

TENNESSEE RINGER ROUNDUP



Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association Newsletter

TNHPA website: www.tnhorseshoepitching.com

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Message From President Morgan: Just a reminder for everyone to look over the 2018 rules proposals for NHPA. Please let JoAnn or myself know what you think about them either good or bad and make your vote known.

Our charter still needs tournament directors and or assistants at White Pine and Rock Springs. Remember to call in plenty of time to pre-register for all of our 2018 tournaments. Call no later than noon on the Friday prior to competition, except for State Championships. Hope you all have a good summer.

Please keep Henry Nease and family in your thoughts and prayers. Henry's daughter has passed away .

Brandy Nease Livingston, age 36, of Newport, passed away Monday, April 2, 2018.

She is survived by her son Devon Livingston and his father David Livingston, father and step-mother Henry and Melba Nease, mother and step-father Sandy and Billy Sauceman, brother Rusty (Bridget) Nease, grandmother June King, special friend Arlene Lawson, and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Church with a memorial service to follow at 1:00 p.m. (3057 Holt RD Bybee, TN)

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

2018 members recuperating from medical procedures: Updates- Rudy Klein is much better and pitching again. Buster Williams is back and won on April 14 at Caryville. Fred Smith, Marty Mulligan and Merle South are feeling good and practicing again. Joan Elmore is back. Jim Cooper is not back yet but

soon! He is healing nicely and walking with a cane. Frank Jones has his card and played a few games at Crossville 4-4-18. Thanks Frank for scoring at Caryville 4-14-18.

Discount can be used for World tournament if done before expiration date!!


NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHERS ASSOCIATION, SAVE 15% AT RED ROOF INN TODAY!*

Receive a 15% discount at ANY Red Roof Inn nationwide! Discount expires on 6/30/2018.

Use VP# 620270 when booking to receive the 15% discount!

If you need a group block for a specific event and city please contact Jim Greenhalge – National Account Executive at 614-359-7167 or via email at jgreenhalge@redroof.com to coordinate.

*Some black-out dates may apply. May not be combined with other discounts or offers. Subject to availability at participating properties.




National Horseshoe Pitchers Association

Sanctioned Club / League Program

2017 Top Ten Award

This is to certify that
Bobby Fields
pitched in the
Crossville Horseshoe Club
and achieved the following outstanding level of horseshoe pitching during the
2017 sanctioned league season.
Elder's Division



Place:	Top Ten Category:	Score:	League Name:
10th	National High Point Game - Adult - 50 Shoe Games	131.00	Crossville HSC Spring 17
4th	National High Point Average - Adult - 40 Shoe Games	87.95	Crossville HSC Fall 17
6st	National High Point Average - Adult - 50 Shoe Games	112.72	Crossville HSC Spring 17
6st	Individual High Ringer Average - Elder	68.83	Crossville HSC Summer 17
9th	National High Point Game - Adult - 40 Shoe Games	100.00	Crossville HSC Fall 17
9th	Individual High Ringer Game - Elder	85.00	Crossville HSC Winter 17

Stuart Sipma
NHPA President

Jerry Smith, National League Director
NHPA 3rd Vice President

Dave Sidles
NHPA Secretary/Treasurer

Practice Schedules: Morgan's Courts Rutledge- Tue at 10:00 a.m.(non sanctioned)
Crossville-Tuesdays at noon or Thursdays at Noon (sanctioned league)

SHIRTS: with NHPA new logo. Del Groves has set up artwork and has a source. Contact Mike Woodson 3117 Bristol Hwy Johnson City, TN 37601 web: www.thesignfactory.org or email thesignfactory@embarqmail.com. You provide shirt or whatever, drop item off or mail and pick up or pay postage to mail back. See next page.



Mike Woodson THE SIGN FACTORY Phone 423-283-0647 Fax 423-283-0747.

