

2023 NORTH CAROLINA AWARDS



**DOUG MCKENZIE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Player of the Year award is complete with congratulations going to Doug McKenzie, back-to-back winner. Doug participated in 19 out of 24 tournaments, traveling miles and miles for the sport he loves. We need more Doug Mckenzie's in the association. Twenty-five pitchers qualified with 8 or more tournaments. **FACT:** Looking at the 2023 tournaments 40 footers were the top player more than the 30 footers over the course of the season. **PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY.** If you saw the little horseshoe man that was given instead of a plaque, there are three more looking for a home. Let's make 2024 a great year of participation and making efforts to recruit new members.



**BILLI SMITH
MOST IMPROVED PITCHER**

We had 25 participants who met the minimum criteria of 8 tournaments (pitched anywhere). It wasn't too close this year as only four people actually improved their average. Billi Smith found her flip and was unstoppable. She competed on-line, locally, the Horseshoe Tour and pitched in the State Championship. To **IMPROVE** you must **PRACTICE**. Winter opportunities exist. The Raleigh League is available for anyone who wants some competition in **EASTERN** North Carolina and Winston-Salem will have a league for the pitchers in the **WESTERN** part of the state. Contact Paul Highlander, pvhighlander@att.net or Bill Crouse, williamcrouse74@gmail.com

TOP TEN QUALIFIERS

DOUG MCKENZIE-252
JIM ZIMMERMAN-209
JULIUS BARTELL-176
RAYMOND CALLAHAN-166
CONNIE MARION-126
REBECCA EATMAN-119
ROBERT COVINGTON-113
CHARLIE ALSTON-110
JEREMY SMITH-109
JERRY LEE SLAYDON-104

TOP FOUR QUALIFIERS

BILLI SMITH-10.90%
CLIFTON JONES-2.87%
TONY PATTERSON-1.67%
ROBERT COVINGTON-0.12%

