

JOHN WILSON

John was a member of the NHPA for fifteen years and a member of the LSHPA for thirteen years. John was the President of the LSHPA from 1985 to 1992, past President of the Harahan Horseshoe Pitchers, National Regional Director of the NHPA, and a member of the Advisory Board for NHPA Rule Changes.

John was nominated for the Stokes Award in 1986, and participated in numerous World Tournaments and became the first World Class Champion from Louisiana. (After Louisiana was granted a Charter in 1984)

He was instrumental in the formation of the LSHPA Constitution and By-Laws, as well as being a great innovator, devising the format for the annual HHPA MDA Tournament and the Louisiana/Mississippi Challenge, along with many other local Tournaments.

Through John's efforts, numerous trips were made throughout the State, resulting in the expansion of the LSHPA.

The State Newsletter, *The Court Chatter*, was originated by John, which he personally wrote at the onset. He also was instrumental in the design of the State Logo, and the purchasing of hats and shirts, which are now available for the membership.