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Tar Heel Horseshoe News



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Hello fellow horseshoe pitchers,

Another season has come to an end. Our membership is down again this year, but on the bright side we have picked up a few new members. I hope to continue this trend again next year.

With the help of Jeremy Smith and Robert Bryant, we held a horseshoe training camp for Person County Girl Scouts and their siblings. At this training, we were able to pick up 2 cadet boys, 1 cadet girl and 1 junior girl. I have had a few more to show interest in pitching. This is something I am looking forward to continuing every year with the Girl Scouts and hopefully the Boy Scouts.

The children are our future in horseshoe pitching and we need to introduce as many children as possible to pitching. I would like to challenge each of my members to reach out to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in their community and hold a horseshoe pitching training camp. If there is any interest, you may have them contact me and I will be more than glad to help set something up with you for a Saturday of training.

The cadets that joined this year is the first cadets we have ever had join our association. This is a big plus, in my opinion, for our association, because as the cadets win trophies they will go to school and talk about their trophies. Which will in turn hopefully get us more children interested and involved. With us now having cadets involved in our association, I expected each of you to show the most respect and encouragement for them.

At our meeting at the state tournament this year, I announced there will be no more smoking or alcohol on the courts. I have kind of turned a blind eye to it in the past but it has gotten out of hand. I didn't like getting a phone call from a national officer about this. Now that we have younger kids attending we need to make sure we are following the rules and being a good role model.

I would like to give a shout out to our new state champions:

Men state champion – David Godwin

Women state champion – Dawn Woodcock

Elder state champion – Jim Zimmerman

Junior state champion – Aaron Hanes

First ever! Cadet boy state champion – James Baker

And congratulations to all class champions.

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Clarence W. Lassiter, Jr. is running for President of NC-HPA for years 2020-2022. I live in Fayetteville and joined the NC-HPA in 1999 since that time I have accumulated over 11 years of league experience but have been playing since I was 13 years of age starting in Newport News Va. My goal is to get our attendance back up and to get our pitchers in a better position to compete at the World. I have a great zeal for the game and a lot of passion. I am a teacher of the sport as I have helped others to obtain various achievements themselves. I am the current Publisher Officer and the Member of the Hall of Fame Committee. I am a World Judge and the Instructor of the Judges at the World Tournaments. I am the current Director of Southern Pines and have been Director of Roseboro aka Peter's Creek and Lumberton.

Clarence W. Lassiter, Jr.

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At this time I would also like to announce my bid for reelection for President. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President for the past 12 years. I would like to continue the horseshoe training program for the kids as your president. To hopefully keep our association growing with children.

As always any time you have concerns or questions please feel free to call me at 336-504-2416. If I don't answer please leave a message and I will get back with you. You can also reach me at cecilb72@yahoo.com

Sincerely,

Cecil Bowes

President of NC-HPA

The National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

October 3, 2019

Dear Paul,

I want to thank the [NC Horseshoe Pitchers Association](#) for the donation of \$300 to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation. The monies the Foundation receives helps in our mission of "Building for the future while preserving the past and showcasing the present."

Please thank the NC Horseshoe Pitchers Association membership for their donation and I look forward to their continued support of the NHPF.

Yours truly,

Gary F. Buehler

Treasurer

National Horseshoe Pitchers Foundation

World Tournament - Results For NC Pitchers

Junior Division			
	Class	W & L	Finish
Aaron Hanes	A	1 - 8	10th
Boys			
Aaron Hanes	Championship	3 - 4	5th
Catrina Edwards	B	5 - 3	3rd
Catrina Edwards	Championship	3 - 4	4th

Open Men Division			
	Class	W & L	Finish
Terry Hudson	A2	10 - 5	5th
Terry Hudson	Championship	7 - 8	8th
Mens			
Teddy Vernon	B1	8 - 7	8th
Larry Hanes	B2	12.5 - 2.5	3rd
Paul Highlander	B2	7.7 - 7.5	8th
Raymond Callahan	D2	1 - 14	16th
William Crouse	E1	9 - 6	4th
Martin Danco	F2	6 - 9	9th
Clarence Lassiter	G1	5.5 - 9.5	12th
Doug Edwards	G2	5.5 - 9.5	13th
Jamie Woodcock	L2	12 - 3	2nd

Women Division			
	Class	W & L	Finish
Cameran Edwards	B	2 - 13	15th
Deborah Hanes	G	2 - 13	15th
Dawn Woodcock	J	6 - 7	8th
Judy Phillips	K	13 - 0	1st

Elder Men Division			
	Class	W & L	Finish
Jim Zimmerman	A2	10.5 - 4.5	4th
Jim Zimmerman	Championship	3 - 12	16th
Carl Massey	D1	Drop Out	
John Jeidy	D1	8.5 - 4.5	6th
Johnnie Stallings	H2	Drop Out	

From the Secretary...

