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2017 Tournament Schedule Coming Soon....



The 2016 World Horseshoe Tournament was held in Montgomery, AL from July 25th through August 8th and was a huge success! Ohio, as always, was a huge player again this year, sending 62 pitchers and being second to Missouri who sent 75.

A few notables from Montgomery are as follows: 26 players took home cash awards from Class play with Dwayne Klink, Harvey Strausbaugh and Jeff Muter winning their Class. We also had 7 players pitch in the Championships being Gary Roberts, Ruth Rife, Marlene Cooper, Virgil Rife, Rich Knerem, Roy Dugger, and last, but certainly not least, Alan Francis.

Alan grabbed his 21st World Title!!! He went 15-0 and averaged 85.8% with 5 games over 90%. Ohio is very proud of these fine pitchers and all who represent our state with high standards.

The 2017 World will be in St. George, UT from July 17th through July 29th. The 2018 World will be in Florence, SC. **The hotel choice for Utah will be the St. George Inn and Suites (435-673-6661). Please let them know you are a horseshoe pitcher to get the good rate of \$79.99/night.** I have stayed at this location and it is very nice. Room comes with hot breakfast, indoor pool, outdoor pool and hot tubs. Call me if

you need help with any travel arrangements (937-239-6877). And finally, Ohio would like to congratulate Gary Roberts for winning the NHPA 1st VP nomination, where he will be replacing our own Dan Sanders, who has played a vital role on the council for many years. Kenny Walters also took home one of the achievement awards for his many years of service at the World tournaments. I want to tell you that Horseshoe Pitching is alive and here in the GREAT State of OHIO, GO BUCKS!!

Brian Fisher, 1st VP and Publicity Director

[Link to World Results by Last Name / Championship Photos](#)

[Link to World Results by Class / Championship Photos](#)

[Link to 2017 World Application](#)

[Link to 2017 Prize Fund](#)

Check out the website: <http://worldhorseshoes.com/>

President's Message

The 2016 summer pitching season is coming to an end. The 2016 World Tournament in Montgomery, Alabama was an exceptional event. The facility was outstanding and the schedule resulted in a very smooth running tournament. Next year's tournament in St. George, Utah promises to be another great event. In 2018, Florence, South Carolina will host the event.



The 2016 Ohio State Tournament in Greenville, Ohio was also a success. Our outstanding state officers were responsible for this success. Amy Miller, Cindy Rose, Darryl Miller, Brian Fisher, Dan Sanders, and Randy Shoemaker are an exemplary group of officers. Amy Miller received the Francis Asher Award for her continued efforts in promoting horseshoe pitching in Ohio.

The year 2016 was also significant for me. At the 2016 NHPA Convention, I was elected 1st Vice President of the NHPA to replace Dan Sanders who stepped down after serving for several years. It will be very difficult to replace Dan. He has been a valuable asset to the NHPA and has become the foremost authority on rules and bylaws. Dan received the Arch Stokes Memorial Award in 2015 in recognition of his efforts.

There are many challenges to be met as we move into 2017. The biggest challenge is the continuing decline in membership on all levels. The survival of our sport will depend on innovative ideas to address this issue.

A second challenge is that of sponsorship. More prize money might have a positive effect on World Tournament participation. As a NHPA officer, I will be involved in developing strategy for sponsorship. This will not be an easy task. It is ironic that the sport of corn hole has been successful in garnering sponsorship for its major tournaments.

A third challenge is the continuing 30 foot/40 foot controversy. Many pitchers feel very strongly about this as evidenced by the frequent debates on the NHPA forum.

Many opinions have been expressed on this issue but the ultimate solution still eludes us. I feel honored to serve as the Ohio Association President and as the NHPA 1st Vice President. I have a strong desire to contribute to the growth and success of our sport.

