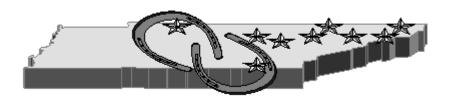
# TENNESSEE RINGER ROUNDUP



## Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association Newsletter

TNHPA WEBSITE: <u>www.tnhorseshoepitching.com</u>

MAY/JUNE 2017

Message from President Morgan: I hope everyone is having a good time by now. About half of the summer season is already gone. That old saying — when you are having how time flies! Well there is a lot of truth to that. The new time change went pretty well- its now in effect. I still hear people talking about how far the courts are apart. I suggest to car pool, and talk about old times and make some more good friends along the way. Good news! at Clarksville half of total courts are covered. The Horseshoe Tour broke in the new covered section Jun 3-4. Nothing but high praises for the courts. I wish everyone a safe travel to 2017 World Tournament at St. George, Utah have fun and Good LUCK!!.

**Need Tournament directors:** for Rock Springs, White Pine and Caryville. Courts may have to be closed if no one steps up to help. Then members will have to travel even further. Check with Harold Morgan.

Change of Start Times for Summer: 1 June 2017 - 31 AUG2017) check in 9:00 a.m. start time 9:30 a.m. Help tournament directors and call to pre-register by Fridays by 300 P.M.

**Soddy Daisy June 17,2017:** anyone who is going to Soddy daisy **must** pre- register by Friday June 16th no later than 3:00 pm by email or a phone call. This is due to only 1 player besides the tournament directors pitching on May 13th. WE will need a **total of 6 pitchers** besides the tournament directors to register. WE are trying to keep these courts but unless participation increases there will not be any more tournaments at Soddy Daisy and we will discuss abandoning these courts back to the city this year. Call Jerry Roberts at 423-827-6366 or JoAnn Stanford 931-243-2648.

**2017 TN STATE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT:** will be held at the new covered courts at Clarksville come on out and check out the new changes to the pitching facility. No rain outs for any future tournaments. WE have 8 teams entered at present time.

A Class – Maxine Griffith/Rich Rosser; Marlene Ray/Randy Simpson

B Class- JoAnn Stanford/Fred Smith; Jackie Smith/James Sizemore; Roger Totten/Jane Opatrny

C Class- Mac McMillian/Joe Thomas; Tommy Wahl/Ronnie Boyd; Ervin South/Bobby South

#### **NEW COVERED COURTS AT CLARKSVILLE**



**2017 NHPA Convention:** there are numerous rules and bylaws proposals that will be voted upon. A few pages back in this newsletter you can read about and contact any officer with your vote or opinions.

**2017 World Tournament**: St. George, Utah will be from 17 July – 29 July. TN has (11) eleven pitchers attending. **Good Luck to One and All! Class Round**:

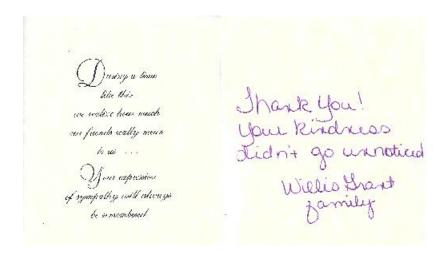
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Maxine Griffith	W	Α	Jul 24/25/26	8AM	
Lawrence Osbor	ne E	A2	Jul 24/25/26	2PM	
Marlene Ray	W	Α	Jul 24/25/26	2PM	
Jackie Smith	W	D	Jul 24/25/26	8AM	
Fred Smith	Е	E1	Jul 20/21/22	8AM	
Ervin South	M	E1	Jul 20/21/22	8AM	
<b>Bobby South</b>	Е	G2	Jul 17/18/19	8AM	
Robert Smullen	M	J2	Jul 17/18/19	12PM	
Buster Williams	M	E2	Jul 17/18/19	6PM	
BIRTHDAYS:					
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Joan Elmore	Joe Thomas	Jackie Smith
Marty Mulligan	Mike Brown	<b>Gwen Thomas</b>
	Jack Conner	Mac Mcmillian
	Robert Smullen	

## Texas, Here We Come!

The NHPA is proud to announce Wichita Falls, Texas as host of the 2019 World Horseshoe Tournament!

#### THANK YOU FROM WILLIS GRANT FAMILY:



## THANK YOU AFTER DONATION IN PATRICIA KLEIN NAME:



April 25, 2017

Tonnessee Horseshoe Pitching Assoc. 775 Cabin Hill Road Celina, TN 38551

On behalf of Manley Baptist Church, a 501 (c)(3) under the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, thank you for your gift of \$30.00 that we recently received in memory of Mrs. Patty Klein. This will be put towards our Building Fund.