LAPEL PINS Art work : Some members would like to swap at World Tournament these pins and I am working with Pin Mart. Here is the proposed artwork:



The finished product will **not have periods after the letters(instead TNHPA) and horseshoe will be flipped open upwards.** The more we purchase the less they will be . Call or email JoAnn Stanford ASAP so we can get in time, estimated cost \$2.01 each for 200+ . Think about ordering for more than 1 WT. Contact JoAnn ASAP with your order.

REMINDER: All tournaments require a pre-registration, so call ASAP by the Friday before a Saturday tournament no later than noon. State Championships are registered 2 weeks before scheduled date.

Secretary/Treasurer position, First VP and Third VP positions are up for election this year.

JoAnn Stanford will not be seeking reelection, so please begin to think about a candidate(s). JoAnn is filling in to run the Crossville tournaments and has dropped the Algood courts off this years' schedule. Soddy Daisy tournaments have also been dropped from the schedule. It needs a tournament director or directors in order to utilize these courts

2018 World Tournament entry forms: Can be found online at www.horseshoepitching.com or ask a tournament director or contact JoAnn Stanford for one. Dates: July 9-21 at Florence, SC. Deadline for entries is May 14, 2018.

2018 WT Membership meeting and vote for President, and 5th Vice President. The following are shortened PRC (proposed Rules Change) so take a look at them and contact any officer or TD's with your opinions in order to help our representative vote. Our Charter will have one (1) vote.

President – Stuart Sipma or Roger Vogel

5th VP Coyce Allen or Dalton Rakestraw

Proposed Rules Changes (PRC's)

PRC #1

Rule 12 Requirement 2 Section F page 23

Reads as follows: All seasonal, sanctioned Club/League play must be 400 or more pitched shoes to qualify as an official event for NatStats purposes.

Proposed change: All seasonal, sanctioned Club/League play must be 200 or more pitched shoes to qualify as an official event for NatStats purposes.

PRC#2

Rule 12 Requirement 2 Section E Numbers 1,2 and 3

1. for singles and doubles events, a contestant must have pitched a minimum of 100 shoes to Receive natstats credit.

Exception: If all games of the round robin schedule have been pitched in less than 100 shoes, These statistics may be submitted for natstat credit.

2. In team tournament competitions, any team member who has pitched a minimum of 100 Shoes during that event may receive Natstats credit.

3. For elimination tournaments, a contestant must pitch 100 shoes or more to receive Natstats credit for that event.

Proposed change: For singles ,doubles, team and elimination events , a contestant must have pitched a minimum of 100 shoes against another contestant to receive natstats credit.

PRC#3

Rule 2E Court Rotation

At the end of a game, contestants shall go promptly to their assigned court. If the court is vacant, they may practice here at this time. After the games on adjacent courts are completed, both pits shall be prepared for play (see Section B Above). When scorekeeper is ready, the contestants have the option of pitching no more than (4) additional warm-up shoes each, and then next game must begin immediately.

Proposed Changes: At the end of each game contestants can practice on current court until the next assigned court is available. After the games on adjacent courts are completed, both pits shall be prepared for play (see Section B above). When the scorekeeper is ready, the contestants have the option of pitching no more than four (4) additional warm up shoes each and then the next game must begin immediately.

PRC#4

Rule 11 Tournament/League Play Section B

The tournament officials shall decide how class winners are to be determined and how ties are to be broken and shall announce these procedures before tournament play begins.

1. **Class winners-** At the end of round robin play, win/loss records or ringer % shall determine Class winners. In addition, total points may be used if the scoring was done using count-all method.
2. **Class Ties** – If ties occur, they shall be broken by playoff games, overall ringer %, who beats whom in the regular round robin, or highest above/closest to their entering average. ***Total points may be Used if the scoring was done using count-all method.(proposed addition in italic)***

In World, National, Regional, and State Championships all ties for first place in the Championship Class of a designated Division must be broken by a Playoff game (s).

Section F- Handicapping

Handicapping may be used in open tournaments and in league play. The tournament/league officials shall determine the amount of the handicap. Class winners will be determined by win/loss record or *for count-all formats* (proposed change), by total points scored. An alternate-pitch format shall be used. For the breaking of Class ties, the options in Section B (above) may also apply, except that ringer % shall not be used. Game handicapping shall not be used in any World, national, Regional, or in the Championship Class of a designated Division of any State Championship Tournament.

