

COURT CHATTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LSHPA

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President's Message

Hello to everyone. The 2016 season has begun, and it seems that people are eager to start pitching, since there are 41 sanctioned events on the schedule. The annual state officers' meeting was held on Jan.31, 2016 in Baton Rouge. Thanks to all the officers and new regional director, Ron Smith, for attending. Discussions included the web site, upcoming state tournaments, including the pro tour and the Louisiana Open. A copy of the schedule is available on our website, www.lshpa.com

Thanks to the Shreveport Moose Lodge for hosting the 2015 State Singles . Results can be found later in this issue. Congratulations also go out to Les Waguespack on his induction into the State Hall of Fame.

State offices up for Election this year are President, 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President, currently held by Ricky Richard, Larry Pertuit, and Tim Gilmore, respectively. Anyone wishing to be considered for these positions must announce their candidacy by August 1. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting in Welsh in September.

Tim Gilmore, our 3rd Vice President, has the website on line now. (www.lshpa.com) All local clubs are reminded to submit their annual fee of \$100.00 to LSHPA to cover the annual maintenance fee for the site.

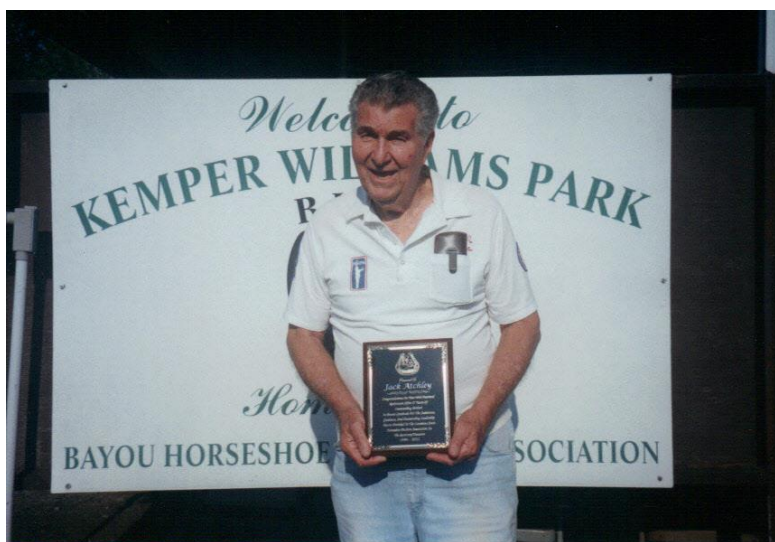
The 2016 World Tournament will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, from July 24 to August 6. Entry forms are available on the LSHPA and NHPA websites.

On a sad note, we lost the founder of the LSHPA this past November with the passing of Jack Atchley. More later in this newsletter

Reminder to all Club Officers and Tournament Directors that all pitchers must be resanctioned to participate in sanctioned Tournaments and Leagues, Sanction Applications were sent out and are also available on our web site. Please make them available to your members.

Looking forward to the new season!

**Ricky Richard
LSHPA President**



JACK ATCHLEY
November, 1927 – November, 2015

Jack was the driving force in getting the Louisiana National Charter in 1982. With three courts in his backyard, he established the Harahan Horseshoe Pitchers Association, which expanded to Soniat Park in Harahan and as time progressed, he recruited new players and venues, with the establishment of Clubs and Courts in Waggaman, Welsh, and Patterson. He also coordinated with Don Holland in getting Shreveport onboard on the State level. He was the only State Secretary/Treasurer until his retirement from that position in 2011, when the above photo was taken. Jack was a charter member of the State's Hall of Fame, being inducted in 1997. There's much more that can be said about Jack and his contributions to horseshoe pitching throughout the State, but suffice it to say that he was a true leader and mentor to us all and he will be sorely missed, but not forgotten. Our best wishes go out to his wife, Elise, and son, Lefty, who are still active in Harahan horseshoes.

