

COURT CHATTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LSHPA

AUGUST, 2023

The 2023 season is well underway with a mixture of successes and disappointments. Obviously, the heat wave throughout the state has affected several events. The Mixed Doubles was again cancelled due to the heat and lack of entries. The State Doubles has been rescheduled twice now, due mainly to the weather. It is now scheduled for November 4, 2023, in Welsh. The State Singles is still scheduled for October 7, 2023, but has been moved to Patterson. Although the heat was pretty bad, we managed to have a successful Louisiana Open, with thirty-six players competing in six classes.

Our membership for 2023 dropped to 90 players.

Members by Club:

BHPA 32 CHPA 24 HHPA 21 NELA 9 SHPA 4

The annual Delegate meeting will be held in Patterson at the State Singles Tournament. All Clubs are reminded to submit your delegate names to AI before the meeting.

SHPA: 1 delegate NELA: 1 delegate CHPA: 2 delegates

HHPA: 2 delegates BHPA: 3 delegates

Officers up for reelection for another 2 year term: ^{1st} Vice President C. J. Bertrand and Secretary/Treasurer Al Dodson. Since we didn't remind the members of the August deadline for submitting candidates for these offices, we will entertain motions from the floor at the annual meeting. Other items for discussion will include the future of Mixed Doubles, State Schedules and Venues, and overall Membership and Club status.

We will induct our twenty-ninth member into the State Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Burnie Williams of the Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

The Most Improved players will be announced. Those players will receive plaques for their achievement and their 2024 dues will be paid by LSHPA.

Lansing, Michigan hosted the World Tournament in July, and Louisiana had 4 participants. Pat Pertuit, Eddie Guidry, Dwain Arceneaux, and Ron Smith. Pat finished second in the Senior Women's "B" Class and qualified to compete in the Senior Women's Championship Round with the top players in the country. Dwain finished second in Senior Men's Class "C", Eddie finished sixth in Elders Class "G2" and Ron Smith finished tenth in Elders Class "I1". Next year's World Tournament will be held in the State of Washington.

On a sad note, we lost Mike Fonseca earlier this year unexpectedly. He was the President of the Harahan Association. Keep his memory in your prayers. Thanks to Elvis Smith of Waggaman for stepping up to take Mike's position.

Please keep Junior McCowin and Tina Stanley in your thoughts and prayers. Both have had major health issues and we can only hope and pray that they will have a full recovery and can return to us on the Courts once again.

Let's hope the weather let's up and we can successfully complete the season.

Ricky Richard
LSHPA President

Al Dodson
LSHPA Sec/Treas.

THE HORSESHOE TOUR

The Cajun Big D Hi-Lo Doubles was held on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022 and eleven players from Louisiana participated.

On Oct. 29 and 30, 2022, the Cajun Coast Classic was held and nineteen players from Louisiana participated, with a total of some eighty players from around the country.

Class Winners from Louisiana

40' Class "C": Tanner Pousson

40' Class "D": Dwain Arceneaux

40' Class "E": Mack Thibideaux

40' Class "F": Junior McCowin

40' Class "G": Tyler Bourdier

40' Class "H": Matthew Strickland

40' Class "J": Joe Primeaux

30' Class "E": Mary Begnaud

30' Class "G": Pat Pertuit

30' Class "H": Angela Percle

30' Class "J": Tina Stanley

This year's dates are Oct. 20 thru 22 for these events in Patterson. Expectation is that we may hit the 100 player mark this year.

2022 BHPA CITY TOURNAMENT

Patterson, La.

SINGLES

Sanction #27-22-031

Saturday, 11/12/2022

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Jimmy Percle	5	1	42.5
Second	Tim Gilmore	4	2	61.0
Third	Burnie Williams	3	2	42.5

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Larry Pertuit	5	1	32.9
Second	Angela Percle	4	2	37.5
Third	Tim Hayles	3	2	33.1

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Julius Lovell	5	0	20.7
Second	Warren Raymond	4	1	3.5
Third	Al Graham	3	2	6.5

Finals:

JULIUS LOVELL – CITY CHAMPION

LARRY PERTUIT – RUNNER-UP
JIMMY PERCLE – THIRD PLACE

DOUBLES

Sanction #27-22-032

Saturday, 11/13/2022

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Angela/Jimmy Percle	7	2	33.3
Second	Pat Pertuit/Tim Gilmore	6	3	46.9
Third	Mary/Jim Guzdial	6	3	16.6