Gary Roberts, President

WELCOME
new members



Tom Behmer, Amanda
Bill Blum, Delaware
John E Brown, Hicksville
Larry Bush, Chillicothe
Tom Crookston, Akron
Brett Dehart, Bradford
Landen Haslam, Woodsfield
Sandy Hockinberry, Columbus
James Huston, Wilksville
Shayne Madewell, Eastlake
Alexis Neace, Columbus
Ray Neace, Columbus
Steve Newland, Bainbridge
Caity Schneider, Alliance
Doug Staffin, Frankfort
Don Taynor, Troy
Ruth White, Chillicothe

Welcome
Back
We Missed You

Gene Blair, Huber Heights
Sharon Boehringer, Casstown
Richard Cook, Wapakoneta
Doug Fichtner, Millersport
Jim Klima, Hicksville
Lee Lapp, Adamsville
Owen Lewis, Heath
Marvin Mayle, Columbus
Sherry Murray, Coshocton
Trey Proof, Stow
Charles Roberts, Toronto
Roger Roberts, Eyria
Frank Rowe, Delaware
Mike Ruehrmund, Galloway
Dave Sheehan, Chardon
Rich Smith, Euclid



Proposed Bylaw Changes are due March 1, 2017

If you would like to submit any proposed Bylaw changes, please mail a written proposal to include: (1) the Bylaw location (Article, Section, Number/letter, page number); (2) the current wording; and (3) the proposed change of wording (underlined); and (4) reasons for this proposed change. All written proposals need to be mailed to OHPA, PO Box 475, Hilliard, OH 43026.

[Link to current Bylaws](#)



[Link to OHPA State Officer Contact Info](#)

Secretary Notes



Cold weather is approaching and outdoor pitching will be over soon and indoor pitching will commence. I had a pretty good summer of pitching. I hope everyone did too. I would like to attend some winter tournaments this year. Hopefully the weather will allow it. Wouldn't it be nice to pitch year round with easy access? For some of us, it is not so easy. We hope to find an indoor facility in the Columbus area. That would be great!

Larry and Julia Shaw received approval from Elden Sarbaugh and the Try Co HS Club to make some changes. They are moving forward with replacing the courts and clay to meet NHPA standards. The hope is to be done in January. We will keep you posted on progress. I'm very happy for them and jealous at the same time! These changes will, no doubt, bring more pitchers to their great facility. Good luck to them and their new adventure.

More good news... the Ross Co HS Club has started a fund to build an indoor facility to be built at the same location. This is awesome!! Kenny Black is in charge of the donation funds. Contact him or anyone at Ross Co HS Club to make donations to a very good cause! Thanks for supporting horseshoes.

The State Tournament turned out well. Congratulations to all the winners! We had great weather but some parking issues. The Warm Up worked out well. The Doubles went great Saturday evening as we got done before dark. I received the Francis Asher Award. I was pretty shocked but very appreciative. It means a lot receiving recognition for the time and effort you spend on horseshoes. A very special thank you to all the officers: Gary Roberts, Brian Fisher, Dan Sanders, Randy Shoemaker, Darryl Miller and Cindy Rose. I am very proud to be a part of this great team for horseshoes.

Congratulations to Alan Francis for winning his 21st World Title. Amazing! Congratulations to the OHPA President, Gary Roberts for being elected NHPA 1st VP. He certainly knows a lot about horseshoes but I bet he'll learn a thing or two taking Dan Sander's place. I'm positive Gary will do an excellent job in his new position.