The NC State Singles Tournament was held in Statesville on October 5. The weather started out looking a bit ominous with overcast skies, light sprinkles and cooler temperatures. While our group of pitchers was small I think I can safely say that a huge time was had by all in attendance. New and repeat champions were crowned. Congratulations to all on a great day of pitching and fellowship. A list of our tournament champions is posted in the newsletter.

This gathering is also a time for announcements and voting for officers up for re-election. The following officers will continue to serve for another two years: Vice-President – Teddy Vernon; Statistician – Paul Highlander; and, Hall of Fame and Historian – Paul Stewart.

The officers up for re-election in 2020 will be: President – Cecil Bowes; Secretary/Treasurer – Carolyn Lloyd; and, Publicity Director – Clarence Lassiter. If anyone is interested in running for one of these offices please send a statement of intent to either Carolyn Lloyd or Paul Stewart to be placed in an upcoming newsletter. Clarence Lassiter announced at the meeting that he will be running for President in 2020. Please find his statement of intent in this newsletter.

If there is more than one candidate for an office the voting will be by ballot at the 2020 State Singles tournament in October. If an officer is running unopposed it will be by show of hands at this same tournament.

Two announcements: First the NHPA is designing a program that will allow members to renew and pay for their memberships online. More information will be distributed as it becomes available. This will also allow you to print a document confirming your membership if you lose your card and/or fail to bring it to tournament that requires it.

Second announcement – NO ACHOLHIC BEVERAGES OR SMOKING ON SANCTIONED COURTS – NO EXCEPTIONS! Complaints have been received at the local level and the national level. Cecil Bowes received a call from NHPA President Stu Simpa citing complaints that he had received. Once again – ZERO TOLERANCE! A player can and will be banned from playing.

This year our membership includes three cadets – 2 boys and 1 girl and a new Junior Girl. I ask and challenge all members on the courts to encourage

and help these young folks. They are the future of our sport. Cecil Bowes has challenged any member in an area where courts are available to contact the local Girl and Boy Scouts to set-up a “recruiting/training” tournament for these kids. Cecil and others will be glad to come and help out. These new members are a result of such a tournament held in Roxboro this year. At this time the position of Junior Director is open. If you feel you can help please step up and volunteer.

Moving on to the 2020 tournament schedule I would like to say that Troy and Southern Pines and possibly Winston-Salem will host tournaments again. Michael Thomas plans to schedule at least two tournaments in Troy. Clarence Lassiter will direct tournaments in Southern Pines instead of Roseboro. I will host one tournament in Winston-Salem which now has only 12 courts but has a new bathroom facility. And with the new changes to the rules that govern tournament sanction sites we are looking to schedule at least one tournament in Concord directed by Bill Hinson. More information will be available on the website as details are worked out.

Hall of Fame update: currently there are four nominees on the ballot for 2020. If you would like to nominate a player please contact Paul Stewart. The website has a nomination form to show what criteria are to be considered. Perhaps the most important is that a player has to have been a member for at least 10 years and then either excelled as a pitcher or made significant contributions to the promotion of the sport or a combination of the two. Please keep in mind that the deadline for nominations to be received for the coming year is June 15, 2020.

Last but not least our winter meeting will be held in Carrboro on the **21st** of December at the Century Center. This meeting is open to any and all members who would like to attend. This is when the 2020 schedule will be determined. It is also a time to address any concerns anyone may have with respect to the NC-HPA organization and suggestions from any and all on how to grow our sport. AGAIN - all suggestions and concerns with respect to our organization, tournament play or how to grow our membership greatly welcomed.

Make Horseshoes Great Again!

Ringers to All....Carolyn Lloyd



**JIM ZIMMERMAN
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Another great year of competition for Player of the Year. Participation was and always will be the deciding factor in winning this award. Six out of seven years the winner has pitched in 20+ tournaments. This year Jim Zimmerman captured his 3rd Player of the Year and became the first back-to-back winner. Along the way, he won 14 weekly tournaments and finished the year defending his NC Elder's championship.

**2020 GOAL-----30 QUALIFIERS
PITCHING 10+ TOURNAMENTS**

NAME	POINTS
Jim Zimmerman	186
Doug McKenzie	129
Julius Bartell	112
Jeremy Smith	98
Ronnie Willis	78
Robert Covington	75
Clarence Lassiter	67
John Jeidy	64
Carl Massey	59
Martin Danco	55



**DAWN WOODCOCK
MOST IMPROVED PITCHER**

We had 23 participants who met the minimum criteria of 8 tournaments (pitched anywhere). This year's winner was definitely the epitome of pitching anywhere.(8 states). As we all know it is difficult to raise your average especially when you factor in all tournaments. Dawn improved 10+percent over 16 tournaments. More impressive was her actual NATSTATS improvement of 21%, based on top 3.

If you are interested in working on your game and hopefully improving your NATSTATS, the Raleigh Polar Bear League will start in November.

