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The 2016 Tournament Schedule has been revised to correct Fran Salyers' phone number, the Ohio Senior Olympics' contact info and to reassign Sanction Numbers. This revised schedule will also be posted on the website.

[Click here for Link to 2016 May-Dec Tournament Schedule**](#)**

2016 World Tournament Entry Deadline -- *May 16, 2016*



The 2016 World Tournament is going to be held in Montgomery, AL beginning July 25th through August 6th at the Multiplex at Cramton Bowl, 220 Hall St, Montgomery, AL (334-625-3480).

Brian Fisher has negotiated a special hotel price break as follows: Sleep Inn and Suites, 5005 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 (334-387-1004) (6.3 miles from the Multiplex). When calling to make your reservations, you must say "Horseshoe Tournament" in order to get \$69.99 plus tax per night. This rate is for a double (queen size) or single with a complimentary Hot Deluxe Breakfast.

All guest rooms come equipped with microwaves, refrigerators, flat-screen televisions, coffee makers, desks, voice mail, hair dryers, irons, ironing boards and cable television. Handicap accessible and non-smoking rooms are available. This is a pet friendly hotel and laundry facilities are available on the premises for your added convenience. After pitching, you can relax in their indoor heated pool and hot tub or enjoy a workout in the on-site

exercise room.

The Sleep Inn is also close to Faulkner University, Alabama State University, the Civil Rights Memorial, the Montgomery Zoo, and the Rosa Parks Library and Museum.

For more information, go to [National Horseshoe Pitchers Association](#)

[Link to 2016 World Championship Entry Form](#)

Pins for the World Tournament

For those of you attending the World Tournament, you could provide these pins to your pitching opponents.

The sale price is \$1.25 per pin.

To place your order, please contact Amy Miller at ohpasecretary@gmail.com or 614-507-2468



President's Message

The 2015-16 winter pitching schedule is coming to an end. Despite the continued decline in membership, there were some very good tournaments in Ohio this year.

I would like to thank all of our tournament and league directors for their hard work this year. We are blessed in Ohio to have people who devote their time and energy to allow the rest of us to have the opportunity to pitch.



As I mentioned during the Convention at the State Tournament, I am proud of our current slate of officers. All of them are people who give unselfishly of their time to make our sport better. You would be amazed to know how many hours our officers have worked this year. Hats off to Amy Miller, Brian Fisher, Randy Shoemaker, Cindy Rose, Darryl Miller, and Dan Sanders. I hope their efforts are appreciated.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the 2016 World Tournament in Montgomery, Alabama. There are many tourist attractions in Montgomery to entertain your entire family. I anticipate that entries should be equal to last year's total.

We will be trying some new things at the State Tournament this year. We are constantly trying to create activities that will be appealing to all of you. Undoubtedly, we will make mistakes along the way.

However, we cannot improve things if we continue to do the same thing every year. Any suggestions from participants are always appreciated.

On March 19, 2016, I had the pleasure of pitching in a tournament at the Red Barn for the third time this year. I believe that having nice facilities like the Red Barn is a key component of increasing membership.

One of my long term goals is to develop a nice indoor facility in the central Ohio area. It is my belief that leagues and tournaments in such a facility would attract large numbers of pitchers. If we do not work toward a vision for the future of our sport, there may not be a future.

I have become involved with the Ohio Senior Olympics (for those over 50 years of age). We are starting a

regional affiliate in Portsmouth, Ohio that will be known as the Southern Ohio Senior Games. I have been appointed chairperson of this group. As many of you know, horseshoe pitching is one of their events. Unfortunately, their format does not attract NHPA members. I recently attended the annual National Senior Games Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. I am talking to their officials concerning a change to the format that might attract more pitchers. I will let you know if I have any impact on this issue. The 2017 National Senior Games will be held in Birmingham, Alabama in 2017. They are expecting 12,000 athletes! I plan to be there. This will be a great place to create awareness of our sport. The Ohio Senior Olympics will be held in Columbus, Ohio in June, 2016. The horseshoe event will be held at the Hilliard courts. You must qualify on the State level to be able to participate in the National Games.

I have also become involved with the National Veterans Golden Age Games (for those veterans over 55 years of age) that will be held in Detroit, Michigan from July 10-16 of this year. Like the World Tournament, it is held in a different city each year. I have been appointed as the primary official for their horseshoe pitching event. As with the Senior Games, I hope to convince them to improve their format to attract more pitchers. As a Vietnam veteran and a horseshoe pitcher, I could not resist the opportunity to be involved in this event.

Obviously, my reason for participating in these events is to make participants aware of the NHPA, and to create formats that will increase participation. I think we must be proactive if we are to increase membership in the NHPA. I look forward to seeing all of you on the courts this summer.

Upcoming Events

Below are Links to Applications

[Ringer Classic - July 2-3-4, 2016](#)

[State Warm Up - Friday, Sept 2, 2016 at 7pm](#)

[State Doubles - Saturday, Sept 3, 2016 at 5pm](#)

[State Singles - Sept 3-4-5, 2016](#)

[Membership Application](#)

[Hall of Fame Application](#)



Darby Brock, Conesville
Clint Burbridge, Mt Vernon
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Gary Hogue, Lewisville
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Whitey Hughes, Goshen
Kedan Mathews, Celina
Danny Merriam, Adamsville
Cory Roach, Adamsville
Trace Sellers, Columbus
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Larry Edmiston, Columbus Grove
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Rod Paisley, Adamsville
Codey Pierce, Burton
Jay Pozz, Grove City
Dave Sheehan, Chardon
Harold Watson, Lakeview

Tony Thomas, Quaker City
Leonard Voelker, Cincinnati



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



Links to Recent OBITUARIES

[Harley Bryan Thomas - Nov 2, 2015](#)

[Harry E. Chadwick - Jan 2, 2016](#)

[Keith Flesher - Feb 24, 2016](#)

[Avanelle Ruth Brown - Mar 3, 2016](#)

[Walter G. Moore Sr - Mar 6, 2016](#)

Links to Recent Tournament Results

[36-15-046 Lima October Open - Lima](#)

[36-15-047 Harvest Open - Geauga Co](#)

[36-15-049 Fall Festival - Lima](#)

[36-15-053 Doug Crawford Classic - Kenton](#)

[36-16-001 Sarbaughs Indoor - Adamsville](#)

[36-16-002 Winter Carnival - Lima](#)

[36-16-003 Kahrig's Red Barn - Woodfield](#)

[36-16-004 Hardin Winter Open - Kenton](#)

[36-16-005 Sarbaughs Indoor - Adamsville](#)

[36-16-007 Snowball - Greenville](#)

[36-16-008 OK Horseshoe - Cincinnati](#)

[36-16-009 Kahrig's Red Barn - Woodfield](#)

[36-16-010 Sarbaughs Indoor - Adamsville](#)

[36-16-011 Barney Kohli Mem - Lima](#)

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