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[Link to 2025 Winter Tournament Schedule](#)

Darryl Miller - President

It's hard to believe that the summer pitching season is over already. I would like to thank the rest of the council for their hard work and dedication to this great state, especially over the last 6 months with the passing of Gary. Gary always said that here in Ohio we have arguably the best collection of pitchers, tournaments and executive council that would beat any state in the country. I would have to second that. With that being said as a council we have noticed that our state tournament entries have been dropping. The entries for the state were just under one fifth of the membership and the members at the convention represented approximately one seventh. Which means we potentially may have to make some changes to boost our numbers. We will be working on a survey with some questions about possible changes to the schedule, changing to a different weekend, handicapping some classes, etc. We hope to get this out to you early 2025.



One thing that was discussed at the convention was the need for a mini split system that would provide heat and air conditioning for the Hall of Fame building. This is a much needed item to help preserve the history of the sport in our great state. Brian Fisher took on this task and is finalizing the cost for the unit and will help oversee the installation. Thanks to a number of donations the cost of the unit is nearly paid for and the city of Greenville is paying for the installation and will be paying for the electric to run the unit. Thank you to all who had a part in this.

Another item that was discussed is the addition of an Elder Women's division that was passed at the World Tournament convention. This rule states that a woman 65 and older may observe the 20' foul line. This means that she may pitch anywhere on the platform from the 20' foul line all the way back to the 40' foul line if she so chooses. All you have to do is when you get your new NHPA card in October declare as an Elder Woman and throw 100 shoes in front of another card carrying member to establish a new average from that distance. Turn that into Amy Miller so she can enter you into E-Shoe. Please tell others that this change may affect.

One way to potentially boost membership is to go shopping, as the NHPA is now on Amazon. They have t-shirts, sweatshirts, insulated tumblers and some horseshoes. They keep adding items all the time. It's a great way to support our sport with money and advertising. As you proudly wear these items in public, it may spark a conversation and give you an opportunity to invite them to try our sport. With the declining membership, every little bit helps.

Be safe this winter season and I hope to see you on the courts soon.



2025 World Tournament

Mountain America Expo Center

9575 South State St

Sandy, UT 84070

385-468-2280

July 21-Aug 2, 2025

[Link to 2025 NHPA World Venue Info](#)



Brian Fisher - 1st VP and Travel Agent

As winter pitching is upon us please remember to invite a friend to come out and give it a try! Darke County Club will be adding 2-3 new leagues this year. We will also be adding a day at the fair next year just for junior pitchers, 4-H and or FFA. I know I've said it before but horseshoe pitching is alive and well in Ohio. Let's all help keep it that way. The donations we received for the heating/cooling splitter were much appreciated, this unit will be installed very soon and will help preserve our HOF!

Mike Byers - 3rd VP, HOF Chairman

Hello to all. Congratulations to the newest members of our Hall of Fame; Randy Shoemaker and Jerry Smith who were inducted at the State Convention August 31st. When you see these honorees be sure to recognize their accomplishment as they have earned this prestigious award.

A big Thank You to the HOF committee for accepting the responsibility of selecting the candidates who are deserving of HOF membership.



It is never too early for considering our next candidates so start thinking about nominations for 2025. You do not need to be an OHPA member to submit a nomination. Guidelines and nomination forms can be found on the OHPA website, and submit your nominations directly to me at degoodF150@aol.com.

See you on the courts.



Randy Shoemaker - 4th VP, By-Laws Chairman, Medical Exemption

As another summer horseshoe season comes to an end, we still have a few places in Ohio that have winter pitching available. If you get a chance visit one of these wonderful places, you won't regret it! There are some great winter tournaments in Ohio to compete in.

This year, we also had another great state tournament, with a little different format. If you liked it or have suggestions on how to make it better, let us know. I thought it went really well. I also got inducted into the OHPA Hall of Fame and I want to thank everyone who was responsible for that. It was quite an honor! As I reflect back over the year, I think of all the great friends we have lost, but also the new friends we have gained.

Stay healthy and I hope to see you on the courts.

Carol Sanford - 5th VP, Photographer

Well, another summer horseshoe season is in the records. Boy, it was a hot one! In spite of the heat everyone worked together and got things done. I just want to say "thank you!" to all the members who put in a little extra time to help with the tournaments - our OHPA officers, those who come early from other clubs to help get things set up, or stay to just keep score in the classes following theirs, or staying to help clean up around the courts before they head back. It is greatly appreciated!



Let's hope that next year will bring in more members, more participation, and just plain old good fun!

See you in the spring! Be careful and stay healthy!!!



Amy Miller - Secretary/Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Director

Membership Report for 2024 is a total of 287.

By Division: (8) Jr/Cadets; (129) Elder Men/Exemption; (95) Men; and (55) Women.

By Membership Type: (258) Full; (18) Provisional; (7) Lifetime; (3) Trial; and (1) Director.

