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Taylor Talks

A note from MSHA President
Greg Taylor

The 2012 Minnesota Handball Season should be in full swing by the time you receive this MSHA Newsletter. The 1st two local tournaments are the Ice Box Doubles – Invitational – Jan 20-21, 2012 at the St Anthony AC in Minneapolis and the Winter Carnival Doubles – Feb 10-11, 2012 at the Skyway YMCA in St Paul.

2012 MSHA Tournaments / Entry Forms

Since we are sending the Newsletter in an electronic format, you will need to go to the [MSHA website](http://www.mnhandball.org) to printout the tournament entries (*):

The Masters' Doubles -
March 2-3, 2012 -- St Anthony AC in Minneapolis, MN, includes 30-, 40- 60-, 70- year old age groups.

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From the Pro

By Andy Nett

This year's Handball Pro Tour will be at the halfway point after Race 4 Eight Stop #4 in Fresno, CA (January 4-8). Luis Moreno has won two of the first three stops, with Robbie McCarthy taking the other.

Masters Doubles

March 2-3, 2012
St. Anthony AC

Open Doubles

March 23-24, 2012
Skyway YMCA

Open Singles

April 27-29, 2012
LifeTime Fitness –
St. Louis Park

Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 9, 2012
Wabasha Street Caves

This is the first year of The Race 4 Eight. The Top 8 players in the country are invited to each stop, and then four more players qualify before each tournament. Players earn points with each win, and the top eight point earners, after the 7th stop (SoCal March, 2012) will be invited to play in the Player Championship (Seattle, WA, May, 2012).

You can watch the matches live during

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TWIN CITIES HANDBALL LEAGUE



The 2011-2012 season is half way done. Here are the standings through the first half. For up-to-date results see the MSHA web site at <http://www.mnhandball.org>. The Monday night league is for B players and was short of players and clubs last year. The Tuesday night league is for A and better players.

<u>Monday Night League</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>
Midway Y	40	
U of M	32	
Skyway Y	14	
SAACdale	10	

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Tournament Results

(For inclusion in the MSHA newsletter, send your results to the editor.)

Holiday Handball Cup December 17th, 2011 Life Time Fitness - Fridley

Life Time Fitness continues to show support of handball and hosted their third and final tournament of 2011 with the Holiday Handball Cup, held December 17th, 2011. Players traveled from as far north as Duluth and as far south as Des Moines to compete at the "pristine" Fridley Life Time facility. The tournament committee was able to condense this tournament into a one day, Iron Man handball event where almost everyone was too sore to play the following day. This tournament didn't exclude players who usually play a match or two and are out of the tournament. Win or lose; you were playing, sweating, and improving your game throughout the entire day.

After a morning of pool play, players were divided into Division I and Division II brackets. **Division I** was dominated by Mankato as they swept the top three places. In the finals, **Mike Wells** defeated long time doubles partner, John Stoffel 21-20, 21-18. Wells had to defeat the other Stoffel (Tyler) in his semi final match. Tyler continues to display raw handball talent at 15 years of age and has the potential to be the next USHA National Open Champion from Minnesota. Minnesota has not seen a USHA National Open Champion since the mid-70's when Terry Muck won his only USHA

National four wall title. Meanwhile, John Stoffel had to defeat another rising Minnesota handball star, Donovan Foley in the other Division I semi final.

Division II Championships were equally exciting as **Matt Johnson** (Minnesota's new 1 handball Ambassador!) from the University of Minnesota Rec Department faced off against Lee Johnson (no relation) from Des Moines, Iowa. It appeared Matt was going to have an easy victory as he won the first game 15-2 (games were to 15 because of morning pool play). However, Lee is a true student and literally took notes after each game and time out. Lee kept a journal in his bag and was continuously logging handball lessons throughout the entire day! You could visually watch Lee get better with each game he played. Lee was determined to give this tournament 100% of his energy and somehow came back and won the second game, 15-13. This game # 2 defeat pushed Matt to focus harder and raised his determination and intensity to victory with an 11-4 win.