State Singles Tournament

Sanction #27-15-023 **Shreveport, Louisiana** **9/26/2015**

<u>Men's Class "A"</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Rgr.%</u>
<u>First</u>	<u>Ricky Richard</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56.0</u>
<u>Second</u>	<u>Charles Savoy</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>34.5</u>
<u>Third</u>	<u>Edward Jolley</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>36.0</u>

<u>Men's Class "B"</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Rgr.%</u>
<u>First</u>	<u>Burnie Williams</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>24.5</u>
<u>Second</u>	<u>A.J. Duplantier</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>22.9</u>
<u>Third</u>	<u>Larry Pertuit</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>21.5</u>

<u>Men's Class "C"</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Rgr.%</u>
<u>First</u>	<u>Steve Rotach</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>20.0</u>
<u>Second</u>	<u>J.R. Morse</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>22.0</u>
<u>Third</u>	<u>Artie McMullen</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>23.5</u>

<u>Men's Class "D"</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Rgr.%</u>
<u>First</u>	<u>Greg Smith</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16.2</u>
<u>Second</u>	<u>Darren Adams</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10.8</u>
<u>Third</u>	<u>Ron Smith</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14.5</u>

Men's Class "E"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Kyle Milam	5	0	14.5
Second	Robert Mayes	4	1	20.5
Third	Robert Kraus	3	2	7.0

Women's Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Pat Pertuit	5	1	55.0
Second	Marie Stump	4	2	44.1
Third	Linda Dodson	3	2	42.5

Women's Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Rhonda Smith	4	1	39.0
Second	Ronnie Ellis	3	2	36.0
Third	Nancy Woods	3	2	38.0

Women's Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Belinda McClain	5	0	27.0
Second	Cheryl Matt	3	2	24.0
Third	Mabeth Johnson	2	3	21.0

Women's Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Erica Noblit	5	0	23.0
Second	Gwen Pinnick	4	1	17.5
Third	Lacey Buccola	3	2	19.0

Elders		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Tim Gilmore	5	0	59.0
Second	Doug McDaniel	4	1	45.5
Third	Jack Caudle	3	2	42.5

CHPA HIGHLIGHTS

The Cajun Horseshoe Pitchers held their Awards Banquet on March, 2016, in Churchpoint. The following awards were presented:

PERCENTAGE PATCHES:	40%:	Loren Williams, Benita Williams, Justin Habetz
	20%:	Cheryl Matt
	10%:	Butch Ryan
HIGH GAME RINGER %:	Male:	Ricky Richard 75%
	Female:	Sharla Fontenot 55.0%
HIGH RINGER % AVERAGE:	Male:	Ricky Richard 55.0%
	Female:	Bobbie Richard 37.5%
HIGH GAME OVER AVERAGE:	Male:	David Reed 55% Game +21.4
	Female:	Benita Williams 40.0% Game +28.9
LEAGUE CHAMPION:	CHERYL MATT	13 wins/4 losses
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:	Male:	Danny Navarre
	Female:	Bobbie Richard
MOST IMPROVED:	40 Ft.:	Tanner Pousson (17.5 to 26.0) +8.5%
	30 Ft. :	Justin Habetz (18.0 to 25.8) +7.8%
PITCHERS OF THE YEAR:	30'	CHERYL MATT
	40'	RICKY RICHARD

Clayton Iles Memorial

Sanction #27-15-026

Welsh, Louisiana

Saturday 10/17/2015

Class "A"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Dudley Michel	5	0	55.0
Second	David Reed	3	2	34.0
Third	Ricky Richard	2	3	40.5

Class "B"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Sharla Fontenot	4.5	0.5	33.0
Second	Rhonda Smith	3.5	1.5	34.0
Third	Bill Seither	3	2	33.5

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Loren Williams	5	0	26.0
Second	Ron Smith	3	2	15.5
Third	Cheryl Matt	2	3	22.0

Class "D"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Greg Smith	5	0	17.0
Second	Benita Williams	3	2	12.5
Third	Danny Navarre	3	2	14.0

BHPA HIGHLIGHTS

The Bayou Horseshoe Pitchers Association held their Annual meeting in December and the following are the Officers for 2016:

President: Linda Dodson 1st Vice President: Angela Percle
2nd Vice President: Tim Gilmore 3rd Vice President: Greg Comeaux
4th Vice President: Hilton Rhodes Sec/Treasurer: Al Dodson

Singles for Dollars

Sanction #27-15-025

Patterson, Louisiana

Saturday 10/10/2015

Class "Clubs"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Pat Pertuit	7.5	1.5	55.0
Second	Kevin Dore'	4.5	1.5	45.8
Third	Burnie Williams	3	2	34.0