We asked for donations to cover the cost of the heating/ac unit for the HOF room and I'm proud to announce that we received a total of \$740. The following were gracious enough to donate: Barb Carson, the Hogue Family, Carl and Fred Sanford, Ron St Clair, Jim Mossholder, Sherrill Hambel, Ross Co Horseshoe Club, Steve Mikesell, Darke Co Horseshoe Club and Brian Fisher.

Congrats to all the HOF inductees and all the State Tournament winners!

WELCOME
new members

James Burke, Dayton
Tarryn DeHart, Greenville
Chris Dicus, Chillicothe
Allison Eckert, Groveport
David Eckert, Groveport
Ashley Grubbs, Chillicothe
Joshua Grubbs, Chillicothe
Carl Horsley, Urbana
Eric Horsley, Bellefontaine
Philip Johnson, West Liberty
Odessa Johnson, Sardinia
Michael Lemaster, Chillicothe
Terry Long, Urbana
Jenna Meade, Gallipolis
Steve Minnix, Chillicothe
Evan Purnell, Canfield
Marie Rineveld, Columbus
Fred Sanford, Springfield
Jacob Sims, Frankfort
Eddie Smith, Clarksburg
John Smith Jr, Carlisle
Rodney Taylor, Lakeview
Justin Tibbett, Wilmington

Welcome
Back
We Missed You

Jerry Carver, Chillicothe
Dylan Carver, Chillicothe
David Johnson Jr, Sardinia
Chad Lemaster, Chillicothe
Julie Lemaster, Chillicothe
Jacob Lemaster, Chillicothe
Jamie Lemaster, Chillicothe
Dan Sanders, Westerville
Ray L Welsh, Louisville
Ken Wilson, Rockbridge

2024 Ohio State Championships



Cadet State Champ
Carter Hogue, Adamsville
(2-2 / 10.50%)

Cadet Class B Champ
Zayvier Johnson, Sardinia
(0-4 / 2.5%)

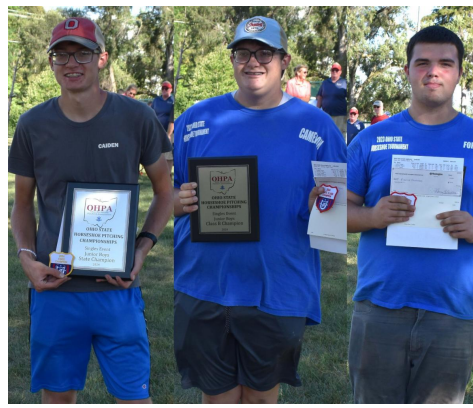
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Jr Boys State Champ
Caiden Hogue, Adamsville
(4-0 / 42%)

Jr Boys Class B Champ
Cameron Hogue, Adamsville
(3-1 / 28.50%)

Jr Boys Class C Champ
Forrest Fourman, Arcanum
(1-3 / 11%)

(left to right)



Women and Men State Champions

Amy Francis – Defiance
9-1 / 75.60%

Alan Francis – Defiance
10-0 / 80.96%



Elder State Champion
Ed Hildreth, Bellefontaine
8-2 / 68.30%



Doubles State Champions
Dwain Klink / Hop Muter
4-1 Combined 52%

[Link to State Singles Results](#)

[Link to State Doubles Results](#)

[Link to Friday Night Warmup Results](#)

[2024 STATE AWARDS](#)



Youngest Pitcher Award
Carter Hogue, Adamsville
(10 yrs old)



Oldest Pitcher Award
Jim Mossholder, Mt Vernon
(88 yrs old)



Sportsmanship Award
Jim Mossholder, Mt Vernon



Jim Knisley Traveling Award
Steve Mikesell, Lewisville



Gary Roberts Memorial Award
Gary Roberts, Beaver



Hall of Fame - Promoter/Organizer
Randy Shoemaker, Londonderry



Tournament Director of the Year
Darryl Miller, Plain City



Hall of Fame - Promoter/Organizer
Jerry Smith, Reynoldsburg

MEMBERSHIP LONGEVITY PATCHES

10 years

Kenny Black, Washington CH
JB Brown, Sabrina
Roy Davis, Kenton
Tracy Davisson, Tiffin
John Hesser, Toledo
Caiden Hogue, Adamsville
Gabe Knapp, Millersburg
Marvin Paul, Zanesville
Johnny Reising, Chillicothe
Charles Roberts, Toronto
Richard Roesch, Mentor
Martin Russell, London

20 years

Suzie Bowling, Washington CH
Ron Cook, Chillicothe
John Gildow, Zanesville
Shannon Huston, Chillicothe
Jay Roth, Zanesville
Tony Schumacher, Woodsfield
Julie Shaw, Coshocton

30 years

Ray Beyke, Greenville

40 years

Carol Brown, Lancaster
Amy Francis, Defiance

50 years

Tom Guill, Shelby



Link to Recent OBITUARIES

[Gary Bruce Roberts \(8/5/47-4/19/24\)](#)

[Sharon Ann Boehringer \(7/27/64-6/15/24\)](#)

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507-2468



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