Life Time provided awesome hospitality with fruit, PowerAde, coffee and a healthy lunch in the Life Time Café for all participants. I would like to thank every player in this tournament for supporting handball in Minnesota. There seems to be a black hole suffocating our handball tournaments these days and the only way to stop it is to compete in as many events you can. If you enjoy handball, then support it. Make it your New Year's resolution to be a current member of the USHA. Also, play in as many tournaments as you can. Tournaments are dying and once they are gone, they are very difficult to resurrect. I hope to see you at the next handball tournament in 2012!

The Mankato Handball Experience October 28-29, 2011 Mankato YMCA, Mankato, MN

If you missed it, there was some great handball last weekend in Mankato. The Mankato Handball Experience combined youth and experience together for a great weekend. A special thanks to all the out of town players that make this event an annual must attend tournament. Even though we jammed 58 players into four courts, amazingly we finished the tournament at 7:05 pm (7 pm was the scheduled finish time) on Saturday night. Everyone got their fill of pizza pie on Friday at Jake's Stadium Pizza. With

2011 Top Ten

Based on the results of the 2011 State Open Singles, these are the Top Ten handballers in MN.

1. Andy Nett
2. Matt Hiber
3. Pete Crouser
4. Ryan Maloney
5. Matt Langhorst
6. Tom Nett
7. Mike Wells
8. John Stoffel
9. Tim Kappes
10. Steve Tamminga

If you think you're better than these guys, compete in the Open Singles tournament in 2012.

over 30 college players in the tournament, you can go through a LOT of pizza. The tournament committee would like to thank all of the corporate sponsors, those who sponsored collegiate players into the tournament, and the Mankato YMCA.

With last year's champion, Ryan Maloney, breaking his leg playing soccer over the summer, this year's **open** bracket was dominated by the Dakotas. Travis Owen, from South Dakota, lost in a tie breaker to **Isiah Jones** of Fargo. The gallery was three or four deep watching these two great athletes compete in the finals. Many of the students from Minnesota State Introduction to Handball class had never seen open level competition and were amazed at this level of handball!!



Isiah Jones, Travis Owen

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each tournament at:
<http://www.race4eight.com>

There are also many matches from previous tournaments along with a Jake Plummer handball documentary available to view at <http://vimeo.com/33132461>

Official WPH Pro Tour Rankings 11-13-11 Following Race Stop #3

- 1. Lenning 36
- 2. Alvarado 34
- 3. Moreno 30
- 4. Garner 22.5
- 5. Chapman 19
- 6. Shanks 15
- 7. Ortiz 14
- 8. Fink 12.5
- 9. Little 10.75
- 10. Nett 10
- 10. McCarthy 10

Race Standings Through Race Stop #3 11-13-11

- 1. Moreno 26
- 2. Alvarado 20
- 3. Lenning 18
- 4. Shanks 15
- 5. Garner 13.5
- 6. Nett 10
- 6. McCarthy 10
- 8. Chapman 9
- 9. Fink 5.5
- 9. Cordova 5.5



We need coaches!

If you are interested in helping collegiate players learn the game, contact Jim Carlson, or Matt Johnson.

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The only player that draws bigger than the Open finalists at this tournament is junior player, **Tyler Stoffel**. Tyler draws grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, and local high school friends to his matches. We're sure he must be a talented player, but can't get a seat to watch him. Tyler met Brandon Glaze, Minnesota State alumnus, in the **A finals**. These two have split in their previous two matches, so it was no surprise it went tie breaker again. Tyler won 11-8 in the tie breaker. Watch out for both of these up and coming players in the Open division.



Billy Craig, Tyler Stoffel

A few players were in good enough shape and have been awarded this year's Iron Man awards. Playing multiple singles and doubles matches in the span of 36 hours is no small feat. **Mike Gustafson, George Langhorst**, Lee Johnson, and Boonma Vang all get a big congrats for that.

