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## President's Message

2007 has past us by and we are now gearing up for the 2008 season. I would like to thank all of the tournament directors for volunteering last year, and compliment them for putting on excellent tournaments. I attended quite a few during the summer, and was very impressed with how smoothly they were run. I know that a lot of work goes into making sure everything goes well. I would also like to thank all of the officers for their dedication goes into making sure everything goes well. I would also like to thank all of the officers for their dedication and help all year long. One of the most impressive things that occurred was the offer of Randy and Paula King to put up visitors at their house for the State Tournament, I thanks them for the kind offer, and hope that some folks in Pocatello will step up and do likewise this for our out of town visitors. This will be especially true this year as Pocatello is host to both the Idaho single and doubles tournaments. I have room for several campers or trailers as well as my camp trailer which sleeps 4 if they are real close and cozy. I am planning on hosting Jerry Smith as he was kind enough to host me last year.

Pocatello is considering a bid to host the 2010 World Tournament, this is being reviewed as I write this. Although we remember all the hard work required we believe that it is also quite an honor for the state of Idaho. I hope that we can generate the same kind of enthusiasm that we saw in 2004. I will be updating everyone as soon as I know more about this. Let me say that there is nothing like the thrill of competing in the World tournament, at least as far as horseshoes goes. The World tournament this year is being held in York Pa, July 7-19 if you can make it I am sure you would have a lot of fun.

This is a good time to think about recruiting new members or bringing back pitchers that have become inactive. It would be great to see the number of people at our tournaments that we had in

2003 and 2004 getting prepared to pitch in the World tournament. It was not unusual to have 50 to 70 pitchers at our tournaments. I believe we also had 96 pitchers at our State Doubles tournament that year and we ended up using most of the pits in Ross Park. I would sure like to see that again.

The initial Tournament Schedule is under review and there are six cities hosting tournaments this year. I am glad to say that Boise, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Mountain Home, Nampa and Pocatello have signed up to host tournaments. Our thanks go out to all of the Tournament Directors for putting on these tournaments for our enjoyment.

I wish you all good pitching and improved averages this year.

President Bob Zausch

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## Secretary Sez

Just a reminder, all pitchers entering 2008 tournaments must have their 2008 NHPA Membership cards. Also please note a major change for Idaho tournaments in 2008. For all Idaho tournaments in 2008, there will be no tournament fees owed or needed to be sent to the Sec/Treas. This is a one year only situation as passed in the 2007 annual meeting. See the annual meeting minutes in this issue for full details.

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## State Tournament Results

The 2007 State Singles Tournament happened on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Julia Davis Park in Boise. After the pitching on Saturday, at around 6:00 pm, a potluck dinner was held in the pavilion

across the street from the horseshoe courts. The annual ISHPA business meeting followed the dinner at around 7:00 pm. The meeting minutes follow;

Date: September 1, 2007

Place: Boise, Idaho

Recorded by Jerry D. Smith

President Bob Zausch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed all. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was held for all of those who are no longer with us.

Jerry Smith read the minutes from 2006. David Spears made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Darold Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Jerry then gave the financial report and handed out a written copy. The ISHPA had \$2,962.03 in total income this year and spent \$3,490.80. The ending balance is \$2,259.80. The ISHPA's fiscal year is from September 1 to August 31st of each year. Darold Johnson made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Glen Warick seconded. Motion carried.

Nampa reminded everyone about the "last chance" tournament on September 22nd. David Spears explained that Mountain Home had received a NHPF grant this year and was planning to hold a "pitch and witch" tournament on October 27th.

Under Officer's reports:

Idaho Regional Director, David Spears, stated that the main topic for Regional Directors at their World Tournament meeting was the topic of full runways. Full runways were required for all courts in the new National Rules and Regs which went into affect at the first of the year. They then proceeded to pass a ruling that all old courts were grandfathered out of the full runway requirement and that it would apply only to new courts. The question of requirements for remodeling courts is unknown at this time. Bob Riley stated that the new courts in Meridian would require full runways and that we need to inform the city.

Jerry spoke for statistician Gary Oppen by reminding everyone the importance of having complete information on the summery sheets including NHPA numbers and that it is the tournament director's responsibility to check that all pitchers are current members. A discussion followed concerning Oppen's choice to discontinue putting results of Idaho tournaments on the website. A straw poll was taken to see how many people want the results posted on the website. The vote

was 19 to 1 in favor of posting the results. Matt Osterman stated that he would help with the postings. Jerry stated that he would talk to Gary Oppen.

