



DOWN AND BACK TARHEEL HORSESHOE NEWSLETTER

From the Presidents desk:

Hello Fellow Horseshoe Pitchers!

It was good to get back on the pits this year, even if we still had restrictions due to Covid. I would like to give a special thanks to those who stepped up to take on officer roles when we had some to step down.

Our membership is still low. I would like to encourage everyone to reach out and talk to everyone you know, who likes horseshoes, about joining the association. We have currently brought in 12 juniors and we need to continue to reach out to juniors and cadettes to get them in our sport. They are our future.

I want to remind everyone to make sure we all show good sportsmanship at tournaments. With the amount of kids (and their parents) we have pitching, they are looking up to us as role models. Please watch your language in the presence of our junior members.

Special thanks to William Crouse, Jamie Woodcock and Dawn Woodcock for getting Winston-Salem back in shape and playable again.

We had a few members pass this year, as I have done in the past, I will be collecting money to buy bricks in their honor to be placed at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Hall of Fame.

I would like to thank everyone for voting me back in as president for another 3 years. I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of next years tournaments. As always, if anyone has any concerns or questions you can email or call. cecilb72@yahoo.com or 336-504-2416 Cecil



Congratulations to the 2022 Officers

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 STATE CHAMPIONS

2021 Men's Champion

Ronnie Joines



2021 Women's Champion

Rebecca Harrell



2021 Elder's Champion

Jim Zimmerman



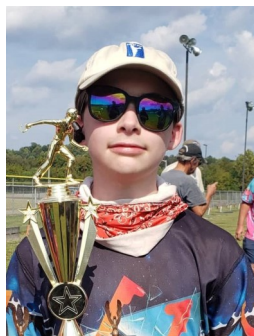
2021 JR Girl Champion

Lorena Covarnbias



2021 Cadet Boy Champion

James Baker



2021 Cadet Girl Champion

Keera Howell





2021 NORTH CAROLINA HORSESHOE PITCHER AWARDS

THE YEAR OF NEW BLOOD

ROY ALSTON

THE YEAR OF 2021 WILL POSSIBLY BE REMEMBERED MORE THAN OTHERS. WE ALL FOUGHT HARD TO REGAIN SOME NORMALCY AS WE FOUGHT BACK FROM THE PANDEMIC.

THIS WAS ROY'S FIRST YEAR IN THE NC-HPA AND HE EXCELLED IN ALL ASPECTS. HE PITCHED IN TWELVE TOURNAMENTS, WINNING THREE AND CONTINUALLY IMPROVING HIS AVERAGE EVERY WEEK. HIS FINAL IMPROVEMENT WAS 4.04%.

HE ALSO WON PLAYER OF THE YEAR, BARELY BEATING THE 2015 WINNER, DOUG MCKENZIE. HIS BROTHER CHARLIE FINISHED THIRD. ALTHOUGH NO ONE HAD ANY IDEA OF WHERE THEY STOOD THIS YEAR, THE COMPETITION WENT TO THE LAST WEEK.

THERE WAS A GREAT TURNOUT WITH THE YOUTH THIS YEAR, SIX PITCHED THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS. CONGRATS TO LATRELL, KERRA, JACQUELYN, RACHEL, LORENA, AND JAMES. A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO CECIL BOWES FOR GETTING SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN OUR GREAT SPORT.

AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF THESE AWARDS IS TO TRY AND PROMOTE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION; GIVE ME FEEDBACK IF YOU WANT A WEEKLY POSTING AS IN PAST YEAR'S OR IS SECRECY A GOOD THING: PVHIGHLANDER@ATT.NET

WE HAD 22 MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR THESE AWARDS IN 2021. LET'S STRIVE TO MAKE 2021 A GREAT YEAR WITH EVERYONE PITCHING THE MINIMUM OF 8 TOURNAMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR THESE AWARDS.

*Thank
you*



Hello everyone, I am so excited to be the Junior Director. I want to thank our president, Cecil Bowes, for appointing me as junior director. I am looking forward to working with the juniors and cadets in the coming year! My goal is to have all the juniors and cadets to increase their ringer percentage by 5% by the end of the year. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Eatman

Hey everyone, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and gave me the opportunity to be the Vice President of the NC-HPA. A few things I hope to accomplish while being VP is registering brand new members, bringing back some of our past members who have quit pitching, continue in helping bringing in more kids, and continue to help make improvements in the sport we all love.

