

2025 NORTH CAROLINA AWARDS



DOUG McKENZIE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR



LONNY TRANGSRUD
MOST IMPROVED PITCHER

Closest Player of the Year since inception. It was decided in the last week between Doug McKenzie and Clarence Lassiter. Doug managed to capture his fourth award in a row and five out of the twelve since 2013. Clarence was two ringers short over a 20+ tournament season (that almost seems impossible but numbers don't lie). Sixteen people qualified with the minimum of eight tournaments but overall our association turnout was dismal. Let's make 2026 a year of increased participation. Lonny Trangsrud finished in third and was coming on strong. It would be nice to have more 40 footers qualify in '26. There is a nice trophy for anyone who can wrestle the award from Doug. Any inputs on how the award is calculated are welcome. **PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY!!!!!!!**

We had 23 participants who met the minimum criteria of eight tournaments (pitched anywhere). This year was a runaway with Lonny Trangsrud winning and improving his average by 6 percent. He carried that momentum into the state tournament and became the new Men's champion. Jeremy Smith and Mel Blanton also improved their average in 2026 with all tournaments used to calculate and not just the top three that the NHPA uses. League play will commence throughout the winter months; it is a great way to hone your skills and keep active when the cold weather sits in. Contact Bill Crouse for Winston-Salem or Paul Highlander for Raleigh. Let's have a great competition in 2026 with at least 10 people improving their average. **PARTICPOATION IS THE KEY!!!!!!!**

TOP TEN QUALIFIERS
DOUG McKENZIE-204
CLARENCE LASSITER-201
LONNY TRANGSRUD-184
JEREMY SMITH-136
RAYMOND CALLAHAN-122
JANET McFARLAND-110
GEORGE ROGERS-103
JIM ZIMMERMAN-93
CHAD BROWN-84
JOHNNIE STALLINGS-80

TOP THREE QUALIFIERS
LONNY TRANGSRUD-
JEREMY SMITH
MEL BLANTON