Not only did Mike and George Iron Man-up, but they teamed to defeat last year's doubles champions, Mike and Arne Wells. The **90+ doubles** is where the ages of the team members must add to 90. While the Wells brothers were hot with their serves in game one, Gustafson got hot in the second and third games, and George caught his third (maybe fourth?) second wind and played great handball from deep court. Mankato Millennium Champions, Jerry Pietz and Tim Pulis, reunited to add the Consolation title to their long list of tournament achievements.



Arnie Wells, Mike Wells, Mike Gustafson, George Langhorst

The **B bracket** featured two players with bright handball futures. University of Minnesota Nick Olsen's game has improved dramatically over the past year and junior lefty, **Dave Miller**, has always done well at the Mankato tournament. It was a battle of which off-hand held up the best with young Dave coming out on top in an exciting 11-10 breaker. Welcome to the A division next year, Dave!!!



David Miller, Nick Olson

The seeding committee was pretty close on most of the brackets, but in the **C division** there were a couple of real surprises. **Joe Schnegelberger** and Derek Eggert have just started playing handball less than EIGHT weeks ago. They were able to sneak by more experienced players into a semi-final matchup with Joe coming out on top in an 11-9 tie breaker. Let the yapping begin. Joe then won 11-10 over Josh Hoff in the finals. There is a lot of talent in the underclassmen at Minnesota State.



Joe Schnegelberger, Josh Hoff

However, some of the underclassmen have a way to go to catch a more experienced cohort at the University of Minnesota. Amidst the "Purple-out" on Friday night, the **Women's division** was an all maroon and gold

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final on Saturday. Having enough women entries to offer a division for the first time since 2007, Liz Winberg and **Jessica Bohlken** advanced to the finals. Jessica outlasted Liz in two competitive games.



Jessica Bohlken, Liz Winberg

In the Masters singles, **Ed Miller** claimed the title over George Langhorst. Ed rules the middle of that court like no other. He told the gallery, "I've got all the shots and can use them at any time." Or was that Gary Rohrer at the Ice Box?



Ed Miller, George Langhorst

If you haven't attended the Mankato Handball Experience, it has found a permanent home on the last weekend of October. Entries may have to be limited due to court space next year, so get those entries in early!!

90+ Doubles

Quarterfinals

- Mike Wells/Arne Wells d. bye
- Tim Fitchel/Joe Lacey-Gotz d. Jerry Pietz/Ben McAninch, 3, 8
- Mike Gustafson/George Langhorst d. John Goranson/Brent Friedrichs, 9, 6
- John Stoffel/Rich Ryan d. Boonma Vang/Lee Johnson, 4, 7

Semifinals

- Wells/Wells d. Fitchel/Lacey-Gotz, 9, 13
- Gustafson/Langhorst d. Stoffel/Ryan, 13, 17

Finals

- Gustafson/Langhorst d. Wells/Wells (8), 8, 4

Consolation

- Pietz/Tim Pulis(substitute) d. Goranson/Friedrichs, 12, 13

Open Singles

Preliminary Round

- Dane Swanson d. Matt Larson, 8, 11
- Billy Craig d. Drew Engelmeyer, 10, 17
- Tyler Stoffel d. John Laliberti, 8, 11

Quarterfinals

- Travis Owen d. Swanson, 17, 4
- Mat Langhorst d. Brandon Glaze, 8, 15
- Isiah Jones d. Stoffel, 3, 8
- Mike Gustafson d. Craig, 4, 7

Semifinals

- Owen d. Langhorst, 13, 4
- Jones d. Gustafson, 3, 15

Finals

- Jones d. Owen, (15), 13, 1

A singles (drop down from Open)

Quarterfinals

- Craig d. bye; Stoffel d. Larson, 4, 3
- Swanson d. Laliberti, 15, 0
- Glaze d. Engelmeyer, 4, 9

