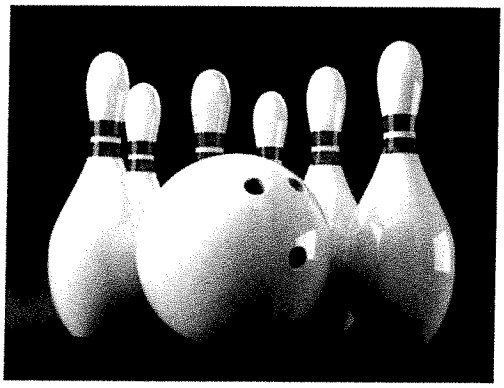
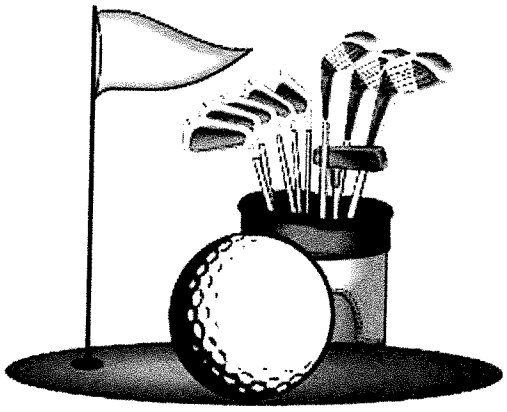
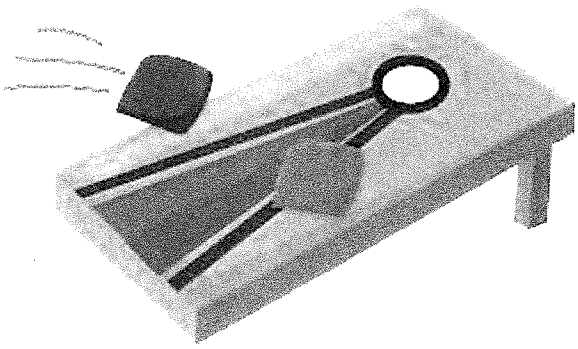
Sports Program

2027-2028









Sports Program for 2027-2028

Co-Directors: Bruce Dehner and Matt Horton

We will still have our four main events: Dartball, Bowling, Golf and Cornhole for the next two years.

Remember that all our events are for all ages of the Grange and please remember that they are for fun. Also, use the sports events as a way of getting new members, as that is one of the goals asked of all departments by the State President. Work on getting new members!

DATES and LOCATIONS FOR SPORTS EVENTS

Dartball:	Sunday, April 25, 2027	Headquarters, Cortland	9:00 AM
	Sunday, April 30, 2028	Headquarters, Cortland	9:00 AM
Bowling:	Sunday, June 6, 2027	Cort-Lanes, Cortland	Alleys at 12 PM
	Sunday, June 4, 2028	Cort-Lanes, Cortland	Alleys at 12 PM
Golf:	Sunday, July 11, 2027	Vassar Golf Course Poughkeepsie, NY	Course by 12 PM
	Sunday, July 2, 2028	Winged Pheasant Golf Course Shortsville, NY	Course by 12 PM
Cornhole:	Saturday, August 7, 2027	Headquarters, Cortland	11:00 AM
	Saturday, August 5, 2028	Headquarters, Cortland	11:00 AM

DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

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The Dartball Tournament is held on the last Sunday of April unless it is Easter Sunday in which case we will move the Tournament to the first Sunday of May. Start time is 9:00 am sharp. We play a total of 9 games as we try to have teams from all the 4 regions playing. All teams must play a total of 3 games against the other teams.

No position at the end of the day can end in a tie. If needed, a game will have to be played to determine who receives the higher position. The tournament uses the official NYS Grange dartball board design.

All teams must have at least 7 players and can play a max of 9 plays at one time. Each team must field 2 members of the opposite sex at all times. An entry fee will be charged to each team that comes to cover the expenses.

All teams must call the State Director by April 15th each year so trophies can be ordered to be given out to the teams the day of the tournament.



BOWLING TOURNAMENT

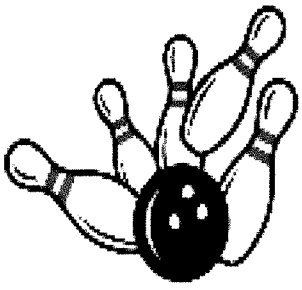
Bowling Chairman: Bruce Dehner
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The State Bowling Competition is the first Sunday in June each year. The applications are sent out by the 1st of April each year. The price may vary as the costs of bowling goes up and have to adjust accordingly. Please note that the rules are enclosed on a separate page.

The bowling takes place at Cort-Lanes Bowling Alley in Cortland, NY. All fees are split to the winners after the bowling fees are paid. We do a 50/50 raffle to help pay for running the tournament.