Class "Hearts"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Clyde Landry	5	4	31.7
Second	Ricky Richard	4	2	43.3
Third	Bill Seither	3	2	31.0

Class "Diamonds"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Cheryl Matt	5	3	23.1
Second	Dudley Michel	3	2	51.0
Third	Larry Pertuit	3	2	25.0

Class "Spades"		Won	Lost	Rgr.%
First	Tim Gilmore	7	1	62.8
Second	Al Dodson	3.5	1.5	40.5
Third	Tim Hayles	3	2	28.0

Championship Class		Won	Lost
First	Tim Gilmore	3	0
Second	Pat Pertuit	2	1
Third	Cheryl Matt	1	2
Fourth	Clyde Landry	0	3

2015 B.H.P.A. SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS

TEAM CHAMPIONS:

MISSING LINK
Dudley Michel – Captain Kevin Dore', Sr.
Clyde Landry

HIGH AVERAGE:

DUDLEY MICHEL (30') CLYDE LANDRY (40') 56.3 Pts.
55.8% Ringer / 75.8 Point JIMMY PERCLE (40') 34.4%

HIGH SCRATCH GAME:

DUDLEY MICHEL 97 Points / 77.5% Ringer

HIGH HANDICAP GAME:

DALE PEARCE 111 Points

HIGH GAME OVER AVERAGE:

MEN: DALE PEARCE + 34.0 pts over ave.
WOMEN: ANGELA PERCLE + 25.0 pts over ave.

BEST W/L RECORD:

LES WAGUESPACK 19.5-7.5 Record - 77.22 %

PERCENTAGE PATCHES:

80%: TIM GILMORE 50%: DWAIN ARCENEUX
40%: KEVIN DORE', JR. 30%: BRYAN PHENIX
20%: HILTON & HUNTER RHODES

2015 BHPA CITY TOURNAMENT

SINGLES

CITY CHAMPION:

Tim Gilmore

RUNNER – UP:

Burnie Williams

THIRD PLACE:

Les Waguespack

DOUBLES

CITY CHAMPIONS:

Dudley Michel & Clyde Landry

RUNNER – UPS:

Burnie Williams & Julius Lovell

THIRD PLACE:

Ryan Fryou & Randy Giroir

2014 BHPA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

30': TIM GILMORE

40': KEVIN DORE', SR.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:

HILTON RHODES

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS:

WOMEN: LINDA DODSON

MEN: DUDLEY MICHEL

MOST IMPROVED:

MEN: KEVIN DORE', SR. + 6.8 (From 35.4 to 42.2 Ave.)

WOMEN: JAMIE GRANGER + 4.1 (From 16.3 to 20.4 Ave.)

HHPA HIGHLIGHTS

J.D. Vinson Memorial

Sanction #27-15-030

Harahan, Louisiana

Saturday 11/14/2015

<u>Class "A"</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Rgr.%</u>
<u>First</u>	<u>Al Dodson</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49.5</u>
<u>Second</u>	<u>Pat Pertuit</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>48.5</u>
<u>Third</u>	<u>Bobbie Richard</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>36.0</u>

<u>Class "B"</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Rgr.%</u>
<u>First</u>	<u>Wanda Lantz</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>39.6</u>
<u>Second</u>	<u>Cheryl Matt</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>32.5</u>
<u>Third</u>	<u>Roy Wille</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>43.3</u>

Class "C"		Won	Lost	Rgr. %
First	Gary Verheide	4	1	23.5
Second	Connie Mendel	3	2	13.5
Third	Gil Gerard	3	2	17.5

The Harahan Association held their Awards Banquet on February 14, 2016
The following awards were presented:

Spring League Champions:

Captain A.J. Duplantier, Larry Pertuit, Edie Corso, and Dayna Rigby.

Fall League Champions:

Captain Pat Pertuit, Connie Mendel, Tracy Fortune, Bob Gentry, and Randy Bye.