ANGELA & JIMMY PERCLE – CITY DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

2022 BHPA AWARD WINNERS

<u>PLAYERS OF THE YEAR:</u>	Dwain Arceneaux (40')	Tim Gilmore (30')
<u>ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:</u>	Kevin Kinslow	
<u>SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:</u>	Kevin Kinslow (40')	Al Graham (30')
<u>MOST IMPROVED:</u>	Travis Bourdier (40')	Burnie Williams (30')

2022 CHPA AWARD WINNERS

Welsh, La.

<u>HIGH LEAGUE RINGER AVE:</u>	(40') Ricky Richard 41.4%	(30') Sharla Fontenot 39.5%
<u>HIGH LEAGUE RINGER GAME:</u>	(40') Ricky Richard 47.5%	(30') Sharla Fontenot 52.5%
<u>HIGH GAME OVER AVE.:</u>	(40') Mack Thibodeaux +11.9	(30') Ron Smith +19.3
<u>MOST IMPROVED:</u>	(40') Ricky Richard +3.4%	(30') Bobbie Richard +4.2%
<u>LEAGUE CHAMPION:</u>	SHARLA FONTENOT 11 wins / 3 losses	

DAY @ THE PARK - HORSESHOE MANIA

Sanction #27-23-002 Patterson, Louisiana Saturday, 3/25/2023

TOURNAMENT CHAMPION: Tim Gilmore - 49.2%
Second: Linda Dodson – 23.3% Third: Burnie Williams – 36.7%
Fourth: Glenn Caillouet – 14.2% Fifth: Tina Prowell – 35.8%

CAJUN CLASSIC

Sanction #27-23-004 Welsh Louisiana Saturday, 4/1/2023

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Tim Gilmore	5	0	62.0
Second	Ron Smith	2	3	20.0
Third	Danny Navarre	2	3	35.5
Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Eddie Guidry	6	0	32.5
Second	C.J. Bertrand	2.5	3.5	20.4
Third	Mack Thibodeaux	2	4	27.1
Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Charles Benoit	5	1	18.5
Second	Benita Williams	4	2	6.5
Third	Joe Primeaux	3	2	7.5

ST. JUDE'S SPRING BENEFIT

Sanction #27-23-006 Patterson Louisiana Saturday, 4/22/2023

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Sharla Fontenot	6	1	41.8
Second	Tim Gilmore	5	2	60.7

Third	Burnie Williams	4	2	43.8
Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Clay Canty	6	2	40.3
Second	Mack Thibodeaux	5	3	31.9
Third	Eddie Guidry	5	3	31.6
Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Julius Lovell	5	1	27.5
Second	C.J. Bertrand	4	2	22.9
Third	Hewitt Gautreaux	4	2	27.5
Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Glenn Caillouet	5.5	0.5	21.7
Second	Linda Dodson	5	1	14.6
Third	Matthew Strickland	4	2	17.1
Class "E"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Ricky Pitre	5	1	6.3
Second	Craig Rink	4	2	13.8
Third	John Bailey	3	2	8.5

NE – SPRING FEVER

<u>Sanction #27-23-007</u>	<u>Monroe Louisiana</u>	<u>Saturday, 4/29/2023</u>
First: Nancy Woods 35.9%	Second: Tina Stanley 15.0%	Third: Erica Noblit 10.0%

NE – MOTHER'S DAY TOURNAMENT

<u>Sanction #27-23-009</u>	<u>Monroe Louisiana</u>	<u>Saturday, 5/20/2023</u>
First: Nancy Woods 35.6%	Second: Tina Stanley 21.3%	Third: Artie McMullen 20.0%

HORSESHOE TOUR – CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE 5/20-21/2023

Seven Louisiana players competed in this event and placed as follows

30' Class "D"	Tim Gilmore	1st Place
30' Class "E"	Pat Pertuit	3rd Place
30' Class "G"	Wanda Lantz	1st Place
30' Class "G"	Al Dodson	3rd Place
30' Class "H"	Larry Pertuit	3rd Place
30' Class "I"	Linda Dodson	3rd Place
30' Class "I"	Donnie Haydel	3rd Place

