

TENNESSEE RINGER ROUNDUP



Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MORGAN: Look what just happened, another year outdoors just came and went! Some members had a good year- some had a bad year! Hopefully you can get things worked out by playing in the indoor courts this winter. We need tournament directors to step up and help things keep going : at Crossville, White Pine, and Rock Springs. Remember you can have as many as you need to help run things for each site and results of the tournaments can be run on paper no computer is needed. If you have any questions ask me or JoAnn Stanford.

2018 TN State Singles Tournament: cut- off date to register was 15 Sep 2018. The NATSTAT average of that Saturday will be used for entry %.

FORMAT: Games for Championship Classes will be 40 points. All other classes will be 40 shoes. Play-offs for first place ties will be 20 shoe games – except for Championship Classes which will be 40 points. Regular tournament rules will apply for all other ties (2nd, 3rd, etc.)

TROPHIES: Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in 8 person classes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd for 6 person classes; 1st, & 2nd in 4 person classes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: election or re-election at the yearly Charter meeting will include: First VP currently held by Alan Pepper, Third VP currently held by Alan Gauger and Sec/Treas held by JoAnn Stanford. These are two year terms.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR: We are in need of a regional Director and /or assistant. This is a paid position from NHPA and has been held by Harold Morgan and assisted by JoAnn Stanford for 6 years. Basically you will check every few years that charter courts meet the guidelines and assist TD's and volunteers to fix any infractions. Contact Harold, he needs your help!

SPORTSMAN of the YEAR: voting will be during the yearly Charter meeting. The winner will receive a plaque and have 2019 sanction dues paid. This year you **MAY NOT** vote for: Robert Smullen, James

Sizemore, or Mac Mcmillian, any other current member is eligible. **One** vote per TNHPA member present . Voting will be at the table behind the bleachers.

ROOKIE of the YEAR: will be announced at the meeting. The winner will receive a plaque and have 2019 sanction paid for. The winner will be a pitcher whose natstat. avg. at the time of State Singles cutoff entry date is most improved from their qualifying % and has pitched in at least **6** TN tournaments.

TNHPA CHARTER MEETING AGENDA : Will begin after completion of morning Shift, approximately 1:00 p.m. or sooner if possible.

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| 1. Call to order | 7. New Business |
| 2. Invocation | 8. Announce Sportsman of the Year |
| 3. Record countable votes | 9. Announce Rookie of the year |
| 4. Financial Report | 10. Announce HOF Inductees |
| 5. Secretary's report | 11. Adjourn |
| 6. Old Business | |

Member Conduct: All members please adhere to appropriate Member conduct while on the court, proper dress code and the non-use of alcohol, tobacco and inappropriate language. For the State tournament you must wear a shirt with your last name and state printed on the back .

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSALS FOR VOTE: The organization may adopt By Laws as it shall deem necessary. By Laws shall be adopted when approved by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at the regular meeting.

Proposal #1: A fuel allowance of \$15.00 paid to all Tournament Directors for each tournament that they run, regardless of distance, paid from the TNHPA general fund.(Doug Sullins Jr.)

Proposal #2: An entry fee increase for all statewide tournaments of \$1.00 to be paid to all Tournament Directors in addition to the already paid one dollar per entry. (i.e. \$2.00 per entrant, per tournament, paid to the T.D.)(Doug Sullins Jr)

Proposal #3: Rule Change Proposal: For games pitched in sanctioned Tennessee tournaments every forty foot pitcher will be given one point for each year of age above age 69, and these points are given independently of handicap points.