Semifinals

- Stoffel d. Craig, 6, 9
- Glaze d. Swanson, 2, 8

Finals

- Stoffel d. Glaze, 10, (16), 8

Masters singles

Quarterfinals

- George Langhorst d. bye
- Richard Hulbert d. Don Tommet, 7, 14
- Ed Miller d. Tom Pearson, 15, 19
- Mark McQuillan d. bye

Semifinals

- Langhorst d. Hulbert, 14, 17
- Miller d. McQuillan, 14, 13

Finals

- Miller d. Langhorst, 4, 11

Consolation

- Hulbert d. McQuillan, 15, (8), 1

B singles

Quarterfinals

- Nick Olson d. Andrew Schneider, 3, 5
- Boonma Vang d. Ben McAninch, 8, 16
- Tikhon Esaulenko d. Aaron Grimmer, 17,

(5), 5

- David Miller d. Glenn Oslin, 5, 5

Semifinals

- Olson d. Vang, 11, 18
- Miller d. Esaulenko, 7, 7

Finals

- Miller d. Olson, 19, (16), 10

Consolation

- Grimmer d. McAninch, forfeit

Women's singles

Quarterfinals

- Lindsay Mortland d. bye
- Jessica Bohlken d. Danielle Preston, 7, 11
- Liz Winberg d. Jennifer Bertram, 2, 5
- Missy Kohout d. Nicole Jones, 9, 10

Semifinals

- Bohlken d. Mortland, 18, 17
- Winberg d. Preston, 13, 14

Finals

- Bohlken d. Winberg, 5, 10

Consolation

- Mortland d. Preston, 5, 9

C singles

Round of 16

- Lee Johnson d. bye
- Matt Wills d. Ryan Rizzo, forfeit
- Josh Hoflock d. Jack Bostrom, 6, 11
- Josh Hoff d. Zach McCormick, 3, 12
- Zach Lincoln d. Alex Brendel, 14, 8
- Joe Schnegelberger d. Cody Hanson, 1, 5
- Derek Eggert d. Jared Michels, 2, 2
- Tom Werner d. Tyler Johnson, 2, 0

Quarterfinals

- Johnson d. Wills, 11, 4
- Hoff d. Hoflock 11, 14
- Schnegelberger d. Lincoln, 5, 10
- Eggert d. Werner, 15, (19), 7

Semifinals

- Hoff d. Johnson (14), 8, 10
- Schnegelberger d. Eggert, 16, (9), 9

Finals

- Schnegelberger d. Hoff, 13, (14), 10

Consolation

- Wills d. Michels, (20), 14, 3



The Moy Langhorst Scholarship Award



The Moy Langhorst Scholarship is awarded to a player who demonstrates the ideals Moy displayed:

- Perseverance
- Integrity
- Sportsmanship
- Determination

Nominees are selected by the Moy Langhorst Scholarship Committee and confirmed by the MSHA Board of Directors prior to the annual banquet where the award will be announced.

Qualifications:

1. Recipient should be a relatively new player (less than 3 years).
2. Age is not a factor.
3. The player should participate in at least two of our MSHA events.
4. The player should demonstrate sportsmanship, dedication, and a desire toward improvement.

The scholarship amount is determined by the MSHA board and consists of entry fees to MSHA events, local lessons, and possibly out-of-state camps. Nominations must be submitted to the Moy Langhorst Scholarship Committee so that a recommendation can be made to the MSHA Board of Directors by April 1.

Past Recipients:

- 2006 Matt Hiber – U of M Handball Club
- 2007 Brian Burke
- 2008 none
- 2009 Mike Wells – Mankato State University Handball Club
- 2010 Jesse Fleck
- 2011 Matt Langhorst
- 2012 ??? – come to the banquet



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The Open Doubles - March 23-24, 2012 -- Skyway YMCA in St Paul, MN, includes all of the skill divisions plus the 50-year old age group, as well as High School Singles.