Amy Miller, Secretary/Treasurer

HALL OF FAME Nominations are due March 1, 2017

[Link to Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)



[Link to Recent OBITUARIES](#)

[Kelly Neace - May 1, 2016](#)

[Sharon Plowman - Sep 19, 2016](#)

101st Ohio State Tournament Greenville, September 2016

2016 State Juniors / Cadets

(front row) Lauren Park, Kedan Mathews, Caiden Hogue and Lorali Newman

(back row) Zander Potts, Alex Francis, Austin Hill, Wyatt Shaw and Felicia Hull



2016 Men's State Champion

7-0 average 85.27%

Alan Francis - Defiance

2016 Elder's State Champion

7-1 average 81%

Virgil Rife - Weston



2016 Women's State Champion

5-0 average 64.05%

Marlene Cooper - Defiance

State Awards

Youngest Pitcher - Kedan Mathews, Celina (8 yrs old)

Oldest Pitcher - Bob Sheldon, Hilliard (87 yrs old)

Sportsmanship Award Male - Darrin Potts, Lewisville

Sportsmanship Award Female - Linda Kahrig, Woodsfield

Club of the Year - Ross Co Club, Chillicothe

Achievement Awards - Joe Orihood, Xenia and Pat Lucente, Spring Valley

Frances Asher Award - Amy Miller, Hilliard

Tournament Directors of the Year - Larry and Julia Shaw, Coshocton

Jim Knisley Traveling Award - Roy Dugger, West Carrollton

Hall of Fame - No one inducted

State Convention: Thanks to everyone for the food donations and to Whetstone Horseshoe Club for the convention refreshments!

50/50 Saturday's drawing was won by Carol Sanford - Chillicothe
50/50 Sunday's drawing was won by Jeff Kern - Lancaster

Silent Auction: The Auction was a big success!! A total of **\$780** was donated to the Hall of Fame. A special thanks to Carl Slevin, Butch O'Leary, Kenny Clark, Lucky Shoe Pro Shop, Darke County Horseshoe Club and the OHPA Officers for their donations.

[Link to 2016 State Profit and Loss](#)



50 year

John Brown, Lancaster
Loren Smith, Hicksville

40 year

N/A

30 year

Bob Johnson, New Concord
Davey Tabler, Columbus

20 year

Ron Carpenter, Quaker City
James George, Hamilton
Eric Hill, Chesterhill
Bev Hittle, Zanesville
Woody Melick, Hebron
Darrin Potts, Lewisville
Dan Reinke, Cleveland
Jeff Rostorfer, Elida
Jim Slattery, Tipp City

10 year

Ron Bowman, Louisville
Alex Francis, Defiance
Nelson Freshcorn, Kenton
Blaine Fulton, Marion
Robert Hall, Xenia
Bob Jewett, Zanesville
Pat Lucente, Spring Valley
Ed Mendez, Hicksville
Joe Moore, Canton
Lacey Moore, Obetz
John Mosier, Antwerp
Ralph Owens, Bellbrook
Gary Proof, Mineral City
Jesse Rodriguez, New Bremen
Doug Singer, Dayton
Greg Taylor, Charden
Phil Turner, Jamestown



[Link to Tournament Results](#)

[36-16-012 OK Horseshoe Club](#)

[36-16-013 Kahrig's Red Barn Open](#)

[36-16-014 Rita Sarbaugh Memorial](#)

[36-16-015 Kahrig's Red Barn Open](#)

[36-16-016 Spring Open](#)

[36-16-017 Mary Fleenor Memorial](#)

[36-16-019 Charlie Jones Memorial](#)

[36-16-020 Ron Golias Memorial](#)

[36-16-023 Chad Mays Open](#)

[36-16-024 Wayne Luoma Memorial](#)

[36-16-026 Whetstone Park of Roses](#)

[36-16-028 Hilliard Open](#)

[36-16-029 Ringer Classic](#)

[36-16-030 Wolf-Waggoner Open](#)

[36-16-032 Tim King Memorial](#)

[36-16-033 Miami County Fair Open](#)

[36-16-034 Dipe Daniels Memorial](#)

[36-16-035 State Warm Up](#)

[36-16-036 State Singles](#)

[36-16-037 State Doubles](#)

[36-16-038 Chad Mays Classic](#)

[36-16-025 Bucky Walters Memorial](#)

[36-16-039 Toni Kucharski Memorial](#)

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