Your gift is greatly appreciated and will aid in the ministry and mission of our church to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please note that you received no goods or services in exchange for the donation, other than intangible spiritual benefits.

Sincerely,

Pamela Clayton Contributions Secretary

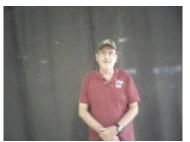
Pamela Clayton



4-30-17 Horseshoe Tour SC. 30FT CLD 1<sup>st</sup> JoAnn Stanford



4-30-17 Horseshoe Tour SC OPN B 2<sup>nd</sup> Ronnie Boyd



5-6-17ALG CLA 1<sup>st</sup> D. Farnsworth Don Falkenhagen (not pictured)



5-6-17 ALG CLB 1<sup>st</sup> Ervin South 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Opatrny



5-13-17 SD CL A 1<sup>st</sup> leon Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Zane Goggin (GA)



HANK IRWIN retires as Soddy Daisy TD- Many Thanks to all your years of service to TNHPA.

5-6-17 Rock Springs Class A 1<sup>st</sup> James Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce Manis 5-6-17 Rock Springs Class B 1<sup>st</sup> James Sizemore 2<sup>nd</sup> Houston Culbert 5-6-17 Rock Springs Class C 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Smullen 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Davis

4-29-17 WP CLA Charles Gray 4-29-17 WP CLB Culbert,2<sup>nd</sup> Bilyeu 4-29-17 WP CLC Bob Davis,2<sup>nd</sup> Smullen



6-3-17 CR CLA Leon Wilson



6-4-17 CLK T.H.T. Elmore 1<sup>st</sup> CL A 30'



6-4-17 T.H.T CLK Wahl



6-4-17 T.H.T. CLK CL B 3rd



6-4-17 T.H.T. CLK CL E 3<sup>rd</sup>



6-4-17 T.H.T. CLK CL-OPN A Boyd 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosser Tie for 3rd

## 2017 National Senior Games Association: 30th Anniversary Jun 2-15,2017







Basketball: Gold Jean Hinkle & Joyce Manis

Next newsletter will have more info about Sr Olympics. All 50 states send athletes.

## By-law Changes on 2017 Meeting Agenda

by Gary Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

The Council is proposing a number of bylaws changes this year and have compiled them all for your review. Please share your thoughts with your Charter representative so they can bring any feedback to the Charter Meeting in St. George where these will be placed up for a vote individually. Proposal A:

## **Current Wording:**

ARTICLE III: Membership

SECTION 3. Dues for adult members are the National dues of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) plus the amount set for State dues within their Charter. Three dollar (\$3.00) of every adult membership will be set aside for the World Tournament prize fund, for the next year.

<u>Proposed Changes to Wording:</u> (see underlined)

ARTICLE III: Membership

SECTION 3. Dues for adult members are the National dues of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus the amount set for State dues within their Charter. Three dollar (\$3.00) of every adult membership will be set aside for the World Tournament prize fund, for the next year. Convention delegates may also authorize the NHPA to make an annual donation to the NHPF. This amount will be determined at the NHPA annual winter meeting and will be voted on by delegates at the NHPA Convention, later that year. Reasons for Changes:

A dues increase is now necessary for several reasons, including an increase in our annual expenses, combined with a loss of revenue due to our steadily decreasing membership. These and other reasons will be explained and discussed in a power-point presentation before the delegate vote on this proposal. The amount of the annual NHPF donation will be based on the current/annual specified needs and comparative bank balances of each organization, but shall not exceed \$1.00 per member. Proposal B:

#### **Current Wording:**

SECTION 7. A membership card must be issued by the Charter in which the member maintains legal residence as determined by the filing of federal and state tax returns, voting, and/or driver license laws.

Charters collecting NHPA dues for a non-resident member should give only a receipt, and then forward the dues and address information to the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer who will advise the Charter of record. Residents of a State having no active Charter may become an NHPA member by sending their dues directly to the NHPA Secretary-Treasurer.