CAJUN OPEN

Sanction #27-23-010		Welsh Louisiana		Saturday, 5/27/2023
Class “A”		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Mary Begnaud	5	0	46.4
Second	Clyde Landry	4	2	48.8
Third	Tim Gilmore	3	2	58.0
Class “B”		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Mack Thibodeaux	5	0	30.5
Second	Alois Habetz	4	1	34.5
Third	Danny Navarre	3	2	38.5
Class “C”		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Tina Prowell	5	1	33.5
Second	Julius Lovell	4	2	31.5
Third	Louis Gaudet	2	3	24.5

Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Glenn Caillouet	5	1	17.2
Second	Al Graham	4	2	7.8
Third	Kevin Kinslow	3	2	13.0

Singles for Dollars

Sanction #27-23-011 Patterson, Louisiana Saturday 6/3/2023

Class "Red"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Al Dodson	8.5	1.5	38.3
Second	Wanda Lantz	3	2	41.0
Third	Joe Primeaux	3	2	11.0

Class "White"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Burnie Williams	7	4	39.5
Second	Tim Gilmore	4	2	62.1
Third	Clyde Landry	3	2	39.5

Class "Blue"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Mary Begnaud	7	4	38.8
Second	Warren Raymond	4	2	13.8
Third	Neil Whitney	3	2	33.0

Class "Purple"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Al Graham	8.5	2.5	9.0
Second	Kevin Kinslow	4	2	11.7
Third	Larry Pertuit	3	2	31.5

Class "Gold"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Gary Verheide	7.5	2.5	23.3
Second	Billy Durnin	4	1	45.5
Third	Julius Lovell	3	2	12.0

Final Championship Round:

Al Dodson 4.5-0.5

Al Graham 3.5-1.5

Gary Verheide 3-2

Mary Begnaud 2-3

Burnie Williams 2-3

Al Dodson was the Tournament Champion

HARAHAN CHARITY EVENT

Sanction #27-23-012 Waggaman Louisiana Saturday, 6/10/2023

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Larry Pertuit	5	2	30.4
Second	Mary Begnaud	4	3	44.3
Third	Pat Pertuit	3.5	2.5	43.8

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Tina Prowell	6	0	35.8
Second	Billy Durnin	5	1	29.6
Third	Jake Giardina	3.5	2.5	17.9

HARAHAN MINI NIGHT EVENT

Sanction #27-23-008 Waggaman Louisiana Tuesday, 6/27/2023

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Neil Whitney	3	0	37.5
Second	Pat Pertuit	2	1	42.5

Third	Wanda Lantz	1	2	39.2
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Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Edie Corso	2	1	27.5
Second	Larry Pertuit	2	1	29.2
Third	Billy Durnin	1	2	25.8

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Gary Vewrheide	2	1	25.0
Second	Jake Giardina	2	1	22.5
Third	Gilbert Girard	1	2	11.7

BHPA MEMORIAL

Sanction #27-23-015 **Patterson, Louisiana** **Saturday, 7/8/2023**

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Tim Gilmore	4	1	61.5
Second	Clyde Landry	3	2	44.5
Third	Ricky Richard	3	2	39.5

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Jim Guzdial	5	1	25.0
Second	Larry Pertuit	4	2	30.4
Third	Danny Navarre	3	2	33.5

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Glenn Caillouet	4	1	20.5
Second	Travis Bourdier	3.5	1.5	33.5
Third	Randy Giroir	3	2	22.5

Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Linda Dodson	5	0	25.5
Second	Tyler Bourdier	3	2	22.0
Third	Charles Benoit	3	2	22.0

Class "E"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Warren Raymond	5	0	14.4
Second	Joe Primeaux	4	1	10.0
Third	Ricky Pitre	3	2	8.1

LOUISIANA GAMES

Sanction #27-23-013 **Patterson, Louisiana** **Saturday, 7/15/2023**

Class "A" Elders		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Tim Gilmore	4	1	55.0
Second	Burnie Williams	3	2	41.0
Third	Clyde Landry	2	2	43.1

Class "B" Elders		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Karl Vaughn	4	0	29.4
Second	Charles Benoit	3	1	19.4
Third	Al Graham	2	2	10.6

Class "A" Men		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Jim Guzdial	3	1	16.3
Second	Tyler Bourdier	2.5	1.5	16.9
Third	Glenn Caillouet	2	2	13.1