PRC5

Definition of Sanctioned Tournament Requirement 2 as section D Tournament size

Proposed Change: *To be added The minimum number of contestants in a sanctioned tournament shall be four (4) contestants.*

PRC6

Pitching Divisions: Junior Cadets: any pitcher 12 years old or younger for the entire calendar year.

Proposed changes: Dividing the cadets into Boys and Girls better adheres to the NHPA practice of separating divisions based on gender. With the last increase in age of cadets there has been a significant growth in participants in this division. .

Note 1. Following all other current rules, cadets could be mixed with each other or with other divisions if their numbers are not high enough at a given tournament for a division class. State and World tournament should make every effort to fill these divisions and award cadet Boy and cadet Girl championships.

PRC7

Requirement 2 All NHPA Tournaments/Leagues Section B Eligibility.

Section B Eligibility: Tournament entry and league participation is restricted to contestants holding a current NHPA membership card (see bylaws for additional information on memberships). This includes pacers and substitutes. Other eligibility requirements may apply State Tournaments and for the World Tournament.

Proposed Change: Contestants holding a current NHPA membership card are given priority over other member levels for Tournament entry and league participation. This includes pacers and substitutes. Other eligibility requirements may apply for State tournaments and for the World Tournament.

Note: this change a required clarification of membership levels must be made to the Bylaws.

1. **Full member**- dues for adult members are the national Dues of (\$25.00) plus the amount set for State dues within the Charter. Three dollars of every adult membership will be set aside for the World Tournament prize fund for the next year. Only full members may enter State and World tournaments.

2. **Provisional Adult member**- national provisional dues will be ten dollars (\$10.00). Provisional members are allowed entry to regular tournaments/leagues (upon paying their full entry fee) for the period beginning at their first entry to the end of the current calendar year. At which time they must become full members in order to continue participating in NHPA tournaments/leagues. During their provisional time, a member can upgrade to a Full Member at any time by paying the remainder of their national Dues (\$15.00) and their state dues. Provisional members cannot vote and do not count toward the awarding of delegates but are reported on charter membership reports to NHPA

3. **Trial members**- All dues for trial members are waived and the member is allowed to entry to one regular tournament/league upon paying their full entry fee. Trial members cannot vote and do not count toward the awarding of charter membership reports to NHPA.

PRC 8 Specifications for Court layout (*the full wording of unchanged clauses is omitted for brevity*)

Section A – sanctioning Courts #1-5d

Proposed Changes:

Section A *It is strongly recommended that all NHPA sanctioned events must be contested on fully or conditionally sanctioned courts. These sanctioned courts must be re-sanctioned by the Charter RD (or designates) every 4 year, beginning in 2007.*

Section A #6:

Non sanctioned courts: Courts that do not meet one or more identified criteria in the Sections B-D of Specification II. Tournaments/leagues played on non –sanctioned courts may be given a secondary NHPA sanction number identifying that the tournament was played on non-sanctioned courts in the NHPA statistical database (e.g. 09-18-N01) Non sanctioned courts cannot be used for NHPA state or World championship play.

PRC 9

Requirement 6 – Cadet and Junior Pitchers- Additional information(see playing Rule 1 SectionA)

Section C: Awards All Junior play will be conducted on an amateur basis. Awards presented to this Division by tournament/league officials should have no immediate monetary value. The awarding of trophies ,medals, or ribbons is recommended. Any award with monetary value including trust funds from Charter, State World Tournament or the Junior Scholar Pitcher Awards Program shall **not** be issued before the successful completion of high school.

Section D: Responsibility It shall be the responsibility of all Juniors (or parents /guardians) to make sure that their amateur standing is not jeopardized by any violation of the above information.

Proposed Changes:

Section C- Awards awards presented to a Junior or Cadet by the tournament/league officials may have immediate or deferred monetary value.