We also have a youth and special needs class to give them more bowling handicaps. We have set up special prizes for youth and special needs as we feel that it gives them a chance. We support all ages of the Grange for our events. Also, team members can be from anywhere across the state.

If you have any questions or need an entry form, please contact Bruce.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bowling Chairman: Bruce Dehner
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The State Golf Tournament is held on the first Sunday in July each year. We have a rule that we change locations every two years to allow all teams to have a chance to play close to home. We would always welcome more teams from across the State.

This is a captain and crew team format that can be made up of two men and one woman or two women and one man. Any team can be made up of members from across the state and members do not have to be from the same Grange.

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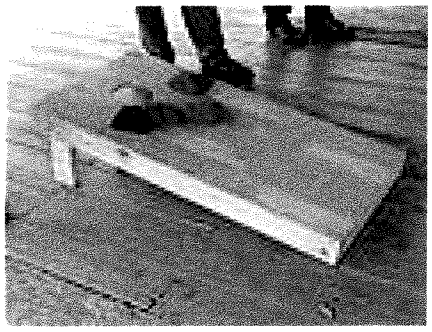
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

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The State Grange Cornhole Tournament, started in 2022, is held on the first Saturday of August each year at the State Grange Headquarters.

The Sports Director must be advised by July 25th of the teams participating to ensure a proper number of boards will be available.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt.



RULES FOR NYS GRANGE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Entrants: All entrants must be members in good standing in a Subordinate Grange in NYS. Youth members must be at least 13 ½ years old and have parents' permission.

Teams: Teams are to be made up of one of the following formats, if possible:

- Two (2) men and Two (2) women, or
- Three (3) men and One (1) woman, or
- Three (3) women and One (1) man, or
- Four (4) men or Four (4) women. (*This option is not preferred but will be allowed if it means another team.)*

Entry Forms: Completed forms must be filled out and sent with the league secretaries' certification. Please try to send the form back by the date on the form so I can get the teams into the bowling alley on time.

Lineups: Lineups should be made in the order you want your members to bowl. Please print the names on the form so I can get them loaded properly. If you need a sub after the form has been sent, we can make changes the day of the tournament.

Playing Rules: All team captains must report one hour prior to bowling to verify that your team is all there, and that no subs are needed. All bowling balls must be the standard size and weight.

Averages: Entrants will use their highest league average as of the previous season. All non-league bowlers will be given the following average: Men will receive 150, women will receive 125. Youth 17 and under will receive 100. Please note youth and special needs on the entry form.

Prizes: Prizes will be paid at the rate of 100% of total entry fees collected minus the expense of the bowling alley and mailing fees.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SPORTS DEPARTMENT IS FOR FUN, AND WE WANT ALL AGES INVOLVED IN OUR EVENTS.

RULES FOR DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

1. All players must be Grange members in good standing.
2. Dartball Medical Rule: Anyone who has a medical problem (e.g., arthritis/injury) may stand 17 feet from the playing field. These players should be identified early in league play.
3. If your Grange does not have a team, your members may join another team. A person cannot join two teams in the same year.
4. Each league has a chairman who has final authority on all rules and regulations in that league. The state chairman has control over all regional and state playoffs.
5. NYS Grange Official dart boards and rules must be used. The center of the home run must be 54 inches from the floor. The second base must be at the top of the board. The distance used is 20 feet from the face of the board. Handicap distance is 17 feet.
6. All games must be played with at least 7 players and no more than 9. Of the 7 players, you must have at least 2 women or 2 men playing at all times unless agreed upon by both teams.
7. All matches are to consist of 3 games of 7 innings each. No games can end in a tie. You must play extra innings to get a winner. All games will be reported to your league chairman. No games are to be forfeited. If games are not played, they cannot be counted.
8. Substitutions are allowed following the same rules as in baseball.
9. All playoffs are played in a neutral hall. Playoff consists of the best 2 out of 3 games.
10. During the playoffs you must keep at least 8 feet between teams.
    Each team sets up a lineup with only the players in the lineup sitting in the row. A lineup change can be made at the beginning of each game, but the players must change to sit in the new positions. Subs must sit in the spot of the person for which they were subbing. Only six darts per person can be thrown in warming up for playoffs.
11. Any team coming to the state will play a total of 9 games that day. The playoffs start at 9 am on the last Sunday of April. This is the same time every year.

    Each team must play each other for 3 games. If ties for any of the four places occur at the end of the day, a one game tie-breaker game is played. The winner takes that spot, and the loser moves down one place.
12. Two identical State Grange dartball boards will be used at state playoffs. Trophies will be awarded to all four teams at the state playoffs.
13. Each team must furnish their own equipment at all games.
14. All rules and score keeping are the same as baseball. Each team must furnish scorekeepers. Each team always needs 1 umpire at the board. Umpires must speak clearly so scorekeepers can hear!
15. If there is a 3-way tie for 1st and 2nd place, the total runs scored will be used to determine the winner. If there is still a tie with two teams, a 1 game play-off will be used to determine the winner.

