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Changes to the 2020 Sanction Cards

The NHPA/OHPA 2020 Membership Fees for Adults have increased to **\$40.00** . Juniors will remain at **\$5.00**.

The NHPA is no longer providing “printed” Sanction Cards to the Charters. The NHPA created a new database called “eShoe” that all Charters must maintain. The eShoe website will provide all members with the option of paying their NHPA/OHPA membership fees online as well as printing their 2020 Sanction Card, if they choose to. The idea of the eShoe database is to make having a physical card no longer necessary. eShoe will provide a member’s Sanction Card status to the NHPA, all Charters, Tournament and League Directors. eShoe will be updating in phases, so some functions may not work yet. Go to the link below, type your name in the Player Search area. You can click Print to print your card or click Renew to pay your 2020 Sanction Card fees. Debit cards, Credit cards and Paypal are all accepted. Additional fees will apply. <http://www.nhpa-eshoe.com/>

[Click Here to Print and Mail your 2020 Membership Application to the OHPA](#)

President's Message

Gary B. Roberts

As we move forward toward the 2020 pitching season, we must pause to remember all of the members we



have lost during the past year. My uncle, Ottie W. Reno was one of them. Ottie died at the age of 89 on February 11, 2019. My involvement with horseshoe pitching would not have happened without Ottie. We traveled thousands of miles together participating in various tournaments and exhibitions. In those early days, we had very little money but we enjoyed every minute of our travels. When we attended our first Ohio State Championship in 1958 in Greenville, we slept on the ground under an oak tree. In these modern times, we would probably have been arrested for vagrancy. Ottie would want us to move forward with a smile on our face.

Once again I would like to thank all of our OHPA Officers for their hard work. As many of you know, Amy Miller continues to work tirelessly to promote our sport. She develops our pitching schedules, publishes our newsletter, and is active as a tournament director. All of our other officers contribute much time and effort to promote our sport during these difficult years.

I recently spoke with a tournament director about a tournament that was canceled because of low entries and a large spread in percentages. I suggested that in the future, he might consider handicapping the tournament and proceeding with holding the tournament. Most all of the tournaments in Florida are handicapped. We have been handicapping the Friday Night Warm-up Tournament and most of us have enjoyed it. I think in some situations handicapping could be appropriate.

The Reno Family once again performed at the Bob Evans Festival on October 12th, 13th and 14th at the original Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande. This was our 49th consecutive year to perform there! My son, Ryan Roberts, was the emcee. Ottie's daughter, Jennifer Reno, and our cousin, Josh Brooks, participated. Donna Shoemaker also participated this year. The Bob Evans folks surprised us this year with a special presentation in memory of Ottie Reno. We were expecting a plaque or something of that nature. However, we were shocked when they presented us with a Fender guitar signed by all of the entertainers. Jennifer Reno will proudly display this at her home.

The Ross County Horseshoe Club hosted the Southern Ohio Senior Games horseshoe and cornhole events on September 28th. Pitchers who entered the tournament were automatically entered in the Senior Games. All entrants received a beautiful T-shirt, a horseshoe book and a ringer% book donated by Gary Roberts. The Ross County Horseshoe Club provided free pizza and drinks for all participants. Age group winners received beautiful medals. Immediately after the horseshoe tournament, we started the cornhole event with seven teams. Despite the unseasonably hot weather, everyone had a great time. We plan to increase the horseshoe pitching participation next year.

As officers, one of our most important duties is to listen to the members to allow us to improve and to make changes as needed. If you have ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time. The future of our sport is in jeopardy as membership continues to decline.



**2020 World Tournament
Monroe Civic Center**

**401 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway
Monroe LA 71210
July 13 - 25, 2020**



2019 World Report

Brian Fisher, 1st VP and Publicity Director

Ohio sent 31 pitchers to the 2019 World Tournament, which was held in Wichita Falls, TX. As usual, the Buckeye pitchers did quite well. Out of the 31 pitchers that attended, 18 placed in the money, 11 pitchers brought home trophies and 7 pitchers qualified for the Championship round.

Elders Championship: Larry Shaw took 8th, Rich Knerem took 14th, and Del Fourman took 15th. Women: Amy Francis took 15th. Senior Men: Gary Roberts took 4th. Junior: Alex Francis took 8th. Men: Alan Francis won his 24th World Title with a perfect 15-0 record and a 89.8%. Alan's last four games were over 90% when he was pitching his toughest opponents.

Next year's World Tournament will be in Monroe, LA, July 13 - July 25. I hope we will again dominate and make our great state proud.