Thank you,

Jeremy Smith

Junior's Spotlight



My name is Keera Howell and I am the junior state champion. I have been pitching horseshoes for 3 years. I started pitching when we had a Girl Scout fun day and was taught how to pitch. I fell in love with the game that day. The members in NC-HPA have been nice, patient and helpful with us kids.

My future goals in pitching is to be able to beat Mr. Cecil (CeCe) and Mr. Jeremy (Jay).

I would love to also be able to pitch in the world tournament as a kid. When I turn 18, I would love to be the women's state champion.

I would like to thank my mom, Mr. CeCe, Mr. Jay, Rebecca, Billi and Christy for all the help they have given me.

From the pen of William Crouse:

We had 15 pitchers attend the Southeastern Classic November 6. This was a rain delay date. Even though it was cold and windy, everyone enjoyed being back in Winston-Salem.

We held a fund raiser during the tournament for Robert Covington to help him with his medical expenses. Robert has been battling cancer and is currently in remission. Everyone, including Robert Covington had a great time pitching at the courts.

We signed up three new pitchers. One new NC HPA member is Michael York, the grandson of past State Champion and Hall of Famer Gurney York. Other new members are Mark Ellington and Lee Hicks renewed after being gone 5-6 years.

Lee pitched really good, winning Class B in a pitch-off with Charlie Alston. As he has done in many tournaments this year, Jim Zimmerman is the tournament Champion, winning Class A. Doug McKenzie was 2nd. Class C winner was Dawn Woodcock, with Robert Covington finishing 2nd.

A special thanks goes out to Jamie and Dawn Woodcock for their hard work in getting the pits worked up for play. Also, they got 12 chairs donated and they sandblasted and painted each one. They really have went



STATE BY-LAW UPDATE

ANYTHING YOU WANT CHANGED THAT WILL MAKE OUR ASSOCIATION BETTER!!!!!!

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

The state by-laws are being updated after 20 years. Some things that were voted on throughout the years have not even been included on the posted document. You can review the current by-laws on the state website, the banner is on left-hand side of screen. I am sure there are some great ideas among our members. So, everyone put their thinking caps on and submit your suggestions.

The class handicap rule is in effect now although it is not listed in the current published by-laws.

If you have any suggestions that you want considered by the Executive Council, **please submit them to the secretary,**
pvhighlander@att.net

The Executive Council will meet and consider all inputs after the state doubles in June 2022. Those accepted will be forwarded for vote at the annual state meeting in October 2022.

SCORESHEETS IN 2022

I am trying to save money for the association in our printing expenses. As of now, we have a surplus of 100-shoe count scoresheets (approximately 2000); these are never going to be used at weekly tournaments. This is a waste of resources; therefore, I will be distributing them to tournament directors for use in 2022. We used them once this year without problem, just put two games on one sheet before you turn in the sheet. Tournament directors will give instruction on exactly how they want the sheets filled out.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!!!!!

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR STATE SINGLES

Hopefully, Covid will be behind us in 2022. That being said, the state tournament will go back to being pre-registered with a cutoff of September 15th (**this will be firm with no late entries**). The entry fee will remain at \$25, **no refund except for extenuating circumstances** (death in family, sickness). Averages at the cutoff date of will be used for class placement. A form will be available for download on our state website.

2021 WORLD TOURNAMENT FUN

Wilkesboro hosts state tourney



Doug McKenzie of Mooresville competes in the 2021 N.C. State Horseshoe Pitching Championships, held Saturday at Lowe's Park at River's Edge in Wilkesboro. Over 50 people competed, using the park's 24 horseshoe pits. More photos on PAGE A10.

Staff Photo — Jule Hubbard

North Carolina State Horseshoe Pitchers Championships

Hall of famer



Ronnie Joines is among four Wilkes Countians in the N.C. Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame. The others are Randy Joines (his brother), Earl Leonard Caudill and Lewis Glenn Mitchell. Joines competed in the state tournament in Wilkesboro on Saturday.

Competing Saturday



Tommy Holleman of Ronda competes in the N.C. State Horseshoe Pitching Championships at Lowe's Park at River's Edge in Wilkesboro Saturday. At left is Doug McKenzie of Mooresville.

Checking results



Jim Zimmerman of Wendell, left, gets a closer look at results during the state horseshoe tournament at Lowe's Park at River's Edge in Wilkesboro on Saturday. Clay in the park's 24 pits was brought in from Kentucky. Zimmerman is a former world champion horseshoe pitcher.