GAME RULES FOR DARTBALL

- If a **dart touches any line**, it is a **ball**.
- If a **dart is outside the playing board**, it is an **out**.
- When a **dart** is in **the stolen base and strike zone**, all runners advance 1 base, except on the **third out**.
- When a **dart** is in the **double play or ball area**, the runner closet to home and the batter are **out**. If nobody is on base the call is a **ball**.
- The **triple play** or **strike zone** counts as a **strike, triple play or double play** depending on the number of runners on base. All runners and batter are out regardless of the number of outs. If no one is on base, then the call is a **strike**.
- Each batter throws darts until on **base**, getting a **home run** or an **out**.
- For a space marked **ball or out**, the call is a **ball** unless a player is on base. Then the call is an **out**.
- When the dart is in the **error zone**, batter goes to 1st base and all runners advance one base.
- **Hit batsman** puts **the batter on 1st base**. Other players do not advance unless they are forced to.
- **Sacrifice or strike**, if there are base runners the batter is **out**, but runners advance one base except on the third out. If there are two outs, the batter gets a **strike**, and the base runners do not advance. A **strike** is called if there are no runners on base.
- If a **batter** has **a foot on or over the line**, the **Line Umpires** call a **strike** regardless of there the dart lands.
- **Darts** that **hit the floor** after they hit the dart board in the "diamond shaped play area" are **called a strike** and the **batter throws again**. If the **dart drops** after hitting the white area outside the **diamond**, it is **called an out**.
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- **Wild Pitch** advances all runners one base, and the batter gets a **ball**.
- **Safe Bunt**: all runners advance one base.
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RULES OF CORNHOLE

The Cornhole Boards & Court Layout:

1. Should be placed on a flat surface 27 feet apart (front to front).
2. The cornhole board surface should be 2' x 4'.
3. The pitcher's box is the rectangle 4' x 3' at each end of the court, parallel and on both sides of the cornhole boards.
4. All adult contestants shall pitch from the pitcher's box adjacent to the cornhole board, foul line 27 feet from the front of the board opposite. Junior contestants, ages 12 and younger, may throw from a foul line 18 feet from the front of the board opposite. Physically impaired adults or seniors may, if agreed by all contestants, observe the 18-foot foul lines.

The Cornhole Bags:

1. There should be 8 bags, 4 bags of each color for each of 2 teams.
2. Each bag should be 6 inches by 6 inches and have 1 pound of "corn" inserted into each bag.

Cornhole Game Play:

1. Two teams of two people, termed partners, shall play. Partners shall stand at opposite cornhole boards on the same side, from the perspective of a third person, and face each other, so there is no advantage given to one team.
2. Each cornhole team shall have 4 bags of one color.
3. All 8 cornhole bags begin at one end.
4. A coin flip shall determine which cornhole team has honors in round one.
5. One of the partners on the team that has honors shall begin play by throwing a cornhole bag at the opposite cornhole board.
6. Each contestant must remain in the pitcher's box while throwing the cornhole bag, unless observing the 18-foot foul line.
7. Game continues by alternating throws between the two opponent players until all 8 cornhole bags have been thrown.
8. If a cornhole bag hits the ground then bounces up onto the board, that bag shall be taken off the playing surface.
9. The next round starts when the other cornhole player on the team, which has honors, throws their first cornhole bag.
10. The cornhole game continues until one team reaches 21 or more points.

Fouls:

1. A foul occurs when a cornhole player's foot goes past the foot foul line when throwing or a player goes out of turn.
2. The player who caused the foul loses the throw when the foul occurred, and the bag shall be removed if it landed on the playing surface.

Scoring:

1. The score shall be taken after all cornhole bags have been thrown for a round.

2. Points shall be given as follows:

    a. 3 points for a cornhole bag that goes through the hole.
    b. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is on the playing surface.
    c. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is hanging into the hole.
    d. 1 point for a cornhole bag that is hanging off the edge but not touching the ground.
    e. 0 points for a cornhole bag that is on the playing surface but also touching the ground.
    f. 0 points for a cornhole bag that is hanging off the front edge and is resting on a cornhole bag that is on the ground (unless the cornhole bag on the ground can be removed without making the hanging bag fall to the ground, then 1 point is given).

3. The cornhole team with the highest round score, adds the difference of the two scores to their game score.

4. The cornhole team who wins the round is given honors to throw first in the next round.

5. If both cornhole teams have the same round score, then the game score stays the same and honors stays with the team who had it in the previous round.