The Open Singles – April 27-29, 2012 – LifeTime Fitness, St Louis Park, MN, includes all of the skill divisions plus all of the age groups. The MSHA Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 1:00 pm as part of this tournament. Be sure to attend and let us know your thoughts on the Association.

(*) Note: Give your “technologically-challenged” buddies a hand and advise them of this change!

MSHA Phone Call Campaign

To encourage participation in our 2012 tournaments, the MSHA Board will be calling all members starting in mid-January to emphasize tournament dates, locations & deadlines.

Mankato Tournament Participation Survey

The MSHA Board recently completed an e-mail / phone survey of MSHA Members to determine if they would travel to Mankato to participate in the Masters’ Doubles Tournament.

There were 81 responses with ~80% of these responding positively:

- 60% indicated that they would travel to Mankato for sure.
- 20% said that they would go, pending health or calendar issues.

Based on these survey results, the Board voted to hold the 2013 tournament in Mankato. Make your hotel reservations early to avoid any last minute problems!

MSHA Banquet

This year’s MSHA Banquet will be held at The Wabasha Street Caves in St Paul on Wednesday May 9, 2012.

MSHA Board Members Election – Saturday, April 28, 2012

Three MSHA Board members’ terms will expire this coming year:

- Matt Johnson
- Steve Tamminga
- Mike Kloos

The election for these positions will be held at the upcoming MSHA Annual Meeting on Saturday April 28, 2012. If anyone is interested in running for any of these Board positions, please advise an MSHA Board member prior to the Annual Meeting.

USHA New Central Regional Commissioner

Congratulations to Steve Johnson (651-341-3666), the USHA’s newly-elected Central Regional Commissioner for a three year term beginning in 2012. Let Steve know if you have any suggestions.

“21 Ball” Status

Vern Roberts’ latest report (Dec 15, 2011) indicated:

“ ... so far, there have been two shipments from the new manufacturer in Ireland. Hopefully the ball breakage & ink / label problems should be solved by early 2012 and that although we’ve been rationing balls, we’ve

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been able to supply every tournament need. Until the next shipment arrives, we are offering 4 cans at the 10 can price.

“We've had two shipments/batches and are expecting our third at this time. Due to the breakage problem and the label wearing off quickly, we are replacing all broken balls with the label showing or not, until the ink issue is solved.

“Thanks for your support and understanding while we work to keep a supply of handballs in the pipeline.”

University News

Minnesota State Mankato – Mike Wells reports:

“ ... after repeating as Division II National champions last year, Minnesota State Mankato will move to Division I in February at the USHA Collegiate Nationals to be held at Missouri State University in Springfield, IL. We have created a new recruitment flier and are gathering corporate sponsorships and private donations to fund some scholarships to assist in our recruitment. We want to thank the MSHA for their ongoing financial support. If you are interested in donating, you can contact Mike Wells at Michael.wells@mnsu.edu or visit

<http://alumni.mnsu.edu/giving>, select “other” as the Designation and then type “Handball Club”. Mike & John Stoffel have identified a donor who will match up to \$1,000 per semester for donations given towards scholarships to recruit junior players to Minnesota State Mankato.

“Permanent 1080p video has been

installed at one of our courts on campus. Another camera is scheduled to be installed in the front of another court over the summer. These are great instructional tools.

“Through the efforts of Mike Gustafson and Matt Johnson, the MN State Mankato and U of M handball programs now have a place for alumni to play. There is a team on Monday nights consisting of alumni and we've added some players to Gustafson's Tuesday night team.

“We have approximately 20 active players in our Handball Ladder and we continue to offer Introduction To and Advanced handball courses for credit through the Human Performance Department. We are also in negotiations to bring David Chapman to campus in August to run an Under-25 handball camp, which we are hopeful will help us recruit experienced junior players.