Reason: We already allow 70 year men old to move to 30 feet to encourage them or reward them for longevity. We should likewise encourage 70 year olds who choose to continue pitching from 40 feet. These points will not affect seeding in class divisions for state or national tournaments since these are based on nat. stats. (Richard Rosser)

Proposal #4: In every sanctioned TN tournament, the player who increases their ringer % the most gets an extra \$25.00. If no player increases their ringer % no money is paid out. This is based upon the entering ringer% and the final ringer % for each tournament. (Jerry Roberts)

NOMINATION FOR HALL OF FAME: The Nominations Committee have received several members for consideration to become members of the TN HALL OF FAME. Voting will be done prior to and between the first and second shifts of our State singles and the results will be announced at the end of the

meeting. All 2018 members present may vote for all, none or some of the nominations. (only one time). Those nominated are: Ronnie Boyd, Harold Morgan, JoAnn Stanford, Doug Farnsworth, and Charles Gray. You may read about these members at the voting table behind the bleachers or below.

Harold Morgan has been state president since 2013. He has worked tirelessly to do whatever was necessary to keep our state charter going. He has been a member for 17 years. He has taken over the position of Regional Director since 2013. He has also been the tournament director for White Pine, Rock Springs, and Harold's courts, for many years. Harold's love of the sport, gave him the heart to build courts that are covered and heated for winter practice and tournaments. We can't begin to give him all the recognition that is so deserved but we are respectfully submitting a nomination for his entering into the TN State Hall of Fame.

Ronnie Boyd is a dedicated pitcher with a love for the game. He was instrumental in getting courts installed in Clarksville, he has worked tirelessly and often without help to see that the courts were completed and did not rest until the courts were covered. Ronnie is the tournament director for the Clarksville Courts. He travels to other sites to pitch as well as at the Pro tour locations. Ronnie has attended many World Tournaments. Ronnie is well deserving of the honor of being in the Tennessee Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame.

Doug Farnsworth Doug started pitching Horseshoes in 1962 when working for General Dynamics. He pitched during the noon hour every day weather permitting. Doug pitched often with his Dad who learned to pitch from his Grandfather living on the family farm.

During the 1970's Doug lived in a Townhouse Development in Virginia and pitched every Evening after dinner with his neighbors. Every year he and his teenage son would enter a Doubles competition at the Prince William County Fair and one year finished in third place. He once entered the Strawberry Festival Horseshoe Doubles Blind Draw Tournament in Delaplane, Virginia and came in first which took all day from start to finish.

The first Horseshoe Tournament he entered in Tennessee was the one held at Frontier Days in the Cumberland Community Complex in Crossville around 1992. He never pitched in sanctioned Tournaments until 2003 when Bob Hassan convinced him to enter a NHPA Tournament in Crossville. He only averaged 9%, which embarrassed him and did not pitch again until Bob Hassan got him to join the Thursday Noon League in 2006. He was pitching 40ft at around a 28% average until he reached the age of 71 and then moved up to 30ft. He was able to achieve a 70% average in 2011 and is currently pitching 55 to 60% average.

Since moving up to 30 ft. he has participated in 9 World Tournaments beginning with Springfield, Illinois in 2009. He was able to make the Championship rounds at Cedar Rapids in 2010 and Monroe, Louisiana in 2011. He had a 3rd place finish in the Preliminaries at Cedar Rapids. He recently finished 2nd in a 3 way playoff in the Class C1 Preliminaries at Florence, SC.

He has finished 3rd place in 2010 and 2011 plus a 2nd Place in 2014 in the Men's 30ft. Championship in the Tennessee State Singles. He has Trophies from other Classes at the State Singles in various years.

In 2009 when Bob Hassan moved to Seattle, Doug took over the League Director responsibilities at Crossville. He with Roger Totten were the Tournament Directors for Tournaments held in Crossville until 2017. During that time Doug was the Tournament Director for four State Singles along with one Volunteer State Open. He created the Crossville Horseshoe Club website to track the Crossville Tournaments and Leagues held at Crossville.

He was elected as 1st Vice President of the Tennessee Horseshoe Pitchers Association for 6 years and is currently the Tennessee Statistician. He is the Tennessee focal point responsible for timely input to Natstats and publishing Tournament Results on the State and Crossville websites.

