

## 2022 NORTH CAROLINA AWARDS



**DOUG MCKENZIE  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**



**GEORGE ROGERS  
MOST IMPROVED PITCHER**

Player of the Year award is complete with congratulations going to Doug McKenzie. He is the first player to win the award as a 40-foot and a 30-foot pitcher. He is one of the most dedicated NC pitchers to ever play in the Tarheel state and has driven miles and miles in support our association. **VERY WELL DESERVING!!!** Participation is still the key to winning and I hope 2023 will bring out the most competitors ever; only 17 pitchers met the minimum of 8 tournaments this year. Kudos to Keera and Jacquelynn for qualifying. Give them a congrats when you see them, they are the sports future. Who will be the next winner?? The permanent award will be quite unique.

We had 21 participants who met the minimum criteria of 8 tournaments (pitched anywhere). As we all know it is difficult to raise your average especially when you factor in all tournaments. The competition was the closest in the 10 years of having a Most Improved Award. It was a weekly battle between George Rogers and Jeremy Smith. It flip-flopped four times. Jessica Howell was also a strong contender. Hope everyone keeps their game in tune for the start of a new season. The Raleigh Winter League is available for anyone who wants some competition over the winter months. Contact the league director at [pvhighlander@att.net](mailto:pvhighlander@att.net)

TOP TEN QUALIFIERS
DOUG MCKENZIE-313
JIM ZIMMERMAN-263
CHARLIE ALSTON-240
RAYMOND CALLAHAN-232
JULIUS BARTELL-224
JEREMY SMITH-202
GEORGE ROGERS-186
REBECCA EATMAN-159
ROY ALSTON-130
PAT TORRES-106

TOP FOUR QUALIFIERS
GEORGE ROGERS-3.46%
JEREMY SMITH-3.31%
JESSICA HOWELL-3.18%
DOUG MCKENZIE-1.59%