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<u>Proposed Additions:</u> (Of the two presented here, those that may pass the Council and Delegate vote would be added to the end of Section 7, above)

1. Exception for 'Snow Bird' members

Pitchers who reside in the Northern United States, but who spend their winter months living in the Southern or other states, may purchase their membership cards from that state, providing they meet the following criteria, based on NatStats results from the <u>previous</u> 12 months:

- a. Seventy percent (70%) of their sanctioned events must have been pitched in that state during the previous twelve (12) months, with a minimum of three (3) events pitched in that state.
- b. The qualifying pitcher must also have approval of the non-resident State Officers before their Secretary can issue this membership card. This State Secretary will also be responsible for verifying the requirements indicated in section a. (above).
- c. This State Secretary must also promptly notify the Secretary of the pitcher's resident state that they have issued a membership card to this individual. If there is any question or concern (within one month of the issue date) from members of either of the states involved, the NHPA Officers will make any final decisions, upon request.
- d. This member may pitch in only one of these State Tournaments (by rule), but must meet all of the requirements for participating in that State Tournament.

#### **Reasons for this Addition:**

Many of our pitchers who live in the Northern US spend some or all of their winter months in the Southern tier states of Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, etc., and enter the sanctioned leagues and tournaments of those states during these winter months. The Officers and TD's of these states spend a great deal of time promoting their leagues/tournaments, and getting new pitchers interested in joining their Association. Currently, all of these pitchers are required to purchase their NHPA cards from the states where they reside. Many of them, who may not return to their residences in the North until early May, would like to pitch in the State Tournaments there in late April, but are not eligible based on our current Rule, which requires members to pitch in the State Tournament of their legal residence. Upon returning to their home states, some of these pitchers may have no intention of pitching there due to various factors, including required long driving distances to the scheduled tournaments there, or to their State Tournament. Not only would this 'exception' allow these pitchers to pitch in the State Tournament while there, it would also help to increase the membership of those State Associations who have worked to encourage and provide pitching facilities for these members. This exception, if passed, would not result in the loss of any of our NHPA members, and might even help to increase our membership!

2. Exception for 'State Border' members

Pitchers who reside very near to the state borders of an adjacent state may purchase their membership cards from that adjacent state, providing they meet the following criteria, based on Nat Stats results from the <u>previous</u> twelve months:

- a. Seventy percent (70%) of their sanctioned events must have been pitched in that state during the previous twelve (12) months, with a minimum of three (3) events pitched in that state.
- b. This exception applies only to the larger US states of the Midwest, Southern, and Western states, where distances from border-to-border are at least 200 miles.

- c. Generally, this pitcher must reside within 20 miles or so of the adjacent state, and the pitching facilities and league/tournament opportunities are much closer than league/tournament opportunities within their state.
- d. The qualifying pitcher must also have approval of the non-resident State Officers before their Secretary can issue this membership card. This State Secretary will also be responsible for verifying the requirements indicated in section a. (above).
- e. This State Secretary must also promptly notify the Secretary of the pitcher's resident state that they have issued a membership card to this individual. If there is any question or concern (within one month of the issue date) from members of either of the states involved, the NHPA Officers will make any final decisions, upon request.
- f. This member may pitch in only one of these State Tournaments (by rule), but must meet all of the requirements for participating in that State Tournament.

#### Reasons for this Addition:

This exception has been a frequent member request of the NHPA for several years now. This is especially problematic for states where second Charters have not/cannot be created, such as the upper peninsula of Michigan, in Texas, and many other of our larger states, where it makes more sense for some pitchers to join and pitch with clubs and in tournaments of their nearby State, that are much closer to where they live. And most often, they do not pitch in <a href="their">their</a> State Tournament because of the much greater required travel distances. Not only would this 'exception' allow these pitchers to pitch in a State Tournament closer to where they live, it would also help to increase the membership of those State Associations who have worked to encourage and provide pitching facilities for these neighboring members. This exception, if passed, would not result in the loss of any of our NHPA members, and might even help to increase our membership!

Proposal C:

## **Current Wording:**

Article V: Officers

Section 2(c)(1) The Secretary-Treasurer shall: (1) Be custodian of all funds, property, records, and other NHPA-owned assets, except for those of the game-related sales program, which are under the direction of the Game-Related Sales Buyer.

## **Proposed Changes:**

Article V: Officers

Section 2(c)(1) The Secretary-Treasurer shall: (1) be custodian of all funds, property, records, and other NHPA-owned assets.

#### **R**eason for Change:

The NHPA is no longer involved in game-related sales upon completion of the 2017 World Tournament Proposal D:

#### **Current Wording:**

**ARTICLE V: Officers** 

**SECTION 6. Eligibility of Officers** 

- a. All officers shall be NHPA members in good standing (dues paid and not under suspension).
- b. At least one officer shall be a woman, and, similarly, at least one officer shall be a man. No Junior may be an officer.