Class "B" Men		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Ricky Pitre	3	1	5.6
Second	Joe Primeaux	2.5	1.5	7.5
Third	Kevin Kinslow	2.5	1.5	8.1

Class "A" Women		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Wanda Lantz	3.5	0.5	46.3
Second	Pat Pertuit	2.5	1.5	46.3
Third	Mary Begnaud	2	2	35.0
Class "Junior Girls"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Charlee Gilmore	3	0	10.0
Second	Daisy Guillot	1	2	2.5
Third	Libby Guillot	1	2	1.4

Winners received Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals. All participants receive La. Games T-Shirts

LOUISIANA OPEN

Sanction #27-23-018		Patterson, Louisiana		Saturday, 8/5//2023
Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Tim Gilmore	4	1	55.5
Second	Clyde Landry	3	2	47.5
Third	Pat Pertuit	3	2	36.9
Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Clay Canty	4	1	39.5
Second	Neil Whitney	3	2	34.5
Third	Nancy Woods	3	2	27.5
Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Raymond Robicheaux	5	0	33.5
Second	Julius Lovell	3	2	27.5
Third	Dale Pearce	2	3	31.0
Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Charles Benoit	5	1	14.3
Second	Louis Gaudet	4	2	24.2
Third	Linda Dodson	3	2	12.8
Class "E"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Artie McMullen	5	0	15.5
Second	Matthew Strickland	4	1	19.5
Third	Joseph Thomas III	3	2	12.0
Class "F"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Elvis Smith	6	1	11.3
Second	Kevin Kinslow	4	2	11.1
Third	Joe Primeaux	4	2	6.3

2023 B.H.P.A. SPRING LEAGUE AWARDS

<u>TEAM CHAMPIONS:</u>	The Champs Craig Rink – Captain Travis Bourdier, Tyler Bourdier, Jim Guzdial
<u>HIGH AVERAGE:</u>	TIM GILMORE (30') 59.7% Ringer / 81.4 Point DWAIN ARCENEUX (40') 34.5% Ringer / 51.4 Point
<u>HIGH SCRATCH GAME:</u>	TIM GILMORE (30') 100 Points / 80.0% Ringer DALE PEARCE (40') 66 Points DWAIN ARCENEUX (40') 52.5% Ringer
<u>HIGH HANDICAP GAME:</u>	TIM GILMORE 112 Points

HIGH GAME OVER AVERAGE: 40': TRAVIS BOURDIER + 26.8 pts over ave.
30': MARY GUZDIAL + 15.7 pts over ave.

BEST W/L RECORD: BURNIE WILLIAMS 22-8 Record - 73.3%

PERCENTAGE PATCHES:

10% -	John Bailey	
30% -	Mark Ordogne	Hewitt Gautreaux
40% -	Travis Bourdier	Julius Lovell
50% -	Burnie Williams	Clay Canty Clyde Landry

SHREVEPORT SPRING LEAGUE
(30 Shoe, Count-all Format)

Sixteen players competed in the SHPA Spring League.
The four sanctioned player's stats are as follows:

<u>PLAYER:</u>	<u>FINAL AVERAGE</u>	<u>HIGH GAME</u>
Rene' Reeder	20.9%	46.7%
Cliff Hartley	16.7%	36.7%
Junior Jones	14.8%	26.7%
Roosevelt Morse	13.5%	26.7%

HARAHAN 2023 SPRING LEAGUE

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Pat Pertuit, Billy Durnin, and Gary Verheide

The following players reached Membership milestones this year and
will receive Membership Patches:

10 YEAR

Amanda Lyon, Artie McMullen, Nancy Woods, Erica Noblit, Karl Vaughn

20 YEAR

Gaylin Habetz, Clay Canty

30 YEAR

Jimmy Percle, Al Dodson

FINAL NOTES

The LSHPA website and The LSHPA HOF link is now on the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame website.
HOF members should update their bios yearly if necessary for the LSHPA website. Please take time to
update your accomplishments and forward them to C. J. Bertrand.

How to access the link. www.lasportshall.com <https://www.lasportshall.com/state-sport-resources/>

www.lshpa.com

Tim Gilmore puts a lot of time and effort keeping the website up to date.
Please visit more often and let him know how much we appreciate what he does.