Jeff Arrowood, Waverly
Larry Boze, Troy
Kenny Butler, Hillsboro
Jason Daugherty, Shiloh
Kenneth Denlinger, Troy
Dean Edwards, Kingston
Ted Fuchs, Chillicothe
Jeff Hall, Forest
Tina Henness, Chillicothe
Odessa Johnson, Lynchburg
Anthony Kelser, Fremont
Mike Kinnamon, Chillicothe
Randy Kuhner, Chillicothe
George Miller, Troy
Dylan Neal, Medway
Shawna Slaven, Lynchburg
Alexander Speakman, Chillicothe
Russ Whetherill, Dunkirk
Marlin Whittington, Xenia
Ronnie, Yonts, Tiffin
Nathan Zehringer, Greenville



Larry Barga, Versailles
Reda Castle, Circleville
Jeff Crunkilton, Shiloh
Dan Greve, Columbus Grove
Larry Hittle, Zanesville
Art Jackson, Ravenna
Kristopher Johnson, Lynchburg
Leif Luoma, Burton
Rex McKnight, Fremont
Bob Meyer, Covington



Secretary Notes

Amy Miller, Secretary/Treasurer





This Summer was very busy for me. As some of you may have heard, my Mother passed away Oct 22nd. Over the Summer, I traveled many weekends to Indiana. I was lucky enough to spend her last weekend with her. I know she is in a much better place now. She's at peace and I'm glad for that. Forgive me but my focus has not been on my horseshoe duties recently.

Changes are coming with eShoe. This is a National database of ALL members. This database makes it no longer necessary to show your Sanction Card at any tournaments, including the World. The NHPA is using electronic cards. Their website will also allow you to print and renew your Sanction Card at any time. Any new member, Nationwide, that pays for their 2020 card will be assigned the next Sanction No. beginning with 8XXXXX, which may be confusing for some.

Changes are also coming to HSMaster. There is a new update and it is Phase I of an integration with eShoe with HSMaster. You will need internet when using new features. In HSMaster, you'll be able to update a pitcher's profile and ringer percentage with eShoe. You can search for pitchers in eShoe and then add them to your HSMaster database. I will certainly be glad when these transitions are over.

Please remember to support the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation whenever you shop with Amazon. Use this link [Amazon Smile](#) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the NHPF. This is an absolutely harmless way to help the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation Hall of Fame and Museum.

I'd like to thank all the officers for their hard work. Also thank you to all those that continue to support horseshoes and finding new members! Keep up the good work as we need more members!! Thanks to ALL for helping to keep horseshoes alive!!

Stay warm!



Link to Recent OBITUARIES

[Joe Paul Pillion \(5/9/27 - 5/19/19\)](#)

[Michael J. Kanner \(11/2/98 - 7/19/19\)](#)

[Melvin "Buck" Bair \(6/26/25 - 8/20/19\)](#)

[Leona M. Miller \(5/1/37 - 10/22/19\)](#)

2019 Ohio State Championships



Cadet State Champion: Cameron Hogue / 41.23%
Cadet State Champion Class B: Forrest Fourman / 17.77%
Cadet State Champion Class C: Samantha Park / 2.50%
Jr Boys State Champion: Alex Francis / 49.55%
Jr Boys State Champion Class B (1st Pl): Caiden Hogue / 52.86%
Jr Boys State Champion Class B (2nd Pl): Ryan Fourman / 25.26%
Jr Boys State Champion Class C: Bradley Norrod / 9.68%
Jr Girls State Champion: Mackenzie Bowles 9.60%



**2019 Men's State
 Champion**
6-0 / 90.87%
Alan Francis – Defiance

**2019 Elder's State
 Champion**
4-0 / 71.90%
Larry Shaw – Coshocton



**2019 Women's State
 Champion**
5-0 / 75.00%
Amy Francis – Defiance

[Link to State Single Results](#)
[Link to State Double Results](#)
[Link to Friday Night Warmup Results](#)



State Awards

**Youngest Pitcher - Cameron Hogue,
 Adamsville (9 yrs old)**



**Oldest Pitcher - Dave Ackley, West Liberty
(88 yrs old)**

**Sportsmanship Award - Martin Russell, London
Club of the Year - Ross Co Horseshoe Club**

Achievement Award - Larry Shaw, Coshocton

Frances Asher Award - Carol and Fred Sanford, Chillicothe

**Tournament Director of the Year - Amy Miller, Hilliard
Jim Knisley Traveling Award - Pat Park, Circleville**

Hall of Fame - Harry G. Haynes, Canton

State Convention : Thanks to everyone for the food donations to help with the convention refreshments!

50/50 Saturday's drawing was won by Brian Fisher, New Paris
50/50 Sunday's drawing was won by Jerry Hammond, Lebanon

Silent Auction: The Auction was again a big success!! A special thanks to all that donated!

Pins for Sale

**The sale price is \$1.50 per pin.
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