JoAnn Stanford has been a member since 2004- current (15 years). She became secretary/treasurer 2010 – current replacing Dexter Stallings who deceased in 2012. Replaced Paula Hunsicker as TN charter Editor for TNRRUP (TN Ringer Round UP) when Paula resigned in 2012. She became Assistant Regional Director to Harold Morgan in 2012. She was the Algood Courts tournament Director from 2008-2016. In 2017 Algood courts were removed from the schedule as she replaced Merle South at the Crossville courts when he was replaced due to health issues. She competed in 10 World tournaments from 2008-2016 & 2018. Her best finishes in the preliminaries were 4th and 5th. Recognized as 2014 Sanctioned League Top 10 Award (4th high game over avg.) and 7th High point game over avg. She was 2010 TNHPA Sportsman of the Year and 2007 TNHPA pitcher of the Year.

JoAnn Stanford is the link that holds the TNHPA together. She is not only the Secretary, which is a huge job in itself, but she also is tournament director at the Crossville site and any other site that may need her. She is a pitcher that enjoys the game greatly. She travels all over the state, not only to pitch but to oversee the courts. She represents Tennessee in World Competition and travels to the various Pro tour sites. JoAnn deserves to be in the Tennessee Horseshoepitchers Hall of Fame.

Charles Gray has been a member for 16 years. He grew up pitching horseshoes with his Dad , uncles, and sister Joyce Manis who has a TN member for 24 years. He has won the TN State Championship A Class Singles, Elder Singles, and State Doubles partnered with Danny Neely who until recently was an active member for 17 years.

He has competed in six World Tournaments at Knoxville placed second, at Buffalo, NY placed second. He went to Monroe, LA; Montgomery, AL; York, PA & Florence, S.C. He made the Championship round at Knoxville, Buffalo, and Monroe, LA. He has over 40 + TN Tournament Champion patches.

Charles has participated in the TN State Senior Olympics and at the National Senior Games (which occurs every two years. He has won the Gold medal at the TN State Senior Olympics 15 out of 15 times. At the nationals he has won Gold in Pittsburgh 2005; Gold in Houston 2011; Gold at Birmingham 2017; and Bronze at Louisville in 2007.

I am nominating Charles Gray for induction into the TN Hall of Fame .



9-08-18 CLK CLB 1st Rosser 2nd
Gauger 3rd Russ Gibbs III



9-08-18 CLK CLC 1st P. McNally 2nd
Joan Garrison 3rd Royce McNally
(All Alabama players) Welcome !



9-08-18 WP CLA 1st Jim A.
Cooper



9-08-18 WP CLB 1st D.
Kell 2nd J. Stanford



9-08-18 WP CLC 1st H. Culbert
2nd Rudy Klein 3rd Bob Davis



9-08-18 WP CLD 1st "Bear" Smullen
2nd Del Groves 3rd Alan Stover

9-15-18 CR CLB 1st Bobby South 2nd Joe Thomas 3rd Roger



9-15-18 CR CLA 1st Z. Goggin 2nd Bill Brand
Roger Totten



9-15-18 CR CLB 1st Bobby South 2nd Joe Thomas 3rd



9-15-18 CR CLC 1st B. Williams 2nd Joan Garrison (AL)



8-25-18 CYV CLA
1st J. Cooper 2nd A.F.Monday



8-25-18 CLK CLA 1st Max Griffith
2nd Mar ray



8-25-18 CLK CLB 1st
R. Goree Decatur, AL



8-25-18 CLK CLC 1st J. Stanford
2nd Bill Brand 3rd Mcmillian 4th
E. South (not pictured)



8-25-18 CLK CLD 1st R. Rosser 2nd
2nd Alan Pepper 3rd Russ Gibbs



8-25-18 CLK CLE 1st Evan, DAD
2nd Michael Jr.(Randolph family)



9-8-18 Clarksville



9-08-18 CLK CLA 1st E. South
2nd Mac Mcmillian

8-25-18 Clarksville



