ILSHPA Publicity Director

SHOUT OUT

Let's give the following people a BIG shout out. They have been members of the NHPA/ILSHPA for many years. Thanks for the support of our organization.

10 years

Larry Best

Mike Gauthiers

Gail Ropp

20 years

Donovan Floming

Dale Westendorf

30 years

Marvin Robers

40 years

Robert Schaver

Top 5 in the running for 2025 Player of the Year

Award As of 5/31/2025

Chris Judson 227.5

Kevin Wilke 168

Kevin James 136

Dan Broeckling 112

Glenn Briley & Steve Denault are tied at 107

Tournament Results

April

May Open 5/10/2025

29-25-001 TD: David Anderson

Class A:

Roger Doering	2-0	49.00%
James Mccord	1-1	35.00%
Robert Schaver	0-2	18.00%

Class B:

Steven Miller	2-0	30.00%
Michael Cathcart	0-2	26.00%

Class C:

Gail Ropp	3-0	18.33%
Bob Niles	2-1	17.50%
Deborah Johnson	1-2	5.00%
Zackary Glenn	0-3	4.17%

Don Bailey Memorial 5/10/2025

29-25-042 TD: Austin Bailey

Class A:

Austin Bailey	4-0	69.75%
Terry Murray	3-1	54.49%
Bob Vandivier	2-2	58.42%
Bill Devlin	1-3	45.24%
Jim Spidle Sr.	0-4	44.21%

Class C:

Guy Coats	4-0	38.00%
Christy Diveley	3-1	36.00%
Dale Westendorf	2-2	34.00%
Steven Spidle	1-3	18.50%
Larry Best	0-4	11.00%

Class B:

Kenneth Reid	3-1	41.00%
Jim Spidle Jr.	2-2	38.00%
Danny Freeman	2-2	36.50%
Larry Thomason	2-2	22.00%
Linda Roach	1-3	34.50%

Class D:

Vern Blackford	4-0	43.50%
Shelly Merritt	3-1	30.77%
Bob Laskowski	1-3	20.67%
Rick Weaver	1-3	18.50%
Jack Rudd Jr.	1-3	18.00%

Danville Club May 5/12/2025

29-25-047 TD: Leo Bratland

Class A:

Mickie Peterson	3-1	36.88%
Mike Schroeder	3-1	43.13%
Oliver Buford	2-1	25.00%
Jack Moore	1-3	13.13%
Glen Laird	1-3	31.88

Class C:

Bob Heaton	3-0	6.00%
Ronald Phelps Jr.	2-1	11.33%
Michael Larson	1-2	4.00%
William Fares	0-3	6.00%

Class B:

Linann Rigglesman	3-1	13.13%
Ron Umbarger	3-1	16.25%
William Shaw	2-2	18.75%
Jim Bowen	2-2	8.75%
Troyel Brigham	0-4	5.00%

Annual Charles Cook Classic 5/24/2025**29-25-016 TD: Wayne Davis****Class A:**

Bob Vandivier	4-0	61.50%
Bill Devlin	3-1	47.00%
Wayne Davis	2-2	43.50%
John Trigg	1-3	32.50%
Don Bartoszewski	0-4	25.00%

Class B:

Kevin Wilke	4-1	31.50%
Larry Thomason	4-1	24.50%
Dale Westendorf	3-2	29.50%
Dwen Firpo	2-3	31.50%
Bob Laskowski	1-4	21.50%
Jesse Starwalt	1-4	27.00%

Last Tournament in May 5/28/2025**29-25-055 TD: Kenny Kiefer****Class A:**

Kevin James	3-0	53.33%
Denny Bowen	1-2	44.17%
Linda Clifton	1-2	41.67%
Gary Wiederhold	1-2	40.00%

Class B:

Charles Swan	3-0	48.33%
Karen Maxville	2-1	28.33%
Dale Maxville	1-2	19.17%
Terry Rea Jr.	0-3	14.17%

Upcoming Tournaments**June****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 – 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

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

New Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame Committee has a new committee chair and some new members.

Take a look at the information for the Hall of Fame Committee on page 2.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2025 Hall of Fame award, please write a nomination letter stating information about the nominee and why you believe they should be in the Hall of Fame. Submit the nomination to the members of the committee.

**Renewing Membership Online
For 2025 Cards
Don Goers, Sec-Treas**

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

Go to www.horseshoepitching.com
Click on the E Shoe link
Click in the Players search box
Type name or your card number
Click on your name
Next to Card year Click Renew
Then click Print

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.

**2025 Cards
Adult Members \$40 Junior/Cadets Members Free**

ADD \$20 IF YOU WANT THE COURT REPORTER MAILED TO YOU IN 2025

Name: _____

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Circle One : 40' 30' Junior Cadet Women 20'Women Medical
Exemption

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Total years membership _____

Email Address _____

Send to: Don Goers, 595 Silver Creek Road, Woodstock, IL 60098.

PLEASE, PLEASE—PRINT LEGIBLY!!

If you would like to receive a card please enclose a self addressed and stamped envelope. Otherwise no card will be sent. With the E shoe system you do not have to present your card at tournaments.

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	_____
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		_____

The 2026 Illinois State Horseshoe Tournament will be held in
Moline, IL at the Riverside Park.

**2025 State Tournament
Hotels in Springfield
Aug 29 – Aug 31**

Carpenter Street Hotel

525 North Sixth Street

217 789-9100

Single or Double Room \$119.00 a night

Country Inn & Suites

3092 Stevenson Dr.

217 960-8368

Room \$129 per night

State House Inn

101 East Adams Street

217 528-5100

Room \$125 per night

Residence Inn by Marriott South

2915 Stanford Avenue

(217) 527-1100

Studio Suite \$149 per night

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SpringHill Suites by Marriott

3921 MacArthur Boulevard

844-535-2890

King Suite \$159.00 Double Queen Suite 169.00

The President Abraham Lincoln Springfield a DoubleTree by Hilton

701 East Adams Street

844-535-2890

www.dtspringfieldil.com

Standard Guest Rooms

1-2 people 109.00, 3 People 119.00, 4 people 129.00

There are a block of rooms at each of the above hotels for the ILHSPA. Reservations must be made by August 7, 2025 to get the above rates.

Deanna Marvin

P. O. Box 26
Mechanicsburg, IL 62545-0026



**All 2025 Illinois State Tournament
entry forms must be postmarked or
sent online by July 15, 2025.**