Gary Kollmann, 1st VP, spoke on the value of subscribing to the NHPA Newsline suggesting that it is hard to keep up with the sport without reading the Newsline. He also encouraged everyone to consider purchasing a brick for the patio of the new NHPA hall of fame building in Missouri. The details about purchasing a brick can be found in the Newsline. Gary then talked about the scheduling of tournaments in the east and west on the same days and that he did not feel that it was a problem as very little travel across the state is happening with the current cost of travel. He would like a couple of days left open in the summer where only one tournament is scheduled to encourage the better pitchers to come together for some solid competition.

No comments from the 2nd VP.

Sec./Treas. Jerry Smith stated that the 2008 cards will be available in late October and that he would accept dues at any time.

President Bob Zausch spoke about increasing membership and asked for suggestions for helping to get bar league pitchers involved with NHPA pitching. He asked for people to email him with ideas. He felt that his first year went well but 2008 would be better.

Jerry brought up the website and suggested that we again send \$50.00 to Steve Summerlin as thanks for his work. Matt Osterman made a motion to give \$50.00 to Summerlin. Darold Johnson seconded. Motion carried. A suggestion was made to have Idaho court locations posted on the website. Jerry will look into getting that done.

Under old business:

Jerry discussed the 2007 ballot form results stating the new by-laws passed 22 to 1. It was noted that the ballot form version of the revised by-laws included the \$2.00 per player per tournament fee charge that had been changed back to \$1.00 at last years meeting. The question is, does the fee change to \$2.00 as voted on, or do we just call it a typo. The consensus was that it was just a typo and that the tournament fee should remain at \$1.00. Jerry then asked for clarification as to when ballot form issues go into effect. David Spears made a motion that "All ballot form issues that are passed and any business motions passed at the annual meetings go

in to effect on January 1st of the following year". Matt Osterman seconded. Motion passed.

Jerry brought up the topic of the Idaho newsletter. He asked if it was wanted and should be continued. After discussion, it was decided to keep the newsletter and look into emailing it to all that have the capabilities. It was decided that if no input is received by the editor, the newsletter should just be shortened, maybe this will inspire more input.

Jerry encouraged everyone to get 2008 schedule wishes to him by mid December so that we can get it finalized and published.

Jerry has State plaques available and asked about the status of the Gem State Shootout. After discussion, Gary Kollmann made a motion to end the Gem State Shootout process. Darold Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Under new business:

Jerry reported that the NHPA gives patches for each 10 years of NHPA membership. Idaho has two 10 year and two 20 year recipients this year. The patches has not been received at this time.

Bob Zausch discussed the issue of payment for food at state tournaments. He stated that the by-laws only allow food payment for the State Singles event. Pocatello had asked for reimbursement for food at the State Doubles event but were denied. No action was taken.

Jim Price led a discussion concerning what he considers excess funds in the ISHPA treasury. After debate, Jim made the motion "that for 1 year (2008) the ISHPA (1) suspend the tournament players fee of \$1.00, (2) provide up to \$200.00 for the State Doubles and \$400.00 to the State Singles tournaments for hospitality (to be billed after costs are figured), and (3) provide \$200.00 for State Double and \$400.00 for State Singles to be used as additional prize money". Jerry Smith seconded. The discussion included reminders that the motion is for one year only and that it amounts to a way to lower the excess funds in the treasury. Motion carried with 16 "yea" and 4 "nay" votes.

The State Doubles site was discussed. Jerry Smith made the motion to have the 2008 State Doubles be held in Pocatello. David Spears seconded. Motion carried.

David Spears made a motion to have the State Singles Tournament for 2008 be held in Pocatello. Gary Kollmann seconded. Motion carried.

The election of officers followed. Gary Kollmann was nominated for 1st Vice-President by Bob Zausch. Gary was elected running unopposed.

Darold Johnson nominated Jerry Smith for Sec./Treas. Jerry was elected unopposed.

Bob thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

The State Tournament results were as follows:

	W	L	Pct.	H.Game
<b>Elders A</b>				
1. Don Titcomb	3	0	59.58%	66.60%
2. Bob Zausch	0	3	46.78%	60.50%
<b>Elders B</b>				
1. Art Morris	9	3	40.83%	50.00%
2. Danny Rollins	8	4	37.71%	50.00%
3. Glen Price	7	5	32.23%	40.90%
4. Don Manwill	4	8	24.59%	40.00%
5. Glen Warwick	3	9	24.79%	42.5%
<b>Womens A</b>				
1. Tina Samora	2	1	55.28%	66.00%
2. Karen Wickham	1	2	54.55%	65.20%
<b>Womans B</b>				
1. Virginia Manwill	3	1	22.81%	35.00%
2. Lisa Osterman	1	3	18.83%	25.00%
<b>Womens C</b>				
1. Melanie Poole	5	3	7.50%	12.50%
<b>Mens A</b>				
1. Gary Opper	9	0	59.05%	70.58%
2. Gary Kollmann	5	4	56.15%	69.00%
3. Jim Price	4	5	47.47%	59.5%
<b>Mens B</b>				
1. David Spears	9	1	49.50%	72.5%
2. Steve Bradley	8	2	33.50%	45.00%
3. Clyde Marquez	5	5	41.50%	57.5%
4. Bobby Faulkner	4	6	32.50%	50.00%
5. Mike Cothorn	3	7	32.50%	47.5%
6. Brent Wood	2	8	33.13%	40.00%
<b>Mens C</b>				
1. Randy King	11	3	38.04%	52.50%
2. Darold Johnson	10	4	31.96%	42.50%
3. Robert Mathews	9	5	35.28%	47.50%
4. Dave Schutte	9	5	34.22%	47.50%
5. Bob Riley	6	8	28.39%	45.00%
6. Rodney Pickering	5	9	29.64%	45.00%
7. Matt Osterman	4	10	25.36%	42.50%
8. Ray Carpenter	2	12	23.75%	32.50%
<b>Mens D</b>				
1. Tony Marquez	9	1	25.25%	35.00%
2. Carlos Marquez	7	3	24.00%	40.00%
3. Dave Heiner	5	5	21.25%	27.5%
4. Brian Poole	4	6	20.75%	27.5%
5. Jerry Smith	4	6	18.00%	30.00%
6. Steve Gertonson	1	9	12.75%	22.5%

	Junior A			
1. James Price III	1	7	16.05%	25.00%
	Cadets A			
1. Logan King	4	0	8.13%	15.00%
2. Jayce Pickering	0	4	6.56%	17.5%

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## Regional Director Message:

I'll try and keep this somewhat short if possible. I now have the patches and certificates for this year's tournament's including the State Doubles and State Single Tournaments. This order was submitted based on last year's tournaments. If you know the amount of patches you will need for the year please call me or email me with the quantity and type of patch(s), if I do not have the amount you need I can get more.

The NHPA now has a new patch for team events, which I believe is for any team with 3 or more participants. The patches are, Team Champion and Team Class Champion. If you have any plans this year on running a team format tournament please let me know and I will get some patches for you. Please note, if want to add a tournament after the scheduled comes out, you must submit a request to me in advance if you plan on sanctioning it, **no exceptions.**

From the National level, Sanctioned courts are now a requirement for sanctioned leagues and all sanctioned tournaments as of January 1, 2008. This helps ensure that all individual Natstats ringer percentages are more valid and comparable for setting up competitive classes on the Local, State and World Tournament level. If you are aware of a town that is interested in running a sanctioned tournament, please contact me and I will set up a time and date with the director to sanction the courts.

One last comment, based on a national discussion stemming from complaints about the "release" of a shoe. During the entire address and release of a shoe, a contestant must not start or step completely outside the platform with either foot. To do so is considered a foul. I have not personally seen or heard of anyone here in Idaho complaining about this situation, but I have at the World Tournament a couple of times. The point is, both feet must be within the pitcher's platform till the shoe is released at which point a person may step on or over the foul line if their momentum carries them to that point.

Good Pitchin in 08,  
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## Gate City HPC

There is the initial GCHPA meeting for 2007 on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Rim Rock to plan out our year. The latest improvement planned for Ross Park is the permanent Barbecue Pit to be built next to the Horseshoe Pavilion. We hope to have it constructed by the time we start our tournament schedule. It is remarkable what we have been able to accomplish with the help of the City Parks and Recreation Department. Our thanks to all of the volunteers for their hard work that made this happen. There will be a meeting and work/maintenance session at Ross Park on April 14, at 6PM. All pitchers are invited to attend and help. Any question, call Jim Price @ 232-4566.

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## TVHPA Caldwell

Caldwell plans to hold its usual 3 tournaments in 2008, as well as, the Monday night league. Come join us. Everyone is welcome.

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## TVHPC Mtn. Home

Mtn. Home will be hosting two tournaments this year, the first of which will be the Second Annual NHPF Benefit Tournament. The cost will be \$15.00 with all proceeds going to benefit the NHPF. Lunch will be provided as well. The date for this tournament will be Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> with the start time at 10:00 am. The second tournament will be the Bill Travis Memorial named after a dear friend of many of us. This tournament will be held Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The cost will be \$12.00 per entry. If interested in pitching please contact: David Spears