<u>Proposed Changes:</u> (change to a. is underlined, and section b is eliminated)

a. All officers shall be NHPA <u>adult</u> members in good standing (dues paid and not under suspension). <u>Reasons for Change:</u>

Although it is desirable to have both men and women members represented on this Council, it should not be a requirement. It is more important to elect a person who is best qualified for this position, regardless of their gender. The current rule could potentially prevent some very qualified members from running for

this position. This person should also have a great deal of experience with various aspects of our sport and therefore be an adult member, at least 18 years of age.

Proposal E:

## **Current Wording:**

**ARTICLE VII: Charters** 

SECTION 1. Charters shall be organized under the NHPA and shall be known as (name of state, territory or country) Division of the NHPA. It is the responsibility of Charters to follow NHPA Bylaws and if necessary, to enact separate but non-conflicting Charter Bylaws that are in compliance with their applicable State Governmental codes. Each Charter shall have a functional Executive Council, duly elected by the Charter membership, for minimum two-year terms, and with the President being recognized as the ranking officer.

<u>Proposed Addition:</u> (see underlined)

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It just seems logical that anyone acting in this capacity should belong to the organization that they are representing or working for.

Proposal F:

## **Current Wording:**

SECTION 6. A Charter will be entitled to NHPA convention delegates, based upon the previous year's adult membership as follows:

<u>Proposed Change:</u> (see underlined)

SECTION 6. A Charter will be entitled to NHPA convention delegates, based upon the previous year's total membership as follows:

#### **Reasons For Change:**

Several Charters now have significant numbers of Juniors. With more and more emphasis being placed on Juniors, it seems that they should also be represented in the governance of the NHPA. By including them as a part of the total Charter membership numbers, this will perhaps qualify another Charter delegate to vote on their behalf.

NHPA Standing Rules – Proposed Changes

#### Current Wording: (introduction)

Standing Rules are for the guidance of the Executive Council. They may be adopted, changed, or suspended\_by a majority vote at any meeting, without notice. Between meetings, the Executive Council may adopt, change, or suspend a Standing Rule, but to continue, it must be ratified at the next Council meeting. Standing Rules take effect immediately and are as follows:

#### Proposed Change to Wording: (underlined)

Standing Rules are <u>solely</u> for the guidance of the Executive Council. They may be adopted, changed, or suspended by a majority vote at any <u>official Council</u> meeting, without notice. Between meetings, the Executive Council may adopt, change, or suspend a Standing Rule <u>via e-mail/phone discussion and</u> voting. These actions shall continue to be official unless overturned by delegates assembled at the next

<u>Convention by a two-thirds majority vote. Council-approved changes to</u> Standing Rules take effect immediately and are as follows:

#### **Reasons for Change:**

Although this policy has been followed in the past, the change of wording makes this information more clear and consistent with Article IV, Section 2 b.

#### **Current Wording:**

10. Regional Directors are appointed, removed, replaced, and will serve in accordance with the published RD Guidelines, developed by the NHPA Vice President who oversees the RD program. All Regional Directors must be subscribers to the *Horseshoe Pitching Newsline* magazine.

## <u>Proposed Change to Wording:</u> (underlined)

10. Regional Directors are appointed, removed, replaced, and will serve in accordance with the published RD Guidelines, developed by the NHPA Vice President who oversees the RD program. (The last sentence has been deleted.)

#### Reasons for Change:

A subscription is no longer required for receiving the Horseshoe Pitching Newsline magazine.

#### **Current Wording:**

11. All member-proposed changes to the NHPA Bylaws and RGS Book shall be submitted in writing to the respective Committee Chairperson and shall be postmarked no later than December 31st of the year preceding the appropriate Convention.

### <u>Proposed Change to Wording:</u> (underlined)

11. All member-proposed changes to the NHPA Bylaws and RGS Book shall be submitted in writing to the respective Committee Chairperson and shall be postmarked no later than <u>November 30th</u> of the year preceding the appropriate Convention.

## **Reasons for Change:**

This will allow additional time for the processing of these proposed changes.

#### **Current Wording:**

14. The NHPA shall donate to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per adult member, per year.

#### Proposed Change to Wording: (underlined)

14. The NHPA may donate to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation (NHPF) an amount not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per adult member, per year as decided by the delegates at the annual Convention.

Reasons for Change: (to be made if Bylaws Proposal A is not approved).

This Standing Rule will be eliminated if Bylaws Proposal A is approved. If the Proposal does not pass, the word shall will be changed to may if approved by the delegates at the annual Convention.

#### **Current Wording:**

Standing Rules last amended December 15, 2014

Change of Wording: (see underlined)

Standing Rules last amended/ratified on July 23, 2017

Reason for Change:

To provide for the current change of date.