“The MSM HB Club is extremely grateful for the financial support received from the MSHA (\$1,500) and individual contributors.”

University of Minnesota – Matt Johnson reports:

“The University of Minnesota is currently offering 4 handball classes to beginner player (70 total students). It has a club that consists of 25 active members (students and alumni) that meet twice a week. Additionally, it has a team in both the Monday night and Tuesday night Twin Cities Handball Leagues. The current course instructors are Matt Hiber, Andy Nett and Jim Carlson. The

volunteer coaches of the club are Brian Burke, Dane Swanson and Jim Carlson. This Spring the U of M will once again bring a team to the National Collegiate Tournament in Springfield Missouri.”

Instructional and New Player Development Activities

Mankato Area – John Stoffel leads the Junior HB effort in Mankato, teaching a Sunday afternoon program at the YMCA in January and February. He recently organized a 4-day handball session at Mankato West High School, utilizing courts at the Mankato Y. He hopes to recruit new players from this effort and include them in the 2012 State High School Singles Tournament plus the Sunday afternoon program in Mankato.

Twin Cities Area – Paul Tobin reports:

“32 youths joined our 2011 Summer Program. 28 males and 4 females, all under the age of 30. Our program is organized and managed through a private Facebook Group Page that is only available to handball players under 30 years of age.

“The goal of the program is to reach out to young players who are being introduced to handball at Mankato or the U, and keep momentum going through the summer while introducing them to players at different clubs. Many of the best players in the state, including the Schaumann's, Andy Nett, Steve Johnson and Joe Hagen provided instruction

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and motivation.

“Events were held weekly, throughout the summer, and averaged around 15 players per event. The events were held at the U of M and at Life Time Fitness. There was no charge for participation. Each event lasted approximately 2 hours and consisted of skill development, video training and live handball action. After each event a social hour was held at a nearby restaurant and was hosted and funded by Paul Tobin, with support from the Bloomington Lifetime Handball Members.”

Twin Cities Area – We are seeing the results of previous development efforts spearheaded by Mitchell Lallier and Paul Tobin by the participation of many new players in the Monday and Tuesday Twin Cities Leagues and continuing play at the Midway Y, U of M and other venues.

Please keep me posted on current and planned future efforts.

In Summary

This Newsletter is loaded with a year’s worth of tournament results. We encourage all able-bodied players to enter our tournaments. As a parting thought, remember that we all have a responsibility to continue the game by encouraging and supporting new players. It’s heartening to see the efforts and results of the various development programs. Pay it Forward!!

Greg Taylor
MSHA President



We’ve Gone Electronic

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

By Matthew L. Johnson – U of M Handball Program Coordinator

In recent months rumors have begun circulating about perceived changes in the University of Minnesota Handball program. I am writing to dispel these rumors and clarify the current situation at “the U.”

To begin, I want to state unequivocally that the University is in no way backing away from its commitment to handball in general, nor specifically the MSHA or USHA. The program is as strong as it’s ever been. Currently we have 4 classes (with 18 students in each class), a club with more than 25 advanced players meeting twice a week, and countless alums of our program spread throughout the state still playing handball. Additionally, this year we have added teams in both the A and B Twin Cities Handball League in conjunction with members of the Minnesota State Program. In terms of the number of players and the quality of players out in the handball world, the U of M program is clearly having a positive impact in the repopulation of our great game.

Undoubtably, the source of the rumors has been the absence from the University of Minnesota from this year’s Handball calendar. In May of 2011, the University broke ground on a sizeable expansion to the University Recreation Center. This construction limited the number of emergency exits from the court area and changed the fire code to prohibit any events that brought in more than 22 people. Therefore, for the duration of the construction, which is scheduled to conclude by early 2014, we are unable to host events. Obviously, in the short term this is difficult for our program, however, we feel that many of the long term gains will outweigh the short term inconvenience.

