

## **Resume for William (Bill) O. Crouse**

To the NC-HPA members, I am running for the 2024 President of the NC Horseshoe Pitchers Association. I have been the Historian and Chairperson for the NC-HPA Hall of Fame for the last three years.

My history of pitching sanctioned horseshoe tournaments in NC started back in 1966 when I first joined NHPA and the NC-HPA, and pitched in the Southeastern Tournament in Winston-Salem. I have been a NHPA member on and off for the last 60 years. I have attended horseshoe tournaments all over North Carolina, including my first World Tournament in Statesville back in 1983. Since then, I have attended 4 other World Tournaments, representing NC.

I have functioned as the tournament director for the Winston-Salem Spring Classic and the Southeastern Classic. Also, serving as the director for the Winston-Salem 'Cool' Pitchers Winter League for two years.

My reasons for wanting to serve as the President of the NC-HPA is to bring better communications to the Association and create more opportunities to bring new pitchers to the game. There are a lot of open non-sanctioned (backyard) tournaments with good pitchers, but they shy away from the sanctioned tournaments for different reasons. I want to see how we can tap into those tournaments and possibly get more pitchers to join NC-HPA and pitch in our sanctioned tournaments. Just look at all the online tournaments and how many pitchers are active in pitching those tournaments. Also, I want to develop a network of contacts for players to make it easier for individuals to practice against other pitchers.

Lastly, I want to encourage more sponsorship opportunities for businesses to support the tournaments and offer more prize money or gifts to help encourage more tournament involvement.

Thanks to everyone that has been attending the tournaments and recruiting new members, you continue to make our Association strong. I welcome the opportunity to serve as your NC-HPA President.

Sincerely,

Bill Crouse

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