#### **Vice President ELECTION NOMINEES**

The positions of 2nd and 4th Vice President will be up for election at this year's Convention. Each candidate has shared a short bio, they include:

Tina Hawkins Laura Lampkin Ronald Smith Rob Hagman

#### **Vice President Election Nominees**

Two Council positions are up for election at this year's convention  $-2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Vice President. Each nominee shares here below more about themselves as you consider your vote.

### **Tina Hawkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Incumbent)**

Since 2009, I have had the honor of serving the NHPA members as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Each year has been full of learning and growing for me and we've accomplished some exciting things – such as our beautifully wrapped semi trailer, which now acts as a mobile billboard on the highway, an appearance on Good Morning America AND having ESPN's SportsCenter broadcast live from our World Tournament! For several years, I have also assisted Stu in finding great locations for our premiere event and now have completely taken on the role of World Tournament Coordinator. I have developed some strong professional relationships with many Convention and Visitors Bureaus across the country, with several of those destinations already hoping to bid for the 2020 event.

If re-elected, I will continue to make every effort to create exposure for our great association and for the sport of pitching horseshoes, as well as to seek out the very best destinations for you to visit during our premiere event each summer.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement throughout these years... your continued support is greatly appreciated!

## Laura Lampkin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nominee

I, Laura Lampkin, would like to announce that I am seeking to run for the position of  $2^{nd}$  VP – Publicity/Promotion Director of the National Horseshoe Pitching Association for the upcoming 2017 election in St. George, Utah.

I have an enthusiastic passion for the sport of horseshoes, engaging people and the public to become more involved with the sport.

Obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management with a Minor in Paralegal Studies from Sullivan University (Louisville, Kentucky) I learned skills in business management, administration, advertising concepts, marketing, microeconomics, public speaking, advanced business law, contract law, mediation and arbitration.

I am the co-owner of two businesses. I have held various positions for several years with the Kentucky State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (KHPA), beginning with 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President and moving up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

I have been able to witness the KHPA (KY) evolve into an organization that I hold near and dear to my heart, including watching our members make a name for themselves in winning the World

Championships. With my previous abilities to work with others in co-positions, I want to build upon the great work of previous offers and attempt to take the organization to the next level.

Working in conjunction with the next group of officers, I want to execute a vision of leadership, visibility and creating partnerships with elected officials. As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, I plan to maximize the talents and connections and experiences of my fellow officers and horseshoe pitchers to ensure that the NHPA maintains a reputation of excellence and progression. I look forward to running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and hope that I am given the chance to expand on the great work that the previous officer has done over the past several years.

Hello NHPA, my name is Dalton Rakestraw from Illinois, and I am personally endorsing Laura Lampkin, KY, for the position of NHPA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in the upcoming election. Laura's 3 'E' drive and proposal is what is needed for the position. Laura has all the qualities needed carry the position. Elect Laura Lampkin in the upcoming NHPA Officers election. A fresh vision is needed and Laura bares those qualities.

Thank you.

## Ronald Smith, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Nominee

Hello, I am Ronald Smith and I would like to announce that I am running for the NHPA Fourth Vice President position.

I am 68, retired after 34 years of working as a laboratory instrument specialist at Lyondell Chemical Plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana. My job was to manage all maintenance, operations, cost to support analytical instrumentation, utility, safety and building systems supporting the laboratory functions. I also developed and supported processes improving quality, costs and reliability for lab services.

I am currently the Regional Director for the state of Louisiana and Vice President of the Cajun Horseshoe Pitching Association. I have been pitching horseshoes for the past 15 years.

I have assisted with the setup and disassemble of World Tournaments for the past seven years. I handled the setting up of World in Kansas with Roger Vogel's assistance in Jerry's absence and have worked closely with each of the host facilities for past World Tournaments. I train the night crew on the correct way to clean, align and water the pits for the next day of pitching competition ensuring they understand. I have worked with Bill Marvin on the clay setup and Rob Hagman with the assembly, setup and hookup of the computers on the courts.

I have done new scorekeeper training along with refresher training for the past seven years at each World Tournament.

If elected I will do my best to perform the duties of the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President along with creating ways to increase membership. Your help and ideas will be needed to reach the goal of membership growth. Thank you for your support!

## Rob Hagman, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Nominee

Greetings to all NHPA members.

I would like to announce my intention to run for the position of NHPA 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President. I am excited for the opportunity to become a full NHPA council member. In the years I have attended the World Tournament, I have worked closely with the council members and feel I understand the job duties entailed in the position.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Utah.