Individual awards included:

Pat Pertuit

Spring League high game scratch points 87

Fall League high game scratch points 91

Spring league high game ringer % 65.0%

Fall League high game ringer % 70.0%

Mary Chrismer

Spring League high hdcp. game points 122

Fall League high hdcp. game points 126

TOP TEN AWARDS:

Bill Seither and Troy Rigby

MOST IMPROVED AWARDS:

Connie Mendel, Tracy Fortune, Bill Seither

SHPA HIGHLIGHTS

Moose Lodge Summer Singles League

LEAGUE CHAMPION:

Jr. Morse

	<u>Class "A"</u>	<u>Class "B"</u>
1 st :	Jr. Morris	Cliff Hartley
2 nd :	Jack Caudle	Kristen Brockway
3 rd :	Ronnie Ellis	Steve Rotach

Double Ringers Spring League

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:

Jack Caudle & Greg Ellis

	<u>Class "A"</u>	<u>Class "B"</u>
1 st :	Jack Caudle & Greg Ellis	Jerry Dupont & Patti Smith
2 nd :	Art Cyr & Larry Bryce	Robert Mayes & Lisa Wray
3 rd :	Jr Morse & Steve Rotach	Mark Richmond & Brenda Richmond

MOST IMPROVED:

Men: Robert Mayes

Women: Lisa Wray

Moose Lodge Spring League

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:

Kyle Milam & Lacey Buccola

	<u>Class "A"</u>	<u>Class "B"</u>
1 st :	Jennifer Edwards & Jack Caudle	Kyle Milam & Lacey Buccola
2 nd :	Darren Adams & Belinda McClain	Jeff Brown & Lori Brown
3 rd :	Randy Blackmon & Doug McDaniel	Alyssa Logan & Gracie Logan

MOST IMPROVED:

Men: Jeff Brown

Women: Lisa Wray

ROOKIES:

Men: Darren Adams

Women: Lori Brown, Alyssa Logan, Gracie Logan, Katie Thomson

Double Ringers Fall League

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: Jr Morse & Steve Rotach

Class "A"

1st: Jr Morse & Steve Rotach
2nd: Alan Bass & James Breedlove
3rd: Jack Caudle & Greg Ellis

Moose Lodge Fall League

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: Darren Adams & Mabeth Johnson

1st: Darren Adams & Mabeth Johnson
2nd: Randy Blackmon & Doug McDaniel
3rd: Greg Ellis & Ronnie Ellis

MOST IMPROVED: Men: Darren Adams Women: Lisa Wray
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Men: Greg Ellis Women: Ronnie Ellis

OUACHITA HORSESHOE PITCHERS

The Ouachita Horseshoe Pitchers Club wrapped up their first full season with only one rainout and hosted their first State event, the State Doubles Championships.

OHPS Singles Classic

Sanction #27-14-021 Monroe, Louisiana Saturday 9/12/2015

Bill King and Darrell Dennis outlasted the other competitors and were matched against each other for the championship.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPION: BILL KING

OHPS Club Championship

Sanction #27-14-027 Monroe, Louisiana Saturday 10/17/2015

The following were the winners and runner-ups in the qualifying rounds:
Buz Townsend, Junior McCowin, Bill King, and Buddy Townsend

Bill and Buddy won their first playoff game and competed for the championship

CLUB CHAMPION: BUDDY TOWNSEND

NORTHEAST SIX PACK CLUB

The new club in Monroe is beginning their first season and have been recruiting new members, with a total of 36 thus far. Good Luck to them in their first year.

LOUISIANA NHPA TOP TEN AWARD RECIPIENTS

Tim Gilmore: BHPA (30' Men)	4th Hi Point Game (40 Shoe Count-All) - 106 6th Nat'l Pt. Ave (40 Shoe Count-All) -81.53
Bill Seither: HHPA (30' Men)	3rd Hi Ringer Game over Ave. – 38.3
Katie Thomson: SHPA (Junior Girl)	1st Hi Ringer Game over Ave. – 36.85 4th Hi Ringer Game – 46.6
Hunter Rhodes: BHPA (Junior Boy)	10th Hi Pt. Game over Ave. – 16.97
Belinda McClain: SHPA	2nd Hi Ringer Game over Ave. – 34.63
Theresa Kraus: SHPA	3rd Hi Ringer Game over Ave. – 33.78
Lisa Wray: SHPA (Women)	4th Hi Ringer Game over Ave. – 33.66
Troy Rigby: HHPA	7th Hi Pt. Game over Ave. – 33.80
Kevin Dore', Jr.: BHPA (40' Men)	8th Hi Pt. Game over Ave. – 32.93

Go to “horseshoepitching.com” under LEAGUE and see the total final TOP TEN standings from around the country.

Visit WWW.LSHPA.COM

Our new State website