NAME	INCREASE
Dawn Woodcock	10.53%
Terry Hudson	9.08%
Julius Bartell	8.94%
Ronnie Willis	4.31%
Jamie Woodcock	1.73%
Robert Bryant	1.54%
Judy Phillips	.63%

2019 State Tournament—Results

Elders Championship

JIM ZIMMERMAN	5	2	60.64
CARL MASSEY	3	4	43.87

Mens Championship

DAVID GODWIN	6	0	52.38
JEREMY SMITH	5	1	43.00

Womens Championship

DAWN WOODCOCK	3	0	22.54
DEBORAH HANES	1	2	13.92

Jr. Boys Championship

AARON HANES	6	0	55.37
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Cadet Championship

JAMES BAKER	3	0	3.33
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30 A Class

MAURICE P. HARTLEY	4	0	38.00
JOHN JEIDY	3	1	39.00

30 B Class

JOHNNIE STALLINGS	6	0	17.92
THEO VERNON	3	3	5.83

40 A Class

KEITH NEWCOMER	6	1	38.21
KEVIN MITCHELL	4	2	37.50

40 B Class

MICHAEL THOMAS	5	0	29.50
CLARENCE W. LASSITER	4	1	27.50

40 C Class

RANDY STOPHEL	4	0	18.75
ANTHONY SNIDER	3	1	20.00

Men's championship came down to one game between old friends who have pitched each other all their lives. David Godwin survived this year over Jeremy Smith; they both entered the final game undefeated.

Dawn Woodcock and Deb Hanes battled for the Women's title just like 2018. This year the roles were reversed as Dawn won her first title.

Jim Zimmerman retained the Elder's title winning a playoff match against Carl Massey, a former Elders champion in his own right.

Aaron Hanes repeated as Jr Boys champion. His other great accomplishment in 2019 was pitching 64% at the World, an increase over last year.

Not a 100 percent sure but we might have had our first Cadet Champion. James Baker had to pitch in a mixed class against some old grizzled Elders and won 3 games.

Keith Newcomer won 40 ft Class A over Kevin Mitchell. Pat Torres was also in playoff and finished 3rd. Keith pitched 3 times this year and won every time.

Michael Thomas won 40 ft Class B over last year's champ, Clarence Lassiter. Great to have Michael back from injury.

40 ft Class C goes to Randy Stophel after a hard-fought contest against an injured Anthony Snider.

30 ft Class A was won by Maurice Hartley over John Jeidy.

Johnny Stallings was the winner of 30 ft Class B for back-to-back titles.

For complete standings visit our website: www.nc-horseshoepitching.com Paul Stewart keeps this updated with all the latest NC horseshoe news.

FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

As our 2019 tournament season winds down, I hope that this year has been an enjoyable and successful one for each of you. The schedule for the 2020 season will be finalized on December 21st at the annual planning meeting.

At the World Tournament in Wichita Falls, Texas, there were two proposed rule changes that were discussed and put to a vote. These two rule proposals involved changes to the pitching divisions.

PROPOSAL 1 – Failed. This proposal would have changed the age for Junior Cadets from twelve (12) years of age or younger for the entire calendar year to ten (10) years of age or younger for the entire calendar year.

PROPOSAL 2 – Failed. This proposal would have created a new division for Elder Women who are eighty (80) [amended to read seventy (70)] years of age or older. They would have observed a twenty-foot (20') foul line. The proposal would have also allowed physically challenged women less than eighty (80) [amended to read seventy (70)] years of age to observe the twenty-foot (20') foul line if granted permission by their Charter.

Two Bylaw changes were voted on at the Convention. There was one Bylaw Proposal on the agenda and an additional one was proposed at the Convention.

BYLAW PROPOSAL 1 – Passed. The proposal would require any city or organization that wanted to host a World Tournament to place its bid in the hands of the NHPA Secretary/Treasurer by January 1st (January 15th), two years in advance instead of March 15th

BYLAW PROPOSAL 2 – Passed. Proposed at the Convention, this Bylaw change reduced the number of members that a charter had to have in order to have a charter and be entitled to one delegate to the Convention from twenty-five (25) to ten (10).

I have noticed instances of movements on the courts that could pose safety issues for players exiting the courts and distractions to pitchers as they are starting their delivery. Please be aware as exiting the court area not to walk behind a pit as a contestant is going into their delivery from the other end of the court. You may be putting yourself in danger of being hit by an errant shoe and also affecting the delivery of the contestant's shoe. On a related note, please stand at least two (2) feet behind your opponent when he/she is tossing his/her shoes. If you are standing next to them on the other pitching platform, he/she will see you especially if you are moving.

Let's get out to our tournaments in 2020 and support the NC-HPA! It would be fantastic if you could bring a friend, relative, neighbor, or acquaintance so he/she could see how much enjoyment there is in horseshoe pitching and join our ranks!

Raymond Callahan

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