I want to be very clear that once construction has concluded, the University will resume our role in hosting events such as the annual University of Minnesota Fall Classic, MSHA State Tournaments, USHA National Tournaments, National Collegiate Tournaments and will likely even be adding handball opportunities such as one-day tournaments.

In closing, I want to assure the MSHA membership that “rumors of our demise are greatly exaggerated.” I am confident that at the conclusion of construction the University of Minnesota will emerge with a stronger program and a better facility for hosting MSHA and USHA events.

Have a Differing View?

The MSHA welcomes your contributions and opinions as long as they are expressed in a courteous manner and are intended to improve the sport for all players. Contact the editor to get your voice heard.

CALENDAR

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Winter Carnival Doubles	February 10-11, 2012	Skyway YMCA, St. Paul, MN
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Make your plans now!



HANDBALL DEVELOPMENT

Gloves/Balls For Sale

MSHA gloves (by Owen Glove) for at \$20/pr. USHA Balls @ \$6.00/ball. Contact Gary Rohrer at (952) 942-8369.

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Andy Nett
Gary Rohrer
(* - terms expire in 2012)

Contact any board member if you have comments or suggestions on what the MSHA can do to make handball a more enjoyable experience for you and others.

Elections are held each year to replace board members whose terms expire during the Annual Membership meeting at one of the State Tournaments. You are encouraged to apply.

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<u>Tuesday Night League</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Place</u>
SAAC Squad	190	7	0	
U of Minnesota	179	6	1	
Lifetime – 98th	155	5	2	
Lifetime – Fridley	131	4	3	
Lifetime – Arena	101	2	5	
Skyway YMCA	97	3	4	
River Rats	47	1	6	
Midway YMCA	24	0	7	

MSHA Membership/Newsletter Subscription Form

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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Club you play at: _____ Birth Year: _____

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Yes, I would like to help out by voluntarily converting to an annual membership.

No, I do not wish to give up my lifetime status but I have enclosed a donation of \$_____ to help defray expenses. Mail to:

Enclosed is \$10 for my annual subscription. MSHA: c/o Sheldon Silberman

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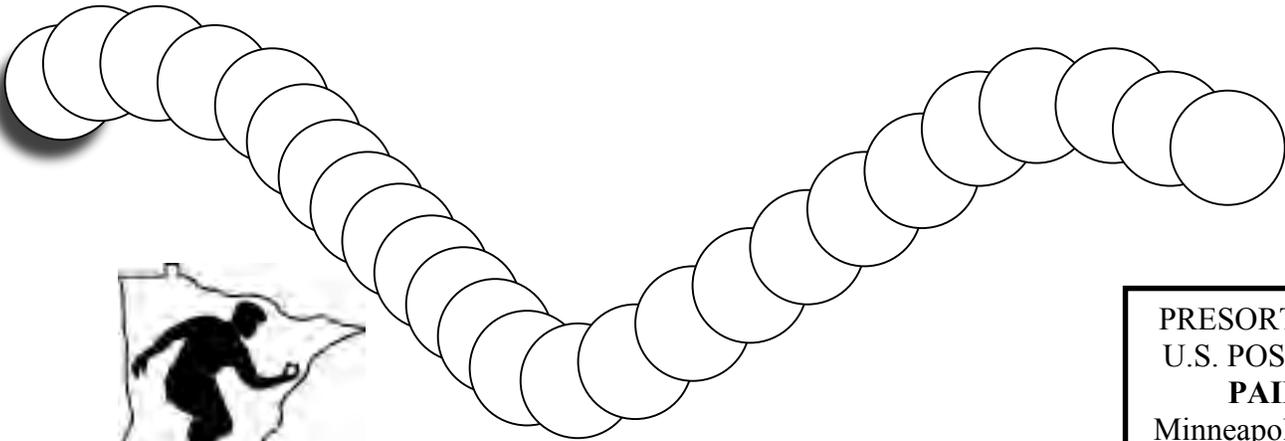
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