

TENNESSEE RINGER ROUNDUP

Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association

TNHPA website: www.tnhorseshoepitching.com

JUNE - SEP 2025

President message:

The end of another pitching season has come quickly upon us. The state tournament will be in just few weeks in Crossville with Doug Farnsworth as director, and the deadline to enter is September 13. Hope to see everyone at the tournament. As the season comes to a close, I want to thank all the tournament directors for doing an outstanding job.

Best of pitching!

Alan

2025 TNHPA annual meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. before pitching our State Tournament. Play begins afterwards. A short practice will be allowed.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. record countable votes
- 4 .Financial report
5. Secretary report
6. Old Business
7. New Business

proposals and vote

1aDbls. and Singles State Tournaments to be money payout only.

1b. Prize money and much smaller plaque

2. a. go back to 1 dollar per entry for TD

2. b. stay at \$1.00 for court

3 a. election of President currently Alan Pepper

3 b. 2nd VP currently Merle South

8. Sportsmanship vote (James Cooper or Doug Farnsworth or Merle South are NOT eligible each registered member may get a ballot and vote for the pitcher who they think has shown the most sportsmanship throughout the season. The winner will have their next year's NHPA Card paid for. Award may be won 1 time every 3 years.

9. Hall of Fame nominee none

10. Adjourn

The payout in 2025 State tournament will be	1 st Place \$75	2 nd place \$55	3 rd place \$30
Without trophy	1 st \$100	\$80	\$60.

WELCOME to New members 2025 R= rookie New members will receive a welcome shirt and etc.

Ray Gillette (R)

Joseph Black (R)

Ted Williams (R)

Russell Allen from

Cindy Bellis (R)

Brian Howe (R)

Jim Novak (R)

One of these new members will be **rookie of the year** and all will receive welcome packet from NHPA.

REMINDER: Oct 4th

2 tournaments are scheduled one at Crossville TD is Buster and another at White pine TD is Bear Smullen

WE will miss these Former Members from our TNHPA family. Prayers and Support to the families



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I just wanted to say
Thank you for your gift!!
Very unexpected but a real
surprise! thank you for remembering
my Dad! he loved everyone and I
feel he got that love given back
by people like you and that makes
my heart happy! he sure loved
pitching horseshoes! and his horse-
ohol family! he had lots of
wonderful memories.
God Bless you!!
A.C.
Ray + Darlene



Grady Coleman, Sr.

November 25, 1947 — August 15, 2025

Gray, Tennessee

Grady Coleman, age 77, who resided in Gray, Tennessee, was born in Berwind, West Virginia, and passed away on August 15, 2025.

Grady served an outstanding military career. He served honorably in Vietnam, then went on to help others begin their own journeys as a recruiter. Following that, he served as a military policeman and later became a decorated drill sergeant. Grady retired from the United States Army with the rank of Sergeant First Class and an honorable discharge, concluding a career defined by dedication, integrity, and leadership.

Outside of uniform, Grady was known for his passions and quiet competitiveness. An avid pool player, he spent countless hours at the table perfecting his craft. He also played guitar and enjoyed horseshoes, winning several tournaments in Tennessee.

Grady wasn't just a father to his children—he was a father figure to everyone who knew him. His kindness, wisdom, and unwavering support touched countless lives. He was greatly loved and will be deeply missed.

Grady lived for over 20 years with Teresa Chambers, the love of his life, and is also survived by his three children: Yolunda L. Fischer, Grady Coleman Jr., and Luther J. Coleman.

A Celebration of Life for Grady will be held on **Saturday, August 23rd at Morris-Baker Funeral Home**. Visitation will take place from **2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**, followed by a **Sharing of Memories beginning at 3:30 p.m.** **Family and friends** are invited to attend and share memories of Grady's remarkable life.

2026 World Tournament will be at Wausau, Wisconsin July 13 thru 26. The location is Greenheck Turner Community Center at 6400 Alderson St. Weston, Wisconsin, suburb of Wausau. I have a few brochures and magnets and Info cards. Call or text JoAnn Stanford is interested.

2025 NHPA Member Meeting had numerous categories.

1. Tennessee was only allowed one vote not 2 as listed in event printout. 100 = 1 vote then next 50 = another vote. 2. Entry fee for WT – early bird is \$150 then \$175 with a shirt dates to be decided. 3. NHPA Newslines will change some and report more events. 4. Patches for league champions, State Champions in Singles and Doubles will have the year on them. Class champions will no longer have the year on patches.

The NHPA yearly member meeting minutes at WT was recorded and will be available soon. I will notify or forward to all those interested.

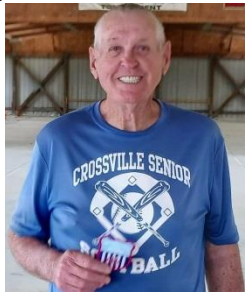
2025 Spring League Awards



Farnsworth Champ



M. South High Avg



J.C. Smith High Game



Brian Howe High Game Over AVG

TOURNAMENTS



6-7-25 CRS CLA 1st Alla
Monday 2nd B. Williams



6-7-25 CLB 1st Gauger 3rd R. Boyd



6-7-25 Crs CLC 1st Bilyeu



6-7-25 CRS CLD
Joseph Black



6-21-25 C RS CLA
1st Z, Goggin 2nd



6-21-25 CRS CLB 1st Farnsworth 2nd
A. Gauger 3rd E. South



6-21-25 CRS CLC 1st Russell Allen 2nd
Brian Howe 3rd Mike Black



7-12-25 CLK tourn Entries



7-12-25 CLK CLA 1st M. Griffith 2nd M. Ray
3rd Seagroves 4th Webb 5th Muller



8-22-25 CLK CLB
1st Gauger 2nd



8-22-25 CLK CLC
1st Rosser



8-23-25 CLK CLA 1st
M. Ray 2nd M.Griffith



8-23-25 CLK CL B 1st Mike Jones 2nd Boyd
1st Jones 2nd Boyd 3rd Pepper



9-6-25 CRS CLA 1st Buster
2nd Farnsworth 3rd Seagroves



9-13-25 CRS CLA 1st Williams
2nd Alla Faye Monday



9-6-25 1st Pepper 2nd Broyles 3rd H. Nease



9-13-25 CRS CL B 1st Farnsworth 2nd
Brian Howe



9-20-25 CRS CLA
1st J. Muller



9-20-25 CRS CL B
1st D. Farnsworth

2025 Horseshoe tour on Oct 18-19 is at the Kemper Williams Park and Campground. Deadline to enter is Oct 8. There are two host hotels. Come pitch, eat and Enjoy !!!!