Section D-Amateur Status Responsibility

Collegiate: Prizes or cash awards for horseshoe pitching achievements do not impact amateur status in any NCAA sports (Horseshoe pitching is **NOT** a NCAA sport)

Scholastic (high School): It is the responsibility of the youth participant and their parents/guardians to check state scholastic sport association regulations/restrictions when determining whether to accept an award with any monetary value.

The Host charter and /or the NHPA assumes no responsibility for any adverse effects which Horseshoe pitching awards may have on the amateur status of any youth participant.

Tournament Pictures: sorry I left out the first page of pictures from the Jan/Feb newsletter so I have included them this time.



1-06-18 MC CLA 1st
2nd Cooper



1-6-18 MC CLB 1st Sizemore
2nd Sizemore



1-20-18 MC CLA 1st Cooper



1-20-18 MD CLB 1st Stanford
4th Nease 3rd H.L. Evans



1-20-18 2nd Smullen



1-27-18 CR CLA 1st Z. Goggin
2nd Don Falkenhagen



1-27-18 CR CLB 1st H. Nease
2nd J. Opatrny 3rd J. Sizemore



2-3-18 MC CLA 1st Osborne
2nd JoAnn Stanford



2-3-18 MC CLB 1st Smullen
2nd Henry Nease



2-10-18 MC CLA 1st Lawrence
Osborne 2nd JoAnn Stanford



2-10-18 MC CL B 1st Robert Smullen
2nd Henry Nease 3rd Grady Coleman



2-17-18 CR CLA 1st Sizemore
2nd Farnsworth



3-3-18 MC CLA 1st Osborne
3rd Stanford 2nd Kell



3-3-18 MC CLB 1st Sizemore 2nd
Nease 3rd Buster Williams



3-3-18 MC CLC 1st H.L. Evans
2nd Smullen



3-10-18 CR CLA 1st Mar Ray 2nd Jim
Cooper 3rd Joan Elmore



3-10-18 CR CLB 1st McMillian 2nd Marty
Mulligan 3rd D. Farnsworth



3-10-18 CR CLC 1st H.L.
Evans



3-10-18 CR CLD 1st Gauger 2nd Bob Ellis 3rd
Ronnie Boyd



3-24-18 CLK CLA 1st JOANN
Stanford 2nd MCMillian



3-24-18 CLK CLB
1st Alan Gauger



3-24-18 CLK CLC



4-7-18 CR CLA 1st Max Griffith
2nd Mar Ray



4-7-18 CR CLB 1st Farnsworth 2nd Bilyeu 3rd
Bill Brand

Results at Morgan's CT 3-24-18

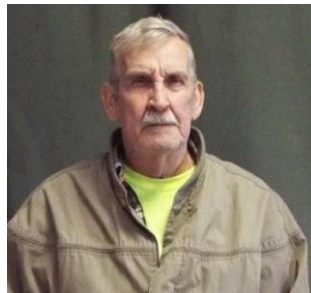
CLASS A 1st Sullins JR, 2nd L. Osborne 3rd Jackie Smith

Class B 1st Buster Williams 2nd Allen Pinkston 3rd Robert Bilyeu 4th Fred Smith

Class C 1st H.L. Evans 2nd Rudy Klein 3rd Henry Nease



4-7-18 CR CLC 1st Joe Thomas
2nd Buster Williams



4-7-18 CR CLD 1st M. Cooper
2nd Cantrell 3rd H.L. Evans



4-14-18 CYV CLA 1st L. Bolton, 2nd
J. Sizemore 3rd B. Bilyeu



4-14-18 CYV CLB 1st B. Williams
2nd Alan Stover 3rd R. Smullen



4-22-18 Horseshoe Tour SC
CL E 3rd JoAnn Stanford

THE HORSESHOE TOUR: the next tournament will be at Clarksville on June 2-3. If you have any question contact JoAnn Stanford. Registration closes two weeks before. There will be a HOST hotel. JoAnn has entry blanks. This is a Ringers only sanctioned tournament. Finals are set using preliminary averages.